

States' "Land Grant," the students are taught the principles and practice of "Military Tactics." This department is under the efficient superintendence of Major Francis A. Soper, a graduate of the College.

An apartment of the College has been fitted up as a "Reading Room," to which the best Quarterly, Monthly and Weekly Journals come regularly; among these, some dozen or more of the leading Agricultural periodicals of the country; giving our students thereby the benefit of converse with the freshest and best thoughts of this progressive age. In addition to these, the newspapers of the entire State are received weekly, thus supplying our young men with agreeable and instructive light reading, and, at the same time, keeping up their knowledge of, and interest in the affairs of their respective counties. It is earnestly hoped, that the Trustees will find it practicable, at an early day, to carry out their cherished purpose to "establish telegraphic communication with the College, as a convenience for the dispatch of business, as well as an important educational agency."

Many improvements are still required to put the buildings and grounds in a condition to fully realize the aim of the original corporators, and to meet all the conditions of the Act of Congress, of 2nd of July, 1862. Among these "improvements" may be mentioned, a good barn, carriage-house, tool-house, carpenter-shop, and a conservatory for plants and flowers. Some of these buildings can, and will be, erected from the annual earnings of the College. Towards the erection of others, aid from other sources will be needed. The College farm is being put under good cultivation, as expeditiously and thoroughly as means at command will allow. The whole area, except part of the woodland, has, within the past year, been divided into seven fields (exclusive of garden lot) of convenient size for tillage and pasture, and all put under the protection of good strong new fences, embracing 1,569 panels, and consisting part of post and rails, and the remainder of planks.

The hay crop for the past season, owing to the infrequency of rain in the latter part of Spring and early Summer, was but moderate both as to quality and quantity. Only about eighteen tons were harvested. The oat's crop, from the same cause, was light, not more than one hundred and seventy-five bushels were raised. The corn crop was fair: forty acres were planted, which yielded an average of  $6\frac{1}{2}$  bbls. per acre, making a total of two hundred and fifty bbls. In October last ten and one-half acres were sown to wheat, (the land having been put in thorough preparation.) at a cost for fertilizers, and, (including two bushels of timothy,) and labor of