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## IMPOSING IMPROVEMENTS

**Extensive Improvements Place Remodeled Dormitories in Class With Most Forward Institutions in the County.**

With the completion of the large portico in front of Freeland Hall, the improvements to the men's dormitories are practically finished. Through great efforts on the part of President Omwake and his co-workers, the Board of Directors, these much needed improvements were made possible. Since the month of July, the three buildings formerly known as East Hall, Freeland Hall and North Hall, have undergone a complete change.

Freeland Hall, the oldest building of the group, was erected in 1848. At that time the institution was known as Freeland Seminary, Ursinus College not having been founded until 1869. Within this period of twenty-one years, more than four thousand young men from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and other states received their education at this school which occupied the building now called Freeland Hall. Descriptions of this building are given in the old Freeland Seminary catalogue on file in the Ursinus College library. One reads as follows: "The Seminary edifice, an imposing structure of stone, four stories high, and surrounded with a handsome railing and cupola, occupies a beautiful eminence, commanding a delightful and extensive prospect of the surrounding country. The building contains study halls, class rooms and other apartments."

The improvements in Freeland Hall have not materially affected the internal arrangement of rooms except on the ground floor, where the new dining-room is situated. The gift of Israel B. and A. Lizzie Shreiner. This room compares favorably with those of much larger institutions. The floor is marbled. Brick fire-places are at each end of the room. Tables are arranged for six persons, each table forming a social unit of young ladies and young men. A progressive system has been inaugurated whereby through the interchange of the young ladies one week and the gentlemen the next, a maximum degree of social life is brought about.

The first floor of Freeland Hall has been so arranged as to provide four large reception rooms which have been beautifully decorated

and furnished. The remaining floors of the hall are devoted to rooms for the residence of male students. The old rooms were completely torn away and new walls, floors and furnishing were provided.

As a reminder of the days of old Freeland Seminary, the college has repaired the old cupola mentioned above, and has replaced the railing surrounding the cupola.

Stine Hall, formerly North Wing or more commonly known as "The Doghouse," was erected about 1855 as an addition to Freeland Seminary. The Freeland Seminary catalog refers to it as an edifice thirty-eight feet square and four stories in height. Shortly after the college was incorporated, this building was used by the Theological Department of the college. After the removal of this department to Philadelphia, the building was occupied by students of the Ursinus Academy. Part of the ground floor is included in the Shreiner dining-room, while the remainder is used for the refrigerators and storage rooms. The remaining floors have been arranged for the residence of students. The direction of the halls and steps has been entirely changed. Half of the rooms are arranged as suites and are among the most desirable of the rooms in the dormitories.

Derr Hall, formerly called East Hall, was erected several years after Stine Hall. In the recent improvements, the internal arrangement of rooms and halls has been changed so as to provide both single and double rooms and several suites. There are bath-rooms on every floor, a feature which is also found in Stine Hall and Freeland Hall.

The ground floor is occupied by the college Book Room; an office for the superintendent of the Culinary Department and a part of the Shreiner dining-room. The Classical Group room and the office of the Dean are located on the first floor. Rooms for students occupy the remaining floors. The most extensive changes were made on the fourth floor, where five additional rooms have been built with dormer windows.

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## FIRST SCHEDULE A GOOD ONE

**Glee Club Will Start on 29th for a Week's Engagements.**

The male glee club has been practicing diligently for the past few weeks, in preparation for an extended trip during the Christmas vacation.

If one may judge from the healthy spirit manifested in the rehearsals, the concerts will be of the highest type. The "Song of the Vikings" is the most popular with the boys. Deininger, '15, will be the comedian. His stunts will be sure to "take down the house." Weist, '17, has proven himself a very capable man with the cornet. His selections will be sure to please. The male quartet is developing a line of songs that will be sure to strike the funny spot of various individuals.

Director J. M. Jolls is well pleased with the bright prospects for a successful season.

The Christmas trip includes the following places: December 29, Red Lion; December 30, Glen Rock; December 31, Hanover; January 1, York; January 2, Lebanon. A tour through York county is new for a Ursinus Glee Club.

## PERSONALS.

Kerr, '17, was called to his home on Friday afternoon by the sudden death of his father.

A large number of the students attended the Christmas exercises at Ironbridge on Wednesday evening.

The Christmas exercises at Trinity church on Thursday evening were successful in every way. A large number of students assisted with the service.

The sweaters purchased by the Athletic Association for the Varsity U. men have arrived and are now being worn by the men. They are of pure wool, dyed red, and have the roll collars.

Of the 1556 men in the Freshman class at the University of Pennsylvania, only 87 are free from physical defects. More than one-third of the class have some apparent defect of the eyes.

For the third consecutive season, Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis., has won the state football championship. Many students will recall that Dr. Atkinson, formerly of our own college is a member of the Lawrence faculty.

## NEIGHBORS' NIGHT A BIG SUCCESS

**Large Number of Friends of the College See New Buildings.**

A "Neighborhood" reception was held at the College on Friday night. At about eight o'clock the invited guests began to arrive and were received in the reception rooms of Freeland Hall.

The guests were divided into groups and escorted through the remodeled buildings, and by ten o'clock from a hundred to a hundred and fifty people from the town and community had inspected the dormitories.

After the buildings had been passed through the visitors were invited to the dining hall where ice cream, cakes and coffee were served.

In the speeches which followed Dr. Omwake told of the need of the new buildings and how that better work could be done under the new conditions. He said that while other towns might gain prestige because of their industries, Collegeville may become widely known through its intellectual achievements.

Hon. A. D. Fetterolf said that the present conditions is the attainment, in a marked degree, of the plans of the founders.

Mr. G. F. Clamer, president of the Business Men's League, told of his agreeable impressions on passing through and seeing the great changes in the buildings.

Mr. Moser, editor of The Independent, spoke of the early struggles of the college and said that all educational advantages are won only through struggling. He called upon the people of the town and community to stand loyally by the college.

Mr. A. H. Hendricks, Esq., recounted the growth of the college from the time when there was but a mere handful of students, to its present status. He spoke of the good feelings which have always existed between the student body and the townspeople and paid several glowing tributes to Dr. Omwake.

In closing President Omwake announced that the cost of remodeling is approximately \$35,000, a considerable part of which is yet to be raised.

After viewing the kitchen and its equipment the guests departed for their respective homes.

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EDITORIAL

The WEEKLY extends to every student, professor, director, alumnus and friend of Ursinus a Merry Christmas greeting. That the season may bring to you joy, happiness and peace is our sincere wish; and may the new year be for you full of achievement and prosperity.

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As we go to our homes to spend this the most joyful holiday of the year with our loved ones, we should not forget those to whom the Christmas season brings few or no such joys. Perhaps no one of us has felt the real sting of poverty; but there are many whose dinners on Christmas day will be of the most meagre kind. It is a poor, pinched soul indeed, that will not feel the spirit of universal brotherhood and good will at this time.

In every city of any consequence whatever throughout the land, representatives of the Salvation Army are soliciting contributions. These funds will be used in such a way as will make glad the hearts of thousands of men, women and children on Christmas day. To thousands of little boys and girls these red-coated and red-capped harbingers of mercy will be the only Santa Claus they will have. As we pass these representatives upon the street corners, while busy with our own Christmas shopping, let us not forget the less fortunate.

This is not intended as a sermonette unless you desire so to regard it. It is merely a reminder—lest we forget.

CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS.

Y. M. C. A.

On Wednesday evening the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was led by Minich. The subject was "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." A summary of his remarks follows:

The song of the angels had for its content, the theme of universal brotherhood. Christ's coming has indeed knit the world together with the strong bands of love and mutual good intent. Could we be lifted up to some distant cloud and listen, as each country and city passes by in the revolution of our earth, the sound of Christmas carol to our ears would tell us that Christ's music is a world's music, and his message a universal message. As the angles, because of their purity, were able to sing the first Christmas carol, so each nation as it grows better, as it rises from a depressed condition of sin, catches a new light and is enabled to join in this new song, and when all nations and people shall have joined their forces of praise, then shall the anthems of men reach up to, and mingle with the anthems of heaven in one harmonious melody of praise to God.

Y. W. C. A.

Miss Elbright gave a good talk on "Balances in Life," at the meeting on Tuesday evening. The main points brought out were:

We find balance preserved everywhere in nature, and we should aim to attain just as perfect balance in our lives. We should develop every phase of our natures.

Physically, we need well-developed bodies to do our work in the world. Mentally, we should try to develop all of our capacities, not emphasizing anyone at the expense of others. In our moral and spiritual life, there are many sides to be developed. Faith and works are both essential to a well-rounded christian life. Our conduct should be the true expression of good character.

In the discussion which followed Miss Klein brought out the point that it is only by striving to develop ourselves along lines that are not easy and pleasant that we really gain strength and poise.

Bible Study Course Closes.

The Bible study course conducted by the men during the past eight weeks came to an end on Tuesday evening. The subject on Tuesday was: "The Universal Christ." Eby and Kell had charge of the meeting. These meetings throughout the course were well attended, and the discussions were both spirited and beneficial.



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**GROUP MEETINGS.**  
**Chemical-Biological.**  
 The Chemical-Biological Group held its monthly meeting in the dining hall of Derr Hall on Monday evening. Reports were read as follows: "The Life History of the Oyster" by Derr, and "The Oyster Industry" by Messinger. A male quartet composed of Prof. Crow and Messrs. Johnson, Messinger and Derr, rendered several selections. After a discussion the members of the group partook of an oyster supper. Dr. Beardwood has been secured to give an address in Bomberger Hall on January 29, 1914. The meeting will be open to all.

**Modern Language.**  
 The Modern Language Group held its monthly meeting at Olevian Hall on Tuesday evening. The program follows:  
 Piano Solo, Miss Peters; German Recitation, Miss Barnet; Translation from German, Miss Shoemaker; French Reading, Miss Sandt; Vocal Solo, Miss Detwiler; Talk, "How to Travel," Dr. Vogl. Mrs. Vogl, and Dr. and Mrs. Crow were present as welcome guests.

**Mathematical.**  
 The Mathematical Groups held their monthly meeting in Freeland

Hall on Tuesday evening, December 16.  
 A paper, "John Napier and His Invention of Logarithms," was read by Prof. Clawson. In this paper the origin and practical values of logarithms was clearly brought out and illustrated. The next number was an essay on "China" by Miss Snyder, who traced the development of the eastern country in the last twelve years.  
 After a few games were played and dainty refreshments served the groups adjourned.

**SEMINARY NOTES.**  
 Dr. C. E. Schaeffer of Philadelphia, General Secretary of the Home Mission Board, lectured at the Seminary last Monday and Tuesday evenings.  
 The mid-yearly examinations were held during the past week, covering the work gone over during the first term. The school year is somewhat shorter than at most institutions and the students have been applying themselves vigorously in preparation for the semi-annual tests.  
 Dr. Good has been delivering a series of lectures on the Heidelberg Catechism to the student body.



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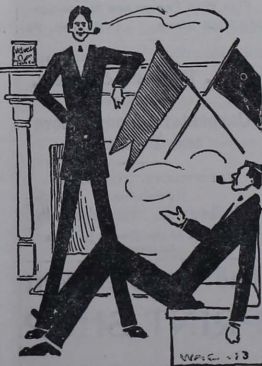
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Freeland Hall, the central building of the group, now has a large portico with four large columns extending the height of the building. The portico is built of terra cotta and concrete. The words "Freeland Hall" are inscribed upon the frieze. Broad concrete steps lead down to the main avenue.

New entrances of terra cotta have also been provided for Derr Hall and Stine Hall, each being inscribed with their respective names.

The open space between the buildings, commonly called "The Court," has been utilized by the construction of a one-story structure adjoining the dining-rooms. Here the new kitchen is situated. It has a floor of marblod and walls of impervious brick. The top is made of reinforced concrete with skylights and ventilators. This room is remarkable for its cleanliness and light. The equipment is of the very latest design. Power machinery has been installed for paring vegetables, washing dishes, et cetera.

New, substantial and properly located fire escapes have been placed on each hall. Electric lights have been substituted for the old kerosene lamps. Each student is provided with a private clothes room. The heating system has been entirely reconstructed. It may be truthfully said that for real comfort and service the new dormitories are surpassed in no college the size of Ursinus. With a beautiful external appearance and internal furnishings to increase the domestic happiness of the students, we have every reason to be proud of our improved buildings.

J. E. M., '14.

**ALUMNI NOTES.**

The November issue of the Christian Work and Evangelist," published at New York, contains an editorial noting with satisfaction the inauguration of Dr. C. L. Omwake as president of Ursinus College. The article spoke in sincere tones of the worth of Dr. Omwake to the college and said, "Under his devoted care the college has not only grown in number, but has attained a high standard of efficiency and drawn to itself an earnest and eager group of boys and girls. It will do any young man good to spend four years in his companionship, and he is a very friendly man." Speaking of the college it said, "Few colleges have developed more harmoniously the intellectual and spiritual life." The recognition

recently given Dean Kline was also noted with pleasure.

A recent copy of the Philadelphia Press contained a selection of an All Eastern football team made by Mr. Raymond Gettell, '04. Mr. Gettell, besides being a member of the faculty of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., is also coach of the football team representing that institution. His team has just closed a successful season.

Rev. G. W. Kerstetter, '98, formerly principal of Interior Academy, Dakota, Ill., is doing splendid work as teacher and lieutenant in the Military Academy at Mt. Victory, Ky.

W. S. Kerschner, '09, of Freeport, Ill., recently aided in a missionary canvass and survey in Chicago and Rockford, Ill., in the interests of the Home Mission work of the Reformed Church.

C. I. Lau, '09, is stationed at Wilton, Ia., as pastor of the Wilton charge, and is energetic in Sunday School work and the solving of the Rural Church problem.

Rev. P. M. Orr, '98, is the efficient president of Interior Synod of the Reformed Church, covering all the territory west of Chicago to Denver, Colo.

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