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## THE INTEGRAL

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### ATHLETICS



For many years there has been a feeling at Armour that Athletics were not on the right basis; something had been wrong. There was no field; there were no funds; there was no time; everybody offered an explanation. When we obtained our field and a reliable source of revenue our stumbling stones began to vanish; coaches appeared; more enthusiasm was manifested; more material came out for the teams; we had better results; we were more encouraged, but we were not satisfied; something was yet lacking. Many theories have been advanced as to what this is. One is that our management has been poor; that there has been no definite aim in our athletics, no plan which covered more than one season, no ac-

quaintance, no standing which is necessary to obtain games with reputable teams of colleges. The student managers did their best but they were acting for the first time, with little experience, small responsibility, and no seasoned advice. This theory has been considered and a remedy has been applied by the Board of Athletic Control.

Another theory put forth to explain our failure in athletics was a lack of time. More time from studies could not be given, but less athletics might be a remedy and football was stricken from our list of sports, leaving basket ball, track, and baseball for the expression of our athletic spirit. This question was discussed last year and again this year by the Board of Athletic Control, where many reasons were put forth to convince the members that football in a technical school is not a form of athletics which would tend to become of help and interest to practically every student; that it was not our best means of giving our student enjoyable exercise, social intercourse with his fellow students, and a broadening contact with students of other schools. It was said that the sentiment in general was against the game, that we did not have funds enough to carry all the more common sports, that something must go, that football would be missed the least, etc.

Other reasons which defeated football are as follows: (First.) The fact that it is practically impossible to begin practice before five o'clock, which makes the work come after dark most of the season and the time is too short at best. (Second.) The standing of at least some of the individual players was affected last year. (Third.) This season shows that football is too expensive for us. There has been spent almost one-third of all the athletic money for this year on football alone. In any case is it just to the other interests?