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EDITORIAL.

The meet held on our New Field last Friday can well be said to be the greatest one ever held here, not so much because it dedicated our handsome new field, but because it brought Penn State before so many high school and preparatory school students. Although the number of entries was not so large as it might have been, the spirit shown was excellent, and when the time comes next year, there will be a much better representation. Much thanks is due the various fraternities and the organizations who entertained the visitors last week, for all went away well pleased with our college and our fellows. The gathering of so many prospective college students at an annual meet here is surely going to do us more good than we can

imagine, and it is up to us in the future to do more towards infusing good old State spirit in our prep schools, and help make our interscholastic meet the biggest in the State.

The Pharsonian Trip.

The Pharsonian Minstrels returned on Monday from a very successful trip. They showed in the Carlisle opera house on Thursday night, after a similar show by the Dickinson organization of a similar character on Wednesday night, and the following extract from a clipping in the "Carlisle Volunteer" on Friday morning sums up the whole situation: "Dickinson had the crowd, but State had the show. Dickinson gave a very fine show, but it was outclassed by State. Their dialogue, songs, specialties, instrumental novelties, orchestral selections and even their comedy, was of high standard, entertaining and greatly varied. There were no dull moments nor time killing numbers. It was an entertainment which reflects credit upon the college it represents. Few equals in the way of minstrel shows come this way."

At Chambersburg the show was given in the Wilson College gymnasium on Friday afternoon and in the opera house in the evening. At Wilson College the authorities very kindly tendered the use of the gymnasium and went to extra pains to make the show a success. The members of the organization appreciated very much the efforts put forth, and were pleased with the treatment received. Both performances at this place were quite successful, and the papers spoke very highly of the show, especially commending Meade in his contortion stunts. The quartette were invited to the Chambersburg High school, where they entertained for a short

time on Friday afternoon.

The last performance was given at Danville on Saturday night with a fair but appreciative crowd. All in all, the trip was a success and certainly adds to the prestige of the college. The strong features were the quartette, Foster in his dancing, Armstrong in his solo work, and Meade in the contortion stunts. Though the houses were not as large as could have been desired they were assured better patronage if they would return next year. The only shadow cast over the whole affair was the death of the father of W. Eckels, president of the Pharsonians, last Wednesday.

Der Schimmel.

This coming Saturday evening, the first German play ever given at the college will be produced in the Auditorium. The play is an interesting, typical German, one act comedy, containing in the cast two female characters in addition to four male characters. In fact the production on Saturday evening will be the first ever given by the college in which both male and female characters have appeared on the same program and it is planned to have special scenery for the occasion. The college orchestra will assist in the program.

Under direction of Mr. Goldsmith the entertainment is being perfected and a mighty interesting show is expected. The program will contain an English synopsis of the play so that even those who are not expert in German will be able to follow it quite easily. It is confidently believed that the first play will be sufficiently encouraged by a large attendance to warrant the annual production of such an affair in the future.

Prof. Richardson, of the Electrochemical department, attended the International convention of Electrochemical Engineers, held at Niagara Falls last week.