

College has recently had from the Legislature a magnificent appropriation for an engineering building, which is now under process of construction, and it is expected that it will be equipped equal to the best in the State. Everything thus seems to demand that the Engineering society shall be kept up.

There is no occasion for reciting here the advantages to be gained by the members of technical societies, for they are well known to all who should be interested in them. All technical institutions of note have these societies, supported and carried on by their students; and we cannot see how the P. S. C. with her rapidly increasing facilities for instruction and research, and the splendid showing she has recently made in athletics, can afford at this time to drop a system of training so essential to enable her to keep pace with other colleges and with her former self.

Very truly,
W. M. C. '91.

MR. EDITOR:

It is high time that the students get to work and put a little of their dormant energy into making the winter athletic meeting a success. From present indications it will be anything but a fair exhibition of our proficiency in athletic sports, for as yet hardly a man is training regularly for the contests, and but a very few entries have been handed to the committee. The fact that the ladies have the use of the gymnasium during the only hours of the week when a man can practice to any advantage is, of course, a great inconvenience yet that trouble could easily be done away with, if the students would only make known their desire to have the use of the armory at those times. I am afraid that there is a tendency on the part of many of the men not to enter the events because the previous records show that there are men in college who might beat them in the contests.

This is a sad mistake. No man can expect to become a sprinter or a jumper without hard work or practice, and without being often compelled to

be satisfied with second or third place before he finally wins a first. If our college men look at matters in this light, it will be sure death to our hopes of athletic excellence in the future. We at last, have a trainer and that, no doubt, will be a great aid and now let us get to work and on the occasion of our winter sports show that we have the vim and the material to make a good record for ourselves.

R. N.

MR. EDITOR:

Though yet a little early in the season, it might be well if the Athletic Association would take some steps toward having a proper number of good tennis courts gotten into condition for use in the spring. Last year we had positively not one court fit to play upon. This year, if some decided action is not taken by the students, we will have the same state of affairs. I hear that the College contemplates laying out a row of courts back of the Physical Laboratory. No doubt this will be done in time, but we question whether, with the large amount of building to be done this year, they will be ready for use next term. The tennis players have always received but little aid from the association. This should not be. We need some good courts for the general use of the students and if the Athletic Association does not push the matter we will be compelled to content ourselves with the two rough affairs that we had last year.

J. L.

PERSONALS.

Ex-'94. P. P. Sturdevant was in State College on Jan. 27th and 28th. He was looking after the interests of the Wilkesbarre contractor, who is to put up the new Machine Hall.

Ex-'92. Thomas Strouse, who is employed in Baltimore, Md., visited the College recently.

Ex '95. J. B. Keifer, has returned to his home in Hagerstown, Md., to accept a position in a bank.