the mind that constructs the railroad that takes the most important place, but the mind that can detect the influence that the railroad will have upon the country through which it passes, and the natural forces that will be brought into action by the development of industries, and the profits that will accrue from such development.

Do not think, then, that the studies that do not point straight to the particular mark at which you are aiming are of no importance. What we need more than an education in one exclusive branch of study is a liberal education,—which, while giving us a reasonable knowledge of our professions from practical standpoints, will at the same time develop us in mind and body and give us managing ability and sound common-sense.

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Our Athletic Sports.

To one who would have physical development keep pace with mental attainment, it seems hardly creditable to the Institute that so large a majority of the students should manifest so much apathy towards athletic sports. The roll of membership of our Athletic Club shows very few names in comparison to the number on the Institute catalogue, and even among those few names not more than twenty can be picked out whose owners do really good, honest work.

Now it strikes us that this state of things is not at all as it should be. The Athletic Club endeavors, by awarding prizes at competitive games, to create among its members a spirit of emulation to excel in different feats of strength and agility. It supplies a stimulus for a man to harden and develop himself for some contest, and, at the same time, causes him to lay up unconsciously a store of strength for the future.

We would have every man in the Institute a member of the club. There can be no excuse in regard to expense, for the fees are very low, barely covering the cost of the games. We would have every member devote at least an hour a day to the gymnasium, and above all, we would have every man that can do anything in the way of athletics moderately well respond promptly and to the best of his ability when entries are asked for the different events of the club games.

Were every man to do as we urge, our principal games, instead of being, as they are now, exhibitions of the result of the work of a few men, gazed on by men too lazy to endeavor to be worthy to compete and too indifferent to become members of the club, our games would then be the public examinations of our year’s work, in which those who most excelled would compete; while those that looked on, fellows, would enter truly into the spirit of the occasion, knowing that, while they took no part then, they had at least the satisfaction of feeling that they had done their share of work and support, and that some future time would bring them honors too.

Let us then, fellow-students, enter into our physical development with as much zeal as we do into our mental development; and strive, with all our endeavors, to make ours an athletic club indeed.

Our Little Jokers.

The Institute is probably blessed with as many jokers as any college of the same size, and the character of their jokes goes a great way towards showing the very superior training given in the primary and grammar schools of the present day. The most prominent things about our jokers are the great variety and the extreme originality of their wit, and also the extensive fields over which their efforts extend.

The following pretty and amusing game has been introduced by one of these individuals, and will recommend itself to all on account of its simplicity and the cheapness of the outfit. The game is played by as many as care to do so. The necessary articles are a pin bent into the form of a hook, and a piece of paper about three inches square. One of the players first writes on the paper, “What is it?” or any query of a similar nature. He then chooses a victim, and by means of the pin, attaches the paper to a conspicuous place on his coat; if the player contrives to do this unobserved, he grins and