Exhibit in Landscape Gardening.

Several drawings of interest to students in architecture and landscape gardening have been on exhibition during the past week in Room 32, Pierce Building.

This exhibition embraced drawings made by students of the institute in a branch of work recently introduced in the architectural course, of which landscape gardening is a part, illustrating a new method of making sketch maps for preliminary use in landscape gardening.

The method by which these sketch maps are made is new, in that it embodies the ideas of rapid work in preliminary surveys for landscape gardening, and also introduces the element of imagination into the work, as opposed to the exactness of the usual surveys.

By the new method a comprehensive topographical map of an estate may be obtained by pacing the distances and using the pocket compass and hand level instead of the more precise transit and level.

By the courtesy of the owners of one of the best known estates in Brookline, students in the architectural course were permitted to make sketches of the estate for the purpose of demonstrating the new system. The maps produced, as well as bird's-eye views made therefrom, are shown in the exhibition.

By the means of such maps as these a landscape gardener is enabled, after a few hours' preliminary work, to show a client at a glance the appearance of his estate, and to point out where the planting of trees, the levelling or filling in of ground, or the trimming of trees or shrubbery, would improve the estate.

Physics Examination.

At a recent lecture in Second Year Physics Prof. Cross made the announcement that it has been decided to alter the system of examinations in that course. Hitherto, although there has been held a three-hour examination in January on the work of the first term, the June examination included the work of the entire year. The plan adopted for this year makes the January examination final for subjects studied during the first term, namely Mechanics and Electricity, and the June examination is to include only second term work, the study of Optics. This scheme will necessitate the taking of an extra examination in June by those students failing first term work. The present system of recitations in the course in Physics obviates the necessity of so comprehensive an examination as the former plan required. This much needed change will do away with the severe strain placed upon the student in preparation for the final examination of the year's work.

Civil Engineering Society.

At the meeting of the Civil Engineering Society on February 15th, Mr. Farley Gannett, '02, gave a talk on "The Work of the United States Geological Survey." His remarks dwelt especially on the work of the Topographical Division of that Department, and were illustrated by stereoptican slides of the stages in the process of making the topographer's map; his outfit, including instruments and camp equipage; and the varying conditions of nature,—swamp, mountain, prairie, etc.—with which the topographer has to deal.

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One Dinner Ticket will be given to the man landing in the best design for the menu cover. The design must be original and suitable for two colors. Each design must bear some designating mark, the same to be enclosed with the designer's name in a sealed envelope and handed in with the drawing. Designs must be left at the cage for R. Proctor, not later than Feb. 25th.