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**THURSDAY, DEC 16, 1909****EDITORIAL.**

During the last two weeks the Y. M. C. A. has been making a canvass of the student body for new members. To say that the canvass was successful is putting it mildly, for the results have exceeded the hopes and expectations of every one. Up to Tuesday noon over 950 men were registered on the Y. M. C. A. books as active or associate members. It is confidently expected now that before today the thousand mark will have been reached; and it is altogether probable that State will have the largest student association in the world this next year.

Such a successful canvass means one of several things. The true value of the Y. M. C. A. in a man's college course is being recognized, or else membership in the association is being used as a means to de-

ceive the other men. In the first case the motive for joining is to be commended; in the second case the deception will be but short-lived.

It was assumed when presenting the proposition that a man in college is old enough and has gray matter enough to know just what attitude to take in regard to the action he should take in just such a case. If the assumption holds true, and with the majority of men at State we believe it will hold true; then the Y. M. C. A. has indeed the right to be congratulated. The strength that the association is gaining now is of the steady variety, and it means that State men know a good thing when they see it. The leaders of every phase of college are life now on the rolls, and their real interest can readily be seen. At the coming convention in Rochester which is mentioned in another column, the strongest and best known men in college will represent us. The very presence of some of the men on the list of delegates should be answer to the question, "Shall I join the Association?"

The Collegian wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Today and tomorrow will witness the exodus of the students for the Christmas Holidays. The day that has been looked forward to for months has at last been reached and the next few weeks will be a time of reunions, renewals of old acquaintances and enjoyment of old scenes and pleasures. But greater than any other benefit to the student is the pleasure of getting Home, after

the three months grind of daily routine, for the rest that seems necessary before the final lap of the first semester is begun. While on vacation, the aim should be to prepare for the examination week that is coming by proper resting of the brain and body.

The next number of the Collegian will be issued January 13.

**Civic Club.**

Twenty five new members have been added to the Civic Club, bringing the total membership almost up to the allowed number. Arrangements are being made to entertain several prominent political men of this and adjoining states. Any seniors who are desirous of joining the club should apply at the first meeting after vacation.

The Christmas musical service at chapel on Sunday was well attended and pleased everybody. The numbers were appropriate and well rendered, considering the short time in which they were prepared.

Dr. Sparks has received from Mrs. Chas. M. Schwab a handsome photograph of Mr. Schwab. It will be framed and hung in the foyer of the Auditorium.

News comes from abroad that Mrs. F. L. Pattee is critically ill.

Dr. Sparks will entertain all students who remain for the holidays, on Christmas night.

The Mercersburg Club held a banquet and smoker at the Nittany Inn last Saturday night. "Tom" Piollet acted as toastmaster, and speeches were made by "Dick" Smith, Bubb, Hammitt, Johnson, and Cuthbert. Impromptu talks were given by Talbot, Very, and Keefe. Twenty members were present.

No Pittsburg Alumni Smoker this month.