WHY would it not be a good idea to have an Institute pin? Instead of each one of the class societies adopting an especial pin of their own, which has no particular meaning attached to it, would it not be vastly better that they should all adopt some distinctive badge, which will immediately identify a man with the Tech.? There could be a shield of some sort on the pin on which the class number could be put, which would thus specialize a man's class, and serve all the purposes of a class society pin, besides that of a distinctive Institute badge. Of course it would not be right to expect '88 and '89 to change their pins, now that they have adopted designs; but the Society of '90 has as yet no pin, and '91 has not yet formed a society. If '91 should form a society, which they very probably will do, why cannot '90 and '91 combine in choosing such an Institute pin, which can then be adopted by all the following classes? The custom of forming large class societies is, we think, a distinctly Institute custom, no other place having class societies which are so unrestricted as to membership. While this is in some respects no great advantage, it yet affords a great opportunity for becoming acquainted with the members of your own class, and makes up to a great degree our lack of dormitories. Therefore we hope that '91 and all following classes will keep up this custom, and also consider our suggestion in regard to an Institute pin.

LATELY there has been some talk of Harvard's buying the Institute for her own scientific school. As to the truth or falsehood of this rumor we are unable to state anything; but as such a plan does not seem so very improbable, a short discussion of the matter does not seem to us to be out of place.

As for the method of purchase, the only way we can see that it could be effected, would be for Harvard to give the Institute a sum of money for buildings and improvements on the present accommodations. Looked at from the Harvard side the scheme appears to be very advantageous, and one well worthy of putting through. What a grand university Harvard and M. I. T. would make together! Over two thousand students, and a large increase in the Faculty and Board of Instruction. Harvard would then much more nearly approach the foreign universities in size, and it could no longer be said that all the American universities were small in comparison to the European.

Then, too, Harvard wants a scientific school badly. It can scarcely be said that the Lawrence Scientific School is an honor to Harvard; and when compared to the Sheffield School of Yale and the Mines of Columbia, it dwindles.