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EDITORIAL.

The next issue of the paper will be that of April 30. when the Alumni Quarterly will appear. We ask your co-operation in the matter of news in order that the next number may be made interesting, especially to alumni.

As was announced last week, positions on the Collegian board are now open to members of the Freshman class. Those who wish to try for positions should hand in their names and college addresses immediately. A square deal is assured to all.

At a recent meeting of the students rooming in the dormitories, one of the questions discussed was

that of allowing the lights to burn during the night, instead of their being turned off at eleven o'clock. While the question does not concern all of the students, we feel that the number of those who are directly interested is sufficiently large to justify its being mentioned here.

In addition to being far more convenient, the new plan would be much safer. A considerable number of the dormitory students have oil lamps, a possible source of fire which, with our present fire protection, is not to be disregarded. Further than this, everyone knows how hard it is, in case of an alarm of any kind at night to dress within a reasonable time in the dark.

As to cost, only a trial could determine the comparative expense of the two systems. We believe, however, that if the cost of the new plan were found to be greater than the present fee charged for lighting, the majority of the students would be willing to pay the added cost.

A Communication From Dr. Pond.

The following letter was received too late for publication last week. We take pleasure in publishing it in this issue.

To the Editors of the Collegian,
Gentlemen:—

Will you allow me a line or two in your columns to express my gratification, in behalf of the College, and of the Department of Chemistry in particular, on account of the splendid work done by students in assisting at the recent fire?

I fully appreciate that without the energetic aid of our boys on that occasion, the building and its contents would have been a complete loss. The fire in itself was a simple mat-

ter, which under ordinary conditions as they exist in properly constructed laboratories, would not have caused even a ripple of excitement, but under the densely crowded surroundings in which we have to do our work here at present, with twenty men doing organic laboratory work in a space not properly adequate for ten, and unequipped with suitable apparatus for quenching a fire at once should such arise, it is nothing short of a marvel that the laboratories were not destroyed.

I am especially grateful for the fact that the assistance was not only generous, orderly and efficient, but that it was spontaneous and without limit as to quantity. It did not cease until everything that had been taken away from the building had been brought back again, and even then there were students about in numbers who repeatedly inquired if there was not more to do. That there was some breakage is not at all to be wondered at, and does not disturb me in the least. It was less than I would expect in the handling of so much fragile material, and I am sure that the insurance companies will appreciate that they owe the students of State a debt which is measured by many thousands of dollars.

Respectfully,

G. G. Pond.

1909 La Vie Goes to Press.

The remaining copy for the 1909 La Vie was sent to the publishers this week, and the prospects seem bright for obtaining the book in plenty of time before Commencement. The board is to be congratulated on the fact that both installments of copy were sent to the printers several days ahead of scheduled time. Some morocco bound copies of the book will be ordered, and anyone desiring this style of binding should communicate at once with Manager H. H. Acheson.