An innovation is announced for February 20th in the form of an afternoon German, under the same management as the first afternoon party of the season.

A LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE.—(At the drill party Freshman to chum, mournfully): "What a God-forsaken lot of pretty girls there are here that I don’t know."

The Juniors, after being taught the whole term only how to study Constitutional History, have been examined upon Constitutional History itself. This calls for investigation.

Many of the Institute students who have watched with interest the preparations for an ice-rink in the Union Grounds, will be sorry to learn that it is a private enterprise.

The new pin of the K₄S has appeared. It is in the form of an open book, showing on one page the letters K₄S, and on the other an owl perched on a platinum retort; the rest of the pin being solid gold.

Mr. Howard Walker criticised the four or five designs for a gate lodge, in the architectural department, and gave Mr. Hills the highest mark, Mr. Prescott’s, Mr. Wakefield’s and Mr. Brainerd’s following.

Students at the Institute will do well to visit the Young Men’s Christian Association gymnasium at quarter past five. Profs. Richards, Drown, and Holman, and Messrs. Burris and Fitch take part in the dumb-bell drill.

It is reported that the third-year men were seen entering Prof. Runkle’s examination-room with such books as “The Lightning Calculator,” “Algebra Made Easy,” and “The Condensed Metric System,” under their arms.

The Soph. who is taking Physical Laboratory says that it’s bad enough to have to enter about a dozen “corrections” for every observation, without having the instructor come along and put down a lot more with a blue pencil.

Fifteen of the architects submitted designs for a pedestal. Mr. Billings (as has been his habit of late) took first mention; Mr. Gay, second; Mr. Hiscox, third; Mr. Shortall, fourth; and Mr. Carpenter, fifth. Prof. Clark pronounced the designs among the best that had been handed in in that class of problems.

A certain Junior has an almost superstitious regard for his Shakespeare calendar. During the recent examinations, the quotation for one day was, “The weakest goes to the wall;” for another, “Let your own discretion be your tutor;” and for one of the days of rest, “Let us not burthen our remembrance with a heaviness that’s gone.”

About fifteen members from ’87, desirous of expressing their appreciation of the hard and earnest work of Mr. Cooley, Captain of the Eleven, recently presented him with a handsome gold foot-ball, to be worn as a watch-charm. His name is engraved on one side, and M. I. T. 1885 is done in enamel on the other, the periods being diamonds. The strange part of this is, that the box in which it came was tied with a purple ribbon.

The class of ’81 held their first reunion since graduation, at the Hotel Vendome, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, 1885. About twenty members were present, and the varied songs, stories, etc. contributed by the members, assisted by Mr. John C. Wild, of the Boston Banjo Quartette, served to make the evening one of great pleasure to all; and the universal sentiment was in favor of more frequent gatherings. The ménus were much admired for their originality. Mr. Frank W. Rollins officiated as Toastmaster.

A meeting of the Athletic Club was held Jan. 11th, President Wood in the chair. The sum of $40 was voted to the Foot-Ball Association, to cover expenses incurred at the Springfield game. A thorough discussion was had as to the advisability of holding a gentlemen’s meeting early this term. Mr. Theodore Stebbins offered his resignation as Secretary of the club, as he hardly felt able, on account of other duties, to give the office the desired attention. The resignation was accepted, with a vote of thanks for his services, and Mr. G. C. Dempsey, ’88, was elected to fill the position.