The management of the Baseball Association has prepared itself to present to the Technology world an enterprise which is entirely novel among our college undertakings and one which will doubtless call forth ready sympathy and support from a host of college men and their friends. We cannot but admire the spirit of integrity in financial matters which has prompted this effort to produce a Minstrel Show on Saturday evening. Everything has been done on the part of the Association, the Glee Club, and other interested persons, to make the affair a huge success. If every seat in Huntington Hall is taken, as should be the case, the student body may congratulate itself upon the carrying on of real charity work, and the Association will be enabled to meet a burdensome and disgraceful debt, which, with those contracted by several other of our organizations, has done much to produce a decided lack of trust in the financial standing of our student undertakings.

We regret to learn that the Freshman class as a whole is exhibiting an apathy in class affairs which is almost unprecedented. At times when meetings have been called, it has been found impossible to perform important business owing to lack of a quorum. That there should be so large a percentage of men who are unwilling to spare a portion of their time upon work of this nature, which is a more or less accurate index of the character of the men, and of their desire to obtain that broad adaptability to their fellows which is so important in later life, must be considered truly unfortunate.

We learn that at present the Brown Battalion is less inclined to enter into the proposed military competition than was the case when the challenge was first issued. It appears to be a matter of expense with the Providence men; they would be glad to enter the drill if their expenses were at least partially guaranteed. We hope that, in case the match can be arranged in no other way, the home battalion will extend a suitable guarantee. We feel confident that the enthusiasm which such an event would arouse, would be all which would be necessary to fill Mechanics' Hall at a fair price of admission.

The Architectural Department will shortly be enriched by a most excellent assortment of new casts. While in Europe last summer, Professor Chandler ordered forty casts, which were to be made directly from the originals in various museums throughout Italy. Signor Gherardi, of Rome, has been hard at work for several months past upon a fresh series of moulds from the cornice of the Temple of Concord in the Roman Forum, and his results have received high praise. Signor Cantagalli, of Florence, has also obtained some rare majolica ware, including an old Bella Roblica from the National Museum at Florence. These specimens are now on their way from Venice, and will doubtless be placed upon exhibition during the latter part of the month.

The Minstrel Show which is soon to be given for the purpose of raising the debt of the Baseball Association is, aside from being a most interesting event in Technology life, worthy of strong moral and financial support by Institute men.

The question is suggested, however, whether or not it would be wise for the different societies of Technology, many of which have had serious financial difficulties from time to time, to have some understanding before entering upon the production of any *magnum opus*, so that any shortage resulting should be met by the society then and there. As it is, we believe that nearly every organization which has undertaken any especially elaborate performance, has become encumbered with a debt, often of very considerable dimensions.