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EDITORIAL.

The recent adoption of an honor system by the junior Mechanicals has more significance than that of a mere news item. When the Electricals made the first venture in this direction last spring there was some skepticism as to the result, but so successful has been their experiment that instructors and students alike are pleased with it. Those most closely identified with the Electricals and in the best position to observe the workings of the system are the Mechanicals, and it is fitting that that they should be the next to swing into line. The question is being discussed by other sections and it may be that further results may follow.

An honor system of any type can only be successful when founded on

whom it operates. This condition has been met in both cases where it is now in force and the system is likely to become a permanent feature of work in these departments. These sections are not only helping to elevate the moral standard of our institution, but are doing pioneer work which may some day be of use in drafting a universal system for the whole student body.

Within the past week three letters have been received by this paper either from alumni or from students, all bearing upon the same subject, namely, the need of new songs and cheers. As soon as space will permit, one or more of these letters will be published. The consensus of opinion, however, seems to be this: there is a need, a vital need, for new yells, particularly those of a character somewhat different from those in present use. One suggestion has been offered that we need a yell composed of two or three—preferably the latter—parts which may be taken up one after another in different sections of the grandstand or in different parts of the field.

We trust that no one will think of this brief mention of the subject as simply a desire to have something to talk about or to fill up space. The need for thought and originality in the question of cheering is evident. The need of new cheers has been discussed on the campus for weeks.

Let's get busy.

As was announced last week, the next issue will be a special alumni quarterly. The general purpose of the issue will be not so much to give the addresses of alumni as to a strong sentiment among those with

give them an idea of the general progress of the college during the past few months.

Dr. Lansing's Lecture.

For about an hour last Friday evening Dr. Lansing, of Scranton, held the close attention of his audience on the topic "Through a Barred Window." He spoke of crime, its causes, and our methods of dealing with it. According to Dr. Lansing the average age of criminals is from 18 to 26 years. The criminal class constitutes 2 % of our population and costs us 600 millions of dollars annually. The children of criminals are usually criminals themselves.

He severely criticised the custom of placing boys guilty of minor offences in prisons where they come in contact with veteran criminals. The Commissioner of Crime in France states that twenty-four hours spent by a boy in the company of old criminals will ruin him forever.

The lecture was interesting and instructive throughout. If the character of the remaining numbers of the course is to be judged by this first number, the course will be a decided success.

F. B. Stieg, '07, lately promoted to the position of chief chemist of The Aetna Powder company, Aetna, Ind., visited the college last week.

The Rev. G. H. Hemingway, of Bloomsburg, will talk at the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. next Sunday evening. All are urged to attend the meeting and hear a talk on a subject of interest.

The Toothpick—Tumbler game which was to have occurred on last Saturday was postponed for a week on account of the receiving of the report of the Navy game. Notices will be posted as to the time of the game. Both teams are eager for the fray and a terrific battle is expected.