HERE is usually more or less trouble and difficulty experienced in the endeavor to raise sufficient money to pay the expenses of the football team; this year the subscriptions came in even more slowly than usual, and the game with Williams was nearly lost by default, in consequence. Any arrangement that would make the men here at Tech. more willing to subscribe toward the support of the team would be of great advantage, and it appears to us that the publication of the manager’s accounts might do this. A statement of expenditures for athletics is published at nearly every college of average size in the country; it is not the custom here, but would it not be well to begin to make it so? It is by no means too late to publish the accounts for last year, and if the practice were once started it would probably be continued. The subscriptions would be tabulated by classes, and we could then see just where the blame for the poor support of the team ought to fall. If the football management should adopt this suggestion now, it might be much to the advantage of the team next year.

IT occurs to us that the sense of humor of the persons who persist in removing signs and notices from Rogers Corridor, is very much perverted. The practice of “ragging” signs from tradesmen’s windows and other public places is beyond our province to deal with, but we cannot pass over the business of this kind that is going on under our eyes. The various bulletins and circulars that are placed in the corridors by the different organizations, are intended for the information of all students interested; they may be ornamental additions to individuals’ rooms, but they do not serve their purpose in that use. There is an old maxim concerning honor among a certain class of society that seems to fail of application here, for so full of glory has this plundering become, that placards are removed indiscriminately. It is easy to see the annoyance and inconvenience to which this custom gives rise. We trust that calling general attention to its existence will suffice to put an end to it.

IT is the intention of the management of the eleven to begin preliminary practice in the gymnasium the first part of next term. A tackling dummy will be provided, and the men set to work at passing and tackling. It is expected in this way to accomplish a great deal that can only be partially attempted during the limited time that is available in the fall. Every member of the team will be expected to take part in this gymnasium training, but it is especially important that new men who intend to play with the eleven next season, should attend regularly to this practice. It is our opinion, though we may be mistaken, that the indoor work performed by former elevens has not been of much account; but with the vigorous co-operation of those who are interested, there is no reason in the present instance why it should not be a success.

ONE look at our army of grinds enables us to account for the low state of the city’s gas receivers, and to imagine the probable length of the gentle landlady’s face when she sees the remarkable size of the quarter’s bill. But gas or no gas the grinding must be done,—so much the worse for those who have to do it,—for an examination is no respecter of persons, and demands its quota of toil from all those that undergo its trials.

As to all things, there is an end to our semi-annual tribulations, whatever the degree of demoralization in which we reach it. Our success or failure depends largely on what we have been doing during the past fifteen weeks, partly on the severity of the ordeal that descends upon us. Whether the result is a triumph or the reverse, we are all entitled to the benefits of ten days’ idleness, which we can proceed to enjoy without regard to examinations, recitations, or lectures.