

## EDITORIALS.

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An event of more than usual importance and interest to the college was the winning by Messrs. Strayer and Wagner of the prizes offered by the Pennsylvania Historical Society of New York. This society offered two prizes, one of seventy-five dollars and one of twenty-five dollars, for the two best essays on historical topics, which should be written in open competition, between the Seniors of State College, Lafayette, Lehigh, University of Pennsylvania, and Western University of Pennsylvania. The subject chosen by the society for this year's essays was "The Influences that Laid the Foundations in Pennsylvania."

It was hardly to be expected that either of the prizes would come to State, in view of the rank of some of the other Colleges, and when it was announced that State's men had won both prizes there was much rejoicing. In no other class of contests can more honor be brought to a man, class, or college. The true test of a college education is the ability to *do* something, and in such contests one's ability is thoroughly tested.

Much credit is due Messrs. Strayer and Wagner for the able manner in which they have held up the banners of their College. While the prizes are valuable in themselves, there is a greater value in the successful termination of their labors, in that these men now are better acquainted with their own powers, and they will undertake still greater things in the future because of this knowledge.

We take pleasure in extending to the successful men, not only our own, but also the hearty congratulations of the whole college.

There is one matter of vital importance to all our college publications which should receive the earnest consideration and concerted action of the student body; this is a matter of