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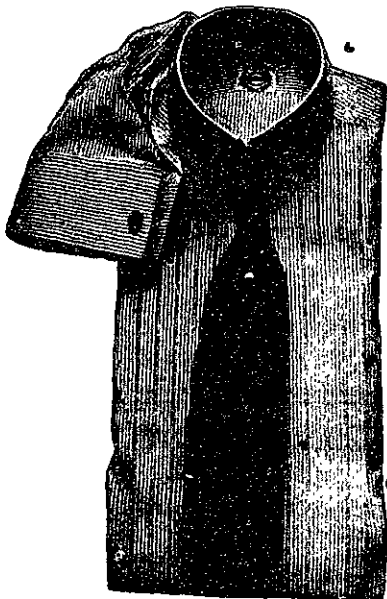
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TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

There recently appeared in the *Technology Quarterly* the statement by a member of the Faculty that in his opinion the student at the Institute has altogether too much to do and too little time to do it in. To which sentiment many of us will cheerfully subscribe.

At the close of a lecture not long ago the writer heard the lecturer remark, with a smile, that he would assign no problems for the next exercise, as he wished to give the men who were behind a chance to catch up, both in the assigned reading and in back problems. Whether spoken in jest or earnest, the above sentence showed up the situation exactly. Having so much to read, the problems were not done, and having so many problems, the reading was not done. And yet a day-by-day canvass of the attendance shows that it is exceptionally regular in nearly every case.

It will no doubt be contended that in such subjects as are taught in the Institute, the practical application of most of them is the main desideratum. But it is also true that theory is the basis of practice, and that the average man with a big bunch of problems before him, learns only so much theory as will enable him to solve the aforesaid problems. He then passes on to a similar assortment in another sub-

ject and accords them like treatment.

The readiest answer to this is, of course, that the average man will do only so much work anyway, and that it is a good idea to make him put it into tangible form. But if, as the catalogue puts it, "it be assumed that the student comes to the Institute for a serious purpose," the above objection no longer holds water. It can hardly be denied that we come here primarily for principles, not practice. As a humble suggestion, then, to the more ardent disciples of the problem method, we recommend, "More time for theory, less pen driving."

NEWTON MEN DINE.

The Newton High School Club of Technology held its second annual dinner at the Union Monday evening. The toastmaster was President G. M. Henderson, '06. The speakers were Head Master Adams and Masters Meserve, George, and Palmer of the Newton High School, Ex-President R. H. W. Lord, '05, and W. K. Lewis, '05. A dozen members of the Senior Class at High School who intend to come to Tech next year were the guests of the Club. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the new recruits for Tech were given their first training in Tech yells and in songs. The Tech men in turn gave the High School yells in memory of their school days. The new men were shown that there is more to Tech than grinding, and that good times are plenty.

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