signed his position as director of the Co-operative Society and Mr. Robert Allyn was elected to the vacancy.

The official test of the self-propelling fire engine recently purchased for the Boston Fire Department occurred at the corner of Clarendon and Beacon Streets on Tuesday, March 23rd, at 2 P.M. This test was interesting, in connection with the differences of opinions that exist concerning the feasibility of motor fire engines in city work.

The musical clubs of the Institute gave a concert at Mt. Holyoke Seminary, South Hadley, Mass., on the ninth of this month. This is the longest trip that the clubs have taken during the current season, and many of the members took advantage of the few miles between South Hadley and Northampton to pay their respects to Smith College.

The clubs, through Manager Lamb, were asked to give a concert in behalf of the "University Extension" on Shawmut Avenue. The concert was given Wednesday night, March 17th, and the members deserve much praise for the way in which they came forward to aid in this most worthy cause. For an hour and a half little street Arabs from five to ten years old were given a new line of amusement.

The orchestra, which started a few weeks ago so successfully in the Freshmen Class, has changed its name, at the request of many upper classmen, to the M. I. T. Orchestra. The first rehearsal of the orchestra, as the M. I. T. Orchestra, was held last Friday. At a business meeting, held before the rehearsal, Mr. C. B. Gillson, '99, was elected Secretary, and it was decided to hold all future regular rehearsals on Thursdays.

Thirty-three men entered the competitive drill on the Manual and Firing which was held March 17th, in order to select the men who are to represent Technology in the Inter-collegiate Drill. As a whole the work was very creditable, but the proper manipulation of cartridge boxes puzzled many. Captain Bigelow and Adjutant Thayer acted as judges. Major Foye, Captain Leeds, and Sergeant Weeden were chosen, and another drill was held yesterday to select four others to complete the squad required. In reply to a letter from the Inspector General of the United States Army, Captain Bigelow announces that the Battalion will be prepared for the government inspection throughout the latter half of May.

On Friday, March 12th, the Industrial Chemistry division to the number of twenty-five, under the guidance of Instructors Thorp and Smith, inspected the Curtis Davis Soap Manufactory, at Cambridgeport, where the well-known "Welcome Soap" is made. Superintendent Loveland conducted the party through the works. The complete process, beginning with the raw materials, was witnessed, together with the manufacture from by-products, of dynamite, glycerine, and Glaubers salts. Especial interest was shown in the automatic furnace feeders and the model experimental laboratories. The visit was made memorable by the gift of a cake of soap to every member of the party from Mr. Loveland.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

My attention was called to a "protest" in your issue of March 11, from an unknown person, against my remarks at the Junior Dinner. Were it not for the fact that this unknown writer has falsely accused me of condemning the higher education of women, his communication would have needed no reply.

Let me quote from my speech just what all the other '98 men heard me say. "Now, do not understand me, gentlemen, as discountenancing the higher education of woman. . . . Woman has immense fields of culture yet untouched. There are, for example, all the arts, where woman can paint, chisel, write, to her heart's content, but science, I say, is not her forte."