The Class of '79 held its annual reunion at the University Club on Friday evening, December 29th. Messrs. Allen, Blake, Coffin, Metcalf, Knapp, Pickering and Loring were present. During the course of the evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, W. S. Allen; vice president, C. S. Gooding; secretary and treasurer, H. H. Campbell; business committee, S. A. Sargent, A. B. Harlow, H. H. Campbell, ex officio.

The mining department has been presented, by Mr. H. M. Howe, with a type-written copy of a translation of Prof. R. Akerman's classical paper on "The heat required for the fusion of blast furnace slags," published in the Swedish mining periodical, Zerkontorets Annaler, 1886, i. While abstracts more or less complete have, of course, made the round of the technical periodicals, the original is now made available to the department, which is thus under much obligation to Mr. Howe for his kindness.

The Photographic Society held its monthly meeting on January 2d. Mr. Barton, '94, and Mr. Partridge, '95, were appointed a committee to see about medals for the annual exhibit. It was voted that the annual exhibit be held in the third week in April, and Mr. Loring, '95, Mr. Sperry, '94, and Mr. De Long, '95, were chosen to take charge of it. Messrs. F. A. Shiertz, '94, F. W. Fuller, '95, F. F. Estes, '96, A. W. Hodge, '96, A. C. Lamb, '97, and A. C. Lawley, '97, were elected members of the Society.

At a meeting of The Tech held on January 1st, Mr. A. D. Fuller was elected editor-in-chief; Mr. C. G. Hyde, assistant editor-in-chief; Mr. E. A. Baldwin was chosen secretary, and Mr. R. D. Flood as business manager. During the meeting Mr. R. B. Price passed in his resignation, but, although it was voted to abolish the honorary editors, the board, in view of the patient and unselfish work accomplished by Mr. Price since his entrance to the board and the improvement in all departments due to his efforts, would not permit his resignation to be accepted.

The twenty-second annual reunion of the Association of the Class of 1874, M. I. T., occurred at the University Club, Boston, Jan. 18, 1894, by the invitation of one of the members, Mr. G. F. Haynes. It was attended by a number of members, and was a success, yet entirely informal. The Association is composed of fifty members, has seventy dollars in the treasury, and is in the front rank of the associations formed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The officers of the Association for 1894 are: Albert C. Warren, President; George H. Wetherell and William E. Nickerson, Vice Presidents; Charles F. Read, Secretary and Treasurer.

The class of '96 held an important meeting on Friday, January 5th, at which the manner of electing the "Technique" Board was decided. The mode adopted, which was that recommended by the committee, is essentially that which '95 employed in her election, and provides for the election of the twelve "Technique" editors by an electoral committee of twenty-five men chosen by the class. In response to a petition from regular five-year men entering with '96 to be included in the class of '96 both before and after graduation, there was offered an amendment to the constitution to that effect. This amendment will be voted on at the next meeting. After appropriating a sum sufficient to defray the expense of making a photogravure of the '96 football team for the '95 "Technique," and fixing the price of the class dinner at $2.00 per plate, the meeting was adjourned.

There has recently come to our hands a book, in pamphlet form, published by the Government, entitled, "The Construction of Chemical Laboratories," which constitutes one of a series on education recently issued.