

and ferocious animal. So saith Patsy Michael Dennis McDuff McDowal.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

EDITOR FREE LANCE: I know these Sophs will write how they got our flag with little resistance, but I wish to say that they could not have got it, if the President had not appeared on the scene. At the time when the President came we were getting the upper hand in the fight and besides Aull, who took the flag, was held at the foot of the stairs by a Freshman when we were made to stop.

A FRESHMAN.

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PERSONALS.

Howard L. Calder, of Harrisburg, who was a student here some years ago, spent a few days among his friends about the college in January.

'89. James Foster recently accepted a position as chemist in the steel works of Jennings & Co., South Side, Pittsburgh.

'89. J. B. Struble visited the college on the 22d and 23d of January.

'89. H. A. Peterson is studying short-hand and type-writing at Curry University, Pittsburgh, preparatory to studying law.

'89. J. D. Hunter has visited State College several times recently. He is teaching school in Bellefonte.

'90. P. J. Darlington, formerly of '90, who left P. S. C. in '88 on account of his health, is taking a course in mechanical engineering in '91 at Cornell.

'87. W. F. Strouse, in order to obtain the post-graduate degree of C. E., recently submitted to the faculty a thesis on Railway Maps. Mr. Strouse is chief of the drafting department of the Baltimore and North Central Maryland Railroad.

Prof. Heston made a short business trip to Pittsburgh in the latter part of January.

A. B. Haggerty, of Chester, is at the college, working as artist on the La Vie staff.

Captain Harry N. Graffen, of Harrisburg, died in the latter part of January. Captain Graffen was a student here in '66 and for many years he has been prominently identified with the politics of Pennsylvania.

'92. T. J. Orbison is filling a position as chemist in the Centre Iron Co.'s works at Bellefonte.

J. C. Motz, W. J. McFarlane and F. B. Beattie, who were in the preparatory department last year, are now at the Eastman College of Business, Poukeepsie, N. Y.

T. E. Mayes, of Lewistown, Pa., who was a student here in '84 and '85 was married on January 1st, to Miss Sarah Bunnell, of Milroy. We tender them our hearty congratulations.

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EXCHANGES.

There is a sentiment expressed in quite a large number of exchanges of the last month in regard to the abolishment of final examinations. It does seem as if sentiment was growing in this direction, and that the examination will soon be a thing of the past. The general feeling is that if a student makes eighty per cent. or over for his term grade, he should be excused from examination. This has always been our expression on the matter, and we will be only too glad to see the day when manly effort will receive some recognition.

The *Phoenix*, while always in the front rank of college journals, is more than unusually attractive in the January number. President Magill's letter is more than of general interest to the student. We are glad to learn that the president will contribute articles from time to time during his stay in France.

We notice in the *Holcad* that the question for contest debate is: Should secret societies, as they now exist in our colleges, be prohibited by our college authorities? Receiving the *Holcad* is like the greetings of old friends, since having been a student at Westminster.