extended trip as was contemplated last year. If the work of the clubs proves their worth, Technology should come to the front and should support them, both by subscription and by large attendance at the home concerts.

The National School of Electricity, of which Thomas A. Edison is dean, is now fairly organized. This school, which originated in a course of lectures on electricity given at the World’s Fair, will have branches in all the principal cities of the country, each one being under the supervision of a practical electrical expert. The object of the school is the instruction of mechanics and those who have only a limited education. To this end the course is so arranged that the higher mathematics are excluded, and the text-books are rendered more comprehensive by the “object lesson methods.” There are now more than forty classes in different Western cities, with a total membership of about fifteen hundred students. The main office of the school is in New York.

The prospects for the formation of a Technology Orchestra this year are excellent. The number of men who are well fitted to play the various instruments required in such an organization has become more and more evident from the numerous applications which have been received in answer to the call posted early in the year. Among the men who have handed in their names a large proportion play the violin, cornet, and flute; but the less common instruments—the double bass, the viola, and the trombone—are also represented. All students who are interested in the matter, and who have not as yet applied for membership in the Orchestra, are requested to do so as soon as possible. The first rehearsal will probably be held within the next two weeks, after which a regular evening for each week will be appointed. It is especially desired that ’98 men who play suitable instruments should make themselves known to the manager, who may be addressed at Box 96, Cage.

We are pleased to announce the election of Mr. William Thornton Parker, ’97, to the Board of Editors.

Communications.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.

To the Editors of The Tech:—

At the recent trials by applicants for positions on the Glee Club, a system was brought to light which it seems is detrimental to the obtaining of a representative Technology club. The system referred to is the one in which old members of the club hold over from year to year without other than the original competition. That is to say, that by the system now apparently in vogue, if a man, say in his Freshman year, competes for and makes the club, he is held over from year to year as long as he is in the Institute without further competition, notwithstanding the fact that in the new material annually on hand there may be superior voices.

For example, if four men leave the club by graduation or other cause for leaving the Institute, it has been the custom to say that there are but four vacancies on the club. Is this quite right? Should not, on the contrary, each former member compete again for his position? If he is found superior in voice to his competitors by a competent judge, all well and good; if not, let him give place to the new competitor who can the better take the part.

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Resolutions.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, in his divine providence, to remove from among us our classmate, William Ames, Jr., on the 23d day of September, 1894,

Be it resolved, That the Class of ’96 has lost a firm friend and ardent supporter; furthermore,

Be it resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered in the minutes of the Class