H. S. Pitts, '05, has been elected Art Editor-in-Chief of *Technique*.

Frank A. Wood of 352 Washington Street has been chosen printer for *Technique*, '05. The Electric City Engraving Company of Buffalo will do the engraving.

All students interested in the formation of a German Society in Tech for the furtherance of the use of German in conversation, should kindly leave their name, year, course, and address in Box 53, "Cage."

The Mining Engineering Society held a regular meeting in Room 2, Rogers, on Monday, Jan. 11. Mr. H. C. Plummer, who was to have spoken, did not appear. Mr. Fleming, '01, however, took his place and spoke on "Copper Mining in Arizona."

The chess team was defeated in its recent game with the Boston Chess Club by a score of 4 to 1. Both sides had one man less than should have been present. The schedule of games will probably have to be changed, as two games come during the exams. As the games are at present chiefly for practice, the loss of one or two will not harm the standing of the team.

Doctor White's lecture on Hygiene last Saturday morning took the place of the regular Military Science lecture. In the course of his lecture Dr. White explained the proper care which should be taken of our bodily organs to obtain the best results in our life's work. The lecture was very interesting and instructive, and was well attended. In his next lecture Dr. White will tell what to do in case of accidents. Since many men now at Tech will afterwards be placed in positions where accidents are more or less likely to occur, they should make it a point to attend this lecture, so that they may learn what to do in case of emergencies.

**NATIONAL.**

General Rafael Reyes, the Colombian special envoy, has received the answer of the United States to his note charging the government with open violation of the treaty of 1846. The answer, while expressing the wish of this government to deal justly with Colombia, is an emphatic refusal to reopen the Panama question.

The Foreign Relations Committee is holding daily sessions on the Panama treaty. The Democrats in committee are displaying an evident purpose to kill time, but in spite of this delay it is expected that the treaty will soon be reported to the Senate, and the Republican leaders hope early in February to bring the question to roll-call.

The Legislatures of some of the states have instructed their senators to vote for the Panama treaty, and the Press of the country upholds the President's Panama policy.

Lieutenant-General Young having reached the age of sixty-four has been retired, and Major-General Chaffee has been promoted to the office of lieutenant-general and chief-of-staff. General Chafee has served almost forty-three years in the regulars, and he is well known from his services in China, where he governed justly at a time when many others treated the Chinese barbarously.

**FOREIGN.**

In the Far East the week has passed in exchanges of notes between Japan and Russia, and although the situation continues very serious, there are hopes that war may be avoided. The Russian government has informed the Powers that it will respect the rights which any nation has in Manchuria by treaty with China. Russia thus removes from the negotiations one of the points upon which Japan counted for the moral support of other Powers.