Of course such a supposition would be far from true, for to any student who wishes to keep up his French and German there are excellent facilities for so doing. The department of modern languages offers three extremely valuable courses, open to all properly qualified students, in advanced French (French III.), French Literature and Advanced German (German III.); but these require considerable preparation, and on that account can be taken only by students having plenty of spare time. Two courses, however, those in French sight-reading and German sight-reading, require absolutely no outside study, and take in recitations only three hours per week and two hours per week respectively. The amount of reading done is considerable, and is of a very interesting nature. For instance, the class in German sight-reading is at present reading a collection of articles, covering a wide range of subjects, taken from German magazines of recent date.

The existence of these two courses makes it possible for any student to keep up his modern languages with very slight exertion, makes it the fault of any student if, in the latter years of his work here, he allows himself to forget his French and German, and consequently makes it entirely unfair to the Institute to speak as if the arrangements for teaching the languages were anything but the best in this respect. The Institute cannot require any additional study of languages, but for those who wish, it provides excellent opportunity for such study.

CALL has been issued for candidates for the varsity relay team. If a man has ever done anything in this line of work he should by all means go out and try for the team. In order that the candidates shall have the right kind of training, the Athletic Association is to provide a rubber and a competent trainer.

Tech is to run Bowdoin again at the coming B. A. A. games, which are to be held during the first week in February at the Mechanics Building. Bowdoin has now beaten us twice, and it is high time the tables were turned. Let us help turn the tables by doing all in our power to aid the team.

**Announcement.** At the present time when the newspapers are overflowing with sensational reports and excited discussions of Student "Komers," it seems fitting that some notice of the controversy should be taken by the college paper, and hence we wish to open our columns to the student body, and to others who are interested, for discussion of the so-called beer question. We shall be very glad to print any such communications, and they may be left at "The Cage," addressed to *The Tech*.

**Cadet Hop.**

To the outsider the Cadet Hop held Friday, Dec. 20, at Revere Hall, may have appeared a brilliant social event, but as a Tech function it was not much of a success. The Tech men, who numbered about fifty, were completely overshadowed by the number of High School officers in their dazzling uniforms. However, the two hundred odd couples who were present enjoyed a very pleasant evening, and ignoring the fact that as a financial venture it came out a little short, the promoters should be congratulated for their spirit in attempting the affair.

**Calendar.**

*Monday, Jan. 6.—* The 360th regular meeting of the Society of Arts will be held in Room 22, Walker Building, at 8 P.M. Regular meeting of the "Tech" Board in the "Tech" office at 1 P.M.

*Tuesday, Jan. 7.—* Regular Y. M. C. A. meeting at 4.10 P.M. in Room 11, Rogers Building.