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It is a well established fact that when a man has few privileges he clamors for more and when he has many he neglects and fails to take advantage of those he does have. We as a student body have unequalled privileges in our own self government, but on the other hand, fail to take advantage of these privileges to their full extent, in short, we fail to realize and live up to our responsibilities as citizens in our self government which, although confined to ourselves, is undeniably a powerful factor in training us for true citizens in the world after we leave college. No patriotic citizen will feel his duty as a voter done if he merely deplores and declaims politics if he finds they do not suit him, but on the contrary, he should go to the polls and spare no effort to bring about the change he believes is needed. In college we are entirely too prone to neglect mass and class meeting, either because we take out our energy in useless knocking or we lack college or class spirit enough to attend these meetings.

Nor does our duty end with participation in government. Efficient and clean government cannot be gotten by voting for a candidate merely because he is our friend or belongs to our own faction. Furthermore, we should realize that the best leader is not always the most popular man or one prominent in the most popular phase of college activity, but that we must select a man on his own ability and character, considering which man will do the most actual good for the college or class.

Another matter we cannot ignore is that true citizenship is not complete without the payment of taxes and assessments that are levied. We must admit that often the dues we are subject to are not wisely administered or judiciously and economically expended, but we ourselves are fundamentally to blame, for we either did not vote against such a levy or failed to attend the meeting at which it was levied. After any measure has

been passed by a majority, it is our duty as law abiding citizens to support it by obedience or payment until we can remedy it.

In addition democracy breeds toleration and the right of expression of difference of opinion. As a result we should become broader minded by participation in our self government and be able to appreciate the viewpoint of those who differ from us. We have therefore unparalleled opportunity for the expression of our opinion as regards government and college affairs.

In conclusion, we must strongly urge every man to put his shoulder to the wheel of our self government and not only acquire invaluable training for true citizenship in the world, but to do all within his power to make this a more efficient and intelligent self government than it has ever been before.

With this issue the New Board the class of 1915 pass the reins of responsibility into the hands of their successors. The retiring board wishes to thank the student body and other friends for their support and encouragement during the past months. We believe that we have adhered with reasonable consistency to our policies, namely: (1) The raising of the moral tone of our college; (2) support and confidence in our student government; (3) the development of citizenship and student ideals; (4) the furtherance of all commendable and progressive measures connected with this institution.

Into the hands of the new board falls the privilege of aiding in the formation of public opinion, one of the most potent forces of this college and it is with confidence and pleasure that the senior members step aside to allow our faithful associates to take up the fight for a better college paper.

On Friday night of this week Penn State Debaters meets Franklin and Marshall in intercollegiate debate. The question is a live one and it should be the duty of every State man to help the debaters win by their presence at the auditorium. The men on the team have worked earnestly during the past three months gathering and sifting material and preparing speeches and Friday night will see the results of their labors. They have given their best efforts to place State at the top in this field of intercollegiate rivalry. They have done all in their power. Now wont you help them?

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From both the standpoints of college loyalty and personal development the call to every man in college to attend the debate is personal and insistent. Will you attend the debate?

Prof. J. A. Moyer will present a paper on Steam Turbine Engineering, at Erie, March 9. He will also speak on Vocational Schools before the National University Extension conference at the University of Wisconsin on March 11. While at the University of Wisconsin he will attend a meeting of the special committee of the Association of Engineering Schools of the Land Grant colleges.

Mr. W. M. Stemple has resigned his position in the electrical engineering department to become radio inspector for the United States government. He will be detailed to the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Mr. V. N. Foster, a graduate of the University of Kansas, 1910, will take the position vacated by Mr. Stemple. Mr. Foster was instructor in electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for two years and comes to State College from a position as engineer in the designing department of the Sprague Works of the General Electric company, Bloomfield, N. J.

A. W. Fisher, 1910 E. E., assistant supervisor of signals for the Pennsylvania Railroad company at Baltimore, was in State College part of last week.

R. R. Root, 1914 E. E., has accepted a position in the meter department of the Edison company, Lancaster.

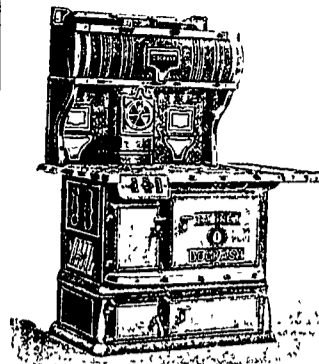
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