

Calendar.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22.

- 4.10 P.M. LECTURE on "River Driving of Logs in Spring," by Mr. Underwood.
- 4.15 P.M. CIVIL ENGINEERING SOCIETY. Annual meeting in 11 Eng. B for election of officers. Mr. F. L. Fuller will address the Society on "Concrete Arch Vaulting." Illustrated.
- 4.15 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL. Entire Show at Paine Memorial Hall.
- 6.30 P.M. SENIOR CLASS DINNER at the Copley Square Hotel. Tickets, \$1.50 per plate.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23.

- 2.00 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL. Entire Show. Paine Memorial Hall.
- 2.15 P.M. SPRING GAMES at Newton Athletic Club Grounds. Admission, 25 cents. Take Newton Boulevard or Auburndale car.
- 3.00 P.M. 1906 BASEBALL TEAM will play Swampscott A. A. at Swampscott.
- 6.30 P.M. REGULAR SATURDAY NIGHT KOMMERS. Get tickets of Mr. Powers.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24.

- 10.00 A.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL. Entire Show. Last and dress rehearsal with orchestra at the Hollis Street Theatre. Secure pass and be prompt.

MONDAY, APRIL 25.

- 8.00 P.M. TECH SHOW, "SIMON PURE BRASS," at Malden.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26.

INSTITUTE EXERCISES SUSPENDED.

- 2.00 P.M. TECH SHOW, "SIMON PURE BRASS." Hollis Street Theatre.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20.

- 1.00 P.M. SPECIAL JUNIOR WEEK TECH issued.
- 4.00 P.M. INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIVE DRILL at the Armory.
- 8.00 P.M. ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT AND DANCE of the Musical Clubs. New Century Building, Huntington Avenue. Tickets, concert, 50 cents. Concert and Dance, \$1.00.
- 8.00 P.M. AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY. Prof. W. D. Bradley of Wesleyan University will address the Society.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28.

- 12.00 P.M. 1905 "TECHNIQUE" RUSH on the lawn between Rogers and Walker.
- 4.01 P.M. THE TECH TEA in the General Library, Rogers Building.
- 8.30 P.M. JUNIOR PROMENADE at Hotel Somerset.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29.

INSTITUTE EXERCISES SUSPENDED.

- 2.00 P.M. TECH SHOW, "SIMON PURE BRASS," at the Hollis Street Theatre.

The Coffee Industry in Porto Rico.

In Porto Rico the production of coffee constitutes one-third of the wealth of the island. The great fall in the price of coffee since the American invasion is the principal cause of the crisis through which the island is passing.

When Porto Rico was a Spanish colony, the average price of coffee was twenty dollars per hundredweight and sometimes it went up to thirty dollars, so that a person owning a moderately large coffee plantation was really well off. Then we had the Spanish market, and by a commercial treaty between Spain and France we also introduced our coffee into the French market by payment of very small duties. Our coffee was also sold in the Cuban market, as Cuba was then a Spanish colony and produces very little of it. Thus the precious bean was no sooner gathered than it was sent abroad; the demand being always very great and the price being so good as to yield clear and valuable profits to the planter. It is to be noticed that in Europe, especially in France and Spain, our coffee is recognized as the best in the world. The best Java or Mocha coffee is far inferior to ours. This is due probably to the fine quality of land and to the excellent conditions under which the plant grows there, where moderate and frequent rain, which plays such an important part in the growth and development of the plant, is never wanting.

As soon as we ceased to be a Spanish colony we lost our European markets, as there were no longer any ties which bound us to Spain. We thought, however, that the change would be of advantage to our coffee, as the American market is larger than those which we lost, put together. Then came the great disappointment. First, we had to make the American people appreciate the good quality of our coffee. Secondly, we found that to accomplish this we had to bring our coffee into competition with the Brazilian coffee. Compared to ours, the Brazilian coffee is as charcoal to diamond; they are similar only in composition. In set-