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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1916.

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MUSICAL TREAT BY MALE QUARTET

Weber Male Quartet Gave Excellent Concert Monday Evening

The Weber Male Quartet was the second attraction of the Lecture Course this season, and drew a good-sized audience which showed, by hearty applause, its appreciation of the work of the artists who compose this quartet, and was loathe to leave them when the program was concluded. Throughout the entire concert, which was of unusual merit, one was delighted particularly with the clear enunciation and perfect phrasing which bespeak the trained singer. Moreover, versatility was not lacking, for the program varied from stirring war songs to sweet lullabies, and included the whole range of subjects from the light and humorous encores to classical and even sacred numbers. From start to finish, everything went with a snap and vigor that was deeply relished by the hearers.

The solo work is perhaps worthy of particular mention. Mr. Barnes captivated all with a baritone voice of pleasing quality, singing the difficult "Song of the Sturdy North" and responding to an encore with "A Friend of Mine." The tenor solo work was done by Mr. Armour, whose easy, high, clear tones and skill in rendition added freshness to his number, "The Spirit Flower." The encore was "My True Love Lies Asleep." Mr. Thomas' solos were of the same high quality. The deep, sonorous, yet sweet voice which he possesses was well suited to his numbers: "The Song of the Steel" and the rollicking "Rolling Down to Rio." Mr. Jones, the reader and second tenor, is an accomplished pianist, and not only accompanied the soloists, but enlisted his own recitations with music. "The Skippers of St. Ives," "When We Haven't Said Our Prayers," and a clever impersonation of the "Widder" were some of the numbers by which Mr. Jones won his way into the hearts of the audience.

But even though every man on the quartet was an accomplished soloist, there was no sacrifice of blending for individual display. Much attention was given to shading and interpretation, so

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J. H. A. BOMBERGER
President of Classical Group

GETTING READY FOR THANKSGIVING GAME

Coach Thompson is Rapidly Completing Plans for Game With Muhlenberg.

The football squad has been very busy during the past week making final preparations for the game with Muhlenberg at Allentown on Thanksgiving Day. Much time has been used in working out new plays for this game, and although Coach Thompson realizes that it is going to be a hard fight, he is placing much confidence in the Ursinus players, who will enter the game determined to give good account of themselves.

The local team did not play a game during the past week and therefore should be in good shape for Thursday's battle. The practice of the past week has not included hard scrimmage on account of the liability of injuring the players. Everything possible is being done to preserve the energies of the local boys for this final game of the season. It is expected that a large number of Ursinus students and friends will accompany the team to Allentown to witness the game.

**EVERYBODY OUT
To 'Varsity Smoker
On Tuesday Evening**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN REGULAR SESSION

Scholarship of \$200 Established for Mexican Students

The annual fall meeting of the Directors of the College was held in the rooms of the Fairmount Savings Trust Company, Philadelphia, on last Friday at one o'clock.

Notwithstanding the fact that it was the time for presenting formal reports of officers, and there was a considerable volume of business disposed of, the meeting was conducted without hurry, and yet consumed but two hours of time, due to the skillful use of President Paisley's gavel.

The members of the Board responding to roll-call were: Henry W. Kratz, Henry T. Spangler, James M. Anders, J. W. Meminger, Andrew R. Brodbeck, I. Calvin Fisher, James M. S. Isenberg, S. L. Messinger, A. D. Fetterolf, Geo. Leslie Omwake, Harry E. Paisley, Edward F. Wiest, Whorton A. Kline, Abraham H. Hendricks, J. Freeman Hendricks and Calvin D. Yost.

The reports of the President, the Dean and the Treasurer conveyed to the Board a comprehensive view of the affairs of the institution. As much of this material will be published in the winter number of the Bulletin, an extended report is not offered to the press at this time.

Steps were taken looking to the making of more adequate accommodation for day students, the securing of more room for recitation and lecture purposes, and the increasing of the teaching staff before the opening of another year—necessities arising out of the growth of the College. The Dean's report indicates an increase this year of more than thirteen per cent over the attendance a year ago.

Under the inspiration of a movement started by the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends for the cultivation of better understanding between the United States and Mexico, it was voted that Ursinus College should join a number of other colleges and universities in establishing a scholarship of \$200 for a Mexican student. This will be available to any Mexican young man of good character

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The Tower Window



TWO ELDERS in two Reformed churches each of which bears the name of "Trinity", have shared evenly the privileges of providing the College with the Thompson property recently purchased. Through their generosity the College will come into possession of these valuable premises without one cent

of financial responsibility upon itself. The gift embraces three lots facing Sixth Avenue, one of which, adjoining Shreiner Hall, has on it a substantial brick residence containing eighteen rooms and provided with a good independent water system. This building now becomes part of the college equipment, and is being used at present as a residence for young women, making three such buildings devoted to their use.

As a college building, it is necessary, of course, that it should have a name. When the donors were consulted on this point they suggested that since neither of them wished to have his personal name given to the building, and each of them were members of a "Trinity" church, they could heartily unite in proposing this name for the place. Consequently the Directors, at their meeting last Friday, voted to name the new building "Trinity Cottage".

Now all this is significant of something that we should not lose sight of, namely, that when donors bestow benefactions on Ursinus College they act on impulses that spring from their Christian faith and are kept alive and made vital by their church life. Their gifts bind us by very strong yet tender ties to the great institution of the Church itself, and in advancing the cause of education, we shall "omit no duty", as one of our great American leaders is fond of saying, in directing our energies in the course of Christian principles, and of service to the church—not in any narrow or sectarian sense, but with that breadth of conception which characterized the Fathers of old when, in their thought of God, they took in the vast sweep of ideas embraced in "Father, Son and Holy Ghost".

Thus we give little "Trinity" a warm place in our hearts as we welcome it as the latest addition into our family of college buildings.

G. L. O.

Miss Paul, '16, was a visitor at the College over the week end.

Contributed Article

College Democracy; A Talk to Freshmen.

BY ALBERT PARKER FITCH.

[From the "Harvard Alumni Bulletin."]

(Continued from last issue)

But it is on this second point that the rub comes. For we are not democratic if, after we have given a man a chance to express himself, we then deny him the honors or the influence among us which his talents or abilities, as revealed in that equality of opportunity which we offered him, show him to deserve. Here we come to the crux of the situation. We like to boast that in our college we have no race or color line, that the inestimable privileges of a great university are offered freely to all, that nothing limits what we will give to you except your willingness or your capacity to receive. But can we also say that we go further than this and as freely and frankly grant to our classmates that standing among us which their brains or industry, as revealed in this free community, entitle them to? I am sorry to say that very often we cannot. Sometimes distinctly able men, of races alien to the breeding and tradition of the Anglo-Saxon, are thereby, on that one ground, debarred from certain sorts of recognition to which they appear to be justly entitled. Sometimes quite unable men, who by the accident of birth are possessed of a fortunate social and financial inheritance, are granted place and privilege to which their personality or their contribution to the common welfare does not, on the whole, commend them. This state of affairs is not, of course, peculiar to a college. It is universal, to some extent inevitable. But while we recognize it, we ought not to accept it. The weight of our influence should be thrown not for it but against it, and this not merely because we are citizens of a great republic, but also because we are undergraduates in a great and ancient university.

For a genuine democracy should be the ideal of every truly learned community. Complacency of person and complacency of intellect have no place among cultivated men. Education ought to level barriers; it would be a grave indictment of us here if your college life helped to raise them. It is a false and dangerous learning that helps any one to ignore or despise the everyday man and the everyday life, and that makes men exclusive, not catholic, in their interests and sympathies. For the object of edu-

cation is to help us to understand and interpret and appreciate our fellow-men, to enlarge, not limit, the areas of comradeship.

I should like to urge, therefore, to the members of the class of 1920 that you throw your influence courageously and consistently against any class organization or any informal clique which tends to raise artificial barriers, which demands for itself special privileges in the social, the athletic, the musical, the literary world. The college wants to make men of you. The possession of manhood on your part will, in the long run, determine our efficiency. Genuine manhood is always generous in intent, magnanimous, fair-minded, brotherly.

And the same thing is true of scholarship. Genuine learning is both practical in aim and democratic in spirit. It does not exist as an end in itself, still less to serve as a badge of personal superiority. The true scholar is an interpreter and critic of the life of the community, not a critic in the carping or supercilious sense, but in the fine, old meaning of the Greek word, namely, one that nobly judges. He is, therefore, a constructive influence in the common life, always cherishing it, always a humanist; not a humanist who serves with his mind rather than his emotion. Many of you have genuine, intellectual ambitions. Never divorce them from practical and homely aims. If I should rate one element of personality, intellectual power, above manhood, which is the sum of all the elements, I should then create by false thinking an artificial inequality. If you should rate wealth or family above virtue or ability, then by a similar process of false thinking you would do the same, for thus you would let certain deficiencies in social inheritance, some lack of grace and facility in external intercourse, the absence of popular qualities, weigh more in your estimate of your classmates than the importance of these things merits.

Understand me, all these things should have some weight; but neither intellectual power nor athletic prowess, nor social charm, nor inherited place are, taken by themselves, sufficient for the rating of a man's standing among his peers. All these things should be considered together and, remembering both excellencies and deficiencies, your classmates should be given that place to which, on the whole, they appear to be entitled. Many of us tend to give an undue, even vulgar importance to the lesser gifts or the external lacks of our fellows, and to underestimate sturdy

qualities of character or genuine intellectual worth.

Finally, let me remind you that every consideration of manhood urges you to be kind in all your dealings with other human beings. In such a world as ours, where all life is fragmentary and incomplete, and every man must know for himself something of the sorrow and loneliness and inescapable injustice of the world, cruelty towards one's fellow beings who walk the same, hard road beside us is one of the most despicable of human vices. Yet cruelty is a characteristic vice of youth, born of the inexperience and self-centeredness of your lives. See to it, therefore, that not only do you give every classmate a fair chance, but that you generously and affectionately recognize and honor the worth which that chance reveals.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. meeting held last Wednesday evening was a true "Thanksgiving" meeting, and was well attended. Mr. May conducted the service, while Prof. C. D. Yost was the speaker. He brought a message that stimulated thought, yet the address was not in the form of an exhortation, but rather as a quiet meditation on the goodness of God. The Scriptural base was the 108 Psalm.

The trend of the talk was as follows: While God does not need our thanks, yet he delights in them. If we will, we can find occasions for thanksgiving anywhere and any time. The various benefits that the Psalmist names may be taken up and applied. "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities"—which of us should not be thankful because God forgives our many sins? "Who healeth all thy diseases"—not only literally heals them, but has provided for escape from them. "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction," and how often have we just missed the accident! "Who crowneth these with loving-kindness and tender mercies"—isn't this particularly applicable to our life at college? We have been very fortunate in being permitted to enter the class of students preparing for the higher things of life. While the dark conditions prevail in Europe, we here enjoy peace and happiness. Let us then be truly thankful always.


The Y. M. C. A. is grateful to Prof. Yost for this inspiring talk, and feel that the meeting was very helpful to all.

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Editorial Comment

We regret very much that Pennsylvania Military College left our gridiron a week ago with a feeling of dissatisfaction with the outcome of the football game which they played with our team. Certainly it is exceedingly unpleasant for any institution to be forced to experience an incident of this nature whether or not the reasons for the same are just, but especially, if the opponents really have good reasons for making such contention.

Let us look into this matter carefully in order to ascertain the causes for this apparent dissatisfaction so that we may more accurately determine upon whom the blame for this unfortunate situation should rest. Two reasons have been emphatically expressed through the medium of the press; the one being that our opponents in this game protest the unusual "cornfield touchdown"; the other, that they take offense at the "muckerism," as they have termed it, which came from the sidelines during the game. Of course, we are not to blame for the first of these claims, and, although we believe that the touchdown is perfectly legal, we are willing to have the case officially determined in order that a decision which must be satisfactory to

both parties may be reached. So far as we are concerned this is of comparatively small importance, but when our sportsmanship is openly challenged before the public, an investigation is necessary. Those of us who read the article in the Philadelphia Public Ledger will doubtless recall that our opponents referred to the ungentlemanly remarks which it is claimed were heard from the sidelines. But, since, according to custom, the Ursinus students were assembled on the grandstand on the opposite side of the field, we believe that the gentlemen from Chester have misdirected their remarks when they included "Ursinus students" among the reputed offenders.

Again reference has been made to yells which were given by Ursinus students when players of the opposing team were injured. This is a custom at Ursinus and is intended as an expression of sympathy for the unfortunate players and certainly does not signify that our students are pleased to see any player receive personal injury. So here again, we believe that the visitors misinterpreted the actions of our student body.

However, if there was ungentlemanly rooting from the sidelines against the opposing team, even by persons who are not connected with our College, we should see that any such action which is so remote from the spirit of our institution should not be repeated, so as to avoid such misunderstandings as seem to have occurred on this occasion. To our knowledge this is the first time that a dissatisfaction of this nature has occurred on our campus, and while we believe it is at least partially imaginary, let us be on our guard to avoid such unpleasant incidents in the future.

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As a result of the lack of a definite standard whereby it can be clearly determined who shall be compelled to wear the Freshman cap, and who shall be eligible to compete in the various customary interclass contests between the Freshman and Sophomore classes, much controversy has arisen in the past and in many cases it has been impossible to reach satisfactory conclusions. While the greater number of the first year students are generally considered Freshmen without question, there are always a few who are considered as being on the border line either above or below the Freshman standard, as it has been considered heretofore, and it is concerning these few that the above mentioned controversies have arisen. The persons who have been considered as being between the two classes have been claimed by

both classes, while those having entrance conditions, being claimed by the one class have been protested by the other on the ground that they are special students. Therefore the difficulty resolves itself into the lack of a satisfactory standard whereby a Freshman, and consequently a Sophomore, may easily be determined.

The Student Council, after deliberate consideration of the facts concerning the matter, in an attempt to bring about some definite system of measurement, came to the conclusion that, for governmental purposes, every student who is admitted by our College to a regular collegiate course leading to a regular collegiate degree should be considered as a member of one of the four classes existing here. Accordingly at a recent meeting of the Council it was definitely decided that all first year students who have less than three and one-half college credits, free from conditions, shall be considered Freshmen, which action, of course, will subject them to the rules of the Council pertaining to Freshmen, and also, entitle them to all privileges accorded to the same.

While this legislative action may not be entirely satisfactory in every respect, we believe that it is the fairest and best regulation for all cases that can be devised at the present time.

J. S. G., '17.

Literary Societies

Schaff Society

A most interesting and well rendered miscellaneous program was given in Schaff last Friday evening. A very delightful piano solo by Miss Grim was the first number, and the encore was no less appreciated. "What William Henry Did" was the subject of a humorous declamation given by Miss Sheaffer. This was one of the best numbers of its kind given in Schaff. Mr. Light read some interesting extracts from Webster's "Influence of Great Actions". An essay by Mr. Unger, entitled "Influences of Motion Pictures", was well written and well read. The next number was a pleasing vocal duet by the Deitz Brothers. A parliamentary drill led by Messrs. Richards and Koons was carried out in a clever and humorous manner. Miss Reifsnider, as the orator of the evening, delivered a very beautiful oration on the subject "Influence of Nature Upon Man". The orchestra was up to its standard and played enjoyable selections. Mr. Rutschky's Gazette was original, the Thanksgiving editorial being particularly appreciated. The critic's

report was given by Miss Reifsnieder in an impartial manner. The Society was pleased to have Miss Paul, a former Schaffite, sing during the program.

The officers elected for the coming term are as follows: President, Mr. Brown; Vice President, Mr. Messinger; Recording Secretary, Miss Sheaffer; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Homer; Chaplain, Mr. Raetzer; First Editor, Mr. Custer; Second Editor, Mr. Sands; Third Editor, Miss Beddow; Critic, Miss Faulkner; Pianist, Miss McManigal; Janitor, Mr. Roth.

Zwinglian Society

The program rendered by the Zwinglian Literary Society, Friday evening, was one of worthy quality and maintained a highly entertaining level throughout its whole extent.

The central feature was a debate on the question, *Resolved*, "That Our Colleges Should Abolish Intercollegiate Athletics." The question was defended by Messrs. Mellinger, Leiphart and Schellhase with Messrs. Hefren, H. P. Long and Clark as their opponents. Each of the speakers delivered his arguments in a most forceful way, and interest held a high pitch as side clashed with side with an ardor that was commendable. In the rebuttals, Mr. Long, for the negative, and Mr. Schellhase, for the affirmative, attacked their opponents' arguments in a very skillful manner and with telling effect.

The judges, Messrs. Ziegler and S. Miller, rendered their decision in favor of the affirmative.

The musical part of the program was introduced with a few well rendered selections by the orchestra, led by Mr. Wiest. A girls' chorus, under the leadership of Miss Davis, then sang in a most pleasing manner, both in their first production and encore. Mr. S. Miller followed with a well-prepared Review and Mr. Yost concluded the program with a thorough criticism of the evening's productions.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Mr. Lehman; Vice President, Mr. Putney; Recording Secretary, Miss Davis; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Wagner; Chaplain, Mr. Edwards; Musical Director, Miss Gingrich; Editor No. 1, Mr. Baden; Editor No. 2, Mr. Griffin; Critic, Miss Butler; Janitor, Mr. Moore.

Announcement of an increase of \$100 in the salary of each full professor at Brown University was made at the meeting of the corporation. The minimum salary, exclusive of pay for administrative work, is now \$3000 and the maximum \$3650.

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Mr. Ralph Roth, '08, who for several years has been teaching in the Philippine Islands, has decided not to return this year and consequently has accepted a position in the schools of Spring Grove, Pa., his home.

Rev. Samuel Glover Dunseath, A. M., B. D., for several years assistant minister at St. George's Church, New York City, was recently installed rector of St. Paul's P. E. Church, Jersey City, N. J. Bishop Edwin S. Lines of the Diocese of Newark performed the ceremony of institution. Among other clergymen who assisted in the service were Rev. Howard R. Weir of Grace Church, New York, and Rev. Wm. P. Brush. The service of institution is an elaborate one and has many interesting features in it. The college friends of Mr. Dunseath wish for him a long and prosperous incumbency in the parish which has called him and in which he has now begun his ministry.

OBITUARY RECORD

The committee on Obituary Record announce that the book is in the hands of the printer and that it will be off the press within a month. The number of responses to the circular letter was so small that it was deemed advisable to reduce the order from 500 copies to 300. The price per copy is \$1.00, and all advance subscribers will receive a cloth-bound copy. We would advise the readers of the WEEKLY to remit promptly their subscription to Rev. William H. Erb, Bethlehem, Pa., chairman of the committee, and secure a cloth-bound copy. The remaining copies of the edition will be in heavy paper cover. The book contains the sketches of the 63 deceased alumni, and will be valuable as a part of the history of the college and interesting to every friend and alumnus of Ursinus.

Weldon, the noted Lafayette football star, was seriously injured in the recent Penn-Lafayette game. His injuries are internal and the exact nature and extent of the same are not yet determined.

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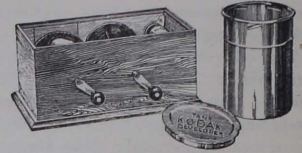
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College Calendar

- Monday, Nov. 27—7.30 p. m., Meeting, Music Society, Bomberger Hall.
- Tuesday, Nov. 28—6.30 p. m., Y. W. C. A., English Room.
- Wednesday, Nov. 29—4 p. m., Thanksgiving Recess begins.
- Thursday, Nov. 30—Football, 'Varsity vs. Muhlenberg, at Allentown, Pa.
- Saturday, Dec. 2—8.00 a. m., Thanksgiving Recess ends.
- Sunday, Dec. 3—4.00 p. m., Vesper Services, College Chapel.

Y. W. C. A.

The meeting on Tuesday evening was in charge of Miss Butler who spoke on "South America, the Neglected Continent." She said in part: Someone has summarized Christianity into four words, 'admit' Christ into the whole life, 'submit' the will to His divine will, 'commit' one's all to His care, 'transmit' to the other person. In these words lies the secret of missionary work.

Away to the south of our own Christian land lies the long neglected sister land of South America. Diverse in physical features, rich in natural resources, dark in spiritual conditions, it is a country open for wonderful development. Until recently the outside world has appeared dead to its need. But the awakening has come and the various countries are falling into line. The Y. W. C. A. is doing a progressive work. In Buenos Aires there is a flourishing association which is bringing all the different nationalities of that city into more friendly relations by the membership in the association.

The social conditions are so bad in some of the cities that a greater Christian influence would remake their people. Polygamy is practised and many vile customs are still in existence. Few women have an opportunity for education. Their very existence is despised.

Truly an open world is before us more accessible than ever to the advances of Christianity. What efforts are we putting forth to assist it in making the entrance?

A delegation consisting of Bomberger, '17, Bell, '17, Houck, '19, Yaukey, '19, Wildasin, '19, Beers, '19, and Trucksess, '19, will represent the College Y. M. C. A. at the twelfth annual conference of the Eastern Union of Student Volunteers to be held at Princeton, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 1 to 3 inclusive.

The first Basket Ball game of the season will be played with U. of P. in Philadelphia, on December 9th.

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Musical Treat by Male Quartet
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that all the numbers had a finish that was exquisite. The opening number was the stirring "To Arms." The audience, already seeing what a treat was in store for them, would not let them go until they had sung the old plantation song, "My Old Banjo," and the laughable "Elf Man." The quartet next appeared in a sweet number, "Night Witchery," and sang three encores, "The Hand Organ Man," "She Didn't" and "Three Little Chestnuts"—all very humorous and entertaining. An arrangement of Dvorak's "Humoreske" next served to display the quartet's ability. A number of pleasing encores included "It Is Better To Give Than Receive" and a "darky" song, "Ready When the Great Day Comes." A most beautiful number marked the quartet's next appearance. "Sunset" is a difficult selection, but was sung faultlessly. The encore was the sweet hymn, "Still, Still With Thee." This number could hardly have been more impressive. Mr. Jones recited and the quartet sang "Never Had a Dear Old Mammy." After this, the old English ballad, "Drink to Me Only," was rendered, followed by "Sally in Our Alley." The concluding number was the negro song, "Swing Along." Thus for an evening the Weber Quartet carried every one with it through all the realm of emotions and when the concert was over there was not one who would not have gladly listened to it all again.

Vesper Services

The usual Vesper Service, held Sunday afternoon, at 4.00, partook of the nature of a Thanksgiving service. Quite a large number of people were present and all felt that the vespers, normally a very effective service, added a certain calm and dignity to the giving of thanks that was inspirational. The brooding Sunday silence, the quiet spirituality of the twilight hour and the soft shadows of dusk and falling night, combined with an unusually reverential service, and the music from the organ, have caused this hour each Sunday afternoon to mean much to everyone that attends the vesper.

The regular program, consisting of a prelude, the Sanctus Responsive Reading, Gloria Patri, Prayer, Hymn, Offertory, Anthem by the vested choir, Discourse, Hymn, Prayer, Vesper, and Postlude, was followed. The Choir rendered Kipling's "God of Our Fathers" to the music of Gower's Recessional. The hymns and Doctor Omwake's excellent discourse were appropriate to the season.

Board of Directors in Regular Session
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who can meet the regular admission requirements beginning with next year.

Action was taken expressing the thanks of the College to the several ladies by whose kindly help the college chapel has recently been greatly improved and beautified.

The committee consisting of President Omwake, Mr. H. E. Paisley and Professor Homer Smith, appointed at a previous meeting to have charge of the purchase and installation of the Clark Memorial Organ reported their work as now completed, and the committee was discharged, with the thanks of the Board. Professor Smith was appointed organist and as such will be the custodian of the organ.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at the College on Founders' Day in February.

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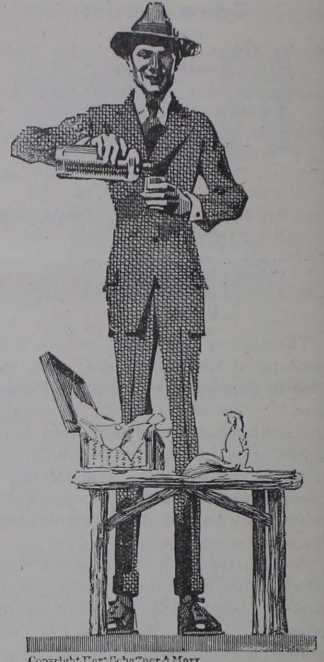
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