

The Ten Dollar Athletic Fee.

In connection with the discussion of our ten dollar gymnasium fee, the history of the matter may not be out of place. The sum is in reality two separate fees, a gymnasium fee of six dollars, charged by the college, and an athletic fee of four dollars, collected by the college for the Athletic Association.

The fee of six dollars dates from the fall of 1897. Its purpose was the payment of the salary of the physical director, Mr. Hoskins, and the maintenance of the gym. At that time the Athletic Association depended for its support upon the membership fee of one dollar, the proceeds of games (to which students were charged admission), and the subscriptions with which a loyal few assisted the managers of the athletic teams. Debt was inevitable. In 1902 at the time the college began to collect the present athletic fee of four dollars for the association, we owed nearly two thousand dollars. The four dollar fee was secured largely through the efforts of Mr. Golden, Fred P. Dodge, '03, Earl Hewitt, and Wm. L. Affelder, '99. Affelder helped especially by securing the support of the alumni for the measure. He deserves mention as perhaps the only State track manager who has come out even on his season.

The privileges secured to the student by this four dollars are membership in the Athletic Association (formerly costing one dollar,) free admission to all college athletic events at State (which at twenty five cents per game for 1906-7 amounted to more than five dollars), and the satisfaction of enabling State's teams to play the schedules which have placed them in the front rank in college athletics.

While the six dollar fee is a college charge, the members of the Athletic Association are reaping benefit from it every day. It gives

us the services of our athletic director and trainer, it pays for the heating, lighting, and equipment of the track house and gymnasium, and it enables Mr. Golden to make such trips as his present one in the interest of our athletics.

H. H. Acheson.

Items of Interest from the Library.

The Library has secured the Canal Zone record, a weekly review of Canal progress and of the social and industrial life on the Canal Zone. It will be filed as received in the Engineering Alcove.

The last issue of the Bulletin of the Clarkson School of Technology contains an article by Prof. W. M. Towle, formerly of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, entitled "Shop Training for Engineering Students."

The first two volumes of Ireland's Report on Colonial Administration in the Far East has been received. This monumental work will cover 12 volumes, and the Library is indebted to General Charles Miller for placing it at our command.

Prof. V. T. Wilson has placed the Library under obligation by donating copies of his publications: Free Hand Perspective, Free-Hand Lettering, Notes on Practical Mechanical Drawing.

Ten volumes have been received at the Library from an unknown source. The anonymous donor has the thanks of the Library. Other donors include the executors of the estate of J. C. Carter, Lieut. Col. J. R. Nicholson, Wm. D. Grant.

The New Skating Rink.

The new skating rink was opened last Friday night with prospects of a bright future. About 175 students skated the first night, and since then good crowds have attended each session. The floor is the best to be obtained and has a clear space for skating of 100 by 50 feet. Sessions are held every

day from 2 to 5 o'clock, and from 7 to 10 o'clock, but the session on Wednesday afternoons is for ladies exclusively. On Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday nights six men from the college band furnish music.

It is the intention of the managers to have a strictly first class rink and to maintain good order. Later in the year one evening in each week will be divided between skating and dancing. The floor alone cost more than a thousand dollars, and since it is constructed of hard maple it should be good for either skating or dancing.

B. R. Curry, '05, has recently recovered from a severe attack of malaria fever contracted while he was working in Butler, Pa.



Skating Rink

Watch this space for announcement of opening of rink and attractions

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