was appointed temporary Captain of the Track team. The permanent Captain is to be elected by the team.

In spite of the very disagreeable weather the first shoot of the Gun Club, on November 21st, was attended by a little group of enthusiastic members. The scores which follow are not bad, considering the unfavorable weather. Twenty-five targets,—Mixed angles. A. B. Miller, 18; L. Johnston, 12; Barron, 12; Durgin, 13; Adams, 14. It is said that the Club intends to shoot the shoots in the spring.

The machine for facing off specimens of brick or stone, and preparing them for use in the Emery Testing Machine, has been started in the Applied Mechanics laboratory. This machine was originally designed by the department of Highway Engineering, for testing the wearing power of different paving stones. It consists of a rotating iron platen, upon which the specimen rests, and upon which sand and water are fed at a uniform rate.

The next meeting of the Electrical Engineering Society will occur on Friday, December 4, at 8 p.m., Room 22, Walker. Mr. Clifton A. Howes, '95, now with the American Electric Heating Company, will address the society on the subject of "Electrical Heating Apparatus," showing the different kinds of apparatus. The use of electricity for heating purposes is increasing rapidly, and this lecture will interest members of the Society, as the subject is not given special attention in the Course at the Institute.

A test was made during the Thanksgiving holiday, by Messrs. Clark and Feeley, Course II., as their thesis work, on the steam plant of the new mill of the Berkshire Cotton Manufg. Co., at Adams, Mass. The plant consists of seven high-pressure Manning boilers, and a double tandem compound condensing Allis engine of about 1,600 horse power. Nearly a carload of apparatus was sent from the Institute, to be used in the test. The test lasted for twelve hours, and Messrs. Clark and Feeley were assisted by Messrs. Gray, Hubbard, Bowen, and Everett, '97.

On Wednesday evening, November 25th, Professor Merrill was married to Mrs. Mary Bucknam, of Cambridge. The ceremony was performed at 65 Dana Street, Cambridge, and was followed by a reception, at which a large number of the friends of the bride and groom were present, including a number of professors and instructors of the Institute. Professor and Mrs. Merrill received a large number of handsome presents, among which was a dozen silver coffee spoons from one of his '99 sections in Course II.

A second party, consisting of members of the Electrical Engineering Society, who did not take the trip on the previous Saturday, visited the West End Central Power Station, Albany St., on Saturday afternoon, November 21st. In spite of the wet weather about thirty members availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect the plant. The plant is up to date in every respect, having been recently equipped with large multipolar dynamos, each one connected directly to a triple or compound Allis engine of from ten to twelve hundred horse power. These engines, with fly wheels built up from boiler plate, were objects of special interest. Every courtesy and consideration was shown the students by the company. Much information as to the working of the plant was gained, and the afternoon was profitably spent by all.

Course I., '97 men, of Option I, and the men of Course XI., took a trip on Tuesday, November 24th, to Worcester, Mass., where they were shown over the premises of the Municipal Sewage Disposal Works. Through the influence of Professor Swain, free transportation was secured to Worcester and return for twenty-five men. The party started out prepared fully to enjoy and appreciate the courtesy of the railroad officials, for the opportunity afforded to investigate the plant