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EDITORIAL.

This issue of the Collegian is the largest that has ever been published, consisting of twenty-four hundred copies. As will be noted on the cover, it is the first Alumni Quarterly of the year, and will be mailed to all alumni. In this connection we would urge every alumnus to send us any items which will be of interest. If a subscription is mailed to the paper, let it be accompanied by a note telling where the writer is, what he is doing, and something about his work. We want to make this department of the paper better than it has ever been before.

Almost fifty years have passed since the first students were welcomed to what was then known as the Farmers' High School. Four men comprised the faculty. Today more than thirty times that number

are too few to meet the needs of the institution, and instead of the mere handful who gathered in Old Main, more than twelve hundred men will be matriculated this year in the various courses. It should be a source of satisfaction to alumni and friends of the College to know that the growth of the past few years is apparently not even hindered by the recent financial depression or by the increased entrance requirements. The latter seems only to raise the standard of scholarship, there being fewer entrance conditions this year in proportion to the number of students than in many years past.

In another column are given the figures showing the registration in the Agricultural department, the significance of which may not be appreciated on first reading. The number in that department is practically double that of last year, and if the present rate of increase continues, the school of engineering will have a strong rival.

To the men who have entered this year the Collegian extends a hearty welcome. Such greeting is scarcely necessary, for the college work is already well under way. We would emphasize the importance of becoming loyal State men, and the sooner a new student can realize this, the better for himself and for the College. May this be the best year that Penn State has ever known.

Notice !

It is obviously impossible for the management of this paper to see every student personally within the next few days. The paper is therefore being sent to all the students, and will be continued unless written

notice to the contrary is sent to the manager. As the future of the paper depends entirely upon the support received from the students, we ask your support.

The price of the paper for one year is \$1.50, or if paid before Oct. 31, \$1.25. Subscriptions may be mailed to the manager or dropped in the Collegian box, Room 130 Main.

Ladies' Cottage Enlarged.

It is with great satisfaction that the Department of Home Economics watches the progress of its new building which was started last spring. Although it is not quite completed, and will not be until about the middle of October, one of the laboratories is already being used.

The first floor has four rooms. The large one is fitted up and used as a cooking laboratory and two smaller ones are to be used as sewing laboratories. The fourth is a small one and will be used as an office.

On the second and third floors are dormitory accommodations for twenty-two students, the rooms being in suites of three—two bed rooms and a study.

The former cottage has also been altered extensively this summer and connecting the two is a spacious and well lighted hall. The expense of this new building has been in the neighborhood of \$13,000. The Home Economics department is now placed in a position where it will be able to take care of the increasing number of students in a much better manner than formerly.

1912 Organizes.

The freshman class met for the first time on Saturday and organized, electing the following officers: President, H. A. Weaver; Vice President, L. R. Evans; Secretary, S. St. Clair; Treasurer, J. W. McNeil.