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We trust that we Side Walk are modest. We believe that we are safe in saying that we are not vainglorious, unduly puffed up, or oppressed by a sense of our own importance and great intrinsic value. Nevertheless, we are of the opinion that we have some place in the general order of things, that our labors, however unostentatious, are not wholly in vain. Each man has his own private idea of what a college paper should be, what it should do, and what it should mean, and we are no exceptions to the rule. Unfortunately both for you and for us, it has been impossible so far to realize even a part of this great ambition and in justice to ourselves, we can scarcely assume the entire responsibility for that failure ourselves. Lack of financial support is a periodical complaint; but in addition to this there is a lack of moral support which is, if anything, more serious.

As a would-be news agency, we believe that we should have the first chance at any news that can be of general interest. We appreciate the fact that our having only one issue a week is a serious handicap. There are matters which cannot be foreseen, and which must be announced at once. We honestly regret our inability to meet this emergency. The mass of information, however, that greets our eyes each morning, noon and night, spread out over bulletin boards and side walks does not belong to this class. The announcements of class meetings, athletic trials, prize contests, society meetings, county club meetings, lists of men who have made teams or boards, all such things should find a place in the columns of the college weekly. They are student activities upon which the welfare of the whole institution depends directly or indirectly, and are of paramount importance.

It may be that such material has been handed to us in the past, and has not been published. For such omissions on our part we are sorry, and we can assure our subscribers that the mistake shall not be repeated. Any such matter that comes to our hands will be given first choice, and only the consideration of relative importance will

guide us in the case of a question of space.

We wish to make one more appeal, then, to secretaries and managers. A postal addressed to the Collegian, or a note left at the Collegian office on College Avenue will give you a much more satisfactory and less laborious means of making your announcements, will to a great extent prevent the somewhat unsightly appearance of our walks, and last and by no means least, will help us most materially in making the Collegian more nearly what all of us would like it to be.

Some great philosophical things wepher with Epicurean tendencies once discovered the fact that variety is the spice of life. Since that happy day, the saying has become a proverb and has been accepted by each generation as an axiom, one of its inheritances from times past.

Strange as it may seem, the business of getting out a weekly paper doesn't offer a great deal of this proverbial spice. The announcements that appear in a certain department of our sheet have a peculiar uniformity which even a frenzied search for variety of expression can scarcely hide, and in this our chosen activity, there are certain things that we get tired of. For example we are tired of continually hammering out complaints about support, support of this and support of that: we are tired of registering kicks about the dearth of literary societies; we are tired of reminding college men that they really should not do things when they go out from under our benign influence they don't do when they are here; we are tired of pleading the cause of the debater before a disinterested audience; tired of calling attention to civic conditions around our college buildings; tired of praising State spirit when it limits itself to sports; tired of—and so a infinitum.

It's time and high time that this apathy be broken. If we can only show our college spirit when we go to a football game or a wrestling meet, if we can't think five minutes ahead of our watches, if we prefer the Movies to a class meeting, if books are necessary evil and nothing more, then most assuredly there's something radically wrong. Can't we do something to relieve the utter monotony of things? Why not, for instance get to chapel at 8:02 instead of 8:04; why not use the library a little more; why not take a little more interest in the things that are worth while; why not be men at all times instead of just when there's no opportunity to be otherwise?

Smiths Lose to Millers

The Miller family seems to have outdone the Smiths, in the honor of having the greatest number of representatives at The Pennsylvania State College for this year. There are, in the annual roster of undergraduates just published, 30 Millers and 25 students named Smith.

Penn State can boast of Bakers, Barbers, Fishers, Painters, Shoemakers, Powdermakers and Clowns, all of which proves that the institution is giving some attention to vocational training. There is a wonderful color scheme in the inter-

mingling of Blue, Gold, Brown, Gray, White and Black. North, East and West are represented but Pole occupies the space ordinarily graced by South.

France is the only one of the allies present, and although the college leans towards the Presbyterian denomination, we find only one Bible in the place. However, Pharo, Adam, Enoch and a Bishop help to uphold the religiously inclined. Contrary to the general opinion there is only one Heller at Penn State, but A. Nutt takes the place of several others. A. Cook is on hand to prepare Lamb, Bear, Wolf, Coon, Lyon and Bacon. Candee appears as a side-dish.

Just where you would expect it, in the agricultural course, comes Cribbs, and in the same serious-minded course is Kidder. De Ford is being protested against by Rhodes. To rule the college, there is a King and Lord, and their cosmopolitan subjects include: Karpowsky, Benelisha, Waskowitz, von Unruh, Czarnecki and Gochenauer. Heron, Shrush and Hawk are in the Glee-club, and Diaz closely follows Throne.

From Across the Way.

Professor Marshman spoke at Y. W. C. A. Sunday, Nov. 22 on the observance of the Sabbath. "The observance of the Sabbath," said Professor Marshman, "should be such that on Monday we shall have a clearer knowledge of God and duty". He upheld studying on on Sunday if it were for service to others and not merely for personal gain. He considered that Sunday should be a day of rest and a day when we show our religious attitude.

Mary K. Lawe '16, and Lucy Quinton '17 were representative delegates from the Y. M. C. A. at the student Volunteer convention held at Lancaster Nov. 25. Margaret Irwin '16 also attended the convention.

A party for freshmen boys was held at the Cottage Wednesday, Nov. 25. About 70 people were present.

The freshmen girls gave an impromptu play Thanksgiving evening. They gave a realistic imitation of a football game even to the band and cheer-leader. The charge for admission was three pins. The audience was especially dressed up for the occasion. There were special seats for those representing house party girls, seniors, juniors and sophomores, the tables were the bleachers.

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