

CIVIL ENGINEERING.



AT the July meeting of the Board of Directors the Department of Civil Engineering and Physics was made two distinct departments—Civil Engineering and the Physics, the former solely under the supervision of Prof. Nagle, the latter under Prof. Spence.

This separation will be better for both Civil Engineering and Physics, as it will admit of more concentration on the part of the professor in charge, and we hope that it will soon lead to a more thorough course in Physics, which is very much needed in a school of this rank and would help the students in their technical work later on. Also a good laboratory course would be very beneficial to the school.

The lower floor of Gathright Hall is now divided into rooms, some of which are used by the Civil Engineering department, but on account of their location the arrangement is somewhat awkward as regards the Civil Engineering rooms, some of which are sadly in need of repair.

There is one thing that the attention of the students rooming just above the department should

be called to, until some provision can be made to prevent it; and that is that the noise made by them can be distinctly heard in the recitation room below, because the intervening floor and ceiling act like a sounding board and make the noise sound even louder than in an adjacent room.

The last legislature has done much for the improvement of our school, both for the benefit of our college and for the beauty of the campus. Some of these improvements are the Bachelors' Hall and other professors' buildings, the new dormitory, just beginning to show its walls above the green trees which surround it, the new Agricultural building which will add to the appearance of the college, and last, but not least, comes the most needed of them all, both for the health and cleanliness, which should be observed before all things, is the sewer system which we hope will be completed at no distant date, as preliminary surveys and topographic maps are now being made by the Civil Engineering department. Although the appropriation made will be insufficient to do all that could be wished for in this matter, it will enable a good start to be made.