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EDITORIAL

The announcement of the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie to the students of this institution, made the opening college day of the New Year a most auspicious one. In the past, the Scholarship and Beneficiary Funds have been all too small to meet the calls made on them by worthy students. The number of men who are working their way through college has naturally increased with the growth of the student body. Many a time the loan of a few dollars will help a worthy struggling fellow over a hard place. It is to enable the College to stretch out a helping hand to these fellows that Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie gave this money. In years to come many a man will rise up and bless the generosity and kindly interest of the great Iron master and his noble wife.

It is rapidly approaching the time of the year when it used to be the custom to issue schedules. It is to be hoped that the Faculty

Committee having this matter in charge will not maintain the stand taken at the opening of the present semester.

It was formerly the custom to issue schedules gratis to all who applied for them. As the number of students increased, the demand for schedules increased also. The Schedule Committee, being of an economical turn of mind, thought to reduce the printing bill by charging five cents a copy for the necessary paste boards. A few of the bright minds in the student body conceived the brilliant scheme of outwitting the Committee. They managed to procure copies of the documents in question, had them printed at an out-of-town plant and hurrying them back before the Semester opened, scored a clean knock-out on the promoters of the "Trust." This was last February. At the beginning of this year, no schedules of any description could be secured for love or money. The Committee declined to assume the risk. We presume to question the justice of that attitude.

It is supposed that the college authorities wish everything to run as smoothly as possible, to have instructions condensed and arranged so that every student and instructor will know exactly where he is to go and what he is to study or work at when he arrives at that place. A college issues schedules for the benefit of its students on the same principle that a railroad issues time tables to oblige its patrons.

To be sure there is some little cost connected with the printing of schedules, but the college should be prepared to bear that. It is one of the expenses connected with management of a well organized and responsible institution. If a railroad should refuse to issue time tables gratis and make a charge for the same, there would be a sharp decrease in the profits of that com-

pany for the ensuing month. But college students have no such redress. They can only protest against the justice and righteousness of such action on the part "of the powers that be."

If the railroad or the college in question is too poor to issue schedules, that is a horse of another color. College students are noted for their generosity and charitable propensities and the average college man is generally glad of an opportunity to help the deserving poor. But if it is a open question whether or not the "poor" are "deserving," the would be beneficiaries can hardly expect to escape without considerable "kicking" and adverse criticism before the "charity" is disgorged.

The sacred concert in the Auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 18th, was largely attended by the students and Faculty and seemed to be much appreciated. The interest taken warrants the assumption that affairs of this or a similar sort would be just as well patronized. Our isolated situation renders the frequent visits of professional entertainers very difficult and even when procured, often prove costly. Why not make local talent concerts, and entertainments more frequent? It costs little or nothing to get them up and the practice afforded as well as the pleasure given, will more than repay the effort.

St. Louis Awards.

The Mining Department of the College captured two of the awards made by the St. Louis Commissioners, which have just been published. One was for a collective clay exhibit. The other display which captured a prize was a model of a coal tippie and bee-hive coke ovens. It is understood that the Chemistry exhibit of this institution was also awarded a blue ribbon, but this has not as yet been confirmed.