Messrs. L. and C. H. L. N. Bernard have founded a new school for instruction in the French language. The school is located in Boston, and is designed chiefly for the purpose of giving instruction to those who are intending to visit the Paris Exposition in 1900.

Among the new books of the year is "Six Folios Contes," with preface and notes by Professor Van Daell. L’Echo de la Semaine, a literary review of French literature, published weekly in Boston, contains a story by Paul Bourget, with notes and preface also by Professor Van Daell.

At a recent meeting of the Electrical Engineering Society Mr. Newhall spoke on rotary transformers; Mr. Roberts described some electric railway appliances; Mr. Smyser spoke on industrial applications of electrolyses; and Mr. Bishop gave an account of the thermal conductivity of solids.

The English Department wishes the attention of Fourth-year students called to the fact that it is always glad to give advice in regard to the planning, writing, or revising of thesis work. Appointments for consultation will be made upon application at Room 23, Rogers, or in answer to written request.

At the meeting of L’Avenir, held on Wednesday the 16th, Greene was re-elected President, Cannon was elected Vice President, R. W. Bailey, Secretary, Lewis was re-elected Treasurer, and Leeds was elected "membre du conseil d’administration." The following men were elected to membership: L. A. Newell, R. H. Clary, and H. H. Thorndike.

Those interested in gymnasia work are looking anxiously for the improved bathing facilities and measuring machines which the agitation of last spring promised to obtain. The work may have to be done over again, but we ought to have these things, and we shall respectfully but unceasingly endeavor to convince the Faculty and Corporation of this until some decisive result is reached.

The new officers of the Chicago Club are: C. B. Gillson, ’99, President; G. B. Street, ’99, Vice President; F. A. Watkins, ’99, Secretary; W. J. Angus, ’00, Treasurer; D. E. Gray, H. E. Sargent, members of the Executive Committee. The semi-annual term dues of fifty cents were declared due, and the following new members were elected subject to their signing the constitution: L. S. Florshiem, ’01; W. M. Rice, ’01; H. H. Hewitt, A. B. (Vol. C), ’99; J. R. Brownell, ’00; F. J. Huse, special; F. B. Wilder, ’00; P. R. Brooks, ’00; H. E. Sargent, ’98.

A class meeting of the 1901 men was held last Friday in Huntington Hall. Brush read the report of the committee appointed to consider the question of an intercollegiate drill. According to this report it is advisable to have a competitive drill of six men from the M. I. T., Brown, and Amherst. The report was accepted, and a committee consisting of the four captains, the major, and Brush, and Freeman was appointed by the Chair to negotiate with Brown and Amherst. A committee consisting of Freeman, Sculley, and Rowe was also appointed to arrange a class dinner. The meeting then adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Society of Arts will be held at the Institute to-night, at 8 p. m. Mr. Henry B. Wood will read a paper on "State, Town, and City Boundaries.”

On account of the poor condition of the roads and the inclement weather Tuesday, the B. A. A. cross-country run scheduled for the day was postponed till March 5th. The entry list will be reopened, and kept open till March 3d.

The Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs gave a concert at Reading last Wednesday evening. The next concert will be at East Weymouth next Thursday.