there are not enough sporting notes, locals, or scientific articles, hand in such as you can, and help us out. There is no cover to the slide in the contribution-box.

THE Senior Ball, the social event of the Institute year, has passed pleasantly and successfully. The absence of Seniors was not so general as in previous years, yet comparatively few were present. Why were no more present? The ball was given in their honor, everything was done for their enjoyment, and it would seem discourteous for them to be absent. But thesis-work must be completed, and the final examinations are near at hand. The Senior is compelled to stay at home. Therefore the Senior Ball fails to meet the purpose for which it is designed. The Senior Ball should be identified with the graduating class, and should be so arranged that the class in whose honor it is given could show appreciation of the honor. Clearly, the time of the occurrence is at fault, and, though there are objections to giving the Senior Ball in connection with the Class Day exercises, the suggestion is worthy of consideration. Then, those for whom it is designed could show their appreciation of the feeling that has made and sustained this custom by being present, and they could enter into the enjoyment of the occasion unharrassed by thoughts of incomplete thesis-work and examination to come.

It seems rather strange that with the comparatively large number of Exeter, Andover, and St. Paul's men at the Institute, especially the former, the matter of forming Exeter, Andover, and St. Paul's clubs has never been mentioned. In many of our colleges and institutions such clubs have been formed, and great benefits, in several ways, have been derived from them. By forming them here, the Institute is brought into prominence in one way, as her name, more or less, is brought to the eyes of Exeter, Andover, and St. Paul's men, who are studying to enter some college or institution, but have not yet decided upon any one in particular. We might, at least, be able to obtain some good men in that way, if not a large number. Secondly, the schools derive benefit from them, and we are sure that the graduates who are here now want to see their old schools prosper,—in the fact, that their names are brought before the public. Lastly, they are a good thing for the fellows themselves. Much social enjoyment can be had from the renewal of old friendships and associations, and we think such clubs would do good all around. It may seem, and probably is, rather late in the term to start up now; but a beginning can be made by the talking up of the matter among those interested, and the formation could be deferred until next fall.

THE year is nearly over, and soon will freshman, sophomore, and junior leave the stately halls of the Institute in peace and quite for the time of four months. In what way will they spend their vacations? Some will visit the seashore or other summer resorts; a few will go abroad; many will return to the homes of their fathers, and rusticate (i.e., making up conditions) in calm retirement. Quite a number will probably find some employment in the profession of their studies here, and thereby gain some practical experience. This is a most excellent plan, and that undergraduates may adopt it is one reason why our summer vacation is so long. The student who has been professionally employed during the summer, returns to the Institute in the fall far better equipped to make good use of his books from having seen some of the practical side of his future work.

WE call the attention of our readers to the offer of the Alpha Tau Omega of a twenty-five-dollar cup to be given to the player who makes the best batting record for this season. This ought to stimulate the members of the team to earnest effort to improve where improvement is most necessary.