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## The George W. Atherton Memorial Alcove.

The class of 1907 will place in the library of their Alma Mater the library of books relating to Economics and Political History which belonged to our late president, Dr. Atherton. This gift is in accordance with the custom of the graduating classes for several years, and will make a fine addition to our beautiful library.

Dr. Atherton's collection is one of the most valuable in the country on Economics and Political History. For twenty-four years, while he was president of our college, he made a specialty of this subject and came to be recognized as an authority. He wrote and published many essays, and collected the best books on the subject. Taken all together his library aggregates fifteen hundred volumes.

One thousand dollars have been pledged by the seniors, including their surplus from the damage fund. The place chosen for the collection is the Seminar Room of History and Political Science, on the eastern side of the library, directly over the office of Dr. Runkle.

Cases have been ordered for the room, and will be in place by Commencement week. At that time, also, a bronze tablet in the shape of a keystone, bearing an appropriate inscription, will be in place at the entrance of the alcove.

The following letter to the Senior class acknowledges the gift on behalf of the Library:

Mr. W. A. Slater, Chairman of Committee, and Members of the Senior Class:

Gentlemen:

I have rare pleasure in tendering

the most cordial and hearty thanks of the Library to the Class of 1907 for the magnificent gift, The George W. Atherton Memorial Alcove. May I congratulate you that you have so self-sacrificingly and wisely planned your gift? It will mean more to the college and to yourselves than a mere collection of books. The alcove founded by the Class of 1907 will always enshrine a great personality, a great personal force; but it will also lead to a larger alumni interest in the library, a fact which has made the college libraries of our land strong.

Your gift emphasizes the need of other special collections, since no institution can nourish scholarship without great libraries, strong in special lines. Your action will, moreover, be a perpetual memorial to your own foresight and wisdom, and I congratulate you most sincerely upon the consummation of the plan. May I express the hope (one you no doubt cherish) that the class take the lead in the endowment of the alcove, and in the years to come build up a yet greater memorial.

Very cordially yours,

Erwin W. Runkle,  
Librarian.

## Senior Agricultural Theses.

G. W. Groff--A Study of the Ornamental Trees and Shrubs on the Campus.

C. L. Goodling--An Investigation of the Herds of the Patrons of the College Creamery.

Seats for Y. W. C. A. entertainment on sale Thursday and Friday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00 at the Nittany Printing office.

Only a few reserved seats for this occasion. Secure yours early.

## A Splendid Gift.

The Western Electric Company has presented the college with a very valuable set of experimental apparatus for use in the study of telephone systems. This gift is the outcome of a request made of the company last summer. The apparatus in this equipment consists of forty mounted pieces manufactured by the Western Electric Company for use with eight or nine instruments of the American Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. The parts may be arranged in any desired combination, from the simple magneto exchange circuit in use at the State College exchange to the most complicated trunking system which requires three operators and a large number of electromagnetic signals and switches for a single call. This generous gift forms a most desirable nucleus for a telephone engineering laboratory and its purchase would have cost the college a large sum.

## Bellefonte Academy vs. Kiski.

One of the best "prep. school" baseball games of the present season will take place on Beaver Field Monday afternoon May 20th, when Bellefonte Academy plays Kiskiminetas school, the strongest athletic academy in Western Pennsylvania. Next fall a football game will be played here between Mercersburg academy and Bellefonte academy if our students support this coming baseball game. Penn State has already obtained many good athletes from Bellefonte academy and it is hoped that in the near future more will come here from that school as well as a large number from Mercersburg and Kiski.