THE uncertainty relating to the Walker Club's giving a play during Junior week is to be deplored. If the members are to give one it surely should have been started, and if they are not to give one the fact should be announced, in order to allow time for the re-organization of L'Avenir, and the preparation of a French play. This year there are many students proficient in French, several of whom have studied abroad, so that the outlook is more promising than it has been for several years. It is hoped that L'Avenir will be organized upon a firmer basis than that of several years ago. With the aid of Mr. Bernard as coach the Institute might give a most successful French play, if the proper steps are taken at once.

An appeal is being made throughout the country for aid in the maintenance of the American library at Manila. It was started a year ago for the benefit of our soldiers in the Philippines. Some of the colleges and universities have taken steps to collect books, especially text-books on Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Physiology and the other sciences. If the men at the Institute would collect such books for which they may have no further use it would be a great help to the Library. All books, novels, history, magazines, as well as text-books are wanted. It would be well for some society to assume charge of such books, having them left at some convenient place for the Manila Library.

As the Institute is, strictly speaking, a school of applied science, the study of astronomy has never occupied a prominent place in its curriculum, being taught only in an elementary way. When, a few years ago, the Corporation made an appropriation for the establishment of a small geodetic observatory, interest in the subject was given an impetus which resulted in the expedition of May, 1900, and now again in the expedition to Sumatra. The looked-for results of the expedition cannot fail to be of interest to all America, and we wish the little party all success in its long journey.