THE MANNER in which the preparations for the coming Battalion and Competitive Drill are being carried out is certainly very gratifying. The high and preparatory schools have taken to the idea vigorously, and if we are to take enthusiasm as a measure of coming success, the individual competition will be sharp and interesting. Naturally, the work of the battalion will lack the precision which longer practice would have given. Yet we have no doubt, in spite of the fact that drill began very late this year, that the exhibition will be most creditable. Of course there are expenses to be met, and we trust that Technology students, as a whole, will be present to give support both to the battalion and to the individual competitors. The surplus receipts will go toward the expenses of the formal drill at the end of the year, and the financial success of that drill should be certain.

The resignation of R. B. Clark as President of the Sophomore Class seems to have marked the beginning of a somewhat critical period in the history of the class. The first meeting of the class to take steps to elect a president showed, however, that the trouble dated back to the formation of their constitution, when the article relating to the personnel of the Executive Committee, as it now reads, was thrown out for a provision giving the class a large and unwieldy committee, whose organized existence was doubtful. The matter then dragged on until a proper executive board was provided for. Meanwhile unconstitutional action, with its usual accompaniment of wire pulling, personal disaffection, and the division of the class into factions, prevailed. Still, time is passing, and 1901 has no leader, has not been able to maintain its voice in the Institute Committee, has no one to preside at its coming dinner, and may have at least one blank page to its credit in “Technique.”

Fortunately a desire to abide by the constitution is asserting itself, and it would seem that the difficulty was approaching an amicable adjustment, and the class nearing a time when it will again be represented in the Institute.