

ly drunk. By the time a man reaches college he is capable of deciding these things for himself, and no doubt if a sufficient number consider the dinner worth the price it will be a success, and if not, it will die a natural death.

The idea of this article is not to knock the dinner, but to put the facts clearly before the students that they may judge for themselves.

A short time ago the Engineering Society passed a motion virtually asking the Science Faculty to make part of the fee for the dinner compulsory. The motion was, "That the Engineering Society ask the faculty to increase the society fee from one to two dollars, one dollar of which is to go towards the Science dinner." The society has since received a communication from the faculty complying with their request. In spite of the fact that the Science dinner of recent years has always had a deficit of from fifty to sixty dollars, the treasurer's report for last year shows a surplus of about one hundred and twenty dollars. The gentleman who brought in the report showed that the two preceding years also had a large surplus, and that the surplus has been growing at the rate of about fifteen or twenty dollars a year. The surplus for last year would have been considerably larger if some members of the Science dance committee had not spent some of the Society's money on a supper for themselves before bringing in their financial report.

In view of these facts, why should the Engineering Society ask the Faculty to increase the fee? What do they intend doing with the extra money? Is it fair to the governing body of the university to ask them to raise their fees as we are now at the seventy-nine dollar mark, and just even with Varsity, and to the prospective student seventy-nine dollars sounds a good deal less than eighty. Furthermore, it is well known that our best students are those who have to work hardest for that seventy-nine dollars, and if we could only afford to lower our fees instead of raising them, we would get a still better class of students.

It is well for the Engineering student who does not feel the pinch for money to consider those who can ill afford extra expenses. Have we any moral right to collect money from a man for a function which he may not care to attend?

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Medicine.

ON the evening of Dec. 17th, Dr. and Mrs. Third were "At Home" to the members of the final year. Shortly after eight o'clock over forty guests had been received, and from then until the hour of departure a most enjoyable time was spent by every one present.

In the early part of the evening each student was presented with a biographic booklet containing the life of the eminent French physician René Laemec, who did so much to advance the knowledge of scientific medicine.