

**Leland Powers.**

An interesting story is told of the manner in which Leland Powers became an impersonator. A clerk in a stationery store, although he had spent a year at the Boston University School of Oratory, Powers used to rehearse scenes from the comedies which he was learning before his fellow clerks. He declares that they were the most helpful audience that he has ever had, since their criticism was merciless and searching. On the whole, however, their verdict was one of approval, and the report soon spread that Powers was "pretty good at speaking pieces." After this he recited frequently at entertainments, but usually received nothing more than thanks for his services. One day the manager called him into the office and told him that he was either too good a clerk to be spoiled with entertaining or else too good an entertainer to clerk. It was a serious moment for the young man. Art carried the day, however, and Leland Powers was no longer a clerk, but a reader and impersonator. He earned thirteen hundred dollars the first year, and since that time he has never had occasion to regret giving up his position.

Those who hear Leland Powers in the Auditorium next Saturday evening will hear an impersonator talented and capable. We believe that not one will be dissatisfied.

**Christian Association Notes.**

The membership is now somewhat over three hundred.

The mission study classes will begin the second 'term's' work on next Sunday. The courses offered are the same as before and under the same leaders. The chief interest seems to center on the study of conditions in this country, instead of those in South America, which held the interest during the first "term."

**Open Letters.**

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To my mind the advisability of adopting the honor system at State depends upon whether the student body is ready for it or not, and whether it will be maintained (if adopted) as it should be.

Men high in authority in the faculties of Princeton and of other colleges, where the honor system is in vogue, have been quoted as saying that it is a success at their respective institutions. Doubtless these men think they are right, but it seems to me that the best authorities to consult are the men who take the examinations. In nine cases out of ten they say that it is a failure.

The honor system has been tried here in "quizzes," but has been abused. A senior who took one of these

quizzes says that there was more "cribbing" than there ever had been under the old system. This certainly shows that the honor system has not yet been a success where it has been tried. And yet I am almost certain that in every case the instructor thought it was perfectly so. Sophomore.

**COLLEGE ORBIT.**

The University of Wisconsin opened the year with the largest enrollment in the history of the college, over 3700 students. There are five new buildings on the campus. The faculty has been increased by seven new professors, twenty-three more instructors and twenty-nine new assistants.

The New York Sun ranks Penn State tenth in the list of star football aggregations. Others mentioned are Yale and Princeton, Harvard, Cornell, Carlisle Indians, Pennsylvania, Brown, Annapolis and West Point, ranking in the order named.

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