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EDITORIAL.

Some of the alumni are probably wondering what has happened to the proposed honor system. It is still being passed around for signatures. The different papers have not been collected yet, so it is not known whether three-fourths of the two upper classes want the system. This ought to be done soon, and the matter settled up. If but a few names are needed to carry the system through, we have no doubt but that they could be obtained by a little personal work on the part of those who favor its adoption.

In 1891, according to the Free Lance, there were no lectures or concerts during one term. In this issue of the Collegian there are notices of three lectures for the en-

suing week. Last week there was a lecture in the free lecture course, one in the English department lecture course, and an entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. course. All of these were of the highest quality. Next Sunday we will have the pleasure of listening again to Pres. Reed, of Dickinson, and to Mr. William A. DeWitt, of Yale. Things are certainly different from what they were in Free Lance days.

The Conferring of LL.D. Upon President Sparks by Lehigh University.

On Monday, March 1st, 1909, President H. S. Drinker of Lehigh University, in the beautiful chapel of that College, by virtue of authority received from the Board of Trustees, conferred upon President Sparks of this College the degree of LL.D.

The day named was the annual Founder's Day of the University. Exercises began at ten o'clock in the morning, with the annual Junior Oratorical contest. One of the interesting features of this well conducted exercise was the oration by a Japanese student who spoke upon the conditions of his fatherland and its relations with the United States. He rightfully received one of the prizes. At about 11:30, the procession, consisting of the two presidents, members of the board of trustees, and the faculties of the two Institutions, proceeded from the preparing room in academic costume, through the body of the auditorium to the stage. Here the President of The Pennsylvania State College was presented to the President of Lehigh University by Professor Thayer in an unusually appropriate and happy speech, as a suitable and worthy candidate for the degree. Professor Thayer, it may be of interest to know, was at one time the Professor of German and Romance Languages at State

College. President Drinker then conferred the degree. Following this exercise, President Sparks delivered, in his usual delightful, convincing, and original manner, an oration upon Washington.

Mrs. Sparks accompanied the President on his trip to South Bethlehem. The other State College people present were: Dean and Mrs. G. G. Pond, Professor and Mrs. Ayers, Dean Crane, and Dean and Mrs. J. P. Jackson. On Sunday evening, the faculty at Lehigh assembled at the residence of Prof. and Mrs. Esty, where the State College visitors were given a most delightful and cordial reception. The State College representatives are a unity in expressing their high appreciation of the delightful hospitality of the people of Lehigh.

Engine Broken Down.

For about a year and a half, the Willans engine in the College power plant has been so heavily overloaded, that there has been constant danger of its smashing to pieces. The expected accident occurred on last Sunday night when the valves and rings of one of the three tiers of cylinders went to pieces. This tier of cylinders was removed, and the other two are being used, but with excessive risk to the entire machine. This part of the engine, with a small auxiliary, is now being used. All departments of the College are requested to use light and power for the present very sparingly.

The new turbine unit, which was to have been here in December, will probably arrive in a few days. This will relieve the difficulty, though even then, the power load will be far below the maximum needed by the Institution.

A new type of class scrap for the two under classes has been adopted at Michigan. It is an old-fashioned snow-ball fight lasting an hour.