IT is to be regretted that the Boston Athletic Association’s sparring, wrestling, and fencing meeting came as it did, in the midst of our examinations, for had it been a little earlier we should have made some entries. Although we were unfortunate at that time, there is a better outlook for the open handicap meeting to be held in Mechanics’ Hall, February 15th, when we shall probably make six or more entries. This is encouraging, as heretofore Tech. has not gone into any open meetings. Now that the ice is broken, we expect great things for the future.

The training that our athletes will have for this meeting will put them in good condition for our open spring meeting, which takes place in March, and which in the past has been noted for its lack of Tech. entries. But this year, as our athletics are on a flourishing basis, we will look for a more evenly divided programme.

THE TECH has received articles for publication more or less frequently from the members of the upper classes, but contributions from ’93 have been noticeable by their absence. We make no appeal, O Freshmen, to your patriotism or your generosity, knowing that your liberal allowance of each is, before now, sacrificed to the pressure of your multifarious duties in connection with the routine work of the Institute, but we would suggest that it is to your interest to remedy the present state of affairs. THE TECH hopes to be able to make additions to its staff from the ranks of your class, but unless enough literary material is submitted for an estimate of your writers’ abilities, the choice will necessarily be indefinitely deferred.

We have no hopes that you can manifest your talents as contributors until the turmoil of the examinations is over, but the leisure of the ten days succeeding offers the opportunity for unlimited writing. Improve the chance, and favor us with the result of your efforts.

A THING that we are sorry to mention, but which is too well known, and, unfortunately, too common to let pass, is the occurrence of thefts in the Institute buildings. Students who have left property in the coat rooms have met with losses of money or clothing of more or less value. It is hard to prescribe any remedy for this evil, for no suspicion can be attached to any persons connected with the Institute. The fact that this thieving exists is one of too much importance to the reputation and morale of the Institute to be neglected by the authorities.

The Institute provides a room where articles can be checked, and does not hold itself responsible for any losses encountered by the students by not availing themselves of it. We need not say that this protection is rendered useless in many cases where its use is not practicable. Those who desire to keep possession of their personal property should not take any chances, but keep it where there is no danger of its being appropriated. At present eternal vigilance is the only safeguard of one’s valuables.

THE column heading of THE TECH under which used to appear occasional “Communications,” is growing dusty from disuse. Every one is too satisfied or too busy to need expression for his grievances. Happy Institute where no improvements can be suggested, and no failings pointed out. Our columns will still be at the disposal of the students, however, whenever cause for dissatisfaction shall be given to any one.

The space mentioned is not, however, reserved for nothing but growling. Matters of general interest by the undergraduates and letters from the alumni have equal right to occupy it. We desire to keep it filled with the expression of the students’ opinions, and to this end invite an overflow of contributions on any or all subjects. If you have something to say, do not wait for a more special invitation.