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EDITORIAL.

We wish to urge alumni and friends of the College everywhere to endeavor to arrange for a visit to the College during Commencement week. Every loyal State man cherishes tender memories of the old campus, the halls, the class-rooms, but above all, of the friendships and associations formed here. Why not lay aside the daily tasks and come "home" for a week? It will do you good. You may see but few familiar faces, but you will be made welcome. The program for the week will without doubt be the best in recent years, the inauguration of a new President adding especial interest to the events.

The Pharsonians.

The Commencement performance of the Pharsonians will be given on Friday evening, June 12, in the Auditorium. The performance will begin promptly at 8 o'clock, and ticketholders are warned to be on hand before that hour, as the doors will be closed during the performance. Late comers are likely to miss the first part.

The show will consist of four parts: (1) the Minstrels, (2) the Original Nittany Air-Ship, (3) the Camp-fire scene, and (4) a dance of 12 numbers in the Armory. All the end-men's solos, jokes and gags are entirely new, the only repetitions in the show being two of the best choruses. The air-ship scene will beat anything ever seen here—too funny for words. The camp fire scene will be much improved and even prettier than that of the former show. Several new songs will be introduced. As curtain raisers, Schnitzelbank, the Village Orchestra, and Meade, '11, in contortions and tumbling will be the attractions. Schnitzelbank will contain only local hits.

Holders of 75 and 50 cent seats will be admitted to the dance without extra charge.

Tickets go on sale Friday evening, June 5, at 6.30 in the Business office, Main Building. Prices 75, 50, and 35 cents.

Forestry Inspection Trip.

Prof. Baker, accompanied by the junior foresters, made an inspection trip to the state nursery, situated at Greenwood Furnace, on May 21 and 22. The nursery contains about four acres, and the soil conditions, site, etc., are very good for nursery work. So far the majority of the plantings have been coniferous species, such as European larch, white and Austrian pine. The seedlings are grown in the nursery row for two or three years and are then planted in the permanent sites.

There will be about a million seedlings this year, a large majority of which will be planted on the State Forest Preserve in the Seven Mountains.

The conditions of fire protection, species, reproduction and the amount of timber standing in the deforested area lying between Pine Grove Mills and Greenwood Furnace were also studied during the trip. It was found that the production is very good and if fires can be prevented these mountains will be heavily timbered in a comparatively short time.

Memorial Day Exercises.

Instead of the usual mock cemetery on the front campus on the morning of Memorial Day, the Sophomore class this year planned a more fitting program in commemoration of the day. A stand had been erected in front of Main Building, and it was planned to hold the exercises under the trees. Rain intervened, however, and the program was carried out in the Auditorium.

Judge Love, from Bellefonte, opened the ceremonies with a short address, followed by Dean Welsh. Dr. Gill gave a noteworthy address on American patriotism. The closing address was by President Sparks, who eulogized the life and work of our late President, Dr. George W. Atherton. The exercises closed with the singing of "America."

The substitution of this program for the usual Memorial Day affair is is to be heartily commended.

A Correction.

In last year's La Vie pictures of State's first football and baseball teams were published with the dates 1867 and 1868, respectively. The dates should read 1887 and 1889 respectively. An error was also made in placing C. H. Linsz as captain of the first baseball nine. Linsz was the first football captain and J. C. Mock was the baseball captain.