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EDITORIAL.

Just two weeks remain until the close of what has proved thus far to be an eminently successful football season. Saturday's game with Bucknell was another proof of the fact that in athletics, particularly in football, our teams have set a pace which can be maintained only by the hardest kind of work. It is absolutely necessary that we stand back of the team for the remaining two games. They need our support and encouragement, and if by consistent playing the team can win these games, they will have helped to raise our standard of athletics higher than it has ever been before.

Three weeks ago the Collegian called attention to the fact that there are many rare treats in store for the students this year in the

form of speakers at Sunday chapel. Since that time the prediction has been well illustrated in the persons of Tom Fennell and Hon. Fred Ikel, who gave two of the most impressive addresses ever heard in the Auditorium. Now we are looking forward with pleasure to the coming of President Reed of Dickinson. In the meantime we must not forget to give due honor to the man who conducts our services half of the Sundays in the year and at other times when our visitors fail us. His is not the easiest task in the college, and great respect should be shown him for his continued efforts to help the students.

The cheering from the State side of the gridiron at the Bucknell game is worthy of great praise. If we can cheer like that when we are winning, what could we not do if we were suffering a defeat. State spirit always shows strongest when a team is behind. Much credit is due the cheer leaders for the way the fellows kept together down the whole length of the field. If we could have such cheering as that at Pittsburg on Thanksgiving Day there would be no doubt as to the outcome of the game.

More Honor for State.

On October 8, the new masonry arch bridge across the Connecticut river at Hartford was formally dedicated. On the commission that built this 1,192 feet, nine span bridge Edward W. Bush, of the class of '92, was assistant engineer, acting as resident engineer of construction.

The bridge is not excelled in this country and is probably not excelled by any of the bridges abroad. The

piers are all founded on solid bottom by the pneumatic caisson process. Dressed Stony Creek granite is used for the face work and is backed by heavy rubble concrete. The architectural treatment is especially dignified, there being no superfluous ornament cornices of any kind.

The bridge has suitable approaches on each side. On the city side the construction of the approach involved a very great change in the eastern part of the city for a distance of about 3000 feet along the river bank and a width of from 500 to 800 feet. Over this area it was necessary to tear down tenements, remove railroad tracks, coal docks, freight stations, etc., and construct a riverside boulevard and adjacent parkways.

A large share in the design of the bridge and approaches was given to Mr. Bush and he was the engineer in immediate charge of the construction of all the work. Some of the methods developed in the construction of the Hartford bridge were without precedent, and they were worked out to a successful completion by Mr. Bush.

Mr. Bush received his B. S. here in 1892 and his C. E. in 1897. He is president of the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers, a member of the New England Water Works Association and of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

A Letter.

Editor Collegian:

Two weeks ago you mentioned the fact that Dickinson has a "Press Club." Penn State certainly needs such a club. I happen to be outside of Pennsylvania and when I see the football scores of such colleges as Dickinson, Lehigh, and Lafayette, and never those of Penn State (unless we play a big team) I get disgusted. Let us have a Press Club that will send athletic scores to the Associated Press, and advertise the college in every way.

An Alumnus.