COLLEGE FORUM.

The College for the present will be the securing of the balance of indebtedness. Once the entire indebtedness wiped out, we have reason to believe there are individuals who will come forward and do for the further extension of the facilities of the College what Mr. B. H. Engle, of Harrisburg, is doing for the Music Department in the erection of a Music Hall, which will be an honor to the donor and add greatly to the valuation of the College property. Thus for the present, the special work that shall engage us will be the securing of the balance of indebtedness.

J. P. MILLER.

Alfred Charles Tennyson Sumner.

A remarkable interest is being manifested in the native African boy, Alfred Sumner, who recently entered College for the purpose of pursuing a full course.

For the information of those who are interested in mission work in Africa, we give a brief sketch of his career.

He was born at Bonthe in 1874, of parents who were among the first mission children of the U. B. Church. He was placed in care of the missionaries at Sherbro Station, West Africa, and graduated from the Rufus Clarke Training School in 1894. He then taught in the U. B. School at Bonthe which is partially under the control of the English government, until coming to America. Inspired by an ambition to obtain a college training, he started from his home at Bonthe July 19th, though beset by seemingly unsurmountable difficulties, for the purpose of coming direct to Lebanon Valley College. He left Freetown, July 31, and came to Boston via London and Liverpool. He arrived at Annville August 31.

The story of his journey is touching indeed when one thinks of the self-sacrifice and indomitable courage which he manifested in overcoming the poverty which seemingly opposed his coming here. As soon as he arrived he was given a home and made comfortable through the kindness of Bishop Kephart and Dr. Roop until the opening of school when he was given a room in the building. Though his face is of typical African hue, yet it reflects the very sunlight of the warm country from which he came in its cheery smiles.

He has won for himself a host of friends by his genial and manly disposition. He enters college as a conditioned Freshman, where he shows signs of more than ordinary ability in the aptness and brilliancy with which his class work is attended. An article on "African Life" written by him appears in another column.

Next month we hope to favor our readers with an article on "Life in Armenia," written by our native Armenian student, Karnig Kuyoomjian.