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The Tower Window

It was my privilege last week to attend the annual meeting of the Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches Throughout the World Holding the Presbyterian System. The sessions were held in the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church in Baltimore—a church distinguished by the pastorate of Dr. Harris Elliott Kirk, one of the best of contemporary American preachers.

This Alliance comprises two sections—the Eastern which includes all the Reformed and Presbyterian bodies of the continent of Europe and the British Isles, and the Western which embraces the Presbyterian and Reformed denominations of the United States and Canada. The Alliance is just fifty years old and in a few months will celebrate its golden anniversary with appropriate services in the cathedral of Saint Giles in Edinburgh, Scotland, where it was first organized. Meetings of the entire body are held every four years. These meetings are called councils. The last council was held at Cardiff, Wales, in 1925 and the next will be held at Boston in 1929. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger took an active interest in the Alliance from the beginning and attended one of the European councils back in the eighties. Dr. James I. Good was long a member and attended regularly all its meetings. At the time of his death he was regarded as one of its most distinguished members. Because of his travels and labors as a representative of the Alliance he was said to be the best known American in Europe.

The two sections meet annually. In these meetings are brought together the representatives of those protestant churches which trace their origin to Zwingli and Calvin and whose government is presbyterian in form. A year ago the Western Section absorbed another pan-presbyterian organization known as the General Council of Presbyterian and Reformed churches in America. In doing so it took on some of the characteristics of the latter as to form and purpose. The Western Section of the Alliance is now strictly a representative body made up of delegates elected by the supreme judications of the constituent churches and one of its purposes is actively to promote unity among these denominations. At the Baltimore meeting it was resolved that the theme for discussion at next year's sessions shall be that of organic union of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches.

The Section accepted an invitation to hold its next meeting at Lancaster, Pa. G. L. O.



ALUMNI NOTES

Please send news about yourself and other alumni to the Alumni Editor. All news greatly appreciated.

Edwin N. Faye, Jr., who will be graduated from Central Seminary in May, has been called to Grace Reformed church, Altoona, as the successor of David Lockart, '13. This is one of the finest opportunities of service in Central Pennsylvania and those who know Mr. Faye predict a successful pastorate.

Warren Beitsch, '25, and Dorothy Threapleton, '26, were visitors on the campus on Thursday evening, when Mr. Bietsch acted as chairman of the intercollegiate debate between Ursinus Men's Negative Team and the Juniata Men's Armative Team. Some of the alumni will recall that the engagement of Miss Threapleton and Mr. Bietsch was announced at Miss Threapleton's home last fall.

COEDS DEFEATS CEDAR CREST ON HOME COURT

On Monday afternoon the girls' basketball sextette defeated Cedar Crest in a hard fought game on the Ursinus court.

A goal scored by Seitz on the initial tap-off registered the first score. Cedar Crest failed to score until the second quarter. A beautiful long shot by Alderfer from a difficult angle raised the score to 11-4 at the end of the first half. Cedar Crest's score was made entirely through shots from the foul line.

In the third quarter Cedar Crest began some fast playing, but thruout the entire game the Ursinus girls showed superior work and the final score stood 19-12.

Ursinus	Cedar Crest
Seitz forward	Hartman
Alderfer forward	Donin
Leo center	Meyers
Waltman ... side center	Cramer
Johnson guard	Trigger
Fritsch guard	Trull

GIRLS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- Jan. 14—Ursinus 27; Phila Normal 11
- Feb. 3—Ursinus 13; Beaver 22
- Feb. 8—Ursinus 23; Drexel 23
- Feb. 11—Ursinus 20; Rosemont 20
- Feb. 17—Trenton Nor. 36; Ursinus 12
- Feb. 28—Ursinus, 19; C. C., 12
- Mar. 4—Ursinus, 22; Beaver, 14.
- Mar. 8—Schuylkill (home).
- Mar. 11—Drexel (home).
- Mar. 16—Schuylkill (away)
- Mar. 24—Temple (away).
- Mar. 28—Cedar Crest (away).

1926-27 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- Dec. 4—Ursinus, 28; Penn 23.
- Dec. 14—Ursinus 56; Textile 31
- Jan. 8—Muhlenberg 35; Ursinus 30
- Jan. 11—Ursinus 32; Osteopathy 17
- Jan. 15—Rutgers 37; Ursinus 26
- Jan. 18—Ursinus 45; Swarthmore 35.
- Feb. 5—F. & M., 37; Ursinus, 23.
- Feb. 9—Temple 39; Ursinus 29
- Feb. 11—Juniata 34; Ursinus 33
- Feb. 15—Leb. Val. 39; Ursinus 31
- Feb. 18—Brooklyn C. C. 53; U. 37
- Feb. 19—U. 31; Brooklyn Poly. 23
- Feb. 23—Haverford, 26; Ursinus 15
- Feb. 26—Ursinus, 26; Temple, 24
- March 2—Penn State 42; Ursinus 23.
- March 3—Bucknell, 40; Ursinus 20.
- March 8—Bucknell (home)
- March 10—Univ. of Delaware (away)

CHESS CLUB ORGANIZED BY DR. JOHN W. CLAWSON

A chess club has been founded at Ursinus with the hope of scheduling several matches this year. Dr. J. W. Clawson has consented to coach the boys interested in the game.

Any one interested in chess should try out for the team. The men day students are already playing a tournament in order to pick the best players.

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Y. M. AND Y. W. C. A. HOLD JOINT MEETING WED. NIGHT

On Wednesday evening the Y. M.-Y. W. joint meeting was addressed by Mr. Lofton Wesley, of Depau University, Green Castle, Iowa. Mr. Wesley is a representative of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association and it was with much interest that Ursinus students heard him speak on this subject.

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Then too, take our transportation system. In our country today over twenty million people are owners of automobiles. It is a true fact and worthy of consideration that "an intoxicated driver is a potential murderer." It is only right to demand that people with machines under their control should abstain from liquor.

Also from an industrial standpoint, a man has to be at his best to succeed. Mr. Wesley cited the case of a man in command of others and told how his negligence brought about their deaths. To hold a responsible position, a man must be himself responsible.

Considering the question from a sociological viewpoint, it is interesting to note that all sociologists are prohibitionists. They realize the terrible enormity of crimes growing out of drink. The people of America are the ones that have to pay for the maintenance and support of men that become burdens to society. It is only fair that the people should rise up against the main cause of vice and try and stamp it out.

Finally, Mr. Wesley said it is impossible to adopt any kind of a compromise on the subject. If the liquor trade is allowed to continue it is inevitable that it will grow; and the only way to put an end to the question is to wipe it out entirely.

The meeting was in charge of Mr. Kratz, '27, and at the close the students asked Mr. Wesley various and sundry questions concerning the subject. The speaker concluded the address with the motto of Dr. Coolidge. "We specialize in the impossible."

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