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# The Ursinus Weekly

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## ACTIVITIES AMONG THE ALUMNI

### Items Gleaned Here and There From the Field.

Rev. Charles D. Lerch, '95, has recently taken up his duties as pastor of the Kingtown charge.

"Bob" Matz, '12, professor of history in the Bloomfield, N. J., High School, was at the college on Saturday.

Lentz, '02, Peters, '03, and Mathieu, '11, were judges at the Freshman Declamation Contest on Saturday evening, February 21.

Rev. J. S. Bartholomew, '00, has been named chairman of a committee to plan for the erection of a new church for the Rittersville congregation.

H. H. Koerper, '07, has resigned as principal of the Frackville, Pa., schools, to accept a more lucrative position as cashier of the Auburn National Bank.

Rev. Prof. James I. Good, D. D., has been elected president of the Church Historical Society of America. This society was organized by the Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D.

Rev. P. H. Hoover, '98, formerly of Blain, Perry county, has accepted a call extended by the Reformed church of Bloomsburg, Pa. He began work in his new field on February 1.

Ernest Wagner, '16, a business caller at the college recently. Mr. Wagner is at present doing medical graduate work at Medico-Chi. He has been engaged to teach Chemistry at Ursinus during the summer term, this year.

"The American Doctrine of Judicial Supremacy" is the title of a new book from the pen of Charles Grove Haines, Ph. D., '03. The volume was published by the MacMillan Company and contains about four hundred pages. Dr. Haines is head of the Political-Science Department of Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington.

At a meeting of the New York Branch of the American Psychological Association held at Princeton, February 23, 1914, a paper was read by G. C. Myers, '09, on the subject "Recall in Relation to Retention." The paper, which is an experimental study will be published in full in the March issue of the Journal of Educational Psychology. Mr. Myers was elected a member of the association at its annual meeting last December.

## GREAT NEW ENGLAND SCHOLAR AT URSINUS

### Dr. Hillis Gives Scholarly Address on "America of To-day and To-morrow."

The second number of the lecture course was given on Thursday evening, when Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, of Brooklyn, lectured on "America of To-day and To-morrow." While differing from the first number of the course in both subject matter and treatment, Dr. Hillis' address was equally good. His optimistic statements as to the future of our nation were backed up with facts, and interspersed with flashes of a droll, contagious humor characteristic of the man. He held his audience fascinated for over two hours.

Dr. Hillis says that many people are pessimistic about our country's future, even going so far as to claim, with the late Dr. Sumner, of Yale, that the United States will not hold out more than fifty years longer. Dr. Hillis himself thinks there is every reason for optimism.

In the first place, the population which a country can support may be judged by the amount of farming land it contains. Judged by this standard, our country can support a population of about 500,000,000.

The American continent is the only continent built rightly for farming. Surrounded by seas, and containing over three-fourths of all the fresh water on the globe, it has at least 11,000,000 square miles of land suitable for farming—over half of the farm land of the world. It is probable, moreover, that before very long our citizens will control, if they do not actually own, all of this American farming country. We already control much of it; and humanitarian as well as commercial interests demand that we take hold of all the vast resources of the continent and develop them.

The future may be judged, to some extent, by the past. We have grown five hundred times in the past hundred and fifty years; and it is reasonable to suppose we may grow fifteen times in the next century and a half.

To realize our resources, we must study the great southwest, the Panama Canal, and Alaska.

As Gladstone predicted, the Panama Canal will doubtless create

the great market place of the world in the heart of America. Even England cannot hope to compete with us much longer, since she is not as rich as we, and will now have a handicap in extra freight bills.

Alaska's resources consist chiefly in its fisheries and mines. According to Edison, the vast coal mines will some day be utilized to produce electric power for use in the United States. Any man, with the use of electric power, is equivalent to two hundred and fifty ordinary men; hence electricity will drive many men out of factories, etc., and force them into farming.

Some people are afraid our soil will go to pieces, if our population should ever reach its possible maximum of 500,000,000. At present there is a great waste, it is true; but we are learning to farm scientifically, so as to make the most possible materials with practically no waste.

Have we, as many claim, lost our power to produce manhood? The only way you can get a great nation is by making great souls—true, fine, firm men and women. It is hard to educate the rulers in America, because this means educating every one. We must diffuse our sacred institutions of liberty, education, religion, property—and, above all, the home and family. These institutions have stood the test of time. Any nation which can turn heroes like Lincoln out of poor boys has not lost its power to produce manhood.

Some pessimists, again, predict a breakdown of American physique, because of the vast streams of immigration constantly pouring into our country. In reality, it is not these emigrants, but the degenerate children of our own idle rich, who are breaking down our country's health. The public school is a natural stomach to digest foreigners; and the immigrants often make the best Americans in time.

Summer claimed that capital would soon control our country absolutely, body and soul; but already we see promise of the over-

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## YORK COUNTY ALUMNI BANQUET

### Seventy-five Guests Enjoy Excellent Dinner.

The annual banquet and business meeting of the York Alumni Association was held in the social rooms of Heidelberg Reformed Church, York, Pa. on the evening of February 24. The banquet room was decorated with Ursinus colors and the table was graced with artistic menu cards bearing a picture of Freeland, Stein and Derr Halls, new dormitories for men.

The diners numbered about seventy-five, representing ministers, teachers and prominent business men of the city and neighboring towns. The dinner which proved an excellent one was served by the ladies of Heidelberg church.

Prof. C. B. Heinley, A. M., '00, a member of the York High School faculty acted as toastmaster. Toasts were responded to as follows: Reminiscences, Dr. G. H. Bordner, A. B., '08; The College from the Field, Rev. G. S. Sorber, D. D., '76; The Topsy-turvy Times, Prof. E. D. Holt, A. B. Prof. Geo. H. Mecker, Ph. D., dean of the Medico-Chirurgical college, Philadelphia, was the guest of honor and delivered one of the principal addresses. Prof. George Leslie Omwake, Pd. D., president of Ursinus College was expected to attend but was compelled to send his regrets on account of illness. Rev. O. P. Schellhamer, D. D., '85, president of the association, also made a brief address.

One of the delightful features of the evening was the music furnished by the Philharmonic Trio who presented a program of high class music which was thoroughly appreciated.

At the close of the banquet the following officers were elected: President, J. K. McKee, A. B., '98, vice-president, Dr. G. H. Bordner, A. B., '08; secretary, Prof. A. E. Gladfelter, A. B., '12; treasurer, Rev. E. F. Wiest, D. D., '93.

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, the Glee Club gave a concert to an appreciative audience in Trinity Hall, connected with Trinity Reformed Church, Norristown, Pa. The concert was good and was much enjoyed by the Norristown audience. Previous to the concert a picture of the club was taken at the studio of Mr. Bussa.

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## EDITORIAL

It is now the third year since the experiment of student government was inaugurated at Ursinus. We say the "experiment" of student government, because at the time there was considerable sentiment against it. There were many who believed it could not be made a success because of the comparative smallness of the student body. From the beginning the senate has had to work under difficulties. This has resulted from several causes, but chiefly, because of predisposition in the minds of the students against student government. During the two and one-half years that have elapsed since the beginning of the senate, there has been abundant opportunity to observe its influence in student activity. Basing our judgment on the results, we feel warranted in the conclusion that student government is a success; and, that it has vindicated its claim to a legitimate place in the student life of the college.

We do not believe any one will dispute the statement that there is a more healthful moral atmosphere at the college now than there was a few years ago, not that conditions were bad then, but they are better now. There has been a noticeable lack of the disorder, during the opening weeks of the past two years, which characterized the same periods of former years. And this new spirit has existed throughout the year. The house committees which are elected by the various groups are the result of a recommendation to the groups by the senate. These committees have been influential in

maintaining proper conduct within the buildings; and the students are beginning to realize that the committees are not necessarily antagonistic to the students' comfort. Another evil which has been banished and for which the senate can justly claim the credit is the promiscuous painting of Freshman numerals. Until the senate provided another way, numerals were painted anywhere—not even was Bomberger Hall spared. With our new dormitories the value of this action can easily be seen.

But the work of the senate has not been only corrective. The inter-class field meets of the past two years was a bit of progressive work started by the senate. On a number of occasions the senate has represented the student body before the faculty, and got what they asked for.

Two important steps were taken this year which it is hoped will further familiarize the students with the work of the senate and also remove any mistaken impression which any one may have. The first was the provision for publishing on the bulletin board all proceedings of the senate. The second was the act making all sessions of the senate public unless the business is of such a nature that a secret session is necessary.

Student government is past the experimental stage at Ursinus. It has had to operate without the benefit of precedent and naturally there have been some mistakes made. There is still some prejudice against it, but this has been reduced to a minimum. Most of the students feel that the senate is taking a position where it will operate for the highest welfare of the whole college.

### Students Heard in Recital.

A very delightful recital was given by the students of music at 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. The program consisted entirely of the works of Handel and Haydn.

The program:

Life and Works of Handel, Miss Furman; Violin, "Largo," (Handel), Miss Kern; Piano, "Harmonious Blacksmith," (Handel), Miss Homer; Voice, "Come Unto Me," from "Messiah," (Handel), Miss Furman; Life and Works of Haydn, Mr. Yeager; Piano, "Andante con Variazioni," (Haydn), Miss Davenport; Vocal Quartette, "The Heavens are Telling," from "Creation," (Haydn), Miss Furman, Miss Klein, Mr. Yeager and Mr. Robinson.

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mit our inability to handle it. Our  
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gospel to all lands; this is made  
easy by the fact that we need only  
to carry it to our neighbors."

In the discussion which followed  
these thoughts were emphasized:  
The proper solution of the problem  
is to enforce the present laws to  
keep out the undesirable and dis-  
tribute to others as they come. It is  
a subject of individuality. You  
and I must help to solve it. People  
moving from land to land have the  
tendency of losing their religion.  
Hence we have opportunity to in-  
clude Christian principles in their  
minds. We ought not to think of  
the foreigner as inferior to us.

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give."

**Mission Study.**

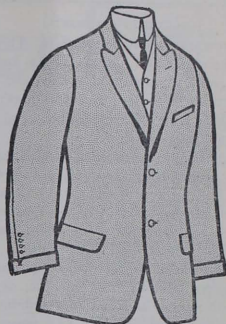
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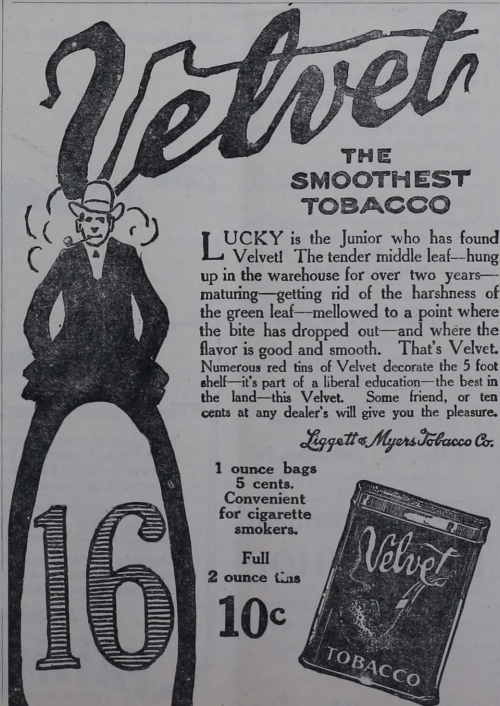
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Foreign nations once scoffed at us, now, they copy us. Kaiser Wilhelm recently said that in a few generations every nation in Europe will be a republic, modeled on the democracy of the United States.

We must then be loyal to our higher learning, be patriotic, defend Sunday as a national holiday for self-improvement, and guard our industrial liberty, then we may hand forward to the whole world, as a nation about to control half that world, the great Christian institutions which lie at the foundation of the America of to-day and to-morrow. E. M. W., '14.

## SOCIETY NOTES.

## Schaff.

Three prominent literary women, Jane Austin, Marian Evans and Elizabeth Browning, were discussed in Schaff on Friday evening. The program was very instructive and every number was rendered in a creditable manner. The program follows:

Violin Solo, Miss Shaner; Essay, "Jane Austin," Mr. Singley; Reading from Jane Austin, Miss Ferree; Vocal Solo, Miss Detwiler; Essay, "Elizabeth Browning," Miss Kneeder; Declamation from Browning, Miss Detwiler; Round Song, Mr. Kichline, leader; Essay, "Marian Evans," Mr. Vogel; Declamation from Marian Evans, Mr. Hartrauf; Reading from Marian Evans, Miss Sabold; Gazette, Mr. Hoover.

Misses Mabel Hyde, '16, of Conshohocken, and Mabel Faulkner, '17, of Cape May, N. J., became active members of the society.

## Zwinglian.

An unusually interesting and enjoyable program was rendered in Zwinglian on Friday evening. Its numbers were:

Piano Solo, Miss Wagner; Reading from Macaulay, Mr. Lehman; Encomium, "Ignace Paderewski," Miss Sandt; Vocal Solo, Mr. Wiest; Recitation, "The Rising in 1776," Miss Barnett; Parliamentary Drill, under the leadership of Messrs. Adams and Mitterling; Orchestra, Mr. Hartry leader; Oration, "What is the Matter with Our Public Schools?" Miss Kramer; Review, Mr. Kerschner.

Koch, is confined to his room in Derr Hall on account of illness. Dr. Dedaker attends.

Weidorn, ex-'14, stopped at the college on Friday on his way to Newark, N. J., at which place he has accepted a position as physical director in the high school.

## CALENDAR.

Tuesday, March 3.—6.40 p. m., Joint meeting of Y. W. and Y. M. C. A.

7.30 p. m., Preliminaries for Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest.

Wednesday, March 4.—7.30 p. m., Free Lecture by Dr. Walter Brooks McDaniel, U. P. Subject: Remains of Ancient Roman Life in Italy at the Present Day.

Thursday, March 5.—Quartet at Philadelphia.

Friday, March 6.—7.40 p. m., Literary Societies.

Saturday, March 7.—8.00 p. m., Illustrated Lecture on Panama Canal by Colonel A. W. Windam; admission, fifty cents.

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