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I is very apparent that a more lively interest has been taken in military affairs this year than ever before by the under instructors. It speaks well for the military department. The battalion is larger than ever before and farther advanced, for this season of the year. Should this competitive interest of the instructors continue—of which there is every indication—the battallion promises by spring to be one of which we may well feel proud.

The withholding of the promotions of the non-commissioned officers until they have first shown their ability as instructors over new cadets, seems to work well.

THE need of a better and more extended ground for field sports and games is easily seen. The interest shown in sports, and the generous support given by the students in the interest of foot ball and base ball, deserve a better recompense than what it gets. It is almost discouraging to be continually contributing toward games of which they are seldom witnesses. And yet it is no fault of management, but of location, that this occurs. Our college is so far removed from others that it is difficult to get college teams to come here.

Herein lies a lesson which our students are slow to learn. When the foot ball season is here all their energies are directed towards foot ball; when the base ball season comes all energies are turned towards base ball. Now we believe this is not to the best interest of the college, that all other sports should be neglected for the one, and in each case, one in which but a limited number can take part. Turn your attention to