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The year just gone has been a very prosperous one, on the whole, for State College. The most notable event was the dedication of the Carnegie Library and the consequent presence of Mr. Carnegie, Gov. Pennypacker, Mr. Schwab and many other distinguished visitors. It was a red-letter day in the history of the institution and the results which are bound to come, cannot help but have a beneficent effect on the future growth and development of the College.

The spirit of growth and expansion of which the Schwab Auditorium was the first material indication has not been allowed to die away. In addition to the Carnegie Library, the Agricultural Building and McAllister Hall are substantial marks of the progress of this "new era." The last named is rapidly nearing completion, while the Agricultural Building is ready for occupancy.

Along student lines of activity, the advance has been no less marked. The base ball season of 1904 was a highly successful one, the most notable achievement being the de-

feat of Princeton. The track team rounded out a successful season by defeating the Indians at Commencement. The football team, while pursued with a run of hard luck, managed to maintain the high standard set by previous teams. The Penn score of 6-0 and the defeat of Dickinson at Williamsport 11-0, stand out as the most noteworthy events of the season.

With regard to literature, the death of the "Free Lance," the old monthly, and the advent of its successor, the STATE COLLEGIAN, is worthy of passing comment. As Governor Pennypacker said "This is an age of materialism" and in order to conform with the spirit of this age at State College the STATE COLLEGIAN was instituted. So far, the publication has been kindly received. It ought to and will succeed.

Along the other lines, social, religious, etc., the tendency seems to be ever onward. The Y. M. C. A. under the guidance of Secretary Woodcock has widened its sphere of influence wonderfully. The series of entertainments of which four have been given, is the best ever offered at the College.

Truly as Dr. Atherton has often said, "We have climbed the heights, the toilsome ascent is over and we are now on that broad, flat tableland where so many possibilities are before us." Our past has been creditable. Let us make the future a glorious one.

The Debating club has been reorganized as announced in this week's issue. We have failed to develop good debaters heretofore, it is claimed, because there has been no organization. This organization is now offered. What are you going to do with it? Let it suffer the fate of its predecessor? Whatever use is made of this club, the responsibility lies with you. The students of this college can make it what they wish. All that is required is *interest*.

Jump in and lend a hand and put out a debating team next year that will stand where one representing State ought to stand, at the head of the League. *It's up to you!*

Eckersall's Football Shoe.

A new football shoe, invented and owned by Walter Eckersall, the little University of Chicago drop-kicking quarter-back, has attracted widespread attention. The shoe that Eckersall has patterned differs principally from the conventional style in that it has a square, rigid box toe—the toe is wide and instead of converging, the sides of the sole are nearly parallel, giving an oblong effect. The sole is perfectly flat, enabling the shoe to catch the ball at a lower point, sending it higher than the ordinary soles. The uppers are very light, and the cleats small but strong. Eckersall declares that he never had so light a shoe, and that its advantages for drop-kicking do not lessen its advantages for punting and running.—The Dartmouth.

Americans Win at Oxford.

The American Cecil Rhodes scholars have been carrying all before them at the Oxford University Freshman sports, three of them winning no fewer than seven out of the nine events. W. E. Schutt, of Cornell, won both the half and one mile races, the first in 2.04 3-5 and the other in 4.44 3-5. The weight and hammer contests both fell to D. R. Porter, of Bowdoin. He put the weight 31 feet 1 inch. P. M. Young, of South Dakota, scored a treble victory, doing 5 feet 5 inches in the high jump, 20 feet 8 inches in the broad jump, and winning the hurdles in 19 seconds.—The Lafayette.

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