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CALENDAR

To-night, 7.40, Literary Societies.
Monday, Jan. 30, Male Glee Club,
5 p. m.
Tuesday, Jan. 31, Y. M. C. A.,
6.40 p. m.
Male Glee Club, 4.00 p. m.
Wednesday, Feb. 1, Y. M. C. A.,
6.40 p. m.
Lecture by Dr. McFarland, 8
p. m.
Thursday, Feb. 2, Male Glee Club,
5 p. m.
Handel Choral Society, 6.45
p. m.
Friday, Feb. 3, Literary Society,
7.40 p. m.

TO THE MEMORY OF ROBERT BURNS

ON THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH

We certainly do not err in pronouncing Robert Burns of Scotland to have been one of the most extraordinary poets that ever appeared in any age or country. This Ayrshire ploughman, who later was to become the greatest lyric poet that Scotland has produced, was born at the hamlet of Alloway, in Ayrshire, January 25, 1759. His father was a peasant of moderate means. Burns was instructed in the ordinary branches of learning by a teacher engaged by his father and a few friends, but most of his education was obtained from general readers.

His early years were spent on his father's farm. In the year 1787 he bought himself a farm at Ellisland. During his residence on this farm, he wrote, in a single day, "Tam O'Shanter," which most clearly displays the variety of his talent. In no other poem of the same length can be found such blending of brilliant description, touching pathos, and quaint, sly humor.

In the winter of 1795, his strong constitution, strained by cares and dissipations, broke down and he died at Dumfries.

"Burns' life had its lights and its shades; his was a soul so bathed in crystal that any one might read. The strength of weakness and the glory of humility were what he came to teach mankind."

Among his important works are, "My Highland Mary," "Cotter's Saturday Night," "To a Mouse," "To a Louse," and many Scottish songs.

Space will not permit a lengthy

biography, but a true appreciation of the life of Burns may be gotten from the following lines written by B. H. Kell, of the class of 1914.

"Ye banks and braes o' bonnie doon"
I still can hear the ripplin' croon
Of singing waters hastening doon
To join the tide

Near Ayr—that auld and sacred toon—
Now known world wide.

The Mavis—singing up the glen—
Lifts care-worn hopes of weary men,
The chirping of the jenny-wren,
Speaks, too, of Burns.

Add drooping spirits rise again
As hope returns.

The lowly daisy by the way—
Burns saw it peep above the clay—
An emblem of a better day
Not far ahead.

It pointed through that fevered fray
That all men dread.

We love to sing those tender lays
Which Robin sang in by-gone days.
Though some may think that all his ways
Were not just right,
Yet thousands meet to give him praise—
This very night.

We note his grace, we mark his power,
With him "the weed becomes the flower,"
And sunshine marks the gloamin' hour,
That once was drear.

Even the disconsolate and sour
His songs would cheer.

When "ranting round in pleasure's ring,"
The wild "rove" had his random fling,
Then conscience gave her sharpest sting
And scared him whiles.
Even then would Robin muse and sing
Of "Clooties" wiles.

He sang of love, warm, blushing, strong,
The Wallace "wight" enriched his song,
The Bruce, in righting Scotland's wrong,
He made you see.

The burden of that martial song
Was "On wi' me."

And aye the tenor of his song
Was manhood's right and manhood's
wrong,

The hypocrites, with faces long,
He could not bide.

He smote them hip and thigh, with strong
Derision plied.

Men walk erect in manhood's pride,
The poor man's task is dignified,
With bitterness cast aside.

Then grandeur springs,
While age creeps round the ingleside
And Robin sings.

Oh, Burns, thy fame can never die,
While flowers bloom or lovers sigh,
Or weary, way-worn passer-by
Laments thy fate.

Thy seeing mind, thy searching eye,
Knew what was great.

Oh, could I make thy vision mine,
See through the mists with soul like
thine,

Catch something of that touch divine
That made thee soar,
And have that light that made thee shine,
I'd ask no more.

Thy light makes glorious noon to-day,
Thy songs shall ever with us stay,
Thy genius lights us on our way,
While lark up-springs.

"Scotland may never fear dismay
While Robin sings."

DAY OF PRAYER

The Day of Prayer at Ursinus was conducted in a manner highly commendable and satisfactory, in that it gave to those in attendance manifold ideas on the topic, "World Evangelisation" and that it carried with it an interest, which, in comparison with the more formal services of former years, left a deeper impression on the student mind.

In the morning at 10.30, the students of the college as well as their friends assembled in the chapel to engage in worship and, especially, to listen to addresses by the Rev. C. J. Musser, D. D. and Rev. C. A. R. Janvier, both of Philadelphia, on the subject, "The World Challenge to the Twentieth Century." Dr. Musser related with a characteristic force and emphasis how great the religious opportunities of our own days are, how much greater they will be in years to come; the same opportunities, in short the world challenge, to be embraced by men who have in them the spirit of God. Rev. Janvier, who had for his text, "He who adopts the program of God commands the resources of God," delivered an able address on His world and personal program; emphasized the fact that all parts of the world need the program and concluded by bringing forth the benefits which come to those nations that do God's work in their acts towards the people of heathen lands.

At 3.00 p. m. the exercises of the day were continued by men who are working in a foreign field along the lines of religion, teaching and medicine, a work that is a man's task, judging from their reports, and that demands a most supreme courage and faith. Rev. W. A. Reimert of Yochow, China, in relating his experiences among the Chinese, told that the missionaries must act different parts; he must be a preacher, of worthwhile speech if he is to have an interested hearing; he must be a master, possessed of fact, sense, patience, perseverance and propriety in dealing with men; he must be a pioneer, ready to travel through the country into the interior; and finally he is obliged to be a propagator of native evangelism. Prof. Paul L. Gerhard of Sendai, Japan, a teacher at the North Japan College, portrayed the similarity of life at

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PRICE FOOTBALL DINNER

The victorious football team of 1910 consummated as well as consumed the last but not the least of its many dinners, on last Saturday evening at the home of its coach Mr. John B. Price. The dinner was offered to the team if it defeated Franklin and Marshall and it is needless to say it displayed the same individual ability and co-operative spirit at the dinner as it did in that memorable game—the fellows started in a little weak but were strong at the finish.

The boys assembled about six o'clock and were most pleasantly entertained by the younger generation until they were called to place themselves around the festive board. The dinner was tastefully served and needless to say enjoyed by all. Between courses, good stories and jokes were in order and the host contributed many and good ones. Over the cigars the achievements of the season were once more reviewed to the glory and satisfaction of all concerned. The boys departed at an early hour with ringing cheers for their host, the coach, and his hospitable wife, very grateful for an event that will linger long in the memory of each participant in the festivities of the evening.

ALUMNI

'10. F. LeRoy Moser, who has been teaching in the public schools at Narberth, Pa., has resigned his position to take up the editorial duties of "The Collegeville Independent," succeeding his father, E. S. Moser, who will take charge of the affairs of the "Daily and Weekly Register" of Norristown.

'98. Rev. W. A. Reimert, a missionary to China, delivered one of the addresses during the observance of the Day of Prayer yesterday.

MARRIED

'07. Rev. Titus A. Alspach, A. M. was married to Miss Charlotte A. Davidson on Dec. 28, 1910, in Grace Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio. The bride is an accomplished daughter of Prof. and Mrs. C. C. Davidson and for several years was a teacher in the public schools of Dayton. She is prominent in church and social circles. The groom is the pastor of St. John's Reformed church, Chambersburg, Pa.

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EDITORIAL

Once more we have passed through a week of examinations, but whether we individually have really passed the examinations is another matter. This may be of little importance to the general reader of this column, but based upon it we may make a few remarks which will, or at least may, help the unfortunate ones to combat more successfully with any succeeding examinations or tests.

If a student fails in an examination there may be one or more of several reasons. In the first place the student may be naturally dull in the subject; secondly, he may be an unwilling or lazy student, and finally, he may be willing enough to study the subject, but failed to receive proper instruction. Any one of these may have entered in to cause the unfortunate situation. None of these reasons are insurmountable, and the real student would not be deterred by them one moment in his ascent to the high planes of knowledge.

The first reason mentioned, viz., the natural dullness of the pupil, is by no means the student's fault. As surely as some men are physically slower than others, so some students are bound to be more sluggish in their manner of acquiring knowledge. Undoubtedly this sluggishness is innate, but this should be no cause of worry for the student. If this is all he finds blocking his path to the river of wisdom, he can remove the obstacle and gain greatly thereby. Everybody knows that knowledge gained by hard work makes a deep-

er impression on the mind and is therefore retained longer than that gained in an easy manner. Thus dullness in itself may really be an asset to the student. To overcome his apparent dullness, he must but apply himself somewhat harder and he will find that examinations will have no horror for him.

The student who is unwilling or lazy is to be pitied as well as censured. When this sort of a student "flunks" an examination, and indeed before he reaches that stage, it is time for him to wake up. No student who really comes to college to get the most out of his course will be found in this class. To this sort of student we might give the same advice as to those of the first class, i. e., get to work and everlastingly stick to it. No teacher, even with the most skilful didactics, can impart knowledge to an unreceptive or lazy brain.

If students fail on account of improper instruction, it is the faculty's fault; by this we mean, that if the members of the faculty find that there is one among them who is not capable of doing his work, it is their duty to get rid of that member and replace him with a proficient person. Any other causes that may enter in to take the attention of the student from his studies are mostly at his command and it reflects on his good judgment if he undertakes more outside matters than his college work really allows.

SOCIETY NOTES

ZWINGLIAN

The debate on Friday night, January 20, proved to be quite good and, indeed, it is doubtful whether there would have been a much better discussion at a time when mid-years are not in vogue. The question, "Resolved, That the United States should pass a ship subsidy bill," was no easy one and required some forethought on the part of the debaters. Wetzel, '13, West, '12, and Keener, '11, representing the affirmative, talked on the following points:

1. A subsidy bill will encourage commerce.
2. It will offer a better mail service between foreign countries and our own.
3. It will strengthen the navy in time of war.

On the other hand, the negative speakers, Boyer, '14, Matlack, '13, and Kerschner, '12, advanced proofs which won for them the decision of the judges, and for their side the vote of the house:

1. The bill would make a drain on the people with benefit to corporations.
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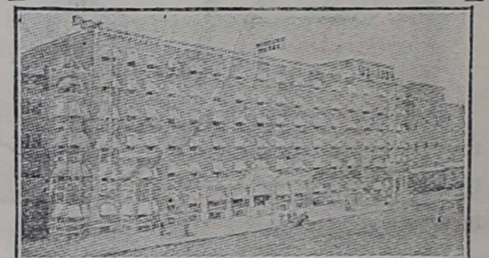
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After a general debate, Lamont, '13, read the Review, the final literary feature.

SCHAFF
Considering the fact that this was in the midst of examination week, the program was rendered very creditably. Vocal Solo, Detwiler, '13; Declamation, "Lincoln's Speech," Fisher, '14; Reading from Mark Twain, Fegley; Sketch, "The Night Before Exams," Detwiler, Thomasson and Come; Essay, "Mrs. Eddy," Billman, '12; Reading, Bauman; Speech, "Life of Napoleon," Jacobs, '12; Gazette, Lauer, '13.

The society takes great pleasure in welcoming as an active member Mr. Ulrich D. Brumaugh, of Millersstown, Pa.

Y. M. C. A.
The "Matchless Speaker" was the topic treated at the Wednesday evening meeting.

Holt, the leader, presented the following points on the subject: "Jesus was a powerful speaker; he attracted and held the attention of multitudes of people of different temperament and character. The testimony of all his hearers was, 'Never man spake like this man.'" The question naturally arises, how could this humble carpenter exert such an influence and power over his hearers? In the first place he spoke the most sublime thoughts in the simplest form. He made his hearers think. Much of his power was due to the fact that he lived the life he taught. His earnestness and sincerity played a specially large part in his public speaking. He gave his hearers the satisfaction they craved. Present day religious speakers might well pattern after the Master in this respect for too often the people who go to the churches to be edified and uplifted by earnest, inspiring words from the Gospel are given an intellectual feast, while the craving heart is unsatisfied.

Y. W. C. A.
The regular monthly missionary meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held Tuesday evening. Miss Dunn, the chairman of the Missionary Committee, had the meeting in charge and spoke on "How to be a

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Missionary." Appropriate hymns were sung and the text was found in Matt. 28: 18-20. The main points of the leader's talk were as follows:

"What does it mean to be a missionary? Is it merely the name of an empty profession? No, it is one of the noblest callings man can follow. The call of the missionary begins when one realizes the value of life. The fundamental question of life is, "Where can we put it to yield the most increase?" We are not all called to the foreign field, but we are all called to be missionaries.

1. We must go where we are most needed.
2. We must find the place of greatest opportunity. What are some of the qualifications of a missionary?
He needs every talent that he might possess. He must be clear-headed and clean-hearted. He should be courageous enough to take the little that is known and spread it. He must be all things to all people. He must have good health. He must possess self-control, a trained mind, the power of initiative.

If the man of God possesses these things, they will fill him with joy and life.

Statistics, recently compiled at Harvard, show that men who have done preliminary work in high schools are better students and are accomplishing more results than those who have attended academies and prep schools.

The Juniors of Washington and Jefferson have taken on an oddity, which is so general with the same class in other colleges, by wearing stand-up collars and flowing red ties. No doubt the merchants at Washington are doing a rushing business.

Der Deutsche Verein of State successfully presented a short time ago "Der Neffe Als Onkel."

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At a meeting of the College Presidents' Association of Pennsylvania, Dr. Warfield, of Lafayette was elected president and President Haas of Muhlenburg, secretary.

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such a call, that this is the only generation one can reach, in view of which it is much nobler to give up one's life rather than send a substitute and although there is a sacrifice to be sure, when the decision comes no man can be hindered in his purpose. He experiences almost divine joy in saving for Christ. P. Wilbert B. Smith, Secretary Student Volunteer Movement, talking from the heart of man to man, spoke of the response of the students of America wherein he declared that numbers can find a place in the mission field, the doors of heathen nations are open, and the reason, no doubt, why many more do not respond is the lack of a knowledge of the conditions. This was the last address of the day. The Day of Prayer at Ursinus had ended for 1911 but everyone who engaged in its services felt its significance; every man and woman as they left at night must have experienced a feeling of admiration for the men they had just heard; they must have felt a closer relation with the peoples of Asia and Africa in their gradual use from ignorance.

During the respective services musical features were rendered; a selection by the Men's Quartette in the morning, a selection by the Girl's Quartette in the afternoon and a Vocal Solo by Prof. Jolls at night.

Immediately after the afternoon services, tea was served in the English room, Mrs. Cordo presiding and being assisted by the young ladies of the institution. A social hour followed during which all present had an opportunity to become acquainted with the speakers of the day.

'09. E. Fry Wismer of Gratersford spent Thursday with friends at the College.

'02. Rev. Thomas Matterness of East Pikeland, attended the meetings incident to the exercises of Thursday.

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that institution with our own in America, mentioned its intellectual attainments and laid stress on the real religious work done. As a fitting close to the afternoon, Dr. J. Albert Beam of Yochow, China spoke on the superstition of the Chinese in the use of medicine, deplored the lack in number of physicians in China and asserted that the field for this kind of work is truly an open one. That these men are leading a praiseworthy life in the Orient, that they are bringing heathen into the paths of light, that they themselves are undergoing an incalculable sacrifice; this could be gathered from the underlying thoughts in their remarks. Consequently, it commanded a brotherly sympathy and tended to the effectiveness of the service in general.

In contrast to the morning and afternoon, the evening served the purpose of an appeal to any who are on the point of deciding a career or have decided, for men are needed by these awakening peoples, men of calibre and character. Rev. Allen R. Bartholomew, D.D., Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Reformed church, aptly introduced the purpose of the final meeting by his address on "The Call of Christ for World Service." He held and moreover made it deeply felt that there is no available reason to decline

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