held last Saturday, which resulted in the organization of a tennis association, and election of the following officers: — President, J. S. Neave, '86; Vice-President, G. W. Patterson, '87; Secretary, T. W. Sprague, '87; Treasurer, A. Amory, '89; Executive Committee, the President, ex officio, Borden, '86, Todd, '87, Horn, '88, and Hobbs, '89. The committee was empowered to draw up a constitution, and make all other necessary arrangements. It is proposed to lay out six courts,—two doubles on the Newbury Street side, and three singles and one double on the Boylston Street side, the last lying parallel with the street.

The Society of '87 had an enjoyable meeting at the Parker House, April 2d. Mr. Spaulding read the excellent poem that he had prepared for the class supper, as few had really heard it on that occasion. Mr. T. D. Brainerd contributed a fine paper, and Mr. W. Todd adjusted his glasses for an entertaining description of a deer hunt down his way. The society has received a welcome addition in Mr. Smith, who gave two well-chosen recitations in a manner that brought down the house. Mr. Taintor sustained his reputation by the hearty way in which he co-operated, and his song of "'Rah, 'rah, 'rah, Technology!" found a sympathetic chord in every heart. Mr. Wakefield Nanki-Poo'd, and Mr. Thompson moistened his whistle; while Messrs. Thompson, Sprague, and Shortall rendered the song that we would like to hear "A Thousand Times Again." Messrs. Mirrleses, Sears, and Kirkham were chosen as a committee to provide for the entertainment of the last meeting of the year, and after a final bout with Mr. Taintor's song the company broke for home.

An interesting series of observations are now in progress by gentlemen connected with the United States Signal Service simultaneously at Boston, Columbus, O., Washington, D. C., Ithaca, N. Y., and at Yale College, New Haven. The observations at Boston are taken in the basement of the new building of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and were begun at noon, Wednesday. They are to be continued at intervals of five minutes during a period of 72 consecutive hours. The observations, which are taken by means of the electro-scope, are for the purpose of ascertaining the variations of atmospheric electricity and humidity during the period named. The object of taking the observations simultaneously at different points throughout the country is for comparison, in order to ascertain whether the varying atmospheric conditions are similar throughout the country, or are simply local. It is believed that the results of the observations will be of great value to the Signal Service in the prognosis of storms, and it is hoped that by this means some new laws of storms and atmospheric disturbances may be discovered. — Herald.

Last Friday sixteen chemists visited the Commercial Point works of the Bay State Gas Co., at Harrison Square, Dorchester. After inspecting the immense coal-shed, capable of holding 30,000 tons, stored by means of a unique dumping arrangement, on which the management pride themselves, the party came to the center of interest,—a huge, sooty structure, filled with smoke and coal-dust, and lined on each side by a triple row of retorts, 132 in all, each requiring a fresh charge of 300 pounds of coal every half hour, and discharging its gas into one common hydraulic main. The glowing coke left, is raked out by two engines, resembling a pile-driver engine, which are run up and down before the rows of retorts, and is then replaced with two "scoopfuls" of coal, each scoop being wielded by three-man power. The company then made the tour of furnace and boiler-rooms, followed the gas in its passage through condensers, scrubbers, and rectifiers (large boxes of black oxide of iron, where the gas is purified from sulphur) to the great meter, measuring off 1,800 feet of gas at each revolution, and equal to 2,500,000 feet per day; filled up two pages of the visitor's book with their signatures, and departed, stopping to take a look at the lofty gas-holder, with its capacity of a million cubic feet, shortly to be accompanied by another of equal size now building beside it.