In regard to a communication which appeared in a recent issue of The Tech, a few facts in behalf of the Tennis Association seem necessary.

When the matter of clay courts was brought before the association two years ago, through the efforts of the president, various estimates of the cost of such courts were received. These showed the average cost to range between $150 and $200. Neither the funds of the association nor the prospective increase in membership warranted the expense entailed in the construction of four, or even two, dirt courts at that price. To this the project of raising the grade between Rogers and Walker added a weighty objection. For the past two years the Corporation has been intending to raise the grade; but in meeting the increasing demands of the Institute, it was not deemed advisable to add to the present debit the expense of such a work.

In all probability there would be no objection by the Corporation to the construction and maintenance of good clay courts, provided they were kept in good repair, which would add no small item to their expense.

Since two men make up a set, tennis in that light is peculiarly suited to the Institute; but tennis, as a branch of athletics, is not especially adapted to the Institute. From the beginner to the expert player the opinion prevails that the hottest weather is productive of the best play. Of the Institute year there are certainly only two months suitable for tennis, and these at the best are but the weak outskirts of the season. The situation of two years ago is approximately the same to-day; the receipts from members do not warrant the construction of clay courts, and outside interest is too slight and spasmodic to be relied upon.

The lack of clay courts, however, need not materially retard the development of tennis at Technology. In the coming spring the intention is to put two, and more if possible, of the present grass courts into an acceptable form, and the surplus fund will be invested in cups and prizes. By this means it is hoped to produce both a renewed interest in tennis, and better facilities for enjoying the sport. The success of the effort will depend largely on the co-operation of the members and the students at large, who should not allow the association again to reach such a precarious position.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

I should like to ask, through your medium, why the M. I. T. A. C. is satisfied with its membership in the N. E. A. A. U. when no other athletic club of a higher institution of learning will allow itself to be classified with such clubs as the Trimount A. C., Suffolk A. C., Loyola A. C., Lafayette Social and A. C., and the score or more little insignificant boat clubs, which have been granted admission because of their fifty members, and which, together with a few other clubs, comprise this division of the A. A. U. It always impressed me that nothing was gained by our membership in this association, and that much more college spirit and interest would be taken by the Tech students in our club if we were in an association of like athletic clubs.

I should like to offer the suggestion that we withdraw from the New England Association of the A. A. U. and apply for admission to the New England Intercollegiate Athletic Association, or a like organization. Here there would be a healthy rivalry among the colleges by athletes of the same age and standing, and here also would be an association of interest to Technology.

Hoping this will be seen and answered in your columns by the President of the M. I. T. A. C. or some officer of it, I am

AN INTERESTED ONE.