Manual training is a subject which excites much interest, at present, since its adoption into the public school system of Boston and other cities seems probable at no very distant day. Already there are more of these schools in the United States than in any other country in the world, with the exception of Russia, where, perhaps, the system has reached its highest development.

The Athletic Club is to give, on February 13th, what it designates as a "gentlemen's" meeting, wholly given up to sparring, fencing, and wrestling. For the benefit of those not understanding, we offer the following explanation of this meeting. It is the custom of the Athletic Club to have, every spring, an indoor meeting, open to all amateurs of good standing, and to members of the various athletic clubs around Boston, principally among these being the Y. M. C. A., Y. M. C. U., U. A. C., and Harvard Athletic Club. The principal part of this meeting is given up to sparring, and a prominent feature is our annual tug-of-war with Harvard.

The object of the "gentlemen's" meeting is to find whether the Institute can successfully compete with outside talent. We hope all our sparrers will enter these games, and do their best for the Institute.

Last year, for the first time since our tug-of-war contests with Harvard began, several years ago, we were pulled. This must not happen again. It is true that the contest was one more between the classes of '86 of Harvard and the Institute respectively, but, nevertheless, it was