At the meeting of the Society of Arts last Thursday, Mr. Stuart M. Buck, of West Virginia, read a paper on Coal Mining, with a review of the more recent experiments on the action of dust in colliery explosions.

Professor Wells' new work on Geometry, which has lately been issued, is a book well adapted to the needs of the classes at the Institute, and elsewhere. With the exception of the calculus, a complete set of mathematical treatises, by Institute professors, is now used here.

A memorial entitled “The Example of the Life of John Chipman Hoadley,” by Mr. Hiram F. Mills, has been published by the Corporation. No better example can be set before Institute students than that of the life of one who so continuously strived to advance the Institute into its present prominent position.

The Photographic Society will hold a competitive exhibition, during the latter part of April, of work done by its members. First and second prizes are offered in two classes. The first class comprises instantaneous photographs, subject unrestricted; second class is limited to views of Trinity Church or the Rogers Building, not necessarily instantaneous.

The fortunate men who have been elected to position for '87's class-day celebration, are as follows: Orator, Walter C. Fish; historian, Hollen C. Spaulding; prophet, Quintard Peters; statistician, T. D. Brainerd. The programme for the day as at present determined, consists of an address by some prominent man in the morning, the class exercises in Huntington Hall in the afternoon, and a reception and dance in the evening. The custom of giving spreads, or five o'clock teas, will be introduced by some of the clubs and societies.

A truly representative assembly of Institute men met at Young's Hotel on March 10th. It was the occasion of the dinner given the victorious tug-of-war team by the Athletic Club. The evening was passed in a very pleasant manner, and the toast list was much more interesting than is usually the case at more formal meetings; which was principally owing to the impromptu arrangement of the toasts, and the fact that no one knew who was going to be called on for a toast. Mr. G. C. Dempsey, '88, officiated as toast-master, and performed his duties in a very acceptable manner. At the head of the table sat the officers of the club and the tug team. The meeting broke up at a very late hour, the rejoicings over the victory being so great.

A meeting was held last Saturday noon to decide upon the question of putting a nine in the field this spring. After the question had been discussed, it was decided to try base-ball again this year, and officers of the Association were elected as follows: president, Quintard Peters, '87; vice-president, G. O. Draper, '87; secretary and treasurer, F. L. Dame, '89; manager, R. M. Clement, '89; executive committee, Carleton, '87, Richard Devens, '88, N. Durfee, '89, and Beals, '90, with the manager. The nine will be selected by the manager, subject to the approval of the executive committee. The Association has posted a notice asking all who wish to try for the nine to hand in their names, with playing position, to the manager.

On Friday evening, March 11th, the Class of '90 had its first class-dinner at the Tremont House. About eighty joined in the festivities of the evening, and made it one of the most memorable evenings of the present college year, on account of the good feeling which prevailed throughout. After dinner numerous toasts were responded to, under the direction of Mr. Finch, who filled his position admirably well as toast-master.

The first toast, to “The Class of '90,” was responded to by Mr. Johnson, the president of the class; after this came a very neat reply to the toast of “The Society of '90.” The following toasts were also responded to, namely: “The Class of '89,” by Mr. H. B. Roberts; “The Tech,” by Mr. J. H. Towne; “Athletics,” by Mr. L. C. Wason. Then followed a toast to “The Supers,”