Unless Lieutenant Hawthorne has been instructed by the Government to demand West Point discipline, there seems to be no reason for fearing a repetition of the above-mentioned occurrence.

The increase in numbers among our lower classes has been rather uncomfortably emphasized of late by the great overcrowding of the Institute Library, Room 40, Rogers. Until this year there were always ample room and ample opportunity for study there; but of late the students of Course IX., who are of course those chiefly interested, have been much inconvenienced by constant interruption and annoyance due to the irregular entrances and exits and unusual predominance of lower classmen.

Dr. Dewey has called the attention of the Faculty to the facts, and we may soon hope for improvements doing away with most of the inconveniences.

One method suggested—that of throwing open for the use of Course IX. students an adjacent room heretofore used only for lectures—would offer a partial relief; but another room which can always be used is certainly the least to be hoped for.

Meanwhile, until some improvement has been introduced, we would suggest to the Freshmen and Sophomores, who have such frequent occasion to visit the Library, that on such occasions it would be well to keep under control as much as possible their animal spirits and youthful sense of humor, which will certainly afford them all the more enjoyment if restrained for a short time.

Although the report of the treasurer of the Football Association is not yet made out, a sufficiently accurate estimate has been made to show that the Association is still about $196 in debt. In view of this fact, and of the position we have held in the league for the past three years, the advisability of supporting a team next year seems questionable.

A small per cent of the men at the Institute take an active interest in the team, and the present spirit of the Faculty seems strongly opposed to encouraging it. If the team is to receive the slight encouragement from the men and the Faculty that has characterized their actions in football matters for the past three years, it can reflect but little credit on the Institute. Although The Tech would be sorry to see the principal branch of athletics given up, there seems to be, in the present state of affairs, little choice in the matter.

In some of the Boston newspapers there appeared recently a statement to the effect that the Boston and Albany Railroad had matured its plans for the immediate erection of a new passenger station on the Exeter Street grounds; and owing to the fact that our gymnasium is situated on this land, the report has awakened much interest and speculation at the Institute. It is well known that for some years past the Institute Corporation has had no lease of the land on Exeter Street, and consequently their occupancy is wholly at the option of the Boston and Albany management. We cannot, however, conceive how any credence could have been placed in the newspaper statements, for it is extremely unlikely that the Corporation would have made the recent improvements at the gymnasium, or expended any money upon it whatever, without a definite understanding with the railroad company whose land they occupy; and this consideration alone makes the story seem decidedly absurd. We are, however, glad to be able to say for the benefit of the more credulous, and to say positively on the best of authority, that this newspaper statement is wholly without foundation.

The Boston and Albany Railroad has made extensive land purchases in Allston, and intends to erect there in the near future a large plant of shops, etc., with homes for its employees; and it was possibly this matter at