

A few gems of thought gleaned from the annual meeting and elsewhere about the halls:—

Definition of the Dinner,—*"A small piece of roast turkey and frozen wind."*

P. T. hasn't used his hospital ticket yet, doesn't expect to, and further, doesn't want to.

"340 students, each giving \$1.00 make \$340."

Protest against the Dinner,—*"No ladies to partake in the festivities which is a shame."*

"Just ordinary common horse sense." "The plains the red men formerly roved over and on which we are now paddling our own canoe."

"As these are all the addresses we have to listen to this afternoon, etc."

He with the ministerial tone,—*"I think that there ought to be a more equal distribution of the money in this world."*

Science.

N EARLY every engineering text-book we pick up now-a-days contains an article which will be accompanied by a number of diagrams or graphical representations of the relation between two numbers. The field for usefulness of these diagrams is rapidly becoming greater and at the same time the diagrams themselves are often so complicated that numbers of students will pass them by.

We are informed on very good authority that one of the additions to the courses in most of the departments of the third year will be a class on "graphs"—the course to begin next term.

It appears that the old time table is giving away to the graph. The advantages of diagrams over tables are many; they present the inter-relation of the factors at a glance; interpolation is more quickly effected; and they are economical in time and labour. Complete tables usually comprise a good-sized volume, whereas the same scope as a number of pages of tables may be presented in a single diagram. The effect of a change of one of the factors entering the problem, on the remaining factors, does not by the use of tables become immediately evident, whereas a diagram will reveal this effect instantaneously. By the use of tables interpolation involves a mental operation of subtraction and proportion; in a diagram interpolation is performed graphically. Although it is true that more accuracy is secured with the use of tables, it is of little moment, because a graph will give results as accurately as the conditions of the problem will usually warrant.

At the last meeting of the junior year the matter of a year memorial was discussed. The meeting declared almost unanimously in favor of having a memorial of some kind, but those present not having had enough time to think the matter over seriously, nothing definite was done. If rumor can be depended upon the year '10 Arts are to build a handsome entrance to the University grounds on University Avenue and to help along the good work '11 Arts proposed among other things the building of a section of iron fence around the grounds, in accordance with the customs of other universities in the United States and elsewhere.