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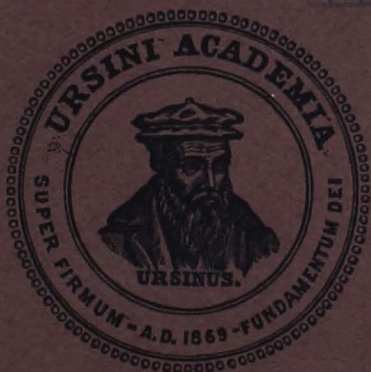
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THE WORTH OF THE STRENUOUS LIFE.

Oration delivered by Mary E. Markley as the Valedictory,
June 11, 1902.

In a much frequented building in Philadelphia hangs a profoundly suggestive picture. Not wonderful in execution, it is yet marvelous in conception. As one gazes at the enormous canvas he sees marching toward him a vast army of warriors. At the head of the long procession where banners are waving and weapons glancing, ride in rolling chariots and on prancing war steeds, the great conquerors of the world—Xerxes, Alexander, Cæsar, and Napoleon. The long line advances steadily and irresistibly but every step is made over the bodies of unnumbered prostrate foes. This is the picture of the much vaunted strenuous life—the life of the man who, regardless of the fate of those whom he brushes aside, pushes on vigorously and pitilessly to the achievement of his own ends—the life in which one aim, one ambition remorse-

lessly crushes every fine sentiment, every noble impulse which does not lead directly to its own accomplishment.

There are many difficulties to-day in the way of keeping a healthy adjustment of the different phases of life. Nothing is rarer than to find a well-balanced man. In America, the land of the practical, stress is invariably laid upon action. We would not deprecate the activity which characterizes our people. We need abounding energy and have no use for "ignoble ease." The contemplative life of the mystic and the passionate life of the voluptuary would be equally as bad. Undoubtedly the men of action, as they spurn and trample upon opposing wills and hurry on the faint-hearted to the goal of their achievements, become the animating impulse of a nation. In their best aspects the qualities needed for the strenuous life are the qualities essential for any successful life be it individual or civic. Courage, concentration, confidence in self, and a resolute will lie at the basis of all success. The people of strenuous nature have ever been the ruling nations. Of old, Rome conquered Greece; to-day the Western nations hold sway over the enervated East. The glory of the man or nation of action is force, power, dominion.

But it cannot be denied that in our country the life of activity has been unduly emphasized. Our material progress, to be sure, is to be attributed to ceaseless energy and tireless vigor. But our self-complacency blinds us to the danger in such a life. The danger

lies in its tendency towards the material. The man who goes round and round in perpetual activity, narrows himself and robs himself of a larger outlook. Unwittingly he who thinks in terms of dollars and cents, in barrels of oil, tons of steel, or miles of railway, must at last become unable to think in terms of manhood and womanhood. We amass wealth, we seek industrial supremacy, we strive after governmental unity—all good enough in themselves when recognized as mere machinery. But this machinery has come to be looked upon as an end in itself. If our nation's greatness is to rest upon its enormity, its organization, or its industrial supremacy rather than upon its efforts along intellectual and spiritual lines, then in centuries to come it will be remembered, not as cultured Greece is remembered, but as pyramid-building Egypt. The danger to modern life, especially in America, comes not from a lack of energy but from a misdirection of energy.

We all admit the reasonableness of the strenuous life; we all need the will to do, to act. But is the life of mere outward activity the one we would set before us as a model? By no means. When material power and success shall have become the only things worth having then such a life may stand for the ideal. Fortunately for us that time has not yet come. Only when the strenuous life means something broader and deeper than mere outward activity can we adopt it. Life is not all action. The well-rounded, perfectly balanced individual life is a harmonious combination of *will*,

yes, but of will along with *intellect* and *sensibility*. Activity will inevitably be misplaced unless guided by disciplined thought and feeling.

We realize too little the importance of gaining knowledge for the purpose of adding to the efficiency of life. Ask what men pride themselves upon. The answer comes—vigor, perseverance, integrity, a love of justice,—all of them practical, none of them intellectual attributes. We do not need to renounce any of these qualities but we do need them permeated with knowledge. Knowledge is not a thing apart that will not mingle with the ordinary activities of life. A keen intellect will solve profound problems for the philosopher, but it will also lighten the burdens of a busy worker. The duty of college men and women and no less the duty of every thoughtful man and woman is to correct the tendency toward too much stress and strain in life by showing how knowledge can give unity to all our efforts. Not force of action, powerful as it is, rules the world: but force of mind. The range of a man of action is all too limited unless there be added the vast expanse of the field of thought.

And yet we hear that men are becoming too intellectual. Impossible; unless by intellectual is meant the development of one-sidedness, the mechanical memorizing of facts, systems, and theories. Education aims to make men intellectual in that it aims to make men *think*. The task is no easy one. How many prefer unquestioning acquiescence to the opinions of others rather than the mental struggle necessary to ground

their own opinion. But if in us the forces of mind are not working, if in us there is no mental stamina, our outward activity can have no legitimate foundation, our morality no reasonable course, our religion no ultimate reality. Not politically, not socially are men slaves to-day; they are slaves mentally. And the bondage is all the more degrading since it is voluntarily entered into and unresistingly endured. Through thought is our only hope of an activity that is worth the while. The universe in which we live is broadened not so much by the conquests of the soldier, the sacrifice of the patriot, or by the innovations of the reformer as by the ideas of the thinker. Let us free ourselves of cant concerning the intellectual powers. Let us recognize in this our peculiar God-given power a constant guide to new activities and new truths.

The life of activity guided by thought alone is also inadequate. We need development on the side of the sensibilities. Our life is weak where it can least afford to be weak—it is weak on the human, the emotional, the artistic side. Darwin, one of his biographers writes, lamented in his last years that he had so closely devoted himself to science as to have altogether lost the appreciation of music for which in his younger days he had great aptitude and love. This stifling of the artistic impulses which occurs if the intellect is too highly developed is much more likely to occur in other pursuits. In the great hurry and rush for material progress there is too much neglect of love, of beauty, of excellence of soul. If education does not

magnify the human spirit, if it does not intensify the feelings it is vain. This intensity of feeling and the corresponding appreciation of real value in activity is, to a great extent, lacking in us Americans. We think of the man who is swayed from his pursuit of material success by his feelings for the good or the true as weak, as a subject for a pitying smile. And yet the deeds of any man are but in proportion to the living spiritual principle within him. The importance of the sensibilities, of the intangible qualities of life as a substratum of all activity is shown by the fact that very little of the personal worth of a man like Washington can be estimated by the cold narration of his exploits. The motives, the thoughts, the feelings from which the actions of the strenuous life arise, not the actions themselves make a character admirable.

The appreciation of sympathy, beauty, and pure emotion is quite beyond mere animal activity. An artist once carved a statue so divinely fair that he could not but love it. Thereupon Pygmalion prayed the gods that this exquisite creation of his hands might be endowed with life. The request was granted. The statue stood before his enraptured eyes a perfect woman with life as abundant as her beauty was entrancing. Every sense was keen, every motion well proportioned. Yet to her the touch of a baby's cheek would mean but the passing of her hand over lustrous satin. To her the withered flowers from a bridal wreath or the faded lily from a mother's coffin would mean

less than the sweet perfume of a rose. The melodious tones and grand harmonies of a Beethoven's symphony would stir within her no deep emotions, would touch no responsive chord. Let her look at a masterpiece of art, at Millet's Angelus. She would see nothing but the lines and course and colors. To her would be conveyed naught of the duty and dignity of honest labor, nor of the devotion to God after a day in the service of man, no elevation of the human to the divine. Without the soul behind them, far-reaching deeds, highly developed mental powers are as nothing.

Our lives then must be open to the beauties of art, of literature, and of life. With the sense of the beauty of nature and of art will come the appreciation of the highest beauty of all—the beauty of the individual life perfect on all its sides. With the knowledge of the grandeur of a complete personality, it will be impossible for us to do acts that will warp any life. But an ideal of life so unlovely, so incomplete, so removed from human perfection as is the life of action purely and simply we cannot hold up for emulation. The true philosophy of life requires us not only to *do* but to *be*. Being or mere existence is void, doing or mere activity is meaningless. Life, to be a perfect existence, a sphere, must have a center as well as a circumference. Let your daily deeds, your work be the circumference; let your mind and spirit be the center. As in the sphere it is impossible to think of the circumference and the center separately, so it is impossible to con-

ceive a well-rounded life except in the two aspects of doing and being.

“We live in deeds, not years ; in thoughts, not breaths ;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.”

THE TWO.

“But surely you don’t intend to bury your talents way back there in the country, do you?” The speaker was petulantly tapping her foot on a broken sod that had been cut up by some careless visitors at the morning exercises.

“No,” he answered with some spirit, “I’m going to let them develop themselves and the farm at the same time. Besides, father—you know—is getting old, and I promised him I’d come back and take the care of the farm off his mind.”

“And it has been with that in view that you have been working so hard, its for that you won the oratorical prize and carried off honors in English ? Pray do you think that quoting Browning will increase your potato crop, and that your horses will plough straighter furrows if you address them in Greek ?” and her nervous laugh grated harshly on his ear.

His eyes wandered over the beautiful campus and he caught glimpses, here and there, of little knots of students and their friends who were loathe to leave the

pleasant spot,—the “mortar boards” and sombre gowns set off in greater contrast by the white dresses and light spring suits of the undergraduates and visitors. Altogether it was a very pleasant sight and his heart sank as he thought how soon he must leave it all. Just then the orchestra struck up a chorus from *Cavalleria Rusticana* and the girl aroused him from his reverie by saying dreamily, “Do you remember that night of the boating party, lets see, ’twas in our Freshman year was it not? Wasn’t the evening lovely and the music perfectly divine?”

“Yes I remember clearly, and,” with a sudden inspiration, “do you remember what you said that night about no work being degrading, and that it was the spirit in which it was done that made an occupation noble or ignoble? Then you thought that a college bred man could dig a ditch or build a stone wall better than one who didn’t have the higher education.”

“But I never imagined it of you. But forgive me Jim, I’ve been as mean as I could be. I had no business to talk so to you. By the way where are your father and mother? Aren’t they coming to hear their son deliver his oration?”

“O, you see, they live so far back in the country that they have to drive over twenty miles to the station, and probably they missed the train, but I expect them this evening.”

“Do look at that funny old couple coming up the avenue,” she said, anxious to change the subject, “I saw them at the station this morning. Aren’t they a typical back-woods couple, though?”

"Jim" Thompson looked up to see the "funny old couple", and then he started and it was his turn to flush. His first impulse was to dodge behind the Hall with his fair young companion. But no, that would be mean; he would not be guilty of that. What, ashamed of these dear old people who had cared for him so many years and were now keeping him at college!

With a forced calmness he looked the girl directly in the face and coolly said, "That 'funny old couple', Maude, is my father and mother."

It was now her turn to color as she stammered, "I didn't—that is—I thought—O Jim, what must you think of me!"

"Wall there Jimmy, its a good sight for sore eyes to see ye agin. W'y it seems to me I ain't never see ye look so peaked thin. So this is the gal ye've writ so much about. I'm powerful glad to see ye, Maude," and the old man rattled on volubly, regardless of the young man's heightened color and the girl's evident effort not to appear amused.

"Mother," after her first warm greeting, had dropped back, quiet and a little hurt. Instinctively she had felt the lack of fervor in her son's greeting and seemed to perceive a gulf widening between them.

Finally Maude Andrews excused herself and went off to join her father, a fine old gentleman with a military bearing, whom everybody was pleased to address as "Colonel". Then, as Jim turned to his father and mother, his heart smote him with shame, and as

they talked of home and the old farm he tried his best to make amends for his perfunctory conduct.

Later in the evening he ran lightly up the steps of girl's Hall and rang the bell violently. The door was opened by the preceptress who said, in response to his inquiry, "Miss Andrews? Yes, she is in, but is getting ready for the promenade. Will you wait in the reception room?"

At the end of what seemed to him an interminably long time, Miss Andrews came in. Never had she looked so beautiful, he thought, as that evening, and, for the moment, all thoughts of the unpleasantness of the day's events vanished. Impulsively, he rose and took a step toward her. She must have seen and interpreted his look, for she hesitated a moment, then in well modulated tones, she exclaimed, "Why, Mr. Thompson, this is unexpected. Did you come to bid me good-bye?"

"Why, I thought you were going with me to the promenade."

"Why, no, I am going with Mr. Percivale. You know you didn't ask me."

"But I thought you understood from what I said—"

"But you mustn't take such things for granted. There, I guess that's Mr. Percival now. We must say good-bye. Isn't it strange that the currents of our lives should be so joined for a few years, only to separate, perhaps never to meet again." Jim was too startled and too miserable to make any answer, except to mumble his farewell. Then he quickly passed out

and down the street to the hotel where he spent the evening with his parents.

* * * *

Several years after, James Thompson, Esq., who had just been reelected to the State Legislature, was sitting in the comfortable sitting-room of his farm house, reading the morning paper. He knew that in those magazines there were several articles from his pen, on the practical adaption of scientific research to the care of the farm. But one paragraph in the morning paper caught his eye and drove all else from his mind :

Mrs. Chas. Percival, wife of the eminent lawyer, lectured, yesterday, before the Federation of the Mother's Clubs, at Washington, on "The Ethical Value of Pictures in the Home." The lecture was exceedingly interesting and valuable, and the audience became so enthusiastic that they rose *en masse* and gave the lecturer the Chautauqua salute, etc.

Jim, for he was still "Jim", at home, looking up from his paper, saw, through the window, his boundless field and pasture lands, then he glanced at his aged father directing the work of the men in the meadow, then over at his mother who was contentedly knitting by the fire. How well he remembered her saying on his wedding day, "Jimmy, I was so afraid you'd marry someone who'd be ashamed of the old place and your old mother, but Rachel will make you just the wife you need."

And now Rachel has entered the room, her cheeks flushed with her exercise. No she would hardly be called

pretty, and her countenance did not have the intellectual contour which comes from years of training along the lines of higher education, but contentment and happiness were clearly written on her face, and, as the door opened and the children, home from school, came trooping in, her appearance was transformed by her maternal love. Then Jim suddenly crossed the room and, with a quick impulse kissed her cheek. At this sudden and unusual caress from her matter-of-fact husband, she blushed like a girl of sixteen, and then he thought she was pretty.

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“Safe now in the wide, wide world.”

There is where those grave, old seniors are. A sudden change from the training shop and an abrupt plunge into the life that most men are living; a last breath of that peculiar college atmosphere that makes or unmakes us, and the first breathing of common air,—this is the June of the Senior year. Well might the graduate meditate for a week or so as he tries to get his bearings in this new world. New, yes, but the same old world which he left four years ago. The

change must be in the man ; things are not different but they are different *to him*. His friendships have changed—he wants companions of a different nature, and he feels as if he has created a need for them. That vast amount of respect that he had for some things when he entered college has gradually lessened so that now he thinks he has a right to stand off and judge for himself. Well, he should have handled his course so that at this time he may be capable of studying the questions that arise, and thinking, and deciding. In other words, as some one puts it, "If a person has learned nothing else in college except how to study, his college course is not wasted."

With this as capital he meets the hard world, the unsympathetic and often prejudiced world, more severe and exacting than any faculty. He meets men and women who have never heard of Descartes and Kant, who look with suspicion upon a man who talks philosophy. Work and struggle is the cry of the mass into which he is thrown. How shall he meet it? How shall his philosophical course be applied to ordinary life? These and such problems the graduate faces. He has a weight of intellect to use, a large handicap in the race. May our graduates keep the essentials they have learned, and may they use them in the coming struggle. For great is their responsibility.

ALUMNI PERSONALS.

'73. Several of our Alumni were favored in the election at the fourteenth triennial session of General Synod held at Baltimore during May. The Revs. H. T. Spangler, A. M., D. D., and J. H. Bomberger, A. M., D. D., '77, and F. G. Hobson, Esq., A. M., '76 were elected as delegates to the Alliance of Reformed churches to be held in Liverpool, England, in 1904. The Revs. A. E. Dalham, A. M., D. D., '74, and J. H. Sechler, A. M., D. D., '75, S. T., were elected members of the Sunday-School Board and Board of Missions respectively. F. G. Hobson, Esq., was elected a Vice-President of the Synod and Rev. J. H. Bomberger as delegate to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.

'73. The Rev. J. A. Foil, A. M., Ph. D., who has been connected with Catawba College for a number of years, was recently elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Union Cotton Mills, Maiden, N. C.

'75. S. T. The Rev. J. H. Sechler, A. M., D. D., was one of the speakers at the relaying of the cornerstone of Zion's Reformed church, Lehigton, Pa., on May 18.

'76. On Sunday, June 8, the Tulpehocken Reformed congregation of Lebanon Couty, the Rev. H. J. Welker, A. M., pastor, held a unique service. At that time, one hundred and fifty-seven red roses were paid to the descendants of Casper Wistar, of Philadelphia, in full payment of the ground on which the church is built.

'77. The Rev. S. M. Hensch, A. M., will read a paper on "Public Prayer" before the Reformed Ministerial Association of Frederick, Maryland, on September 14.

'78 S. T. Revs. L. D. Stambaugh, J. L. Flick, A. M., B. D., '88, I. C. Fisher, A. M., '98, and E. S. Knoll, A. B., '93 participated in the dedicatory services at Salem Reformed church, Millersburg, Pa.

'81. The Sermon at the dedication of the newly erected St. Paul's Reformed and Lutheran church, Smith's Station, York

Co., Pa. was preached by the Rev. Geo. Stibits, A. M., Ph. D. The Rev. M. J. Roth, A. B., '93 S. T. made an address at the same service.

'85. The Rev J. C. May, A. B., of Pottsville, has accepted a call to the rectorship of St. Barnabas Episcopal church, Reading, Pa.

'86. Miss Ella B. Price, B. S. was the chief of the negative side in a debate before the W. C. T. U. of the Montgomery Co. held at Trinity Reformed church, Collegeville on May 22.

'87, S. T. The address of the Rev. J. A. Mertz, A. M. has been changed from Riegelsville to Durham, Pa.

'87. Non-Graduate Charles W. Loux, A. B. manager of the Carmen Book Co., Providence, R. I., and graduate of Lafayette College in '92, has just published a book of temperance verse, entitled "White Ribbons."

'88. The Rev. A. S. Bromer, A. B. conducts a department called "Young People at Work" in the *Reformed Church Messenger*.

'89. A professorship at Soule College Dodge City, Kansas has been offered to the Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, A. B.

'90. The May number of the *Woman's Journal* is a special issue setting forth the works of the Reformed Deaconess Home and Alliance Hospital, of which the Rev. H. E. Kilmer, A. M. is superintendent.

'90. A chapter of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip has been organized in St. John's Reformed Church, Phoenixville, the Rev. C. H. Brandt, A. B., pastor.

'92. The Rev. J. A. Hunsicker, A. B., has received a call from the Reformed Church at Fairview, Kansas.

'93, S. T. The Rev. B. B. Royer, A. B., has changed his address to 1156 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago.

'93, S. T. The department of the *Christian World* called "The C. E. Field" will be in charge of the Rev. J. H. String, of Bluffton, Indiana during June.

'94. The Rev. J. H. Watts, A. B., has accepted a call to St. Andrew's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., of which he had

special charge heretofore as assistant pastor of St. Paul's charge. The Revs. J. W. Meminger, A. B., '84 and Wm. Yenser, A. B., '94, S. T., officiated at his installation. The Rev. Watts conducts the discussion of the C. E. Topic in the *Reformed Church Record*.

'94, S. T. "The Reformed Church in Pennsylvania," by Prof. Joseph H. Dubbs, D. D., of Lancaster, Pa., which will be issued shortly, contains a comprehensive bibliography arranged by the Rev. W. J. Hinke, A. M.

'95. The Rev. D. Irwin Conkle, A. B., of Clyde, O., has received and accepted a call to Normal, Ill. A daughter was born to Rev. and Mrs. Conkle.

'95. The following alumni have been elected to office at the meeting of various classes of the Reformed Church this spring: the Rev. E. W. Lentz, A. M., President of Goshenhoppen; the Rev. H. J. Welker, A. M., '76, President of Lebanon; the Rev. J. O. Lindaman, A. M., '86 S. T., Corresponding Secretary of Tohickon; the Rev. W. A. Korn, A. B. '87, Corresponding Secretary of Zion's; the Rev. I. M. Bachman, Corresponding Secretary of East Susquehanna; the Rev. J. C. Leonard, B. D., '93, S. T., Stated Clerk of North Carolina; the Rev. Wm. Yenser, A. B., '94, S. T., Vice-President of Lancaster; the Rev. M. A. Peters, A. B., '95, Reporter of Schuylkill; and the Rev. J. K. McKee, A. B., '98, Vice President of Zion's.

'95. The Rev. C. D. Lerch, A. B. preached the sermon at the reopening of Trinity Reformed Church, Turbotville, Pa.

'96. G. F. Longacre, A. B., student in Heidelberg Seminary is canvassing Ohio in the interest of the *Christian world* and its publications.

'96. St. John's Reformed church erected by the newly organized congregation at Hopewell, Bedford Co., Pa., the Rev. A. C. Thompson, A. B., pastor, was dedicated on May 18. The Rev. H. H. Hartman, A. B., '94, assisted at the services.

'96. After a pastorate of three years in the Elmwood Presbyterian church, Syracuse, N. Y., the Rev. E. M. Scherier, A.



MARY E. MARKLEY
VALEDICTORIAN



WALTER F. KERN
SALUTATORIAN

B. will go to Canton China in September as a missionary, under the care of the Presbyteriaian Board of Foreign Missions.

'96. S. T. The congregation of which the Rev. W. U. Helffrich, A. B. B., D., is pastor, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the erection of its sanctuary May 18-25. The Revs. W. H. Wotring A. M., B. D., '89, and J. O. Lindamen, A. M., '86, S. T. preached sermons. On May 18, the Rev. Helffrich delivered the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of Bath High School.

'96. S. T. On May 11, the Rev. Ross F. Wicks, A. B. celebrated the sixth anniversary of his pastorate at the Fourth Reformed church, Dayton O., in connection with the dedication of the newly erected structure.

'98, S. T. The Rev. J. N. Faust, until recently pastor of the Thomasville Mission, N. C., has been installed as pastor of the East Vincent charge, Chester Co., Pa.

'99. Miss Elinor S. Lutes, A. B. was elected Secretary of the W. M. S. of Philadelphia Classis at its May meeting. The Rev. C. H. Coon, A. M., D. D., '76, S. T. and F. W. Middleton, '94, S. T. took part in the exercises.

'00, S. T. The five year old child of the Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Bartholomew died on May 9.

COLLEGE NEWS.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

The Baccalaureateservice on Sunday evening, June 8, was conducted by President Henry T. Spangler, D. D., '73, assisted by the Revs. J. H. Hendricks, D. D., of Collegeville and S. L. Messinger, A. M., '85, of Trappe. The sermon was on "Lessons from the Parable of the Talents" based on Matt. 25 : 21, 23.

The President spoke in part as follows :

"Because the first reference of the parable is to spiritual gifts, other powers, more external, such as wealth and position, are

not excluded from this law. They are capable of being consecrated to God's service and the welfare of mankind. For the use or abuse of them the possessors will have to render an account.

"The parable implies more than natural increment as the reward of faithfulness. "Have thou authority over ten cities." A city is more than a factory; the figure advances beyond accretion and increase of kind. It rises into the realm of higher life and divine enjoyment.

"When a man who has diligently increased the store of material goods placed in his hands, links himself with God's purposes, he will find his life rising above the narrowing influence of money-getting. And he will find not only that his talents and his power have increased, but that he is capable of appreciating and enjoying the spiritual aspects of life; that there is nothing in earth, air, or sea, over which he does not feel dominion; nor anything in man or God that does not appeal to him with a sense of kinship."

CLASS DAY EXERCISES.

On Monday afternoon of Commencement week, the exercises of Class Day were rendered. After an address by the class President, T. H. Matterness, the Class History was read by G. J. Henry, which was followed with the Prophecy by Miss Bertha Moser. Mr. W. P. Fisher then read the Class Poem. The indoor exercises closed with the presentations to the members of class by Messrs. H. U. Miller and D. R. Krebs.

Further exercises were conducted on the campus. Three ivies were planted along the dormitories, one for the Class of '98, one for the Class of '00 and the third for the graduating Class. N. D. Bartholomew delivered the Ivy Oration. Miss Mary E. Shade, '04, received the spade. John Lentz and Joseph Shrawder acted as End Men or cremators.

The music was furnished by the Rev. J. M. Stick, '99, and the Mandolin Club.

JUNIOR ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The eight annual Junior Oratorical Contest was held on Monday evening, June 9. The Sixth Regiment Band, of Royersford, Pa., furnished the music. The program follows :

MUSIC : { March, "Colosus of Columba" *R Alexander*
Overture, "Stradella" *Fr. v. Flotow*

PRAYER.

MUSIC : Waltz, "Sovenir Des Baines De Baden" *Bousquet*

ORATION : National Inconsistency and National Greatness.

HENRY GRABER, Royersford, Pa.

ORATION : The Political Problem of the Twentieth Century.

CHARLES GROVE HAINES, Bigmount, Pa.

ORATION : The Monroe Doctrine, a National Necessity.

FRANK HENDRICKS HOBSON, Collegetown, Pa.

MUSIC : March, "The Jolly Village Boys" (Characteristic)
C. J. Hickernell

ORATION : High Selfishness.

WALTER EDWARD HOFFSOMMER, Phoenixville, Pa.

ORATION : William McKinley.

ALBERT G. PETERS, Homifan, Pa.

MUSIC : Song and Dance, "De Darkies Hop" *H. C. Miller*

ORATION : The Despised Man of the Ages.

JOHN HENRY POORMAN, Lebanon, Pa.

ORATION : College Atmosphere.

MARION GERTRUDE SPANGLER, Collegetown, Pa.

MUSIC : Selection, "Ill Trovatore" *Verdi*

AWARDING OF THE MEDALS.

MUSIC : March, "Old Friends" *W. H. Thomas*

BENEDICTION.

The judges were : Prof. Felix E. Schelling, professor of English, University of Pennsylvania ; Louis M. Childs, Esq., Norristown and the Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Reading.

The award of the judges was the following : Gold Medal, offered by F. G. Hobson, Esq., A. M., '76, to Walter E. Hoffsom-

mer, Phoenixville, Pa ; Gold Medal, offered by the Rev. J. W. Meminger, A. B., '84, to John H. Poorman, Lebanon, Pa. and Honorable Mention to Marion G. Spangler, Collegeville, Pa.

Mr. Hoffsommer will represent Ursinus in the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest at Mt. Gretna this summer and at Swarthmore next March.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association Tuesday afternoon : President, the Rev. C. H. Brandt, A. B., '90 ; Vice-President, the Rev. C. S. Rahn, A. B., '96 ; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Ella B. Price, B. S., '86 ; Historian, Prof. G. L. Omwake, A. M., B. D., '98 ; Librarian, the Rev. W. A. Kline, A. M., B. D., '93 ; Athletic Committee, the Rev. S. L. Messinger, A. M., '85 ; Alumni Orator, I. C. Williams, Esq., A. B., '91 ; Alternate Alumni Orator, Alvin Hunsicker, A. B., '84.

Prof. Omwake was appointed as a committee of one to confer with the BULLETIN staff relative to proposed changes in the publication of the BULLETIN.

RUBY MEMORIAL TABLET.

On the afternoon of June 10, a large number of students, alumni and friends witnessed the unveiling of the Ruby Memorial Tablet in Dr. Urban's recitation room. The tablet bears the following inscription :

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ALUMNI ORATION.

The annual address before the alumni was delivered on Tuesday evening by the Rev. Wallace H. Wotring, A. M., B. D., '89, of Nazareth, Pa. The Chaminade Glee Club rendered several selections. The subject of the oration was "Causes for the Numerical Decline of Candidates for the Gospel Ministry."

The orator handled this up-to-date theme in a very able and practical manner. He said in part :

"There is no doubt that one of the reasons for this decline has been the great theological agitation of our day. In the struggle between the old and the new theology, many become unconcerned, whilst others, not being able to think for themselves, become skeptical and disgusted.

"Again, to be or to have been a beneficiary student is to commit a sin which the world cannot easily forgive. This condition has arisen from indiscretion on the part of the students enjoying such privileges, from reproach on the part of those who never have experienced the inconvenience of being poor, and from the opposition of aged ministers to this method of clerical application.

"The meager support given to many ministers has had its chilling effect. Giving ministers a liberal support is a necessity, since over the hills there is no ministerial poorhouse. So appalling is the condition of aged ministers that some impertinent fellow has said that it were best to shoot them. The discarded minister is still an unsolved problem."

For two hours after the exercises in the College Chapel on Tuesday evening the President's home was thronged with Alumni and their friends. A most enjoyable time was had.

COMMENCEMENT DAY.

The exercises of the thirty-second Commencement Day of Ursinus College opened with several beautiful selections by the

Wolsieffer Orchestra of Philadelphia. Prayer was then offered by the Rev. A. B. Markley, A. B., '76, of Warren, Pa.

Walter F. Kern, the Salutatorian, whose subject was "The Search for Truth" was excused from speaking on account of recent illness. John Lentz delivered an oration on "The Expounder of the Constitution," which was followed by the Val-edictory Oration on "The Worth of the Strenuous Life" by Mary E. Markley.

The Commencement Oration was delivered by the Rev. Wayland Hoyt, D. D., LL. D., pastor of Epiphany Baptist Church, Philadelphia. He drew a number of very practical lessons from the life of Dr. Arnold of Rugby. Emphasis was laid especially on the necessity of earnest toil, the inestimable value of cheer, and the need of tact and religion in every undertaking.

The following received their degrees in course: A. B. *Summa Cum Laude*—Mary E. Markley; A. B. *Cum Laude*—Walter F. Kern, John B. Long, Bertha Moser; A. B.—Nevin D. Bartholomew, William P. Fisher, George J. Henry, Dallas R. Krebs, John Lentz, Thomas H. Matterness, Howard R. Miller, Howard U. Miller, Joseph Shrawder.

The following honorary degrees were conferred: A. M.—Frank K. Kohler, Principal of the Polytechnic Institute, Gilberts, Pa.; the Rev. John A. Mertz, pastor of Durham Charge, Durham, Pa., D. D.—The Rev. James W. Meminger, A. B., pastor of the St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.; the Rev. George A. Scheer, A. B., pastor of the St. Mark's Reformed Church Philadelphia, LL. D. —The Rev. Wayland Hoyt, D. D., pastor of the Epiphany Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

Graduated with honor in special department: Classics, Mary E. Markley.

The Sophomore English Prize was equally divided between John E. Hoyt and Edwin M. Sando.

"National Airs" by the Orchestra closed the exercises.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY NOTES.

The Rev. Philip Vollmer, Ph. D., preached the Baccalaureate Sermon before the graduating class of the Allentown College for Women on Sunday evening, June 1.

The Duttera Prize of \$20 for excellence in History was equally divided among Joseph P. Alden, Charles A. Butz and Charles A. Waltman.

The Hebrew Prize of \$20 was awarded to Henry W. Kochenderfer, member of the Junior class.

Dr Carson, of Brooklyn, who preached the Baccalaureate Sermon at the Commencement Exercises of the School of Theology, has offered a prize to be awarded next year to the members of the graduating class. The Faculty will probably select Greek Exegesis as the subject.

This year's graduates will labor as follows: Beck, Bowers, Rowe in North Carolina; Alden, Gramm and Kugler in Ohio; Garrett at McConnellstown, Pa.; Waltman at Blain, Pa.; and Stick as Business Manager of the Japan Missions.

The Commencement Exercises were given in full in the May number of the BULLETIN.

E. V. Loucks will spend the summer in Illinois Classis as a Sunday School Missionary.

THE TIDE TURNS.

The team journeyed to Lancaster and downed F. and M. handily by the score of 13 to 4. F. and M. had no show, but in spite of the heavy odds and the poor condition of Triechler, they played a good game. This victory is signified as the turning of the tide of defeats. Triechler's slashing home run over left field fence with two on base and the hitting of Ursinus were the features of the day, while the great big fire, parade and bursting of pent up enthusiasm were the features of the night.

URSINUS.

F. AND M.

	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.		R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Townsend, p.,	1	2	2	3	0	Shock, c.	1	2	5	1	0
Kelley, c. f.,	1	2	1	0	0	Kilheffer, ss.,	1	2	3	3	0
Price, c.,	3	1	14	0	0	Gitt, 2b.,	1	0	4	1	0
Roth, l. f.,	4	2	0	0	0	Trichler, p.,	1	1	0	1	0
Hoffsommer, 2b.,	1	1	0	2	1	Cook, 3b.,	0	0	2	2	1
Faringer, 3b.,	1	1	0	1	0	Schaefer, l. f.,	0	1	3	0	1
Snyder, ss.,	1	3	0	3	0	Bell rb.,	0	0	5	1	2
Chamberlain, rb.,	0	0	9	0	0	Horn, c. f.,	0	0	5	0	1
Place, r. f.,	1	2	1	0	0	Moyer, r. f.,	0	0	0	1	0
	13	14	27	9	0		4	6	27	10	5.

Ursinus, 2 0 0 0 4 0 3 3 1-13
 F. and M. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 0-4

Two base hits Place, Kilheffer; three base hits, Faringer, Roth, Schock; home runs, Treichler; stolen bases Ursinus 6, F. and M. 1, struckout by Treichler 5, Townsend 12.

URSINUS, 13. DICKINSON, 6.

Dickinson went down before Ursinus, 13 to 6. Carlin held Ursinus well and Dickinson led until the sixth, but in that inning, Price, singled and scored, Roth, Hoffsommer, Snyder, scored successively, again the bases were filled and then Townsend hit a low drive over Bender's head and the game was won; and as the sun sank the Red, Old Gold and Black floated "in the Van.

URSINUS

DICKINSON

	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.		R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Townsend, p.,	2	2	1	3	1	Pong, 3b.,	1	1	1	2	0
Kelley, c. f.,	1	0	0	0	0	Cannon, 2b.,	1	1	2	2	2
Price, c.,	2	2	9	0	0	Bender, c. f., p.,	0	1	1	1	0
Roth, l. f.,	1	0	2	0	0	Oldt, c.,	0	0	7	1	1
Hoffsommer, 2b.,	1	2	3	3	0	Carlin, p., c. f.,	0	0	0	2	0
Snyder, ss.,	1	0	0	0	0	Hunt, rb.,	0	0	9	0	0
Faringer, 3b.,	1	1	1	5	1	Gordon, l. f.,	1	0	1	0	0
Chamberlain, rb.,	3	3	11	0	2	Linninger, ss.,	2	1	2	3	0
Place, r. f.,	1	1	0	0	0	Schiffer, r. f.	1	1	1	0	1
	13	11	27	11	4		6	5	23	11	4

Ursinus, 0 0 2 0 0 8 1 2 x-13
 Dickinson, 0 0 3 2 0 0 0 0 1-6

Struck out by Townsend 7, Carlin 3, Bender 1. Three base hit, Townsend, Chamberlain, Pong; Home runs Chamberlain, Towensend.

URSINUS 5. GETTYSBURG 2.

It was left to the base-ball team to keep the colors waving in victorious breeze and they did it well. The crack team from

Gettysburg played good ball and Thomas pitched well, but Ursinus kept the lead throughout. A wonderful catch in right field by Bingamen, and the batting of Roth and White were the features.

URSINUS.

GETTYSBURG.

	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.		R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Townsend, p.,	0	0	0	5	0	Rowe, l. f.,	1	1	0	0	0
Kelley, c. f.,	2	2	2	0	1	White, c.,	0	2	8	2	0
Price, c.,	0	0	11	1	1	Bingaman, r. f.,	0	0	2	1	1
Roth, l. f.,	1	3	0	0	1	Floto, c. f., p.,	0	0	1	0	0
Hoffsommer, 2b.,	1	1	1	0	1	James, 2b.,	0	0	1	0	1
Snyder, ss.,	0	1	2	0	0	Adams, ss.,	1	0	1	1	2
Faringer, 3b.,	0	2	1	2	2	Rinard, 3b.,	0	1	2	1	2
Chamberlain, 1b.,	0	0	9	0	0	Thomas, p., c. f.,	0	0	1	3	0
Place, r. f.,	1	1	1	0	0	Fisher, 1b.,	0	0	8	0	1
	5	10	27	8	6		2	4	24	8	7

Ursinus, 0 0 1 1 0 1 2 0 x-5
 Gettysburg 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0-2

Struckout Townsend 8, Thomas 6; Three base hit Rowe. Two base hit Roth.

RUTGERS 4. URSINUS 3.

In a close interesting game Rutgers downed Ursinus 4 to 3. In the 3d inning, 3 errors of commission, 1 hit, 1 base on balls and a couple errors of omission lost the game. It was a pitchers' battle with Pangremond and the scarlet on top.

URSINUS.

RUTGERS.

	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.		R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Townsend, p.,	0	0	0	8	0	Edgar, l. f.,	1	1	3	0	1
Kelley, c. f.,	0	0	2	0	0	Fisher, ss.,	0	0	3	4	1
Price, c.,	0	0	7	1	0	Puggan, r. f.,	1	0	1	1	1
Roth, l. f.,	0	0	0	0	1	Peirce, c. f.,	0	0	1	0	1
Hoffsommer, 2b.,	1	0	1	0	1	Hitchner, c.,	0	1	8	1	0
Snyder, ss.,	1	0	1	3	1	Mason, 3b.,	0	0	2	2	1
Faringer, 3b.,	1	1	0	2	2	Conger, 1b.,	0	0	8	0	0
Chamberlain, 1b.,	0	0	11	0	1	Heyer, 2b.,	1	0	1	1	0
Place, r. f.,	0	1	2	0	0	Pangremond, p.,	1	1	0	9	1
	3	2	24	14	6		4	3	27	18	7
Rutgers,	0	0	4	0	0		x-4				
Ursinus,	0	0	0	0	3		0-3				

Susquehanna 6, Ursinus 22. Ursinus walloped Susquehanna with ease.

URSINUS.					SUSQUEHANNA.				
	R.	H.	O.	A. E.		R.	H.	O.	E. A.
Townsend, p.,	4	3	0	1 0	Roberts, l. f.,	2	2	1	0 1
Snyder, ss.,	3	3	0	2 0	Elisson, p., r. f.,	1	0	0	0 0
Price, c.,	4	3	12	2 0	Auchmuty, 2b.,	1	0	4	3 2
Roth, c. f.,	3	3	0	0 0	Wagonseller, s. s.,	0	0	0	1 0
Hoffsommer, 2b.,	1	3	4	4 2	R. Clifton, c. f.,	0	0	1	0 0
Faringer, 3b.	2	1	0	2 2	G. Kitterman, 1b.,	0	0	6	0 0
Ashenfelder, c. f.,	2	1	1	0 0	Frank, c.,	1	0	8	2 3
Fisher, c. f.,	0	0	0	0 0	Moist, p., c. f.,	0	1	3	0 0
Chamberlain, 1b.,	1	2	9	0 2	P. Kitterman, 3b.,	1	0	1	4 2
Place, r. f.,	2	5	1	0 1					
	22	24	27	11 7		6	3	24	10 8
Ursinus,	3	3	4	0 6	2 2 2	x-22			
Susquehanna,	3	0	0	1 0	0 0 2 0	0-6			

SECOND TEAM GAMES

The second opened the season by defeating Conshohocken High School 20-6. The games are given in order.

	R.	H.	E.
Norristown H. S.,	2	0	1 2 0 2 0 0 0-7 6 5
Ursinus Res.,	3	1	0 3 2 1 0 1 x-11 15 5
Batteries, Ursinus Mabry, Trexler. N. H. S., Herman and Shutch.			

	R.	H.	E.
Perkiomen Sem.	4	0	0 6 0 3 0 x-13 9 2
Ursinus Res.	0	0	0 0 0 0 2 1-3 3 13
Batteries, Ursinus, Fisher and Lentz. Perkiomen, Roeder and Haldeman.			

	R.	H.	E.
Ursinus Res.	2	0	0 3 2 2 4 1 0-14 15 14
F. and M. Academy	3	7	0 6 1 0 6 3 0-26 10 4
Batteries, Ursinus, Mabry and Trexler. Academy, McMichael and Barthold.			

	R.	H.	E.
Ursinus Res.	1	3	2 2 8 1 8 1 0-26 21 6
Presbyterian School	2	2	0 0 0 1 2 0 3-10 7 12
Batteries, Ursinus, Mabry and Trexler. School, Seeler and Regan.			

COLLEGE WORLD.

The amount of good, solid work in our exchanges the past month is unusually great. We are able to notice but a few of the many excellent journals that have come to our desk.

The College Folio has a timely editorial on "Our Mother Tongue." Among other things the writer says, "Slang is not of this century nor of the last; it is as old as Homer, but it is always an impertinence and an intrusion and should be frowned upon by all who love their mother tongue."

The Aerolth contains a brief but noteworthy biography of Joachim Neander, one of the famed hymn writers of the Reformed Church.

The prize orations in the *May Comenian* are full of genuine spirit and well worth reading.

The Signal contains several short stories of considerable merit and a very good article on "The Acolhuans".

Some of the sentiments expressed in "Whither are We Drifting" in *The Anchor* are rather unworthy of twentieth century life.

The exchange department of *The Tech* is far above the average.

"Shylock, An Exposition" in *The Syracuse University Herald* shows on the part of the writer a well defined knowledge of one of Shakespeare's most interesting characters.

The "Stroller" in *The Williams Weekly* is always interesting and to the point.

The Spectator has a fine collection of "Gems." It pays to make a study of them.

Among the stories of the month "A Legend of the Ojibways" in the *Susquehauna*, and "Mysterious Jimmie" in the *Porcupine* are very good.

Among the best verse of the month is "The Universal Mystery" in *The College Student*.

Henry A. Havemeyer, the New York millionaire, has subscribed \$20,000 to the \$250,000 fund which has been raised by Bryn Mawr College to meet the conditional gift of the same amount of John D. Rockefeller.

Of the eleven debates held between Harvard and Yale since 1891, Harvard has won all but three.

Allegheny College has added \$200,000 to its endowment fund through the efforts of its president, Dr. W. H. Crawford.

Lord Kelvin, the great English physicist, has been making a tour of the Eastern colleges. Yale honored him with the degree of LL. D.

By a vote of two to one, the judges awarded the decision to Brown University in the recent debate between Brown and Syracuse at Providence, R. I.

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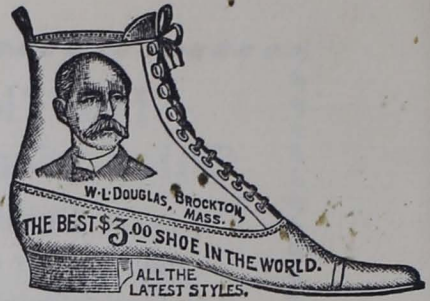
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