In founding this club, Mr. Emery has only continued the work that was begun two or three years ago in changing and developing the English department. From its former position as a thoroughly neglected branch of learning, the study of the allied subjects of literature, economics, and history has risen to almost the importance that it should have in a technical school. This is one of the changes that go toward making the Institute more and more the leading scientific school of the world.

For the past few years there has been much dissatisfaction about the amount of vacation that was allowed at Christmas; many vain petitions have been offered to the Faculty for a day or two more at that time, but these requests have always been made too late to be of much effect. This year the subject has been discussed early in the term, and the mass meeting of last week has definitely settled the question. For the next year or two, at any rate, the Holidays will be as heretofore, unless the Faculty take the initiative, and change them of their own accord. It is sincerely to be hoped that no one will attempt this year to get up a useless petition for a longer vacation at Christmas. The men here have had a chance to make a reasonable request for two or three extra days at that time, and have preferred, instead, to take the holidays at Thanksgiving. The matter must be considered as settled, since it was clearly shown that a majority of the students wished to have the vacations remain as they are.

This year the interest in musical matters seems to have fallen off greatly. The Glee Club has not been reorganized as yet, the Quintet Club graduated with the class of 'go, and up to the present time the various banjo and mandolin clubs have made no noise in the world. If seven hundred students could support these clubs, the fact that a thousand cannot is not readily explained. Last year, at Class Day, there was only a quartet to represent the musical capacity of the Institute. There must be more than four men here who can sing, and with slight exertion a good-sized Glee Club could be formed.

In past years the Glee Clubs have made the mistake of not giving concerts often enough, and have limited themselves to one or two a year. With an energetic manager and a few more than the minimum number of men necessary, a new Glee Club would have an excellent chance for a long and prosperous career.

In this issue there is an article by Professor Drown on Course V.; this is the ninth in the series of M. I. T. Departments that was begun in The Tech last year. Articles on the three remaining Courses will appear during the term, and thus complete the series. These articles are of interest to everyone, but are of special importance to those men who are about to decide on the particular line of study they are to pursue during their stay at the Institute. It is hoped that when the series is completed some way may be found to publish the articles in a more permanent form.

Now that football playing has been stopped, cross-country running should be brought into more prominence than it has hitherto occupied. As was said in the last number, there is no form of exercise so peculiarly fitted for Tech. men. It takes up but little time, and gives a man just enough exercise to keep him in good physical condition without exhausting him, or making him too tired to work. It is the one kind of exercise to which the gymnasium on Exeter Street is suited.

As to the question of forming a separate Harriers Club, that is merely a question of whether or not it will pay in the long run. If the Athletic Club is willing to undertake the