related facts claim his attention. He notices that men are allowed to grind themselves into ill health over their studies, that some do lose the robust good health with which they enter, also that Tech. has no records in intercollegiate athletics, that our football team fails for want of material, that his fellow-classmen pay liberally toward the support of the Young Men's Christian Association gymnasium; and he realizes, sooner or later, the idea, held in a more or less concrete form by every Tech. man, that athletic exercise at the Institute does not hold the place that simple regard for a healthy balance between mental and physical exertion should give to it; that it does not hold the place in which it would serve the best interests of the Faculty.

From time to time, men who have realized this perhaps better than their fellow-classmen, have brought forward suggestions for a new gymnasium, or a field where the men could practice, simply to be met by the fact that the corporation could afford neither. Nor is either our greatest need. The eleven has found level spots toward the center of the earth on which to practice, and our present gymnasium and apparatus is much better than many a college far excelling us in the robust health of its graduates.

What we do need and need most urgently, is a head to direct the use of our present facilities; a source of kindly advice to make sure that exercise receives a proper part of a student's time; an instructor who will represent our physical wants as thoroughly as the numerous members of the Faculty do our mental wants.

Who can say that the capacity of our gymnasium would not be daily tested if our students should find there a man capable both of advising and instructing, whose own interests would promote speedy improvements? In short, an instructor who would continue through our school life, the idea so well begun—and at present ended—in that one lecture to the Freshman class.

It is needless to suppose that the men who have the interests of the Institute best at heart, do not realize the actual advertisement robust graduates and successful athletic records give to a college, or, as humanitarians, would not give us this if they could.

But if our college cannot afford to pay such an instructor, why not do it ourselves? If Harvard men can undertake to raise one hundred thousand dollars for a new library, surely we can do this much for ourselves, where the returns are immediate and the benefit great. In this the football and athletic associations can well pull together with the men who feel that the Institute is not doing its best for their health, and, asking the alumni, if necessary, to write checks instead of newspaper articles, give to our college that which will do more for the future life of its graduates than a whole alphabet of letters after their names,—the ability to guard their health.

S HALL not membership in the Football Association be limited by conditions somewhat similar to those governing the Athletic Club? In the meetings of the Association as at present constituted, one student has as much voice as another in electing officers or deciding questions that come up for action. A liberal supporter of the eleven, or even one of the players, is nominally on the same footing in shaping the policy of the Association as the student who does not see a game during the season. We do not mean to say that the administration of the Association's affairs has ever been in improper hands, but there is obviously a chance that the number of students who have assumed privileges to which they were not fully entitled, might be increased to an extent which would be troublesome.

There are two methods by which the present indefinite arrangement can be put upon a more satisfactory basis. The membership might be dependent on the payment of annual