"Course X. is a combination of Mechanical Engineering and Chemistry, isn't it?" asked a Freshman of Sophomore. "Yes," replied the Soph. "II. times V. are X."

The number of students registered in the Mining Engineering Course this year is larger than formerly, including about twenty members of the Sophomore Class.

Mr. E. H. Hammond, president of the Class of '99, who was unable to commence work at the opening of the college year, on account of a severe attack of malaria, has returned to Tech.

The prospects of the Glee Club are most promising this year, as the debt of the Club which was contracted two years ago has been entirely canceled, and the coming year opens with a clean financial page.

Professor Sedgwick announces that the new course in Industrial Biology is the first and only course of its kind in the world. There are a dozen men taking the course now, and its success is undoubtedly assured.

During the summer, Messrs. Alden and Currier, Course II., '97, made a test of the boiler and engine plant of the Boston Journal. Determinations were also made of the amount of power used by the various presses and other machinery.

The Third and Fourth Year Chemical Laboratory, as well as the Organic Laboratory, has received a complete renovation and partial re-equipment during the summer months. The Chemical Library has been moved downstairs to make room for these improvements.

A new lathe has been placed in the shop of the mechanician of the Physical department. It was made by the Fitchburg Machine Works, and has a fourteen inch swing and seven foot bed. All the machinery in the shop has been arranged to be run by an electric motor.

All the members of the Institute whose homes are in Chicago or the immediate vicinity, and who desire to become members of the Chicago Club, can have their names proposed at the next meeting by notifying the secretary, Mr. W. G. Zimmerman, through the medium of the "Cage."

Several meetings have been recently held in regard to the formation of a string sextette. It is desired to organize a sextette comprising piano, two first, and one second violins, viola, and 'cello. Messrs. Neidich and Cleaveland, '98, have been chosen temporary leader and manager respectively.

The three '96 men who were recommended to the Adjutant General of the U. S. army at Washington, as having shown special aptitude for military service in their Freshman battalion, were, in order of merit: Benj. Hurd, Brookline, Mass.; John Tetley, West Troy, N. Y.; A. E. Smyser, Brookline, Mass.

All men who have ever sung or who think they can sing, especially men of 1900, should make an effort to gain a position on their College Glee Club. The Glee Club is in dire need of tenors, and it certainly seems as though some good tenor voices ought to be forthcoming from upward of thirteen hundred men.

At the first meeting of the Society of Arts, last Thursday, Professor Sedgwick read a paper on the Milk Supply Problem, and detailed the work done at the Institute upon this subject. This was followed by a paper on the Causes of Spoiling in Canned Goods, by Mr. S. C. Prescott and Mr. W. L. Underwood.

A 36 horse power Otto gas engine has been placed in the steam laboratory. It has been belted to the 2 3/8 inch line of counter shafting, and will supply power for the laboratory, thus making it unnecessary to start the large engine when only a small amount of power is needed. The engine is also intended for experimental purposes, and is supplied with all the necessary arrangements.