

was found to be much as usual, but more than usual interest was manifest during their consideration in efforts to discover causes and cures for deficiencies and stimulate one another to renewed and more effective efforts to improve in the future.

The interest in the philanthropic work was freely sustained, and an unusual hopefulness seemed to pervade the workers as to the possibility and probability of better and more general work by our committee during the ensuing year. Earnest and very general interest and labor upon the part of members in their individual capacity was made apparent as unofficial reports come in to the committees, and we feel we have cause to be thankful for the steady increase of interest among our membership in several of the subjects committed to the care of the committee on philanthropic work.

As we closed our meetings it was with a very general feeling that we had had an unusually profitable and enjoyable meeting, life and power in the ministry, warm fellowship throughout the whole body, and a season of growth for many of the little band thus gathered by ones and twos from the wide expanse reaching from Southern Indiana, Illinois and Iowa to Nebraska.

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## SWARTHMORE COLLEGE NOTES.

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College life at Swarthmore again assumes a definite shape. The old students returned on the 12th ult., and regular work commenced on the 13th. The register shows a total of two hundred and thirty students.

The changes of instructors this year are as follows: Miss Florence M. Yost, of Vassar and Wellesley, takes the preparatory classes in English literature, Rhetoric and Latin, which subjects were last year taught by Professor Ferris W. Price, who is now in Germany; Miss S. A. Sherman takes

the preparatory mathematics, and Miss M. J. Murphy the preparatory classes in writing and spelling.

Lucius E. Williams, of Johns Hopkins' University, has taken the place of Assistant Professor Randall in the chemical department.

Miss S. A. Sherman takes the advanced French classes this year. That professorship falls to Edward H. Magill next year, when he regularly transfers the presidency.

A fine crayon of Isaiah V. Williamson has been presented to the college by his nephew, H. S. Williamson, of Lancaster. This portrait is especially valued in that it is one of a man who has aided the institution so materially. A crayon portrait of Sir Thomas Young, the distinguished scientist, has been given to the college by Charles H. Koyl, formerly of Swarthmore. The gift is to be placed in the physical laboratory.

The foot ball season has opened with favorable prospects. Although this game is somewhat objected to by some, yet it furnishes exercise to the body of students that no other game would.

Professors George A. Hoadley and Gerritt E. H. Weaver have been appointed on the college faculty.

The college classes will this year be aided by a class adviser in relation to their courses and other college matters. Professor Appleton is senior advisor, Professor Beardsley junior advisor, Professor Rolfe Sophomore advisor, and Professor Hoadley Freshman advisor. Professor Smith, now Vice-President of the faculty, has charge of the preparatory school.

President Magill writes of his arrival in England, after a pleasant voyage.

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The way to be happy is to live according to nature in obedience to that universal and unalterable law with which every heart is originally impressed.—[Johnson's *Rasselas*.]