The same old question of opening the windows in the lecture rooms of the Walker building to secure ventilation, has come up as usual, and the students have been informed that the rooms are better ventilated with the windows shut. They are also told, by way of emphasis, that the Institute buildings are well known for their fine system of ventilation, and that experts in the subject come here to examine the system. Now it is all very well to say that the system is good, but it is quite another thing to say that the installation in Walker building is a success. As a matter of fact the rooms are close and soon get to be dreaded by the students. It's all the more noticeable when the student comes back to Tech. after a summer spent in good, clear country air. Some investigation should be taken by those who have the matter in charge, and if the system needs enlargement, why not enlarge it?

It may seem to upper classmen like harping on an old subject to advise Freshmen to use the Boston Public Library as much as possible. Nevertheless, there are many books which are of great use to Tech. men which cannot be obtained at the Institute library, and some for which there is such a demand at certain times, that it is hard to find them out of use. At these times the holder of a library card appreciates it. By application to the Institute office, a card can be obtained which arranges for the use of the Public library books by nonresident members. Without this card nonresidents cannot remove books from the library building. It is hard to overestimate the importance of this subject, and we hope all 1901 men will remember that “forewarned is forearmed.”

Mass Meeting.

A meeting in the interests of athletics was held Tuesday, Oct. 19. Vice President Morse urged men to come out for the Track team at once. He also read a letter from John Graham, stating the impossibility for Tech. men to do good work in athletics without spending more than two or three afternoons a week in training for a meet. As an instance of the benefit of steady gymnasium work he cited the case of Dartmouth, where nearly all the track men come from the gymnasium classes. Professor Sedgwick, in a short address, signified his willingness to support the Association in every way in his power. He said, however, that he believed the success of the Institute in athletics would come through individual effort, as in the case of track athletics, rather than through those branches which, like football, require large and expensive teams and unlimited time for their training. The report of the Committee on Physical Training was then taken up, and after some discussion it was decided to postpone the formation of an Advisory Council until after the Football Association and the Athletic Association shall have considered the report in detail. Another meeting will be called next Wednesday to take some action on the reports of the Athletic and the Football Associations. The report of the Committee on Physical Training represents the opinion of those who have carefully and conscientiously considered the needs of athletics at the Institute, and the necessity for a council which shall have power to direct and control our athletic policy. Such a council must, unless it be robbed of all authority and reduced to the position of a mere figurehead, to a certain extent antagonize present interests. It is to be hoped, however, that compromises will be made by both the Football and the Athletic Associations, and that an Advisory Council may be formed at the coming mass meeting with a constitution and by-laws that shall embody as nearly as possible the report of the Committee on Physical Training.