S spring has again come round the civils will soon be able to commence their outdoor work. The first work of the Juniors will be to make the preliminary survey for a railroad. When a survey of this kind is to be made, it has always been the custom at the Institute, and we think is now in other engineering institutions, for the professor to do alone that part of the work which should be taught the engineering student above everything else, — the determination of the line of location of the contemplated road. He should be taught how to exercise his judgment in choosing a line which should be taken in preference to all others, and the reasons why all other locations must be ignored. From what he learns in the course of railroad engineering he ought to be able, after some experience, to locate a line with intelligence, and not be influenced by the suggestions of unskilful, scheming persons who pretend to know all about railroad location. It frequently happens that great expense has to be incurred in correcting the location of a road which was improperly laid out. Hitherto the work of the student has been brought down to its narrowest limit, but now we are glad to learn that a change is to be made, and the work commenced at the proper place.

FOUR of the events in the coming games have been opened to members of outside athletic clubs, and if our athletes desire to keep the medals in these events it will be necessary for them to put in a considerable amount of good work in the gymnasium during the ensuing fortnight. Our records in the events opened are good, but have been surpassed by those of members of other clubs, and it behooves us to look to our training if we would win the prizes.

THE members of the Lacrosse Association have begun work, and it is intended as soon as the season opens to put a team in the field which will compare favorably with the various teams in existence in the city and suburbs. It is unfortunate that practice could not have been carried on during the winter months, but the gymnasium conveniences would not permit it. The men should run, and practice picking up and passing the ball, and not err as was done last fall in the beginning of the real play too quickly. When such is the case the noble game of Lacrosse degenerates to the rough and tumble "shiny."