T seems to us that the football team is in a very bad position, and that something should be done to remedy it—and soon. Shortly after his election, the present captain left Technology. Nobody at school knows definitely whether he intends to return next fall or not. The team is thus left without a leader. The manager of the team must be inconvenienced by his absence. Other matters also require the presence of the captain. A coach should be selected soon, so that a system of work can be selected, and put into action. The engaging of a coach depends almost entirely upon the captain. To have a coach and captain who do not work in harmony is worse than having no coach at all. Also the captain should be at the Institute, in order to get at the candidates at the opening of the season, and to know just how the team stands. We advise the team to do one of two things,—to elect a new captain, if that is possible, or to elect a captain pro tem.

The New Competitive Drill.

The coming battalion and competitive drill, to take place probably on March 3d, "will be held with a view to forming a nucleus for an Annual Interscholastic Drill, open to all members of high or preparatory school battalions in the Northeastern United States. The competition will be held under the auspices of the M. I. T. Military Committee, and is intended to extend the scope of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and to increase the interest of all parties in military drill. A silver trophy will be the prize, the same to be furnished by the Class of 1902, Massachusetts Institute of Technology."

The competition for the cup will be simply individual. The cup will be presented in the Senior year of the Class of 1902 to the institution having made the largest number of points.

The entrance conditions to the competition allow these schools to enter a team of two men each. The men must be "members of the Cadet Battalion they represent, must be regular members of the school, and must have served the entire year in the Cadet Battalion," except in the case of those who have served in the late war. The entrance fee for each competitor will be fifty cents. The "point" system will be used in awarding the trophy, and the first place in the final squad, which will consist of eight men, will count eight, and each place below counting one less down to the eighth place which will count one. "The competition will be in the manual of arms for the Krag-Jorgensen magazine rifle as adapted to the Springfield rifle, caliber 45, and each competing team must supply itself with rifles, belts, and bayonets. The squads will be under the command of the cadet officers of the Cadet Battalion, M. I. T., and the judges will be selected by Capt. John Boardman, Jr., Instructor of Military Science, M. I. T., and will be, if possible, officers of the regular army."

The exhibition maneuvers by the M. I. T. Battalion will consist of Battalion Formation, Escort to the Color, Battalion Parade, and Review.

The Sophomore Class.

At the meeting of the Sophomore Class, on Friday, the nominations for vacant class offices, made by the Executive Committee, were rejected. According to a resolution, proposed by E. F. Lawrence, a committee, consisting of E. F. Lawrence, H. K. Baxter, and H. T. Blanchard, were elected, who are to receive and post nominations, and have charge of an election of two men for the Ex-