effect of the late war upon the distribution of
the colored race in the United States; of the
development of the Poor White population
in the South; of the change in educational
methods. Under this last head he brought up
many interesting points concerning the aims
of the college student before the war and the
aims of the college student of to-day.

Mr. James Swan, instructor in Naval
Architecture, has just undertaken a work
which indicates the practical nature of Course
XIII. The large screw ferryboat East
Boston, built some years ago for the East
Boston ferry, was soon found to be so poorly
adapted for the work of this line, on account
of her size and for other reasons, that she
was taken off the line after a few trips
and has not been used since. Mr. Swan has
made a contract with the city to make the
boat serviceable for the route by cutting her
down and altering her weight somewhat, and
he feels quite confident that his venture will
be a success.

The following men were initiated into \( K_2 S \)
at a recent meeting: Messrs. Defren, Good-
willie, George Moore, '95; Franklin and
Gardiner, '97. Dr. Walker and Dr. Evans
were elected honorary members. The society
this year has obtained rooms at No. 439 Boyls-
ton Street, which allows it to keep on file
scientific papers and other current literature.
Several “Smokers” have been held in the
rooms, at which papers have been read by
Gage, '96, on “The Treatment of Cellu-
lose,” Sadtler, '95, on “Chrome Tanning,”
and Ellis, '95, on “Spectrum Analysis.” The
next dinner will be held at the Thorndike, on
Friday, Dec. 28, 1894.

Der Deutsche Verein held a meeting on
Wednesday, December 5th, at 4.30 p.m., in
Room 11, R. The following students were
elected to active membership: W. A. Kent,
'96, H. C. Riley, '98, A. O. Portner, '98. Mr.
H. M. Goodwin, instructor in the Department
of Physics, was elected an honorary member.

The Society voted that a committee of five be
appointed by the president to take charge of
the German plays, the committee to consist of
two business managers, one stage manager,
and two assistants. Mr. von Holst recited
two poems,—“Des Sängers Fluch,” and
“Die letzten zehn Grenadieren.” Mr. G. H.
Matthes gave two anecdotes, which he illus-
trated at the blackboard.

At the ‘96 Class meeting, held on Decem-
ber 12th, more members were present than at
any previous meeting this year. The Presi-
dent stated that an arrangement had been
made with the “Technique” Board, by which
the present class picture would be accepted,
with the provision that a successful reproduc-
tion could be made. It was moved and carried
to increase the amount to be expended on the
class picture to twenty-five dollars. When the
matter of a class pin was brought before the
meeting considerable discussion followed. As
a result, a book containing the various designs
submitted by the committee on pins will be
circulated through the class, and in this man-
ner the most popular pin can be determined.
Rockwell reported the class games held
December 8th, and after an appropriation of
six dollars and fifty cents was made, to cover
entrance fees at these games, the meeting
adjourned.

The Society of Arts held a very interesting
meeting last Thursday evening in Room 11,
Rogers. The audience was a large one, and
very nearly filled the room. Mr. Farnham
read a most carefully prepared paper on
“Electrolysis of Water pipes—its cause and
prevention.” He first gave an account of
preliminary investigations of the subject three
or four years ago, and explained experiments
which were made to demonstrate that such
action took place. He explained that the
electrolysis only took place when the pipes
were at a higher potential than the earth, and
showed a map indicating where this was the
case in Boston. Mr. Farnham then stated