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**The Tower Window**

THE endowment of scholarships at Ursinus goes steadily on. Since the publication of the list in the last catalogue two new scholarships have been established and one already existing has been considerably enlarged. Two gentlemen of Philadelphia, members of Grace Reformed Church of that city, have endowed a scholarship at One Thousand Dollars in the name of their church. From the estate of Miss Annie Neff, late of Alexandria, Pennsylvania, came two checks last week, one in the amount of \$1,475.47 for the founding of the "Annie Neff Scholarship" the income to be used "for the education of a young man for the ministry," and another in the amount of \$787.50 to be added to the Martin Neff Scholarship of \$1,000 founded from the estate of Martin Neff, her brother in 1919. Another individual is at present arranging to donate a sum of money on which he is to receive an annuity, but which at his death, is to become a permanent scholarship endowment.

We sincerely trust that this movement for the endowment of scholarships will bear further fruit. The need is imminent and will always exist. With the elevation of standards in higher education and the increased cost of maintenance Ursinus must have a larger income. This is produced in part from the general endowment of the institution, and in part from fees paid by students. The latter although increased slightly this year, are still comparatively low and can be met without embarrassment by most of our students. The tendency among colleges in America is to make the charges to students more nearly approximate the actual cost, leaving a lesser part to be met through the benefaction of others. In fact there are some economists who contend that persons seeking a higher education ought to pay every cent of what it costs. This would be a sound theory if all the youth who ought to be educated were possessed of ample means, but we have not yet reached that happy stage in the distribution of wealth, and indeed are very far from its realization.

To admit to college only students from homes wealthy enough to meet all costs, would be to confer college education only on the relatively well-to-do which would be to foster a sort of caste system—a grossly un-American proposition. As it happens, mental ability and the promise of usefulness do not necessarily run parallel with material wealth. Sometimes scholarship varies inversely with the amount of wealth at the student's disposal—the more wealth, the less scholarship. Fortunately Ursinus does not suffer from an over-population of this kind of students. A large proportion must really struggle to find the means that will keep them in college. This type of student is generally in great earnest. He contributes to the morale as well as to the scholarship of the institution. It is desirable for the college and for society at large that he should be encouraged.

Many students short of means are seeking a college education for their financial betterment. For them the money they put into their education is in the nature of a commercial investment. What they need is not that money be given them outright but rather that they might borrow it on terms that will permit them to go on with their work. To meet the needs of this class, Ursinus should have a Loan Fund. Whoever will establish this will be conferring as great a favor as if he were to found a scholarship. A few thousand dollars would meet this need. After a few years the loans would come back and the fund, thus revolving, would not need to be greatly increased in the future.

But there are students who are pursuing a college course with the high purpose of increasing their usefulness to society without reference to financial returns. This is true of all such as are preparing for the philanthropic professions such as the ministry, social service, etc. As a rule students having these purposes come from the more humble homes. To such the college must keep its doors open and it must be in position to reach down with a helping hand to supplement the efforts of the youth and his self-sacrificing family. In some cases it is necessary to reach

farther than in others. Therefore we need scholarships yielding varying amounts. The principal sums constituting the endowments should range all the way from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Ample scholarship endowment will not only help students lacking means. It will help the College as well, for even in times of business depression by means of the scholarships it can keep the attendance up to normal enrollment with one hundred per cent income from each student, thus having the full means for maintenance which the budget should anticipate from student fees.

At present the endowment of scholarships is no less important than the endowment of instruction. G. L. O.

— Beat F. & M. —

**ALUMNI NOTES**

Vivian Waltman, '28, is teaching mathematics and science at the High School in Tuckerton, N. J.

Naomi Brong, '27, received her Master's degree in Religious Education at the Boston University, last June. Her thesis was "Famous Women of Hymnology." Miss Brong is teaching English in the High School at Pen Argyl, Pa.

Alice Fetters, '28, is teaching mathematics in the High School at Millville, N. J.

The engagement of H. Elizabeth Layman, '28, and Frank Boyce, both of Wilmington, Delaware, was recently announced.

Lloyd Hoagey, '28, is teaching mathematics and coaching athletics at the High School in Pennsburg, Pa.

Helen Lucas, '28, is doing substitute work in the schools of Harrisburg, Pa.

Calvin Frankenfield, '26, is an instructor at Nazareth Hall Military Academy, Nazareth, Pa.

E. Karl Houck, B. S., M. D., '23, formerly resident physician at the Homeopathic Hospital, recently announced the opening of offices for the general practice of medicine at 241 W. Oley Street, Reading, Pa.

Grace Kauffman, '27, soprano, was the winner in the women's division of a preliminary contest for the second National Radio Audition for young men and women sponsored by the Atwater Kent Foundation. Musical artists of Montgomery county took part in the contest, which was held Monday evening, October 1, at the home of Mrs. Samuel L. Borton, county chairman, DeKalb Street, Norristown, Pa. Victor Rosenguest, baritone, of Bryn Athyn, was the winner for the men. The winners will compete in the district contest over the radio from W F I, Philadelphia. The audition for women's voices will be held October 13 and for the men October 20. The judges in the preliminary contest were: Mrs. Gistov Hinrichs, Mountain Lake, N. J., Judge J. Burnett Holland, Norristown; and Dr. J. Lynn Barnard, of Ursinus College.

Daniel Ludwig, '23, received his Ph. D., in Zoology last June from the University of Pennsylvania. He is now assistant professor of Entomology at Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Hester M. Heilman, '24, again spent the summer in the Library School at Columbia University. She has now returned to Denver, Colorado, where she is engaged as librarian in the South High School. This is Miss Heilman's third year in Denver.

Elizabeth W. Poley, '24, returned in August from a summer's tour of Europe. This was Miss Poley's second summer abroad, having spent 1926 in study at the Alliance Francaise in Paris. At present she is teaching French in the Cheltenham High School at Elkins Park, Pa.

Rev. O. P. Schellhamer, D. D., '85, recently held a note-burning service in Faith Reformed Church, York, Pa. Dr. Schellhamer organized this congregation about thirty years ago while serving as pastor of a neighboring charge. Recently he became pastor of Faith Church congregation which is now self-supporting, possessed of a good equipment and free from debt. The note burned was for \$16,000.

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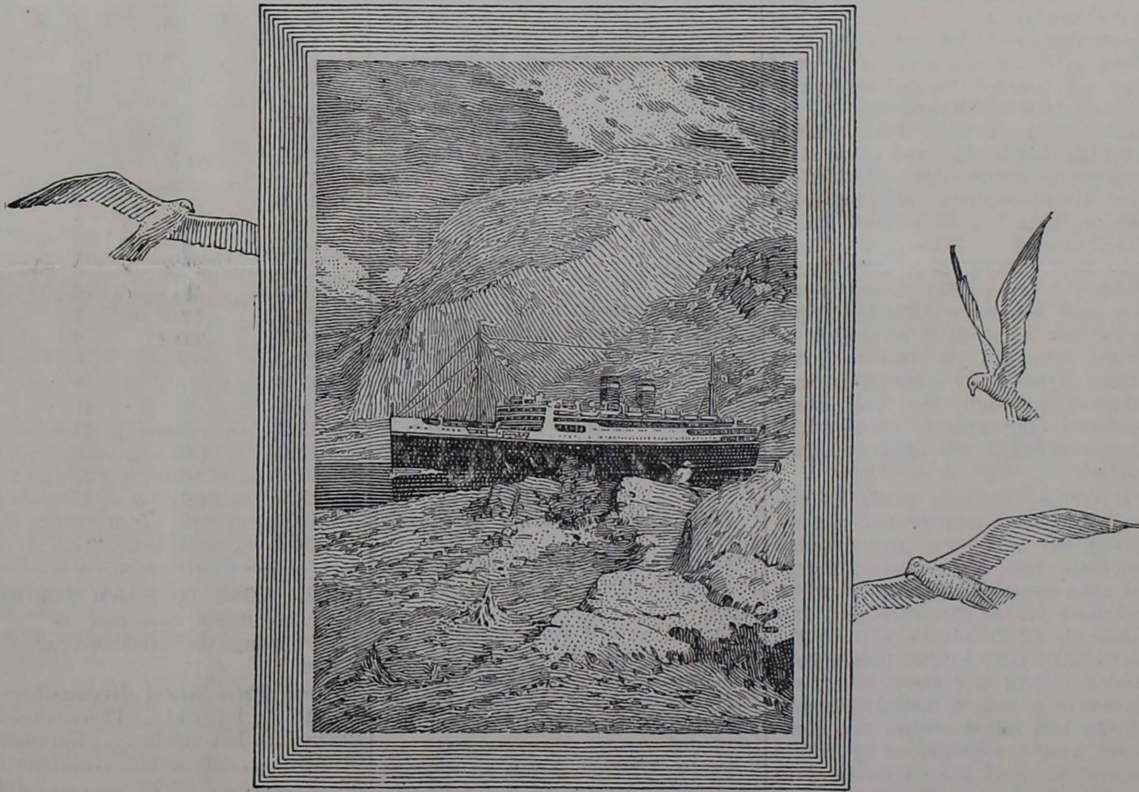
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