To the mind of the average Tech. student, there is going on at the Institute all the time what appears to him to be a species of unfair discrimination. We do not think that we are mistaking the facts when we say that the Faculty, or rather individual members of it, regard with suspicion any man who is prominent in athletics, such as members of our foot-ball team; and to a less degree all men, who are more or less prominent here, fall under this ban. If a man plays foot-ball he generally finds that he is required to get higher marks than other men to get a pass and keep up with his class, and even then he does not feel at ease as to his professor's estimation of him. The reason generally assigned for this is, that he takes time away from his studies to devote to other things, and hence does not do as well as he is capable of doing; therefore he should not be rated as high as other men who get no better marks, but who are presumed to be doing their best, because they are not prominent in athletics, or whatever else it is that causes this discrimination. Granting it to be true that a man would spend more time on his studies if he were not on the foot-ball team, it seems to us unfair to mark him harder than the rest of the class. If he is able to do as well as some of the others, we think he ought to get the same mark; for, arguing by the same species of reasoning, he must be a smarter man than they to be able to do in less time as well as they have. Hence, there need be no fear of giving him too high a mark, because the mark which he should get on his paper is less than what he would have received if he had not played foot-ball. It therefore seems hard that he should be forced to conform to a higher standard.

As for our own views, we do not believe that a fellow takes the time from his studies for other things. Every one has a certain amount of spare time; and if some choose to spend it in athletics, or anything which brings them into prominence, they ought not to be discriminated against any more than those others about whose spare time nothing is known. If every one spent the amount of time on each study which it is supposed he spends by the Faculty, no one would have any time at all, and the average amount of work would be fifty hours a week. This is enough to ruin the health of any man. As a matter of fact, practically, no one averages anything near this amount of study. If the Faculty thinks that all except those discriminated against average this amount of study, we think a little investigation would show that they were mistaken.

Here is a great advantage to the standing of the Institute in having good athletic teams and a good reputation in athletics, which we do not think has ever been recognized. Although we are all unwilling to recognize that any other scientific school is as good or better in any way as ours, yet this is a fact which admits of a good deal of discussion, and is one which is by no means proved. To the great mass of uninformed outsiders, the Institute is but little higher than a high school, and we ourselves have seen many men, even in the neighborhood of Boston, who were greatly astonished on being told the aims of the Institute and the number of its students. How many people are there who know that the Institute has nearly eight hundred students, or double that of any other scientific school in the country, and that it ranks, in the point of the numbers of its students, sixth of all the educational institutions of the United States?

Such facts as these travel slow, and are not always well authenticated. But if our athletic teams are successful, the name of the M. I. T. will be heard much more frequently, and curiosity will induce many to learn more about us. Our athletic teams cannot fail to be good advertisements, and the better the team the better the advertisement. We do not think that the reputation of being strong in athletics will injure our scientific reputation at all, as many fear that it will.