The collectors report encouragingly. The class of '87, which was the largest contributor last year financially, has, in spite of greatly diminished membership, beaten its previous record. There is no reason why the team should not be supported in every way by each class, as they are all represented on the eleven, and should be equally interested.

We suffer serious loss in the absence of so many of last year’s players, but we hope that the new applicants will, by diligent training and practice, be able to fill their places. Every man who is possessed of the proper physical requirements should join in the afternoon practice, even if he has no idea of trying for the team, as the second eleven should be large and strong enough to be respectable opponents. The new men should take for examples the captain and members of last year’s team, who seem to be energetic and faithful in their work.

The Tech will always favor athletics that are carried on in the right spirit and in the right manner, and heartily wishes success to the eleven of 1886.

It has always been a matter for favorable comment that there is a lack of rivalry and jealousy between the classes at the Institute. Now, it is by no means certain that such harmony is desirable or beneficial.

If we should have class foot-ball and base-ball teams, it might bring to the front new and hitherto undeveloped material, and would thus furnish a larger set of men from which to choose the regular Tech teams. As matters now stand, the only thing of the kind is the struggle for the tug-of-war championship of the Institute between the class teams. This has always been highly interesting.

The nearest approach to any sort of rivalry besides this, that we have seen, were the baseball games of the Sophomore league, last spring. There were nines entered from several of the different courses of the Sophomore class, and a good number of games were played. Here, although the nines were all from one class, many good men appeared, who, to an outsider, at least, appeared to play a great deal better game than several of the regular Tech nine. These men only appeared because of the rivalry between the various courses, and could not be induced to try for positions of the “varsity” nine. Now, if this rivalry between the courses could only have been extended to a class rivalry, probably these men would have become so much more interested and energetic, that they would not have been contented to show what they could do against nines from their own college, but would have desired to show what they could do against a nine from another college. Thus we see that a stronger class feeling would be most likely to raise the standard of our Tech teams.

Our Freshman class has always been kindly treated in the way of being allowed to carry canes and wear tall hats. Why not make them work for such honors? Let some kind of yearly struggle between the Sophomores and the Freshmen be instituted,—as, for instance, a foot-ball match. This is the custom at Brown, the winners of the game deciding the question of the privilege.

There is a tradition that in '72 a bold Freshman won the cane privilege for his class by thrashing a prominent Sophomore; but that can hardly hold now.

It is time that something of the kind should be started. Fellows should take pride in sustaining the honor of their class, and be willing to work to make and keep its reputation.

Competition brings to light latent powers, and keeps them active, and any cause which promotes it is generally justifiable.

It is about time to inquire whether our corporation is going to do anything toward providing grounds for our various out-door athletics. It has always fallen on our various athletic organizations to provide suitable accommodations, and they have had to bear all the incurred expense. There is no other college that we know of that does not provide a campus, and there should be no reason why we should not be