TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:

As there has been considerable comment of late regarding the proposed French Play to be given by L'Avenir, and as there have been several gratuitous reports circulated in regard to this matter, I deem it advisable, in justice to the Society and to the management of the play, to make clear several points.

There had been an attempt to assign parts before the close of the last term, in order to give the men a chance to perfect themselves on their lines during the summer vacation; but this plan did not entirely succeed, as was shown by the difficulty in getting the men together at the beginning of this term. Every possible effort was made to get enough students to fill the parts properly, but at no time did more than the number required for the play present themselves, and of these not all were suitable.

The play selected was particularly exacting in the way of demands on actors. There were no minor parts; every one of the eight required a man to be well fitted to take it. The management knew of men who could fill the parts if they would, but those men couldn't spare the time, and not all of those who wished for parts were capable of filling them. It seems incredible that out of the available students at the Institute it was impossible to find eight suitable ones. Yet such was the case. No stone was left unturned to obtain material, but the search was fruitless.

It has been definitely decided by the management of the play to abandon the project, although the Society has not yet acted in the matter. When L'Avenir votes upon it, it will doubtless confirm the judgment of the management, and will thus leave the way clear for the Walker Club to present a play during Junior Week, if they so desire, according to the mutual agreement entered into by the two societies.

There may be other reasons why the French Play has been given up. Of these I shall not speak, but I lay particular stress on the facts as I have stated them, believing that they furnish some indication of the gradual loss of interest in French at the Institute.

Yours very truly,

G. L. Smith.

Members of the Class of 1902 should hand in choice of course cards as soon as possible.

A meeting of the Minstrel Show will take place January 12th at 7.30 P.M. in 33, Rogers. All those who wish to try for the show will be present.

At the meeting of the Class of 1902 on January 5th, Mr. H. B. Pond was elected temporary Captain, and Mr. F. Mullaly Manager of the Freshman Baseball nine.

After drill on January 4th, about fourteen members of the Freshman Class practiced starts, and ran a few laps at the armory, as preparatory work toward forming a battalion track team.

A week ago last Tuesday B. P. Hazeltine, Jr., '99, received the sad news of the death of his father, and left immediately for his home in Belfast, Me. Mr. Hazeltine has the sincere sympathy of THE TECH in his bereavement.

At the annual meeting of the American Education Association, held in New Haven, Dec. 29, 1898, Professor Ripley was elected one of the three vice presidents of the Association for the coming year. The Institute is to be congratulated.

The first problem given the Junior Architects is finished, and is a design for "The Entrance to a Pantheon," as seen under the peristyle. First mention was awarded the following: E. A. Truteberg, L. N. Gowell, F. V. Merrick, J. V. Beekman, and L. M. Lawrence.

Nine members of the Technology Bowling Club were present at its first meet, held Satur-