HE season for out-of-door athletics is again at hand, and it remains to be decided whether the Institute shall be well represented on the diamond this year, or not. Let us take a glance over the field and see what our prospects are. To begin with, we have the same manager and the same battery as last year. These two things are a host in themselves. All of last year’s players are well used to the ways of the manager, and the new players can be easily trained to them. The battery has shown much improvement over its work of last year in the practice-work at the gymnasium, and much of our success will depend on their efforts. Several of last year’s nine remain, besides, and the Freshmen have shown some good material, by the work of their nine last fall. With this outlook, and the secretary’s list showing twenty-two candidates, it seems as though we must surely succeed in having a ball nine which should bring credit to the Institute. We have, indeed, everything requisite, so far as the men go, for a good nine; but we must not overlook the matter of financial support. We have no practice-ground which belongs to the Institute, and if we want one, as we surely do, we must rent it. This expense is a considerable one, but it is most necessary. Next comes the matter of uniforms. Those of last year saw their best days two years ago, and we don’t want our nine to appear in the field in mixed array, as was the case in some of our games of last year. Traveling expenses come next, and this expense is also a large one. These expenses can only be borne by subscription, and we sincerely hope that the coin assistance will be forthcoming. As a general thing the money is given by a few personal friends of the team; but let this not be,—let us all unite for the object, and the nine will work in a much more whole-hearted manner if they feel they have the support of the whole Institute, than of only a few.

ONE of the most healthful, fascinating, and deservedly popular sports of the day is lawn tennis. Brought to the notice of the youth of the country within the last five years, it was quickly taken up, and now, wherever there is any one young and active enough to enjoy the sport, there is a tennis court. At all colleges and seminaries space is set apart for the game, and the courts are in constant use; but it is a trite saying that there are exceptions to every rule, and, as usual, the Institute is one of the exceptions.

Between the Rogers' and new buildings is a plot of land which can never be built upon, plenty large enough for four courts. We ask, “Why cannot we have the use of it?” In reply, three reasons are given for not granting this:—

First: It would spoil the looks of the lawn. Let us admit that it might, for the time being,