It is necessary to answer this question. If it be determined to give this sort of instruction, then I would give as much of it as possible without interfering with the studies of the regular college course. Then I would not by any means diminish and I conceive there is no reason for it. All that work that can be done at present towards making soldiers can be done outside of the present college course and outside the details of the plan would of course be carried out in the usual meeting.

And finally, as to the possibility of my assisting in this instruction, I am not in a position to say anything definitely. My wound has been at a standstill since I left Richmond. The journey was too much for it, and in worse condition than before. I do not think I will be much account for anything before February, and then will probably be in able to walk readily. In that case I don't see that I could be of much service to you in the way of drilling, which is the main thing about it as I suppose. And again I don't know but the [illegible] authorities would say that when I am able to take charge of a squad of soldiers or college I had best return so as to take charge of my big squad in the field. It may happen that I will never be fit for duty in the field again I may be put in light duty at some post. It will be at all events a month or so before. The matter can be brought to the attention of the House in embryo. The first thing is to say on the paper belonging to this subject after this.