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EDITORIAL.

The schedule of examinations as published in another column will probably not be of special interest to any except students. We feel that this word of explanation, though not of apology, is due to those of our readers who are no longer compelled to undergo the doubtful pleasure of college examinations.

On account of examinations, next week's issue of The Collegian will be omitted. For the week following, the paper will probably be issued on Saturday instead of Thursday, owing to the recess between semesters.

No plans have yet been made for the observance here at college of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Lincoln. It seems

highly fitting that we should hold exercises on this occasion to properly honor the memory of this great man. Many cities and educational institutions are making arrangements for February 12. Let us at least have exercises of some nature in the Auditorium on that morning. While they need not be long, they would nevertheless, show our respect for the memory of Lincoln, and be of benefit to each one of us.

Forestry Notes.

C. F. Bliss '10 and Chas. Faunce '10, students in forestry in the college, are spending the month of January with Mr. W. C. Shephard, one of the foresters of the Pennsylvania Railroad on a 1000 acre tract of hard wood timber near Altoona. The boys went at the request of Mr. E. A. Sterling, Forester of the Pennsylvania Railroad, to aid in marking trees previous to the cutting of the entire tract for charcoal. Last year the tract was lumbered for large timbers and lumber, which were used in the railroad shops at Altoona, and this winter a careful cutting will be made and everything cut will be utilized down to a diameter of two inches. This will clear the ground so effectually that there will be little danger from fire, and will aid greatly in the reproduction of the most valuable species on the tract. The boys are receiving compensation for their work, which will be very valuable experience, as there is a very large amount of such woodland in this and other eastern states that could be handled profitably in the same way.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has a million and a half year old seedlings of red oak in their nursery at Morrisville, and they have already asked the Department of Forestry if it cannot furnish several young men during the coming spring to aid in supervising the planting of these

seedlings on old fields and cut-over lands.

At a general meeting of the American Forestry Association held in Washington on Jan. 13-14, Prof. Hugh P. Baker, of this College, spoke on "The undergraduate forest school in the education of the forester." Professor Baker will address the 17th Annual Meeting of The Pennsylvania Lumbermen's Association, to be held in Philadelphia, Jan. 26-27.

J. M. Thorburn & Co., seedsmen of New York City, have just presented to the Department of Forestry some twenty-five different kinds of forest tree seeds for the collection of tree seeds in the Forest Museum. The tree seed collection in the Museum already contains nearly one hundred different kinds of tree seeds and fruits, and the donation from J. M. Thorburn & Co. will add greatly to the value of the collection for the instructional purposes. Many of the seeds come from trees which are native only in the south and west. The seed collection which is being developed is shown in glass museum jars with labels giving the common scientific names and distribution of the species. It is of unusual interest because it shows not only the form of the seed of the trees, but will serve to make clear in the minds of the students the difference between seeds and tree fruits. These are very commonly confused at the present time.

In the first number of the "Wisconsin Spectator" dated October 1908 the briefs of our side of the debate with Swarthmore on the Des Moines system of city government are published in full. Two copies of the paper are to be found in the library.

Prof. F. L. Pattee is enjoying a visit from his mother and brother of Bristol, New Hampshire.