The Society of Arts varied its usual programme, last Thursday night, by visiting the new testing machines in the engineering laboratory. Professor Lanza opened the meeting with a brief sketch of the history of such machines. He then explained the large Emory machine, and for illustration of its use compressed a spruce beam, 15 feet long and 8\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches by 8\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches in section, until it was crushed. The new 100,000 pound beam machine was next discussed, and a hard pine beam, 18 feet long and 4 by 12 inches in section, was broken. Professor Miller spoke upon the use of the new twisting machine, and tested in it a bar of Norway iron, which turned completely around ten times without breaking. The meeting was unusually large, even without taking account of some members of the "M. P." club, who were invited guests.

A meeting of the Freshman class was held in Huntington Hall, on Monday, February 5th, at 4.15 P.M. The following officers were elected to serve till next fall: H. W. Allen, president; J. S. Humphreys, 1st vice president; Wilfred Bancroft, 2d vice president; Walter Page, secretary; T. M. Vinton, treasurer; J. P. Ilsley, Jr., and Joseph Bancroft as executive committee. Messrs. F. E. Bragg and C. N. Pope were elected to serve with President Allen on the Institute Committee, and Messrs. T. M. Vinton and R. F. Hosford were chosen to represent '97 in the Co-operative Society. It was voted that March 31st be the date for the class supper, and that the president appoint a committee of five to make the necessary arrangements. B. F. Healey was selected as temporary captain, and W. T. Parker as temporary manager, of the baseball team.

Thirty-three members attended the regular meeting of the Architectural Society, which was held in the Architectural Building on Wednesday, February 7th. President MacClure called the meeting to order promptly at 3:15 P.M. Immediately after accepting the minutes of the previous meeting, twelve men who had been proposed last term were made members of the society. It was then voted to have an Italian supper February 17th. Messrs. Hart, Owen, and Phillipps were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements. A novel feature of this supper will be an exhibition of sketches by members. Mr. Ross Turner, who is always a welcome guest to the architects, will be present, and will assist the committee in making the arrangements. The society also voted to conduct an exhibition of the work of the students of Course IV., and to issue an illustrated catalogue of the same, as has hitherto been its custom. The exhibition was omitted last year, however, on account of some of the best drawings being in Chicago, but in previous years it has been one of the interesting features of the concluding exercises at the Institute. The outlook is better this year than usual, owing to the addition of Professor Despaddle's drawings, and also to the accumulated work of two years instead of one year, as has previously been the case. Besides this, there will be no less than twenty architectural theses this year, against two last year. This good material will enable the society to make an especially attractive exhibition. Mr. Gardner was given a commission to make a drawing for "Technique," to commemorate the Bohemian supper, which proved such an enjoyable event to the society last term. After listening to the propositions for membership, the society adjourned.

The following is a copy of the award made to Technology for its exhibit at the World's Fair:

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