M. Paul Bourget, a notable French novelist now visiting the educational institutions of this country, attended one of our French classes last Thursday, and seemed greatly pleased with the work of the students.

A question lately arose among members of the Civil Engineering Society as to the advisability of paying its lecturers. At present the question is undecided, and will probably remain so until a more active interest is shown.

The Senior nominating committee held a meeting on Friday. Mr. C. A. Meade was elected chairman, and Mr. A. B. Tenny was chosen secretary. The next meeting will be held Saturday, at 12:30 p.m., in The Tech office.

The rumors that the new German club was organized for the express purpose of meeting at the Old Elm and improving the fluency of the members' German by means of copious draughts of "Imported," appears at present to be unfounded.

Resolutions have finally been sent to the Northwestern Alumni from the class of '96. They would have been sent about a month ago, but the resolutions offered at that meeting were not accepted, as the class felt that their appreciation should be more powerfully expressed.

Among the valuable works in the civil engineering library, is a copy of "Febman's Topographical Atlas" in the original edition, which has now become exceedingly rare, so that the department is doubly fortunate in securing it. The volume has lately been shown and partially described to the Sophomore civils.

The Executive Committee of the Sophomore class has decided to open competition among the '96 students for the design on the class-dinner menus. The committee reserves full right to accept any design. A simple design that is easily reduced, is desired. The competition closes Thursday, February 1st, with C. E. Trout, secretary of the class of '96.

The architects were refused tickets to the Lowell course of lectures on the ground that they had enough to do without attending outside lectures. Through the instrumentality of the head of the department, however, they finally succeeded in obtaining tickets. It is understood that the refusal to send tickets to the students of the Institute is a precaution taken by the Faculty to prevent the students being overworked.

Dr. Drown spoke to the Freshmen last Thursday with regard to the choice of courses, recommending chemical engineering to those of them who purpose going into some manufacturing business upon graduation, as this course treats of both chemistry and mechanics. He also stated that the demand for chemists in previous years has been three times as large as the number of graduates which the Institute has turned out.

The Engineering News Publishing Company offers the following prizes for the best graduating theses presented by students graduating in 1894 from any engineering course of any college in the United States or Canada: first prize, $75; second prize, $50; third prize, $25. A special $100 prize is offered for a post graduate thesis. The conditions may be learned by referring to the general bulletin board. Technology men would do well to keep this in mind.

The Cercle Français met for the last time this term in Room 23, Walker Building, Wednesday, December 20th. The secretary read the minutes of the preceding meeting, after which several members gave very laughable stories. Professor Van Daell amused those present with one of his personal experiences, which he called "La Derniere Valse." Designs for the programme of the play were submitted, after which the meeting adjourned.