former reports, and it deserves a short notice. Two supply rooms have been conducted by the Society, one in the Architectural Building and the other in the Engineering Building, both open daily during the term. Up to November 30th the total receipts of the Society had amounted to $2,890.42, and it is estimated that the business for the year will exceed $5,000.

The work of students belonging to the Y. M. C. Association, which was described in the last report, has been carried on with renewed energy this year. Fifteen hundred handbooks have been issued, so that each new student, or any one expecting to come to the Institute, is supplied with a guide to the headquarters of the Association, where he can obtain directions regarding lodging places, as well as information regarding school work, tabular views, recitations, etc. About one hundred students have been directed to lodgings, and care has been exercised in making inquiries about the houses which were recommended, and in keeping informed about them.

In his annual reports for 1894 and 1896, President Walker treated at considerable length the question of higher requirements for entrance, and gave strong reasons why no tasks should be imposed which should tend to raise the average of the age at which students are prepared to enter this school,—at present nearly nineteen years.

Our catalogue for this year announces the requirement, for 1898 and after, of one additional subject, which may be elected from among the following: Elementary Latin, Physics, Chemistry, Mechanical Drawing and Shopwork, additional French or German, English or History. It is hoped that the students will come to us with this added study completed within the above average limit of age. The question of additional requirements has been for a long time discussed by the Faculty, and the present requirement is expected to lead to various results of much interest.

The summer school for field work in geodesy, topography, and hydraulics was held during the month of June at Machias, Me., the same place where the school of last year was held. This was the ninth summer school of the Civil Engineering Department. It is an optional course, open to the third-year students in Civil Engineering, enabling them to get valuable practice which they would not otherwise obtain. Eight students were in attendance this year, a smaller number than usual, but the weather was favorable, and the amount of work accomplished was larger than in the year previous. Instruction was given by Professors Burton, Porter, and Robbins, assisted by Mr. Henry E. Warren, a graduate of the Institute in the Class of ’94, and Mr. George L. Hosmer, of the Class of ’97.

The summer school of Architecture for this year was held in Quebec. Mr. Gardner, with a small party of students, spent three weeks in the town and its suburbs. It was the aim of the school to give the students practice in out-of-door sketching in pencil and water color, in preparation for a future European trip.

During the past year the Faculty, in accordance with its established policy of requiring that adequate attention be given by all Institute students to studies of a non-professional character, has had to supplement the instruction now given in such subjects by the introduction of courses of required reading to be done in the summer vacation, following the first and the second school years.

Tennis Association.

At the annual meeting of the Tennis Association the following men were elected officers: President, G. B. Street, ’99; Vice President, H. O. Ayers, ’99; Secretary and Treasurer, F. Badlam, 1900. The officers, H. H. Howe, 1900, and C. B. Gillson, ’99, will compose the Executive Committee. A letter was received from the Corporation offering the space about Rogers for courts.