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## Calendar.

THURSDAY, DEC. 15.

9.00 P. M. Reception to Berzelius Chemical Society at Dr. Pond's

FRIDAY, DEC. 16.

Basket Ball, State vs. Altoona A. A. at Altoona.

SATURDAY, DEC. 17.

7.00 P. M. Forum, 367 Main. A full attendance is desired.

SUNDAY, DEC. 18.

9.30 A. M. Episcopal service in foyer of the Auditorium.  
11.00 A. M. Chapel. Bishop Talbot will preach.

TUESDAY, DEC. 20.

7.00 P. M. Mathematical Society Room 116 Main Building.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21.

11.10 A. M. Christmas vacation begins.

## State-Dickinson Debate.

The semi-final debate for the championship of the Inter-collegiate Debating League of Penn'a, between State College and Dickinson took place last Friday evening, December 9th in Bosler Hall, Carlisle. A large attendance of students and town people showed the interest taken in the contest. Dickinson, was represented by J. Edgar Skillington, '07 Willard J. Amthor, '07 and Arthur C. James '05. State's team was composed of Wm. F. H. Wentzel, '08, Lloyd B. Smith, '06 and Raymond Remick, '08. The presiding officer was Hon. Filmore Maust of Carlisle.

The question debated was "Resolved, That Labor Unions are inimical to the public welfare." State

upheld the affirmative. Mr. Wentzel opened the debate for State by defining the question and outlining the argument for the affirmative. He took the position that unions are contrary to good government, and showed that the great increase in their power and the consequent tendency toward Socialism are injurious to good government. Mr. Skillington opened the negative. He stated that to win the debate, the affirmative would be required to prove that the labor unions are responsible for the evils which are attributed to them; that the harm they do overbalances the good; that the country would be better if they were done away with. His argument dwelt on the benefits to the laboring classes accomplished by trade unions, such as abolition of child-labor, etc.

Mr. Smith continued the affirmative by arguing that labor unions increase the cost of production, uphold the closed shop, cause strikes and boycotts, and are based on wrong principles, constituting a monopoly which is not applicable to all workers in society.

Mr. Amthor spoke next on the negative. He claimed that organized capital denied labor the right to organize. That Capital oppressed labor, making trade unions a necessity to relieve this oppression. To substantiate his argument he quoted John Mitchell and Carroll D. Wright.

Mr. Remick spoke next, contending that labor unions assail man's individual right to work for whom he pleases, for what wages he wishes and as long as he chooses, thus depriving him of originality and individual initiative, arguing that such a course would in time lower America

in her rank among nations.

Mr. James claimed strikes take place in localities where no labor unions exist, giving Belgium as an example. He claimed that labor unions are praiseworthy and accomplish the things they stand for, dwelling on arbitration to a large extent.

The Judges Silas S. Neff, Ph. D. of Philadelphia, John L. Carver, A. M. of Philadelphia, and Robert Snodgrass of Harrisburg gave a unanimous verdict in favor of the negative.

After the debate an informal reception was held at which refreshments were served.

All the members of the team speak highly of the entertainment they received at Carlisle, and especially of the friendly spirit which the students there manifested toward them.

## General Chaffee Coming.

Although not officially announced, it is definitely understood that General Chaffee, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army, will be present at the college during Commencement week next June, and his presence, together with that of other distinguished military officers, will lend an added interest to the military functions of the week.

## Thespians.

The Thespians are preparing a new constitution in order to place the organization on a more permanent basis and in the near future they expect to secure separate quarters in which to hold all meetings and trials. The trip arranged for February has been cancelled but will be taken the first week in March. In all probability the play selected for this year will be a straight comedy.