half goes to public institutions. There are rumors that the will is to be contested, and of these the Herald says editorially:—

Such seems to be the fate of all wills in which men who expected to be beneficiaries are disappointed. Mr. Burnham was a man of whose sanity there can hardly be plausible questioning, and he was not one whom it was easy to influence to any marked extent. His will itself appears to bear evidence on that point. He was a benevolent man, as well as a shrewd one, in all his life. The disposition he has made of his property is consistent with this character, and we opine that it will be proved so when the will comes to be tested, if it is ever attacked.

Mr. Burnham has done well in leaving so large a sum to the Institution which is by all odds the most prominent factor in scientific education in the United States to-day, and his generosity will never be forgotten by the friends of the Institute.

A DECIDED stimulus has been given very recently to athletics at the Institute, and the credit is largely due to Dr. Williams of the Corporation.

Many of the students have by this time heard of the appointment of Mr. Albert Whitehouse as permanent gymnasium instructor and general athletic advisor. Mr. Whitehouse, who is a native of England, has been in America for about two years. While in England he was assistant to T. Renshaw of the Manchester Gymnasium, who has a high professional reputation abroad. During his sojourn in this country his time has been spent as instructor of the Ottawa Amateur Athletic Club and as assistant at the Hemenway Gymnasium, Harvard.

Besides thoroughly understanding all gymnasium instruction and class exercises, Mr. Whitehouse is also well acquainted with English Rugby football and cricket. He may be found in the gymnasium every afternoon from four till six, excepting Saturdays.

The Corporation and the Faculty, and Dr. Williams in particular, have been liberal in furnishing us with a trainer, and The Tech wishes to express, in behalf of the Institute, its appreciation of their most thoughtful action.

The scheme of sending a team from the Institute to the Manhattan Athletic Club meeting held in New York December 28th, we regret to say fell through. The winning records in some of the events were low enough to give our athletes, comparatively novices, excellent chances, and it is more than probable that had we had a competing team there, the M. I. T. A. C. would have carried off two or three medals. For instance, the novice 440 was won from the scratch in 66 seconds and a fraction. Undoubtedly there are novices in the Institute who can beat this hands down. The 440 handicap was won in 55 seconds and a fraction from the 15-yard mark; there are ten men in the Institute to-day who can beat this.

This, in a way, should give our athletes the greatest amount of encouragement, to say the least, and should induce entries in all meetings in the future, while the events in our closed meeting on the 12th should all be warmly contested. A man doesn’t know what he can do until he gets at it, so don’t hold back with the idea that you can’t do anything, but go in and try. There are a great many fellows practicing in the gym every afternoon, and you can get some good pointers and experience there.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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BOSTON, Dec. 4, 1891.

To THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:

Why did the Tech. football management wish to restrict the attendance at the games in this city? I take it for granted that such was the intention. At any rate there was hardly anything done to get out a large attendance from the public at large. I knew early in the season that Tech. had a football team (having been told so by a friend who had it straight from a student). So I turned every morning to the football column in the Herald expecting to read there sundry items of interest concerning the team,—its prospects, the dates of its home games, some personal