HE first of December found another football season has passed without bringing any laurels to the eleven from the Institute. As before, an all but unbroken series of defeats is recorded to our credit — rather, discredit. The record of the team, this year, is even worse than that of last, for then we played one game only, but in that made a creditable showing compared with the results of the games last fall.

It is a question in our minds as to whether football should not be banished from our sports, if we cannot do more with it. Still, this is the only game which we can attempt to play, and in which we can compete with our sister colleges. Base-ball or lacrosse cannot succeed here, because our spring term closes so early in the year; boating is out of the question on account of lack of facilities; and we have no grounds whereon to play tennis. Foot-ball, then, alone remains.

Now, what reason is there why we should not have at least a fairly good eleven? The Union grounds, only five minutes’ walk from our main buildings, are suitable to play on, and can be obtained if the students will do their share toward the support of the Foot-Ball Association. There is time for a moderate amount of practice, after our afternoon work and lectures are through; and, most important of all, we certainly have good material here from which to select a team. This year, for example, five men had previously played on our own team, and four at Andover and Exeter. This ought to have been a nucleus from which to make a strong team.

Then let us give football one more trial. Let the manager of the association canvass the football men, and see if he can secure enough who will promise to practise next fall to make it worth the while to form a team. Let every man join the association and subscribe to its support, to the best of his ability, and thus put it on a firm financial basis.

If after this last trial, the team again shows itself to be such an absolute failure as it has heretofore, and continues to reflect discredit on the Institute, then let it be understood that football, the last on our list of sports, is also to be abandoned.

THE class of ’88 has elected Mr. Edwin O. Jordan as its representative on the Board of Directors of The Tech. An editor from that class will soon be chosen.