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ENTERED AT THE POSTOFFICE, MEADVILLE, PA., AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER

The question of who is to be the next president of the college is one which lies very near to the heart of every student and every loyal alumnus. It is a well recognized fact that we are approaching a critical point in the history of the institution. For some years but slight progress has been made, while around us other colleges are being founded with facilities superior to ours. For a time, perhaps, the loyalty of alumni and the reputation of the college will enable us to keep even with our powerful rivals, but unless some advancement is made it cannot be for long. Young America is no fool: he wants the best education he can get,

and will flatly refuse to go to an unprogressive institution simply because it was his father's *alma mater*. Allegheny must either keep up with the procession or fall behind: there is no such thing as standing still. Whether it is to go forward or backward will depend to a very great extent upon the action of the trustees in choosing President Wheeler's successor.

And in this matter, which is of so much concern to everyone interested in the welfare of the college, the trustees have shown a strange apathy. Our president has resigned, he gave ample notice of his resignation, he requested the board to choose his successor, yet six months have passed and so far as we can learn nothing has been done. Good presidents do not grow on every bush, and while it might not have been difficult to secure a fit man last June, at this late date many desirable men have already made engagements for next year. There is no more time for paltering: the future of the college is greatly dependent upon prompt and wise action.

Recent mistakes of those in authority have caused considerable disaffection among the students; if the present problem is not dealt with in a suitable manner it may have serious consequences.

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Every student has at times misgivings as to the work he is doing in college. Not as to the value of a college course in general, we are all orthodox on that point, but when it is a question of whether to take Greek or German; whether to carry five studies and live in a world bounded by eating, sleeping and

studying, or to give more time to the amenities of life; whether it pays or not to put much work on subjects in which you feel no interest — these questions are constantly arising.

They can be answered only by a reference to the ultimate object of a college course. Is it general culture you seek? Do you propose to become a specialist in your line? Or are you merely aiming to lay a broad foundation on which to build a church, a court-house, or a chamber of commerce, as circumstances may direct? In each of these cases the answer would be slightly different, yet as one formula gives the key to a hundred problems, so once the true end of college work is clearly understood these questions can all be answered.

The following extract from a recent editorial in a magazine expresses better than anything we have seen the final purpose to be kept in view. Read it over a second time, take in its full meaning, and in the clear, white light of the truth it shows forth you can better decide how to divide your time and talents to secure the most from your four years in college:

“The faculties must be sharpened for active use, but it is more important that they should be enlarged, that there should be an expansion of view. There must be adequate equipment for the conflict, but that is a narrow culture which does not yield a comprehension of the real meaning, the living uses of the conflict itself, disclosing the whole arena in its relations to an integral manhood. The deepest insight is then possible, one that transcends all culture and all formal science, seeing that these are but the superstructure, ever changing from age to age of human progress, and in every age built anew above a living foundation, which is in the heart of man.”

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There is no great cause for pride in the showing given in another column of the num-

ber of students who failed to make 45% on a scale of 50 as a term average. When only one-half of the students secure what is regarded in a high school as a good standing, anxious fathers may set their minds at rest about injury from overwork.

But perhaps we have grown lazy in this matter of learning lessons; perhaps it has been so long since class marks counted for anything that we began to think that they were of no importance at all; that it was not much matter about learning the daily lessons if only the final examination might be passed. And just here is one of the chief uses of the new method. It shows that instead of the final test being the important thing, it is really secondary, and that it may be done away with altogether. It makes it clear that class work is no matter of form, not a mere prelude to the examination, but is itself the thing we are here for. Once students get this idea firmly fixed, that the end of study is not to pass examinations but to learn something, we may look for an upward tendency in the stocks of Knowledge & Co.

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But perhaps there is another conclusion to be drawn from the logic of the events of last term. If we have learned that examinations are not the chief end of study, the question may suggest itself whether or not they are an end at all.

A prominent English scholar, a professor at Oxford, the late Edward A. Freeman, has given his opinion on this subject in no uncertain words:

“Reading for an examination, even if it be real reading and not taking in tips from a crammer, is not what reading should be. A lower motive comes in; it is not simply reading for the sake of knowledge. To me the

examination was always a bugbear, something that hindered real work."

No less decided are the words of E. E. Hale, who writes so forcibly in the *Boston Commonwealth* that a lengthy quotation may be pardoned:

"The visible and certain nuisance of written examinations is an evil which is present, before a community as civilized as ours, all the time, excepting the summer vacation of the schools and colleges. It involves an absurdity equal to the absurdities of the decline of chivalry. It waits for some Cervantes, who shall ridicule it so thoroughly as to drive it entirely from the public mind, so that the twentieth century may know of it only as most people know of the squires of chivalry by Sancho Panza, or of knights errant by Don Quixote. Jules Simon, now better known as a statesman than as a distinguished professor in the University of France, used to say, 'When I was young, we prepared students for life; now we prepare them for examinations. The bitter satire of this statement could be repeated by ten thousand teachers in Massachusetts to-day. What earthly or heavenly reason can there be for driving boys through such a series of questions, merely for the purpose of giving the statistical answer in a supposed inquiry, where everybody knows the real answer before the inquiry is made, and where the answer is of no importance when it is attained? Do we really want the Hancock School, for instance, to be the precise counterpart of the Dwight School, or the Dwight School to be the precise counterpart of the Dudley School? Do we not really want that the genius of the teacher in one shall show itself in his way, and the genius of the teacher in another shall show itself in his way? Are we really trying to turn out fifty thousand clothes-pins, of precisely the same pattern, in the Boston schools, or are we trying to make of each boy and girl the best that can be made, and to encourage as we can the particular genius of each separate child? In some transfer of children from one building to

another, last summer, there were examinations of unusual strictness, and the pupils were drilled for days in advance by what might be called mock examinations. A careful and conscientious teacher, worn out by a day spent in this drill, lamented to a friend, 'Oh, it is so hard. They think so much of their writing—for they'll be marked on their writing—that they forget their spelling; or else they think so much about the spelling that they forget to put in the quotation marks. And some of the boys are so thoughtless and indifferent!' Upon inquiry, it appeared that the average age of these boys, who were 'indifferent' to the niceties of quotation marks, was eight years and a half! Is it possible to conceive of rigmarole more absurd than that involved in a system which produces such results?"

Is our system in college much better? Is it much more reasonable to spend considerable time each term and entail extra work upon students and teachers simply to find out what everybody knew before, that certain students know more than others?

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At the beginning of a new year it is customary to look over the mistakes of the past and form good resolutions for the future. Of course no college student has transgressed very seriously, but many seemingly trifling matters really have great weight, and small habits easily begun, but unhappily not so easily ended, have great influence in helping people to estimate us.

A wholly inelegant and utterly unnecessary habit, which it has troubled us to notice, is that of expectorating, which is so common in the class room. It seems as if any one who gave a moment's thought to this would see immediately that it ought to be done away with without delay. It is ungentlemanly, unhealthful. Does it not seem that when a young man goes into a class room in which a

number of young ladies are seated he should consider that, although they are fellow students, they are still ladies, to whom consideration is due? That this habit is obnoxious to them is unquestionable, but how can they defend themselves? Is the chivalry of the 19th century at so low an ebb that in a co-educational college notices must be hung around, as in places where uncultured and uneducated people assemble, stating that "Gentlemen will not and others *must* not expectorate here"? Let us not allow any further ground for comment upon this matter for the future, but make one good resolve and keep it. Otherwise we may expect to see the young ladies circulating a petition to have cuspidors placed in the class rooms.

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In response to many inquiries we desire to say that our columns are always open to students who desire to contribute to them. We cannot use serial stories of over 25,000 words in length, as our advertising takes up the rest of our space. Our regular charge for publishing poetry is ten cents a line, but our free life insurance scheme is not open to contributors to our *Poet's Corner*. For odes and epics we allow a slight reduction from the above rates. Dialect poems we charge according to the number of inverted commas. We cannot consider essays on Our Country, The Hand that Rocks the Cradle Spanks the Baby, and The Cosmogony of Terrestrial Obloids, as we have already accepted articles with these titles and will print them as soon as the weather permits.

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BiLiterary.

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"Put on thy slippers, then I'll talk to thee."

NUMBER SIX.

The Three had taken their Christmas dinner together, and for a time hostilities were suspended. Even the Unhappy One, soothed by the gentle influence of a fragrant Havana, seemed to be at peace with all the world. Finally, the Dictionary Man made a ripple in the silence by saying:

"Well, you fellows seem to be pretty well entertained keeping still."

"Why not?" replied the Unhappy One. "After such mighty exertions at the table it is necessary. The stomach demands all our energy; the animal is in the ascendant, the intellectual man is torpid, and we couldn't be wise or witty if we tried."

"Yes," said the Poet, "I have sometimes thought that was the reason why men banished the women from the tables when the wine came in. If they were to remain and listen to the talk of men with full stomachs and empty heads, they would be apt to lose their respect for the lords of creation."

Everyone seemed satisfied with this explanation; at least no one felt equal to disputing it. Silence again spread her mantle over the three, and for a time it seemed as if there would be nothing more said and no copy for the next installment. But this dire misfortune was again averted by the Dictionary Man. He had nothing to say, so he said it:

"Isn't it a pity that Christmas and New Year's come so close together? Toward the middle of December a man's creditors begin to press him. Everyone wants his little bill settled before the new year, so that when the 25th comes, instead of getting ready for a merry Christmas you are hust-

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Alumni.

Miss Gertrude Pierce, '92, is visiting friends in town.

H. B. Byers, '90, made a short visit to friends in Meadville recently.

A. C. Tryon, ex-'95, now of the University of Michigan, called on his Allegheny friends recently.

E. P. Couse, '89, now with the Pittsburgh *Leader*, visited in this place during the vacation.

A. G. Fradenburgh, '90, is librarian of the Economic department of the University of Wisconsin.

Prof. J. Stewart Gibson, A. M., formerly of Allegheny College, now occupies an excellent position as professor of Physics and Chemistry in one of the leading educational institutions of northern New Jersey, situated at Montclair.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

"Do your best when you expect to get help from heaven."—*Ram's Horn*.

Mr. Latshaw has been elected recording secretary in the place of Mr. Mills, who is not back in college.

An association has been organized at the University of Chicago with ninety-one charter members, with A. A. Stagg as president.

After this week the regular Saturday evening meeting will be united with the Wednesday evening meeting, and both the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. meetings will be held on Saturday evening, at 6:45.

The Young Men's Era, of December 15, gives a complete list of the four hundred twenty-seven College Associations in the United States and Canada, with the names of the president and secretary of each.

The man you could bring to Christ without going out of your way to do it, won't need your help when you find him.—*Farmer John*.

Thursday, January 26th will be the day of prayer for colleges. Special services will be held by our association on that evening and for the week following. We hope every student in college will help in this series of meetings and make it one of the best in the history of the college.

The Workers Bible Training Class, No. 4, will meet for the first time next Saturday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, with Mr. Stilson as leader. There is still room for a few more workers in this class, and any desiring to enter may give their names either to the leader or Prof. Thomas, chairman of Bible Study Committee.

Some time ago it was announced that Chas. E. Hurlburt, our State Secretary, had resigned, to enter missionary work. Since then, at the earnest request of the State Committee and his many friends, he has reconsidered the resignation and agreed to stay another year. We are sure that the Association men throughout the entire state will be glad to know that we are to have him with us at least a little longer.

The College World.

Exchanges.

A hearty greeting to our many exchanges at the opening of a new year.

The *Miami Student* is among our latest arrivals. The *Student* is a neat and witty sheet, and ranks among the leading college papers upon our desk.

Upon our return after the holiday vacation we are pleased to notice the many neat and tasty holiday editions of the various exchanges which come to us. Among them are *The University News*, Syracuse; *The Tuftonian*, and *The Dynamo*, Mount Union.

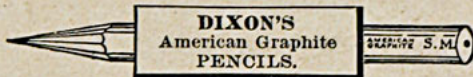
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 Go it, Chi-ca Go!!!

The University of Chicago has just received the magnificent sum of \$500,000, to be used in the erection of the largest observatory in the world. The telescope is to be six to ten inches larger in diameter than the Lick. Prof. E. E. Barnard, of Lick, will probably be given the directorship, unless, through some mischance, the State University Regents should make it worth his while to remain at Mt. Hamilton.—*Ex.*

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At Harvard four-fifths of the professors voted for Cleveland; at Yale the proportion was four to one; at Williams only three of the faculty voted for Harrison, while the great majority of the Columbia faculty are also Democrats.—*Transcript.*

HISTORY OF A FOOT-BALL GAME.

I.

A Run,
A Chase,
A Tackle,
A Fall.

II.

Three Faint,
Two Stunned,
Three Dead,
That's All.

—*McMicken Review.*

There is no exchange on our table which writes better editorials than the CAMPUS of Allegheny College. They have the best qualities of a great editorial paragraph—snap and point.—*Notre Dame Scholastic.*

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"Money is not at the bottom of everything," sadly remarked the college man as he plunged his hands deep down into his pockets.—*Princeton Tiger*.

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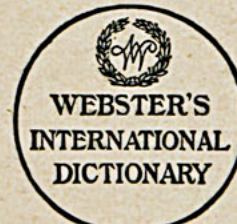
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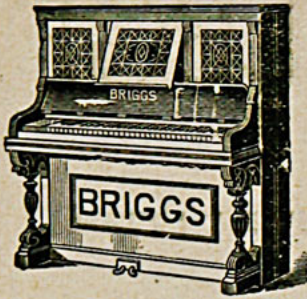
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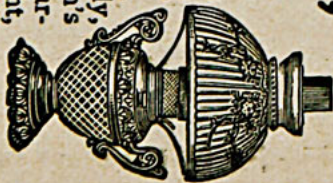
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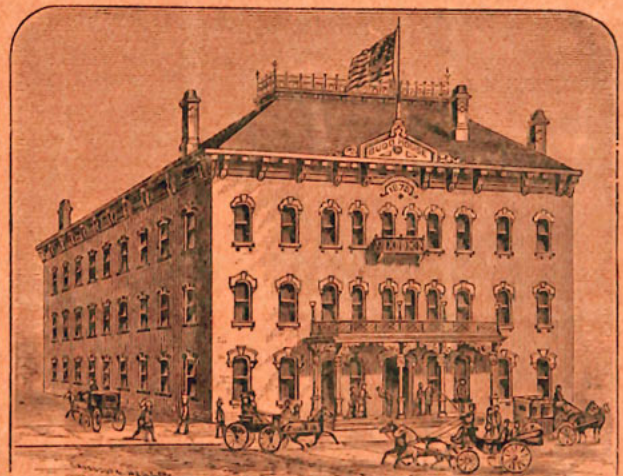
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ling around to meet your obligations. How can a man enjoy a Christmas turkey when he knows the stuffing is not paid for? It ought to be changed so as to bring Christmas about the 15th of January, when we could enjoy our dinners in peace."

This remark had the effect of taking off the brakes from the train of conversation, for the Poet at once began to tell a story.

"Speaking of dinners," he said, "reminds me that last Christmas I was at a big dinner with a judge's wife beside me. She kept me from going to sleep by making the most acid remarks about a third party, who was not present. She had no idea that he was a friend of mine, and I did not tell her so. I wanted to hear what she would say when she had a sympathetic listener, so I agreed with everything, and without making any specific charges against him, she painted his character so dark that an ink stain would make a white spot on it. Afterwards she remarked to another that I was a person of quite unusual penetration."

"You say your friend did not deserve the character she gave him?" asked the Dictionary Man.

"No, he was one of the finest men I ever knew; generous, true to his ideas of duty, and a model husband. In fact, this woman was almost the only one I ever heard speak ill of him."

"But don't you think," broke in the Unhappy One, who had been an interested listener, "that as a general thing when a man and a woman have equal opportunities of knowing a third party their estimates of his character will differ? They may have equally high standards for judging people, yet they place different values upon them. I have sometimes thought that a woman judged a person by his shortcomings; more by what he left undone than by what he did. A man observes all the actions of the person in question and then by synthesis builds up his judgment from these particulars; a woman has an ideal standard and marks where the subject comes short of it. She measures him with a little yard-stick of her own, and in cases where a man has many good qualities but a few vices, she entertains too severe an opinion of him, while if he be simply a negative quantity,

not much good or bad in him, he is placed higher than he deserves.

"Then a woman can't help thinking of a man with relation to herself. If he forgets a dance he had with her, it outweighs in her eyes the founding of a Newsboys' Home. A trifling inattention, the failing to perform some social duty, will rank him low in her esteem; but if he fail not in showing deference and admiration for her, the world may call him hard names, but she will give him a far higher rating than Bradstreet's ever gave."

"True," said the Dictionary Man, and the others waited for the coming epigram, "a woman judges you as you are to her, a man judges you as you are to the world."

"You are a misogynist," said the Poet turning to the Unhappy One, "and when you talk about women prefer to be whirled over the ground of argument in the street car of Prejudice, instead of walking on the highway of Reason, where you can look about you and form a fair judgment.

"I grant you that women have different opinions than men, but remember that they see a different side of one's nature. You know you do not talk the same to a woman as you do to a man. A woman's society calls up all your better nature, in the sunlight of her presence all your higher impulses unfold, you show to her not what you are but what you would be. Her quick sympathy divines and encourages all those wandering impulses toward a higher life which at other times we are too apt to stifle. At her words, as at the touch of a magic wand, your nobler self comes into its kingdom; the bright dreams of youth, the high ideals you once cherished all become al again. She sees all that is best in you, and if now and then the voice of the world says one thing and she says another, who shall say which is wrong? If she with her subtler insight looks at him whom the world respects and sees behind the mask of ostentatious charity and affected good-fellowship the scheming, vainglorious seeker of self, will you refuse to believe her keener vision? Or if, in her infinite, Christ-like pity, she can look into the heart of the fallen and see a noble nature warped by adverse circumstances, a spirit that has been

purified by suffering, a soul that has paid for a moment's sin by years of devotion, shall man in his ignorance say her nay? If it be as you say, woman against the world, I side with woman."

The Unhappy One merely observed that the remarks of the last speaker were sufficient proof that a man could not talk sense after a big dinner.

Mova Regula.

Allegheny College, hampered though she has been by affairs financial and governmental, during late years has shown commendable enterprise in adopting the latest improvements in government and instruction. She has added to her curriculum a course in civil engineering, and has provided for the erection of a new hall of science in order that her students might have the very best facilities for practice work. During the last term, through her faculty, she took another step in the line of improvement, which, though attracting but little attention, promises, in its effect upon the practical work of the college, to be one of the most important in her career. That step, which we think worthy of more than a passing notice, was the adoption of what, in local parlance, is called the new marking system, and with whose practical workings every student of Allegheny was familiarized by the closing events of last term. Under it every student is exempted from examination in all classes in which he secures a class average of ninety per cent. or over.

There are several reasons why some regulation of this kind was advisable. It is a fact well known to us all that many students lack a necessary appreciation of the value of time, and do not use it to the best advantage. Many of those who come to college seem to forget that the world is a sphere of action where men are measured by what they accomplish, not by what they might do if they would but put forth an honest persevering effort. They need something to attract or spur them on lest they fall into habits of indolence and neglect. Several of our colleges, having the welfare of their students in view,

have adopted some such plan as that put in practice here. Some of them have a roll of honor, the names of the fortunate ones exempted from examinations being posted on a bulletin in some conspicuous place. The faculty of Allegheny College, seeing the need of some such plan, adopted one which is in effect the same. It has a two-fold advantage in that it not only induces students to work harder to secure earlier relief from the regular college duties and freedom from examinations with their antecedent worry, and the cramming to which all students feel bound to subject themselves, but it also appeals to their pride, which, though not commendable in itself, often has a powerful effect in bringing about good results. One doesn't like to see his neighbor outstripping him in the race for honor, and even though he asserts that he doesn't care, and could do better if he wanted to, he knows that such assertions without the proof are generally received with a grain of allowance, and consciously or unconsciously puts forth greater effort next time.

At the same time the mark must be placed high. Taking all things into consideration, ninety per cent. seems to be the best, as it preserves the advantages mentioned and removes the objection of a seeming disgrace that a lower mark would bring to those who failed to reach it.

Thus far the system, though not without defects, has worked well. It has induced better work in all the classes to which it has been applied, especially with those where before poor work was done from indifference or laziness. During the last term the average of class work was higher than ever before, although the rule was not made known till the term was well advanced, and many of the students failed to realize its advantages till too late to benefit by them. An average of about one-half the members of the different classes were relieved from examinations in them. The number who were excused from all examinations was smaller, but very creditable; at least one-fourth of the whole number. In all classes the number varied according to the subject

and the strictness of the instructor in marking. Of the classes of Prof. Thomas, who marks with great care, about forty-five per cent. secured the necessary average. Dr. Wheeler, from his method of teaching, could not give the benefit of the plan to his classes, but by having his examinations before the others commenced, did not impair its advantages.

The only wonder is that such a rule was not made sooner. Prof. Montgomery tried a similar one in his classes three years ago and found it to work well.

As to objections, there is no doubt some slight injustice done in marking. Some are passed who should not be, and *vice versa*. Professors unconsciously allow their marking to be influenced by personal prejudice, or their estimate of a student's ability, unless they mark every question as it is answered in class. However, they are not supposed to be omniscient and must err occasionally.

Considering its value by its effects, the new system has proved a success. Its continuance is assured for some time at least, a fact agreeable to students, as well as teachers. We hope that its good effects may increase with use, and that it may have a permanent place among the regulations of old Allegheny.

'94.

Local.

Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been?
 Been taking exams. and failing therein.
 Pussy cat, pussy cat, what will you do?
 Pull the legs of the profs. and thus I'll get
 through.

No chapel Wednesday morning. Too cold.

W. H. Shellito visited friends in college last week.

Plummer and Murphy have at last returned to college.

For the benefit of those in the C. E. course, we would state that *Nova Regula* means *The New Rule*.

Fine winter weather.

Isn't it about time to elect the Senior ten?

The carpenters are finishing the inside of Wilcox Hall.

Ask Wood what he thinks of the "Little Educator" as a seller.

James R. Mills, Jr., will not return this term, having entered Ohio Wesleyan.

T. A. Douthitt spent his vacation in Erie, Pa., where he will remain some time.

A number of the boys spent their vacation making Xmas deliveries of Chautauqua desks.

The old Phi Psi Quintette Club held a reunion at Erie during the holidays. A big time was reported.

The stragglers have now all returned, and every one has resolved to make this term the best of his college career.

Alden O. Davis was the delegate from Pennsylvania Omega to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Convention at Chattanooga.

From all appearances this winter will be very favorable for sleighing parties. We should all take advantage of this rare opportunity.

What has become of the glee club? Some one ought to waken himself up and then waken up the rest of the musical members. Unless this does happen there might as well be no club.

It was proven by Derby, at Tuesday's drill, that a married man could not enlist in the army. Gamble demonstrated that to be a soldier a man must be very lazy, and good at making excuses.

Students not wishing to join the battalion often give as their reason, that they cannot afford to get a uniform. With this in view Major Cree has offered to form an un-uniformed company, if a sufficient number will join. All ought to avail themselves of this opportunity for getting the same valuable instruction without any personal expense.

Several frozen noses.

Gas is rather scarce.

M. D. Crary spent the holidays at his home in Sheffield, Pa.

Lee W. Eighmy spent a few days in Meadville during the holidays.

There will soon be an examination for promotion in the battalion.

The Battalion is booming, having about twelve more men this term than last.

Several of the college men attended the funeral of Fred Gundy, at West Middlesex, Wednesday.

E. Echols, who has been attending Ann Arbor, is with us this term, and expects to graduate in June.

James Campbell was detained a few days at his home in Kane, by the sickness of his mother. He has now returned.

If you want to make 45% in your classes, remember that they begin to count from the beginning of the term.

Since our last issue a new periodical has entered the field of Meadville journalism. It is a bright little fortnightly and justifies its name—*Chatter*.

Rubber boots seem to have become very popular since the storm. And by the way, the paths around the college (where there are any paths) are a disgrace to the institution.

There are quite a number of new students this term and the old ones are nearly all back, making the attendance this term considerably larger than it was in the fall. With one exception the present term is the only one in which this has happened during ten years.

Obituary.

The many college friends of Frederick W. Gundy were deeply grieved to hear of his sudden death,

which took place at his home in West Middlesex, Pa., on Sunday, Jan. 8, 1893.

Mr. Gundy was a member of the class of '91, a class-mate of Prof. Ross, and graduated with honor. During his Senior year he held the positions of chief of local staff of the CAMPUS and president of the Board of Control of the Kaldron Publishing Co. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and Philo Franklin Literary Society.

Those who knew him best were strongest in their admiration of the dignity and strength of his nature and the enduring quality of his friendship. He was active in Christian work, a hard student, and a man who commanded the respect of all with whom he came in contact.

Since graduation he had been attending the Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, as he intended to make that his profession. His funeral which took place on Wednesday, was attended by several of his fraternity brethren.

Fraternity.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Convention.

The thirty-sixth annual convention of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity was held in Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 28-30.

The convention was certainly the best ever held and the boys were more enthusiastic than ever before.

During the convention several important changes were made in the constitution.

The reports of the different officers showed the fraternity to be in a good condition.

There were seventy-six active delegates and thirty-five visiting alumni in attendance.

Regrets were read from John G. Carlisle, Wm. McKinley, Senator Wilson and Roger Q. Mills.

The Phi Kappa Psi's have decided to give up their house on Highland avenue, and are looking for more suitable quarters, which they will enter next term.

W. R. Fruit, of the class of '95, now wears the Sigma Alpha Epsilon badge.