and relay races, are handicap, so that every new man is given a good chance to win a place. In fact, if he has fair ability, the more of a novice a man is the better is his chance for winning, for the handicapper, not knowing him, is very likely to give him a much greater lead than he really ought to have. We earnestly advise every man trying for the Track team to enter in this Meet. It will be no disgrace to lose, and a great honor to win.

The Tech Extra.

The Editors of The Tech regret that it was impossible to print the semiannual examination schedule in last week's paper. Extensive changes had to be made in the original schedule, and these were not completed until Friday afternoon, when, by courtesy of Dr. Tyler, it was at once given to The Tech. Rather than delay the publication of the revised schedule until to-day, an extra edition of The Tech was issued at 8.30 A.M. Saturday. The Extra will not be mailed to subscribers, but will be sent to any address on receipt of five cents.

Die Gesellschaft.

On Thursday afternoon, Dec. 29, 1898, the members of Die Gesellschaft were given a book talk at the Boston Public Library by Professor Frank Vogel.

The members met in the upper library, where the most valuable original books and facsimiles are kept, and were given a concise, spicy history in German of old Germanic writings and earlier book making.

Time prevented more than short glimpses of the many beautiful folios, but sufficient, however, to guide the members in their study of this subject, for which Professor Vogel has promised further talks.

The study of book-making forms an important part in the work of the society for this year, since it is so intimately associated with a study of the Literature, from the purple parchment pages of the "Codex Argenteus," with their letters of gold and silver, through the collection of beautifully illustrated "Minnesänger Lieder," by Walther von der Vogelweide (bought at great cost for his country by old Emperor William) down to the 42-line Bible of Gutenberg, one has a magnificent evidence of the trials and successes of the great forerunners of a powerful German literature.

Innovations in Freshman Drill.

It is proposed to hold public drills every two months, the first coming about the last of February. These drills will be of a competitive nature between the different companies, and, although there will be no individual work, each company will present some special feature. Captain Boardman further proposes to devote the latter part of the weekly drill period to military athletics and calisthenics. As a means of perfecting obstacle work and distance running relay work will be taken up thoroughly, and this not so much for the benefit of those who are practiced in running as for those who are not. Representative relay teams will be formed from the different companies, and, further than this, representative relay teams consisting of four men will be chosen from corresponding squads in the companies. The military athletics to be taken up will include hurdling, jumping, obstacle work, long-distance running, wall scaling, and vaulting. An effort will be made to form a Sophomore company after the semiannual examinations, to drill against the Freshman battalion. The military athletics will be supervised by Captain Boardman, and the condition of the battalion will be efficient enough in February to warrant a public drill.

C. W. Corbett, '99, has been elected to the Board of Editors of The Tech.