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## EDITORIAL

The life and deeds of the great martyred President, Abraham Lincoln, have for years been a source of inspiration and encouragement to the struggling youth of the country; a light which has served to illumine the path of many a worthy struggling youth who, oppressed by the great handicap of poverty and low birth, would have yielded to the great odds against him, but for the light and strength furnished by the noble example of the famous "Rail-splitter."

Here at State College where so many men are struggling for an education against almost overwhelming odds, the influence and power which the achievements of Abraham Lincoln has exerted in the past and will exert in the future, cannot be overestimated. It is therefore entirely just and fitting that the Trustees should set apart one day in commemoration of the works and example of the greatest of all Americans. The custom is new, this being the second year of its existence, but it is annually becoming of more and more moment and in the near future we look to see the celebration of Lincoln's birthday one of the

most important functions in the College year.

## LINCOLN DAY.

### Concluded

gymnastic entertainment had been arranged for the guests of the College. Unfortunately Mr. Watres was compelled to leave on the 2.20 train from Lemont. The program was carried out in full however and was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present.

## An Interesting Letter.

The Librarian recently showed us an interesting letter in his custody, which proves that Abraham Lincoln was at one time connected with The Pennsylvania State College. The Washington Agricultural Literary Society (with prophetic vision, for Lincoln was destined to become the signer of The Land Grant Act) elected him to membership in the Society. His reply, we take pleasure in printing herewith. The original may be seen at the Library:

Springfield, Ills., June 4, 1860.

Chas. E. Troutman, Esq.

Dear Sir:—

The Washington Agricultural Literary Society of the Farm School, Pennsylvania, will please accept my thanks for the honor done me in electing me an honorary member of the same.

Very Respectfully,

A. LINCOLN.

## Thespian Notcs.

The cast of The Thespians in "The Boomerang" is as follows:—

|                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Courtney Corliss . . . . .      | E G Bashore '05          |
| Mr. Launcelot Borgiss . . . . . | J. F. Johnson '05        |
| Paul Hollyhock . . . . .        | G. L. Hoffman '05        |
| Prof. Sadleigh . . . . .        | W G. Heckathorne '06     |
| Signor Tambourini . . . . .     | H. H. Heinrich '05       |
| A Postman . . . . .             | F. A. R. Hoffeideitz '05 |
| Jobbins . . . . .               | E. L. Diehl '06          |
| Mrs. Borgiss . . . . .          | R H. H. Aungst '05       |
| Mrs. Hollyhock . . . . .        | R H Smith '05            |
| Flos . . . . .                  | D R Davis '06            |
| Jessie . . . . .                | V Fitzimons '05          |

The first performance will be given in the Auditorium at 8.15 p. m. Friday, Feb. 24th. The trip at present includes Hollidaysburg, Feb. 27th, Tyrone, Feb. 28th, Philipsburg March 1st and Bellefonte. March 6th. The Thespians will be assisted by the College Orchestra and the 1905 Quartette.

## Calendar.

FRIDAY, FEB. 17.

8.00 P. M. Basket ball in Armory, State vs. Dickinson.

SATURDAY, FEB. 18.

8.15 P. M. Pharsonians in Armory.

SUNDAY, FEB. 19.

11.00 A. M. Chapel. Dr. Gill will preach.

6.00 P. M. Y. M. C. A. in room 529 Main.

MONDAY, FEB. 21

7.00 P. M. Mathematical Society in Room 126 Main.

## Russia and Japan.

Prof. Eijiro Takasugi gave a highly interesting and instructive lecture on "Japan and Russia" in the Old Chapel on Monday evening. He began by reviewing the causes of the present conflict with Russia with a summation of facts of interest since the war began and followed this by a comparison of the two governments, closing the lecture with observations on Japanese life and customs, illustrating this part of the lecture with many lantern views. Mr. Takasugi is an educated Japanese citizen of the best type. He speaks English fluently and although possessing a foreign accent, is easily understood. His references to Japanese patriotism were numerous; his belief in the present position of Japan is optimistic and his faith in the ultimate outcome of the war is profound.

The sparkle of humor in his talk created considerable laughter, and made the evening thoroughly enjoyable as well as instructive.

## Library Notes.

Hours 7-55 a. m. to 10 p. m.

A set of the publications of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D. C. has been received by gift at the Library. These include information relative to the Institution, to grants authorized, researches under way, together with valuable papers and studies.

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