

In New Contest

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE WINS.

(By R. J. George.)

Allegheny's representative, Wm. L. Stidger, in the new oratorical contest between the University of Pittsburgh, Wooster University, Dickinson and Allegheny College, held last Friday night in Memorial Chapel at Wooster University, returned Saturday with first honors over his three competitors and a beautiful gold medal for his platform work. The subject of Mr. Stidger's oration was "A Life Tragedy," in which he told the story of Abraham Lincoln. The subject was very timely for a contest this year when the great statesman has been brought to our notice continually through centennial celebrations and special magazine articles, but it was not this fact that won our

DR. ALBERT NAST'S INTEREST IN ALLEGHENY.

In the current issues of "The Christian Apologete" two articles have appeared, written in German, which have interested the students of the college, and especially those taking work in the German department. The one is an account of the Thoburn Jubilee, held here April 12-15, and the other an illustrated article on Allegheny College. The editor of the Apologete, Dr. Albert Nast, of Cincinnati, was one of the distinguished guests at the Jubilee exercises. The impressions he received of Allegheny College during his brief stay here have been communicated to many thousand readers through the columns of his paper, and the college has reasons to feel grateful to Dr. Nast for the generous recognition it has received. The college community appreciates the honor that has been reflected on it through



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speaker such marked applause and unqualified approbation. Besides having the magnificent stage presence, the dramatic finish, and the oratorical fire necessary for a successful public speaker, Mr. Stidger possesses a deep and concentrated feeling behind his address which shows itself in every line. In commenting on the outcome of the contest, the Cleveland Plain Dealer complimented the winner in very high terms on his originality in subject matter and presentation. The Pittsburgh Dispatch said of Mr. Stidger: "He exhibited originality of thought and presented his production with a dramatic finish that won the decision and warm applause of the audience." Mr. Stidger won with two firsts and one fourth place from the three judges.

Ping Weng Kou, a native Chinaman, represented Wooster University and took second honors in defense of his countrymen. In his oration on "China's Remonstrance," he presented a strong argument against the Chinese Exclusion Act. Mr. Kou is an orator of no little repute and for Mr. Stidger to have won over him is an honor Allegheny's representative may justly be proud of. F. A. Moyer, representing Dickinson College, decried the modern tendency toward materialism in his oration on "A Material Age." T. M. Pender dealt with "Modern Traitors," in subject matter similar to the Dickinson man, upholding as best he could the standing of the University of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Stidger reports that during his brief stay at Wooster he received the most cordial treatment from the Ohioans in consideration of the friendly relations Allegheny has had with Wooster for some time in athletic activities.

The contest will be held at Pittsburgh next year, and will probably include De Pauw and Chicago Universities which have already made application for membership in the league. Final arrangements will be concluded by the co-operation of the oratorical interests of the different schools, and contracts will be signed, making the league a permanent organization. Allegheny may congratulate herself on having a place on the list with such schools as the above mentioned.

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the two articles which have raised the estimation of the school so materially in the eyes of the public, and take this opportunity of making their sentiments known.

A number of the students have expressed a desire to know more about Dr. Nast, who is considered one of the most successful journalists, and one of the best authorities on theological and ecclesiastical questions in the Methodist church. A brief account of his career as told by Dr. George A. Mulfinger, professor of German language and literature at Allegheny College, is given below.

Brief Biographical Sketch.

Dr. Albert Nast was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the early fifties, of German and Scotch parentage.

Albert Nast received his academic training in Cincinnati, and later attended Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn. Mr. Nast founded the "Argos" the university paper of Wesleyan, which has exerted a great influence on the welfare of the school. He delivered the prize oration of his class, competing against men of no less calibre than Professor Cumback, Instructor of Elocution at Northwestern University. He then entered a newspaper office in New York City, where he received his journalistic training. Later he entered the ministry in the North Ohio District, and was later elected to the faculty of Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Ill., where he was for several years professor of Modern Languages and Literature.

Later he was elected assistant editor of the Apologetica, of which his father was editor, and at the death of his father 20 years ago he succeeded to the editorship which he has filled since.

An Allegheny Letter.

In a recent letter received by Dr. Mulfinger, Dr. Nast said, "I sincerely rejoice in the prosperity of Allegheny College. It will always be a pleasure to recommend it wherever I go. I can do so honestly as a matter of personal conviction."

He has forwarded a large bundle of the Apologetica for distribution among the students.

Dr. Nast will long be remembered by the students as a friend of Allegheny College.

In heaven's name, be somebody, but to be somebody, you must be yourself.

ALLEGHENY DEFEATS CORNELL

Cravner, Hunt and Stidger uphold debating honors

Last night in Ford Memorial Chapel Allegheny College debated Cornell Congress, of Cornell University, on the question: "Resolved, That National Bank deposits should be secured by a Government Guarantee Fund."

The affirmative side of the above question was upheld for Allegheny by Wm. L. Stidger, H. R. Hunt and W. C. Cravner, the speeches being in the order mentioned, rebuttal speeches also in same order.

The Cornell debaters argued for the negative side, speaking in the

following order: G. H. Brown, P. B. Hommel and D. M. Polley.

After considerable trouble on the part of the Oratorical Association, three judges selected were: F. E. Ostrander, Principal of the Warren, Ohio, High Schools; Frank L. Oesch, City Solicitor of Youngstown, Ohio; and Prof. W. G. Benton, of Western Reserve University, of Cleveland, Ohio.

The debate was a spicy fight from the start-off and the decision was close.

Allegheny won the decision.

MISS WHITE GETS BRYN MAWR SCHOLARSHIP.

Miss Helen White has been awarded a year's scholarship at Bryn Mawr for her excellent work done in her college course. A large number of candidates had made application for the scholarship, but Miss White's high marks and splendid faculty recommendations won for her the scholarship and the honor. She expects to attend Bryn Mawr next year.

THE JUDGE'S DECISION.

"Judge" Criswell has handed down another decision. It reads like a fairy tale, too, so much like a fairy tale that it could be almost called a day dream.

Smallest generals are bravest; smallest letters are most expressive; smallest prayers are most fervent; therefore the "Judge's" decision is of vast importance, Q. E. D.

This is the decision: "The 1909 minstrel show will be better than ever." And the "Judge" knows, because practice started last week.

The bunch of attractions which will appear at the college gymnasium on the evening of June 7th, otherwise known as "Moving Up" Day, promises to rival even the circus scheduled for the following week. The posters have not appeared, but when they come, they will bear a message something like the following:

Interlocutor, Mr. William LeRoy Stidger. Mr. Stidger appeared in this role a year ago, but the management hopes that this fact will not materially lessen the attendance this year. An orator who does not sing. Energetic, and a would-be wag.

End men, "Tax," "Pogie," "Lenn," and "Butch." When robed in negro attire, they will probably prefer to be called by their genteel appellations. In other words, Messrs. Miner, Weidler, Harris, and Krug. They have never had an opportunity to show their ability as humorists.

but take a look at them.

Soloists: Herbster, Hickernell, Boartz, Stewart, and other executioners. That is, they execute their work in a faultless fashion. They can sing in solo, duet, trio, quartet, quintet and sextet work, but not all at once. Pathos will be avoided on the seventh.

Clog artists: Reverend Harris and Krug. Neither will tell where he learned the art, but Harris admits that he practices his sermons before a mirror. Krug's talent is inborn.

Music: The overture is a peach, and the rest of the program is just as good as the overture. Instead of sticking to the old classic productions, such as "Honey Boy," as has been done in recent years, most of the songs will be localized. "Judge" says they will hit everybody, but that is doubtless not putting it strong enough. It is the opposite of hyperbole. Everything added together is expected to equal fun.

Musical specialties: What is a minstrel show without an orchestra? With "Judge" at the piano, and others of Allegheny's talented instrumentalists on deck, that feature will not be wanting. Even Robbie Ross may play a violin solo.

Jokes: The end men won't give them for publication. They say that they might just as well pass out the book from which the jokes come. But as these second-handed puns will be finally rejected anyway, and only original ones used, it doesn't matter. Another place where everyone is going to be hit—Eh, Judge?

About three times as many men have reported for practice as will be needed, so, by the process of elimination, plenty of good voices will be found. The affair has the backing of the entire Glee Club, which has a membership of twenty, nearly all trained voices. With such talent as a basis for the show, the "Judge's" prediction is bound to come true.

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This afternoon Allegheny will open her base ball schedule with Oberlin University. Captain Gahan's men are in fine trim. They need the support of the student body. Below is the line-up in batting order: Weidler, s. s.; Benedict, p.; Townsend, c.; Baker, 3rd; Leffel, 2nd; Gahan, 1st; Firestone, l. f.; Forman, m. f.; W. R. Grant, r. f.

If you want to go fast, go slow.

A NEW COACH.

It is rumored about the campus that Coach Stewart of Grove City College will come to Allegheny College next year to coach athletics. If this be true the college authorities are to be congratulated in getting a man with such a brilliant record as Mr. Stewart has had coaching athletics at several different institutions. The student body await anxiously to hear the truth of this statement.

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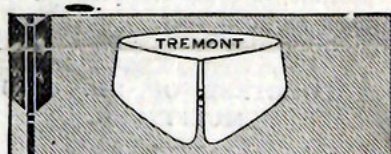
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TO WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

We take pleasure in this column to extend to Wooster University thanks for her courteous treatment of our representative, Mr. William L. Stidger, in the contest of Friday night. Allegheny's relations with Wooster in athletic ways have always been very pleasant and now that we enter new relations the prospect is bright for as pleasant relations along forensic lines. We should like, if possible, to consider debating relations for next year.

A COURTESY OF DR. GEORGE MULFINGER.

It has been through the kindness of our own Dr. George Mulfinger, that we are able today to publish the excellent cut of our faculty in classic garb as taken in the academic parade of recent days.

We offer a short story of the life and work of Dr. A. F. Nast, editor of the German religious paper of Cincinnati. Dr. Nast is a staunch friend of Dr. Mulfinger and in the Thoburn issue of that paper offers a pleasant tribute to Dr. Mulfinger's working powers.

THE NEW ORATORICAL LEAGUE.

The new Oratorical League will be the means of getting Allegheny into faster company along these lines, a thing that she has long deserved, because of her rapid growth in all college activities.

We have it upon good authority that in addition to the four strong institutions now in it, there are several applications from strong western institutions to become members of this new league which held its first contest last Friday at Wooster, Ohio.

Some one has suggested that we either drop the Tri-State membership or that we keep in it and let the winner of the Class of '90 contest represent us in that league; the Wakefield winner representing us in the new league.

OUR FACULTY SERVE IN FRANKLIN.

President William H. Crawford occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, on last Sunday, preaching to large audiences morning and evening. The pastor of the church is Dr. Beatty.

Dr. Camden M. Coburn, of the college faculty, on last Sunday closed a several weeks' period of supply work in the pulpit of the First Methodist Church, Franklin. Throughout the series, although at the same time performing his regular college duties, Dr. Coburn has held the attention of the entire city of Franklin, the attendance sometimes being phenomenal. The two services last Sunday were a fitting close of a most successful pastorate.

REV. H. L. SMITH.

The Pittsburg Dispatch for Monday, May 3rd, gave a prominent place to an article which will be of especial interest to Allegheny students, since it concerns a recent alumnus of this college. It tells of the success of Rev. H. L. Smith, pastor of Bellevue Methodist Episcopal Church, in paying off the church debt, and includes a photograph of him.

LEFT OVER BASKET BALL NEWS.

In this issue of the Campus we publish two articles which should have been printed last week in the basket ball issue. The first we mention is the carefully prepared history of the game in this college, written by R. J. George. It was handed to us an hour too late for last week's issue. The other article is a story of the work of the scrubs, which we fully intended should have a prominent place in the athletic issue of last week, but it was overlooked by our associate editor, and we gladly publish it this week. Not only because Captain Maxwell has made such a request, but because we happen to know, as do all who are interested in athletics, that the faithful "scrubs" are a vital factor in the success of any team, and they deserve special mention as much as does the Varsity team.

AN ALDEN AVENUE.

Within recent years, the feeling of reverence for the history and traditions of Allegheny College and for Timothy Alden, her founder, has been growing in the minds and hearts of both college people and the people of the city of Meadville. It was this feeling which led to the removal of the bodies of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Alden to Greendale Cemetery last year; because of this feeling, last year's graduating class placed a beautiful memorial tablet in Bentley Hall. The trustees have honored our founder by making Founders' Day, a college holiday, to be celebrated with appropriate exercises, and later by re-christening the preparatory school "Alden Academy." But it has remained for the citizens of Meadville to undertake a tribute to Timothy Alden, which, if it succeeds, will make our first president's name more widely known and honored than ever before.

On Monday afternoon, Dr. H. C. Carroll, an Allegheny alumnus, began the circulation of a petition addressed to the mayor and councils of Meadville, among the business men downtown. The petition asks that the name of North Main street be changed to Alden Avenue. It is too early to report any definite decision, but, from the interest taken by the citizens of Meadville, it seems probable that the request will be granted.

North Main street is one of the very oldest in Meadville, and is a very worthy one to bear the name of Allegheny's founder. More college buildings face on it than on any other, besides two of the new fraternity houses.

MORGAN ADVERTISES A LITTLE.

After an especially busy day, the writer of this article sought the pleasure of a few moments' recreation in the College Library. He stopped in the rotunda to examine any new papers that might have come, seating himself first at the table which contained the current dailies. It was while seeking his home daily that his eyes fell on a very neatly printed paper, and he seized it eagerly. At its top it bore the heading, "Aluminum Daily News," or something like that. The seeker fled to the next table, the one known as the "exchange table." Once more the official organ of aluminum or something caused him to retreat. He became excited and looked among the current magazines, but his goblin had pursued him even there.

By this time he felt that the only place for him was the table where the religious papers were, and he felt sure that there he could rest in peace. He picked up a magazine. At its top were the words, "Aluminum ——" He read no farther.

And he had not even looked among the mission study books or among the Bibles. If he had, he would possibly have seen some copies of the aluminum company's advertising organ.

Moral:—"J. P." Morgan is a naughty financier.—Observer.

A NEW INSTITUTION.

A new institution in Cochran Hall which is attracting many students is the Y. M. C. A. reading room, maintained in connection with the club rooms in the basement. The room in which the weekly prayer meetings are held is the one so used, and with its four large library tables and beautiful furnishings is an ideal place in which to spend an hour now and then.

One of the four tables is devoted to current fiction, the books on it being loaned or contributed by members and friends. On another table are to be found copies of some of the latest magazines, such as The Saturday Evening Post and Current Literature. The other two tables are devoted to association and religious publications. Any communications or bulletins received by the local organization from the national and state officers may also be found there.

The former Chautauqua Club has established a precedent by giving the championship basket ball pennant, which it won last year, as a part of the wall decorations. It is expected that similar gifts will come from time to time.

The whole plan is a good one, and is rapidly taking an important part in college life. In connection with the bowling alleys, it will become one of the rallying centers of Allegheny.

A WORD FOR THE SCRUBS.

The Second Team.

Captain Maxwell wishes to extend his thanks to all those who have come out to practice so faithfully and by their hard work and sacrifice of time aided so materially in developing a champion 'varsity five. Some of these men were probable candidates for the first team, but when they found the positions filled by men of better calibre or of greater experience, they continued to show interest in the sport, and kept up a high spirit of rivalry and friendly opposition throughout the season. Though they have not been honored by a place in the line-up, nor have they been applauded by a cheering audience, they deserve much credit none the less, and should be brought to mention here. Of a score of those who have thus placed love of college and for gymnasium athletics above personal gain and glory the following are mentioned:

Leffel, a Piqua High School lad of some repute in academic athletics of Western Ohio in basket ball as well as in foot ball and base ball, is a speedy forward and a fighting guard on the gymnasium floor. He won deserved praise on the Champion Freshman team.

Laveley played with the Sharpsville High School boys while taking his academic course, and was the most faithful standby of the second team.

Foreman played a sprightly game on the Indiana State Normal five where he held down the position as center in the midst of strong competition.

Townsend, captain of the Freshman team, led his men to two victories against the Sophomores whereby the inter-class championship was won for the Class of 1912.

Culp is a speedy forward and a sure shot. As captain of the Sophomore team he showed headwork and system in training and handling his men.

Krug came in with a creditable record from the Augusta Military Academy and showed up as a very probable candidate for the first team.

Harris, Kennedy, and Stidger of the Sophomore team, and Lore, Herbert, and Borland of the Freshman ranks, have been on hand for regular practice and have helped put up many a lively scrimmage against 'varsity.

PRESIDENT ATTENDS ATHLETIC MEETING.

President Crawford attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia at the Port Pitt Hotel in Pittsburg, representing Allegheny College. The committee decided that the annual track meet should be held at Conneaut Lake June 5. Uniformity in the form and use of eligibility cards.

Tuesday evening Dr. Crawford attended the annual Commencement exercises of the Derry High School and appeared on the program to present the diplomas.

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QUILL CLUB COMES TO ITS OWN.

A new chapter in the history of the Quill Club will be begun next Monday evening at the formal opening of the Quill Club room in the library building. For some months a committee, consisting of Miss Edith Rowley, F. A. LaBounty, and C. F. Lewis, have been financing a scheme to raise money to furnish the room in the northeast corner of the Library for a combined English and Quill Club room. To start the fund they engaged Dr. Crawford last year to deliver his lecture on "Savonarola," receiving from this \$30.00. Then it was suggested that an appeal be made to prominent alumni of the college, and especially to those who had taken an active part in Quill Club circles during their college course, or had distinguished themselves by literary achievements since their graduation. The result of this campaign is that nearly \$200 has been received already and more is expected by the end of the year. Miss Ida M. Tarbell of New York, Class of '80, sanctioned the movement by sending her check for \$100 at the solicitation of Dr. F. C. Lockwood. Other generous contributions have been received which make it possible to furnish the room with the necessary fixtures.

The committee on furnishings, consisting of F. A. LaBounty, Miss Margaret Beebe, and A. J. Nelson, have already formulated their plans for fixing up the room, and have purchased two dark blue Saxon rugs figured with classic patterns. The walls will be colored strong yellow and the wood work enameled white. Windsor chairs and other furniture of the colonial type will give the room a decided literary effect.

Rejoicing at these blessings, the Club will celebrate in honor of its new quarters at its next meeting. Professor Brown has charge of the program which promises to be a good one. The subjects are in keeping with the occasion and the speakers are carefully chosen for the topics assigned.

Program.

"A History of the Quill Club"....
.....Dr. E. A. Smith
"A Restatement of Quill Club Ideas
and Ideals".....R. J. George
"Our Benefactors and Benefac-
tions".....Miss Edith Rowley
"The Club Room: Its Meaning to
the Quill Club".....
.....Dr. F. C. Lockwood
"A Report From the Oratorical
Contest".....Wm. L. Stidger

PETROLEUM DISCUSSED BY TITUSVILLE ALLEGHENIAN.

A regular meeting of the Society of Applied Science was held in Ruter Hall Tuesday evening with a large attendance out. Lee Benedict head the principal paper on "The Origin and Production of Petroleum." The writer took up the two theories of the origin of petroleum, the organic and the inorganic, discussing the relative merits of both hypotheses. This was followed by an account of the development of the oil industry which started in the vicinity of Titusville, Pa., and which has had such a phenomenal growth. Allusions were made to the Pennsylvania and Texas fields.

The paper was followed by a discussion by different members.

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Next Tuesday evening Dr. W. R. Wedderspoon, pastor of the Emory M. E. church of Pittsburgh, will speak in Ford Memorial Chapel on "Robert Burns," admission to be free. No man in America is better qualified to handle this theme than Dr. Wedderspoon. He was born in Scotland in the vicinity of Glasgow, and came to America in early childhood to be educated and to take up his life work, yet to remain withal a Scotchman in sympathies and to become an appreciative student of his fellow genius. In connection with his pastoral work Dr. Wedderspoon has lectured on Burns before large audiences on different occasions and has won universal approbation. He is possessed of a deep, rich brogue and as a pulpit orator is accredited a high place among platform artists. At the request of Dr. Frank C. Lockwood, Mr. Wedderspoon has consented to come to speak on behalf of the English Department of the College. As opportunities like this are rarely offered to the entire student body free of charge, no one should miss hearing the distinguished gentleman Tuesday evening. On account of the musical concert in the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening, which many students may wish to attend, it is found necessary to ask Dr. Wedderspoon to begin promptly at 6:45 so that both events may be taken in.

SPRING VEGETABLES IN.

Like an Erie train, the April number of the Literary Monthly thundered into the Literary Union station about ten days late, with Conductor Nelson anxiously peering over the cow-catcher. We note that Mr. William Cullen Bryant and Mister Stafford have contributed articles on April.

A fine out and a brief biography of Bishop Thoburn form a fitting preface to the edition.

Though crudely written and dealing with a field that should not be entirely one of imagination, "Crazy Pete," written by nobody knows who, is a story of real merit and fine emotional quality.

"The Bather," a supposedly poem, might have been entitled "He Went Swimming in Her Eyes," or "The Old Swimming Hole." There are fourteen lines in this ramification, one line of which is good: "I bathed my soul dust-covered and world-tired." That last word in that line is expressive of what we feel in regard to the production. We do not know who C. E. H. might be, and are glad of it, for we are inclined to think well of those we meet. It is certainly Sophomoric to have the "waters flowing smooth." The idea of having one's naked soul "from being splashed" is pleasing. But best of all is the beautifully mixed figure which reads like a stream rippling over brick bats. It goes: "And thy loose tresses like the fleece-clouds flow."

"A Voice Within the Tavern," from the practiced pen of H. K. Dennis, is a very interesting bit of character and picture painting which is fascinating to read.

"Swinburne, the Poet" is a well written bit of prose, which we have read in substance in a dozen contemporary magazines within the last three weeks. It is rather ambitious for an undergraduate to attempt an estimate of a world poet only recently deceased.

"The Hunter" is a clever little sketch and tells a story of the only fair way to hunt wild animals. Mr. J. W. Barkley is the writer.

Mr. Jonas Frank Sayre has at last said something. Heretofore he has been only stuttering, and in bad negro dialect at that, but his story in the April Monthly on "Woman's Rights" is all right we say. It is a humorous conception and back of it there is a truth interesting to see. The dialect we are not competent to criticize.

TRI-STATE CONTEST AT WESTMINSTER.

On May 11 W. G. Cole will represent Allegheny in the Tri-State Oration Contest to be held at Westminster College. Six schools will be represented: Westminster, Muskingham, Geneva, Bethany, Waynesburg, and Allegheny Colleges. Mr. Cole will use his oration on "Modern Slavery" with which he won the 50-dollar prize in the Wakefield Contest. A beautiful gold medal set with three diamonds will be awarded the winner.

BASE BALL BEAMS BRIGHTLY.

The few days of pleasant sunshine weather turns the attention of the athletes to outdoor sports. Track and base ball candidates are reporting in large numbers and the large list of prospects indicate that a winning team can be trained in each of these favorite sports.

In base ball especially the season ought to be successful. Manager P. C. Deemer announces a fine schedule almost completed which ought to be an incentive to bring out every man as soon as practice can be started. The following games have been arranged:

May 6—Oberlin at Meadville.
May 8—Grove City at Meadville.
May 12—W. & J. at Washington.
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May 14—W. V. U. at Morgantown.
May 15—W. V. U. at Morgantown.
May 22—Carnegie Tech. at Meadville.
May 29—Westminster at Meadville.
June 4—Westminster at Wilmington.

June 5—Grove City at Grove City.
Dates are pending with Hiram, Carnegie Tech., St. Vincent, and other schools.

The team has two vacancies in last year's ranks, at second base and left field, open by the graduation of "Cot" Nelson and Merle King. The rest of the team are back in finer shape than ever, many of them with a steady arm improved by regular playing last summer.

Of the old men the following have reported: Captain Gahan, first base; Benedict and Firestone, pitchers; Braymer, catcher; Baker, third base; Grant and Miner, in-field, and Weldler and Harris, out-field.

Of last year's second team and of those in the large Freshman class, many notable prospects will give the base ball activity its desired enthusiasm. Of these Bricker, McClure, Kennedy, Fixel, Drum, C. C. Grant, Penman, Townsend, Short, Abbott, Foreman, Rublee, Laveley, Leffel, Goodwin, Love, Hughes and Borland have splendid records of former work done on their Preparatory or High School teams.

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THIRTEEN YEARS AND STILL LUCKY.

(By R. J. George.)

Twenty years ago basket ball was not universally known as an inter-collegiate activity. The game was then new and crude. It was just beginning to have a place on the list of college sports. It is not surprising, then, to find that the history of this most popular winter sport at Allegheny covers a period of only 13 years, dating back to 1896 when the college gymnasium was built. Previous to that time military drill had been the all-absorbing athletic activity among the young men of the college, but in 1895 a change took place which resulted in a steady decrease of interest in military tactics and a corresponding increase of interest in gymnasium work. This was the introduction of basket ball. And it is significant to note that the men who were most active in the drill, the officers of the military squads, now became leaders in organizing the new sport, and in dashing out against other colleges to compete for honors on the gymnasium floor.

Early Practice.

In the winter 1894-5 H. G. Burdge, physical director and athletic coach at the college, organized the first basket ball team. Allegheny had no gymnasium then, but "rehearsals" were held in the Parish House gymnasium of the Episcopal church on Centre street, and in the Taylor Hose apartments in the Shryock block. The game was crude and rough, no restrictions being placed on shooting, dribbling, or tackling. Seven men were played in the line-up the first year, filling the following positions: Right forward, left forward, center, right center, left center, right back, and left back.

Becomes Intercollegiate Activity.

In 1896 Mr. Burdge organized a team to represent the college and led them out to several victories and defeats. Edinboro Normal School, always a formidable bunch, but now hardly equal in strength to a class team at Allegheny College, was one of their first rivals, and it is rumored that the Normal School lads

were then equal to the task which confronted them, and continued to hold out for a year or two against the college team. But this reflects no dishonor on the early basket ball heroes. The first team to have its name in the Kaldron was made up of the following persons: H. G. Burdge, r. f.; W. S. Borland, l. f.; W. A. Wilson, c.; A. R. Neff, r. c.; J. F. Endean, l. c.; F. A. Hartung, r. b.; Preston Beazell, l. b. The boys were strongly supported both by the student body and by the townspeople from the start, and some of the early games were the most lively the college gymnasium has ever seen.

Becomes Leading Sport.

Each succeeding year intensified the interest in the new winter sport, and brought out a large number of candidates for places on the team. In 1897 the number of men was reduced to five who filled the regular positions of the modern team. Steadily the team became stronger as harder games were played in in 1899 ten games were won on the schedule of fourteen. It was in this year that "Skin" Taylor and Lampe began their basket ball career, and these two men set the high standard which has characterized the sport at Allegheny ever since. Taylor in particular "set the pace" for covering the floor regardless of all interference, and introduced the wiles and tactics of the modern star. In 1901 with Taylor and Lampe on the team, Allegheny won 15 of the 16 games played, scoring a total of 419 points against their opponents' 190. Yale fell a victim that year with only 12 points against Allegheny's 21. Since then such schools as Syracuse, Colgate, Oberlin, and Western Reserve have been lead "under the yoke" and have been compelled, one by one, to yield to Allegheny's aggressive policy.

In 1902 Allegheny's total score was 497 against 234 of her opponents; with 12 victors out of the 13 games played. In 1908 not a single defeat marred the schedule, which shows a total score of 460 points for Allegheny over her opponents' 188. The season just past resulted in more than a double score for the locals.

LECTURE OF SUNSHINE AND SENSE.

Bishop Berry of Buffalo, N. Y., addressed a union meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. Wednesday evening in Ford Memorial Chapel on the subject, "A Minister of Sunshine and Sense." The Bishop had been brought here through the influence of Dr. Camden M. Coburn, believing that he was to talk to a band of prospective ministers but on seeing a mixed crowd in the audience, he explained the nature of his discourse and went ahead with his description of the ideal preacher. In a very simple and forceful manner, Bishop Berry laid down the cardinal qualities that mark a successful minister of the Gospel, and emphasized, by the use of appropriate figures and illustrations, the prime requisites necessary to accomplish the best results in pastoral work. The Bishop said that the manners of the preacher should be appropriate, and that one of the most imperial things in the Christian pulpit is courage.

R. R. Ross kindly favored the association with a violin solo, "The Angels' Serenade," accompanied by Mr. Weaver, the chapel organist.

TWO SCHOLARLY PAPERS.

The members of the Classical Club listened to two scholarly papers Tuesday evening by J. R. Keister and P. B. Schaffner. Mr. Keister's topic was "Egyptian Grave Art Sculpture." He traced briefly the influence of Egyptian civilization on Egyptian art from the early simple sculpture of tombs to the elaborate art of the temples. He also brought out the fact that the uniform character of Egyptian sculpture and art is due to the physical environments of the people themselves.

P. B. Schaffner read a paper on "The Influence of Greek Civilization on American Life." His material had been taken from an address by Dr. Little of the Garrett Biblical Institute delivered last year before the Phi Beta Kappa Society of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Miss Edith Fugate reviewed a magazine article on the "Grave of Romulus."

MISS BULLOCK DISCUSSES "DARWIN."

Miss Hazel Bullock read a carefully prepared paper on "Charles Darwin" at the meeting of the Scientific Club Tuesday evening in the College Library. Miss Bullock gave a brief biographical sketch of this greatest of English naturalists, emphasizing his love for nature all through his early life. His five years' tour of Europe followed by a two years' residence in London, where he wrote books and lectures on his investigations and discoveries, came next in the presentation. The paper was a very comprehensive treatment of the life and work of this noted man.

Dr. Breed gave a talk on the geological formations in the vicinity of Peking, China, as reported by Mr. William Millward.

Every member present was called on to state some scientific fact. This novel feature of the meeting inspired interest and very helpful results will follow.

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The active members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity entertained a party of twenty-five couples at an informal dinner given at the Saegertown Inn Saturday evening. A special car left College Hill with the happy crowd about 5:30 and awaited their return shortly before eleven. The private party dining room was beautifully set off with floral and fraternity decorations and a splendid menu was served. The diamond-shaped place-cards, bearing the names of the guests, contained a short stanza of poetry, striking puns on the different persons present, which were read between courses.

The guest list included Miss Marie Gaston, Miss Jennie Fowler, Mr. Audley Gaston, and Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Carpenter, of Meadville; Mr. M. G. Mayo, of Erie, Pa.; Miss Matilda Drake, of Cambridge Springs; Miss Blanche Sturtevant, of Springboro, Pa., and Mr. Francis Irvine, of Warren, Pa.

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