This afternoon the Institute Committee has to consider the substitution of a silk red and gray button for the present common emblazoned one. It seems that if some standard style should be adopted; one that is simple and neat in appearance, and less of a badge than the usual (and varied) one borne on the sleeves.

The style to be considered is one that has been suggested by Major Cortelyou, who since his arrival has shown the most active interest in the Institute and its students. It consists of a small button, over the rim of which is wound a red and gray silk ribbon, except for the differences in color it is similar to the one used by all graduates from West Point, by whom it is regarded with the utmost respect.

The adoption of a uniform insignia would not be worn on practically all occasions by both undergraduates and Alumni would be a long step toward showing the present importance of the Institute. It would also be of material benefit to students and former students as it would afford a common means of recognition. To see men of temperament and character; those who would create first a curiosity, then an interest in the cause. This would mean that eventually the button would mark the wearer with a distinction, and one whose character might be proud. We hope that its adoption will receive serious consideration, and if adopted will be well preserved to the student body.

During the President's recent trip he was peculiarly struck by the familiarity of the Alumni with the news of the Institute. More than this, however, is the remarkable feeling which the old graduates have for Rogers Steps. To these men Rogers is the Institute, in which they graduated. The President said: "Not a few of them come to the Institute with the loyalty of the old men. The old custom of sitting and smoking "on Rogers Steps," as the song says, still sticks in their minds as one of the marks while souvenirs of their college days, and are sufficiently important to them to do much to with the jeering of this fashion. "If we have it in our minds, it will prevent the reverence we should have for such customs from dying away."