The Institute Committee met in The Tech office on Tuesday, October 31st. Election of officers for this year was undertaken at once. R. B. Price, '94, was elected president; T. B. Booth, '95, vice president, and R. K. Sheppard, '94, secretary and treasurer.

The Committee had been requested to assist Secretary Tyler in sending Columbian catalogues to other colleges. Mr. T. B. Booth and Mr. B. Hurd, Jr., were appointed as a sub-committee to prepare a list of all the American colleges. Mr. Rockwell reported for the Pin Committee. The designs posted in Roger's corridor have been examined by most all the students. All opinions which are made known to the Institute Committee will be carefully considered, and will aid the members in making a selection. It is hoped that many more designs will be sent in before 4:15 P. M. November 14th, when competition will close.

The prize which has been offered has called forth some questions. Whence come the twelve dollars? The Committee wish to have this subject understood. The offer is made personally by a man who is interested in the Institute, and who hopes to be concerned in the manufacture of the pins when the design shall have been selected. The payment of the prize will be a personal matter between the successful competitor and the person who made the offer. That professors, and students, and alumni who wish to obtain pins may do so conveniently, the Committee will procure pins for all who will send a written order to any one of its members. It is hoped that this last statement will not occasion a misunderstanding. The Committee seeks only to facilitate the distribution of pins. It does not wish to limit or be at all interested financially in their production.

An account of the '96-'97 football game and cane rush will appear in the next number of The Tech.

A mandolin player is wanted to complete a trio consisting of zither, guitar and mandolin. This trio, if it prove successful, will form an integral part of the Glee and Banjo Club in its tour.

Prof. Otto N. Witt, of the Technical School in Berlin, was one of our recent visitors. Prof. Lunge, from the great Technical School in Zurich, visited Technology for the second time a few days ago.

That the Boston Museum management offered our Glee and Banjo Club double the pay of the first engagement to appear at the final night of "Prince Pro Tem," certainly shows appreciation of their first public performance.

The third balloting for the office of treasurer of the Sophomore Class took place in the lower hall of Walker Building on Wednesday last, at one o'clock. This attempt proved successful, and M. E. Peirce was elected by considerable majority.

These are painfully interesting days in the organic laboratory. Prescott was accidentally injured last week by a piece of tubing, and Proctor had a lively explosion. "Sammy's" face is improving; and Proctor's hair has ceased to stand on end.

The new free-fall-quicksand and jigging testing-tubes with which experiments are now being made in the Mining Department, are giving results which bid fair to change, in some respects, the accepted theories in regard to equal settling particles.