professors and others it seems to be concluded that they care, or should care, for nothing else; and that all energy expended in physical sports, out-door or in-door, is simply so much time and strength thrown away. It is needless to restate the old maxim that "All work, etc.," or say again what has already been many times repeated, that the complete man requires physical culture as well as intellectual and moral: and that to develop such culture he must have systematic and continued exercise in the open air. To this end there must be excited an interest in out-door sports, which can be developed in the student in no better way than by such games as base-ball, foot-ball, and the like. But here comes the question, usually the stumbling-block to our intellectual guardians: Will not this interest rapidly become too absorbing, and prove a detriment rather than a help to symmetrical development? Probably this question is decided by each for himself, according to his own bias or the interference which such exercise may bring about in his special department of study or particular work in the school. But it is not our province to attempt to prove or disprove the value of athletics; the majority of us regard such proof as self-evident, and we come back to the special question now before us: Shall the Institute support an organized base-ball team?

Our record so far has not been extraordinary. Some years ago there existed what was called a representative nine; but all signs of such a club had disappeared when the movement was set on foot last year to organize a team which, if actively supported by the students, might in the future do credit to the institution. It was not without some difficulty that a sufficient sum was raised to procure uniforms and carry on the team; but by perseverance of those interested and the help of the Athletic Club, the team was organized and a number of games played. Viewed as an experiment, last year's work cannot be regarded as unsuccessful; for certainly a nine was established, uniforms procured, and games were played, and under circumstances much more adverse than those presented to us this year. We now have a field which, by a few afternoons' work in removing the material accumulated during the winter and a thorough rolling, will be in condition for practice; we have men already at work preparing for active play; and we have, it seems to us, an increased interest in the sport among the general students. Our disadvantages are lack of a first-class practice ground, and especially lack of time for visits to distant colleges. But situated as we are, within easy reach of one of the best professional base-ball grounds in the country, with college and amateur clubs all about us, ready to play if we prove ourselves of the right mettle, there seems to be no good reason why, by determined effort, we cannot overcome the difficulties presented, and at least do as well in our spring sport as was done by our foot-ball men in the fall. If it is decided to have a nine and support it as should be done, let every student feel a personal interest in its success, and stand ready to help out when the time comes with substantial coin assistance as well as by encouraging words.

Changes in our Curriculum.

MR. EDITOR: The addition of the three "general courses" outlined in the new catalogue will meet the approval of every student at the Institute. Some of the studies added are, if properly carried on, of the utmost practical utility. Special reference is intended to the courses in political economy, the political and constitutional history of the United States, modern history, international law, finance, and business law.

It may well be questioned whether the above subjects are not of more vital consequence in a practical education than are some other branches whose names adorn the pages of our catalogue in connection with all the regular courses. Many students would be glad to substitute one of these studies for the somewhat rambling lectures on English affairs, which, from a student's point of view, have been allowed to occupy too much of the limited time that can be spared.