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EDITORIAL.

Now and then comes a bright spot in the routine of publishing a college paper, as for example the receiving of a letter like the following.

"I wish to congratulate you upon the results of your efforts in behalf of the State Collegian. As an alumnus of Penn State I take particular interest in your Alumni Notes and Alumni Numbers. I know by actual observation that both of these features appeal very strongly to the "old grads." We often wonder what our old chums and classmates are doing and on that account carefully scan the columns of the Collegian for this news.

We can easily find out where they are located by means of the catalogue but cannot find out exactly what they are doing, the thing in

which we are usually interested."

Another alumnus in sending news concerning several State men, wrote, "I am always glad to do what little I can for Old State and her Collegian, which has much to do in keeping the college spirit well directed."

The thing which we appreciate most is the fact that the alumni are interested in the paper, whether their letters contain praise or criticism. We want the alumni to feel that they have a share in the paper, and that they owe it to the college and to their fellow graduates to help in maintaining this department of the paper.

On another page we publish an article which gives, in very condensed form, an account of the growth and progress, and plans of the college under the new administration.

This article does not pretend to be a complete review of the last three months; it simply deals with what seem to be the more important facts, and treats rather of plans that have been adopted and that will be worked out in the future than with events that have happened. It is an article that exemplifies the the spirit of the college—it is looking forward rather than back.

It does not touch on the new addition to the Woman's building, an exterior and interior view of which are to be found in this issue. It says nothing about the Pennsylvania Day celebration, when we had many of the State Legislators and other prominent men here as our guests. Many other things of importance are not treated in this article because

of the lack of space. They have been chronicled week by week in the Collegian and it seemed hardly necessary to repeat them.

One fact is brought out most forcefully: the crowded conditions here at college. There is not room in the buildings that we have to accommodate the increasing number of students who come here every year, and some of these buildings are temporary structures that it seems a disgrace to place upon our beautiful campus. But what can the trustees do when not enough money can be obtained to meet the conditions properly.

The time certainly has come when such influence should be brought to bear upon the legislators of this commonwealth that they will gladly give to this college all the money that it needs to carry on its great work. And there is another source of income that should be more and more productive as the years go by. Many of the alumni are rich men, and many more of them will be in the years to come. Loyal support has been received from some of these already, but when more of them become cognizant of the conditions at their Alma Mater, their support should be greatly increased. The college is young but it is old enough to be receiving substantial gifts from its alumni.

News from Schenectady Alumui.

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