The defeat of Harvard's Mott Haven Tug-of-War team by our four untrained and inexperienced men, is the greatest athletic feat which the Institute has ever accomplished.

It is true that we have scored many triumphs in the same line, but never when it was so entirely unlooked for, and under such unfavorable circumstances.

Two weeks before the games, it was decided to enter a tug-of-war team from the M.I.T. There was no interest taken in it by the men to whom we looked for aid, and enough could not be found to fill the eight places required for a pull, until the first week had nearly passed. But one man, the anchor, was present during the first week, out of the four who obtained the victory; and it was not until three days before the games that they pulled together. With only three hours' practice together, and no preliminary training, the team entered. Another disadvantage was, that, without any training, they were ten pounds under the limit, and so did not have the advantage to be gained by having all the weight allowed, every pound of which tells in such a struggle. The efforts of that team in winning under such a number of disadvantages, cannot be over praised.

Now, how about the other side? The Harvard team, and Easton the anchor, have a reputation which is founded on years of victories. The many triumphs at Mott Haven over the representative teams from the leading athletic colleges, and the former and recent victories at New York and elsewhere, have made it known as the champion team among colleges. There was one blot on their scutcheon: three years ago, on the scene of their latest defeat, the Mott Haven team was pulled by Winsor and his three sturdy Techs. But it was but by an inch. The present score of two inches and a half eclipses the former record, but not the event itself. The memory of both will become traditional as the only times that Harvard's most renowned anchor was ever defeated.

The Institute has always been more prominent in this special line of athletics than any other. Why we should make such a showing in tugs-of-war, is quite an interesting problem. It is well to know that we have men with superior endurance and strength, and these qualities should be kept up to the standard in after years.

Every man who witnessed that five minutes' contest will remember it as one of the most thrilling experiences he ever underwent; and the four men who added this triumph to the many already recorded in the chronicles of our