In answer to a recent communication sent to all societies in Technology, we were sorry to have one, addressed to a local society, returned unopened. It is but a short space of our long life that we are here together, and in that period all should endeavor to extend their social opportunities. The fact is well established that the man having social qualifications as well as an excellent education, succeeds much better in this rough world of toil than he who lives for his books alone. Hence it is that sadness follows the news of the death of one of our societies. If interest seems waning, then devise some new scheme for strengthening that which was once strongly bound, and seek new members whose influence will furnish new life and insure future prosperity. During the past few years fraternities and societies at the Institute have experienced a remarkable growth, yet we can ill afford to lose even one from their number.

We are glad to commend '95’s appreciation of the manifold courtesies extended last summer to Tech men by our Northwestern Alumni Association. Ninety-four also has done well in expressing its gratitude, and, doubtless, the Sophomores will follow. Ninety-seven can hardly be expected to pass resolutions, though every Freshman can and ought to admit the debt we are under to our alumni, and use his ever-increasing influence in repaying them doubly for their kindness.

Now that a French-speaking club has been formed and is found to flourish, why should not a German club be in order? The professors have taken an unexpected interest in the “Cercle Française,” and it is reasonable to suppose that the same attention would be paid to a “Deutsches Verein.” German is undoubtedly a harder language to master than French, but surely in the whole Institute there must be enough men proficient in the tongue to form as creditable and successful a society as the French club has proved.

A meeting of the Institute Committee was held on November 14th.

In accordance with the notice given after the last meeting, the competition for a design for an Institute pin was closed on that date, and the designs were laid before the Committee. It was decided, however, to request Professor Chandler, Professor Cross, and Dr. Tyler to act with the Committee in selecting one design or rejecting all. It was thought that a decision rendered by the gentlemen named would be impartial, and would insure the students against the adoption of a poor design. Mr. Rockwell, Mr. Meade, and Mr. Baldwin were appointed to confer with the gentlemen from the Faculty.

Trophies and a trophy room, the old but still interesting subjects, were discussed. Investigations made by last year’s Committee show that, for the present, a room cannot be obtained. However, a committee was appointed to see if there is any place accessible to all the students where a glass case can be put which shall contain at least some of the trophies already collected. It was urged that the Committee use all its influence to induce the students to collect, for a trophy room which will surely come, all articles which should have a place there. Once a large number of these articles is on hand, appeals for a room will have material support. Each of the classes represented on the Committee will be asked by one of its representatives to provide a framed class picture. All Institute organizations are appealed to for their photographs, suitably framed.

A committee was appointed to confer with the Faculty as to the exact shades intended when cardinal red and silver gray were declared to be the Institute’s colors. This committee will then procure samples of the