

COLUMBIA'S NEW OBSERVATORY.

Prof. Rees is rapidly fitting up the observatory on the top of the new Law School building of Columbia College. Although this is an improvement upon the old observatory, it is said that there will be scarcely enough room to do the work that the College Trustees and Professors would like to have done. Heavy piers have been set in the main room of the observatory, upon which the Rutherford transit and equatorial will rest. This collection of instruments is being put in place and all the brass-work carefully polished.

“The equipment of Columbia College Observatory is now an excellent one, and only needs a small endowment to make it without equal among the institutions of learning in this country,” said one of the instructors yesterday. “That the students appreciate the new facilities for work is shown by the renewed interest they are taking in astronomy. In a short time the observatory will be furnished and in working order.” Over the observatory is a large paper dome, said to be one of the best that has been made. The rooms of the observatory will be lighted by electric lights.

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