

Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

Great indifference has been displayed by the student body this year as to whether or not there were Glee and Mandolin Clubs. The men of last year's clubs, upon whom reliance is always placed in building up a new organization, refused, almost to a man, to come out to rehearsals, pleading the well-worn excuse of lack of time. Accordingly, first the mandolin and then the glee club were forced to disband, the former really not having got started. Owing to the excellent quality of the concerts of last year's clubs, much was expected in music at Armour this year, and it was with great disappointment to all concerned that the students at large displayed so little interest in them.

This state of affairs was undoubtedly due in a great measure to the change of managers, resulting from the death of L. R. Levings, who had been elected manager for this year at the close of last season, and who would have put all of his enthusiasm and energy into the turning out of a successful organization. At the opening of this year no one was willing to take the place of manager, and the office went begging. Finally, a temporary manager was elected, candidates called for and rehearsals started. Mr. W. G. Smith of the faculty volunteered to direct the organization. In December, Mr. Ellett was elected manager, but so few men responded to the call for candidates that rehearsals were abandoned.

However, "only the good die young," and the clubs thus far had not been good. The manager made a personal canvass of the school and pledged over forty men to come out for rehearsals. Again, a regular rehearsal of each club was called for, during the last week of the Winter Term, and to this, about twenty men all told responded. Plans were made for a home concert to be given during Junior Week, in May. Regular rehearsals for this were commenced in the early part of April. Mr. Smith, director of last year's mandolin club, was engaged for the same position this year. Thus, despite the fact that the clubs met nothing but discouragement for a long time, there is, nevertheless, some record of work accomplished.