soon as a squad has passed the Major's examination it will commence practising movements by fours; when two have passed it, they will be consolidated and drilled as a platoon; and when three have done so, they will be formed as a company and drilled in all the company movements.

The lists of commands for the individual competitive drill are ready for distribution to those who want them. They may be obtained from me here or at the Armory.

It is desirable that captains make recommendations for filling the vacancies among the corporals.

On Wednesday, the 25th of March, after the regular drill, there will be a theoretical and practical examination held in the Armory for the selection of two color-Sergeants and two color-Corporals. The theoretical examination will be confined to paragraphs 254, 498, 499, 754, 755, 756, and 757, of the Infantry Drill Regulations. The practical examination will comprise the manual, the firings, the bayonet exercise, and guiding.

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Alumni Notes.

Mr. George W. Hill, formerly of '97, has lately accepted a responsible position with the Bickford Drill Company, Cincinnati.

Mr. H. R. Batcheller, class of '94, of the Mining course, has just gone to San Jose de Gracia, Sinolva, Mexico, to take charge of a Cyanide plant for the extraction of gold. He has gone in the interest of Boston Capitalists.

Mr. David Baker, Class of '85, of the Mining Course, after having had charge for a year of the furnaces of the Lackawanna Iron Company at Lebanon, Penn., has returned to take charge of the blast furnaces of the Maryland Steel Company at Sparrows point, work having been resumed there.

Ninety-eight is to have a section at the Drill in May.

Mr. Geo. Munroe, IX., '97, has left the Institute to go into business.

The '98 Class dinner will be held at Young's Hotel, Saturday evening, February 20th.

On Monday, February 17th, Mr. Odin B. Roberts, '88, began his series of lectures for fourth-year students, on "Patents for Inventions."

Prof. Sedgwick and Mr. Keith have been investigating the effect of the X rays upon bacteria, and it is expected that some interesting developments will be made.

Dr. Bigelow has been elected Secretary of the Naturalists' Club, an organization numbering among its members many of the scientific men of Harvard and the Institute.

Mr. Keenan, a representative from Boston, proposed in the State Legislature recently the establishment of ten free scholarships at the Institute to be open to graduates of Boston public schools.

Sections of seats for the Competitive Drill have been sent to Harvard, Amherst and Brown, and it is expected that they will be well filled. The committee in charge hopes that Technology may be equally well represented.

Mr. Edward A. Darling, Superintendent of the buildings and the grounds of that part of Columbia College which is at present in the course of erection, visited the Institute during the last week to make a thorough inspection of the buildings.