It may be rather late to mention any rumors which might have been made regarding the playing of Varsity men in the class game, but since this point has been so prominently brought out in the columns of The Tech, it seems an excellent time to state just what the intention of the Football Association was in taking such action.

In the first place it was thought that more material might be developed for both class teams by excluding Varsity men from them, thus greatly enlarging the field for choice of Varsity players for the following season. Then, too, if either class chanced to have more men on the Varsity than the other, as was the case in the '97-'98 game, the chances for winning lie obviously with the class which has the greater number of such men—a fact which seems to introduce an element of unfairness.

Before this measure was put into operation Varsity practice was often hindered by the withdrawal of lower-class men, who left to play match games on their class team. This action of the Association was merely an experiment, and now that it has had a chance to operate, there remains the question whether it will be sustained in the future or not.

More interest is being taken this year in gymnastic exercise than heretofore, especially by the Freshmen. Director Boos's classes are well attended, and a similar training may now be obtained to that given at other colleges. Two new classes have been formed this year,—on the parallel bars and the horse; also new apparatus has been purchased, and the old put in good repair. The most serious drawback at present to the efficiency of our gymnasium is the lack of facilities for the proper heating of water; a matter which has been mentioned before, for which it is hoped that a remedy may soon be provided.

Notwithstanding the various disadvantages under which our gymnastic work is carried on, all should appreciate the benefit to be derived from a systematic course of exercise; and, despite the difficulties which beset us, we should not lose sight of the advantages which intelligent gymnasium work provides not only for ourselves, but for the advancement in athletics of the college.

We have been informed that during the Harvard-Michigan game, played some days since at Cambridge, a small number of Technology men, presumably from the West, desiring to applaud their State college, made use of the Technology cheer for Michigan, in attempting to encourage the work of that eleven. In consideration of the fact that the several Harvard athletic and social organizations, together with the Athletic Committee from the Harvard Faculty, have ever extended to Technology and to her organizations the most hearty, uniform, and hospitable courtesy, and inasmuch as the cheering did in no way represent the true feeling of our college, the action is wholly blameworthy, and is open to severe censure. We do not criticize sectional feeling, but we believe that the method by which it was shown was most unfortunate. The Tech strongly urges that in the future no such thoughtless action will be indulged; it is at once at variance with the true sentiment of the mass of Technology men, and surely savoring of thanklessness toward a university from which so much of benefit, so much of courteous hospitality, has ever been received.