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SCHAFF DEBATERS WIN FROM PENN TEAM

Interesting Debate in Bomberger Hall,
Monday Night

On Monday evening the Schaff Literary Society debating team of Ursinus College defeated the team representing the Zelosophic Literary Society of the University of Pennsylvania in a hotly contested debate. This was the second contest of its kind in the past two years and Schaff Society is to be commended for the activity shown in furthering such lines of intercollegiate contests at Ursinus.

The question, *Resolved*, "That Non-Sectarian Schools of Collegiate Standing Should be Owned and Controlled by the State", was one of keen interest and was very ably debated pro and con. Both teams had the subject matter well in hand, had their arguments well arranged and brought them forth in a pleasing and convincing manner. However in composition and presentation the representatives of Schaff clearly excelled, marshalling their array of facts with consummate skill and clothing them in language so forceful as to evoke admiration from all.

The question was opened for the affirmative by Mr. William V. Lee of the Zelosophic Society. He advocated State control of collegiate institutions for the reason that the twentieth century has outgrown the ancient system of private control. To substantiate this statement Mr. Lee pointed to the fact that when higher education was first established such training was only for the few and public education was not generally considered. However there has been a change. A change in industrial system, in attitude, in the nature of good government. The masses are now clamoring for knowledge and specialized public education is needed.

Mr. McKee, '18, spoke first for the negative and presented as his argument the impracticability of the proposed change. To this end he called attention to the great financial burden, both initial and for maintenance, which it would impose upon the State; the impracticability of making the assumption gradually; the decrease in carefulness of management

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THE PRESIDENT'S HOME

EVENTS OF LOCAL INTEREST COMING

Students' Interest Solicited in Events of
Near Future

According to their annual custom the Christian organizations of the College have again arranged for a series of talks to be held in the College Chapel the week following the mid-year examinations. This year Rev. Clayton H. Ranck, Secretary of the Board of Education of the Reformed Church, has been engaged to speak to the students. These meetings promise to be of practical benefit and value to every one who attends. Remember the dates, January 29, 30, 31 and February 1. No one can afford to miss these meetings.

At a meeting of the Athletic Committee on Tuesday it was decided to hold a Valentine Fete in Bomberger Hall on February 17th, 1917.

It has been the custom to hold a Fete, such as this, biennially, the previous one having been held in 1915. The proceeds of the Fete are to be placed in the treasury of the Athletic Association to be used in defraying expenses for baseball equipment.

Every student, alumnus and friend of the College is urged to give the Fete his or her enthusiastic support and make the event the most successful ever held at Ursinus.

URSINUS WINS AND LOSES ON TRIP

Local Five Defeated by Muhlenberg But
Trounce Pratt Institute.

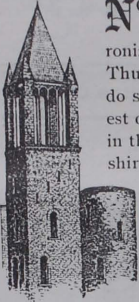
Ursinus split even on a two-day basketball trip to Allentown, Pa., and Brooklyn, N. Y. On Friday evening, Muhlenberg won a 33-25 victory, but Pratt Institute fell a victim on Saturday evening, when Ursinus, through the close guarding of Light and Carling, registered a 35-25 victory.

The Allentown collegians were forced to the limit and despite the fact that the game was staged on their home floor, Ursinus had outplayed her opponents 16-11 at the end of the first half. Muhlenberg came back strong the second half and scored twenty-two points, while Ursinus tallied only nine. "Billy" Wiest was high scorer for Ursinus, tallying one field goal and seventeen out of 21 foul goals. Havard, who played the other forward position also caged a two-pointer. The four other points were contributed by Carling, the freshman guard.

The second game of the two-day trip was more enjoyable to the local five, both from a scoring and sight-seeing standpoint. The guarding of Light and Carling was the feature of the game. The Pratt Institute forwards were held to a single field goal in the first half.

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The Tower Window



NOW that an opportunity is afforded in patronizing the cantata on Thursday evening next, to do something in the interest of the innocent sufferers in the great war, let us not shirk from our responsibility.

I know with what difficulty some students in our institution maintain themselves, and how greatly they feel constrained to conserve their means in order that they may carry forward their education; and yet there is not a person connected with the College whether as officer, professor, student or employe who is not, in comparison with those whom we seek to benefit, abundantly able to help. It may mean denying one's self of something deemed necessary, but what necessities have we compared with the necessities of the thousands of unfortunates who have not even the means of preserving their lives?

Word has come that in the town of Conshohocken where this benefit concert is being given for the same cause, people are buying tickets in blocks in order to swell the fund. From the other direction comes the news that the Hill School has just raised \$2000 for use in the prison camps of Europe.

What will the response of Ursinus be?
C. L. O.

College Calendar

- Monday, January 22, 7.00 p. m.—Meeting, Music Society, College Chapel.
- Tuesday, January 23, 6.30 p. m.—Y. W. C. A., English Room.
- Wednesday, January 24, 4.00 p. m.—Mid-Year Examinations End.
7.00 p. m.—Y. M. C. A., English Room.
- Thursday, January 25, 8.00 p. m.—Historical Cantata, Bomberger Hall.
- Friday, January 26, 8.00 p. m.—Literary Societies.
- Saturday, January 26, 9.30 a. m.—Basketball, Seniors vs. Juniors, Sophomores vs. Freshmen.
Basketball—Varsity vs. Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J.
- Sunday, January 28, 4 p. m.—Vesper Services, College Chapel.

Miss McMenamin, '17, was called to her home at Port Kennedy, Friday, by a report of the serious injury of her mother.

Richards, '19, has had as his guest, since Wednesday of last week, Mr. James McLellan of McKeesport, Pa.

Contributed Article

TASTE

CALVIN D. YOST

In speaking of *taste* as a third result that should come to a student in pursuing a collegiate education, the writer is not forgetful of the fact that taste as a faculty is considered a native endowment. Taste in the sense of the aesthetic faculty is the power or faculty of apprehending and appreciating the beautiful and sublime in nature and art, and belongs in a greater or less degree to all men. Nor has he overlooked the adage which has become trite by repetition, *De gustibus non est disputandum*. This saying referred originally to the natural and not the aesthetic taste, but has come to be applied to the latter as well. As applied to art and literature it is not, in every sense true, for it is possible by discussion to get a clearer understanding and more definite idea of taste and the cultivation of taste.

This faculty though common to all men is not possessed in the same degree by all. Taking it in the sense of peoples it is very evident that the uncivilized nations do not possess the same standards of taste as do the civilized; again, we recognize that among the civilized nations there is a variation in the standard; and even the same nation or people does not possess the same standard at all times; that is, the standard of taste of a people varies in different periods of its history. The models of literature change; the kinds of music change; the forms of art change. What is considered the best in one age is not always so regarded by a succeeding age. All of which goes to show that there is a development and a raising of the standards of taste. They advance with education and culture.

Taste may be cultivated. Man must have first of all this natural endowment and then by use and application he is enabled to bring it to its perfect state. It receives its improvement by its frequent exercise and by its application of good sense and reason to the objects of taste. It supposes the natural sense of beauty to be refined by frequent attention to the most beautiful objects, and at the same time to be guided and improved by the light of the understanding. Persons who have passed through a course of training and development may note and analyze the steps of progress in this direction. From finding pleasure in the story or poem of indifferent construction and merit, they have advanced to the point where they look

for and appreciate the best in verse and fiction. From the music which has no content, but a mere jingle to it, they have learned to find pleasure in the classic compositions. From the superficial in art, they have progressed until they look for and admire the highest and best. To use a concrete example: One man remarked to another in speaking of music that he did not care for the popular forms of music which pleased the ear but were without thought, but that he preferred the classic compositions. The one to whom this was said admitted ten years later that at the time when the remark was made it had no meaning for him, but that he afterward understood it. In the meantime he had listened to much good music, his taste had been developed and what before was enigmatical, now had become clear. Many a man's library shows this development and advancement by the kind of books and magazines he buys and reads. Just as the boy and girl at the age of ten outgrow the fairy tales, so in a normal development will men and women outgrow the inferior forms of literature, art and music, and reach out for the better and higher forms.

The older writers distinguished between two qualities of taste, delicacy and correctness. These must naturally imply each other. No taste can be exquisitely delicate without being correct; nor can it be thoroughly correct without being delicate. But still there may be a predominancy of one or the other. Blair says that delicacy leans more to feeling, and correctness more to judgment and reason; that the former is more the gift of nature, and the latter more the product of culture and art.

In speaking of taste as applied to writing Genung tells us that "the best discipline for the aesthetic sense in style is familiarizing one's self with what is beautiful in literature and thought." By a law of nature he who dwells habitually among beautiful thoughts will become filled in mind and feeling with their beauty. The study of good literature is, therefore, of the foremost importance to cultivate this faculty. A student should not let a day go by in which he does not hold converse with the greatest and best writers. But this principle which applies to literature, applies equally to art and music. One should listen to good music whenever the opportunity offers; one should look at good pictures, at beautiful statuary, at other forms of art whenever possible. By study and appreciation of the best in literature, music and art, the aesthetic faculty is developed and thus one is en-

abled to discover, appreciate and enjoy the best that the civilization of all the ages has produced. Here is a rich field for the college student and he who passes through his four years and misses this will be wanting one of the rich results which ought to be his, and will find it difficult to make up the deficiency in later years.

Y. W. C. A.

The meeting of the Y. W. C. A. last Tuesday evening was a discussion meeting led by Miss Slingboff. The subject discussed was called "Mine and Thine", appropriate for this time of the year, since it evolved the discussion of cheating in examinations.

The leader divided the discussion into the two parts—first, those things which belong to the individual of the first person; secondly, those things which belong to others and which belong to God. Even in the midst of examinations when we think ourselves the busiest our time belongs to God. Then we should not forget to give him a part of it.

A big question which is before the colleges to-day is the Honor System. In the degree to which we are honorable our characters become noble. It makes us think what is really our own through the fact that we have worked to secure it and what is the other fellow's and should not be laid claim to by ourselves. Is cheating ever justifiable? In many questions of moral worth it is impossible to give a decisive answer. The decision is to be made by each individual. But to this question we can give a decisive "No." In cheating two individuals are disgraced—the one who gives and the one who receives the help. Nor is that disgrace soon obliterated. It clings to the individual and often ruins his life plans. So in all our work whether written examination or oral recitation let us clearly distinguish between "mine and thine."

Y. M. C. A.

Owing to the approach of the examinations, there was not a very good attendance at the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. last Wednesday evening. However, there was no lack of good spirit and hearty music, and those who were absent missed an inspiring talk. Mr. Philip May, '19, was the leader, and spoke on "Little Things". In part he said:

"To always be thinking about the little things may seem to be indicative of a narrow and mean spirit, but trifles are not to be despised. Throughout nature, we find the little things composing

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Editorial Comment

Every educational institution has students who are working in accord with the principles which it advocates, upholding those principles whenever opportunity offers; in short, they are loyal to their college or university. Of what, then, does this loyalty consist? From the viewpoint of the student the success of the institution, resulting in his opinion from those characteristics which attract or antagonize his faithful support which we call loyalty, is measured by the degree in which it conforms to his ideal of what the college should be. All loyal students, however, would not give the same reasons for their state of mind on this question, since students have numerous and divergent opinions in all directions. It would seem, then, that the college which is most cosmopolitan in the opportunities which it offers to students will have a large number of loyal supporters, and, considered from this standpoint, will be a remarkable success. This is true, but it is really successful only so far as it is able to manage the energies of its students by inducing them to divide their time properly and encourage them to direct their energies along those lines which will eventually be the most vital to the success of their future efforts.

The question as to how this may be accomplished is significant. Almost invariably students will follow those pursuits which are most pleasurable to them, and the pleasure in most cases comes in the form of a reward. The football player gives of his time and energy to this sport, not because he rejoices so much in the playing of the game, but because of the pleasure of the publicity and honor resulting from the feats performed. It is natural for man to indulge in those things which offer pleasurable reward. Therefore, the college in an attempt to manage the energies of the students, must do more than merely offer opportunities; it must also offer inducements which will exercise magnetic effect upon students and, in order to obtain the best results, the greatest reward should be offered for the accomplishment of those pursuits which will bring about the most lasting and most desirable results.

With these thoughts in mind let us see what is the most important opportunity that a college should offer and, consequently, where the greatest inducement should be placed. In last week's editorial comment it was affirmed that the primary object of a college should be to educate, and that its intellectual attainments, if anything, should attract the attention of the outside world. If this idea is correct it follows that the college by some means of pleasing reward should induce students to place scholarship first in importance. There are those who believe that the personal benefit derived by earnest application to studies is the greatest reward that can possibly be offered. This is true, but unfortunately this reward is not pleasing enough to make the necessary urgent appeal to students.

Of course the solution of this problem is extremely difficult, and it is impossible to bring about a sudden change in the student life of our colleges, which will solve the problem immediately. It must be accomplished step by step. One of the most plausible and easiest ways in which many of our colleges—and this applies directly to Ursinus—might begin the movement of bringing their intellectual side to the forefront is by intercollegiate debating. Surely a man can derive fully as much pleasure from a victory in a contest where mental powers are brought into play as in a contest where physical ability is the most prominent factor. And besides, the ability to think logically and consistently and to speak fluently cannot fail to stand the student in good stead in after years, no matter what may be his choice of oc-

cupations. If intercollegiate debating were properly conducted, that is, if several teams were put to work on different questions in preparation to compete with different colleges, it would offer opportunities and serve as a powerful stimulus to many students, and besides, it would be an important step towards the revival of the intellectual side of the college to the place which it deserves in the eyes of the world. J. S. G., '17.

THEY CAME

Trembling, faltering, fearing, came they,
Bright was the sky and sunny the day,
And yet for all these Freshmen small
Dark clouds of gloom were covering all.
They had thought it great fun abroad to roam,
But, oh! they were so far from home.

Skiping and running in jubilant glee,
The Sophomores all eager the Freshmen to see,
Concocting and planning new methods and ways

These very green little "freshies" to haze.
The day was bright and the sky the same;
Oh! how differently the Sophomores came.

Hustling and bustling in very great haste,
They hadn't very much time to waste;
The Juniors came prepared to work,
And not for a moment their duty shirk,
To help the freshmen when in need
With a kindly smile and a noble deed.

Strolling leisurely along the walks,
Engaging in serious and solemn talks,
Clad in their gowns of somber hue,
Never a smile can they give to you,
The Seniors ever reverent and grave,
Who never stoop to misbehave.

G. P. H., '19.

Literary Societies

Schaff Society

The meeting of Schaff on Friday evening was general literary in nature, and in spite of the atmosphere produced by examinations, the program was up to the standard in every respect. Miss Shiffert played on the piano an excellent medley of old Southern melodies as the first number. This was followed by a well written and interesting essay on "The Life of Edgar Allen Poe". Miss Slingshoff then recited "In the Usual Way" in her usual way. A reading taken from the works of Poe was given by Mr. Koebel. This number was a recital of a passage of wonderful word painting. The literary numbers were here varied by a pleasing violin solo by Mr. Peterman. The account of the life of James Russell Lowell was given by Mr. Bowman, after which Mr. Willauer read a humorous selection entitled "Aunt Maria at the Opera". "Freedom", one of Lowell's best known poems, was very well read by Mr. Koons. Hereupon, Mr. Trucksess rendered a splendid flute solo, and also played an encore. Mr.

Alumni Notes

Herman F. Gingrich, '16, instructor in science, and athletic and physical director at Friends' School, Wilmington, Del., is having a very successful season in basketball. He has ten teams on the floor practicing every week and has already won the first four games on his schedule. Some of the teams to be met in the near future are Swarthmore and Haverford Prep., Baltimore Polytechnic and Baltimore Friends' Schools.

D. S. Light, '16, an assistant manager in one of the Childs' Restaurants, Boston, Mass., recently has received a substantial increase in salary.

Rev. John D. Hicks, Sem., '96, renewed acquaintances about the college during the past week. At the same time Rev. R. S. Snyder, Sem., '05, who frequently has spoken before the Y. M. C. A., dispensed cheery words among students and professors.

Henry Tesnow, LL. B., a graduate of the School of Theology in the class of 1891, died on January 16, in Riverside, N. J., aged 52. After his graduation from the Seminary Mr. Tesnow spent twelve years in the ministry in Colorado. Later he came to Riverside and there built up an extensive insurance business. He was prominent in the German-American societies in New Jersey and a member of a number of fraternal organizations.

Miss Herbin, of Pottstown, spent several days last week at the College as the guest of her cousin, Miss Shiffert, '19.

Mr. George M. Downing, proprietor of the New Century Teachers' Bureau, of Philadelphia, spoke before the Senior Class of the College, in a special meeting, Thursday afternoon, concerning applications for teachers' positions after graduation.

In the Year Book of the Reformed Church for 1917, there appears a complete chart of Ursinus College as it will be after the erection of the proposed new buildings. It warrants for the College, a most attractive appearance and is of special interest, in that it will give many friends of the College, their first opportunity to see the object of their ambitions in picture representation.

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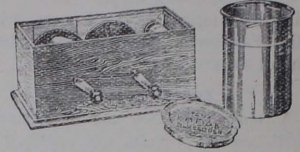
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the big things, and being of extreme importance themselves. As much may be seen under the microscope as through the telescope. Faithfulness in the small things makes us worthy to take care of large affairs. The little pleasantness and kindnesses of life have often changed careers. Very often great disaster results from the neglect of these same small things. Watch the little sins! People that always want to do great things are not filling their rightful places in the world. Let us make our great deeds be little things."

New Instructor

LeRoy Fritsch Derr, '16, has been appointed instructor in chemistry to succeed the late Professor Dimon. Since graduation, Mr. Derr has held a responsible position in the laboratories of the DuPont Company at Pennsgrove, N. J. His qualifications for this position are well known and he will be welcomed back to Ursinus in his new role. Mr. Derr will enter upon his duties at the opening of the second term.

Inter-Class Basketball League

The second series of games in the inter-class basketball league were played on Saturday morning. Unusual interest is being manifested in these games. In these contests the Seniors and Juniors maintained their perfect record by defeating the Sophomores and Freshmen respectively. Next week these two teams will clash for the first time of the season and a fast and closely contested game is predicted. The results of Saturday's games follow:

Seniors 30		Sophomores 28	
Hain	forward	Wood	
Yost	forward	Yeatts	
Clark	center	Long	
Kehm	guard	Deisher	
Wintgen	guard	Griffin	
Field goals—Hain, 4; Yost, 3; Clark, 2; Wood, 4; Yeatts; Long; Deisher; Griffin, 2. Foul goals—Hain, 12; Wood; Deisher, 9. Referee—Grove, '17. Scorer—Richards, '17.			

Juniors 21		Freshmen 15	
Diehl	forward	Roth	
Miller	forward	Hefren	
Evans	center	Mellinger	
H. Gulick	guard	Carlson	
S. Gulick	guard	Danner	
Substitutions — Deitz for Diehl; Martinez for Danner. Field goals—Diehl, 2; Deitz, 1; Evans, 2; H. Gulick, 2; Roth, 2; Mellinger, 4; Foul goals—H. Gulick, 7; Hefren, 1; Mellinger, 2. Referee—Peterson, '17. Scorer—Richards, '17.			

Standing of the Teams

	Won	Lost	Percentage
Seniors	2	0	1000
Juniors	2	0	1000
Sophomores	0	2	000
Freshmen	0	2	000

Misses Chandler and Wickersham, '19, spent the past week end in Philadelphia.

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This group furnishes thorough preparation for the study of the law, and enables students who expect to teach to become specialists in history, economics, political science and public finance.

V. THE ENGLISH-HISTORICAL GROUP

This group fits the student for a life of letters in general and offers exceptional advantages for persons expecting to enter the educational profession.

VI. THE MODERN LANGUAGE GROUP

This group affords special advantages to students who expect to enter the field of literature, or who desire to become specialists in teaching the modern languages.

Schaff Debaters Win From Penn Team

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through lack of competition; the individuality of each school which would be lost and the distressing factor of politics which would enter.

Mr. Wiltcheck for the affirmative pointed out three evils in the present system of private control, to wit: The high cost of acquiring an education under such a system, the lack of facilities and the lack of democracy in them.

Mr. P. E. Deitz, '18, spoke next for the negative, emphasizing the irrationality of the proposed measure. He deplored spending much public money on procuring higher education for the few when the same money could be more efficiently used in the elementary and secondary schools where the masses would benefit. The uniformity of a State controlled system would be fatal to higher education.

Mr. Burt spoke third for the affirmative. He had for the final point of his side that the only logical method of remedying the evils previously brought out is State control, and offered suitable proof in support of his assertion.

Mr. G. A. Deitz, '18, ended the arguments of the negative with a speech arguing against any need for the proposed change. The American colleges are widely diverse and offer opportunity for choice and experiment, are prosperous and do not need State control. He also pointed to the exclusion of the sectarian school from the change as a weakness in the proposal itself.

Each speaker then gave a refutation of his opponent's arguments. These rebuttal speeches were without exception excellent and all the contestants showed skill in picking out weaknesses and attacking statements of the opposite side.

The judges, A. S. Swartz, Jr., Esq., Norristown, Pa.; Prof. L. I. Loveland, Pottstown, Pa., and Supt. Isaac Doughton, Phoenixville, Pa., retired and after consideration rendered a decision in favor of the negative.

The music of the evening was of a high character. Schaff orchestra performed very creditably as did likewise Miss Hinkle at the piano. Special mention should be made of the violin and 'cello duet by Messrs. Rutschky and Trucksess. Mr. Spannuth, chairman of the committee, conducted the meeting with dispatch.

President Omwake, who has been confined to his home with gripe since Wednesday following the Christmas vacation, is rapidly recovering and expects to be able to return to his office in the course of the next week.

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Ursinus Wins and Loses on Trip

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Both Light and Carling are playing their first season as members of the 'Varsity basketball squad and give promise to develop into two of the best guards in college ranks. On the offensive Wiest excelled for Ursinus with a total of 23 points.

This game is significant from Ursinus' viewpoint, because it was the first time Pratt was defeated this season, having won four games previous to this one. Next Saturday the 'Varsity will play Stevens Institute of Technology at Hoboken, N. J.

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Havard	forward	Wilson
Vedder	center	Gaston
Carling	guard	Dudack
Light	guard	Fitzgerald

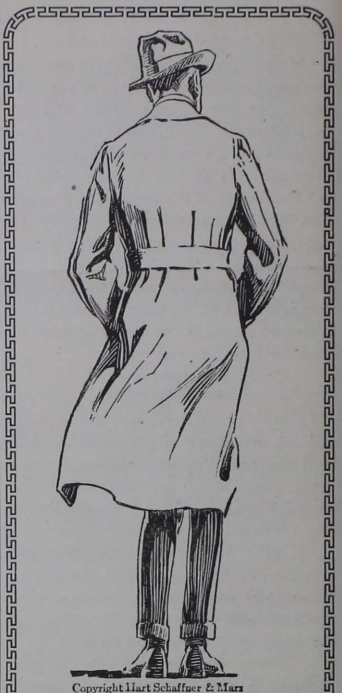
Substitutions: Grove for Havard, Field Goals: Wiest, 1; Havard, 1; Carling, 2; Smith, 2; Wilson, 3; Gaston 3; Dudack, 2. Foul Goals: Wiest, 17 out of 21; Gaston, 13 out of 23. Referee: Mitchell. Scorer: Gilbert. Timekeepers: Stephens and Diemer.

URSINUS

Wiest	forward	Burns
Havard	forward	Nostrand
Vedder	center	Lembach
Light	guard	Esholtz
Carling	guard	Shuhardt

Substitutions: Tranbruan for Shuhardt. Field Goals: Wiest, 5; Havard, 3; Vedder, 1; Carling, 2; Burns, 4; Nostrand, 2; Esholtz, 1. Foul Goals: Wiest, 13 out of 20; Esholtz, 12 out of 25. Referee: Bruum, Cornell. Scorer: Thayer.

Rev. C. D. Yost spoke at the Vesper services yesterday afternoon.



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