To those interested in the advancement and welfare of the Institute, the improvements and additions which both Faculty and Corporation have made to the buildings, apparatus and courses, during the past two years, must indeed be gratifying. The most substantial improvement—the Engineering Building—as a novelty has lost its charm, but as an invaluable addition to the laboratories and recitation rooms, it is appreciated more than ever.

Next in order of importance is the splendid addition to the Gymnasium. To the athletes and "exercisers" of the Institute, it has been of the greatest benefit, and well-nigh a necessity. To those less interested in athletics, it must be a source of more or less pride.

But it is the smaller and apparently less important improvements which have afforded the students the greatest satisfaction. Since the opening of the term '91-'92, the interiors of the Institute buildings have undergone many changes, each one of which has afforded no small amount of comfort and convenience.

Each week has brought some small surprise in the form of an improvement to one course or another, and to enumerate them would be both tedious and unnecessary; to express our satisfaction, impossible.

In spite of these additions, however, there are some things which are sadly deficient, one of the most noticeable of which are the stairs in the Rogers Building leading to the Mining department, lunch room, etc. Just why these narrow, curving, lighthouse stairs should have been allowed to remain there, or anywhere else, so long, is inexplicable, but that they are to be condemned is positive. Had these been built after the lunch room was started, it might easily be believed that they were to moderate the speed of the Freshmen on their downward trip to lunch; but as such is not the case, it is only to be concluded that they remain as a monument to antiquity and to the origin of our now glorious Institute.

Proud as we are of our growth and progress, we are, nevertheless, rejoicing in the perfections of the present condition of the Institute, and not in the crudeness of its beginning; and so we think this monumental staircase might be spared, if replaced by a better one. We cannot believe, nor do we wish to, that another term will find us winding in single file, with the movements of a contortionist, around an iron post to reach the basement; but that a broad, straight stairway will have the appearance of leading us to the Mining department, etc., and not to the "cellar," as is now the case.