

cation of the Prussian tactics, coming to us through France.

In 1831 the French adopted a new system and a result of this was a revision by Gen. Scott in 1834, giving us "Scotts Tactics"—which were used 30 years by the line of the army. A few years before our Civil War, Major Hardee introduced a system, which tended more towards the individualization of the soldier.

But against Hardee was the fact that he joined the Confederacy, and the modification of his system known as "Casey's Tactics," was adopted early in the war.

General Upton's system followed in 1867, and in 1873 his tactics for Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery were assimilated.

The rapid improvement in arms compels us to change again—and a Board of Officers is now in session in Washington to revise the present, or recommend a new system. It will be a year or more before its work is finished. S. S. P.

Work will begin next month on the Armory building, it will be a model for attractiveness and comfort. It will hardly be ready for opening before the fall session.

Grading in military discipline and tactics will be very close the coming session, as there are numerous applicants for the Roberts' Military prizes.

Our Commandant (S. S. Pague 1st Lieut. U. S. A.) is the author of a book entitled Guard Duty for National Guardsmen. The book clearly defines the duty of the officers connected with the Guard and explains the various things connected with guard duty. Adjutant General Hastings, in speaking of it says, that it possesses four essential qualities; it is clear, concise, correct and complete, and urgently recommends that every man in the National Guard service fully acquaint himself with its contents. Lieut. Pague is also the patentee of a gun rack for tents. It is simple, durable, and light and can be easily attached to

a tent pole. It is recommended especially for National Guard Encampments.

LETTERS FROM COLLEGES

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

LANCASTER, Feb. 30, 1888.

Dear Sir:—College opened for the second term on January 5th, with an address by Dr. F. G. Apple. In attendance there is no change from last term. The prospects of the college are still brightening. Next year we are to have another professor and a new building. The ladies A. B. C. procession is also meeting with success. In athletics everything is dead, but little prospect for a base ball team next spring. This is because of our want of a gymnasium, owing to which want our students get no athletic training whatever during the winter months. Skating however became quite popular, and though on the Conestoga creek it only lasted about a week, it proved very fine and was enjoyed by many of the boys.

The five oratorical contestants of the junior class have been selected, and the senior class has already elected its class day programme for next June.

The "*Oriflamme*," the annual of the junior class is expected to make its appearance in from six to eight weeks. In connection with the astronomical observatory a state signal station has been established under the care of Prof. Kerschner. The Y. M. C. A. is in a flourishing condition, though its yearly course of lectures will probably be omitted this year.

Both literary societies are wide-awake and showing strong society feeling. They are preparing for their anniversaries, held early in May in the opera house. They are both also making arrangements to add to the beauty of their already fine halls. The *Guthrie*, having raised the necessary funds, is about having a well known fresco painter decorate its hall in the finest style of his