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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1912.

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ALUMNI NOTES

Dr. Geo. Bordner, '08, has taken up the practice of dentistry in York, Pa. His office is in the Rosemont building, one of the most prosperous business sections in the city.

Rev. P. E. Heimer, '91, pastor of the First Reformed Church of Mauch Chunk, successfully trained and led his church choir in the rendition of the cantata "In the House of Simon the Pharisee," last Wednesday night. The affair was such a success that it was given last night.

Dr. Reiner Faringer, '06, of Philadelphia, is in the Municipal Hospital seriously ill with diphtheria.

We quote from the annual reports and catalog of Girard College—"We were able to secure for this special class Mr. Ralph L. Johnson, a graduate of Ursinus College (class of '97) and a gentleman who has had several years' experience as teacher and supervisor of schools. In his educational practice Mr. Johnson had shown interest in the newer phases of educational development, and, in connection with these tendencies, has taken courses in Pedagogy and Experimental Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania." The Psychological Clinic of June 15, 1911, contains an interesting article, "A Score of Different Boys" by Prof. Johnston.

Small Crowd Attended Well Appointed Valentine Fete

Counter attractions caused a small turnout at the Valentine fete Saturday night and as a result the proceeds fell somewhat below that of former years. The Odd Fellows in town held a pork and bean supper and the farmers of the community held an institute at Trappe, both of which took good spenders away from the fete. However, the affair netted the Athletic Association about \$100 which is nearly enough to procure the baseball suits. From the standpoint of arrangements the fete was a grand success. The supper was appetizing and nicely served. The entertainments were fine, the flowers, fancy work, cake and candy tables were well supplied and artistically arranged. "Hit the Coon," fortune telling, silhouette photography and games were popular. A full account of the proceeds of each department will appear in the next issue.

FOUNDER'S DAY ORATION

W. J. Johnson of New York City Delivers Oratorical Lincoln

W. J. Johnson, D. D., of New York City, who gave the Founder's Day oration, was peculiarly fitted to speak on the subject that was selected for him. He was born and reared in the very town that Lincoln was born and spent his early boyhood days. He brought us some new side-lights on our foremost American character. Dr. Johnson took up the much mooted question of Lincoln's religious views, and brought forth much valuable information that has never been presented to the general public. He allowed Lincoln to speak for himself as far as possible and very ably presented arguments to show that Lincoln in later life was a devoted Christian. He said in part, that Lincoln never had the opportunity to attend Sunday school or church until he was about twenty-six years of age because there were none in the neighborhood in which he lived. His parents were Baptists and later Presbyterians. They read the Bible and prayed morning and evening. Lincoln's mother died when he was nine years of age. He said of her: "I remember her prayers; they have always clung to me."

About the age of twenty-five Lincoln read Payne's Age of Reason and other books on liberal thought and became very skeptical. At Springfield Lincoln, with his wife, regularly attended church. There he came under the influence of Dr. Smith, his pastor, who gave him a book called Christian Defense, an argument for and against the Christian religion. Lincoln went away and Smith prayed. When Lincoln came back his doubts were shattered. Dr. Smith has vouched for these facts over his own signature.

Before Abraham Lincoln left Springfield for Washington he told the people: "I go to a greater task than Washington faced; but if the Great God is with me, I shall succeed." After the battle of Bull Run he said to a certain lady: "I have done the best I could; I prayed to God to help me." While exhausted and weighed down with anxieties Lincoln left Washington and traveled to Brooklyn to the home of Henry Ward Beecher. He came and left in disguise. Together they paced the room and struggled until midnight. This was not known until twenty years after and is touched by Beecher's son.

FOUNDER'S DAY DINNER

The Ideal College Discussed by Director, Alumnus, Patron, Faculty and Citizen.

Following the Founder's Day oration a sumptuous dinner was served in East and Freeland dining halls to the students and invited guests of the college. The theme of the speeches which followed was the Ideal College, and was the same in both halls.

In East Hall Dr. Omwake acted as toastmaster and first presented Dr. Henry T. Spangler, '73, who spoke on the subject from the viewpoint of a director, and held that an ideal student body is what makes an ideal college. Students should be provided with comfortable rooms and should be made to feel the responsibility for their efficient use. The faculty should be composed of men with an outlook, who should be chosen because they do their work right and not because they will stay for a long period of years. Dr. Messinger, '85, talked from the view point of an alumnus and dwelt on the need to develop, mentally, physically and morally. Rev. Ed. Wiest gave the view of a patron toward the subject and emphasized the need and value of social development. Rev. Johnston, the speaker of the afternoon, was called upon to speak on any subject he saw fit. Dr. Johnston said that he travels over the whole country and visits hundreds of colleges, but that he had not in many years, with one exception, found a college that impressed him so well as Ursinus.

In Freeland Dining Hall, Prof. Kline, the toastmaster, introduced Mr. Harry Paisley, President of the Board of Directors, who in speaking from the viewpoint of a director, said that it should be the ideal of the student to make the best preparation possibly for work in the world. He incidentally related how the directors were trying to make Ursinus life a more ideal one by efforts toward the repair of the college buildings. Rev. Calvin Fisher spoke from the viewpoint of a patron, laying emphasis on the fact that the student body should always have an ideal spirit. Next came Prof. Clawson, who gave a toast on the viewpoint of a teacher. He held chiefly that the ideal college was one where the students could secure a broad knowledge of books, men and things. Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg followed and talked

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ALUMNI MEETING

Members of York District Hold Dinner and Business Meeting

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the alumni of the York district was held in that city on Tuesday last. A well attended business meeting was held at five o'clock in one of the rooms of Heidelberg Reformed church and at 7:30 a splendid collation was served in the assembly hall of the church, this feature being under the auspices of the ladies' organizations of the congregation. Covers were laid for sixty-five and every place was occupied.

The Rev. M. J. Roth, '93, of Hanover, presided with becoming dignity and grace and with many pleasant bits of humor introduced the speakers. The program was as follows: "The Faculty," Vice-President G. L. Omwake; "The Alumni," Rev. E. F. Wiest, D. D., '93; "The Teacher," Prof. Wm. M. Rife, A. M., '98; "The Minister," Rev. A. D. Wolfinger, D. D., '88; "The Directors," A. R. Brodbeck, Esq., of Hanover.

At the business meeting of the Central Theological Seminary was presented by Dr. Wolfinger and Dr. James I. Good, and Dr. Omwake told of the effort that is being put forth this year in behalf of the college. A committee to co-operate with him in this district was appointed as follows: E. F. Wiest, '93; N. W. Sechler, '90; M. J. Roth, '93; O. P. Shellhammer, '85; Geo. W. Welsh, '93; J. J. Stauffer, '84, and E. M. Sando, '04.

The officers of the York Association for the coming year are: president, Rev. F. S. Lindaman, D. D., '72; vice-president, Rev. J. Kern McKee, '98; secretary, Prof. C. B. Heinely, '00; treasurer, Rev. M. J. Roth, '93.

The success of the meeting and banquet was due to the wise management of the retiring officers of which E. M. Sando, '04, was president, and to the energetic effort of the Rev. E. F. Wiest, D. D., pastor of Heidelberg church.

Seniors Hold Election of Officers

The Senior class held its regular monthly meeting last Monday and elected the following officers, to serve during the last term of the college course: President, Billman; Vice President, Matz; Secretary, Miss Longstreth; Treasurer, Behney.

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EDITORIAL

A movement has been initiated by the literary societies to hold a mock presidential convention, in the chapel, some Friday evening in March. Committees have been appointed by each society to confer with some member of the faculty and devise plans for the societies' consideration.

This move should meet with the approval of the faculty, students and townspeople, as such a mock convention would give splendid training to the participants and an object lesson in practical politics to the spectators. When called upon by the committee all should lend their services in making this new literary feature a success.

Phi Alpha Psi Gives Annual Valentine Party at Detwiler Home in Trappe

On Wednesday evening the Phi Alpha Psi girls entertained at a Valentine party at the home of Miss Florence Detwiler, '14, at Trappe. Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Lane were the guests of honor. After the usual formality of receiving the guests had been accomplished a chance was given for all to become thoroughly acquainted in a novel way. Programs containing five popular and up-to-date subjects for discussion were supplied to everyone and then a half-hour was devoted to talking with a different person on each subject. This proved to be such an interesting and instructive pastime that many continued the discussion long after time had been called. It cannot be assured, however, that the conversations were always strictly limited to the texts. In an exciting hunt for hearts

scattered promiscuously about the room, Bruce Jacobs won the distinction of being the biggest flirt present. After numerous other pleasant pastimes and diversions, including a piano solo by Isenberg, the company assembled in the dining-room, where delicious refreshments appropriate to the occasion were served.

The time for departure arrived all too soon and reluctantly the party dispersed feeling that one of the most successful and pleasant occasions of the year had passed. The guests of the club feel deeply indebted to the young ladies of the Phi Alpha Psi and unite in wishing the organization much success and prosperity for the future.

Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage, Noted Friend of Ursinus, Dies

Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage, son of the noted evangelist, pastor of the Chambers-Wylie Memorial Presbyterian church of Philadelphia, and father of two of our students, Misses Susan and Gertrude Talmage, died at his home, 107 South Thirty-eighth street, Friday night, February 9. His death followed an illness of several months caused by a nervous breakdown and super-vening heart trouble. The Misses Talmage were called from literary society and apprised of his death.

Schaff Resolutions of Consolation to Talmage Family

Last Monday the Schaff Literary Society met in special session and passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father, in his all-wise Providence, to remove from the home of our fellow Schaffites, Susan and Gertrude Talmage, their beloved father, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Schaff Literary Society of Ursinus College tenders to our esteemed members and their family our sincere sympathy in the great loss which they have suffered, commending them to the care and comfort of the Heavenly Father, and be it further,

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our bereaved members, be published in The "Ursinus Weekly," and be entered upon the minutes of the society.

Submitted in behalf of the society by, Florence A. Brooks, Mabelle B. Heebner, S. Randall Detwiler.

Resolutions of Respect Passed by Freshman Class.

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Resolved, That we, in behalf of the members of the class of 1915 of Ursinus College, extend our sincere sympathy and condolence to them and to the members of the family of the deceased; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the afflicted family, a copy be entered on the minutes of the class of 1915, and a copy be printed in the Ursinus Weekly.

ANNA R. WEST,
SARAH R. MAYBERRY.
RALPH J. HARRITY,
DEWEES F. SINGLY.

Girls' Bible Class

The girls of the college have formed a Bible class and have secured Rev. William S. Clapp, pastor of Trinity Reformed church, to instruct them.

Y. M. C. A.

A discussion meeting on the "Divinity of Christ" was held Wednesday evening, with Holt as leader. The leader declared it his purpose to merely state some of the main facts of Christ's life without assuming the humanity or the divinity of Jesus, so as to prepare for the discussion by the members. He wisely chose as the Scripture lesson John 5:18, so that the words of the Master himself concerning his relation with the godhead might be heard. From his boyhood Christ was sure of his great mission in the world and he prepared himself for it. He broke the formality and coldness of the Hebrew religion. He not only healed the sick, but also passed on his power to others. In the discussion which followed quite a number of interesting points were brought out on both sides of the question.

Y. W. C. A.

The weekly meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was led by Miss Ada Schlichter. She spoke on the subject "False Prophets," and brought out many good points. Every man is a builder of character, and each must have a firm foundation, which is found in Christ. It is not our own will which we are to follow, but God's will.

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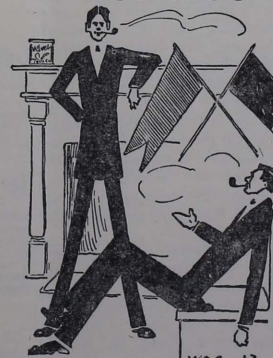
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Zwinglyan Declamation Contest Next Thursday Night

On Thursday night the Zwinglyan Literary Society will hold its annual Freshman Declamation Contest in Bomberger Hall. Prizes of ten and five dollars in gold will be awarded by the judges. Douthett, chairman of the committee in charge, in making up the program has endeavored to shorten it as much as possible and to fill up all gaps with enlivening musical selections. He announces eight declamations, several of which have never been given at Ursinus. The society cordially invites everyone to be present. The contestants will meet the faculty committee on public meetings to-morrow afternoon. The program will begin at 8 o'clock.

Mid-Winter Meeting of Directors

The Board of Directors held its annual mid-winter meeting at 1.30 p. m. Friday. The finance committee reported marked progress in the campaign for \$100,000 and action was taken to complete the project by June 1. The board ratified the action of the executive committee in relieving Dr. Omwake from class duties and in procuring Dr. Dresser for the Department of Philosophy.

FOUNDERS' DAY DINNER

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from the viewpoint of an alumnus. His main point dealt on the development of the individual in many lines and how Ursinus was tending toward this end, intellectually, socially and athletically. Mr. Vanderslice, a director and citizen of Collegeville, ended the toasts with a speech from the viewpoint of a citizen in which he made clear the good feeling existent between the townspeople and the college, a condition which does not prevail everywhere and which is a factor in an ideal college life.

SOCIETY NOTES

Zwinglyan

The best program rendered in Zwinglyan for some time was given before a hall well-filled with members and friends, Friday evening. The following participated: Cornet solo, Alleve; recitation, Miss Wagner; vocal solo, Behney; original story, Kell; mock oration, Mertz; essay, Miss Albright; parliamentary drill, Kantner and Lockart, leaders; quartette, Isenberger, leader; declamation, Miss Mayberry; vocal solo, Kersliner, and review, Deiningner.

Schaff

The debate Friday evening on the question, "Resolved, That universal suffrage would be detrimental to the nation," proved to be a very interesting one. The affirmative side was ably upheld by Misses Stout, Tegetmeier and Boorem, and the negative by Misses Brooks, Fegley and Hallman. The judge decided in favor of the affirmative side, but the decision of the house was in favor of the negative. The program also included a Girl's Chorus, Miss Moser leader; a vocal solo by Miss Saylor and the Gazette by Lauter.

Under voluntary exercises Messrs. Matz and Erikson rendered an instrumental duet and Schaff Orchestra played several selections. Short speeches were also heard from Prof. Von Reithdorf, Mr. Stamey and Mr. Langner.

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