Messrs. Borden, Burgess, and Neave, of '86, had planned to "cross the pond" on the ill-fated Oregon, this summer. Oliver Wendell Holmes and James Russell Lowell had engaged passage on the same steamer.

The Glee Club's concert at Revere, last week, Tuesday, was in part a benefit for the Unity Vestry fund. Charity should begin at home. Why don't the club devote the proceeds of its next concert to a coat-and-vest-ry fund?

As this is the first year that chemical philosophy has been taught the Junior chemists, the instructor has resorted to the original method of calling on each of the class to hand in a few sample questions to be used in making up the examination papers.

The Alpha Theta Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity held its fourth annual banquet at Young's, March 20th. Tasteful menus invited and received careful attention. Toasts, proposed by Guy Kirkham, met happy responses at the lips of the following: Bros. Alexander, Currier, Wood, Taylor, Stebbins, du Pont, and Bardwell.

Eleven third-year chemists, accompanied by Prof. Norton and assistant, visited the works of the Boston Sugar Refining Company, at East Boston, on the fifth inst., and were shown through the establishment by the obliging superintendent. The party left the works full of sweet information, after having taken a complete course of sugar.

The Chessmen met last week, Tuesday, at Young's, and voted to call the society the M. I. T. Chess Club. Messrs. F. J. Wood and J. C. Smith were admitted. Mr. Wrightington's resignation as vice-president was accepted with regrets, and Mr. Lane elected to the vacancy. After appointing a committee to consider and report on proposed changes in the playing rules of the club, the members adjourned to the tables.

A number of college professors recently met in New York and formed the American Economic Association. The object of the society is to promote among thinking men a more careful study and a better understanding of the economic problems, and especially those in which labor is involved. Among those connected with it are Francis A. Walker of the Mass. Institute of Technology, Pres. Adams of Cornell, Prof. Ely of Johns Hopkins, and Prof. James of the University of Pennsylvania.—*Yale News*.

Giles Taintor, at a meeting of the class of '87, March 23d, made an extended report upon the formation of an M. I. T. co-operative society. The report stated that various city firms, including toy-dealers, wine-merchants, and paper-hangers, had agreed to give a liberal discount to all members of such a society until the first of April, 1887. On motion, the president appointed Messrs. Taintor, Banes, and Wakefield a committee to carry on arrangements toward the formation of a co-operative society, and to interest the other classes in the same.

A largely attended mass-meeting organized as an M. I. T. Co-operative Society, last Saturday, in Room 15. The constitution presented by the committee from '87 was unanimously adopted, and under its provisions the following officers were elected: President, Giles Taintor, '87; Vice-President, F. W. Hobbs, '89; Secretary, W. J. Banes, '87; Treasurer, F. M. Wakefield, '87; Directors, Locke, '86, Shepard, '87, Dearborn, '88, Badger, '89, Bullard, S. of D., Reed, S. M. A., and from the Faculty, President Walker. The foregoing constitute the management of the society.

M. Dummer, a Boston inventor, has recently patented and placed on the market an article which promises to be of great advantage to architects, engineers, and others who are called upon to do a large amount of draughting. His invention consists of a stand which will hold firmly and securely any sized drawing-board, at the same time allowing the board to be moved, not only up and down, and about a vertical axis, but also to be revolved *in the plane of its inclination*, so that whatever side of the board the draughtsman brings toward him for convenience, the drawing remains at the same inclination.

There has been considerable talk in the papers to the effect that Dartmouth's withdrawal from the intercollegiate league was