take up. Having taken a particular option does not by any means unfit him for taking up his business in one of the others. The general training of his mind to think along scientific lines should enable him to succeed equally well in any one.

Take Course I. for instance. Here we have the Hydraulic option, which is the broadest of the three. Next the Railroad option, which excludes the Hydraulics of the first and substitutes Railroad Design, Construction, and Management, yet retains the fundamental Theory of Structures and Structural Design. The Geodetic option takes up in addition to the fundamental studies more Physical Laboratory work, more work in Geodesy, and more extended mathematics in the Theory of Error of Observations, etc. The choice in Course I. is, as will be found in most of the others, an open one. We feel that a downright mistake cannot be made in any event, and the question rests with the individual as to what work he prefers, or what line of work he expects to take up on graduation. The professors in charge of the various courses will, no doubt, be glad to talk with the students on this matter.

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The Drill.

The Mechanics Hall on Friday evening, May 15th, presented a scene difficult to describe. Difficult, because of its varied lights and shades, bright buttons and brighter faces, gold lace and filigree, pretty gowns and blazing uniforms, and above all the heavy, unsteady intonation, the rise and fall of yells from Tech, Harvard, Brown and Amherst.

Science tells of the existence of a keynote to every animate and inanimate object, a constant drumming on which will cause even the heaviest bridge to fall. The keynote to the bottom of Brown's hopes last night must have been contained somewhere in—

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because it fell entirely out before the close of the evening.

Considering the size of the hall the battalion competition was a great success, although the individual drill, open to men from Harvard, Brown, Amherst, and Technology, was the feature of the evening, and created great excitement. The squad as it first appeared contained six Harvard men, eleven Amherst men, eight Brown, and fifteen Tech. men. These were put through the manual and the bayonet exercise by the adjutants of the four battalions. All of the men showed up well in the manual of arms, but when they came to the intricate executions of the bayonet exercise they became confused, and were caught by one or two little tricks which completely tied up about half of the men for a minute. When the thinning out came there were left Smith, Kramer, and Montgomery, of Amherst; Turner, Corse, and Cambell, of Technology; Tingley, of Brown; Fullerton and Francis, of Harvard. All these men had had much experience, and, as was