

fine to which a failure to write would make us eligible, we undertake the compilation of our first circular letter to the members of the C. I. C. P. A.

The first local event of any importance which occurred this year was the opening of our gymnasium on Jan. 6. Its initiation ceremonies were evidently appropriate, consisting of gymnastic exercises and an elegant banquet at which two hundred guests were present. This building was erected in 1884 at a cost of about ten thousand dollars, but remained a mere shell until last year when Mr. W. C. Allison of Philadelphia undertook its equipment. He has filled it with the best apparatus which could be procured, including almost every known gymnastic appliance, from Indian clubs and dumb bells to three bowling alleys, bath-rooms and a running track. A professor of physical culture has also been secured in the person of Mr. L. F. Muchmore formerly superintendent of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium in Philadelphia. Of course this has caused a revival of interest in general athletics, and the faithful and persistent training to which the candidates for positions on our various teams are subjecting themselves, will result in a good record for Dickinson in the inter-collegiate contests.

Twenty-seven men are in training for our base ball nine, ten of whom were either players or subs on our last year's team. Games have been arranged between Lehigh, Gettysburg and Bucknell. A date had been secured with the University of Pennsylvania, but it was canceled as the assets of the college were too limited to meet the exorbitant demands of the managers of the University team. Lafayette is yet holding to the peculiar policy she adopted during the last foot-ball season, and offers Dickinson but thirty dollars to play in Easton, while she demands a small fortune to come to Carlisle.

Field sports are also flourishing, and we expect to have several successful competitors in the state intercollegiate games at Philadelphia next May.

On February 22nd the Belles Lettres Liter-

ary Society celebrated its one hundred and second anniversary by an enjoyable banquet. It rivals the union Philosophical Society, held its ninety-ninth anniversary on April 13.

Our Glee club has been revived and is in excellent condition. It has been giving concerts in the neighboring towns, and will make a ten days tour through the South and East during the Easter vacation. At Baltimore and Washington, it will give combined concerts with the Wesleyan club.

The "Dickensonian" for March has been delayed by the tardiness of the engravers who has been arranging for it a new cover.

Its editorial board sends to the editors of the FREE LANCE a fraternal greeting.

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COLLEGE ORBIT.

Yale is the first American college to have lectures in Volapuk.

Women are now allowed to enter some of the courses at Columbia.

During the past year, five colleges have been founded in Dakota.

Two of our largest colleges are about to abolish the marking system.

Williams has a fine brass band and it is made a great deal of by the students.

There is an advance of five per cent in college attendance this year over last.

Andover Theological Seminary has only seven students in its entrance classes.

Dr. McCosh thinks sixteen or seventeen is the proper age for boys to enter college.

It is reported that Harvard would like to buy the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mt. Holyoke Seminary has asked the legislature to change its name to Holyoke College.

A life size statue of Pres. McCosh will probably be presented to Princeton by its class of '88.