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EDITORIAL.

Beginning with the first issue after the Easter vacation and continuing through the remainder of the year, four pages will be added to the Collegian, making it a twelve page paper. It has been the constant aim of the board to produce a good paper, but lack of space has very often prevented the working out of desired changes. With the additional space that will now be afforded, we hope to broaden the policy of the paper and to make it more attractive and readable.

In the two numbers which remain before the Easter vacation, the amount of reading matter must necessarily be diminished somewhat.

It is hoped that our readers will overlook this fact, with the thought of better things ahead.

The third Alumni Quarterly will appear on April 30, the first issue after the Easter vacation. Instead of articles of length on college affairs, this issue will consist chiefly of short, interesting items concerning our alumni and the work that they are doing. We therefore ask our readers to send in any items or news that will be of general interest.

CALENDAR.

FRIDAY, MAR. 26

7.30 P. M. Armory. Interclass basketball. 1910 vs. 1911.

8.30 P. M. Auditorium. Free lecture, "Some Problems in Coal Mining," by Prof. H. H. Stoek.

SATURDAY, MAR. 27

8.00 P. M. Auditorium. Play by the college girls, entitled "Breezy Point."

SUNDAY, MAR. 29

11.00 A. M. Chapel.

6 15 P. M. Old Chapel. Memorial meeting for Hugh McA. Beaver

Higher Education at Reduced Rates.

The current number of McClure's Magazine contains an extremely interesting article by George Kennan on an educational institution which offers the opportunity for an education at a cost that for cheapness is probably not equaled in the country. The institution is the university situated at Valparaiso, Indiana, having an enrollment of over five thousand, the second largest in the country, being exceeded only by Harvard.

The regular price of dinner is ten cents, of breakfast and supper four cents each, the cost of a good bed in a single furnished room five cents,

and tuition is fifteen cents a day. Thus, says the Outlook, students of either sex can obtain board, lodging, and higher education for thirty-eight cents a day, or about \$125 a year—less than the average American college charges for tuition alone. According to Mr. Kennan, who visited the institution and partook of several of these cheap meals, the boarding is as good as any student should desire. The meals are served in the different dining halls by student waiters.

The reason for these cheap rates is partly economical management and partly the buying of the food-stuffs in large quantities at wholesale rates. The university has several acres of garden which are cultivated by students, and vegetables are also bought from farmers at reasonable prices. Other staples such as sugar, coffee, flour, and beef are purchased in car load quantities, by which means a considerable saving is effected. In the newest and best dormitories a suite of two rooms costs a dollar a week each for two occupants.

Little is said of the educational character of the university. Started thirty-four years ago, it now has one hundred and sixty-two professors and instructors, and nine buildings. Many of the students are public school teachers who spend only part of the year in college. The statement of conditions in the university affords an excellent example of what may be accomplished under certain conditions in the way of economic management of a large institution.

Minstrel Show.

The committee on music and program invites all students to submit songs, parodies and "gags" suitable for the shows. All such contributions must be made very soon, however, to Wyckoff, Armstrong and Hills.