home grounds, it was found necessary to make two expensive trips away from home; and we also have the disadvantage of having to pay nearly two hundred dollars for rent for the grounds on which we play and practice here. If a man can't help the eleven by playing on it, let him do it with hard cash, and this year every man will please scream for Tech. to the very greatest amount of his financial ability to start with, and afterward at the games, according to the strength of his lungs.

In view of the fact that The Tech has received such poor support from the students in past years, we have decided to offer two prizes for the two best articles, in prose or verse, contributed to our columns before the Christmas number. The prizes will consist of fifteen dollars; ten for the best, and five for the second best article. The competition is open to all students except those connected with The Tech.

We trust this announcement will direct some of the literary ability so frequently displayed in other directions toward us; for not only does this apathy on the part of the students render the work of the editors nearly unbearable, but it makes The Tech the mouthpiece of a few, and not as it should be, the organ of the whole Institute.

We wish to say right here to the incoming class, and also to repeat to the second-year men what was said to them last year; namely, that anything partaking of the nature of a rush in, or about, the buildings will not be tolerated by the Faculty, and is in direct opposition to the popular wish of the students.

The rushing of the lower classes last year came very near destroying our foot-ball prospects for the season. If '91 and '92 play the usual Sophomore-Freshman game of foot-ball, and rush afterward, let all rushing, hat-smashing, and yelling stop right there, out on the Union Grounds.

Last year The Tech had occasion to call attention to the fact that the name "New Building" was no longer an appropriate one. In again referring to the subject The Tech ventures to suggest that "The Nichols Building" would be not only an appropriate name, but would also be a fitting compliment to the memory of the late Professor Nichols, whose name was for so many years identified with that of the Institute.

We hear that the Institute has bought land back of the Art Museum, and proposes to build upon it. The lot purchased includes some of the land now occupied by Winslow's Skating Rink. Rather than tear the building down the owner might be pleased to sell for a moderate price. The building would make an excellent gymnasium, and the Athletic Association should not let such an opportunity pass without making some effort to secure it, if it is to be had.

The courses of study here are not so arranged as to afford nearly as much time as is necessary for foot-ball practice. Other colleges, where more time is at the men's disposal, commenced work two or three weeks before our term opened, and yet they complain of lack of practice. The eleven surely need every minute they can spare to train for the approaching games. It is therefore with a feeling of decided irritation that the managers and well-wishers of the team see a spectator, who has not the least idea of training, rush up and snatch a ball away from directly before one of the team, and waste much valuable time in fumbling or kicking it. The few balls on the field,—and there are none too many—are for the sole use of the two elevens, whether they are engaged in passing, or in playing a practice game. And as such, all other men are requested not to meddle with them, but to remain outside the lines, and give the men a chance.