mous weight within a fraction of an inch of his head. We understand that the apparatus in question has been in this state for a length of time utterly inconsistent with proper care, and we trust that action will be immediately taken to forestall any accident.

Before it is too late, we would like to put in a few words in regard to the final examination in Heat, third year. Two years ago, an examination was allowed in this subject on the Monday following Thanksgiving Day. This was, we believe, the first time the examination had occurred before the seminauals, and seemed at the time to be a great success. Whether or not it was so in reality, is, perhaps, much better known by the Faculty than by us. But it surely seems as though there were many good reasons why the subject should be finished in the middle, in preference to at the end, of the term.

The arguments for the holding of the examination directly after Thanksgiving seem to be somewhat as follows:—With a subject fresh in one’s mind and with no other coming “exams” to detract attention from this one subject, it seems that the student’s preparation would be much more easily accomplished and would be much more thorough than if Heat had been laid away in some remote corner of his brain, as it were, for one half of the first term. More time and thought could be devoted to the remaining work of the term. It seems too bad to have this one thing hanging over one for seven or eight weeks, without a chance of obtaining any drill in the subject until after all is over.

On the other hand, the term’s work would be slightly broken into and there would be greater difficulty in making up a condition received in the latter part of November.

Whatever may be done in regard to the matter, we hope ’93 will well consider both sides of the question before any definite action in the way of a petition to the Faculty is taken.

Athletics in the Institute are on a boom! Not one of those wild, misguided, erratic booms, which volatilize and disappear, but a steady, calm, well-directed progression. To every one athlete in the Institute three years ago, there are five to-day; and in field sports we are now taking and holding the position which justly belongs to the Institute. On all the tracks in this vicinity, Institute men may be daily seen, training systematically and energetically for this or that event.

Their progress is greatly helped by the work of the officers of our Athletic Club. Their task has become an occupation in itself, at certain times of the year, and it is greatly due to the hard, pushing endeavors of these officers that our athletes have had the opportunities to place the Institute on its present footing in the Athletic field.

That athletics absorb too much time for an institution like Tech. is a mistaken idea. The time which, as a rule, is devoted to training, is not one iota more than each man should daily devote to strengthening and invigorating his constitution and physique, and unless this time be given daily to preserving the health, not one man in five can successfully go through the Institute course with his health unimpaired, and this, five to one, is just the proportion of men which should be in some form or other of athletics; the remaining sixth will be sufficient “calmer” to prevent these athletics from absorbing the other important occupations of the Institute. If there is any man who thinks he has not time to devote to athletics, let him at once convince himself that there is time for him to preserve his health, then shall we see him in the field of sports.

Let us keep this progression up; let us make our records better than somebody else’s, and that, an important somebody.

Let those who have not yet appreciated these facts, now, even at this late time of the year, start in training, and the close of spring will find us higher, better, and more firmly established in the athletic world.