The spring vacation will be from April 17th to 19th, inclusive.

The Third Year Problems, just finished, a design for an entrance to a park, may be seen in the Exhibition Room of the Architectural Department.

At a meeting of the Architectural Society on Tuesday, it was decided to hold a Smoke Talk, one week from to-day, at the Technology Club. The following were elected to membership in the Society: W. T. Aldrich, '01, L. S. Butler, '01, C. A. Whittemore, '01, J. N. Pike, '01.

On Thursday afternoon, March 30, 1899, the members of Die Gesellschaft enjoyed greatly the reminiscences of student life at Göttingen, as told by Dr. Frederick S. Woods, who was a member of the American Colony at that university for some time. A number of interesting photographs were shown, which added very much to the interest aroused for Göttingen and its illustrious teachers.

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**Technology Calendar.**

*Thursday, April 6.—Group picture of the Class-day Committee at Hoyle's, 288 Boylston Street, 1 P. M.*

*Friday, April 7.—Group picture of the Class-day Officers at Hoyle's, 288 Boylston Street, 1 P. M.* Meeting of the Clefian Society, 11 Engineering Building, at 4:30 P. M., C. F. P. Campbell, '00, to speak on "How the Blind Become Self-supporting." Meeting of the Y. M. C. A., 11 Rogers, 4:10 P. M. Subscription concert of the musical clubs, at the Technology Club, 8 P. M.

*Thursday, April 13.* Meeting of the Society of Arts, 8 P. M.; Huntington Hall, Mr. Geo. L Hosmer to speak on "The Middlesex Fells Geodetic Observatory." Smoke talk of the Architectural Society, at the Technology Club, 7:30 P. M.

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**Civil Engineering Society Dinner.**

The Civil Engineering Society held its second annual dinner last Friday night, at the United States Hotel. The attendance of seventy members brought out most clearly the great strength of this Society. In every way the dinner was a most complete success.

The President of the Society, H. H. Starr, '99, in a neat little speech introduced the toastmaster, Bernard Hermann, '99. To say the least that can be said, Mr. Hermann filled his difficult position admirably, and was warmly and continually applauded for his brilliant sallies.

Mr. Hermann first introduced Professor Swain. After a few cracks at the other professors present, Professor Swain spoke in a more serious vein. He deplored the lack of debating societies, where students could gain the skill to speak in public. He was very optimistic as to civil engineering in this country, and called attention to the broad field that the profession covered. The students should not forget that civil engineering is a business, and that to take advantage of the opportunities, they must pay attention to the business side.

Messrs. Brownell, Addicks, Chase, and Oxnard played several pieces through the evening, and Mr. Loud sang two solos, which were very warmly received.

After a few witty remarks, Professor Allen dwelt upon the advantages of an engineering training, enabling one to see things as they are, and to take them as one finds them. Mr. Sweet made a droll speech, which was frequently interrupted by applause. Mr. McKibben spoke of the process of the leading engineering works of 1898-1899, mentioning the completion of the survey between New York and Massachusetts, the two steel arches over the Niagara River, the Panama and Nicaraguan canals, the subway, and the projected elevated road in Boston. Professor Robbins spoke upon the benefit in visiting the industries around Boston, after which speech Professor Porter talked of the advantages of the Engineering Summer School.

Professor Burton presented a new view of design to the students. He believed the beauty of a structure was one of the most essential requisites, and that a structure often owed its longevity to its beauty. He then cited examples of the tearing down of structures, owing, primarily, to their ugliness. He closed with a few happy remarks, and the meeting was over.