We are very glad to see that L'Avenir is making another attempt to pay off its indebtedness, incurred by the play of two years ago. By the lectures given last spring a small sum was netted, and if this enterprise is well supported the entire debt may well be wiped out. With the reputation which the society enjoys for spirited entertainments, it ought not to be necessary to urge the purchase of its very cheap tickets.

We are pleased to announce the election of Mr. John Magee, 2d, '99, to the Editorial Board of The Tech.

The Summer School of Mining.

In accordance with the custom of the Mining department of holding summer schools of Mining and of Metallurgy in alternate years, the school, which was held last year at various metallurgical works of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, was held this year in three of the principal iron-mining districts of Michigan and Minnesota. The members left Boston, June 6th and 7th, in three separate parties, which, traveling by different routes, united at Ironwood, Mich., two of them on June 12th, and the third, under Professor Richards, a few days later. The united party consisted of Professor Richards and Hofman, and Messrs. W. P. Anderson, '96; E. P. Brown, A. L. Davis, O. B. Smith, T. Washburn, E. S. Wiard, '97; F. F. Colcord, G. McM. Godley, C. S. Hurter and W. McKell, '98. At Ironwood, visits were made to the Norrie mine, of the Gogebic range, and also to the Aurora mine, where the hoisting and hauling machinery, drainage and ventilation, were thoroughly investigated and notes taken. A trip was also made to Bessemer, where the Tilden and the celebrated Colby mine were visited. The latter is a surface deposit, which is a rare occurrence in this range.

Leaving Ironwood, June 20th, the party started for the Mesabi range in Minnesota. At Duluth one of the great docks for loading freight vessels was visited. This dock was, with its shore approach, a mile long. Here the methods of sampling the ore before it is loaded into the vessels, and analyzing the samples in the dock laboratory, were seen.

From Duluth to Virginia, Minn., the party were the guests of the Duluth, Mesabi & Northern R.R., through the courtesy of its Vice President, Mr. McBride. Around Virginia there are a number of iron mines, the most prominent of which were visited and studied. Returning to Ironwood, a study was made of the well known Chapin mine, which is of interest from the fact that all the machinery used in it is operated by compressed air, generated by water power three miles away, and brought to the mine through a pipe line.

On the evening of July 4th the party left Ironwood for Norway, Mich., where the next three days were spent. On the night of July 7th, notes, geological specimens, surveying instruments, etc., were packed for the last time, and on the following day the school disbanded, some going to Chicago, some to the copper mines of Lake Superior, and a few returning to Boston by way of the lakes.

Each summer school of mining must of necessity be a greater success than the last, but all who attended this one are of the opinion that it exceeded the ordinary advancement. The thanks of the entire party are due to Professor Richards and Hofman for their untiring efforts in their behalf, as well as to the numerous mine officials, whose patience and courtesy contributed materially to the success of the Summer School of '96.

*Not what she is paid for.*

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"
"I'm going to church, sir," she said.
"Will you pray for me, my pretty maid?"
"I can't; I'm in the choir," she said.

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