The lectures on "Decoration" have been commenced before the architects. The lecturer this year is Mr. C. H. Walker.

The last gymnasium party was such a success that some of the dancers are now hoping that the managers will soon be induced to give another.

The Glee Club and orchestra are rehearsing on the programme for the next concert, which will take place in April. The social hop will be given soon after Easter.

Some of the Sophomores are still troubled about the mysterious characters which appeared on their "blue books." We may say that the "r e" probably means real entertaining.

A Junior, whose report of the semi-annuals contained "passed low in German," explained to his parents that both high and low German are taught here, and he took the latter.

Observations on the temperature of the architectural drawing room were made last week, with the object of ascertaining whether the present heating apparatus is sufficient.

Now is the time when the Sophomore mineralogist paralyzes his uninitiated fellow by careless allusions to the beauties of tetragonal trisoctahedrons and other holohedral forms.

We suppose the "letter rack" in the architectural library was intended to move some public-spirited visitor to take pity on us, and do something to relieve our poverty. It will doubtless prove a success.

The committee chosen for the Senior class supper are Messrs. A. R. McKim, H. G. Pratt, C. R. Richards, C. S. Robinson, and S. Williams. The supper will take place at Young's Hotel, on Thursday evening, March 5.

The fourth-year Civils visited the works of the Boston Bridge Company, in company with Prof. Swain, on Tuesday, February 17. The process and methods of construction were followed through the various stages, each being fully explained through the kindness of an employé. A visit to the Norway Iron Works is contemplated in the near future.

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The problem in the advanced course of design of the architectural department is an Architectural School, supposed to be erected on the lot occupied by the new building, and to contain every feature desirable in a school of that character.

The first annual dinner of the class of '87 took place at the Parker House, on Friday the 20th inst. More than sixty members of the class were present, who, there being no business to transact, were ushered into the dining-hall at about nine o'clock. The meal gave general satisfaction, and the tasty menus contained the toasts in full, and enclosed a slip bearing the words of Mr. Spaulding's lively song, "Climbin' up the Institute Stairs," which was afterwards sung by him, all present joining in the chorus.

Mr. Todd, in the capacity of toast-master, proposed various sentiments, which were responded to as follows: "Our Alma Mater," Mr. F. S. Shepard; "President Walker," B. C. Lane; "The Ladies," C. D. Underhill; "Athletics," S. Sturges: "The Faculty," T. A. Fox; "Football," P. R. Fletcher; "The Baby," C. E. Pratt; "The Semis," A. C. Corns; "The Tech," H. C. Spaulding; "Rum," F. G. Burgess; "Boston," A. L. Cushing; "'87," E. A. Haskell. A few additional toasts were also drunk, like the others, in lemonade. Mr. Fox offered a very neat and amusing poem, in lieu of his toast. The wooden spoon for the champion gastronomer was awarded to Mr. Kirkham; but the efforts of every one present in that direction were deemed worthy of a second prize, in the shape of a miniature statuette. The supper was followed by singing, and closed with recitations from a number of gentlemen.

The supper committee consisted of Messrs. Haskell, Draper, Kirkham and Spaulding, to whom are due the credit of its success.