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CLASS OF THIRTY-TWO RECEIVES DIPLOMAS

The Hon J. Hampton Moore Delivers Commencement Oration

Commencement exercises were held last Wednesday morning in Bomberger Hall when a class of thirty-two received diplomas. The degree of A. B. was bestowed on twenty-seven persons; the others receiving the B. S. degree. Miss Dorothy Shiffert was valedictorian; Ernest Y. Raetzer, salutatorian. Miss Shiffert graduated Magna Cum Laude while Mr. Raetzer, Miss Rebekah Sheaffer and Etta J. Wickersham were honored by receiving their diplomas Cum Laude. Honorary degrees were conferred on the Hon. J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia, and on the Rev. Thomas H. Evans, of Norristown, Pa. That of LL. D. on the former and D. D. on the latter.

At ten o'clock the exercises were begun by an organ recital by Mr. Harry A. Sykes, of Norristown. The following selections were played: "Epithalamium," Matthews; "Berceuse" from "Jocelyn," Godard; "Torchlight March," Guilman; "Echo," Yon; "First Concert Study," Yon.

At ten thirty o'clock the faculty, directors and graduates marched into Bomberger and took their places. After a prayer by Rev. Thomas H. Evans, Mr. Raetzer delivered the salutatory oration—"The Dawn of Intolerance." He pointed out that we have just fought a great war to destroy autocracy and that it is our great need to war against intolerance. Anyone who tries to introduce anything new is at once branded as a destroyer of civilization. The dawn of tolerance is breaking but in the shadows there still lurks the blackness of retrogression. The valedictory oration "The Abode of Peace" was given by Miss Dorothy Shiffert. She reviewed the past history of the Holy Land and Allenby's recent capture of Jerusalem and advocated that along with other revived races, the Jews be given their ancient heritage.

Following this the commencement oration was delivered by the Honorable Joseph Hampton Moore, congressman for the third district of Pennsylvania. A resume of his speech is as follows:

We should pay more attention to our nation and less to ourselves personally. I am glad to see in Ursinus College a body of men who leave the seeking of material things to others and sacrifice their own interests for the bettering of the world by imparting knowledge. Fifty years ago when this College was founded, the nation was entering into a period of reconstruction with accompanying greed, injustice and hypocrisy. Today after the World War it is much the same. To you who are just going

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CLASS DAY CELEBRATED MONDAY AFTERNOON

Class History, Will, Prophecy and Presentations Make Entertaining Program

Class day activities were held in Bomberger Hall last Monday afternoon at two o'clock. The program was opened by an organ prelude by Wallace Bancroft after which the president of the graduating class, Jesse B. Yaukey, welcomed the alumni, students, parents and friends in a short address. Emma M. Schweigert then read a history of the activities of her class during its four years at college. A musical number followed—two solos, "Springtime," (Becker) and "Fiddle and I," (Goodeve) by Miss Greta Hinkle with violin obligato by Charles Rutschky.

The class oration was given by Philip May who spoke on "The Call of Tomorrow." He reminded his class that they were on the great divide between two epochs—the end of college days and the future, and that a long life of useful labor could only repay their Alma Mater for the benefits that they have received. Succeeding the class oration the prophecy was given by Matilda Maurer and Etta Wickersham in a rather novel way. Miss Wickersham was dressed as a fortune-teller and Miss Maurer came in to have her future read, but on recognizing the soothsayer to be one of her former friends at college, they speak of their classmates. Those that they do not know anything about, they learn of through a crystal. Needless to say some of the members of the class reached astonishing positions in life.

A mixed chorus then sang, "Come to the Gay Feast of Song" (DeRuf) and "The Violet and the Bee" (Caldicott). Emily R. Philips was leader and was assisted by Greta P. Hinkle, Elizabeth M. Lattell, Rebekah S. Sheaffer, Alma M. Fegely, Grace Chandler, Lamont G. Beers, Philip J. May, Wallace C. Savage, Frank M. Hunter, Jesse B. Yaukey and Dana F. Griffin. After the musical number, Miss Jessamine Macdonald gave a very excellent reading—"The Painter's Seville," by Wilson, following which J. Marion Jones, Clara E. Moul and Guiliam G. Clamer made the presentations. A pretzel, olives, hair tonic, swagger stick, time book, fountain pen, grater, pocket mirror, piece of the campus, framed picture, toy kitchen, bird cage, toy trunk, scepter, baseball, suspenders and a veil were among the things given out to the various members of the class. It is needless to say some proved embarrassing to the recipients and provoked much laughter on the part of the audience.

The part of censor was taken by Herman Krekstein who bequeathed to the maker of

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ALUMNI ORATION BY REV. N. D. BARTHOLOMEW

President Omwake Gave Reception in Free-land Hall Immediately After Oration

As a fitting climax to alumni day, the alumni oration was given, and the president's reception held, Tuesday evening. Besides Mr. Bartholomew's oration a short program had been prepared. It was as follows: I "Aria" (in Italian) from Grammi Schuschi by Miss Marion Spangler, '03; II "Prayer," Rev. Walter E. Garrett, '99, of Philadelphia; III "Piano Concerto in G Minor," (first movement) Schutt, Miss Waldron assisted by Miss Wagner on the organ; IV English songs by Cyril Scott—lullaby—"Blackbirds Song," Miss Marion G. Spangler, '03; V Alumni oration; "The Basis of an Enduring Civilization" by Rev. Nevin D. Bartholomew, '02; VI "Benediction," Rev. W. E. Garrett, '99.

Rev. Mr. Bartholomew, '02, is one of the secretaries of the New Era Movement of the Presbyterian Church and at present lives at Buffalo, New York. Without a doubt he is one of the most prominent among the alumni of the College. An abstract of his oration is as follows:

The war has brought about uncertainty and restlessness in our life and has demonstrated that civilization can not be based alone on education and material things. It needs something far more stable. Civilization without spirituality is doomed. Israel before her fall was faint spiritually and the same has been true of Germany. Her Christianity had become devitalized and the same is true of the Allies who fought against her.

Christ's "Sermon on the Mount" turned men to a new side of life. Christ stressed the spiritual side and it is a remarkable fact that out of his many commands few have to do with material things. Their transiency has been demonstrated by the wreck of nations who lived without spirituality. Sometimes we grow distressed when we see a Napoleon or a Kaiser leading the world apparently to destruction; but it should be remembered that each attempt leaves spirituality higher enthroned than before.

The great need of civilization is a new and strengthened church. The church has been too prone to follow and not to lead in the world. During the war, the Vatican proposed peace, but never did it protest against the rape of Belgium. The same can be also said of the Protestant leaders. We must have a church which will stand up and tell the rulers of nations when they sin. Civilization can only be based on a new and stronger church. If the church fails civilization fails; but it will not, it dare not,

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The usual editorial is omitted this week, owing to the fact that all our space is needed to give an account of the proceedings of Commencement.

Board Meeting

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the College was held Tuesday at 10 a. m. The following members were present: H. T. Spangler, E. A. Krusen, I. C. Fisher, J. M. S. Isenberg, S. L. Messinger, G. L. Omwake, H. E. Paisley, E. F. Wiest, W. A. Kline, J. F. Hendricks and C. D. Yost. A large volume of business was disposed of, and some problems both on the physical and educational sides of the College were carefully considered. The President of the College reported that the budget of the past year amounted to \$100,380.00. The receipts during this period amounted to \$97,533. The fiscal year will end on August 31 and in the meantime the small deficit will be more than met. The gifts received during the year mount up to \$29,276.95. Of this amount \$14,500 has been added to the endowment fund, bringing the total of that fund to \$251,100.00.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Alumni Association on Tuesday afternoon, although occupied with a large amount of routine business, was full of interest because of the various reports presented. The treasurer of the Association, the treasurer of the Library fund, the representative in the Athletic Committee, the Business Manager of the "Weekly" in succession presented their annual reports. The historian of the Association gave his report in which he announced the

death during the year of the following alumni of the College: Lieut. Frank M. Glendenning, '15, A. Roy Isenberg, '12, Lieut. Frederick LeRoy Moser, '10, Rev. A. Nevin Brubaker, '13, Charles Otto Reinhold, '13, Vernon F. Christman, '13, Dr. George Baney Wolff, '08, Byron Snyder Fegely, '15, Dr. Philip Howard Fogel, '01, Rev. Samuel A. Hitner, '89. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Rev. Albert G. Peters, '03, vice president, Mrs. Sara Hendricks Ebert, '93, secretary-treasurer, Calvin D. Yost, '91, historian, Rev. Carl G. Petri, '00, librarian, Prof. W. A. Kline. The Alumni orator for 1920 is Francis J. Gildner, '00, of Allentown, Pa., and the alternate, Lieut. E. I. Cook.

THE ALUMNI DINNER

On Tuesday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock the alumni dinner was served in Freeland and Derr Hall dining rooms. A very large number of alumni, students, and friends, were in attendance. After dinner speeches were made by Rev. Albert G. Peters, '03, president of the Alumni Association; Sergt. Harry W. Mathieu, '11, president of the Alumni Athletic Club; and Mrs. Helen Neff Tyson, '09, president of the Ursinus Woman's Club. A few remarks were also made by the alumni historian, Rev. Carl G. Petri, '00.

Succeeding these speeches a very important matter was brought up for consideration by President Omwake—that of the erection of some memorial to the men who have given their lives or fought in the World War. After a round table discussion it was moved and passed that a committee of fifteen persons be appointed by Dr. Omwake to take further steps in the matter.

New Men's Student Council Organizes

The new Men's Student Council met for the first time on June 3 and elected Roy Hefren, president. The Council is made up of: John W. Myers, president of the Classical Group; D. E. Grove, president of the Chemical Biological Group; Roy Hefren, president of the Historical Political Group; J. L. Miller, president of the English Historical Group; Arthur Walton and Bertram Light, as members of the Senior class; C. U. Shellenberger, Paul Isenberg, F. W. Schlater and Clyde Moser, Junior class representatives; G. E. Brown and Chester W. Moore, as members of the Sophomore class.

Women's Student Council Elects Officers

Council took place on June 6. Those elected were: President Lois Hook; vice president, Helen Fahringer; secretary, Frieda Ash. Nora Keely, Bernice Wagner and Pauline Davis are the representatives of the Senior class while the Junior class is represented by Ruth Snyder and Josephine Xander. The Sophomore class is entitled to two members but they have not yet been elected.

The fiftieth academic year of the College will open September 17, 1919.

Class of Thirty-two Receives Diplomas

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forth into the world, remember that there is still much subterfuge to be fought

against and it will not only be found in the life of men and women, but in the life of nations.

I wish that the nation would be tolerant of Congress and that it could understand the monumental things that are before the legislators. When the fiscal year closes on June 30 it will be found that the expenses of the past year will have been around ten billion of dollars while the recent provision for taxes will bring in only half of this sum. Such questions as these must be met and met wisely.

Whatever may be said about the war, the truth is, that we won it. And now that it is won, we should give the two or three hundred thousand Pennsylvania soldiers, the assurance of peace. Our job is in the United States; we have no business policing the Balkans and Turkey. We must fall back on the Constitution and carry on our affairs in accordance with its principles. Our place is not in Europe.

On the conclusion of Mr. Moore's address the degrees were conferred and honors announced. The gold cross for men offered by Rev. O. P. Schellhamer to the student who has exerted the best influence among his fellows was awarded to Jesse Yaukey. The corresponding gold cross for women offered by the Rev. I. N. Peightel was given to Emma M. Schweigert. The winner of the Havilah McCurdy Bennett essay prize was also announced. The twenty dollars in gold was awarded to George Brown, '22, for his essay on "Reconstruction."

Following this, President Omwake made his "Address to the Graduating Class." He implored each graduate to meet the obstacles of life unflinchingly and standing on both feet. Put into life that high quality that you have imbibed during your college course. I know each member of the class and I feel certain that there will be no failures. Indeed, I am certain that there will be some great leaders; although it would be impossible to pick them out now. And I would implore you to be patient. It often seems as if the great men of history reached their position at a single leap, but this is far from the truth. Long seasons of persistent effort only brought them recognition.

Dr. Omwake then told of the present flourishing condition of the College's finances and the imperative need for a number of new dormitories and administrative buildings. He concluded his remarks by appointing a committee to select some memorial for the Ursinus men who fell in battle or gave their services during the World War. It is made up of the following persons: O. P. Schellhamer, '85, I. C. Fisher, '89, Frank B. Miller, '91, J. M. S. Isenberg, '93, E. W. Lentz, '95, W. E. Garrett, '99, N. D. Bartholomew, '02, E. M. Sando, '04, R. E. Miller, '05, Mabel Hobson Fretz, '06, H. B. Danehower, '08, Helen Neff Tyson, '09, Paul Allen Mertz, '10, C. F. Deininger, '15, and Lloyd O. Yost, '17.

Two new members have been added to the faculty. They are Ralph Mitterling, '15, Graduate Athletic Director and Instructor in Physical Education for Men, and Paul A. Mertz, A. M., '10, Assistant Professor of Education and Assistant to the President.

In the afternoon a concert was given on the campus by the Pottstown Band.

The Tower Window



THE interest shown by the alumni in the welfare and progress of Ursinus at the recent commencement was most gratifying. This interest was especially tense when at the dinner on Tuesday evening the question was presented as to what we should do in the way of establishing a memorial to the men of Ursinus who gave

their services, and especially to those who gave their lives, in the war.

Most of the Ursinus men belong to the Seventy-ninth division which is just now returning from overseas. A few had received their discharge in time to enable them to reach home, and one was at the banquet table. It is a great joy to have these boys, all of whom we have followed with the keenest personal interest, back home. But in addition to this happiness we feel deeply that we owe these men something. Their coming back, impresses us the more deeply, also, with the loss we suffer in that seven of our very best will never come back. Both the living and the dead were our representatives, and now how can we show, in some enduring way, our love and gratitude.

Coupled with this is another sentiment to which some one gave expression at commencement. The cause for which our men dared to die is the cause for which the College was founded. Their magnificent morale was rooted and grounded in the Ursinus spirit. What "humanity," "justice," "liberty" and truth meant to these soldiers after their four years in this college! And so the thought persists: do we not owe something in this connection to Alma Mater too? We can best honor the boys by also honoring the College and doing something to meet one of its important needs.

The committee appointed to work out this correlation of desires has a most important duty before it. We shall await its conclusions with burning interest and with readiness to meet their challenge.

G. L. O.

Johnson-Seiz Wedding

On the afternoon of Commencement day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Seiz in Mont Clare, Russell C. Johnson and Mary H. Seiz, were united in marriage. Leslie Rutledge, '16, was best man, and Miss Mildred Paul, '16, played the wedding march. Following a reception at the Seiz home the couple left for a wedding trip after which they will reside in Mont Clare for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were both members of the class of 1916 in the College. The "Weekly" extends hearty congratulations.

The class of 1914 has again sent in its contribution for the College Library. The gifts thus far amount to \$42.00. If a number of classes were to pursue a similar plan the needs of the Library for the purchase of books could be more adequately met.

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JUNIOR ORATORICAL CONTESTS OF HIGH CALIBRE

L. P. Moore Wins First Prize in Men's Contest; Alma Fries in the Women's

The annual Junior Oratorical Contests were held Monday evening. The prizes in the Men's Contest were twenty and fifteen dollars in gold offered by Alvin Hunsicker, '84, and Rev. J. W. Meminger, '84, respectively. In the Women's Contest the first prize was also twenty dollars in gold and was offered by the Faculty Ladies' Literary Club of Ursinus College. The second prize was ten dollars in gold, contributed by Miss Katherine E. Metzger.

The judges in the Men's Contest were: Dean James H. Dunham, Ph. D., Philadelphia.; Prof. J. Lynn Barnard, Ph. D., Lansdown, Pa., and Irvin P. Knipe, Esq., Norristown, Pa.; in the Women's Contest: Mrs. Imogene Chandler Gregory, Philadelphia; Miss Olive E. Hart, Philadelphia, and Prof. Katharine E. Laros, Allentown, Pa.

The first prize in the Men's Contest went to L. P. Moore for the oration, "The New Over There." This told of the need of civilization and evangelizing in the East. The second prize was won by D. E. Grove whose oration was entitled, "The True American." Honorable mention was made of the oration, "Justice to the Negro" by J. E. Wildasin.

In the Women's Contest, the oration, "The Resurrection of Alsace-Lorraine" by Alma Fries won first prize. The second prize went to L. Bernice Wagner who spoke on "The Woman Citizen" while honorable mention was made of "America's Answer" by Nora B. Keely.

Music was furnished by Diemer's Orchestra of Pottstown. The program was as follows:

A. March—"The U. S. Field Artillery," Sousa; B. selection—"Chu Chin Chow," F. Norton; selection—"Oh Boy," J. Kern; violin solo—selected, Ralph Mack. (Men's Contest) "Invocation," Dr. Omwake; I. oration—"The Universal League," (on church federation), John W. Myers; II. oration—"A Blot of Shame," (on the present status of the Indian), A. Roy Hefren; III. oration—"The True American," D. Edgar Grove; IV. oration—"Justice to the Negro," John E. Wildasin; V. oration—"The New Over There," L. Paul Moore; music—"Romance," P. Tchaikowsky; (Women's Contest) I. oration—"Our Soldier Poets," Kathryn E. Barnes; II. oration—"America's Answer," Nora B. Keely; III. oration—"The Woman Citizen," L. Bernice Wagner; IV. oration—"The Resurrection of Alsace Lorraine," Alma L. Fries; V. oration—"America, the Melting Pot," Leah A. Gingrich; selection, "Leave It to Jane," J. Kern.

Alumni Oration by Rev. N. D. Bartholomew
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and I believe that a new Pentecost will come upon the peoples of the world and bring them peace.

Immediately after the oration the audience adjourned to Freeland Hall where a reception was given by President and Mrs. Omwake and light refreshments served.



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the will, prophesied for the prophets, and presented to the presenters. Succeeding this number H. P. Long spoke the "Mantle Oration" in which he intrusted the dignity and authority of the graduating class to its successor. L. Arthur Walton, president of next year's senior class, received the mantle and asserted that his class would endeavor to maintain the prerogatives which had been intrusted to it. After the singing of the class song, all went to the campus where N. J. Paladino in a "Tree Oration" presented a red oak to the College as a memorial of the class of 1919.

Summer Meetings

The buildings and grounds of the College will not be idle during the summer but will be in use during the greater part of what is popularly known as the "long vacation." On Monday, June 23 the Summer Session will open and continue for six weeks closing on Friday, July 31. This will be followed by the Collegeville Summer Assembly from August 4 to 10. Then comes the Missionary Conference of the Reformed church from August 11 to 17. Following this conference the Epworth Institute of the Methodist Church will hold a week's session. The last week in August will be occupied by the Pennsylvania Baptists Summer Assembly and Chautauqua. The different meetings will bring hundreds of people, young and old, to Collegeville, and the beautiful grounds will be in use practically during the entire summer, furnishing a place for recreation and inspiration to those who can come here only for a week.

Men's Tennis Tournament.

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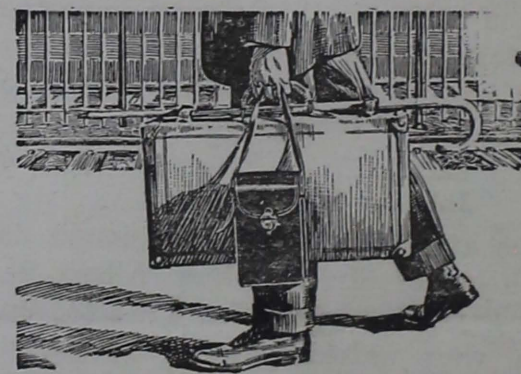
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