

¶ Russell Sage said: "Your real estate will make your old age comfortable."

State Collegian.

Vol. V, No 18.

STATE COLLEGE, PA., FEBRUARY 18, 1909.

Price Five Cents

The Influence of State Being Felt in the Far East.

With George W. Groff '07 in China, an unusual interest is being felt by State men in that country, and particularly in the work of the Canton Christian College, where Groff is at work. With the thought of deepening the interest of all State men in missions, and particularly in Groff's work, it has been planned to observe next Sunday as "Groff Day." General James A. Beaver will be the principal speaker, and there will be other short talks by alumni and students, with special music. The aim has been kept in mind to make Groff Day a college affair, and the plan has the hearty endorsement of President Sparks, who will be honorary chairman of the meeting. A committee has been appointed by the class presidents to aid in carrying out the plans for the day.

George W. Groff, of Harrisburg, graduated in 1907 in agriculture, and is therefore known to practically every man in the two upper classes. In college he was active in all kinds of work, especially in debating and in Y. M. C. A. work. He was a member of the debating team which won the inter-collegiate championship from Dickinson, Franklin and Marshall, and Swarthmore. In the senior year he was a cadet captain, president of the debating club, president of the agricultural society and of the Harrisburg club. A short time after graduation he went to China, where he is teaching in the Canton Christian College.

The latter institution was founded nearly twenty years ago, and was incorporated under the laws of the

state of New York in 1893. There are about 150 students, and twelve faculty members. The latter are graduates from American colleges, all of them being thoroughly in earnest in making the college a strong Christian institution. The location is especially favorable, since Canton is the commercial, literary, and official metropolis of South



China. It has a population of over two millions, and is the capital of two provinces which together have a population of forty millions.

The great need for a college at Canton is shown by the fact that there is no other similar school within a radius of five hundred miles. Situated as it is near Hong Kong, in one of the most densely populated sections of China, and where multitudes of young men and women are eager for Western knowledge, the college has a wonderful opportunity.

The original plan of the college included a school of medicine. The

University of Pennsylvania assumed responsibility for this school, and 15,000 has already been obtained for the purchase of a site and the erection of a hospital. One of the two men in charge of this work is J. C. McCracken, the famous Penn football player.

All State men will feel a responsibility in this work when it is realized that nearly all of the colleges and universities of the country are giving definite support to foreign missions. Only two weeks ago Oberlin College raised over \$1300, for the Shansi mission in China. Last year Princeton gave \$2500, Harvard gave about the same amount but hopes in the near future to support her own medical school in China. McGill University raised \$1500, the University of Pennsylvania about \$5000, and Yale gave \$10,000. Mr. Ewing, who visited the college a few weeks ago, will be sent to the foreign field by the University of Colorado, which expects to raise \$2000 this year. State will therefore be accomplishing a great work in the support of Groff.

The following committee has been chosen to help in carrying out the plans for the day, the members from the different classes being chosen by the class presidents:

Honorary chairman, President Edwin E. Sparks.

Chairman, A. A. Borland.

Vice chairmen—H. C. McIlveen, B. D. Kunkle, W. T. Dunn, K. H. Marsh, D. K. Sloan, H. H. Bubb, H. A. Weaver, S. W. Thatcher.

Senior class—H. H. Goodhart, P. B. Bennetch, J. W. Loose, J. G. Bechtold, F. I. Woltz, P. B. Postlethwaite, P. A. L. Maurhoff,