The directors deserve to be complimented on the good management which has resulted as stated in another column, and the students can very readily show their appreciation and also benefit themselves pecuniarily by joining the Society. In accordance with the reputation by which the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is best and most worthily known is the existence, with its widespread benefits, of this Co-operative Society, composed of students, managed by students in the interest of students' welfare.

It is thought that these requirements will be easily within reach of preparatory schools and will not be likely to cause any increase of the average age of entrance. At the same time it is hoped that they will leave vacant an amount of time sufficient to allow an increase of the present standard of the Institute work in certain lines, without causing an extra burden upon the students.

The satisfaction felt at the peaceful adoption of a system for Class Day elections has been increased by the harmonious spirit in which the system has been carried out. The Institute Committee deserves great credit for putting a stop to the confusion previously prevailing. The present Senior Class, too, has presented a splendid example which can only be fully appreciated by those who remember the conflicts and heart-burnings of previous years. The sessions of the nominating committee have been marked by perfect courtesy and friendliness, and the bogie of "rings" and "cliques" has not been raised in anyone's mind for a moment. The nominations made appear to be satisfactory to all, and whatever the result of to-morrow's election may be, '98 will be sure of good official representatives on the 6th of June.

Northwestern Alumni Banquet.

The eleventh annual banquet of the Northwestern Association of the M. I. T. was held at the Technical Club, Chicago, on Saturday evening, February 5th. Nearly one hundred members were present from fifteen surrounding cities and eight states. At the annual meeting preceding the banquet the following officers were elected for the coming year: Louis A. Ferguson, '88, President; I. W. Litchfield, '85, Vice President; Edward M. Hagar, '93,