men turn out enthusiastically to help hold up Technology's reputation, and our success in track athletics next June is assured.

The favorable attitude taken by the faculties of many colleges toward athletic and social events is not-always manifest at the Institute. There seems a tendency in certain quarters not only to ignore such affairs, but even to distinctly discourage participation in them. Apparently it is felt that such enterprises in outside affairs are likely to be detrimental to the character of the work done by the students interested in them, and that perhaps Technology may lose some of her prestige as a place “where men go to work and not to play.” This view is hardly fair. Such interests need not interfere with regular work; and the men who are foremost on the team and in the committee are often leaders as well in the laboratory and the recitation room.

The announcement in another column that the French and German societies have joined in a vigorous effort to pay off the debts incurred in giving last year's plays is an encouraging one for two reasons. In the first place it is another step toward re-establishing the credit of the Institute, something which needs to be accomplished very quickly. In this the Baseball Association has set an excellent example. Secondly, The Tech is glad to hail that spirit of fraternal co-operation between the societies the absence of which was so conspicuous, and so costly, last year.

These debts are not the affairs of L'Avenir and Der Deutsche Verein alone. The plays were undertaken in the interest of the social life of Technology and of the success of Junior Week. It is the credit of Technology which has suffered; and every loyal student should be prepared to help out the disinterested efforts of the men who have taken the matter in hand and the Professors who have promised their services as lecturers. An individual appeal is to be made, we understand, to every student, and, as the prices for tickets will be low, a general response must be obtained to bring the matter to a successful conclusion.

Walker Club Dinner.

The Walker Club held one of its customary dinners, at Vercellis's, on Thursday, February 27th. The guest of honor was Prof. E. S. Morse, well known about Boston as a Zoologist and a collector of pottery. In the course of his ceramic work he has gathered the largest and most complete set of Japanese ware in the world. His sojourn in Japan gave him an opportunity to study the people, and, being connected with educational institutions in Tokyo, he devoted his attention more especially to the student class. Of this student class he gave, to the twenty members present, a most instructive and interesting talk. He emphasized the great contrast between the respect evinced by Japanese students for their Professors and the apparent flippancy of our college men. His statements regarding the frequency of theft and murder greatly surprised all present on account of the incredible scarcity of both offenses. Several interesting anecdotes were excellently related by the Professor, but owing to the departure of his train he was obliged to leave before finishing his talk. Professor Bates continued where the guest had left off and gave several amusing incidents of Japanese life.

Informal speaking on subjects of general interest consumed the remainder of the evening, which was, as expressed by all, the most pleasant gathering of the year.

The Proposed Naval Engineering Bill.

One of the most comprehensive measures for the promotion of engineering education that has ever been presented, and one which, if it becomes a law, will bestow its benefits on a great number of scientific schools, colleges, and universities, is the bill now before Congress, which was introduced into the Senate