

ing condition. Several new members have been added to the roll. The reading room of the club is supplied with the best magazines, newspapers and college exchanges.

The reception given by the Y. M. C. A. to the new students on the first Friday of the term was a very pleasing feature of the opening days. It was very largely attended, the hall being crowded to its utmost capacity.

Professor T. C. Hopkins will be engaged this fall, as long as the weather permits, upon a field examination of the brownstones of the State, with a view to a report on the same for the School of Mines.

Dr. Wagner, resident physician at Batopilas, Mexico, on a visit here, has presented the Mining Department of the College with a beautiful collection of native silver and gold specimens of rare value. This handsome testimonial of his appreciation of the college comes to us through the representations of his friend, Mr. T. Glover. A glass case will be procured for the proper exhibit of the products of "Boss" Shepherd's mines.

This coming week will witness the removal of the hoisting rigging and derrick employed for the construction of the geologic polyolith, whose peaked capstone will come from near Easton. Many specimens intended for the column have had no place therein because of some delay in shipment or in transit, and much of this material will be of service to our sister institution, who is announced as projecting a similar structure.

The main building has been greatly beautified during the summer by a handsome slate roof and a new tower and dome. Part of the roof around the base of the tower is flat and is surrounded by an iron railing, affording a fine observation platform. Higher up, on the tower itself, is another platform from which an excellent view of the entire valley and the neighboring mountains can be secured. The dome is covered with a copper roof, which adds much to its appearance. The flag-pole, which surmounts the dome, extends fully one hundred feet higher than its predecessor.

The mandolin club has organized for the coming year and is holding regular rehearsals. Much interest is manifested, and the prospects for a good club are very bright.

A very pleasant reception was given at the $\Phi K \Sigma$ house, Friday evening, September 18th.