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# The Intercollegiate Civic League

A communication has been received by the college authorities from the Intecorllegiate Civic League with the request that it be brought to the attention of the students. This league, which has headquarters in New York, consists of non-partisan clubs in fifteen colleges and universities in the country, prominent among which are Yale, Harvard, Princeton, and the University of Pennsylvania in the east, and Chicago and Michigan in the These are usually social west. clubs, strictly non-partisan in chaiacter, and are purely student organizations, although some of the most effective find it very helpful to have faculty members. Their primary object is to help their members to acquire information about public affairs. They commonly call themselves Civic, or Good Government clubs. They hold periodic meetings, are frequently addressed by men from outside the college, and in many cases carry on original work in trying to ascertain the facts about some question of public importance, usually a local question.

The league is trying to induce men in all colleges to form similar organizations and to aid in making the work a broad national movement which shall stand for all that is best in American life. In March, 1906, the clubs were federated into the present organization. The convention met in New York, and after organizing went on to Washington where the members were received by the President of the United States, who talked to them for the

larger part of an evening. Another convention is to be held in 1908.

This year the league is trying to help the individual clubs to put themselves on a firm working basis, and as a means to this end there will be sent to the clubs shortly a series of letters written by prominent men. The clubs are to publish the letters, which will be copyrighted, in the college papers. Among the men who are to write are President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft, Secretary Garfield, Congressman De Armond, of Missouri, Samuel Gompers, and Jacob A. Riis. In the event of such a club being formed in our college, county officials or even men of wider reputation could doubtless be secured to speak on topics of vital interest.

### Williamsport Seminary Game.

Assistant manager Moore has completed arrangements for a basketball game at Williamsport this coming Saturday afternoon between Dickinson Seminary and the college team. A return game will be played here in the near future.

The management has been unable to schedule more than two games, owing to the fact that other teams have always desired a return game and the college team is allowed only one game away from home.

# Four of Them in State : Who?

The editor of Science, Dr. James McKean Cattell, has made an elaborate study of one thousand American men of science, their early life, training, environment, achievements, etc. Of the one thousand selected four are at the Pennsylvania State Colege. The anniversary of Lincoln's birthday is always the occasion of appropriate exercises at State, not only to commemorate the greatness of America's foremost statesman, but more especially to show appreciation of his part in the establishment of the land grant colleges, of which State is one. Although there were fewer guests of the college present than usual, the exercises were of absorbing interest to the appreciative audience.

Lincoln Day.

The excellent music furnished by the orchestra and glee club formed a fitting complement to the orations, which were delivered by Dr. Joseph A. Walton and George Weidman Grcff, '07. Dr. Walton, who has made a special study of the life of Lincoln, held the attention of the audience while he presented several phases of the character of "the Lincoln" in new and unique lights. Following him, Groff made a forceful presentation of Lincoln's life in the light of his failures.

General Beaver presided and added an interesting talk on his personal experiences and an appreciation of his personality.

## Wyoming Seminary Club.

Last Saturday evening a preliminary meeting was held in room 432 McAllister for the purpose of forming a Wyoming Seminary club. Those who were present discussed ways and means for placing the advantages of State before the students of Wyoming Seminary. The organization will be completed and officers elected at a meeting to be held in a short time.