departments. The tail-piece of the volume is a dorsal view of the board of editors.

Mr. F. H. Newell, '85, formerly an editor of The Tech, and more recently connected with the Ohio State Geological Survey, has been in town during the past fortnight. He is to read a paper before the Boston Scientific Society next week.

The K, S held its second regular monthly meeting, on the 18th inst., at Young's. Interesting papers were read by Messrs. Noyes, Kendall, and Lane. On account of the approaching semi-annuals the next meeting will be held early in January.

Prof. Drown has decided to give each student in quantitative analysis an examination of five questions on his work for the past term. The answers will not require more than from one to two hours' writing. This is a new departure, as hitherto the students have not been examined on quantitative work, although at one time it was customary to examine second-year men at the end of the first term on qualitative analysis.

The class of '89 met on the 17th inst., and voted to reduce the number necessary for a quorum from fifty to forty. They then elected the following: President, to succeed Mr. J. P. P. Fiske, resigned, Mr. H. D. Smith; Executive Committee, Messrs. L. H. Olzendam, C. L. Simpson, E. L. Brown, E. S. Hutchins, and H. H. Bailey; Gymnasium Committee, A. Amory, Jr., and C. Cheney; Sergeant-at-Arms, W. B. Thurber; Director for The Tech, Franklin W. Hobbs.

It is reported that a new machine for determining the carbon in steel is about to be introduced to the analytical laboratory. By a sort of crank movement, the proper amount of the given substance is weighed out, dissolved in acid, the color of the solution compared with standards, the results calculated, entered in the student's note-book, and handed in punctually before one o'clock. Chemists and miners are anxiously hoping that the principle will soon be applied to the analysis of other substances.

It is well known that the '87 tug-of-war team underwent a siege of fasting, in order that their weight should fall below the 600 pound limit.

Their classmates, to show their appreciation of the successful efforts, after such deprivations of the team, gave them a dinner at Young's, Tuesday, Dec. 22d. About twenty sat down to a table, the central ornament of which was a bank of ferns on which tug-of-war teams of plush monkeys were pulling mightily. Toasts were proposed by Mr. Guy Kirkham to the team, the class, past members, etc., and these received happy responses. Mr. Cooley was voted the spoon. Mr. Fletcher was presented with a large sponge, and each of the team was given a small pair of scales. Altogether it was a very enjoyable party, and Messrs. T. D. Brainerd and Harris deserve credit for the way in which they made the arrangements.

Cross-Purposes.

We have paused to watch the quiver
Of faint moonbeams on the river
   By the gate.
We can hear something calling,
And a heavy dew is falling,
   Yet we wait.
It is no doubt very silly
To stay out in all this chilly
   Evening mist;
Still I linger, hesitating,
For her lips are plainly waiting
   To be kissed.
So I stoop to take possession
Of the coveted concession
   On the spot;
But she draws back with discreetness,
Saying, with tormenting sweetness,
   "I guess not."
Her whole manner is provoking:
"Oh, well, I was only joking,"
   I reply.
She looks penitently pretty,
As she answers, "What a pity;
   So was I!"

—Harvard Lampoon.

One of the simpletons who bother public library attendants, is said to have actually made the following request: "I don't recollect the title of the book I want, but there was a remarkable passage in the last part, which I should remember if I saw it."—Ex.