

save the college and merchants of the town an immense amount of expense incurred by the hauling of freight, coal etc. Also, as there will be only a small demand for a station where the present one is, the passenger trains can be run in to the college regularly, thus making it very convenient for those going to or via Bellefonte, who now have to take the hack via Lemont. This is an advance in the right direction, and when completed, will be one of the most useful of our many improvements which are now progressing rapidly.

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**A**N old adage says that it is a poor time to lock the stable after the horse has been stolen.

Fortunately this does not exactly apply to us in speaking of the recent fire which broke out in the main college building, for it was discovered just in time to prevent its becoming of destructive proportions. Some things however ought to so present themselves to us, that we will take precaution against all possible danger by fire.

In the first place, all students and occupants of the dormitories should exercise great care to properly extinguish matches, cigars and all fire used by them. It has occurred a few times, that through carelessness in this way, we have seen what might have been destructive fires had they not been promptly noticed and put out.

It has been more than two years since

fire companies were organized among the students; and, as most of the present body of students have entered since that time, there are a very few men among us now who are organized and trained to act intelligently in case of an emergency. A little attention given to drill in this direction might be of great benefit in the future.

Our fire escapes which are few in number and poor ones at that, were partly removed while improvements were going on about the building, and have not yet been repaired. A better system of fire escapes would insure greater security, and draw from visitors less unhappy comment than the present system does.

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**I**T has been but a short time since the sentiment was prevalent that our library consisted of little more than the name. Although this was false, we certainly had nothing of which to boast. But we are glad to note that such is not the state of affairs at present. This library has had large and frequent additions of valuable works on Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, Agriculture and reference books of many kinds. A very valuable set of works, the gift of Andrew Carnegie—which has been previously announced—is now at hand. There are now 6500 volumes, seemingly a small number if we do not consider that they are largely modern works on scientific subjects, such as a