other means taken to lay the dust, a long-needed improvement would be effected.

The Twentieth Century Club is in a critical position. Some of its members desire that the meetings shall be conducted as they were last year; others wish to change it into a regular debating society. In either case, the club would fill a great gap in the training of many Tech. men.

It has often been said that the Institute graduates could put their ideas into writing but poorly. That fault is fast being corrected by the new English department. What the average Tech. man needs sorely now, is an opportunity for "thinking on his feet" and for putting his opinions into words before an audience. The Twentieth Century Club affords this much-needed chance.

The Tech sincerely hopes that the good work started by Mr. Emery will go on this year, and that a good number of Seniors and Juniors will attend the next meeting to discuss the reorganizing of the club.

The Executive Committee of the Athletic Club have subjected themselves to a great deal of adverse criticism by their action in abolishing the tug-of-war contest at our approaching annual indoor meeting.

Their reasons for doing so have been given out by them to be, that it is too much of a strain upon the members participating, and that they merely follow the example of the other colleges in abolishing it.

But if the majority of our classes wish to have such a contest, which seems to be the case, we see no reason why the Executive Committee should take it into their hands to refuse to allow it to take place.

This is a question for the students at large to decide, unless it is found impossible to carry out the scheme. It is even claimed by some that undue influence has been brought to bear in certain directions by members of the Class of '93, which has heretofore been unable to place a winning tug-of-war team upon the cleats. If this assertion be true, the Juniors have used much cunning,—the abolition of this event will certainly aid '93 materially in the struggle for the class cup; if it be not true, we see no particular reason why that class should be so unanimously in favor of dropping the event.

Among the pleasantest features of the life at the Institute are the social opportunities accorded to its students by those to whom its welfare is dearest at heart. On every Wednesday evening Mrs. Rogers is at home to the Technology men, Mrs. Richards on Tuesday evenings, while the President and Mrs. Walker gladly welcome all the men who care to call on Sunday evening. We are sorry to say that our students do not show a proper appreciation of the kindness of those who each week devote an evening to their entertainment, and that the number of men who take advantage of these delightful receptions is very small. We feel, however, that this has perhaps been mostly due to a lack of knowledge on the part of the students, and possibly in other cases to diffidence rather than indifference, and thus The Tech takes this occasion to say that a cordial invitation is extended to every Institute man for the evenings mentioned.

The success and the worth of a college paper depend almost wholly on the interest which the students at large take in its welfare, especially when its aim is to print the college news and voice the college sentiment on matters of importance. The editors of The Tech are trying to publish just such a paper,—one which will be of interest and value to Tech. men and a credit to the Institute, and to add to such success as they may have