That the opportunities for social life at the Institute are few and far between, is a fact which everyone has found by experience; yet the reason that men here do not know their classmates more intimately, is mainly because the few chances for meeting are not utilized. It is usually the Freshmen who have to be aroused to a sense of their deficiencies in the way of class dinners and meetings; but this year both the lower classes have had dinners, while the upper classmen have not had more than a meeting in Room 15. When the Juniors tried to have a dinner a few days before Christmas, not more than fifteen or twenty men could be found who were willing to go, so the idea had to be abandoned. As far as we know, the Seniors have not even attempted a class entertainment. Now, there is no reason for a man's renouncing all interest in his fellows merely because he has passed the Sophomore year. On the contrary, the Junior dinners have always been the most successful ones in times past; why should such a lack of interest be shown this year? We all remember '89's minstrel show. There is certainly enough talent left at the Institute to get up something as good. This is a bad time of the year to indulge in amusements, but it does no harm to think about them. Get something ready for the first of the new term; and if you cannot have a minstrel show or a dinner, organize a theatre party.

The Tech.-Amherst game in the championship series was given to Amherst at the meeting of the Eastern Intercollegiate Association, where the protest came up for settlement. In order to reverse the previous decision a clause of the Constitution of the Association had to be suspended, which was done by the consent of a majority of the delegates. Whichever way the subsequent decision fell, it might have been seen that such action manifestly inaugurated a precedent that other clubs possessing interest in the conven-
tion would not be slow to follow in case of a doubtful game. This time the advantage was with Amherst; on another occasion it might as easily be in favor of another club. If the result of the game could have been reversed without so obvious a resort to the machinery of technicalities, the outcome would have been more creditable to the parties concerned.

If Tech. decides to enter a tug-of-war team at the Boston Athletic Association games, we trust that the matter will be so managed that the Institute will have no cause to blush at the showing they make. It is a mistaken idea to suppose that if four men meet at the gymnasium for two or three nights before the contest takes place, everything that is required has been done for the success of the team. The other tug-of-war contestants will be in tolerably good training, and will come on the floor with some practice on the cleats; nothing short of this will entitle any team to win.

If eight men can be found to practice together for a week or two previous to the games, two practice teams could be made up, from which one could be selected to represent the Institute. It would seem to be the duty of our Athletic Club to ascertain what can be done in this direction.

On the evening of January 15th the Boston Athletic Association give a sparring meeting, open to the Institute. The date is a poor one for us, coming so near the Semies, but some of our men made such a good showing at the winter meeting that it would seem a pity to allow this to keep them from entering. The Association has been exceedingly generous to us in football and other athletics, helping us out at our meetings, and opening many of theirs to us, and it is only showing just appreciation to make a few entries. All entries should be sent to Secretary of Athletic Club, care of letter rack.