The Co-Ed’s Gym.

The most recent, and in many respects the most interesting addition to the Institute is the new gymnasium for women, in the Pierce building. When the building was designed, the room in the southwest corner, on the first floor, was intended for a gymnasium, but nothing further was done until last week, when the necessary apparatus arrived. The room is small—20x25 feet—and the single shower bath in the southeast corner, is partitioned off, thus greatly decreasing the available floor area. To the representative of the Tech, the apparatus with which it is equipped, seemed reasonably abundant, but its use to one acquainted with the contents of the Gym. on Exeter street, was rather incomprehensible. However, an interview with Mr. Skarstrom, supplemented by various sketches and descriptions, afforded considerable enlightenment as to its use. The bar stalls are fastened to the south wall. At right angles to this is the Double Boom, a Swedish apparatus. It consists of an iron frame with two adjustable wooden cross pieces of oval section, capable of bearing safely a person of weight considerably greater than that for which the horizontal bar, the corresponding apparatus in the Exeter St. Gym., is intended. Near this was the Vaulting Box, a peculiar species of wooden horse, and two stools to be used for back and abdominal exercise. Besides these there were two beams about nine feet long made from carefully selected timber free from knots, cracks, and defects, rectangular in section, moulded to about five inches and sided to two, placed on supports about six inches high. They are technically designated as Balance Beams. One hassock, one table, twenty chairs, a dumb-waiter, jumping standards and a mat intermediate between a gymnasium mat and a door mat apparently completes the outfit. The floor is waxed and highly polished. Miss Seeley, from Miss Holman’s Normal School of Gymnastics on Newbury street, will be in charge, and classes will be formed and regular work commenced next week.

Freshman Drill.

It is the desire of the department of Military Science to make the holding of officerships in the M. I. T. battalion as competitive as possible, thus to secure better and more efficient officers. An examination was held at the beginning of the year to those who wished to be exempted from drill altogether, and for those who wished to hold positions as officers. Those who passed well in the examination will be entitled to first consideration in regard to filling these posts. The squad leaders are, at present, nearly all appointed. The higher officers will not be appointed until later; probably not until the squads are massed into company formation. They will, however, be appointed earlier than last year, and especially the major of the battalion.

The members of the battalion must be uniformed within two weeks from the present date. The uniform adopted by Lieutenant Hamilton differs from that of last year’s, only in that this year’s will be made up with a double instead of a single seam. The cap to be used this year is the same as that used two years ago under Captain Bigelow, the cap of last year being an innovation of Captain Bordman. In regard to the exhibition, and possibly competitive, drill, to take place in the winter, a great deal will depend on the voluntary work of the class.

George Harris Woodbury.

We regret to announce the death of George Harris Woodbury, who was a special student at the Institute last year. He contracted typhoid fever at Honolulu and died at Sydney, Australia, on September 6, 1899.