SITUATED as it is in the midst of the city, the Institute has no campus, with the exception of the small extent of grass between the buildings; as for grounds for field and athletic sports, it has none at all. It is needless to discuss the necessity for these, for no one believes that it is well to work and study all the time, with no recreation, and every one acknowledges that the most beneficial form of recreation is athletic sports. Hence, is it not apparent that students at the Institute should be provided with grounds for this purpose?

There is in the immediate neighborhood of our buildings a place which is used as athletic grounds, and which our athletic organizations have been in the habit of renting. They are well adapted for our purposes, and are most conveniently located for all students who would use them. There is plenty of room there, besides the foot-ball and base-ball field, for a number of tennis-courts. We have reason to believe that, at the present time, these grounds could be leased for a very small amount, and, in view of this fact, we think it to be no less than the duty of the Corporation to secure them for us. It certainly does not seem right that the students themselves should be compelled to do so, as they are now. Relieved of this expense, the money could be spent in improving the grounds, providing better conveniences in the dressing-rooms, better accommodations for watching games, etc.

We think that the proper thing to do would be to address a petition to the Corporation in regard to this subject. Such a petition, however, must not come from the Athletic Club, nor the Foot-Ball Association, nor from any or all of the athletic organizations, but from the students of the Institute as a whole. Such a petition, we think, would receive a careful consideration. Who will start it?

JOSEPH COOK, in a recent address, said that he congratulated the students of Boston for having chosen the “best place in America in which to be educated. Were he to study medicine, or law, science, politics, art, literature, oratory, theology,—in fact, whatever might be his chosen field of labor, he ought to come to Boston to prepare for it.” This, like everything from that enthusiastic speaker, carries with it a great deal of originality and truth. We think that, while there might be exceptions to so broad a statement on the part of conservative people, yet we feel so in sympathy with the spirit which prompts the remark, that we would accept it almost without comment. We indeed feel sure that there is no other of our American cities which affords to the student incentives in so broad a field of study. We are a firm believer in surroundings, as enhancing or detracting from the quality of the work done therein.