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In a busy place and at a busy time, perhaps men are too busy to be courteous, and yet it seems as though when no trouble is involved, men might do the little things which will save other men much uncertainty and perhaps serious mistakes in their planning. An example of the apparent indifference of a large proportion of the Institute students to the requirements of what might almost seem common decency is given in the behavior of a number of men to whom notices of a State Club dinner

were sent. 93 reply cards were sent out over a week before the time set. All that was required to answer the cards as requested was to write "yes" or "no" and sign, yet two days beforehand only 36 replies had been received by the secretary. Are things like this due to overstudy, or simply to pure negligence? Whatever they are, they are most discouraging to the men who have work to do dependent upon mere passive recognition of their existence.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Tech:

The purpose of this brief review of the year's work done by the Orchestra is to acquaint those who play orchestral instruments with this organization.

It has rehearsed every Saturday afternoon during the year in the Union. At first the piano was used. Soon, more violins and a viola came out, and the piano was dispensed with. T. C. Shaw 1909, then played string bass, and A. F. Thode French horn. From this point M. K. Street 1910, conducted instead of led, and with the above-mentioned men, D. Belier 1909, clarinet, C. Burgher 1909, cornet, Stuart 1912, trombone, and R. Inglee 1909, cello, there was a foundation on which to build. Some heavy music was secured, and dance music cut out. Among other selections, the following ones have been played constantly: Luigini's "Ballet Egyptian," Bizet's "Carmen," Suppe's "Jolly Robbers," and "Poet and Peasant" overtures, Massenet's "Angelus," and March from "Scenes Pictoresque," Thomas' "Mignon," Offenbach's "Orpheus," Gruenwald's "Love Legend," and "Gavotte." The merit of these compositions is very evident, as is the personal benefit derived from playing them. The manner in which these difficult selections were played after thorough rehearsal

is very creditable.

Next year the orchestra will be run on a business basis; concert engagements will be secured, and there will be more than simply love of music to induce men to come out. A series of concerts will be given during the year in the Union, and the programme will be pleasing and interesting to all. It is hoped to secure about thirty or forty men, of which about seventy-five per cent. will be given during the year in the everybody a chance, and will make it an honor to be a member of the M. I. T. Orchestra.

M. K. Sweet 1910.

TECH MEETS BROWN

In Opening Game of Tennis Season at Providence on May 15

The tennis season opens May 15, one week from Saturday, when Tech meets Brown at Providence. The Tech team will probably be made up of Coville 1910, Parker 1911, Farrington 1907, and Wentworth 1909. Coville and Farrington will share fates in the doubles, as will Parker and Wentworth. Four single matches will be played.

Tech beat Brown last year on the Longwood courts, and the match this year is likely to be a close one, as all except Farrington of the Tech team are old men, and Brown still has Budlong, one of the best of intercollegiate players.

On May 22, Tech plays Wesleyan at Boston, and on May 24, the intercollegiate games begin.

The seventh performance of "The Duchess of Bluffshire," this year's show of the Princeton Triangle Club was recently given for the benefit of charity. Performances have been given in New York, Baltimore and Washington.

CATHOLIC CLUB MEETING

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twenty of which are in the working period. The average economic loss from each death is moderately estimated at \$8,000 each.

Last year we made a careful inquiry of the cost of disease in loss of wages of 417 cases at the Burroughs Place 'Out-Patient Department of the Consumptives' Hospital. In the last full year in which these patients worked previous to their illness, they averaged a weekly wage of \$4,128.50, and the total earnings for the 417 for that year were \$206,425.

Considering that 417 patients is less than 3 per cent. of the persons estimated actually to be suffering with tuberculosis in Boston, the loss of \$198,000 in wages to which must be added the cost of maintenance, doctors' bills and care, will show that the mayor's figures of an eight million dollars a year cost for tuberculosis to Boston, is very moderate.

The lowest estimate of caring for a sickly child is \$100 a year. On this basis the parents of Boston are spending a half million dollars each year for the five thousand children suffering from tuberculosis.

We need to devote some of our energy to the education of the wealthy tenement owner whose foul and evil-smelling property is reeking with disease; who hopes to salve his conscience with a donation of fifty or one hundred dollars to a charitable society, when his neglect or greed for enormous profits on his property is one of the largest factors in the spread of disease, especially tuberculosis. The poor in the tenements want justice and not charity.

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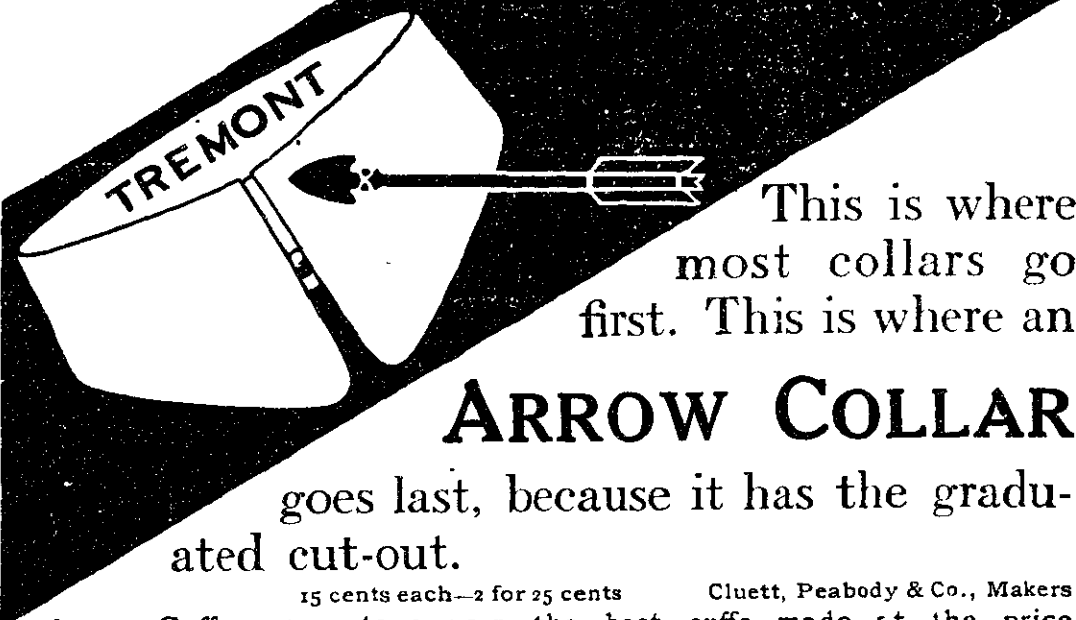
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