And before closing, we would suggest to '94 that the omission in our annual of the star prefixed to the name of a special student would be a most commendable innovation; the "special" is brought into enough prominence in the catalogue and elsewhere; in our social life we draw no distinction between him and a fully qualified "regular."

In our last issue we expressed certain hopes concerning the methods which Lieutenant Hawthorne would pursue in the conduct of the affairs of his new department.

We are now able to note the changes he has seen fit to introduce, and it gives us great pleasure heartily to indorse them. The course in military drill at the Institute has heretofore justly been regarded as more or less of a sinecure and a farce, never requiring that high standard from the student which characterizes all our other branches of instruction. But Lieutenant Hawthorne evidently feels that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well, and certainly has the courage of such conviction.

The wisdom of including military tactics among our other requirements has been questioned; but since it has been decided that we should spend a year in their study, it is certainly consistent with the thoroughness of our other courses that we should study them for a purpose.

And this we can now confidently predict will be the case, and that the instruction in military drill will be raised to a level with the rest, becoming supplementary, rather than introductory, to a preparatory school course.

One of the things that is lacking in the gymnasium, and one very easily supplied, is a handball court. Few indoor games afford better exercise and excite more interest than handball. During the last few years the game has grown in popularity at many of the colleges, and it now forms part of the regular exercise of most of the ball teams. A court could be marked out at the north end of the gymnasium at a very slight expense, and would be a source of much benefit and amusement to those using the gymnasium.

We take great pride and pleasure in announcing that it has been definitely decided by the Faculty and Corporation to erect a new building, adjoining the Engineering Building, for the Architectural department.

The building is part of an extension which includes all the land lying between the railroad tracks and the Engineering Building, and is to be five stories high, costing about $50,000, and will be ready for use next September.

The basement is to be used as an Architectural museum and laboratory; the first floor for lectures and recitation rooms; the second, third, and fourth floors for drawing rooms and library; and the fifth floor for a studio.

This addition is greatly needed, as the Chemists and Architects are both very much crowded in their present quarters, and this action of our overseers is a substantial evidence of their regard for the comfort of the students and a watchfulness of their needs, as their numbers increase.

In turn, we cannot appreciate too highly the progression and forethought which characterizes this step, of so much benefit and importance to us all, and we wish to voice the feelings of the students, and express their hearty thanks for the new "Architectural Building."

The Summer Schools have become a very important part of several of the Institute courses and especially of those courses where practical work is particularly essential. Invitations for the Summer School of Mines of 1892 have been sent to the Course III. men. The notice appears in another column. Course I. has also selected a place for summer work.