As the college year draws to a close much attention seems to be directed toward the condition of athletics at the Institute, and particularly to the possibility of obtaining a permanent athletic field. This subject has been discussed and commented upon by The Tech in previous issues, and at present the advisability of such an undertaking is quite as far out of the question as it has been in the past.

It could only be carried through with the co-operation and assistance of the Athletic Association, and it is practically impossible to look for support from this quarter; for to say that the Association is "down in its finances," is a mild way of stating that every year there is a debt of from fifty to one hundred dollars which has to be taken care of by its officers. The Football Association would be looked to as another source of assistance in maintaining an athletic field; but this organization, like the first named, is not financially able to give any material support, as at present it can hardly pay its running expenses. These two organizations are the only ones which would be directly benefited by a field, and since, as has been shown, they are unable to aid in this matter, the only thing which would make such a plan practical would be a donation by some one interested in Technology and athletics; a donation which would include not only the means of procuring a field, but also an endowment sufficient to meet, at least partially, the yearly running expenses.

Many other plans and opinions might be advanced to show how we could raise a sum sufficient for the maintenance of an athletic field, but it is useless for The Tech to give birth to such ideas until the Athletic Club can count many more yearly and life members, and until the football subscription books receive more attention from the Institute men as a body.

That Tech men so seriously neglect athletic matters is a fact to be sincerely regretted. We are told that the Association has on foot several plans by which it hopes to infuse the many with some interest in these pursuits and an appreciation of their advantages. Schemes for the encouragement of athletes among the novices have been proposed, and the advisability of holding bi-weekly meets with handicap events has been suggested. Whatever these may develop, let us hope that before long something will awaken Tech men to the realization that they are not doing what they could or should...