A flattering proof of the appreciation felt in outside circles of the high quality of the work done by the students of our Engineering Laboratory is given by the number of plants which have been offered to Professor Miller for testing. For several years it has been the custom, in order to give the men a better idea of actual working conditions, to obtain permission to conduct a test upon some large boiler and engine equipment. So good a reputation has been gained from the care with which these have always been conducted, and the success which has attended them, that already during the present year Professor Miller has been offered one pumping plant and two electric plants for this purpose, the companies being willing to pay the entire expense, which is no inconsiderable amount. It has not yet been definitely decided, however, whether any outside work will be done this year, as it may be considered advisable to substitute in its place a Hirn's Analysis—that is, an investigation of the heat losses from various causes—on the Allis engine in the laboratory.

During the past decade or two, methods of gymnastic training, especially for schools, have been undergoing a radical and important change. The valuable but tedious dumb-bell and other drills have therefore been supplemented, and to some extent replaced by "gymnastic games." This has been especially true in Germany, where games in the open air and under the guidance of an experienced teacher are a daily feature in the public schools.

In order to arouse a general interest in this phase of physical education the local branch of the American Society for the Advancement of Physical Education on Saturday, March 27th, held an exhibition of gymnastic games in the Drill Hall of the English High School. Over a thousand persons were present. Twenty-four out of a multitude of different games were presented by representatives of thirteen different gymnasiums. They varied in character from the grotesque "rider ball" of the boys' class of the Roxbury Turnverein, and the graceful "weaving" of the Brighton High School girls to the well-contested game of battle ball, in which Technology defeated Harvard, as related in another column.

This matter of gymnastic training is bound to become of greater importance at the Institute with the appointment of the committee of students and alumni to consider it. The proposed physical and medical examination is something of which all students will be glad to avail themselves, and the ultimate effect of such a stimulation of pure gymnastics cannot but be to improve the status of competitive athletics as well.