HILE the men who may be classed as athletes, and the Athletic Club, are working their hardest to put Institute athletics where they belong, the support which they receive from Institute men is sufficient to discourage the most ardent admirer of athletics, let alone the athletes themselves. The attendance at our meeting on the 21st was a splendid example of the "encouragement" usually received. A handful of men, spiritless and in silence, watched our Athletic Club carry off one first and three second prizes, out of six events in which its members contested. During the whole meeting but one feeble cheer was heard. This is unworthy of the Institute. It is unjust to the Athletic Club and its representatives on the field. It is most dampering to the ardor of even the most enthusiastic of us.

Ninety-five had one member of its team on hand to contest in the team race—and moreover this was the only contestant from '95 for any event. This certainly is enthusiasm. Ninety-four had three men in the field for the team race; these were her only representatives.

Never in the history of the Institute has an outdoor athletic meeting paid expenses, and simply because Tech. men can't work themselves up to that most commonplace, most mild pitch of enthusiasm, to attend the meetings. Even were there only a dozen there, they might at least, after an Institute man has won an event against such competitors as the H. A. A. and B. A. A., show their appreciation with a cheer.

Our athletes are daily training to advance the athletic fame of the Institute; the officers of the Athletic Club are giving a great deal of their time to its work, and yet even those men who have been persuaded by the wearisome repetition of the most convincing arguments to get a life-membership ticket, refuse to take the trouble to be present. The Athletic Club deserves better support, and it is in our power to give it. It takes only the mildest degree of enthusiasm to support the club as it should be supported, and it is very disgraceful, very discreditale to our patriotism that it isn't well supported. If we cannot raise ourselves to this degree of enthusiasm, we are unworthy of any organization which shall display the ability and progress that characterizes the M. I. T. A. C.

We wish to call the attention of the proper authorities to the fact that part of the apparatus of the gymnasium is so in need of attention as to have become dangerous. A student the other day had a narrow escape from fatal injury by the falling of an enor-