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A Student Building.

An active campaign for the much talked of Student Building or Social Hall is being launched. This issue of the Collegian which is being sent to all the alumni is the first step. We believe it is a good thing, a necessity which can be realized to its fullest extent by the students who are here now, and which should be realized by all our alumni, ex-students and friends as well.

The reasons why we need it are best set forth in another column. The facts are set forth none too strongly and should be considered carefully. The growth of this college has been beyond all expectations in the last few years, and much more is expected of the future. What are we going to do then without a Student Building? Some will say do the same thing you are doing now, but

that cannot be. We must expand. Our prominence in the college world and elsewhere depends upon our organizations to a large extent and if our organizations have no place for meetings and rehearsals they cannot be expected to be very much alive.

The social life of our students is indeed a serious problem. They should, indeed, have access to such a building as this would be, for the purpose of healthful recreation in harmless amusements.

But how can we get the necessary funds? That is the whole question. That is what the campaign is for. An appeal is made for a leader, a man who can devote considerable time to the raising of funds in a systematic way. Such a man must be found. Perhaps there is such a man among our alumni who would feel like starting the movement. If so, let him come forth. If not, perhaps the alumni have suggestions for a method. If so let them speak. The secretary of the alumni association suggests a plan in another column, which seems the most feasible at present, and which all should think about.

The first substantial gift was made last spring when the class of 1909 laid aside \$1000 for the purpose. It is a good example for the other classes to follow. The Schenectady alumni have decided to establish a fund for some worthy cause at "State." Why couldn't that be applied to the Social Hall, and other associations do the same? The stand the alumni should take is clearly set forth in the letter from Dr. F. J. Pond '92. There is a lot of truth in his statements.

The time is at hand when some-

thing definite should be done. Some one should take the initiative, and who would be better than an alumnus?

Just at this time it seems quite opportune to say a word against the practice of cutting campus. Such practice should be condemned at all times of the year, but more so at this time than any other. There is a great temptation to take a "short cut" when one is in a hurry, as we all are, more or less, but let us stop to think what it means. If one does it, others will follow and soon the effects begin to be seen. The ground is wet now and will be for some time, and everyone knows that a path over wet ground will ruin the grass very quickly. We have been taking the "long way around" for several months now and can just as well continue so until the ground is quite dry. We should cooperate, let no one be a "mucker." Let us all "keep off the grass" and have a nice campus for our visitors at commencement time—a time not so far off now.

A number of senior M. E.'s were absent part of last week, running a test on the locomotive testing plant of the Pennsylvania R.R. at Altoona. The work was done under the direction of Mr. Nelson for the railroad company and Prof. Wood for the college. The testing plant referred to cost well over \$100,000.00 and the generosity of the R. R. Co. in permitting its use by our students is highly appreciated by the college.

Dr. J. Franklin Meyer, former Professor of Physics, who is now physical engineer of the Westinghouse Lamp works, will visit the Pennsylvania State College in the near future to address the students in Electrical Engineering.