The lack of sympathy which the Faculty has always shown for our athletics of all kinds, it would seem that they disregard or hold in light esteem the benefits derived from healthy exercise. A certain amount of recreation and relaxation of the mind is absolutely necessary to make a successful student. The question is, whether it is better to obtain this required rest by playing tennis or ball, or by playing cards and billiards, and going to the theatre. It is surely better to be storing up health and energy for future use, than to adopt the latter course, which, though generally considered harmless, cannot claim decided advantages.

The majority would be willing to subscribe towards purchasing grounds, but they could hardly be expected to bear the whole burden. The Faculty ought to be willing, either by themselves or in co-operation with the students, to take action in this matter, for it is fast becoming a necessity; and it may be, in a degree, a means of substituting healthy for unhealthy recreation.

At the beginning of each year there is a great worry and loss of time to students, especially to Freshmen coming from a distance who are unfamiliar with Boston, in selecting rooms and boarding-places for the winter. The plan adopted by the Faculty, of having nothing to say or do in the matter, has great advantages over the system of dormitories, or compulsory boarding-places, in many other colleges; but its drawbacks are manifest. The expenses where students are clubbed together are decidedly less than where each one is for himself. According to the catalogue, good board may be obtained in and around Boston for six to eight dollars a week, but the majority of students find that it amounts to decidedly more than that. Out-of-town board is cheap, but the time lost in going back and forth and the car fares, in most cases, overbalance this.