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Vice-President Welsh.

Dr. Judson Perry Welsh, formerly principal of the Bloomsburg State Normal School, assumed his duties as vice-president of the College on September 1st. He has been closely associated with educational work during his whole life and is well qualified to accept this new and responsible position at State.

Dr. Welsh received his first education in the public school that bordered the farm of his father, Abner Welsh, and, after attending the public schools of Bloomsburg, he entered the Normal School, from which place he graduated in 1876. After teaching for several years, he entered Lafayette and graduated from that institution in the classical course in 1882. Before the Commencement, he was tendered the position of head of the West Chester State Normal School, remaining there eight years. During the time he was at West Chester, Dr. Welsh compiled Welsh's Grammar, which is in wide use in the schools of the country.

Upon the resignation of Dr. Waller as principal of the Bloomsburg State Normal School, Dr. Welsh was elected to the position, which he has filled since 1890. During that time the school prospered under his leadership to a very great extent, and it was with much regret that the Faculty at Bloomsburg Normal accepted his resignation.

Although he has been here only a short time, he has become popular with the student body, owing to the fact that he has shown a great interest in them and their wants, and has been always ready to adjust any difficulty that may have arisen.

1910.

Again has a new college year rolled around, bringing into the life of the college a fresh infusion of strength and vigor, namely, the class of 1910. As can be said of every Freshman class in State, they are an alert, wide-awake bunch of fellows. In number they slightly exceed last year's class, having 270 men entered as against 1909's 260 men. The spread of "State's" reputation is shown by the fact that, while the large majority come from our own state, a considerable number of the class come from New York, Ohio, Virginia, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. Both Cuba and Porto Rico are represented, while two men are entered, who have but recently come from Russia.

A noticeable quality of the class is the spirit of independence among so many of its men. A large number are relying partially or wholly upon their own resources. Such men are always welcome at State. Although it is too early to predict how much they will add to the athletic and other organizations, the material looks promising, and it is hoped that the new men will enter heartily into every department of college work. The class met on Friday evening and elected Jay L. Smith President. A collision between the two lower classes was expected after the meeting, but the Freshmen did not attempt to cross the campus, and were not molested.

Notice.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances usually attendant upon the opening of college, and the delay in receiving the paper, the "Collegian" has been held back until now. Future issues, however, will be out on time, every Thursday.

The Choir.

Too frequently have we heard members of the College choir declare their intention of staying out until they "found out what was in it." That seems like rather poor college spirit. There should be enough men in "State" who enjoy singing for the sake of singing, to fill the necessary complement for the choir; but even if there are not, certainly there should be enough who care sufficiently about having the singing a success, to come out. Without a choir, there can hardly be any chapel service, and although many may consider chapel a burden, yet its effect is invaluable, if for no other reason than that it brings the entire college body together once every day. Every Glee Club man, and others beside, should forget this babyish talk about "what is there in it?" and support the college choir by becoming a member.

Another word. If the college body would cease "knocking," there might be less difficulty in filling the ranks of this organization. The choir members are not professional musicians, and a mistake now and then is inevitable. Would the college body rather have no singing at all, than have the present choir? Can the "knockers" themselves do any better? To an especial degree should "knocking" be eliminated from now on, for the members of the choir are not receiving anything in return for their services, and if a number of fellows have enough college spirit to give up their chapel cuts and also attend two evening rehearsals every week, surely it is only the part of common decency and respect for their spirit to pass over their mistakes, and avoid the attitude of a mean-spirited critic.