The Senior dinner has come and gone, and the next event that commands a universal interest is the occurrence of the annual examinations. Perhaps there is less need to remind our readers of this fact than of any other we could have hit upon; but even such a common subject will command some attention. If you are not certain that you know what you know, scarcely more than two weeks remain to make sure before the call to test your knowledge. And then of what value will be the makeshifts to which you have trusted for support in your perilous progress from one day to another during the term? Or if you have worked steadily and laboriously, and yet lack the ability to make a sufficient showing of your work by an effort of three hours, do you not look with dismay on the days of trial that are before you?

As often as the annuals or the semi-annuals recur we think of the benefits that might flow from an application of a system of term marks in the work of the Institute in those studies that depend principally on recitations. The release from examinations of a student who has maintained a high standard of scholarship during the term is high acknowledgment of work well done, and strong encouragement to further effort.

Under the rules of the Institute the conscientious worker and the no less conscientious shirker are alike subjected to the test of examination, and their rewards are often ludicrously disproportioned to their merits. If by any plan this inequality can be done away with, is not that plan worthy of serious consideration? The system of term marks has been tried with success in many instances. We wish that the Institute might also be a witness to its advantages.

Football practice at the Gym, which was begun a few weeks ago, appears to have stopped almost completely. The tackling dummy was used a few times, and then piled away in a corner; several men began to pass and catch a football, but that was stopped after a day or two, and the ball followed the dummy into retirement. It does seem rather useless to begin working now for possible successes next November, but it is the only way to make success at all probable. Two years ago the football team did considerable work in the spring, and the games in the autumn showed the good effect very plainly. Hard, steady work and constant practice are the only