Football Abolished.

Last Friday morning notices announcing a mass meeting to take action on Football interests, were posted about the Institute. It was announced that the President was to speak. Further than this the purport of the meeting was not indicated. Previous to this meeting was a mass meeting called by the Institute committee to take action on abolishing the Cane Rush. About 500 students assembled at this meeting to which Dr. Pritchett spoke. Having finished his remarks in regard to the abolition of the Cane Rush, the President spoke of the Football at the Institute. The purport of his remarks was that he was not in favor of football at Tech because very few men could afford the time for the game. After further remarks, the President left the hall, and many students, thinking the meeting adjourned, left at the same time, so that when the action was taken in regard to football, there were about half the original number of students present. The Chairman, after a few remarks, asked for an expression from those who wished to have Technology represented by a football eleven. The resulting vote was 119 against to 117 in favor of an eleven. On the strength of this mere expression of opinion from a small minority, the team, to the surprise of all, was disbanded.

The vote taken meant nothing since it was the expression of only a part of the student body; and the disbanding of the eleven on such grounds was probably unconstitutional. It would have been constitutional to have referred the question to the Advisory Council and let the expression of the student vote count for what it was worth. The Council was created for just such purposes, and had the question been referred to them doubtless the right end would have been reached quietly and without unpleasantness.

We agree with the President that under existing conditions the average Tech man has not the necessary time for football, but we regret that a different means was not taken in bringing about the disbandment. This abrupt withdrawal from contracts for games with other colleges may make it a difficult matter to procure games for another season, even if it is then desired.

As to a remedy for the apathy towards Tech football, we would suggest, for one thing, a more moderate admission fee be charged. Let there be, too, only home games, these to be played on Saturdays. We think that a twenty-five cent admission fee would undoubtedly bring out a far larger student support than has existed in the past, while Saturday home-games would not necessitate any conflicts with exercises at the Institute. Moreover, since the players would lose no exercises by playing, they would be more ready and able to try for the eleven. We trust some plans along these lines may be adopted in another season.

Freshman Football.

A meeting of those members of the Freshman class who are interested in football was held Saturday morning immediately after the Military Science lecture, in Room 11, Rogers. There were a large number present. Mr. H. W. Kenway of Newton was elected temporary captain. A surprisingly large number of men signed as going to try for the team and it is hoped that with so much material to choose from, a good team can be picked which will defeat the Sophomore team on Field Day. The candidates had their first practice at the Gymnasium Monday afternoon and about fifteen men were present,—a good showing for such a day. The candidates were given signal practice and a few line formations. Daly, '05, acted in the capacity of coach. Practice will be held each afternoon at four o'clock, and it is hoped there will be a large number out.