On October 11, 1901, a vote of undergraduates abolished intercollegiate football at MIT. This decision was taken as a mass meeting by the student body, addressed by the President of the Institute. President Pritchett took an indefinite leave of football at Tech because he felt very few men could afford time for the game. The President left the meeting, and about half of the estimated students present accompanied him with thinking the meeting was over.

However, after a few remarks the meeting was addressed by the student body, a fraction of them who wished to have Technology represented by a football team, and the other which supported the President. The President left the field, and the football team was disbanded.

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