The Boston Architectural Club announce an exhibition of architectural drawings at the Gallery of the Boston Art Club, from May 2 to May 14, inclusive, Dartmouth Street entrance. Exhibition hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. Saturdays, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Those interested may procure season tickets from Mr. Powers.

Huntington Hall was crowded at the General Convocation last Thursday, when Mr. Jacob Riis spoke, and there is not a man among those who were there but would go a long way to hear him again. It is no small advantage to a man to listen to such a simple, straightforward speech, by one so well acquainted with the philosophy of life as Mr. Riis.

A meeting of the Mining Engineering Society will be held at the Tech Union, Monday, May 9, at 8 P.M. Mr. Albert Sauveur, assistant professor of Metallurgy and Metallography at Harvard University, and manager of the Boston Testing Laboratories, is the speaker for the evening. This is the last address of the school year and all members are urged to be present.

Civil Engineering Society.

The next meeting of the Civil Engineering Society will be held on Thursday, May 5, at 4 P.M., in 6 Lowell, for the purpose of listening to the debate between the members of its team, S. A. Greeley, O. C. Merrill, and E. F. Kriegsman, and those representing the Walker Club, D. K. Keller, E. F. Parker, and M. H. Schwartz. The subject is: "Resolved, That Congress shall appropriate $8,000,000 a year for three years, for the permanent improvement of roads in the States." The Society will hold up the affirmative side of the argument. This question, as the "Brown-Low Bill," was before the last session of Congress and it was suggested that the leading colleges of the country debate it. Here at Tech it has been turned over to the Civil Engineering Society and Walker Club. Students and members of the instructing staff are cordially invited to attend.

NATIONAL.

Among the nominations confirmed by the Senate just before adjournment of Congress was that of Beekman Winthrop of New York, to be governor of Porto Rico. Mr. Winthrop was for some time secretary of the Philippine Commission during Governor Taft's administration of the government of the archipelago. He succeeds Hon. William H. Hunt, who resigned the governorship to accept a position as a United States judge.

The contract by which the ownership of the Panama Canal passes to the United States has been signed, sealed and delivered. The title to the canal route is now vested in the government of the United States.

The St. Louis Fair was formally opened April 30; President Roosevelt started it by pressing a gold key.

On April 28, the second session of the Fifty-eighth Congress was declared adjourned by President pro tem Frye in the Senate, and Speaker Cannon in the House.

FOREIGN.

Russian torpedo boats belonging to the Vladivostock squadron sank a Japanese military transport, the Kinshi Maru, of 4,000 tons, with nearly all on board. Tokio reports that seventy-three were lost, and that about two hundred were captured. The Russian squadron returned safely to Vladivostock. Russia has issued to her foreign legations a circular statement, for the information of the powers, to the effect that she will not admit mediation or