management of cross-country runs, it seems that it would not be advisable to form a separate organization for the purpose. The Athletic Club is, or should be, on a firm financial basis, and in a Harriers Club there would be no source of income except from assessments on the members. A cross-country club might hold practice runs, and not give prizes, but they would probably have but doubtful success. The question is one to be decided by the men interested in the subject. If a Harriers Club should be formed we wish it the best of success.

WHAT the football team really needs is a professional "coach." All our competitors have men to watch the play and condition of each man, and to organize the work of the team. In this way they have a great advantage over us from the start.

We have never had money enough to hire a trainer at Tech., but with the surplus of this season we shall be able to get one next fall, and thus start on an equal footing with the other colleges in the league.

Next year the team must have longer and more systematic practice. This can be done if the players will only get around promptly and have the trainer on the field to "coach" the team. The training table must be run on a different basis. As it exists now it is a farce. About half the men go to it, and the captain has no means of telling whether the other half train or not. Besides this mere matter of training, there is another advantage of having all the team together at the table. It is an excellent place for the players to become well acquainted with each other, which is quite necessary, and it is a most fitting place to talk over football moves, to offer suggestions, and to get advice.

Next year, though we shall still have many obstacles to overcome, with this year's experience, lots of money, and a good coacher and trainer, there is every reason to believe that we shall then play better football.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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To the Editor of The Tech:—

The action taken at the meeting of the Football Association last week has caused considerable comment, both in Tech. and from outsiders. All the faultfinders, though, are men unacquainted with the inner workings of the team, and therefore unacquainted with the wretched condition the team was in.

The players of the team have been exceedingly unfortunate this year in getting hurt. Most of the best players have received injuries that render them useless for the remainder of the season. Notably among these is the captain himself, who is suffering with a broken bone in his hand and a severe bruise on both knees. Owing to the disorganized state of things for the first three weeks of the term, all the practice then obtained when the days were longer and we practiced longer, went for nothing.

The practice the team got these last two weeks was worse than none at all. The men got on the field at about five o'clock, and before they lined up it got dark. The team would then play in the dark for about ten minutes. Instead of serving as practice, this sort of thing only aggravated the hurts of the already injured players, and invariably somebody received a more or less serious new hurt. Such suicidal measures were not long in showing their effect.

After the Williams game several of the players informed the management that for personal reasons they would be unable to play out the season. Well, this was the climax, and as a natural consequence the team had to disorganize, as these men could not be replaced.

These, then, are the reasons for forfeiting the two remaining games of our championship series. It is to be lamented that it was found necessary to do so, but with a full treasury and the good support of the school, we can hope for a far better showing next year.

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The Boston Athletic Association will hold a Cross-country Run on Thanksgiving Day. Six prizes will be given. The run is open to Institute men, and entrance blanks may be obtained of the Secretary of the Technology Athletic Club.