tries to reach success by exactly the same methods that were used last year and the year before. The signals are practically the same, the criss-cross plays are familiar, and the blocking and team work have certainly not been improved. A more thorough study of the methods of other elevens would do much to improve the weak points in the playing of our team.

There is one other innovation that should be made if we are to keep up with the crowd, and that is to have a trainer for the team. The present management has spared no effort to get one, but has been unsuccessful for various reasons. At Bowdoin there is a man to coach the team, and a physician to act as trainer. The Dartmouth eleven is instructed by Mr. Gill of Yale, and for the other elevens in the league capable coaches are provided. If Tech. is to compete successfully with such teams it must enjoy equal advantages. It is to be earnestly hoped that the subscriptions to the team will be large enough to enable the managers to make some arrangement for more systematic coaching and training.

The autumn is really the proper time for cross-country runs and hare and hound chases, although of late years we seem to have lost sight of the fact. In most parts of the college world cross-country clubs are just getting to work, and will hold runs at intervals until December. The Athletic Club, in bygone years, used to give four or five hare and hound chases during the season; for some reason, now unknown, these were discontinued, but then the Cycling Club took up the idea, and held a run every year for some time. Now this has stopped, and there is no one to keep up the good work. Here is an excellent chance for the formation of a cross-country club, and the opportunity should not be allowed to pass unimproved.

Communications.

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To the Editor of The Tech:—
What is the reason for the delay in opening the tennis courts, and in starting the tournament? Here we are nearly through October, and the tournament has but just begun. Before it is finished the weather will be so cold that it will be uncomfortable playing, and the players will not be able to do themselves credit.

Tennis is a game to be played in warm weather; for it is not a game like football, where you can keep warm on almost the coldest of days, and for this reason the tournament should be begun as soon as possible after the Tech. opens, and not, as it is this year, nearly a whole month later.

A Member of the Tennis Association.

To the Editor of The Tech:—
At the next regular meeting of the Mechanical Engineering Society, Thursday, October 30th, a lecture will be given by Mr. Geo. H. Barrus, giving an account of some experiments made by him on the Total Heat of Combustion of Coal.

During the lecture Mr. Barrus will show in operation the calorimeter used. Notice of the hour of the lecture will be posted on the bulletin-board.

Charles W. Aiken, Sec'y.

To the Editor of The Tech:—
We should like to put into 'Technique' a picture of every athletic team in the Institute. Any who desire to appear should give us a good photograph as soon as possible. We will take charge of the reproduction, and will insert prints throughout our edition of fifteen hundred copies. The expense to each man would be very slight in comparison with the results obtained.

No team should neglect this opportunity to give to the students of the Institute a lasting souvenir of the successful athletes of the past year.

Please apply to W. W. Locke or to F. H. Meserve for further information about these pictures.

We hope that the Institute song offer which we made last week will bring a hearty response from