It is with regret that we have to notice the continued want of interest at the Institute in most of those things in which so much enthusiasm is shown at our sister colleges. Lack of time, lack of time, is the ever-recurring plea when we ask the students why they do not go to the foot-ball and athletic games, the concerts of the Glee Club, class meetings, and the like.

There was a time when the Institute could put a victorious foot-ball eleven into the field, when records were broken at our athletic games, and when our tug of-war teams could pull all comers. Now, the latter is about the only thing which can be done here. If the present condition of affairs at the Institute had existed when it was smaller, there would have been some excuse on that account; now, that excuse has disappeared. With our exceedingly large Freshman classes of the past three years, there ought certainly to be material enough from which to select a successful foot-ball eleven. As a matter of fact, out of the present Freshman class of over two hundred and fifty, not a half-dozen put in an appearance to try for the team.

As our upper classes will in the future, as in the past, probably continue to be small in numbers, it is to the Freshmen that our organizations must look for support. As yet we have not heard of any extraordinary assistance that they have given to either the Athletic Club, the Football Association, the Glee Club, or THE TECH. It is, practically, the same set of men who, each year, are the chief support of the whole of these things which should be the concern of the whole mass of students. It is to be hoped that we are not all becoming a set of digs, who have no time for anything but their studies. We have heard of men who have graduated from the Institute and not once attended a class meeting during their whole residence here. With the exception of the torchlight, it has been our experience that our class dinners are the only occurrences which can evoke real general enthusiasm amongst us.

We know that these matters have been written about over and over again in almost every college paper; but this article is especially directed to the Freshmen. Subscribe for THE TECH; join the Athletic Club; if you have any musical ability, join the Glee Club or the new orchestra which is now forming; if an athlete, go to work in the gymnasium, and help try to give the Institute a better showing at the next athletic games.

Electrical Engineering.

This year there will graduate from the Institute of Technology the first class that has ever completed the work in the course in electrical engineering. Although other scientific schools have already prepared men for this profession, yet the Institute is a pioneer in this branch of education. Already the electrical engineering department is one of the largest in the school, and, in spite of the fact that until a year or two ago no connected work had been done in this branch of instruction, the arrangement of studies has been wonderfully well planned, and does great honor to the Faculty, and especially to the head of the department.

We find everywhere young men who, wishing to gain a practical education, think they can find an opening in the field of electrical work. There is something about electricity and its applications which is very attractive. The uncertainty as to the true nature of electricity is to many minds a charm. A more practical reason for the popularity of the electrical department is that there has been a demand for men in the profession, and, consequently, an apparent lack of competition. This can last but a short time, and a scientific and thorough education, such as the Institute now gives, will soon be essential.

The ignorance of some of the present electrical engineers or the superficial nature of their knowledge is frequently brought to notice; but henceforth we may expect to see only the able and well educated hold positions of trust and responsibility. The field is large enough for all who go into it well prepared, and the experimental work especially offers great inducements. We cannot too strongly urge young men who possess mechanical taste and aptitude to devote themselves to electrical work, especially to the higher branches of original and experimental research.