

Patterson by his host of friends in loving recognition of his unselfish service and unswerving devotion to duty."

Mr Patterson was completely overwhelmed, and in a few words, halting at first because of emotion, and then in appeal to General Beaver to come to his aid, he thanked his friends. General Beaver willingly responded to his comrade's call, and in a short speech gave a finishing touch to the day's rejoicing by paying a generous tribute of praise to Mrs. Patterson. All present then shook hands with Mr. Patterson and personally congratulated him. Light refreshments were served by the ladies of the committee, who also presented Mr. Patterson with a magnificent cluster of seventy carnations. Later, at Mr. Patterson's house, the relatives, and a few of his intimate friends spent a pleasant evening, mostly in loving reminiscences.

Wm. C. Patterson was born on January 31, 1838. He spent his early life on the farm and began his life work there. The Civil War called him into service from his bride of one day to go through the strife with credit. An incident that was mentioned in one of the letters from the alumni stated that his first service to the college was a month's work during the year 1871, after which he returned to his farm. On the first of January, 1872, he came back at Mr. Hamilton's request and began the term which he is still serving.

The campus was then a rock pile and a potato patch, and it was three years before his influence was felt. In 1875, however, the campus in its present aspect was completed. In the dark days, when the college was a very questionable success, his hope never grew dim. He now sees that hope fulfilled, and the institution that is a part of his life become indeed a great power in the educational world.

True to his ideals, happy in his family life, and by his family blessed, he is a lesson to every man in this community. His is not the life lived for glory of self, but a true, unostentatious life of service to his fellow men.

It was only fitting, therefore, that the idea of Dr. Hunt and others was carried out as it was, and the appreciation of his friends expressed. It is the earnest wish of all that his lifework may continue as prosperously as ever and that his years with us may be many more.

#### Local Alumni Associations.

Some very encouraging reports have been received recently by the general secretary from the various local associations.

There is a local association in Pittsburg but up to this time we have been unable to secure the names of the officers for this year.

Bellefonte has an association with the following officers: Pres., E. R. Chambers, '81; vice president, J. W. Hunter, '89; secretary, G. O. Gray, '03.

An association is to be organized in Schenectady, N. Y. As there are about 40 State men located in that city there is every reason to believe that it will be a strong and active branch.

J. C. Ritchey, '07, and P. A. Rainey, '07, both spent a few days in town last week. They are with the signal department of the Penna. R. R. and have been transferred to Pittsburgh.

The secretary of the Philadelphia association writes that they intend to have a meeting the 28th of February and that Dr. Sparks, our president elect, and Gov. Beaver will be with them. The officers of that association are as follows: President, C. B. Keiser, '98; 1st vice president, W. J. Conlin, ex-'01; 2nd vice president, F. H. Lower, ex-'05; secretary, J. H. M. Andrews, '98.

Harrisburg has an association with the following officers: President, S. E. Miller, '03; vice president, John Reed, '99; secretary, S. K. Varnes, '07; executive committee, Victor Weaver, '99, and Wm. Schnure, '01.

The New York association has a membership of 58 men at the present time and at their next meeting they expect to have many more added to the list. The officers are as follows: President, Dr. J. F. Pond, '92; secretary, N. P. Findley, ex-'95; treasurer, A. S. McAllister, '98.

Other places where there are enough alumni and old students to warrant active associations are Chicago, St. Louis, Washington, D. C., Lancaster, Pa., Northeastern Pennsylvania, ie. Scranton, Wilkesbarre and Altoona, and it is hoped that State men located in these different cities will take an interest in seeing that associations are organized.

#### Resolutions.

The Debating Society of the Pennsylvania State College hereby expresses its sorrow because of the death of a beloved member and friend, Harry H. McCready, and records its appreciation of his manly, upright character.

Always active in debating, he contributed largely in making this branch of college activities a complete success.

The society therefore directs that copies of this memorial be sent to the bereaved family and also be published in the State Collegian.

A. A. Borland,  
C. A. Schnerr  
J. A. Shaw.

D. C. Stevenson, '06, and J. B. McWilliams, '07, spent Senior Week at the Phi Kappa Sigma house.

W. T. McCormick, '07, R. G. Clough, '07, and E. L. Rafter, '06, were recent visitors to their Alma Mater.