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Freshmen in Mass Meeting. Ever since their institution by President Sparks, the Wednesday morning mass meetings have served a very important purpose. No other gatherings have been so successful in bringing together the faculty, the classes and the student organizations in a place where discussions may be held or announcements made. To upperclassmen, no plea is needed for attendance at mass meetings; but there seems to be some misunderstanding about the matter among the freshmen. What if it does mean voluntary attendance on one day when a cut may be taken? You will find it worth more, men of 1915, than the time it takes to attend. It is the best opportunity that you have to become thoroughly acquainted with all the student activities, and with the undertakings of college organizations. Brace up, freshmen, and make an effort to be present at every Wednesday morning mass meeting for the rest of the year. You are needed, and you need the meetings.

A Talk on China.

On Nov. 21st a joint meeting of the Cosmopolitan and Civic Clubs was held in room 114 Main. Tien Yuen Chang gave an interesting talk on student life in China. This was followed by a very instructive lecture by Mr. Groff, the State College representative at Canton Christian College. The cause of the present revolution and its probable effect upon the Chinese people was briefly discussed. It is to be hoped that before Mr. Groff returns to China, he may give us a public talk about the country he knows so well and about which we know so little.

An important meeting of the Cosmopolitan Club is to be held Thursday evening at7.30 in room 226 Main. All members are urged to be present.

Mr. T. C. Pease of the Department of History and Political Science is the author of an elaborate report, of nearly a hundred pages, on the Historical Archives of the State of Illinois, prepared under the supervision of Professor Alvord of the University of Illinois, and appearing in the recently issued annual report of the American Historical Association.

St. Margaret's Guild has the agency for the B-B dustless dusters; imported Irish linens and embroideries; Milton Bradley kindergarten supplies; and will take orders for sheets, pillow-cases and aprons.

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Pennsylvania State College Mission to China.

During the recent visits to the college of Mr. G. W. Groff, Penn State's representative to China, several conferences of students and members of the faculty were held to consider the desirability of organizing at this institution a mission to China, to be represented in the field by Mr. Groff and others that might be chosen by the directing committee. The final conference met in the President's office. Dr. Sparks presiding, and the meeting was well represented by students, members of the faculty, Young Men's Christian Association and the Agricultural Society. It was decided at this conference that such a mission is highly desirable, and the general plan of organization suggested by Mr. Groff was endorsed and a meeting was called of the Directing Committee. This committee met November 24, elected officers and appointed a committee on organization. The Directing Committee is composed of the following members: Professors A. H. Espenshade and F. L. Pattee reqresenting the general faculty; Professor J. P. Jackson, L. H. Dennis, H. S. Adams, A. L. Tobias and E. B. Deeter representing the student body; Professors W. J. Wright and R. L. Watts representing the the faculty of the School of Agriculture; and Frank N. D. Buchman representing the Young Men's Christian Association.

The second meeting of the Directing Committee, held November 24, adopted a plan of organization and by-laws. This provides that "The object of the Association shall be to promote the growth of Christian character, helpful fellowship, and aggressive Christian work among the Chinese through the medium of agricultural investigation, education and practice; to carry on in China, in the field of horticulture, investigation that shall lead to a better understanding of Chinese methods of gardening, and a fuller knowledge of the varieties of plants that are grown by the Chinese; to assist the Canton Christian College in the work of agricultural education among the Chinese; to establish nurseries and gardens in which to collect and propagate the best plant types, both for distribution among the Chinese and in order to aid the work of Foreign Exploration; and to cooperate with other forces at work for the speedy Christian and agricultural development of China."

The plan of organization also provides for the following committees in addition to the Directing Committee: An Executive Committee, Publicity-Finance Committee, Field-work Committee, besides an Advisory Board of not less than seven members.

The plan of organization further states that "The relationship existing between the Trustees of the Canton Christian College and the Directing Committee of the Pennsylvania State College Mission to China shall be one of mutual helpfulness and cooperation in the field of agriculture.

The duties of the Representatives on the Field, their relation to the general faculty at the Canton Christian College; the expenditure and handling of all funds, and the ownership of property shall be covered in a written agreement between the Directing Committee and the Board of Trustees, signed by the President and by the Secretary of both bodies."

The officers of the Mission are Prof. A. H. Espenshade, chairman; L. H. Dennis, vice-chairman; and Prof. L. R. Watts. secretary and treasurer.

The Sunday chapel speaker will be Professor Authur Holmes of the University of Pennsylvania.

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In connection with the model of George Gray Barnard's "Hewer" which stands in the lobby of the Auditorium, the following note may be of interest. It is taken from an article on "American Sculptors and Their Work", by J. Nilson Laurvik, author of "Critical Essays on Contemporary American Artists".

"Like all great mystics, Barnard is naive in his way of looking at and interpreting life, and something of his intent remains implied rather than expressed. His "Hewer" is no everyday stone-cutter measuring the number of his blows, but a man all-absorbed with a tigerlike intentness on shaping to his will the matter in his hand—he is the blazer of trails, the symbol of the first man who has adventured into unknown paths, the Columbus of the world. He typifies the stone age of every epoch in man's conquest of the forces of the universe, which yield with a hard, flint-like stubborness to the human intellect to wrest somewhat of its power, to penetrate into its mystery, Thus on the frontier of every discovery, and marking every advancing step in the slow march of progress, you will find the marks of the hewer. He is a universal figure, belonging to no land or clime."

A Plea For Hockey.

The following communication has been received in regard to the question of a hockey team.—

Penn State in a few years, will undoubtedly take its place among the big universities.

The surest way to lead up to that is to compete with them in other branches of sport as well as baseball and football. There is a much greater chance of defeating them in minor sports than in major and undoubtedly there are many men here who are good hockey players.

Almost every high school and prep school has a hockey team and it seems strange that with all the spirit here we do not have more minor sports. Hockey especially is one of the most exciting, exhilarating and healthful games in existence. It would be the simplest thing in the world, when the ground gets frozen, to flood the tennis courts back of the Armory or the field there and by charging a few cents for those who wish to skate on it, it would pay for the trouble and bring a considerable revenue into the treasury of the A. A. or whoever managed the undertaking.

When you consider the good material here and the value of a game like hockey it seems a shame that Penn State should be one of the few colleges that do not have hockey teams, and that this is owing merely to lack of initiative.

If Penn State spirit hasn't degenerated the student body will back the idea even if they all do not skate.

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