ergy which would result from consolidation. As an expression of good-will and appreciation of our work here, this was very pleasant. The idea of a union, however, even aside from all practical obstacles, does not seem a very discriminating one. The value of a college of any sort depends principally upon the motive, the idea which animates its work. Now the motive forces at Harvard and Technology are vitally different. If the Institute of Technology is worth anything as an educational institution it is because of the reverence for truth, the taste for practical research, the firm mastery of the physical forces it bestows. If Harvard University is worth anything as an educational institution it is because of the love of the fine and beautiful, the taste for literature, the breadth and culture gained there. These two spirits are not capable of combination. The engineer should not be narrow, the university man should not be unscientific; yet nevertheless the standpoints of the two are radically opposed and cannot be interchanged without danger to both.

A BILL has recently been presented to the Athletic Association for a number of cups, furnished for prizes, which were supposed to have been paid for some time ago. This calls attention to a matter which is not pleasant to touch upon, but which, if it is to be reformed, should be brought to public notice: the extreme looseness which has characterized in some recent years the management of athletics at Technology. Very few men, in the upper classes, at least, are unaware that grave carelessness and even dishonesty has in certain cases eaten into funds subscribed by the students. Now, although the ability and integrity of the men at present in charge is unquestioned, some sure provision ought to be made against such scandals in the future. The principal trouble appears to be the absolute want of responsibility which exists, encouraging the keeping of unbusinesslike accounts. The Tech believes that the remedy is the same which has been applied at other colleges with so much success,—the appointment of a Board of Graduate Advisors, to supervise General Athletics. Such a committee, by auditing the accounts of the Athletic Association and the Football Association, would promote regularity and prudence in financial affairs, and by its influence on the teams themselves would call forth greater earnestness and faithfulness. In important questions, such as the disbanding of the football team last fall, the experience of its members could not fail to be of value. They would furnish a fixed, progressive policy instead of the alternations of enthusiasm and indifference brought by succeeding years. They would inspire the undergraduates with confidence and arouse a helpful enthusiasm among the alumni. Altogether the institution of such a board could not fail, we think, to place athletics in every way on a firmer basis at Technology.

We are glad to note the enterprise of the Co-operative Society in establishing supply rooms, and providing for the sale of text-books in the corridors, and we hope that their appeal for student patronage may meet with a hearty response. The Society in this work has the support and sanction of the administrative authorities of the Institute, and also of the Faculty. Another department of the Society which has proved most valuable in the past is the list of affiliated tradesmen giving discount to members, of such a substantial character as to make a membership ticket a very profitable investment. The organization deserves an even wider support than it has enjoyed in the past.

The fact that Harvard and Yale have at last come to a definite agreement in regard to athletics between the two universities is a most gratifying piece of news. All lovers