HE Boston Athletic Association has been given the use of the grounds back of the gym, and they, in turn, have made a generous offer to the Institute. As the grounds are in need of some repair, they are to be scraped, leveled, a few inches of loam thrown in, and then well rolled. The expense will be about one hundred dollars, and the B. A. A. will pay two thirds if we will pay the other one third, thus having equal rights on the grounds this spring, and also for football in the fall, and Athletic Association men to practice with.

The Freshman class has subscribed two hundred and fifty dollars for their baseball expenses, and it is to be hoped that they will see the importance of getting the grounds, and lend a helping hand in their repair.

If enough cannot be obtained in this way, the football Association will have to make a small canvass this spring; but this would hardly be just, as they will have expenses enough in the fall.

Let every man who has an interest in football and baseball, see the importance of obtaining these grounds and help out the project.

SOME time ago the custom died out of giving second prizes in the Athletic Club games. Why it was given up is hard to see, for by it half the competition, which is the very spirit of athletics, was lost. We wish to bring the matter up, and advocate the readoption of the practice. In the first place, they have been successfully used everywhere else, and we confidently state that if "seconds" were given at the Institute games, there would be a great advance in the number and spirit of our athletes. It is indeed hard for the man who comes to the winning post half a yard behind, or is beaten in the vault or jump by only half an inch, to receive no acknowledgement of his merit; and to compete with six when but one can get the prize is discouraging, and enough to make the younger men hold back from entering against the older athletes.

But there is no use enumerating arguments that are already clearly understood by all. There is but one objection to the immediate readoption of the custom in the spring meeting, and with that we have to do. It is advanced that the fact of holding the meeting out of town will keep the attendance down to very small numbers, and as the meeting will thus be almost a dead loss to the club, the prizes could not be afforded. But the Athletic Club officers can surely afford a medal for each event, to be given as a second prize. The cups for first prizes might be made a little less expensive; though in a case

THE Tech-Harvard road race will take place Saturday, April 2oth, at 2:30 P. M., starting from the corner of Beacon and St. Mary Streets. The course is 14 3/4 miles, extending through the Beacon Street Boulevard, around both reservoir basins, and returning over same route. The start is easy of access to everyone, and there is no reason why every man in the Institute should not be present to encourage our representatives, and cheer them on to a well-deserved victory.

There is no limit to the number of entries, so every man who can ride should enter, as the more entries we have the better are our chances in case of an accident. But only the first five men of each team count at the finish.

The Cycling Club has engaged two trainers to keep the men in good condition, and they have trained energetically, and the outlook is very promising. When a club shows as much interest as this in the welfare of athletics at the Institute, no man should begrudge a small subscription, if it should become necessary, to aid it in its good work. With good weather there is every indication of a close and exciting race; so let every man be present at the start and finish, with his lungs in good order, and if it so please the fates, he may have occasion to use them for the victors.