The Summer School of Mining and Metallurgy has been one of the main features in the course in Mining Engineering since 1871, when the students in charge of President Runkle made a trip through the mining regions of Missouri, Colorado, and Utah. This year the school will be held in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, as announced in the circular letter from Prof. Hofman published in another column.

In many of the mining and metallurgical centers of the country, Technology men are holding responsible positions, and are always ready to assist the members of the Summer school in every way possible—to give them entrance to the various works and mines, and often to entertain them socially. At the iron and steel works to be visited this summer are the following graduates of Course III.: Mr. H. H. Campbell, '79, Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Steel Company at Steelton, Penn., where the students will investigate blast furnaces, the Bessemer and the open-hearth processes, and rolling mills; Mr. David Baker, '85, Superintendent of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel Company at Lebanon, Penn., who will exhibit to the students iron-ore mining and roasting, and iron blast furnaces; Mr. Joseph E. Thropp, Jr., '94, Assistant to Superintendent of Everett Furnace and Mines at Everett, Penn. Here the students will obtain an idea of iron and coal mines, coke ovens and a blast furnace for making foundry iron.

The advantages of this one month of intimate association with the practical side of mining and metallurgy are of such great value that the mining student should consider it a privilege to be present during his course at one of the Summer Schools. The experience and information in regard to the metallurgy of iron, copper, lead, silver, and zinc, coke making, and iron and coal mining, which the students can thus obtain, will be of the greatest benefit, and will be of especial aid to them in subsequent professional studies.

We publish this week a complete list of the theses subjects undertaken by Ninety-five men in Courses I. to V. inclusive. In a later issue the remainder of the class will appear with the problems which have been chosen. It has been encouraging to note the general enthusiasm in thesis work displayed by the Senior Class at large, and in almost every case success seems to be assured. The Faculty should be heartily commended for the working interest which has been evinced; many times a very considerable expense has been incurred to advance to the students all apparatus necessary for an extremely varied list of undertakings.

Calendar.

April 13th: Mandaman Club, Parker House, at 8 p. m.
April 15th: German Plays at Copley Hall, at 8 p. m.
April 16th: Junior Promenade, Pierce Hall.
April 17th: Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Club's concert, Huntington Hall, 8 p. m.
April 18th: French Plays at Copley Hall, at 8 p. m.

Communications.

To the Editors of The Tech:

Upon the call of Dr. Sargent, of Harvard, as spokesman of a committee, a meeting was recently held to form a gymnastic association, which is to include for the present various organizations in and about Boston. At this meeting the objects and general plan of such an association were discussed. The further enlargement of the plan and the working out of its details, as well as the framing of a constitution, were left to a committee of five to be appointed by Dr. Sargent.

The object of the promoters of this movement is to arouse a general interest in gymnastics, by arranging for a series of contests between teams of the different organizations to be represented in the proposed association. The two important features of these proposed contests are that each organization will be represented by a comparatively large team, and that the style and finish of the exercises, rather than their difficulty, will form the basis of selection of the successful team. By these provisions it is evident that a