longer from the beginning of the term; but as the first part of the year is the time when the work goes easiest, the objection would not seem to hold. If there are as many in favor of the plan as there were last year, a petition for the desired arrangement should be circulated among the classes and presented to the Faculty without delay.

The football team is now fairly started on what everyone hopes will be a completely successful season. Our prospects are certainly better than they have been for some time; the rush-line is heavier than last year’s, and the individual playing is better, while candidates for all positions are plentiful. The great trouble is lack of team work,—a fault that is almost unavoidable with our present facilities for practice. The Institute team will be better than before, but our competitors will send out unusually strong teams as well. This will make the championship games more than ordinarily interesting, and will offer another inducement to make every Tech. man who can, turn out to witness them. As we have said, our chances are good, but it is only by having each man give his aid in cheers and subscriptions, or by playing, that we can hope to win a companion to the championship banner that was won three years ago.

Now that the term’s work has fairly begun, and the Freshmen have learned the elementary principles of oxydation, it is about time that they should begin the usual series of class meetings. In former years efforts have been made to interrupt these gatherings, and once or twice considerable noise has been made, all of which has not reflected credit on the good sense of the Sophomore class. Now all such attempts as these show the presence of a spirit of childishness, that is certainly out of place in a class that is presumably composed of men. The annual football game, and the other contests between the two lower classes, afford ample opportunity for the exhibition of proper class rivalry; all efforts to merely raise a row in one of the Institute buildings cannot be too severely condemned.

Of any one who is interested in track or field athletics, the subject of our records in many events is a thing to be avoided. Really, however, they are not so poor as they appear to be at first sight, for the conditions under which they were made must be considered. The records in the runs have all been made by men who were imperfectly trained, and who were obliged to run on a poor track, under very unfavorable circumstances. The Athletic Club has held only five outdoor meetings, and all except the last were impromptu affairs, for which there was no pretence of training. On the other hand, at other colleges, when a man wishes to try for a record in some event, he is given a special meeting, where every effort is made to aid him in his attempt. Then, too, records made at other than college games are allowed to stand, provided that no objection be made within a limited time.

Now, this last provision might well be adopted by the M. I. T. A. C., and in time it would work a decided change in our list of records. Already several of the members of the Athletic Club have made faster time in outside games than any one has succeeded in making in the spring games. In the future such occurrences will probably be more frequent. It is only by making one or both of the changes suggested that our record list can be improved to any great extent, as it is impossible to expect a man to make more than a fairly creditable performance under the various disadvantages that attend an out-door meeting at Readville.