The present condition of the subscription list of The Tech is far from satisfactory. With the first number of the paper, which was sent to each alumnus, a circular was mailed defining the position of the paper in the school and calling for his subscription and support. The number of responses so far received is ridiculously small, and not only causes the suspicion that the M. I. T. alumnus has little regard for the doings of his Alma Mater, but points to a future for The Tech that is not encouraging. With a little aid from the alumni the paper could be made especially interesting to them and the column of Alumni Notes would become a leading feature.

This same spirit of apathy is found in a less marked degree in the two lower classes in the Institute, and especially among the Freshmen. Every Institute man who can afford it should consider it a duty to subscribe. The paper is published in the interests of no particular clique, its editors and directors have no financial interest in it; it is for the benefit of each and every student of the school, and should not have to ask twice for their support.

The action of '87 regarding the Freshman ball is to be regretted for many reasons. The class was so evenly divided and so much money had been raised, that a ball which would have been a credit to '87 and a pleasure to all concerned could have been given with little additional trouble. The Institute is sadly lacking in those features which make ordinary college life attractive and so long remembered. There is scarcely anything to bring the students together outside of the class-rooms, and the Freshman ball was one of the best promoters of kindly feeling and mutual acquaintance between us as individuals and classes.

Since the days of Jones, the caterer in our old gymnasium, — and perhaps even then, — has there existed in the neighborhood of the Institute the need of a good restaurant, where our hard-working students could satisfy their hunger at the hour of noon without serious detriment to their finances, and we hail with joy a rumor that the establishment of such a restaurant is in contemplation.

We hear the management of the Young Men's Christian Association have decided to let a portion of the new building on the corner of Berkeley and Boylston Streets for such a purpose, and we have no doubt with the custom offered by the Institute and by the Harvard Medical College, together with the