

jury, instead of benefit, may result from an untimely or injudicious use of a certain piece of apparatus. Again, where students habitually use the same piece, they bar other students from its use, thus leaving a tendency to confusion.

Nothing seems more reasonable than to conjecture that, with a competent instructor who could direct each man in that training which he most needs for his chosen sport, we would not only have a greater variety in our field sports, but would have men better trained for those sports in which we are now making but feeble efforts.

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THE inspection of the battalion by Col. Hughes, Inspector General U. S. A., during the latter part of the last spring session, did to persons unacquainted with the circumstances, reflect much discredit upon the corps of cadets.

That we were not up to the high standard which we had formerly maintained on similar occasions, could be seen by everybody; but we are glad to note that to none did it appear that our partial failure was due to a lack of interest on the part of those engaged.

During the entire collegiate year the corps had labored under disadvantages. The armory, opened at the beginning of the spring session, had lain for a whole year in the contractor's hands in an almost completed state. The wet weather of the fall term prevented much of the outside drill, and consequently

drill was abandoned on stormy days.

During the winter term, in spite of the efforts of our Commandant to secure a suitable room, we had no drill whatever. As a result, the new men who entered college last fall, or since, were unable to join the battalion with the old cadets until the middle of May. In fact we had had battalion drill but three times when we were notified of the arrival of the Inspector General; many of the new men being entirely ignorant of the movements which we were called upon to perform.

Considering the amount of time given to drill at this college, battalion drill should begin with the opening of the spring term, if good results are to be looked for at commencement.

As it happened, both officers and privates thought themselves unprepared and taken at a disadvantage.

The difficulties which presented themselves last year, however, have been removed; and with the large body of new men just entered, we hope and believe that we shall have a larger battalion than ever before; and one which shall maintain the usual high standard of the past. The fact that that standard has been very high indeed is evidenced by the excellent grades given our corps by the U. S. Inspectors who have inspected us in former years, and by the well disciplined and truly military condition of our battalion at former commencement drills.