is certainly a pleasure to all of us to know that this department is wide awake.

The time of those occupied in the Secretary's office is no longer taken up by a continuous stream of students requesting catalogues or for something else newly arrived. The scheme of bringing out the Tabular Views at the end of the first term, and the new system for attendance cards has made it possible to set a thousand men to work within a day instead of three or four days, as was formerly the case. Of course it is not quite so pleasant for the student who is looking for an extra day or two of vacation, but nevertheless it must appeal to us as being more systematic. The new arrangement of bulletin boards is also to be commended, and we trust a systematic method of removing old notices accompanies them.

The date of the open scratch games of the M. I. T. A. C. has been changed from March 5th to a week later—March 12th. They will be held, as usual, in Winslow Rink, but not, as heretofore, in the afternoon, but in the evening. This was to enable many people (both contestants and spectators) to be present, who could not otherwise attend.

These sports probably will be the best ever held by M. I. T. as interest in athletics is now at fever heat, and the games, this year, are open to all recognized amateurs. In previous years the meetings have been open only to M. I. T., B. A. A. and Harvard.

Another feature will be that there are three cups offered to those who are placed in their events. This will be sure to draw a large list of entries.

There are games in Boston or vicinity every week or two, so there is every inducement for our men to get and keep in training.

The Brown Daily Herald which has lately appeared is the fifth college daily in the country.

There is a number of men at the Institute most actively interested in track athletics who belong to the Boston Athletic Association, and who always enter open competitions as B. A. A., and not as M. I. T.

To those who do not understand why this is done, it would appear as though the athletes in question did not have a sufficient regard for their Alma Mater, preferring to give the credit of possible victories to the B. A. A. rather than to the Institute. But this is not the case.

There is a rule of the Amateur Athletic Union, that athletes belonging to it shall not be allowed to compete as entering from more than one organization in the A. A. U., and that, furthermore, they shall not be allowed to change from one club to another more often than once in three months. Hence it is seen that our men cannot compete both as M. I. T. and B. A. A.

With Harvard the case is different, inasmuch as the H. A. A. is not a member of the A. A. U., and consequently their representatives may enter both as H. A. A. and B. A. A.

But why do not our men enter the various meetings simply as belonging to Technology? The answer to this question is, in every case which has come under our observation, that Tech. men who belong to the M. I. T. A. C. and B. A. A. enter as members of the latter organization purely on motives of economy. As members of the B. A. A. they have their traveling and training expenses paid for them, besides uniforms, entrance fees, etc.

It is well known that the M. I. T. A. C. is not in the position to bear any additional burdens such as these. It takes more than a little work of its executive committee in order to prevent the club falling into debt.

Members of the Boston Athletic Association have to pay annual dues; and consequently if those men who belong to the M. I. T. A. C. and B. A. A. can save money by competing as B. A. A., we think, though regretting such to be the case, they should not be blamed for so doing.