A sub-committee of the Institute Committee has just drawn up the following petition, and will be prepared to receive signatures the first of next week.

TO THE FACULTY AND CORPORATION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY:

Gentlemen,—A committee representing the alumni and the undergraduates of the Institute, after a careful consideration of the matter of physical training at Technology, made last autumn certain suggestions to the governing bodies. They recommended that the Faculty should be empowered to have immediate charge of the Gymnasium and its apparatus, and that they should be requested to appoint a committee to lay down rules for general and individual training. They recommended that the income from the rent of lockers be set aside as a fund for the purchase of new apparatus, that lockers be added of an improved pattern, that new shower baths of modern construction be put in, that the use of the Gymnasium be restricted to students at the Institute, and that the director of the Gymnasium be provided with a measuring outfit. One new tank for hot water has been put in this winter, but the bathing facilities and the lockers are still very inadequate, an inadequacy which is doubled by the presence of students from preparatory schools during afternoon hours. The whole system of Physical Training lacks the inspiration and efficiency which it would acquire under the direct supervision of the Faculty.

We, the undersigned, students at the Institute, respectfully urge upon you these recommendations of the Committee, and beg that the execution of the proposed reforms may be considered at an early date.

CHARLES-EDWARD AMORY WINSLow,
HARRY LEONARD MORSE,
STANLEY GAY HYDE FITCH,
Committee.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:

Shortly before the close of the term a new society was formed for the purpose of promoting the study and practice of the German language and the interest in things German among the students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

This organization is the successor to Der Deutsche Verein in so far as it takes up its interest in the German language and literature, but in other respects is an entirely independent organization.

The Faculty of the Department of Modern Languages have given their hearty co-operation in this new movement, so that it has every assurance of becoming a unit of interest and heartily earnest work in purely literary, but at the same time profitable and successful, lines.

All communications concerning membership or other matters, may be addressed to

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On February 28th, Tech. will enter a relay eam in the Boston College meet.

The annual dinner of the Class of '77 was held last Tuesday at the Technology Club.

The members of the '01 football team were photographed at Chickering's studio on January 19th.

The M. I. T. Y. M. C. A. will hold a meeting to-morrow, in Room 26, Rogers, for the annual election of officers.

Prof. W. O. Crosby will address the Geological Club this afternoon on "Some Special Cases of Wind Erosion in Colorado."

The Sherwood Club had its first dinner on Saturday, January 15th, at Young's Hotel. Mr. F. T. Merrick, Robin Hood, presided.

President Harper has authorized the introduction of military drill at Chicago University. It is to take the place of regular gymnasium work.

A portrait by Mr. Charles L. Adams, Instructor of Freehand Drawing at the Institute, is hung in the 57th exhibition of the Boston Art Club.