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When the student The Fire fire department was Department first started, there seemed to be some difficulty ahead in defining the positions and authority of the new student organization, and the old town company. That rough spot has, however, happily been passed. The boro company has agreed to unite its efforts with that of the new department in case of fires on the campus, and the student firemen have agreed to do likewise in event of fires in town, the conditions being that at a campus fire, the men of the two companies will work under the student chief, and at a town fire the two companies will work under the town chief. The town fire department has also decided, to equip its men with badges similar to those of the student fire fighters, so that hereafter only those who wear badges will be permitted at all near a fire, and much of the loss at present sustained through breakage will be avoided. The meetings of the two companies will, of course, be held separately.

The fact that so simple a solution to the problem has been found so readily argues well for the success of the new venture and increased efficiency of the older organization. We are not so well protected against serious loss in case of any very extensive conflagration as to fail of feeling a great deal of relief because of our improved means of firefighting.

The word sports-Sportsmanship manship has as many applications as the well known words "college spirit" if not more, and in the final analysis is the same when applied locally.

He is a good sport who takes defeat with a smile and who takes victory modestly. He demands a square deal both to the other fellow and himself, and suppresses prejudice to give any new movement a fair trial. Are we sports?

Mr. Buchman and "Pete" Weigle are taking an active part in the Yale religious campaign, which is being held there this week.

Advanced Registry Association  
 The official Dairy Instructors' Association of America has passed the following resolutions which may prove of some interest to men interested in dairy husbandry work. The advanced registry work is increasing and the dairy instructors are endeavoring to maintain the high standard for this work and also to make the practises uniform in the different states.

Resolution 1. Whereas: 1. The work of supervising records is undertaken primarily for the convenience and advantage of the individual breeder in order that he may have a workable basis for the selection of his breeding stock and is the chief reason for undertaking such supervision.

2. The usefulness of this work has been so generally appreciated that in many cases it has added very largely to the value of individual animals that have made high records. Large prizes offered by the breed associations also stimulate rivalry in making large records. These conditions admonish those in charge of advanced registry tests in the several states to be on guard to protect the integrity of their tests.

Therefore it is resolved by the official Dairy Instructors' association:

1. Any indication of fraud, attempted fraud, or interference in any way with the tester representing the college or experiment station, on the part of any owner, or anyone in his employ, will be deemed sufficient warrant for withdrawing the privilege of supervising the records of cows for such a person without further notice.

2. In case the actions of any owner or employee make it necessary to withdraw the privilege of supervision of a herd, the person in charge of official testing in that state shall so inform the committee on official testing of this association, whose duty it shall be to inform those in charge of official testing in other states.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the person in charge of official testing in each state, to each breed association and to all breed and dairy papers concerned.

Resolution 2. Whereas: 1. The agricultural colleges and experiment stations have been asked by the Dairy Breed associations to assume the responsibility of conducting and vouching for the accuracy of official tests of dairy cows.

2. Official testing has reached a point where it largely determines the value of dairy cattle from a breeding standpoint, and large financial interests are involved in its conduct.

3. Information has been brought to the attention of this committee which indicates that the supervision of official testing on the part of certain states has not been of such a character as to reflect credit on the agricultural colleges or experiment stations as a whole.

4. This association, by resolution adopted in November, 1913, took the position that the colleges and experiment stations conducting official tests are responsible for the accuracy of the results, and that it is their right to formulate rules governing the work of the supervisors.

Therefore be it resolved: 1. It is the sense of this association that the supervision of official testing on the part of the experiment station or college should be such that the reliability and accuracy of the tests reported will be in keeping with the professional standing of these institutions and merit the full confidence of the public.

2. We recognize the full responsibility and authority of the person

in charge of official testing in each state to control the testing of that state.

3. As means to reach the desired end we recommend:

(a) That thoroughly well qualified men be placed in charge of official testing and test supervisors.

(b) That the work of various supervisors of testing be personally inspected by the person in charge of official testing, or his representative, to such extent as may be feasible under the conditions existing in that state.

(c) That the rules for the supervision of tests as recommended by this association be adopted and used by all colleges or experiment stations having the supervision of official testing in charge.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent the director of each experiment station and to the person in charge of official testing in each state.

### Commencement Plans of '95.

Plans for commencement time are under way especially among our alumni and the various classes of '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00, '05, '10, '12, and '14 are planning reunions. Following are a few plans of '95.

At meeting of class reunion committee in Pittsburgh on January 3rd, which was attended by R. L. Macdonald, Niagara Falls; B. B. Horton, Sheffield; Dunham Barton, Mercer; T. R. Cummins, Conneaut; C. K. Spence, Johnsonburg; S. F. Herr and J. F. Rodgers, Pittsburgh; plans for reunion activities next Commencement were made. The committee is much encouraged by responses it is receiving and is going to make this reunion a banner occasion.

A band has been engaged to play "Tipperary" and a banquet arranged for on the evening of June 8th. A Class Book is contemplated which will contain an autobiography of each member of the Class. This is entirely new for State though it has been the practice at other colleges. With co-operation and interest on part of class members, equal to that of the committee, this ought to be a success, and its success will encourage other classes to follow the example.

From reports received from various classes planning reunions, next Commencement ought to be a live one. The '95 committee reports they will have at least 60 of that class back.

### From Penn

The friendships which a student forms and the associations with which he comes in contact are the most valuable results of a University career, in the opinion of the Class of 1915. Replies to the question list which The Pennsylvania sent out to Seniors show that 33 of them name "Friendships and Associations" as the chief fruit of their college life, while 10 more speak of acquaintance with many sorts of men as the valued part of their undergraduate days. Five others give first place to associations with members of the teaching staff.

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