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There is at present one Freshman organization that is worthy of more attention than it receives, the Institute Band. There are many people who probably never come in touch with the Institute in any other way than from the balcony of the Armory, and any such farce as the performance seen there last drill is far from being a credit to Technology. This is mainly due to the lack of interest in the band.

The band at present has too few men in it, and no regular leader. There are strong inducements for any one who is willing to play in the band, or competent to act as leader. Any Freshman who plays with the band is exempt from drill. In no other way can an able bodied man under twenty-one be excused from drill and there is no doubt which is preferable. The Institute offers a remuneration of one dollar an afternoon for the service of a bandmaster. Those who wish to try for this position should interview Major Wheeler at once.

The second Kommers of 1906 to be held at the Union this evening should be one of the most enjoyable events of the year. We are informed that the House Committee has obtained the consent of the Rev. Charles F. Dole, president of the Twentieth Century Club, to be the speaker of the evening. The subject of his speech, "The Place of Aristocracy in a Republic," suggests that those who attend will hear a lecture on something of which we have but little chance to learn while

"cramming" on professional work and on the long established broadening subjects, of which we have too few for real benefit to those who wish to learn them, and too many for those who wish to grind only on engineering courses. While the main object of the Kommers, as established by President Pritchett, was the promotion of social intercourse between students, The Tech believes that this last arrangement, the invention of Bursar Rand, is a most decisive step in advance. A man now has the opportunity to spend a pleasant evening, meet his fellow students and at the same time derive marked advantage in that he has heard some new political, social, or business problem discussed by one recognized as a leader in that subject.

Social recognition alone is a valuable acquisition, and one that a man cannot let pass when the opportunity is offered, still there are many who do not know their classmates and make no effort to meet them. The Kommers gives the opportunity to members of every branch of student activities to meet and become warm friends. Friendship is the foundation of social recognition, and when this object is obtained, then the Kommers is successful; it is a system whereby an impetus is given for a man to do his best in whatever he may be engaged, so as to raise himself in the estimation of those inspiring such ambition. Those who arrange these informal evenings have done their part, and it remains for the individual students to show whether their efforts are to be rewarded.

DR. TYLER IN THE WEST.

Dr. Tyler will be absent from the Institute until Thursday or Friday of next week. He will address Technology Alumni Associations in Chicago and Minneapolis.

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