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### EDITORIAL.

Next week's Collegian, which will be the last issue before the Christmas holidays, will be the regular alumni quarterly. It will contain a review of the football season, an article on the prospects for the basketball season, letters from several alumni, and a large amount of alumni news, besides the regular features for the week.

Very little is ever heard about the reserve football team. The men who make up that team are those who were out every night on Beaver Field to line up against the varsity. They helped to make the varsity what it was, and it is only just that some of the glory which the varsity won should be reflected on the Reserves. It is very natural to lose sight of the second team in provid-

ing for the first, but nevertheless a good schedule should be arranged each year for this team. It will make the fellows more willing to try for the team, it will advertise the college among secondary schools, and it will develop varsity material.

Last week we published the rules of the interclass contest known as the picture scrap, which may occur between the Thanksgiving vacation and the end of the semester. As the rules stand at present, this scrap is the poorest of the interclass affairs. Within the last two weeks a half dozen classes have been broken up, temporarily at least, by false alarms of the scrap. From the standpoint of the instructor, who has a certain amount of work to cover within a fixed time, it must be exasperating to have recitations interrupted in this way. The real loss, however, falls upon those who are least able to bear it, the men who need the class-room work.

A change in the present rules could be made to good advantage, since there is now no disgrace in losing the scrap, and little honor in winning it. It is out of the question to make any radical changes for this year, but one improvement has been suggested. The sophomores are not to be blamed for wanting to be on the scene of action when an alarm is given, and it is this desire which has caused most of the trouble. An agreement on the part of the freshmen not to bring on the scrap during a recitation hour would simplify matters greatly, and it could be made without seriously affecting their chances of winning the contest.

It is possible that the scrap may occur before this paper appears. If not, we would endorse the suggestion made, especially since examinations are near, and every recitation counts.

### Cross Country Run Arranged.

Plans are being made by the men in charge of track work for a cross country run to be held some time before the holiday vacation, probably on Friday of next week. The course will be about three miles in length, and will end at the new athletic field. Two prizes have already been offered, and it is likely that others will be provided. The first prize will be a \$7.50 sweater, given by the Athletic Store; the second will be a pair of Barney and Berry skates, offered by J. Knisely.

The men go out for cross country work regularly on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of each week. Prof. Wright, a former Brown University track man, is helping to coach. All men, especially sophomores and freshmen, are urged to come out for track work. Many of the fellows think that to make good in track work a prep. school record is necessary. As a matter of fact some of the best track men that State has ever had, such as Henry, Arnold, and Kaiser, had done no track work whatever before entering college.

### Changes in Basketball Schedule.

Instead of playing Franklin and Marshall here on February 6, as stated in the Collegian of November 19, the Lancaster five will appear on the Armory floor one day earlier, February 5. The final date for the first eastern trip has now been closed and this journey will include the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia on December 15, George Washington at Washington, D. C., on the 16th, and Georgetown at Georgetown on December 17.