There was a meeting of the Mechanical Engineering Society, Thursday evening, October 30th. Mr. Geo. Barrus, S.B., '74, described his experiments on the "Total Heat of the Combustion of Coal." During the evening he explained and exhibited the calorimeter which he used in carrying on his experiments. Previous to the lecture, the Society elected as officers for the coming year: H. L. Brand, '91, President; James Swan, '91, and J. C. Perry, '92, Vice-Presidents; C. W. Aiken, '91, Secretary; G. H. Goodell, '92, Treasurer.

On Saturday, November 1st, there was a meeting of the Cycling Club. The first business to come before the meeting was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: W. H. Roots, President; L. C. Wason, Vice-President; E. M. Hagar, Secretary and Treasurer; F. E. Norton, Captain; F. D. Richardson, Lieutenant. It was decided to hold, if possible, a race for the championship of the Institute. A committee was appointed to confer with officers of the Athletic Club in regard to it. There was also a discussion in regard to a race this year with Harvard. A committee was appointed for looking up a suitable place around the Institute for keeping bicycles.

The American Protective Tariff League offers to the undergraduate students of Senior classes of colleges and universities in the United States, a series of prizes for approved essays on "Effect of Protection on the Purchasing Power of Wages in the United States." It is desired, but not required, that manuscripts be type-written. Awards will be made June 1, 1891, as follows: For the best essay, $150; second best, $100; third best, $50. And for other essays, deemed especially meritorious, the Silver Medal of the League will be awarded, with honorable mention of the authors in a public notice of the awards. For further information address Henry M. Hoyt, Secretary.

College Notes.

Northwestern University has 2,004 students on its rolls.

The Bowdoin College rush-line this year is very heavy.

A new college has been established at Sylvia, Kan.

Professor Bryce, M. P., is making a tour of American colleges.

Amherst's new athletic field will be ready for use next spring.

A prize of $50 is offered at Princeton for the best Princeton song.

The regular Freshman class of the Harvard Annex numbers eighteen.

The University of Cambridge has conferred a degree upon H. M. Stanley.

A. E. Wright, of Columbia, won first place in the Southern Tennis Tournament.

Williams, of Yale, has lowered the world's 100-yards hurdle record to 13 1/2 seconds.

Four ex-captains of 'Varsity teams are playing on the Orange Athletic Club Eleven.

Representatives from thirty-six different States are in the Freshman Class at Yale.

A general athletic team, composed of college graduates, has been formed in Japan.

Thirty-seven of the 1700 students registered at the University of Michigan, are Japanese.

The Freshman class at Yale, on account of its unusual size, is divided into eight divisions.

The Columbia College advisory committee has appropriated $1,000 for the football team.

A new chemical and physical laboratory is being built at Franklin and Marshall College.

The annual Andover-Exeter football game takes place Saturday, November 8th, at Andover.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra will give a series of concerts in New Haven during the winter.