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**Notice.**

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**EDITORIAL.**

About forty years ago Samuel Francis Smith, son of the man who wrote "America," formed a law partnership with Judge Grant. Grant decided that certain railroad bonds, repudiated by Iowa counties, were valid and valuable. Grant and Smith bought the bonds for a few dollars, went into the supreme court and had the bonds declared valid,

making a fortune by the transaction. Smith built a mansion. He took frequent trips to Europe. He was public spirited and popular.

About two years ago Smith went into bankruptcy, and within twenty-four hours it was found that not only had he spent his own fortune, but he had used up some \$150,000 entrusted to his keeping. Every effort was made to save him, but after pleading guilty he was promptly sentenced to eleven years in the penitentiary, which at his age, meant for life. As he sits in his cell his only pleasant thought must be that his aged and distinguished father died a few weeks before the shortage was discovered, believing that his son was all that he pretended to be.

The moral is obvious. Smith had no bad habits. He neither speculated nor drank; but he was the victim of his pride, preferring to live a sham life rather than to take a lower place. There are men of this type in college life as well as elsewhere. Possibly our college is more free from this spirit than most institutions, yet we as college men cannot afford to forget that after all honesty and sincerity are the best policies.

**CALENDAR.**

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Baseball. W. U. P. vs. State at Pittsburgh.

8:15 P. M. Auditorium. Dr. E. A. Steiner will lecture. Subject, "On the Trail of the Immigrant."

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Baseball. Carnegie Tech. vs. State at Pittsburgh.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

11:00 A. M. Chapel. Rev. Samuel L. Boston will preach.

6:15 P. M. Y. M. C. A. '529 Main. "The Christian Idea of Friendship."

MONDAY, MAY 18

6:00-8:00 P. M. Armory. Athletic Association elections.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Baseball. Villanova vs. State on Beaver Field.

**COLLEGE NOTES.**

According to present plans the annual Sophomore show will be held in the Auditorium instead of on Beaver Field. The show will be given on Saturday night of Commencement week, immediately after the Musical Clubs concert. About thirty men will take part, and a rare show is promised. Mr. C. M. Couch will have charge of the training, and it is likely that a small admission price will be charged to help to defray expenses.

Fair-sized audiences attended the lectures given on Friday evening by E. A. Mills and on Monday evening by W. S. Gregory. Mr. Mills' lecture was to have been illustrated, but an accident to the plates prevented the showing of the views. Mr. Gregory told of the business side of the making of a book.

A new reservoir to supply water for the College and town is being built in the gap. The new reservoir is further up the run than the old one, and it will increase the pressure in town to a maximum of ninety pounds. This will insure greater protection against fire than the town or College has had heretofore.

Arrangements are being made to play Bucknell in baseball here on Saturday June 13. If this game can be scheduled the W. U. P. game will be played on Commencement Day, and the game between the Varsity and the Alumni will take place on Tuesday, June 16.

The suggestion has been made that the appearance of the library could be greatly improved by having the rear wall painted to conform with the color of the rest of the building.