per cent, were employed during the past summer. The average length of time employed was about two and one-half months, and the average rate of pay was sixty dollars. Ten men, or about thirty-five per cent, were not employed, but some of these probably did not desire work. Out of a total of forty-one men in the present third year, who were Sophomores last year, fifteen, or about thirty-seven per cent, were employed, while twenty-six, or about sixty-three per cent, did no engineering work. The average length of time during which those who worked were engaged, was two and three-fourths months, and the average pay received was about forty-five dollars per month. It must be remembered that the past year was a dull one for engineering work, and it is fair to presume that in ordinary years the demand for men during the summer would be much greater.

We clip the following from the Boston Transcript of January 14th: “Among the petitions received in the House this forenoon was one from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. . . . The petitioners ask for an appropriation of $25,000 per annum for the term of six years, to be expended under the direction of the corporation for the general purposes of the Institute. The petition recites the facts that the Legislature in 1887 and 1888 granted the Institute $200,000; that the number of students is now 1183, 120 towns and cities of the State being represented; that the annual expenses of the Institute are now $295,332.32; that it has been necessary to erect new buildings and purchase more land, and that including cost of buildings and land purchased the whole amount expended to date has been $4,600,000. To this total the contribution of the State and national governments has been less than nine per cent. The petition further represents that the annual deficiency is now about $23,210, presenting a condition fraught with the gravest danger to the future of the school.”

The London Athletic Club has accepted a challenge of the New York Athletic Club to an international contest in track athletics.

Brown is attempting to stir up enthusiasm over the cross-country runs. If a suitable number of men can be obtained a run will be held for which prizes will be offered.

The annual convention and election of officers of the New England Intercollegiate Athletic Association will be held February 9th, at 11 o’clock, in the Quincy House, Boston.

A proposition is being discussed at Harvard in regard to making athletic culture count toward an A. B. degree. It is believed that this incentive is needed to induce all classes of men to consistent exercise.

The Chauncy Hall A. A. held their annual games in the Gym, last Friday. It will be remembered that Sargent, '98, the sprinter, first came into prominence by breaking several of the school records last year.

It has been proposed by Williams College that the N. E. Intercollegiate meeting this year be held in or about Boston, and under the auspices of the B. A. A. They claim it is more central for a majority of the members of the N. E. I. A. A., and surely it would be approved by Technology.

In all probability the Athletic Club’s annual games will be held in the South Armory again this year in conjunction with the First Regiment A. A. Not long ago the military association was dropped from the list of membership of the N. E. A. A. U., because of its listlessness, and it was feared that Technology would not again have the privilege of holding the