ALTHOUGH the Intercollegiate meeting seems a long way ahead, yet training for this spring can hardly begin too early, and a general call for candidates for the team will doubtless soon be made.

A suggestion is offered in regard to the training this year. Heretofore the track captain has had the entire coaching of all departments in track and field athletics. This, of course, throws altogether too much work upon one man, and is more than he can easily do. Each department should have an assistant at its head who should have full charge of it (of course subject to the supervision of the captain), thus making the training much more systematic.

The sprinters should be coached by one man, the jumpers by another, and the weight throwers by a third, and so on.

Another matter which we should like to urge upon the athletic management is the advisability of holding informal preliminary meets to encourage new men, and awaken enthusiasm among the students at large. Such meetings are being held at Williams and Bowdoin, and proved very helpful at Technology two years ago. We feel sure that if managed with the vim which characterizes the present athletic leaders, they would be most successful to-day.

Foreign Technical Schools.

Before the Society of Arts on Thursday evening, March 25, Professor C. P. Brooks, Director of the Lowell Textile School of Lowell, Mass., read a paper on "Technical Education in Europe." He attributes the remarkable commercial growth of Germany, in particular, to the introduction of technical schools; including in this term not only the higher technical universities, but also the many trade schools for artisans.

He says: "While the relations of the European nations during the last twenty-five years have been nominally those of peace, as a matter of fact there has been in existence a continuous war; not a contest for military or naval supremacy nor contention for territory, but a struggle for wealth and for the control of the commerce of the world.

"In the course of this constantly raging industrial war, Germany has been the aggressor, and England and France on their defense; one of the latter nations protecting her world-wide trade in high grade, substantially made, and yet cheap goods, and the other her tastefully designed manufactures. All through the contest, the honors have rested with Germany, and many of her merchants will be ready to admit that the key to the success has been in the fact of the inception of technical education and its introduction on a practical basis in Germany before it was adopted by any other country, and in the immense sums that have been spent by states, cities and manufacturers in high grade trade schools and trade instruction, and that they depend for continued success on the extension and elaboration of their present system."

Of the five classes of so called technical schools, the fifth, which is the most important, in Professor Brooks' estimation, but not the most numerous, consists of the higher trade schools for specific trades. Such schools are generally located in districts where the subjects taught are practically applied in factories in close proximity to the school. Thus, a textile school would be located in a textile manufacturing center, a ship building school at a seaport, etc. Manufacturers have begun to realize the value of these schools in training their employees to the extent that they not only regard a certificate of graduation from a trade school as a fair recommendation, but in some cases they have also established trade schools in connection with their manufacturing plants.

Tickets for the Technology play will be put on sale in Rogers corridor on and after Friday, April 2d.