

To complete this change at as early a date as possible, and so shorten the period of transition, the former eight classes have been designated senior and junior divisions of four classes, and arrangements made by which the junior divisions will be gradually eliminated, and the complete amalgamation of divisions into four unified classes be consummated in June, 1881.

*Performance of Duty by Cadet N.-C. Officers.*

(10) The knowledge and performance of their duties by the N.-C. officers has been much more satisfactory during this than in previous years, and the increasing sense of duty and of responsibility of office which is developing among them is very noticeable.

This is attributable, not only to the increased experience of the Cadet N.-C. officers, but largely to the organization into distinct and separately commanded companies.

In consequence of this I have been able to augment the privileges, and to entrust increased disciplinary powers to the senior ranks of the Cadet N.-C. officers with good results.

*Conduct of Cadets.*

(11) The conduct of the cadets during the year has been (with one exception) thoroughly satisfactory.

I have also to notice two cases of copying at examinations.

I trust that the punishment inflicted for this offence will prevent a recurrence of conduct alike dishonorable in itself and fatal to the prospects of those who allow themselves to commit it.

*Theoretical Course of Instruction—Subjects Consisting of—Now Complete.*

(12) During the current year it has been possible, for the first time, to commence for each class the course of theoretical instruction as originally intended, and it will now take but a short time to perfect the working in each.

The separate subjects of theoretical instruction have been :—

Mathematics and Mechanics.

Geometrical Drawing and Descriptive Geometry.

Fortification and Military Engineering.

Theory and Construction of Artillery.

Strategy, Tactics, Military Administration and Law.

Military Topography and Surveying.

Reconnaissance.

French.

German.

Chemistry.

Physics.

Geology.

Freehand Drawing and Painting.

Civil Engineering.

Architecture.

*Practical Course of Instruction—Subjects Consisting of—Partially Incomplete.*

(13) The practical course of instruction during the year has been :—

Infantry, including... { Rifle instruction, guard mounting, out-post duty, route marching, infantry and cavalry sword exercises.

Artillery, including... { Field and garrison gun drill, movement of heavy ordnance.

Engineer drills, including.. { Model and full size bridging, signalling, sand modelling, tracing batteries, &c., construction of obstacles, &c., &c.