

means that will place our team again at the head of the league; we are never overwhelmed with spare time, so it would seem wise to begin work now without delaying longer. The individual members of the eleven might not improve much, but the gain in *morale* would be great, and would be at once apparent when the autumn practice began. So little time is left before the annual examinations that no work at all will be done unless it is started at once.

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[“Providence, R. I., April 26, 1890. The Massachusetts Technology ball team was defeated by the Browns to-day by the following score,” etc.—*Boston Herald*, April 27.]

WE are sorry in saying that the above dispatch misrepresents matters, to deprive Brown University of any little glory there might have been in defeating the Institute nine, but for four years there has been no such nine in existence. It was only a few Sophomores who went to Providence in the lion's skin, and got the beating which they deserved. Living in a '92 atmosphere and bounded by a '92 horizon, there are a few students who have reached the conclusion that '92 is the Institute, and are now proceeding to act upon their belief. It is in this way, we suppose, that the Sophomore ball nine has taken the Institute upon its shoulders. That nine is undoubtedly a strong, able, and successful one, but it seems rather absurd, nevertheless, for even such a promising child to adopt its grandfather. No, '92; stay at home and beat the Freshmen, if you like, and are able, but don't go off and get beaten under false pretences. The Institute will get along as well as may be, and you shall do your share in it, but don't try to set the pace and drag it after you. Try to comprehend that in playing under the name of the Institute you have done something as unwarrantable as indefensible.

IN those courses which lead directly to field work, as Civil and Mining Engineering, it was thought best to give the students an opportunity for practical work. But as there was not enough time in the college year for this part of the course, summer schools were adopted, and a month of the summer vacation was spent in practical work, under the supervision of the professors of those courses, who camped or lived with the students, as the case might be. The schools were voted a decided success, and steps were taken to make them a permanent feature of the courses.

This year the schools are to be repeated, but not as last year, at least in one of the courses. The professor of the course does not go; his assistants take charge; some of the aids have never had any practical experience. These schools are not adopted for the amusement of the students, nor are they merely health excursions! The student goes to see the practical application of the theories which he has studied all year. But if the professor who gave the lectures and explained the theory is not there, what becomes of the practical application? The Institute is renowned for its rigid methods, and it cannot afford loose management; and it is to be hoped that a change will be made before it is too late.

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IT is with pleasure that we announce the election to the Board of Editors of THE TECH of Mr. A. F. Bemis, '93, who will commence his duties with the present number.

The chief need of THE TECH during the past year has been more hands to carry on its work. We hope that before the close of the term we may be able to announce the election of other editors, in order that the Board, which will be diminished in numbers by the withdrawal of several members at the close of the year, may be in a condition to take up vigorously the publication of Volume X. next fall.