of the change, the new standard was adopted at the Institute on Monday, Nov. 19, notice having been previously given to that effect. The afternoon exercises now begin at 2.15, or at about the same local time as before, in order, as it seems, to still have two hours of daylight. At the Lowell Mills, too, work begins fifteen minutes earlier in the morning and closes fifteen minutes earlier in the evening, that there may be as much daylight work as by the old schedule. At the United States signal stations all observations are taken at fixed hours of Washington time. In this city these were formerly twenty-three minutes earlier than Boston time, but are now only eight minutes earlier, so that the eleven-o'clock night observation, which was formerly made at 11.23 P.M., local time, is now taken at 11.08 P.M. of the standard time, and so with the others. More instances of this sort might be cited, but it is thought that these are sufficient to show how the new system lends itself to everyday affairs.

Under the new arrangement the Institute student who lives out of town can congratulate himself, these cold mornings, on allowing the sun sixteen minutes more time to warm the frosty air than formerly, before he himself is obliged to leave his downy couch, while, in the afternoon, by leaving the Institute at 4.15, he may be able to take an earlier train home, and so still have as much time there as before.

The number of men present at the mass meeting upon Tuesday, the 28th, showed fairly the manner in which such a call is received among us. A meeting is called to take action upon a question which concerns the whole school, and possibly thirty men take the trouble to attend. They dislike to take the responsibility of acting for the entire Institute, and yet they know from experience that another meeting called the attendance would be no larger. Such a lack of interest is a small return for the labor of those who have served upon the committees, and we trust that hereafter more members of the school will be willing to undergo a slight personal inconvenience in order to evince an interest and public spirit where their Alma Mater is concerned.

Before last year no prominent society existed among the students of the Institute for musical improvement. The Minstrels had no precedent; but they worked hard, rehearsed often, and gave an entertainment which was a perfect success. This year a glee club has been organized, with the objects of musical culture among the members and pleasant reunions among the students in general. The club hopes, from time to time, to be able to give some slight entertainment to its friends, and thus to draw the friendship closer by firm bonds. There is no reason why a society of this sort should not succeed here, as similar ones have done in most other of our modern colleges. We have at least as many men to select from as some colleges which have had very excellent glee clubs. All that is needed is a helpful interest from the students and an earnest desire to do well from the members of the club itself.

The greatest disadvantage under which The Tech at present labors is the total lack of suitable accommodations. The growing needs of the Institute crowded us out of the small room which had previously served as an office, and at the beginning of the year the paper found itself with no house or home but its castles in Spain, which seem too far off to be available. We have looked forward to the time when The Tech might hold its meetings and receive its friends in cozy quarters adjoining a well-stocked reading-room, and we are not without hope at present. The removal of the physical laboratory to the new building will relieve the present crowded state of things, and The Tech hopes to profit by the changes which will follow.

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