ments to a professional life. As a result, the standard in all English branches is by no means as high as it otherwise would be. The aim of all appears to be just to know enough to get through. There is little or no collateral reading in connection with the various English lectures, which are thus never completely understood nor fully appreciated.

Students declare that all their time is taken up in their scientific studies, and that there are no conveniences at the Institute for the pursuit of English studies. The list of reference books given out in the different lecture courses are undoubtedly very fine, but the time and red tape of the Public Library deter many from making use of them, so that they seldom come into use till after graduation.

The new reading and reference room lately fitted up for the use of the students in the political sciences in Rogers, is certainly a step in the right direction, and will, undoubtedly, soon be responded to by an increase of interest in those subjects.

The room already contains a good-sized reference library, and a large list of contemporary magazines referring to the subjects in the political department. Mr. Dewey has been to great pains to publish a note-book referring to his course of lectures, which gives the information necessary to individual study, so that his students can no longer complain of lack of conveniences for acquiring a thorough understanding of political economy.

Would it not be well to extend these advantages to the other English students at the Institute?

FROM what one of our correspondents says in his communication in this number of The Tech, we think that it may not be generally understood that our columns are always open to students to express their views in. The reason that it is not better known is probably because it is very seldom that we receive any communications, and hence many numbers are issued without this department of the paper.

SINCE the Freshmen have organized a baseball nine, why does not '90 brace up, reorganize that victorious team of last year, and play a series of games with them? They could not fail to be of interest, for of course '91 would surely want to break that string of defeats, while the Sophs. would try and add to their victories. Want of time to practice is no excuse, for nearly every man has an hour to spare after quarter past four, while the exercise would help "clear away the cobwebs from his brain."

How about that, 'go?

THING greatly to be regretted here at the Institute, is the almost inevitable splitting up of the fellows into different cliques. The opponents of secret societies always make use of this as one of their chief arguments; but if they could step in and understand the state of affairs here, they would see how fallacious their argument is, for the secret societies are so few here that they are not an important factor in the formation of these cliques. No; it is due solely and entirely to our scattered condition all over the city, and nothing else, those living near each other feeling a greater interest in their neighbors than in the others. To the credit of the Institute men, be it said, these cliques have not attempted in any large scale the management of Institute affairs, and so brought on the numerous class rows that are so prevalent at some other colleges. But such a time may come, and the fellows should endeavor now, before it is too late, to avoid the disagreeable consequences of the classes being split into different factions, all warring against each other, by taking a greater interest in their fellow-classmates and Institute happenings. The class societies if properly managed, so as to have their meetings interesting, ought to break up this "cliqueism," so to speak, by bringing the men together oftener in their pleasures. As dormitories are at present impossible for us, this seems to be the only way practicable.