THE occurrence of the first meeting of L'Avenir for the year on December 6, brings attention once more to the fact that we do not, at the Institute, make enough use of our opportunities to enlarge our knowledge of two of the three great modern languages. For several years the German and the French societies have irregularly flickered among other Tech institutions, the lack of support coming most notably into view when the societies have attempted to produce anything in the dramatic line. Notwithstanding this, the productions have been almost uniformly well done, as was, for instance, the play given by L'Avenir last year. The broadening influences of these societies would be consider-