It is with sincere regret that we have noticed the recent output of the 2G Society. For a mining society gotten up and mostly composed of Juniors to solicit recruits, and then compel them to pass through such a performance, seems rather out of place for the Institute. We were, however, highly gratified to see that two students had the self-respect and courage to withdraw from a continuance of the initiation. How the wearing of a shoestring about one's neck is going to increase his love or respect for the society is beyond us. Another and still worse performance was required, which cannot but result in a positive injury to the school. We know that such initiations are elsewhere carried on, yet they do not seem to be consistent with the principles and teaching of the Institute. We do not want the reputation of aping other colleges. The Institute ought to stand independent and a model for all other colleges, schools, and seminaries in the country.

We at the Institute are one brotherhood of honest, hard-worked students. We have a reputation to make, and our reputation makes that of the school. It behooves us to put aside everything having a backward tendency, and build for our Alma Mater a solid reputation in which no flaw can be found, even by the most severe critic. It is our hope, then, that the example of the two Sophomores will be followed whenever like initiations are imposed by any society in the school.

The resolve of the Athletic Club to open at least four of the events in the games to be held in the gymnasium April 1 to members of outside clubs, notably the Harvard Athletic Association, the Union Athletic Club, and the Jamaica Plain Boat Club, is a step in the right direction, and shows a confidence that we hope will be verified in the ability of its members to uphold the honor of the club against most worthy adversaries.

Certainly the other clubs cannot accuse ours of unfairness in the selection of events, for they all have equal and some far greater advantages than ours for the practising of them. Then, too, with one exception, its records are nothing to brag of; and while at the same time the club does not doubt that it can better them, it would very much like its neighbors to compete with its members before the club gets too high in the scale of athletic prowess, — in fact, before it gets to such a height that an invitation to its games exercises the chilling effect that one to run with the best "sprinters" in the country does on men that have only the advantages of a gymnasium track, — twenty laps to the mile.