

PERSONAL.

Exam week commences Monday, Jan. 23rd. Oh, joy!

Miss Duff of Natrona, Pa., is visiting her brother R. L. Duff '05.

President Atherton spent the greater part of the holidays at Atlantic City.

Alexander Cromer, ex-'06, is at present employed by the Pennsylvania R. R. at its Altoona headquarters.

—The Mallory Studio, Bellefonte, have established R. P. Farrington as student agent. Find him at the Kappa Sigma house.

Professors Geo. C. Watson, H. A. Surface and B. F. Gill delivered lectures at the Grange meeting, Pine Hall, Saturday evening, December 17.

The First National Bank of State College closed its first week on Dec. 22nd. One hundred and five depositors have opened accounts amounting to \$18,149.27.

Drs. Pond, Keith, Armsby, and Frear were in attendance at the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Philadelphia. Dec. 27th, 28th and 29th.

Prof. I. L. Foster left on Thursday for Worcester, Mass., where during the Christmas vacation he will work upon a new French book with his literary partner, Prof. Fred Davis Aldrich.—The Times.

Prof. W. J. Spillman, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Management of the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, was in town just before the holidays on Department business.

Miss Allibauch, an alumna of Dickinson college, who is at present engaged as instructor at the Lock Haven Normal school, spent the week preceding the holidays here, doing some research work in Botany and Natural Science.

Miss Margaret Barry.

It is not often that State College has an opportunity of listening to an artist of the first rank, and those few who attended the reading in the Old Chapel Wednesday evening, December 14th, are congratulating themselves. Miss Margaret Barry is perhaps the leading dramatic reader on the American stage to-day. The New York *Herald* hails her as "the greatest reader of the age;" the conservative London *Times* mentions her as possessing "remarkable dramatic reserve power and concentration," and furthermore characterizes her as "exquisitely cultured both in speech and manner;" and President Roosevelt with characteristic enthusiasm declares her to be "A second Scott-Siddons."

Miss Barry presented six scenes from "Les Miserables." Her rendering was in marked contrast with that of the professional elocutionist. She did not depend on mere impersonation, on make-up, facial grimace, and imitation, but she gave an interpretation of the masterpiece. For the time she was, like Booth, the character she was portraying. She understands the power of suggestion, of the dramatic pause, of the unspoken word, of the gesture that is more eloquent than words. It will be long before a more cultured and finished artist visits the College.

The Reading Club.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 17th, the Berks county students met in Room 312 Main to form an organization. The following officers were elected: President, G. L. Christman '05, Vice President, H. E. Plank '05; Treasurer, F. E. Yoder '05; Secretary, G. D. Barbey '08; and M. B. Gerhard '08, Dutch Poet. It was decided to name the organization "The Reading Club." After a lunch, served by Christman, the club adjourned to the Stag Dance. All Berks county students are invited to join.

Alumni Notes.

J. V. R. Evans '04, is with the Elk Tannery Co. at Ridgway, Pa.

W. A. Fox '04 is assistant chemist with the U. S. Leather Co. at New York.

Miller, Silvius, Baird, all '03 together with A. G. Fisher, ex-'02, are all located at Altoona.

W. H. McCune '04, is assistant chemist with the Mononghela Furnace Co., McKeesport, Pa.

C. N. Fenstermacher, who is with the Western Electric Co. of Chicago, was in town a few days last week.

Boyle '03 has resigned his position at Norristown to become head chemist at the Valentine Furnace Bellefonte.

Mr. C. S. Bomberger, '04, is engaged in installing an electric light plant for the Sinking Springs Electric Light, Heat and Power company.

A. G. Guyer, '94, has recently been appointed assistant Manager of Sales for the Edison Manufacturing Company. His present address is No. 83 Chamber Street, N. Y.

M. J. Rentschler '04, who takes the place of Mr. Shoffstall in the Qualitative Laboratory has taken up his quarters in the basement of the Laboratory building.

"Sister" McDowell, editor-in-chief of the "Free Lance" last year, together with Bryson and Campbell of last year's class are draughting for the American Bridge Co. at Ambridge, Pa.

It is rumored that "Bob" Lyons '04, was married on Dec. 24, 1904. The name of the young lady could not be learned. "Bob" is working at the Emporium Powder Works, waiting for a "raise."

M. L. Gray, '04, has recently left his position with the Lackawanna Coal and Coke company at Wehrun, Pa., and has entered the testing department of the Bullock Electric Company of Cincinnati, Ohio.