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THE NEW PRESIDENT HERE

Dr. Sparks Arrives and Begins Active Duties.

Dr. Sparks arrived with his daughter on Monday afternoon, and has taken up his permanent residence in the President's house. Mrs. Sparks was unable to accompany her husband from Chicago because of social engagements, but she will be here before the end of the week to assist in the work of home making. Dr. and Mrs. Sparks will entertain at their new home during Commencement week. President Alexander C. Humphreys of the Stevens Institute of Technology, and wife, Dr. Paul Shorey of the University of Chicago, and wife, and General and Mrs. Miller of Franklin, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Schwab and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie have also been invited to be guests at the President's house at Commencement time.

Tuesday evening Dr. Sparks met the faculty in a General Faculty Meeting. The policy for the new administration of the College as outlined and committees will be appointed to aid in systematizing the work. No changes will be made in the management of the College, but all efforts will be bent to perfect the best system possible for conducting affairs according to the present rules. In Dr. Sparks address to the faculty he presented no radical ideas, but simply expressed his intention to gather up the reins and continue the work now under way.

At the mass meeting in the Auditorium yesterday morning the

President-elect addressed the student body. A fuller report of this address and of the welcome that the students extended to Dr. Sparks will be given in next week's Collegian.

Band Concert Soon.

The vote taken in chapel on Monday morning to find what sentiment there was among the student body in favor of a band concert proved an encouragement and incentive to the members. They have commenced to work faithfully and will continue so for a couple of weeks to produce a creditable concert.

This concert was planned for earlier in the year, but various difficulties arose to prevent its being given. The object of the concert will be to provide funds for the purchase of some new instruments, and for the payment of some recently bought. This is the only means the band has of procuring any money for instruments and music. To show an appreciation of its work during the past year, and to show interest in its success for next year, everyone should endeavor to attend, assurance being given to all that the program will be of standard music and well rendered.

On Wednesday evening, May 6, Dr. Wadsworth gave a very enjoyable banquet to the Senior Miners at the Beta Theta Pi House. The occasion was also the celebration of Dr. Wadsworth's sixty-first birthday. The forty guests present enjoyed a game of cards before they sat down to the banquet. The party did not break up till about three o'clock in the morning.

LETTER FROM DR. WADSWORTH.

Concerning the School of Mines and Metallurgy.

In response to your request, it seems best to make such statements concerning this School and its policy as will tend to leave its prospective Dean free and unhampered to continue its marvelous growth.

At the time I took charge of it, in 1901, it had an attendance of 21 students, with an average for the eight preceding years of 20. Since the school then stood nineteenth in size amongst mining schools in this country, had but little and poor



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equipment, a small income, few and scattered rooms, in which it existed as an interloper, and a course of instruction similar to some fifty others in the country, its future was dark and forbidding. An especial difficulty was its inconvenient distance from good and available mining districts, in which particular it had the poorest location of any mining school in this State.

The question was then what could be done to increase its standing in the country and place it in the fore-