times forgotten that the nature of refreshments served at a recent student gathering is not really the most important of student problems. Hence the broad-minded way in which Dr. Pritchett treated the subject, refusing to use the opportunity for petty recrimination, is all the more noticeable and gratifying. Our president was able to look beyond newspaper misrepresentations, and to see the problems of student life unconfused by the heat of recent arguments.

Dr. Pritchett's perfect good humor and frankness won the complete respect of his audience, many of whom necessarily differed with him in opinions. At the close of his paper he expressed his willingness to answer questions which the members might put to him. With his permission we print below one of his answers, which treats the immediate though perhaps less important question of student kommers:

So far as I know, no man has proposed to introduce the German kommers into the United States. No man who knows both countries would attempt it. By what perversion of facts it has been made to appear that such an attempt has been made at the Institute I do not know. I am getting numerous letters protesting against something which has never been done.

The question which has arisen is a very different one. It is this: Shall students be permitted to hold gatherings in a building controlled by the Institute, at which a modest amount of beer is used, and where instructors are present, as a substitute for expensive down-town dinners, where no restraint is present?

For the attitude which has been taken in this matter the Institute and its trustees have no responsibility. It has been a personal action for which I am alone responsible. My position toward the drink question is this:

The drinking of beer is not a wicked, nor even an immoral thing. The question whether one uses it or not is one for each man to decide. I do not know why Christ used wine at his gatherings of disciples. For doing so he received the severe criticism of the church members of his own day. There were temperance societies in his day, but he never joined them, and while he always condemned drunkenness he never condemned the social use of wine.

Personally I believe that temperance is served by teaching men self-control and rational habits. I am the last man to advise any man to use wine, but as between a meeting of students down-town and without the association of older men, and a meeting in a building under our control, where those who wish it are permitted beer in a temperate fashion, I am certainly in favor of the last. I believe this attitude to be one which looks toward the moral upbuilding of young men. Personally I am glad to meet Institute students at a social gathering whether they have beer or whether they have not.

The Tech Show.

With a trio of successes behind it, each one a little better than its predecessor, "The Tech Show" is again to be heard from, and is to make its fourth annual attempt to please the Boston public, and Tech men in particular. "Applied Mechanics" is the name of the play that is to be presented,—something thoroughly local from its name down, and a play abounding in clever situations and hits of such a delightful nature that they cannot help but strike a sympathetic chord in the heart of every Tech student.

There will be even more than the usual number of up-to-date topical songs, many of them written especially for the play by well-known composers. Tuneful choruses, too, and startling and picturesque ballets will add their share towards the success of the performance. In a few days a call will be issued for candidates for the show, and it is hoped that students will come out from all the classes to help towards making this annual event in Tech theatricals as great a success as it has been in the past.

The show is under the general management of Lawrence H. Underwood, '03. Matt Brodie, '02, is business manager, and Robert White, Jr., '01, is press manager. Two performances will be given at the Hollis Street Theatre, a dress rehearsal and a regular performance, on Tuesday and Friday afternoons respectively. These will be given during Junior Week, the latter part of April, somewhat earlier than last year's show.