THE Cercle Français now has a companion in the Deutsches Verein. The formation of these societies is a cause for congratulation, since they combine advantages unequaled in the class room for learning foreign tongues, opportunities for student intercourse of a novel and interesting description, and chances, too often neglected at Technology, for closer contact with members of the Faculty. If the very commendable plans of the older club for presenting French plays are carried out, then the further benefits of a dramatic organization may be derived. It is to be hoped that a friendly rivalry may make these associations flourish for years to come.

We have here at Technology six professional societies, besides miscellaneous societies, for the advancement of students in different lines of work. At various periods meetings are held, lectures given, and social gatherings for discussing new or interesting subjects enjoyed. Such meetings, besides, bring to notice many useful hints for saving both time and labor. That the benefits of such societies are appreciated, is shown by their growth in membership during recent years. We feel that a more general interest would be shown, a much larger membership would result, and the welfare of each society would be materially promoted, if the students at large were better informed of their scope and aims. At present an occasional notice in The Tech, a small slip hidden by the confused matter on the general bulletin boards, or the yearly mention in "Technique," are about all that inform the newcomer of their existence. In order to bring these useful organs before the students at all times, The Tech proposes that a permanent, attractive notice be posted by each society in some conspicuous place; for instance, the northeast bulletin in Rogers corridor,—this notice to contain a brief summary of the society's aims, expenses, dates of meetings, lectures, etc., and the method of joining. Changes of dates and fees could be inserted at will. By such a course we feel confident that many who are now non-members from forced ignorance would become members, and thus mutual good would be derived.

Here has been more or less dissatisfaction of late on the present management of the gymnasium, and the complaints seem to have some foundation. We refer to the policy of Instructor Boos in restraining the freedom of the students who exercise at the Gym, but who do not care about joining the class work. That this class work is beneficial we do not question, but it does not seem right that attendance shall be made, directly or indirectly, compulsory at the only time when all of the students are free to go to the gymnasium.

The idea Mr. Boos is endeavoring to carry out is to make everyone join the class work by prohibiting all, or nearly all, other forms of exercise. So running, hurdling, boxing are prohibited during class hours. For two weeks previous to the Athletic Meeting, Mr. Boos gave those who were training free use of the floor from a quarter of until half past five every afternoon. For this he was cordially thanked; but after the games of December 9th the former limitations were again enforced. Mr. Boos says that he cannot conduct his classes properly while running and other competitive exercises are being indulged in. Our gymnasium has always been a place where students might rest their minds and improve