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AS a result of the untiring labors of Prof. Childs, and the interest taken in the cause by the students of the Normal, and the people of San Jose, it is now certain that the Legislature will grant the appropriation of \$40,000 for a new training-school building. According to present plans, the new edifice, which is to be about one-third the size of the Normal, will be built directly in the rear of the present building, and will be connected with it by an archway. Though planned especially with reference to its use as a training-school, it will be built after the most approved plans of modern school-buildings; main features being, a large assembly hall, library, and well-arranged laboratories.

The rooms now occupied by the training-

school will be used for other purposes, those on the right of the hall for the library, and on the left for the museum. The basement rooms will be fitted up as a gymnasium, while that now occupied by the museum will probably be used as a drill room.

Prof. Childs will, during his proposed Eastern visit, inspect various school-buildings with regard to imitating their best features, and the new training school will probably be ready for use by Dec. 1891.

THE customary new Junior class made its appearance in February, and the usual reception was tendered it by the Y. W. C. A. This effort on the part of the Y. W. C. A. to extend the right hand of fellowship to the new students is highly commendable, and should be emulated by every student in the school.

School receptions as a rule are monotonous, but this one had a spice of variety in it that was acceptable to all. The program consisted of vocal and instrumental music, and a grand march. When two persons who are only slightly acquainted attempt to keep the ball of conversation rolling it is very likely to come to a stop, and it was to prevent this stopping that subjects of conversation were announced at different intervals. "The Weather," "The Small Boy," "The last book I read," "Your opinion of the Dickens' Carnival," "Woman's Sphere" and "Man's Ditto," were discussed, and as the participants kept time to the march, the feeling of strangeness wore off, tongues were loosened and the Juniors felt as much at home as the Middlers or Seniors. May the Y. W. C. A. always be successful in its efforts to bring happiness and friendliness to the strangers in our midst.

ONE of the most inspiring lectures we have ever listened to, was given to us on the morning of the twelfth by Dr. Ahlger of Boston,