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### PROFESSOR WILLARD

It is with a feeling of heart-felt sympathy for friends in bereavement and a sense of almost personal loss that the COLLEGIAN wishes to add its sentiment to the many expressions of regret and sorrow occasioned by the death of Joseph Moody Willard, Professor of Mathematics at The Pennsylvania State College and administrative Head of his Department for thirty consecutive years.

The passing of Professor Willard, a moulder of men as well as a learned teacher of mathematics, is a blow to the college and to the country. But he has left a heritage to the institution which he loved by his life of unselfish devotion to the principles of loyalty and fidelity, by his untiring labors in the field of moral and spiritual excellence, and by his influence on the lives of thousands of Penn State men who have enjoyed, at one time or other, the privilege of personal association with this Nittany pioneer.

### LET THERE BE LIGHT

The question of lighting and illumination is of fundamental and vital importance in connection with the successful operation of any industrial establishment or concern. Of no less importance is it when considered from the viewpoint of the college undergraduate who is required to do much reading and writing in pursuit of scholastic attainments.

Daylight is, of course, the natural and most effective method of illumination. But the situation of class rooms and lecture halls does not always permit of sufficient lighting by this means. In such instances, artificial methods of illumination are resorted to and find popular favor in the form of the electric lamp. And it is with this form of illumination—not the kind, but the quantity and distribution that fault is oft-times found.

Some class rooms are equipped with such meager illuminating facilities, arranged with much apparent lack of scientific distribution of light, that severe eye-strain is necessitated in order to see the most legible blackboard writing from the rear of the room. It is not long before those individuals who are unfortunate enough to have their names begin with last letters of the alphabet, accompanied with a usual consequent seat assignment in the rear of the room, find their vision materially impaired and glasses becomes a necessary part of their physiognomy.

Inadequate and defective lighting is entirely opposed to the laws of sanitation and effective output. Where poor lighting conditions prevail, students can not be expected to do standard class room work. Intelligent and scientific illumination, preventing excessive glare and eyestrain, is essential to the health and efficiency of college undergraduates.

### AND TO ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

At last the day has arrived, a day anticipated by freshman and senior alike with a righteous amount of pleasure, a day which marks the beginning of a holiday recess of more than a fortnight's duration. It is time to put dull text books away and rejoice. For the undergraduates at Penn State have earned the right to forget all class-room worries and campus cares and go home to a merry Christmas.

But all of the merriment must not be confined to the individual alone. Mother and Dad are deserving of a joyful yuletide; so is Penn State. An obligation is imposed upon each undergraduate going home for the holiday recess to do his bit toward bringing Christmas cheer to the hearts of his parents and his Alma Mater. The two million dollar campaign is still a live issue at Penn State and much can be done toward the final realization of its purpose by intelligent boosting in the old home town.

But it must be kept in mind that boosting is not bragging. Freshmen, going home for the first time after a three months' sojourn at college, are prone to impress upon their friends and casual observers the fact that they are Penn State men. Unfortunately, this impression is not always favorable, especially when effected in a boastful manner. It is a case of the institution reflecting glory on the individual rather than the individual bringing honor to the college by conducting himself at all times as a man in the highest and truest sense of the word.

Penn State has a reputation of which she is justly proud. Too often undergraduates are inclined to do things, unthinkingly it is true, which reflect more or less discredit upon the institution. At this critical stage in the history of the college, in its struggle to become a great state university, much harm could be done by thoughtless students in creating a wrong impression of the type of men in attendance at the institution.

But the event of a holiday recess is not a time for too much serious thought. It is an occasion for rejoicing, for making merry in a wholesome sort of way. And may the COLLEGIAN, on the eve of this well-deserved vacation, wish to its friends and readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

## Thoughts of Others

### INDIVIDUAL OPINION

(The Daily Illini)

Politicians, both in the University and out in national life, gain their chief advantage in the fact that individuals are not allowed to, or will not, think for themselves. They realize what an advantage this gives them and capitalize upon it. We learn in psychology that individuals in a mob do not think. The same thing has been true in a majority of past elections, the loud wagon has been very effective and has too often carried the day.

The problem of the development of individual opinion, among fraternity men as well as non-fraternity men in the University is one which will have to be faced by the committee judging the "Representative Government" contest of the Daily Illini.

Democracy lives and is successful only when the entire voting public takes an active interest in what is going on. There is no democracy in the stifling of individual thought and action of fraternity people through coercion by the other members in the house. This method, of course, is admirably adapted to the present spoils system in campus politics but, it is not, and never will be, democracy.

A thinking, unrestricted, voting population that is determined to act, is the best insurance against the machinations of the campus politician.

## Letter Box

The following letter was received too late for publication in our last issue:

Editor of the Collegian,

Dear Sir:

It was a source of great satisfaction to me to see the sophomores rounding up delinquent freshmen and sending them to the class meeting last Wednesday night. In my opinion, this is a step that has long been necessary and I do not think we need despair of Penn State customs and Penn State spirit so long as there is some spark of feeling among the present sophomores. But let this spark be fanned into a blaze and not stop with the preliminary effort of "bringing up the freshmen in the way they should go".

There is one feature, however, that will have to be guarded against, namely the same fault with the sophomores. They also, should be made to realize that they cannot disregard class meetings. There is nothing that will do more to revive spirit at this institution than well attended class meetings. Underclassmen derive the incentive for their actions from the upper classes and where this incentive is lacking I can see no reason for not supplying it.

It might not be amiss to educate the second year men along this line and give them encouragement and help if it is needed.

Yours truly,  
A Student.

Editor of the Collegian,

Dear Sir:

Several times since my talk with you about the wind up of Penn State's football season I have heard Penn State students express their innermost feelings about the Pitt game. It would be interesting data had I counted the large number of men who have praised Bohren for that spectacular catch and who have shown with true sportsmanlike spirit the superhuman crashes of "Hoot" Flanagan.

Here in the shade of old Mount Nittany there is no offer of an alibi. Moreover, I find abundant praise for "Pop" Warner's Panthers all of whom showed a fighting spirit seldom witnessed on the gridiron.

There are times in the lives of people and of institutions when defeat may be the stepping stone to an exhibition of character. Why can we not profit by this momentary lull in our victories? Let us remember that State men stand for ideals above the level of those adhered to by the student bodies of a few institutions we have visited. It is well known that when we lose we back our teams. Let no sliver of coach or players fall from the lips of any "Lion" houser. When attending a home game remember that courtesy to visitors is a mark of distinction. When you are the visitor do not lower Penn State by answering the disrespectful jeers of individuals who exhibit high school mannerisms all through their college life.

Let our band remember that Syracuse played our Alma Mater for us and let the student body never forget the respect shown after that defeat. In brief, let no post-game demonstration change the name of New Beaver to Forbes Field.

This, I believe is the sentiment of every State man. Come, let us work together for the preservation of State's noble traditions.

Sincerely for Penn State,  
(Signed) A Senior

### STUDENTS WITHDRAW

During the past week the following students have left college:

- Junior  
Beard, George E., PAI  
Sophomores  
Dechert, Oliver L., Hort  
Donley, Earl H., AE  
Hanna, Mark N., Ag  
Thompson, John L., CE  
Freshmen  
Fauce, David H.  
McPeaters, D. Wade, Arch  
Thomas, William C., PAI

## PENN STATE LOSES EMINENT SCIENTIST

Joseph M. Willard Was Elected As Assistant Professor of Mathematics in 1893

### FUNERAL SERVICES HELD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Joseph Moody Willard, Professor of Mathematics at The Pennsylvania State College, suddenly passed away on the evening of December tenth, 1923. He died of pernicious anemia, from increasing attacks of which he has long suffered. With the exception of summer post and the fall of 1917, Professor Willard taught and administered his department for thirty consecutive years. Shortly after Commencement last June, he was taken to the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, where five months' treatment was given that furnished advice and skill could do. At his request, the Trustees accepted his resignation as Head of the Department, but with the earnest hope that he might still recover to continue the teaching he so much loved.

Joseph Moody Willard was born at Oxford, New Hampshire, February first, 1855. He came of good old Puritan stock of the ninth generation of descendants of Major Simon Willard of Kent County, England, who emigrated before 1731 to Cambridge in Massachusetts Colony. He attended St. Johns Academy and graduated at Dartmouth in 1887, with honors in Mathematics. He taught in Pinkerton Academy at Ferris, New Hampshire, for three years, later entering John Hopkins for graduate study. He spent three years in earnest preparation for his chosen career and was honored by Scholar and Fellow at John Hopkins.

In 1893, he was elected Assistant Professor of Mathematics, succeeding to the Headship of the Department, the late Josiah Jackson. For thirty years he has been a moulder of men as well as an inspiring teacher of mathematics. Hundreds of Penn State men all over the nation will feel the sense of almost personal bereavement, while the college loses another link in the chain which binds the pioneer, foundational work of President Atherton and his colleagues to the present prosperity of the institution. In recognition of his scientific attainments, his Alma Mater, Dartmouth, conferred upon him the Degree of Master of Science in 1912.

He was a member of the American Mathematical Society and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His special subjects of research and publication were in Differential Equations, Mechanical and Line Integration. Professor Willard was a keen student of astronomy and for many years as a labor of love has represented that most important of subjects in our curriculum. A study typical of the breadth of his interests is that of "The Origin of Free Public Libraries in New England."

Professor Willard was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, a charter member of Phi Kappa Phi (and until the present year its only Secretary), and of Delta Kappa Epsilon. He was Secretary of the Council of Administration for many years, and was always a wisely conservative force for scholarship and character. He was a loyal supporter of the Y. M. C. A. and in early years did much to win it financial support and secure personal allegiance from students and friends of the college. He was an Elder of the Presbyterian Church of State College, a man whose character and life have ever been beacon lights in the college and community. He sought moral excellence rather than honors, he lived books rather than wrote them. Students taught life's great lessons of fidelity and loyalty to daily tasks constitutes his chief monument.

Professor Willard was married in 1897 to Miss Henrietta Norris Nunn, of Baltimore. Their home has been a happy one of culture and refinement, of warm and gracious hospitality. Two children were born into the home, Mary Louisa, and Edward Lawrence.

The College is poorer in his passing, yet infinitely richer for the labors of Professor Willard whose life of singular devotion is now a part of the spiritual heritage of the college. One of his favorite readings was Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar"—his faith was anchored in that self-same spirit of his Master Teacher, Christ Himself.

Funeral services were conducted from his home yesterday afternoon, by his pastor, the Rev. Samuel Martin, of the State College Presbyterian Church.

### DELEGATION MAKES SUNDAY TRIP TO AVISTON

A delegation of five student members of the Penn State Y. M. C. A., accompanied by Happongia, the Russian violinist, visited Aviston on Sunday and conducted both afternoon and evening services in the various churches of that town. The men who made the trip were N. S. Hushman '24, president of the "Y", J. S. Wiant '24, R. C. Welch '24 and A. T. Secor '25. This work is being carried on in the various rural centers of the county by the "Y", in conjunction with the Centre County Sunday School Association. The idea was inaugurated several years ago and has been carried on with great success in the past, usually culminating with the annual Sunday School Convention at Penn State in the spring.

## Facts and Figures

### ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY

The newest and at the same time one of the largest in point of enrollment of the departments at Penn State is that of Economics and Sociology.

Until this year the courses now included under Economics and Sociology were taken under the old department of History, Political Science, Economics and Sociology, but at the beginning of the semester it was divided in order to simplify the records, which had become cumbersome by the great number of students taking the course. Although not given a distinct curriculum until 1913, the course in Commerce and Finance has experienced what is probably the most phenomenal growth in the history of the college. Starting in 1911 with an enrollment of forty-eight, the numbers have increased so rapidly that this year there are four hundred and fifteen students taking the course, almost two-thirds as many as are now enrolled in the entire School of Agriculture and over one-eighth of the entire college enrollment. There have been two hundred and thirty graduates from the course, now engaged in occupations ranging from coaching football teams to operating mines and including among other things, salesmanship, manufacturing, engineering of various types and literature.

Primarily, however, the course is designed for those who later expect to enter business or public service. Its aim is to give a broad and thorough education in regard to the history and present conditions in the carrying out of modern business, the development of these conditions and the relation of private enterprises to politics and the government of the country at large. By far the greater number of graduates are now engaged in commercial establishments.

Included under the department is the course in Economics and Sociology. This also had been given as a separate curriculum, but unlike the Commerce and Finance course it has begun to grow only in the last few years, there being but ten enrolled in the course at the present time. Its scope is considerably more limited than that of the other course, giving more attention, as it does, to the study of the deeper problems connected with history and the political and economic conditions of the human race.

Headed by Dr. O. F. Boneke, the personnel of the department is made up of eight instructors.

In addition to the students regularly enrolled in the courses offered by the department, many more are taken care of who are required to take subjects in economics and history as a part of their courses in other schools. Every student in the institution is required to take Economics Fourteen, a study dealing with the theories as well as the practical phases of the organization of capital, labor problems, banking, transportation socialism and other elements of modern life.

### GETTSBURG AND E. AND M. WOULD BAN TRAMP ATHLETES

Gettysburg and Franklin and Marshall Colleges have started a movement among the class B colleges to do away with tramp athletes. Its basic thought is the establishment of the one year ruling at the various colleges which have not yet adopted it.

## AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL FAVORS PURNELL-BILL

The Agricultural Department is actively engaged at present in enlisting the people of the state in favor of the Purnell Bill, a measure in the interest of Land-Grant Colleges, which will come up for discussion by the recently convened Congress at Washington.

Dean R. L. Watts has been appointed as the Pennsylvania representative to arouse public interest in this measure and he has succeeded in some measure.

The Purnell Bill will provide for the appropriation of larger sums of money for agricultural experiment statistics of land-grant colleges, of which Penn State is one. These colleges have been receiving appropriations but they have always been small and have hindered somewhat the extensive work that could be done. A national committee is headed by Dean W. R. Dodson of the Louisiana State College. The exact amount which the bill, if passed, will provide for is fifteen thousand dollars the first year, with an increase of ten thousand dollars each succeeding year until the limit of eighty-five thousand dollars has been reached. Dean Watts has said that, despite the large number of appropriations which come before Congress, the measure looks favorable.

### HARVARD STUDENTS FORM BLUE SHIRT CLUB TO CUT EXPENSES

A new college organization, the "Blue Shirt Club," made up of men who wear blue shirts or who are interested in wearing them, was organized at Harvard last week. The newly formed club will have two major purposes. One object is to cut down the increased laundry bills of those students who are now wearing white shirts, and the other is to begin an active campaign against the Ku Klux Klan.

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—  
"The White Tiger"

## Talk It Over At Home

A Christmas Vacation Suggestion To Seniors

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All advertisements must be received on or before January 15, 1924, and awards will be made February 15, 1924.

Ask the business manager of the Penn State Collegian or write us for information about the contest, and literature describing the products, right away. See if you can't write the best ad in your college, and top the entire field as well.

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