The game last Saturday was a disappointment to those interested in the football championship. Our team was evidently weak in the rush-line; the Amherst men went through with apparently the greatest ease, and it was only by playing a kicking game that Tech. kept the score down below fifty. The tackling on both sides was poor, and usually two or three men were necessary to stop the runners.

Many of the faults of our team were evidently due to lack of coaching. The reason the eleven has not had any coaching is not evident. There are several men who are able and willing to undertake the task. A man who merely stood on the field and called out to each player to tackle low would be of great advantage; the management of the team could surely find a man capable of doing more than this. If some provision for more systematic coaching is not speedily made, our team will stand an excellent chance of coming out at the bottom of the list.

If there is to be any change in the usual Thanksgiving vacation there is but little time left in which to make it. The apparent advantages of a longer time of leisure at Christmas have already been stated, and in all probability a majority of the men here would prefer a vacation at that time instead of at Thanksgiving. As far as is known the Faculty are decidedly in favor of giving four days or a week at Christmas, and of omitting the holidays at the end of this month. The initiative in such a case as this should be taken by the undergraduates, and the matter should be definitely decided now. Almost every year there is a general clamor for more vacation at Christmas, but the demand is always made too late to be granted. It is perfectly evident that we cannot have our holidays in November and then expect to have them over again a month later, but it does seem to be worth while to decide definitely just when we do wish them.

In spite of the fact that so much of an Institute man's time is taken up by his studies, our name and colors should be better known in college athletics. We won the football championship in 1888, and, virtually, again in 1889; in other words we picked out from among our number, in both these seasons, fifteen men, each possessing the strength, determination, and endurance that one must have to become a good football player.

This shows that we may possess all the material necessary; what we especially need in addition are the proper facilities for developing that material. Until some worthy graduate who has made his million in the strength of the degree he won at the Institute is stirred with the desire to start his name down on the way to posterity, and bequeaths