At this season of the year, when the purchasing of many new books comes so heavily on the majority of the students, The Tech thinks it not out of place to suggest a slight relief. Many of our text-books and notes are published by professors of the Institute, and are necessarily high in price, from the comparative smallness of their edition. Now, why should not the professors place such books as they control, on sale at the co-operative book store, where a much-desired and much-needed discount could be obtained.

Captain Duane will find it hard to fill the position of quarter-back, but among all the candidates there is undoubtedly one who possesses the strength, quickness, and level head necessary to fill that position with credit to himself and with advantage to the team. Granting then that we have as good material as there was last year, it will all amount to nothing without constant practice and strict attention to training. The brilliant players who value themselves highly and will not take the trouble to practice and train, are not the kind we want in the eleven; rather would we have a steady, hard-working lot of men who never give up when behind nor slacken speed when victory seems assured. They it is who win our confidence, and do the best in the end.

With the record of last year’s victories fresh in our minds, financial support should not be lacking. The subscriptions should be liberal and the attendance good as the boys work hard, and show that they mean business.

Foot-ball is the recognized sport of the Institute; we must not let the noble game die out for want of interest and support.

There is no reason why the present tennis tournament should not be a greater success than any of those in the past, if all tennis players will only go into it with a will. The Freshman Class is larger than ever before, and it ought to contain some good players who should come forward at once. If all men who are interested in tennis and the reputation of the Institute will join the Association, and give the officers their hearty support, we will undoubtedly produce some men who will enter the lists next summer and take some of the numerous prizes that are offered at the different tournaments. Two or three Institute students have already made very good showings during last summer, and next year there ought to be more. Mr. Hoppin, ’88, has just returned from Washington, where, with his partner, he won the Southern championship in doubles, and came out second only in the singles.

We hope that the Freshmen and Sophomores will keep up the custom of having an annual foot-ball game between their respective classes. It is a good idea, as it brings out many men who would play on their class team, but who would hardly care to practice for the Varsity. In this way new material is sure to be developed. It must be remembered by both classes that the experience of the past two years has shown that no matter how many good individual players there are, as a team it is absolutely necessary that one or two regular games be played in order to get in successful team work. Let both teams be organized at an early date, even if the Varsity men of the class cannot play on the team, for the new men must be made familiar with the methods of team work. Care should however be taken not to interfere with the Varsity eleven in their practice, as was the case last year and the year before.

The game, when it is played, will afford more satisfaction to the competing classes, and whatever side wins, the defeated one will not be able to excuse their defeat by saying they did not have any opportunity to practice as a whole.