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ALUMNI NOTES

Lehigh Valley Alumni's Meeting and Dinner at Nazareth

The Ursinus Alumni Association of Lehigh Valley, in conjunction with the Ursinus Evangelical and Educational Association, held its second annual banquet at the Nazareth Inn, Nazareth, Pa., last Thursday night. At the business meeting prior to the banquet the following officers were elected: President, Rev. Wallace H. Wotring, '89, D. D., Nazareth; Vice President, Rev. John E. Smith, School of Theology, '77, D. D., Bath, Pa.; Secretary, Rev. Edwin W. Lentz, '89, Bangor, Pa.; Treasurer, Rev. William U. Helffrich, '03, Bath, Pa. At the banquet Rev. Wotring acted as toastmaster and announced the following toasts and speakers: The College, C. D. Yost, '01; The Board of Directors, Mr. H. E. Paisley; The College Man in Law, Attorney Young of Easton, in place of Francis J. Gildner, '00, Allentown; The Alumni and the Ministry, Rev. H. J. Ehret, '00, Bethlehem. Other toasts by Dr. Good and Prof. J. T. Gram of Nazareth Hall.

It was decided to hold the third annual banquet at Allentown, Pa. The committee in charge consisted of J. E. Smith, E. W. Lentz, W. U. Helffrich and W. H. Wotring.

General Alumni

R. E. Miller, '05, attended the benefit banquet of the German Hospital, at the Bellevue-Stratford last Monday evening. Last year he underwent a successful operation for appendicitis at this hospital.

Dr. Reiner Faringer, '06, of Philadelphia, has speedily and completely recovered from his recent attack of diphtheria and visited his mother and friends in town last Tuesday.

W. A. Kline, '93, of Collegeville, and Miss Mabel Hobson, '06, of Cape May, acted as judges on Washington's birthday at a declamation contest held by T. A. Bock, '10, principal of the Spring City high school.

Glee Club Concert in Bomberger Hall

On Tuesday evening, March 12, the Ursinus Glee Club will give its annual concert in Bomberger Hall. The program is the best presented by an Ursinus club for some years, and those who miss hearing it will regret it.

ALUMNI BANQUET

Enthusiastic Meeting of Alumni at Philadelphia

The annual dinner of the graduates and friends of Ursinus residing in or near Philadelphia was held Monday evening, February 26, at the Majestic. The weather of the day and evening was wretched, but this did not prevent some sixty loyal supporters of Ursinus from rallying to pay tribute to her on this occasion.

Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Henson was toastmaster and presided with grace and dignity, enriching the occasion from his fund of good stories.

Dr. Geo. L. Omwake, '98, was the first speaker. He referred to the series of alumni meetings which are taking place at this season. He said everywhere he when he found a growing interest manifested in the work of Ursinus. Dr. Omwake has a warm place in the hearts of the friends of the College.

Coach John B. Price, '05, spoke of the fame of Ursinus in the world of athletics. His speech was his "best yet." The group to which he spoke was composed of those who usually are found among the "rooters'" when Ursinus plays Penn.

The third speaker was Rev. A. R. Kepler, '98, Sianglai, China. We have in this hero of the Hankow battle a son of whom we may justly be proud. His address on "The China of To-day and Tomorrow" was most interesting. He is a missionary-statesman and in the China of tomorrow will leave his impression in no small way.

Rev. Dr. J. I. Good closed the set speeches, paying tribute to the service which Ursinus has rendered to the Reformed church and other churches and to society and the state.

Rev. Dr. John F. Carson was to have closed the addresses, but was detained at another banquet he was attending. He did not get to the Majestic until the guests had gone home, much to his and our regret. However, Dr. H. T. Spangler, '73, and Rev. P. Y. Shelley, '77, very fittingly, in a reminiscent manner, brought the program to a close.

The officers for the coming year are: President, Rev. B. F. Paist, '99; vice-president, F. H. Hobson, '03; secretary and treasurer, M. R. Lungstreth, Esq., '89.

Meeting of Student Senate in History room at 7 p. m., tomorrow.

SCHEDULES ANNOUNCED

Athletic Committee Ratifies Baseball and Football Schedules

On Thursday evening the athletic committee met at the home of Athletic Director Price, with the following members present: Isenberg, '12, President; Yoh, '13, Secretary; Dr. Smith, Treasurer; Mr. Ebert, Mr. Price and Professor Clawson.

The purchasing of baseball uniforms was taken up and it was decided to put the whole matter in the hands of a committee of five, including three members of the athletic committee and the manager and captain. Accordingly the chair appointed Mr. Price, chairman, Dr. Smith, Mr. Miller, '05, Douthett and Kichline.

The report of the Valentine Fete committee was accepted and a vote of thanks extended to all those who had helped to make the affair such a success.

Manager Douthett presented the following baseball schedule for the season of 1912:

Sat., Mar. 23, Princeton at Princeton.
Sat., Mar. 30, Lebanon Valley at Collegeville.

Wed., Apr. 10, Temple at Collegeville.
Sat., Apr. 13, Villa Nova at Collegeville.

Wed., Apr. 17, Lehigh at Collegeville.
Sat., Apr. 20, open, (away from home).

Wed., Apr. 24, Uni. of Penn. at Franklin Field.

Tues., Apr. 30, Gettysburg at Collegeville.

Sat., May 4, 10.30 a. m., Rutgers at New Brunswick. 3 p. m., Seaton Hall at South Orange.

Wed., May 8, Villa Nova at Villa Nova.
Sat., May 11, Swarthmore at Collegeville.

Wed., May 15, Franklin and Marshall at Lancaster.

Sat., May 18, Albright at Myerstown.
Thurs., May 23, Seaton Hall at Collegeville.

Sat., May 25, Swarthmore at Swarthmore.
Thurs., May 30, Lafayette at Easton.

Sat., June 1, Albright at Collegeville.
Tues., June 4, Alumni at Collegeville.

Wed., June 5, open, at Collegeville.

The schedule was pronounced one of the best in years both from a financial standpoint and the standpoint of the number of good games at home.

The following football schedule for the season of 1912, as arranged and presented by Athletic Director Price, was accepted:

Sept. 28, Williamson at Collegeville.
Oct. 5, Albright at Collegeville.
Oct. 9, Uni. Penna. at Franklin Field.
Oct. 12, Gettysburg at Collegeville.
Oct. 19, Lafayette at Easton.
Oct. 26, Lehigh at South Bethlehem.
Nov. 2, Swarthmore at Collegeville.
Nov. 9, Lebanon Valley at Collegeville.
Nov. 16, Franklin and Marshall at Lancaster.
Nov. 28, Muhlenberg at Allentown.

LETTER FROM JAPAN

Weekly's First Editor Writes of Japanese Customs and the Island's Natural Beauty

EDITOR'S NOTE: We have received the following lengthy but exceedingly interesting communication from Walter E. Hoffsommer, '03, of Tokio, Japan, the first editor of the Ursinus Weekly:

JANUARY, 1912

DEAR EDITOR:

Every fall and often in the spring practically every school in Japan takes an educational walking trip. It is not a government regulation but from the unfeeling way in which it is observed it might well be. And yet, when a government school makes a trip, the entire student body must go.

These trips last from one day among the primary students to four or five among the larger ones. The schools of both sexes participate, though of course separately for there is no such thing as co-education in Japan. The start is usually made in the early hours of the morning—about the time you get up for your annual fishing or hunting trip.

Not only to the foreign visitor but to the Japanese himself this country presents many points of interest. This interest is based on all the point that constitute the reason for the stranger's visit, and also on a minute, patriotic historical knowledge. One is surprised time and again at the innumerable places of interest having weatherbeaten stone and wooden notices explaining them, the number of detailed guide books with maps of every important and unimportant point; indeed every railway station has its large sign in English and Japanese telling of the points of interest and how they can be reached from there including the distances. And because Japan has many volcanoes, there are many hot springs, and generally, at least for one night, we are privileged to stop at one of them. For after a pull of twenty miles over mountain roads and paths sulphur or iron or salt water feels fine on tired feet and bodies.

Teachers always accompany the excursion, and are supposed to be encyclopedias of all matters that come up on the trip. It is a school affair, though, managed jointly by a committee of students and one from the faculty, the big end being from the faculty end. This student

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EDITORIAL

Inasmuch as the Junior Oratorical Contest for the class of 1912 is a thing of the past, and the Ursinus representative to the Inter-collegiate Oratorical Contest is chosen and is prepared to contest, we feel that we can now speak on this subject without being accused of having motives ulterior to the best interests of Ursinus.

According to the faculty rule now prevailing the candidates for the Junior Oratorical Contest must be full-fledged members of the third year class; that is, they must not lack credits in required courses which are ordinarily taken in the first and second year. For example, if a student entered college with a condition in English and was unable to take English I with his class, and in his second year he was unable to schedule the English on account of conflicts, and took it in his third year, he would be barred from the Junior contest because he lacked the required English II, even though he could easily take it the next year and graduate with his class. The same thing might and does happen in Latin, Greek, and other branches. Under this ruling, even a few unperformed laboratory experiments will bar an individual.

The faculty claims that these rules are necessary to keep out those who enter college with advanced credit and take the course in two or three years. But why should such persons be barred? Does the fact that they had better opportunities to take their foundation work elsewhere make them

any less members of the class with which they will graduate? The faculty has divided the student body longitudinally into groups rather than transversely into classes and the division is good. Why then make an ironclad ruling as to who is and who is not a Junior? The alumni register recognizes that an individual is a member of the class with which he graduates, and we feel that an undergraduate, if classified, should be classed with those with whom he expects to graduate.

Since we have knocked, we propose the following remedy. Let candidates for participation in the Junior contest present their names to the faculty for consideration. Let the faculty consider the applicants and admit those who, in their opinion, can or will graduate with the class of the next year. We as students have faith that the faculty will not indulge in personalities; and if they do, such a decision would be better than a technical and arbitrary one. This is purely a faculty matter and it is for the faculty to act. Now is the time, before the candidates for the coming contest present themselves.

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Another phase of this same question is the representative of Ursinus to the Inter-collegiate Oratorical Contest. Under our present system the combined literary societies have membership in the Inter-collegiate Oratorical Union and send as the representative of Ursinus the winner of the Junior contest of the previous year. The college authorities take no part in the matter whatever. This, we feel, is not as it should be, as an oratorical representative represents Ursinus just as much as does our football or baseball teams and, like our athletics, should be under the partial supervision of the college authorities.

The present arrangement makes our representative one of the seniors who was fortunate enough to have no conditions the year before, but not necessarily the best orator in the college. Frequently the best orators have been found in this way, but at other times better orators could have been found in either the representative's own class or the lower classes. At the Intercollegiate contest here last year both Sophomores and Juniors participated, the first prize being won by a Junior and the second by a Sophomore.

We think that if the representatives of the literary societies and the faculty would get together, a method could be devised whereby the Ursinus representative would be more likely to be the best in the college than under the present system.

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The subject for discussion at the Wednesday evening meeting was "Principle and Practice," Deininger, the leader, spoke in part as follows: "In terms of our religious life we can substitute the words faith and works for principle and practice. We cannot do a thing well if we do not believe in it. If we really believe in a thing we are inconsistent if we do not act accordingly. The great men of the world are known primarily for their principles and their consistency or lack of it in carrying them out. Without great principles and great faith we cannot hope to rise above the dead level of our surroundings. The Christian virtues and principles laid down in the Bible, if followed, produce the highest type of citizenship and manliness. Some of them are temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity. If we would be Christians worthy of the name, we should strive to acquire these virtues." The leader's talk was followed by responses from Harry, Minich, Davidheiser and Hess.

Dr. Horatio W. Dresser, of the Department of Philosophy, lectured last Tuesday evening at the Friends' meetinghouse at Norristown.

Y. W. C. A.

At the meeting of the Y. W. C. A., "Home Missions Among Our Island Possessions" was discussed by Miss Tegmeier. Since the subject of missions is the fundamental thought of the gospel and the life-sense of Christianity, we find the Bible pervaded with missionary thoughts. Christianity is above all other religions a missionary religion. The work of a missionary is no small undertaking and requires just as much labor and devotion to make it a successful enterprise as the teacher needs to make good in school.

**Billman will Represent Ursinus at
Intercollegiate Contest at
Gettysburg**

On Thursday night, March 14, the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest will be held at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa. A. M. Billman, '12, as the winner of last year's Junior Oratorical Contest, will represent Ursinus. His oration, "The Man Behind the Bars," is a good one and Mr. Billman shows power and earnestness in its delivery. The contestants will represent the following colleges and speak in the order named: Lafayette, Ursinus, Gettysburg, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore and Franklin and Marshall.

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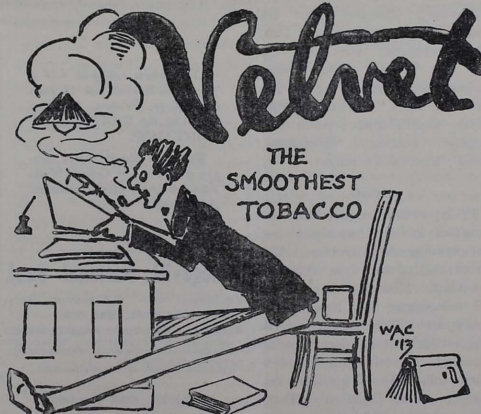
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committee consists partially of the class leaders—honor men generally—and other fellows clever at other matters outside of the curriculum. This committee has charge of everything but is continually reporting to the chief teacher on the trip. They also carry simple medical remedies, the chief ones that are used being those for blistered feet and upset stomachs.

This year the fellows were ordered to wear their winter blue coats and their summer trousers. Though shoes were permitted, I recall few who wore them, for they naturally prefer the thick, split sock over which they tie the straw sandals. This, with the legging, is the regulation gear for walkers of all classes. These sandals last for twenty or twenty-five miles, depending on the man on top of them and the road under them. The school coat is semi-military with an attached white collar. The cap, full military, gives the student quite a natty appearance. The cape instead of the overcoat is used.

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Dr. Atkinson Accepts Summer Position at Oberlin

Dr. Charles R. Atkinson, professor of history and political sciences, has been asked to teach comparative government and politics at Oberlin College during the coming summer session, and he has been granted leave of absence during the summer in order that he may accept. Ursinus will call an instructor from some other institution for her own summer courses in this department.

SOCIETY NOTES

Zwinglian

The program rendered Friday night was rather below the standard, although many of the numbers are worthy of commendation. It included the following numbers: Essay, "Zwingli," Miss Barnett; vocal solo, "Sing Me to Sleep," Bransome; dialogue, Bear and Mathieu; talk, "Labor and Capital," Davidheiser; vocal solo, "Oh, Dry My Tears," Miss Fisher; declamation, Brubaker; girls' trio, "Distant Bells," Misses Snyder, Fisher and Wagner; piano solo, Fegely; oration, "Socialism," Long; Review, Deininger.

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Friday evening's general literary program included numbers both entertaining and instructive. Most of the selections were very well rendered. Miss Heebner's musical monologue and Brumbaugh's essay on "The Leader of the Chinese Revolution" deserve special mention. The other numbers were: Piano solo, Miss Tegtmeyer; recitation, "The Children's Hour," Miss Annie Schlichter; essay, "Birds," Detwiler; impromptu speech, Lauer; parliamentary drill, Rumbaugh and Gebhard, leaders; sketch, Come and Keller; quartette, Misses Detwiler, Brooks, Moser and Klein; Gazette, Small. Under voluntary exercises Dr. Atkinson made a few remarks.

Miss Adel Hansen, of Woodbury, N. J., was elected an active member of the society.

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There will be a meeting of the Weekly staff in the History room at 1.30, Friday, for the purpose of electing the staff for the ensuing year. The Board of Control will meet at the home of Dr. Omwake, Saturday night, to choose the new editor-in-chief and pass on the staff.

Last Monday at chapel Rev. Daniel Burghalter, of Galion, Ohio, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Reformed church in the United States gave a very interesting talk to the students on the invasion of the West by the East.

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