Captain Baird.

The course in Military Science at the Institute this year will be conducted by Capt. William Baird, U. S. A., retired, who succeeds Lieutenant Hamilton, U. S. A. Captain Baird was appointed to the Military Academy at West Point in 1870 and graduated in 1875. He was assigned to the 6th United States Cavalry at Fort Apache, Ari., with rank of second lieutenant. In 1881 he was made first lieutenant and in 1891 was promoted to the rank of captain. During this time he was attached to the 6th Cavalry and served in the West on different duties. His war service includes a long list of Indian battles from the movement of the Chiricahua tribe in 1875 to the Geronimo campaign in 1885. He was retired on account of disability in line of duty on December 3, 1897.

Captain Baird is busy getting the battalion in shape to begin work. The students have been divided into squads to facilitate drill at the beginning and later will be divided into companies. When asked as to his plans for the course in general, the Captain said he had nothing to announce, as the rules governing the instruction in military science in all colleges are fixed by the War Department.

He added, however, that existing circumstances modify the conditions somewhat and the crowded curriculum imposed upon the Institute now makes drill something of a bore. As the course seems fixed, however, it is hoped that the drills and practical work can be made interesting and not altogether monotonous, and that the lectures will cover points that may be useful to the average young man, even if he is never directly connected with the army or militia in any way in after life. The Freshman class has taken up the matter so far with fair interest.

Summer School in Architecture.

The Summer School in Architecture was held under Professor Homer during three weeks in June with the following enrollment: B. S. Clark, 'oo, H. F. Buys, 'oo, L. M. Lawrence, 'oo, W. G. Pigeon, 'oo, W. R. Kattelle 'oo, S. W. St. Clair, 'or, F. Bond, Jr., 'or, A. P. Merrill, 'or, and E. F. Lawrence, 'or. The object of the school was the study of colonial work previously undrawn. A day of preliminary work was spent in old King's Chapel, Boston, after which the school left for Providence, R. I., for a week's trip. Here the First Baptist Church, the Rufus Green Mansion, the Carrington House, and some half dozen different doorways were measured and sketched during the day and worked up into finished plates in the evening. For the two weeks following, the school made its headquarters at the Institute Pierce Building, working on the unfinished Providence work and making bicycle trips to such places as Wayland, Weston, Concord and Lexington. On these trips the men got much experience in architectural work and sketching. The last two days of the school were spent near Newburyport and Gloucester, where a fish dinner and a supper on board a yacht in the harbor were enjoyed. Could every man in Course IV. realize the benefit derived from this inexpensive summer school, both from a professional standpoint and on that of good-fellowship between professor and students, its success would be assured.

Summer School in Mining.

Professor Richards took charge of the summer school of mining this year, and a very extensive and enjoyable trip was taken by all concerned. The party left this city early in June, and proceeded directly to Dover, N. J., in order to make an examination of the methods of mining, hoisting, treating, and finally shipping, ore. While staying at Dover