

During the first term we spent two hours a week in training, consisting chiefly of platoon and section drill. Apart from this we spent two Saturday afternoons doing outpost duty. These drills were very instructive, giving us some idea of how field operations were being carried on at the front.

The Training Corps has been handicapped, to some extent, by the lack of a sufficient number of trained instructors. This difficulty has been overcome by extra drills being conducted during the Christmas holidays, for the purpose of giving special instruction to those who are to act as temporary officers.

During the second term, it is the intention of the instructors to give the men the opportunity of obtaining some practical knowledge of the duties of an officer.

In order to maintain the keen interest of the men it has also been planned to hold some shooting competitions, where each man will be able to show his ability with the rifle.

It is to be hoped that the Training Corps will continue its good work, and that every man will make a special effort to pass the examination in the spring and qualify as a commissioned officer.

R. A. D., '18.

#### RED CROSS ACTIVITIES.

The Red Cross Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association held its first meeting for the year 1916 in the college reception rooms, on Tuesday evening, January 11th. Only a small number were present, but considerable work was given out. Bandages and surgical materials were prepared, and many girls who were absent asked, later, for knitting, etc., so the good work which has been started will be continued during the winter.

A large bale containing towels, sheets, socks, wristlets, scarfs and surgical supplies was shipped before Christmas to Red Cross hospitals at the front, and from time to time more will be shipped.

Only one short meeting is held each week, but the work accomplished shows what can be done even though the time is limited.

M. G., F., '16.

Red Cross as usual! In spite of the beautiful night for skating, quite a few ardent workers met in the Reception Room, and soon the hum of voices and clicking of needles filled the air. Only for a while, however, for when the president announced that Mrs. Dormer would give a reading, all were silent. "Uncle Sam" met with a hearty hand-clapping and was much enjoyed. For the remainder of the meeting Miss Olmstead played with her usual talent. At the end there was a dandy big pile of work to testify to the energy of the workers.

D. D., T., '16.

#### HOW THE SCIENCE "FRESHIES" WERE INITIATED.

The "Freshies" were the new Short Course girls. For several days we had seen them around the buildings and in the dining room, but there had been no chance to get acquainted, no opportunity to welcome the newcomers. Everyone realized that this state of affairs ought not to exist, so our friends were invited to meet us in the large reception room about five o'clock, one afternoon. This kind invitation was accepted, and the new girls turned out in full numbers, all dressed up for the occasion.

First, the president of the Junior Administrators conveyed our greeting, closing her very fitting address by introducing the "Seniors." Then came the fun. Armed with combs and many-