Electrical Engineering Society.

The Electrical Engineering Society held a meeting last Friday noon. President Welsh stated that it was possible to have the pleasure of a talk from Professor Hollis, the head of the department of engineering at Harvard, on Dec. 10, and it was voted to hold a meeting on that date, arrangements to be left in the hands of the Executive Committee. An excursion to the Fore River Ship and Engine Company’s plant at Quincy was announced for last Saturday. The meeting closed, after the election of a number of new members.

About forty visited the Fore River works Saturday afternoon. It was the most instructive excursion held this year. Two large war vessels, the “New Jersey” and “Rhode Island,” are under construction. The electrical distribution of power to separate motors on each machine was a practical example of the way this form is taking the place of the old shaft and belting form of transmission of power.

The society is greatly indebted to Mr. J. W. Wellington for a most satisfactory excursion.

Reception to Freshmen.

The choice of a technical course of study is now a subject in which the first-year student is especially interested, and it is of particularly vital importance, as it will probably influence the whole trend of his future life.

In order that this choice may be made advantageously, all new students who were not invited to a similar earlier reception to the graduates from other colleges, have been invited to one of two informal receptions at the Technology Club on the evenings of Dec. 11 and 19, from 7:30 to 10, that they may meet the Dean and Committee of Advisers. As they will be continually coming and going, two evenings will be sufficient to accommodate the whole class. At these meetings representatives from the various courses at the Institute will do what they can to aid the Freshmen in the choice of their life-work. It will also furnish a chance to become acquainted with the instructing staff and fellow classmates. It is greatly hoped the Freshmen will make the most of their opportunities on these evenings.

The Technology Orchestra.

This is the second year of the Technology Orchestra, and it bids fair to be a permanent organization. A Constitution has been adopted, rehearsals commenced, and work fairly started. Two things necessary to its support are now wanted — recognition by the student body, and more members. The students should be aware that there is in existence an organized Institute Orchestra, and give it a chance to play. The manager, whose name is given in another column, will be glad to attend to that part. As concerns the need of more men, that would be met amply if every student who plays any orchestral instrument would see or send word to the leader as soon as possible. Rehearsals for the present will be held Tuesday afternoons, at four o’clock, in 13 Engineering B.

The Walker Club.

The Walker Club held a meeting Tuesday evening, Nov. 25, at eight o’clock. The subject for debate was: “Is Municipal Control of Street Railways Advisable?” Two papers were read, Mr. C. C. Curtis taking the affirmative and Mr. C. D. Simonds the negative. Then followed a lively discussion, in which all present took part. Finally a vote was taken on the merits of the question. It was decided that municipal control was inadvisable. After a social half-hour the meeting adjourned.