The Society of Arts held a meeting on the evening of Thursday, April 23d. Maj. W. H. Livermore was the speaker. His subject was, "The Arts and Sciences of the Twentieth Century." He believes the next century is to witness a great development along the line of comprehensive charts and crystallized handbooks of information. Maj. Livermore anticipates "systematic co-operation" in all the sciences and arts. This will enable students and those engaged in professional research to utilize more easily and effectively the results obtained by others; paving the way therefore for a more advanced specialization in all branches than has been possible as yet. He looks to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as one of the pioneers in this advancement.

The Senior students of the Engineering Laboratory have recently completed a very successful test of the pumping plant of the Chestnut Hill Reservoir, under the direction of Professor Miller and his assistants. The test lasted from 8.45 A. M., April 15, until 10.10 April 16. The men served in watches of from eight to eleven hours, and Professor Miller worked thirty consecutive hours in connection with the test. The results as yet have not been worked out, but the indications are that the boiler test will be about five per cent ahead, while that of the engine will be about one-tenth per cent behind the corresponding tests of last year. The great interest which the test aroused outside of the Institute was shown by the large number of visitors, among whom were a number of prominent engineers, who visited the station during the test, arriving at all hours of the day, from early in the morning until midnight. Arrangements are now being made for the test of the Charlestown Power House of the West End Street Railway, which will probably take place in a few days, and most of the apparatus from Chestnut Hill has been sent there.

Cornell has started a bicycle military company.

The Amherst astronomical expedition which is going to Japan, to take observations of a total eclipse of the sun in August, has sailed.

Since 1879, twenty-one College Christian Association buildings have been erected in the United States and Canada, at an aggregate cost of $438,000.

Harvard has recently received a gift of $100,000 to found a chair in Comparative Pathology. Harvard will be the only college in America so endowed.

The Williams College students were surprised lately by the appearance of a humorous and poignant paper containing grinds on the various organizations and students.

Special numbers of several college papers have made their appearance lately. The Illini of the University of Illinois devoted its last edition to the Y. M. C. A. The Northwestern of Chicago has given the "co-eds" an opportunity to show their skill at editing, and the production is a woman's number.

It was with great pleasure that a report from Arequipa was received at the Harvard Observatory, stating that the Bruce photographic telescope, the most powerful of its kind in the world, had arrived in safety. This telescope was sent to Peru some time ago and considerable anxiety has been felt as to its safe arrival, as it is rather a dangerous voyage from here to Arequipa.