The first squads of the four Companies of the Freshman Battalion have begun the exercises with arms and the second squads are being inspected as rapidly as possible with a view to taking the guns. Most of the officers and many of the men have gotten their uniforms.

During the summer the noisy pulleys were removed from the ceiling of the Mining Laboratory, much to the relief of the Biological Department overhead. The advantage to the one Department of having the pulleys, did not seem sufficient to warrant the annoyance to the other.

Four American men of science were elected corresponding members at the recent meeting of the British Association: Prof. John S. Billings, University of Pennsylvania; Prof. D. H. Campbell, University of California; Prof. H. F. Osborn, Columbia College, and President Walker, of Technology.

The following corporals have been appointed in the Freshman battalion:—Company A, first, W. A. Kinsman; B, first, E. A. Sheak; C, first, G. H. Gleason; second, H. Ulke; third, G. Riotte; fourth, J. E. Congdon; fifth, G. W. Brown; D, first, H. M. Keys; second, H. L. Smith.

The class of '99 held a meeting in Huntington Hall, Saturday, November 9th. The committee on the competitive drill, reported that Harvard wished to take part in an individual drill with Brown and Technology, to be held the same time as the battalion drill. Blue and Gold were adopted as the colors of the class. The tie between Messrs. Ulke and Renshaw for a place on the Executive Board was decided in favor of the latter.

L'Avenir held a regular meeting on Monday of last week in Room 23, Walker. Mr. Winslow was elected Vice President. The question of giving a play was discussed, and the President, Mr. Sawtelle, was appointed a committee of one to make arrangements for a Bohemian supper at Marliave's. Messrs. Smith, Mason and Winslow were appointed as a committee to arrange for some informal evening meetings to be held outside the Institute, and were instructed to report at the next regular meeting, which will be held on the eighteenth.

The annual cross country run took place Saturday, November 9th. The weather conditions were unfavorable, and the roads were wet and slippery. Despite this fact, however, the old record of 29 min. 52 sec. was broken by twenty seconds, by Cummings, '96, Captain of the Varsity Track Team. The start was made at 2.30 P. M., from the Gymnasium, upon a course leading to Coolidge's Corner and return. Seven men started, finishing in the following order: Cummings, '96; Wise, '97; Osgood, '97; Reed, '97; Sears, '98; Lord, '98; Hubbard, '97.

It is scarcely necessary for The Tech to emphasize the necessity for implicit obedience to the demands of the Football Association. The stand which has been taken by this organization is one which is directly concerned with the best interests of our college. If Ninety-eight fails to comply with a request which has been made only with a careful regard for the advancement of that sport upon whose successful maintenance at Technology so much depends, the action of the class will be in direct opposition to the feeling of upper classmen and will merit severe censure.

The Technology Yacht Club held its annual meeting, Thursday, November 7th, in Room 22, Rogers, at 4.15 P. M. The Treasurer's report, showing a balance of twenty-five dollars, was approved. Mr. Charles H. Pope, of New York, was elected to honorary membership. Mr. G. Smith, '98, and Mr. Godley, '98, were elected to active membership. The election of officers resulted as follows: Commodore, W. H. Clifford, Jr., '97; Vice Commodore, M. W. Allen, '97; Rear Commodore, A. L. Swasey, '98; Secretary, G. H. McCarthy, '97; Treasurer, S. L. Howard, '97.