The Freshman nine opened the ball season by a game with a picked nine,—the Boston Univ. nine, with whom they were to play, being unable to appear.

A new box has appeared in Rogers corridor, to receive any and all contributions for '90's "Technique." We hope it will be well patronized, for it is a good idea.

The Hammer and Tongs Club held their monthly dinner at the Thorndike, April 14th. Messrs. L. M. Hills, '90, and C. E. Ripley, '90, were initiated.

The Society of Arts holds its regular meeting Thursday evening, in Rogers 15. A paper on "Precious Stones in the Last Decade," will be read by Mr. G. F. Kunz, of Tiffany & Co.

Prof. F. W. Clark will shortly leave the Institute to go on a professional trip to Butte, Montana. He will return early in June, in time to take charge of the Summer Mining School.

Frederick Thompson, '87, has been appointed Superintendent of Bridges on the Richmond and Danville Railroad Systems, with headquarters at Washington, D. C.

A shining light of '89, on observing the signs of "Don't mix" on some solutions in the Biological laboratory, remarked that there was a good deal of hard sense in a Biological, after all.

As it has been impossible to secure the Lynn track for the first Saturday in May, either the Athletic Meeting will be postponed a week, or the Cycling Club races will not come off at the same time.

All '88 men who intend settling in the vicinity of Chicago, should send their names to H. Ward Leonard, care of Western Edison Light Co., Chicago, for membership in the North-Western Association of the M. I. T.

Second year mentions in the Architectural Department, on the design for a circular temple, were awarded as follows: First: 1st, Goodwillie; 2d, Machado. Second: 1st, Ropes; 2d, Ford. Third: 1st, Pennell; 2d, Walker; 3d, Rice.

The Tennis Association has formed as follows: President, W. E. Mott, '88; Vice-President, B. Sturgis, '90; Secretary, J. L. Batchelor, Jr., '90; Treasurer, W. B. Thurber, '89; Executive Committee, Messrs. Durfee, '89, C. E. Ripley, '90, and Goodhue, '91.

Mentions in the Architectural Department in the third and fourth year designs, were awarded as follows. For an academic school: first, G. C. Shattuck; second, W. Proctor, Jr. Design for suburban library, First: 1st, W. H. Kilham; 2d, A. V. Edwards; 3d, C. A. Crane; Second: 1st, J. Hall Rankin; 2d, Goodwillie; 3d, Spencer.

The Class-Day Officers for '88 are as follows: Chief Marshal, A. T. Bradlee; Aids, H. Y. Horn, Jr., H. F. Bigelow, and Richard Devens; Historian, L. A. Ferguson; Statistician, A. S. Warren; Odist, O. B. Roberts. Elaborate preparations are in progress. The assessment will be very reasonable, as it will be in the neighborhood of ten dollars.

The class in the Summer School of Topography will leave Boston not later than June 1st. Four weeks will be spent at Deerfield, near Northampton, Conn., and the class will be accompanied by Professors Swain, Niles, and Burton. Professor Swain will give some work in Hydraulic Measurements, which is impracticable at the Institute. The total expense per man will not exceed $50.

There seems to be a general feeling in '90 that that class will not be represented by a nine this spring. The chief reason is, that both her pitchers and her catcher have left the class. Moreover, there are but few of the fellows who care to spend their spare time in practice; and as it is impossible to play ball without practice, present circumstances point strongly toward an absence of a '90 class nine on the field this spring. However, the Miners and Chemists are united, and hope to present a good nine to represent their courses.

On the afternoon of Friday, April 27th, there will be presented at the Hollis Street Theatre a comic opera entitled the "Mermaid, or the