By petitioning the Faculty and Corporation, the Institute Committee hope to bring forward the demand for better gymnasium equipment with more force than is in any other way possible. It was thought that for some time the student body has heartily supported the reform movement which had its origin in the appointment, last fall, of a committee to investigate the subject of Physical Training at the Institute. The present petition has afforded the first real proof of the undergraduate feeling on the matter, and shows conclusively that the students are almost unanimously in sympathy with the movement. The petition asks for only those things which seem essential, and which might reasonably be demanded by the students of a college of far less importance than the Institute. At most colleges regular gymnasium work is prescribed; at Tech. we hope it will, at least, be encouraged by an improved gymnasium.

There is a prevailing impression that men at the Institute are worked so hard that they can find time for nothing but study. It is true, the courses are more severe than at other similar institutions, but students are not held in such cast-iron bonds as is generally supposed.

The dominant influence at Tech. is, of course, one of study, but, unfortunately, it has a tendency to make a man feel that he has not time for even a moderate amount of relaxation. If he devotes himself exclusively to his books, he will find his interest in everything else to lag. He graduates high in scholarship, but selfish and narrow minded in the extreme, and utterly devoid of sympathy with his fellow-men.

On the other hand, the man who takes an active interest in what is going on about him may not acquire as much technical knowledge as the grind, but at the end of his four years he will have absorbed a good deal of practical knowledge, kept in touch with the world in general, and, best of all, he will have won that which is not to be found in books, and which, in after life, he will prize more than an infinite amount of knowledge,—the love and esteem of his associates.

Let us then be active in our own little sphere of life; attend the class meetings;