AFTER considerable misrule, the Junior Class is about to make a determined effort to clear off the debt which has so long encumbered it. A per capita assessment would be too high, so the Glee, Mandolin, and Banjo Clubs have agreed to devote the receipts of their coming winter home concert, of December 14, toward canceling this debt, after deducting expenses and a fair remuneration for the time of the clubs. This means that the success of the arrangement depends on the attendance of 1900 at the concert, for the burden of supporting the effort to make a large sum of money must fall on the beneficiaries, and every dollar paid for tickets means so much less liability of class assessment. The Tech is exceedingly glad to chronicle such a step on the part of the officers of 1900, and hopes that the other classes, by attending the concert "en masse," will take this opportunity to show their good will toward 1900 in thus helping them to turn over a new financial leaf and enter Junior week—their period of social life and activity—with a clean record.

In one branch of athletics, at least, Technology has more than ordinary proficiency. That is in tennis. The high class of tennis which was shown in the last tournament was very gratifying. But this is not peculiar to this tournament alone, for in all the tournaments, in the last four or five years, the tennis has been of the same high order. This is the more surprising because tennis probably requires more practice and skill than any other out-door sport. It will probably be interesting for the Institute to know that two or three of the players in the last tournament would rank in the first twenty players of this country. And that is saying a great deal. Now, it seems to us, that such talent should not be confined to our own tournaments alone. As we understand the matter, our Tennis Association would find no trouble in joining the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. With such good players in the Institute, Technology would surely make a good showing against the big colleges. This would not only help our tennis, but would also tend to bring other branches of athletics at the Institute to a much higher standard. The Tennis Association should surely consider the matter seriously.

Freshman Themes.

Sophie has reached the anxious age, though, in our modern dialect, she is still a "girl." Ever since she can remember, at parties where there is a scarcity of men, she has always been one of the left-over girls who sit together and eat ice cream busily. At first she felt no surprise or even uneasiness; but, after a few years, her mother, and her aunt, and Cousin Cora—began to clamor, "Why is Sophie always left out? Sophie is a good girl. Sophie is not a homely girl. Sophie is an accomplished girl." They talked to her seriously. Sophie is conscientious, she feels her duty—if only young men were not so difficult to charm.

At last her brother took up the cause. He gave a dinner and invited only moderately attractive girls and very attractive men. Sophie was doing very well; she had told a number of stories and had allowed no gaps in the conversation; and now she had reached the well-authorized topic,—names and faces. Sophie began in a sprightly way—the nearest she could get to Cousin Cora’s.

"Now, I remember faces. Why, the other day I met an old schoolmate. I hadn’t seen her for years and years. Oh!" she gasped; then added, quickly, "She was a grammar-school mate."