The Football Season of 1900.

Looking over the records made by Technology teams in the past, we find, that the number of defeats generally exceeded the number of victories; it is therefore a pleasure to consider the showing made by this year's 'Varsity, which was undoubtedly better than most of the teams which have represented Technology on the gridiron. Four victories and two tie games to three defeats is a good showing, and we have every reason to be proud of our 1900 football team, which showed that, in spite of the adverse conditions existing at Tech, a creditable record can be made.

The management endeavored to follow up the policy begun by Mr. Collier, of scheduling games with large teams and gradually excluding Prep. schools from the list of Tech's opponents, but owing to the managers not being elected until most colleges had completed their schedules, a game with Exeter was arranged to open the season. All other games were played with colleges and the members of the Tech team, in the face of many discouragements and misfortunes, acquitted themselves well. After the Exeter and Brown games everyone looked forward to a string of victories for the remainder of the season, and these hopes would undoubtedly have been realized had not Captain Maxson, Laws, J. D. Wilson, Humber and French sustained injuries, which kept all, excepting Captain Maxson, who, contrary to the wishes of his physician, pluckily continued to play, out of the game for the remainder of the season.

The team was in its best condition, when it defeated Stevens by 35 points, almost equaling the scores made by Princeton and Columbia against the same team. The showing in the Tufts and Worcester Tech games was also excellent, but in these three games so many men were injured that the team which met Amherst was in no condition to play so hard a game as that proved to be. After this no game was played for two weeks, so many men being injured, that a Technology team practically did not exist, and when M. I. T. met Holy Cross, four members of the team had never played with the 'Varsity before. In fact they were taught the signals on the train going to Worcester. But for so many misfortunes, both of these defeats would have been victories. In the Burdett game the team again played with that dash and spirit shown earlier in the season, and won easily.

Mr. Crolius, the coach, deserves great credit for the way in which he trained the men. Only three members of last year's team came out this year, and to him is due the most praise for organizing a winning team from raw material.

Financially the season was not a success, this being directly due to the general athletic apathy and lack of college spirit so painfully evident at the Institute. Had five or even three hundred students turned out at each of the home games, we might have closed the season with a satisfactory cash balance instead of a heavy debt. How large this debt is can not be stated definitely, for many of the collectors have not yet turned in their accounts, but it is doubtful if the association will be entirely free from debt, even after all the subscriptions have been collected.

It may seem rather early to make suggestions as to the football policy for next year, but the question is one of such vital interest to the athletic welfare of the Institute, that an early start is essential. What do we need to bring us to the fore? Of course, above all else, a better gymnasium and an athletic field, but aside from these two essentials we need three things:

First, a consistent system of training and coaching. Every effort should be made to re-engage Mr. Crolius for next season, so that the same excellent methods begun this year may be continued. If possible a style