Military Drill.

Why don't the Technology Battalion drill better? This question has been asked time and time again. Many and varied might be the answers.

One reason, and perhaps the principal one, is that there is not enough interest taken in it, the very air about the Institute being laden with a dislike for military drill. It seems to be tolerated only because it is required by law.

When the Institute first started, all the students were required to drill throughout their course, but the time given to it has been repeatedly reduced till now they are required to take drill only during the first year.

The catalogue says: "The Institute provides instruction in military tactics." Now how much instruction can one man give in eight months to a battalion of one hundred or one hundred and fifty members, assisted only by a few officers of whose ability previous to their entrance to the school he knows little or nothing, and who themselves need considerable instruction?

Would it not be better to have the students take up the study two or more years, so that those of the second and after years might lend their aid to the instructor and officers? In this way the men could be taught much faster, and consequently the drill would be much more interesting to all concerned. The drill would then be brought up at least to a level with that of the Boston School Regiment and like organizations, and would be a credit to the Institute.

Athletics.

The date of the annual spring games of the Athletic Club fixed upon is March 31, 1883.

The events opened are as follows: Middle-weight tug-of-war, light-weight tug-of-war, running high jump, running high kick, fence vault, standing high jump and pole vault, with perhaps the addition of fencing, sparring, and wrestling. The tugs-of-war are to be limited to four teams.

The following events are to be opened to outside clubs: Middle-weight tug-of-war, light-weight tug-of-war, running high kick, fence vault, and putting the shot.

The advisability of including fencing, sparring, and wrestling in the lists is as yet an open question, and one that has raised some discussion. Fencing was included in our last sports, and though perhaps it afforded no remarkable exhibition of skill, yet it compared favorably with the rest of the programme, and certainly was conducive to much amusement.

Why not make it one of the events? As regards sparring, there is here an uncertainty. It may be made one of the most entertaining of athletic exhibitions, or it may be made one of the lowest and most vulgar. A truly scientific match between skilled opponents is well worth seeing, but a bout between comparatively unskilled men would be rather apt to tend to the slugging order of entertainment and be anything but interesting, especially to the fairer sex. If, then, the athletic club feels confident of her men and sure of a first-class exhibition, we should by all means advise the addition of sparring to the order, otherwise not.

Wrestling belongs to the rougher class of athletics, suitable and attractive enough to the gentlemen, but hardly appropriate or edifying to the ladies. Thus it is recognized at Harvard, Yale, and elsewhere; why should we undertake to revolutionize custom and drag it in to be witnessed by ladies?

Since the decease of base-ball at the Institute, there has been no game suitable for spring. Lacrosse bids fair to fill the vacancy. The association formed last November contains thirty men, and with the increasing interest, it is hoped that its numbers will be largely augmented.

The agent's refusal to allow the mechanical students to continue their work at the Amory Mill was certainly complimentary to the observing and investigating faculties of the students, although it was disappointing to those who wished to have the advantages of working in so fine a mill.