circumstances attending a number of the earlier games, of which Technology men are well aware, the record which we have here shown is in no wise discreditable. It only remains for still further enthusiasm in the future to develop a standard which will be more nearly comparable with the work which Technology men have accomplished along other lines.

We take great pleasure in announcing the signal success of Technology's representatives, Messrs. Mann, Thorndike, and Faville, in the competition which was opened by the Sketch Club of New York last September. The competitive design was entitled "An Opera House for a Rich Amateur in the South." Mr. Mann received the gold medal for the best design; Mr. Thorndike, 1st first mention; and Mr. Faville, 7th second. In that more than forty designs were submitted by students of other architectural schools, the awards show in a most conclusive manner the superiority of the Architectural Course of Technology over those of her rivals, and that the Course has been an excellent one for some time is manifested by the fact that Messrs. Pennell and Ripley, former students, also received mentions.

After considerable thought by the professors and students of the course, Course IX. has organized itself into a general society for the improvement of its members. It is proposed to have evening meetings in alternate weeks, at which discussions of topics of interest to the course will take place, with an occasional supper, and a visit to the college settlement as diversions. The governing body will consist of a representative from each of the three upper classes and a member of the Faculty. All Course IX. students of these three classes may become members by signing the constitution. The organization begins with bright prospects, and as its need has been long apparent, its success seems assured.

While under ordinary circumstances it would be wholly out of place for The Tech to attempt in any way to dictate in regard to the apparel to be worn in the domain of Technology, nevertheless the appearance during the past week of numerous Freshmen clad in drill suits plentifully adorned with brass buttons, and at best only suitable for the armory, warrants criticism. Were the mere question of dress only to be considered, The Tech would manifestly have nothing to say; but so far removed from the aims of Technology is the training of a military school, that anything which would tend to produce an impression of such a purpose must be decried. Moreover, it at once reduces the Freshman class to the level of the Boston High-school boy, whose highest ambition is to wear a blue military cap and trousers with gold braid to match.

Of late various unauthorized notices have been posted on the blackboards belonging to the different organizations at Technology. Not only have regular notices been intentionally altered, but even entirely erased, and replaced, sometimes by fictitious ones, and more often by notices of quite another society. The former of these acts is puerile and utterly beneath any student at the Institute, while the latter is entirely needless as each organization is supposed to own a board.

An evil spirit, or perhaps it may be said a lack of spirit, seems to have crept in among Ninety-six men. The enthusiasm of the first two years in every undertaking of the class has to no inconsiderable degree died out, and the work of the many has been placed in the hands of a few. The class meetings, always of importance, have been allowed to dwindle in attendance, so that scarcely a quorum can now be obtained; very little work has been done by men in the class, outside of the "Technique" Board, in the line of literary