Athletic Notes.

An effort is being made to form a Base-Ball Association in the Institute. Considerable interest has been displayed, and there is every prospect of our being represented by a first-class nine next year. About twenty-five men have already signified a willingness to practise during the winter.

A meeting of those interested in the formation of an association will be held Thursday, Nov. 15. If there is enough interest taken, it is proposed to hire some place in the city which shall afford opportunity for practice in batting and throwing. All men who are interested in base-ball are earnestly requested to come to the meeting, whether they intend to try for the nine or not.

The Athletic Club opens the year with a balance in its treasury. Last year the spring meeting at Beacon Park was abandoned, and only in-door meetings were held, which were well attended and very successful as a part of the social life of the Institute. If the Athletic Club is to maintain its present position, it must have the support of the whole Institute, and especially of '87.

Every year there is a similar appeal for the support of this organization, and the response is always below the demand. The possibilities are large and the requirements in proportion. Good material is not lacking, and if fifty per cent of our men would take the active interest in athletics that the occasion warrants we would not be obliged to point to a few flattering records of years past, but could read them in the columns of the daily press.

From the Freshmen, since they are the largest class in the Institute, and since they have more time at their disposal, it seems only right to expect their hearty support in this direction. Let every one, therefore, join the Athletic Club, and show that he is willing to do all that is in his power to bring the Institute to the front in the field of athletic sports.

The College World.

Bowdoin is trying the experiment of self-government among the students. A jury has been made up composed of one representative from each class, one from each inter-collegiate society, and one from non-society students, and it is before this tribunal that all cases of discipline must be brought. The president of the college stands in the relation of a judge to this jury, and the penalties are to be awarded by him. Though in the higher colleges this method of administration may do very well, yet in colleges where a majority of the lower classes consists of "men" under twenty years of age, whose immature judgment cannot be relied upon, the experiment would certainly prove a failure. For instance, we cannot think this method of discipline would prove successful among the students of the Troy Polytechnic, whose lower classes have recently been amusing themselves with punching each other's eyes and noses in contest over an '87 flag to see whether it should or should not be placed on top of the college building. In the course of this exciting game many were hurt, some maimed, and if report does not exaggerate, some three hundred dollars' worth of college property destroyed. To submit the discipline of the school to such "men" would indeed be folly, but we, by all means, advocate self-government for those who are able to bear it, trusting that all our colleges will in time be able to sustain this great blessing. The Bowdoin Orient laments the innovation of delivering a part of the salutatory in the English language. We think this "innovation" on a par with the advance made in that branch of the college government relating to the discipline of the students, with the abolishment of the system of demerits, and, if an innovation, a desirable one. Probably not one among the audience would comprehend the least part of the Latin portion of the address, and after paying due compliment to the old-time custom, the people would hear with all the more eagerness some ideas expressed in a language which they understand.