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ENTHUSIASTIC ALUMNI DINNERS.

Local Organizations in Pittsburg, Philadelphia, and New York Entertain Dr. Sparks and General Beaver.

The reception accorded Dr. E. E. Sparks by 125 of our Pittsburg alumni at the University Club on Thursday evening, February 27, was a most enthusiastic one. The banquet hall was gaily decorated with State's "White and Blue," and a large orchestra kept college music astir all evening. The after-dinner speech of Dr. Sparks was a splendid one and was continually interrupted by the most hearty applause. The Pittsburg alumni were more than pleased with their new President, as shown by the thunderous "State" yell which greeted the conclusion of his speech. Tributes were paid to General Beaver, Dr. Atherton, and to State's athletic teams. Some needed college improvements were also discussed. H. Walton Mitchell, '96, was toastmaster, and he called on Prof. H. H. Walker and Prof. F. E. Foss, who responded in a happy vein. New officers were elected for the Pittsburg Alumni Association as follows: president, H. W. Mitchell; secretary and treasurer, P. V. Stevenson; executive board, Quigley, Kuhn, Read, McKinley, Smith, and Diehl.

Mr. S. L. McKee, '73, was the oldest alumnus present, and from that class down, almost every year was represented. No less than sixteen members of the class of '07 were present and when they bunched together to give their class yell, followed one for Dr. Sparks, and then the college yell, they certainly made the welkin ring. When all the different class representatives got to

giving their class yells simultaneously the University Club trembled on its foundations. It was decided to hold hereafter four annual meetings of the Pittsburg Alumni Association.

The Pennsylvania State College association of Eastern Pennsylvania gave a dinner at the University club, Philadelphia, on the evening of Feb. 28th at which there were present thirty-one alumni and former students. The dinner was presided over by Thomas W. Barlow, '76, a member of the Board of Trustees and Chinese Consul at Philadelphia. Among the guests were General James A. Beaver, president of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Edwin Earl Sparks, president-elect; former Lieutenant Governor Charles W. Stone, and Mr. George M. Downing, '88, the two latter gentlemen being members of the Board of Trustees. Addresses were made by all of the above gentlemen and also by Geo. S. Demming, '90, and J. H. M. Andrews, '98. General Beaver was in his usual happy vein and was greeted with all the enthusiasm which State men usually accord him. Dr. Sparks spoke to the men at some length and was listened to with close attention. The impression he created was distinctly favorable and the feeling of all present was that under his leadership Old Nittany would look down upon a development which would place the college among the leaders of American educational institutions. Dr. Sparks spoke of the problems which would confront him and in his dis-

cussion of them revealed a sympathy and tact which will go far toward making straight his paths. He closed with a plea for the cooperation and support of the alumni and every man left the meeting with the intention of giving loyal service under his leadership.

The midwinter meeting of The Pennsylvania State College Association of New York was held at the Graduates Club, Saturday evening, February 29, at which time a dinner was given in honor of President pro tem. General James A. Beaver, and President-elect Dr. E. E. Sparks. The President of the Association, Dr. F. J. Pond, '92, acted as toast master. The speakers included Gen. Beaver, Dr. Sparks, Prof. D. C. Jackson, '85; J. G. White, '82; Prof. J. P. Jackson, '89; Prof. W. H. Walker, '90; H. B. McLean, '90; Dr. A. A. Brenneman, '66; W. F. White, '87, and Prof. Wm. Frear, Ph.D. Seated at the speakers' table were also C. C. Chesney, '85, and Reginald H. Brietnoll, Adj. Gen. of New Jersey, who had been a member of the class of '64 which did not graduate on account of its absence in the army as Hundred Days' Men.

The arrangement of the details of the dinner was conducted with complete success by Donald Findley, vice-president of the association. There were 74 present.

The spring meeting of the Association, at which an informal dinner will be served, will be held on a Saturday, probably in May. It is earnestly requested that all former students and instructors of "State" whose names are not on the New York Association list, but who may wish to attend future meetings of the association, send their addresses to the secretary, A. S. McAllister, 239 West 39th street, New York.