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Rev. George H. Miller, '86, of Pottstown, has resigned the pastorate of Shenkel's charge, over which he has presided with ability and success for many years.

Rev. Benjamin F. Apple of Stroudsburg, an old Freeland Semianian, is known as the "marrying parson" of Monroe county. He performed fifty-six marriages during the year 1911.

Dr. G. L. Omwake, '98, was at Garden City, Long Island, Friday, January 5, attending the annual meeting of the General Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada, of which he is a member.

Rev. H. E. Jones, '91, A. M., is pastor of the Addison Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.

Students at Ursinus in the '90's remember with pleasure "Tommy" Whittles, ex '97. After leaving Ursinus he completed a course at Waynesburg College and latter graduated from Princeton Seminary. He served a six year pastorate in Minnesota and is now pastor of a large congregation at North-east, Pa. He has done considerable literary work and is preparing a book on camp work in Minnesota.

Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, '89, recently accepted a call to the Sixth Presbyterian Church, at Albany, N. Y.

Rev. A. Leiby, ex-'11, of Myers-town, was a visitor at college, last week.

Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg, '93 was present at one of the meetings during the week of prayer.

Miss Helen Miller, '11, visited her classmate Miss Dorothy Latshaw, at her home in Royersford, last week end.

MT. LOCK

By Levi Y. Davidheiser

As one leaves Williamsport to the south a grand view of Mt. Lock presents itself. This mountain, bearded with oak and pine, rears its shaggy head far above its neighbors. As if in contentment it realized the longing desire of contact with the infinite heavens.

The autumnal beauty adds to its grandeur. A distant view, perhaps, is more pleasing to the eye than a nearer prospect.

The shaggy pines, festooned with parasites which are now robed in their gorgeous colors that nature alone can paint, seem to crown themselves as kings of the October hills. The waving drapery of the oak, trailing long and low as it is noiselessly swayed by the wind, seems to disrobe the mighty giant of the forest; the oak, for the time being, seems to be willing to surrender its scepter to the pine.

Greater inducements shall appear to the mind as we near this mountain. Distance charms. Nearness stirs the emotions of the sublime and beautiful; it causes man to forget his egotistical greatness, his narrow conceptions, and for once to recognize the existence of a higher power.

The earth seems rude, silent, incomprehensible at first; nature in her activities seems dormant. The only noises that come to the human ear are the gloomy sighs of the pine trees, or the responsive answers of the owl. All life seems to share the fate of the forest.

The strange fascination, the awful stillness of this half-impassible mountain inspires one with that sublimity which is indescribable. It inspires one with those emotions which rise far above all mental things, and are absorbed by a soul transporting thought of the good and glory of God. It is a true revelation of sublimity and power, and, for the moment, leaves at an immeasurable distance earthly ambitions and struggles, and animates our souls to self-sacrifice and devotion to God.

WILL HOLD VALENTINE FETE

At a meeting of the Athletic Committee, Thursday evening, it was decided to hold a Valentine Fete to raise money to help in procuring new baseball uniforms. The committee appointed to take charge consists of Douthett '12, chairman, Dr. Smith, Dr. Clawson, Isenberg '12, West '12 and Yoh '13.

CONTRIBUTION

Editor's Note: The following article has been sent to us by Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg, '93. It is a clipping from the Christian Endeavor World:

THE COLLEGIAN'S DEBTS

The suggestion has been offered that rich students at Yale might help the institution by paying the difference between the present charge for tuition and the actual cost. The figures show that the difference between the two is quite a large proportion of the charge.

It is common to speak of a certain class of students as receiving charity by means of scholarships covering a part or the whole of the bills for tuition. The wisdom of encouraging the practice is sometimes questioned. It is a good sign, doubtless, that such help is coming to be received in larger measure as a loan instead of as a gift. But the charitable feature of a college is only a matter of degree, when comparison is made between the richest and the poorest students. The colleges are unquestionably few where the richest member pays the actual cost of what he receives. Even if he should pay the whole expense to be met by the college on his account, he would still have the benefit of libraries, museum, and other collections bestowed by friends of the institution. The cost of these helps does not figure in any bills presented.

A college graduate is one of the last persons in the world that can afford to plume himself on his independence. He may have asked no favors; he may have wanted none; but the very process of gaining his education has been inseparable from a growing indebtedness. This is to make no mention of what he owes to the great thinkers and writers the fruits of whose toil he has inherited. His obligations are no more discharged by the payment of bills for tuition than one's debt to an inspiring writer is covered by the royalty that the author receives out of the price paid for the book.

The man with trained mind ought to be quick to see how greatly he is in debt to the world. The elements that go to make up his debt are perhaps more easy to recognize readily, but it would not take much reflection for every one to see that the true question for all to ask deals not with means of collecting a debt from the world, but with paying some of what is already due.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE

As a result of the resignation of Superintendent Chas. W. Fritchmann, the Directors of the College have effected a slight reorganization of the administrative forces. The duties of the Superintendent as prescribed by the laws have been assigned for the time being to the Vice President and Dean. This means that the management of the institution as a whole will be carried on from the central offices in Bomberger Hall.

The Executive Committee has secured Mr. Geo. E. Keiner, proprietor of the Merchants' Hotel, Pottstown, to take charge of the boarding hall and dormitories. Mr. Keiner was steward of the College for a number of years prior to 1908 when he resigned to take charge of the Normandie in Philadelphia. He will assume his duties here on January 26 at the beginning of the second term.

POPULAR LECTURE

On Wednesday evening the Christian Associations will present Gabriel R. Maguire, the Irish orator, as the third number of their already successful lecture course. Dr. Maguire's subject, "With an Irishman Through the Jungles of Africa" is conceded to be his best and should be of interest to Ursinus' patrons.

Dr. Maguire, has traveled extensively in Africa, especially in the Congo region, the scene of the triumphs of Stanley, and is well qualified to present his subject. He is a physical giant, a warm-blooded and enthusiastic Irishman, vigorous in thought, spontaneous in humor, strong in his convictions, fearless in presenting his message and full of faith and hope for man.

Mathematical Groups Meet

On Monday evening the Mathematical Groups met in the Mathematical room to conduct their regular monthly meeting. The program that had been arranged was dispensed with because of the members who were to present the papers being quarantined in North Hall. As the quarantine kept many members away, the meeting was of short duration. Refreshments were enjoyed and the evening spent in a social way.

Robert Thompson, who has been confined to his bed with diptheria for the last two weeks, has greatly improved during the past week and is now able to walk about his room.

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EDITORIAL

Last week the Philadelphia papers published "news articles," on the supposed remarks that Professor O'Bolger, assistant professor of English in the University of Pennsylvania, had made in the class room. He was quoted as lauding the McNamara brothers and the acts for which they are now paying the penalty of the law. The reporters got the supposed facts of the professor's utterances from some student in the class, and wrote up the articles in such a way as to misrepresent the professor. The sensational write-up and the maligning cartoons appearing in some of the papers wholly misrepresented the case and show the policy of some papers to severely criticize men who present ideas at variance with the existing order of things.

The Trustees of the University realizing that some action was necessary because of the notoriety given the event, met and, after hearing Prof. O'Bolger's statement, passed resolutions to the effect that the University recognized academic liberty of speech but looked with disfavor upon approval, in the class room, of what the criminal law condemns. They expressed themselves as satisfied with Prof. O'Bolger's explanation and are desirous of getting in touch with the student who misrepresented the statements of the professor.

The whole affair is unfortunate because it gives added impetus to a rather prevalent idea that our universities are hotbeds of anarchy.

With all due respect to the hon-

ored trustees of Pennsylvania we feel that academic freedom of speech should mean actual freedom and be limited by the restrictions of decency alone.

The college or university should be an institution for the untrammeled search for truth and should not be restricted to any set of doctrines, dogmas, theories or principles but should be wide open to any opinion honestly expressed. If the students attending such institutions have not reached the stage of development at which they can listen to any opinion without demoralization, then we know of no better way to enlighten them than by giving them a good liberal dose of assorted ideas and letting them find their own equilibrium. If the ideas be varied enough surely the mind will reach some stable conclusion and will thus be better fitted to assimilate and generate more ideas. For an instructor to eternally dwell upon some particular idea or set of ideas might have a tendency to bias the student but even that would be counterbalanced by the ideas presented by other instructors or by the opposition presented by the students themselves.

For the life of us we cannot see why criminal law or any other law is not open to criticism. The men who made the laws were not omniscient or all seeing so why should their laws be perfect. For the good of the State the law should not be violated while it is in vogue, but that does not prohibit the law-abiding citizen from criticizing either the law, its interpreters or its executors.

To the college student who is really in earnest in his search for truth there should be nothing too sacred for investigation or too exalted to escape criticism. If there is any principle that cannot successfully undergo the fire of criticism, then it is not fit to stand.

As for the student, who, because he lacked sufficient gray matter and conviction to successfully combat the professor's ideas in class, wilfully mis-stated the assertions of the professor to the general public and thus put his college in a bad light, we recommend that he cease to struggle along at the rear of the army of progress, jeering at those who have the courage to be in the van, and drop back to live in the conquered territory.

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It is proposed in the three meetings to constitute a "clearing house" for ideas on the Peace or Arbitration movement. The symposium should be of great value as many prominent and learned speakers have been procured.

The official positions in the Peace movement of Dr. Kriebel and Rev. Rauck demand for them a respectful hearing. Dr. Beeber of Norris-town and Dr. Swain of Swarthmore need no recommendation in this section of the country. The national fame achieved by Thomas Raeburn White and Rev. Lynch in the peace and arbitration movement, should insure them record breaking audiences.

Rarely is such a treat offered to Ursinus' students and friends in middle Montgomery county as is presented next Thursday. Any one who misses it will rue it and those who attend will receive inspiration to forward a movement that is of prime importance to the whole world.

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Next Friday evening the question. Resolved that the president of United States should be elected by the direct vote of the people, will be debated.

Zwinglian

The program of last Friday evening lacked the preparation it would have received at a time other than the busy examination period. The first feature had for its idea the presentation of life in an old rural school, which was attended by appropriately costumed pupils with the ability to sing, orate and to do almost anything. Although this number might have been presented in a somewhat better manner, the antics and stunts of the participants seemed to be generally enjoyed. The oration of Miss Rapp, dealing with the position of the negro in the south to-day proved to be the best literary effort of the evening. Peters read the Zwinglian review. Under voluntary exercises Erickson favored the members with two pleasing trombone solos, which were greatly appreciated.

Dr. C. R. Atkinson, Advisor of the Historical-Political Group will offer a course in Sociology, beginning the second term. The course will embrace a study of our present day social problems and plans for their solution.

MID-YEARS

With the coming of mid-year examinations last Thursday the students dropped all of the usual college activities and are now devoting themselves exclusively to their studies. The short period of time intervening between the Christmas recess and mid-years gives little chance for the student to make up a whole term's work, although many attempt to do it. This year, cramming seems less prevalent than usual and the ordinary recreation and exercise are taken. A few cases of all night study are noted but its profit to the student may be questioned.

The examinations close Wednesday afternoon, the Day of Prayer for colleges will be observed on Thursday and the new term begins Friday at eight o'clock.

Y. M. C. A.

The mid-week meeting was held Wednesday. "The Workings of Providence" was the subject of a discussion with Yoh as leader. Owing either to the difficult nature of the subject or to the fact that mid-year examinations have started the discussions were few and brief. A summary of the remarks follows: All nations and all people believe in a great, over-ruling power of some sort. Some believe that God personally guides each person, while others do not.

From a study of the Scriptures and of our own individual experiences we can find many proofs of a providential hand guiding our steps. It is quite natural that there should be such guidance since the Creator does without a doubt show a personal interest in lower forms of creation which are subservient to man.

The Bible Study Course being conducted every Monday evening by Rev. Wagner will be concluded in three or four weeks. It is to be hoped that he will be loyally supported by a large attendance each Monday evening.

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Miss Gladys Boorem, on Tuesday evening, led the weekly meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Her topic was "The New Beginning," and in a very able and interesting manner did she tell the girls what should be done in connection with the Y. W. C. A. work.