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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1909.

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CALENDAR

Friday, March 12, Academy Literary Society, 2 p. m.
College Literary Societies, 7-40 p. m.
Monday, March, 15, Men's Glee Club, 4 p. m.
Ladies Glee Club, 5 p. m.
Handel Choral Club, 6.45 p. m.
Tuesday, March 16, Y. M. C. A. 6.40 p. m.
Ursinus Union, 7.30 p. m.
Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest, Easton, 7.30 p. m.
Wednesday, March 17, Y. M. C. A. 6.40 p. m.
Thursday, March 18, Concert by the College Quartet with Prof. Jolls, at Mahanoy City, Pa.
Friday, March 19, Literary Societies, 7.40 p. m.

PRIZE DEBATE CONTEST

The final contest to decide what men shall represent the college in the intercollegiate debate with Swarthmore which will be held here on April 5, was held on Wednesday evening. The winning debaters are not necessarily the men that will defend Ursinus, but from the six speakers the Committee on Contestants will select the Debating Team of three principal debaters and one alternate. The members of the team are published elsewhere.

At the contest on Wednesday evening Dean Omwake, Chairman of the Forensic Club Governing Board, was the presiding officer, and announced the question for debate; *Resolved*, that the attitude of the Federal Courts toward the writ of injunction, as indicated by the Buck Stove and Range Company decision, is conducive to the best interests of the people of the United States, all questions of constitutionality eliminated." The men debated in the following order:

DIRECT SPEECHES

Affirmative.—Douthett, '12, Abel, '09, Moser, '10.
Negative.—Laucks, '10, Dunsheath, '10, Myers, '09.

REBUTTAL SPEECHES

Laucks, Dunsheath, Myers, Abel, Moser, Douthett.
The judges were Supt. W. W. Rupert, of Pottstown, Hon. H. H. Fetterolf, of Collegeville, and Hon. B. Whitman Dambly, of Skipack. Besides the decision in favor of the affirmative side on the merits of the arguments, the judges presented Mr. Moser and Mr. Abel with respective prizes of \$10 and \$5 in gold for making the best two in-

dividual debates. These prizes were secured through the kindness of Prof. J. W. Riddle, and were presented on behalf of the Phi Phi Chapter of the Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity, of which Prof. Riddle is a member. Prof. Riddle takes a keen interest in the debate, and is a member of the Governing Board of the Forensic Club. The Committee which will select the debaters consists of Prof. Smith, Prof. Caldwell, J. T. Ebert, F. C. Gristock, and A. C. Emery, Esq. The debate with Swarthmore will be upon the same question, and it is awaited with keen interest.

THE UNDERHILL RECITAL

In spite of the inclement weather a large audience greeted Charles F. Underhill in his Recital of "Rip Van Winkle" last Tuesday evening in Bomberger Hall. This was the fourth of the course of lectures and entertainments given by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.

The Recital was somewhat different from what we have had at any time during the year, and, although not knowing exactly what to expect, those who come prepared to hear something first class did not go away disappointed.

To begin with, Mr. Underhill is a man of genial nature, which makes him a great favorite off the stage. On the stage he calls to his task excellent abilities which show the result of refined training and liberal culture. His reading showed remarkable versatility. "Rip," "Cretchen," and the other characters of Washington Irving's great story were portrayed with remarkable vividness, and the way in which he identified himself with each one in turn produced excellent effects. His method is that of an elocutionist, and he works his wonders without the aid of stage effects or change of costume. His most valuable assets are a strong voice capable of dignified appearance and a thorough understanding of the art of gesturing.

Only one more entertainment of the Lecture Course remains. This one is Hone's Yellowstone Pictures, to be given on April 29. It will be a gorgeous presentation of terrestrial marvels in superbly tinted displays and realistic motion pictures. As the Course draws near its close, it affords the Committee pleasure to state that it has been a success. All obligations have been more than met, thanks to the aid of the many patrons, and

with the assured help for another year a series of lectures even better than these will be booked for next year.

FIELD HOUSE FUND

It should surely be a source of gratification to every one who has ever been connected or is connected with Ursinus College, that the field house project is being revived and revived with the absolute purpose of completing the fund. The time was when Ursinus might have said that conditions and facilities for athletics were as good as they possibly could be under the circumstances, but that time has passed, and such a plea now would reflect nothing but inactivity. Ursinus has for more than ten years been actively engaged in collegiate athletics, yet today conditions for the furtherance of up-to-date athletics are worse materially than they were ten years ago. This simply shows that either interest has fallen off, or else those belonging to Ursinus underestimate the great value of having and striving for up-to-date facilities.

It is all very laudable to desire and to hope for these things and to say such things are greatly needed, but such sentiments won't build a field house nor fix the athletic field. That kind of work reminds one very much of the farmer who prayed for good crops, but who didn't mix in a little labor and toil with his prayers, and consequently got nothing but weeds.

Good wishes and appreciative pats on the back are all very good but they won't grow a blade of grass on the field or put a brick in the field-house. What is needed here immediately is good solid cash and good earnest, helpful work. The alumni whose faces must blush with chagrin at outside ridicule when an Ursinus athletic team is defeated must come to the aid of this project, and help the students to do work which will spare them many such blushes, and the students now at Ursinus, must for the present forget everything that would take away their aid from this project, and work together long and faithfully.

We have from the old fund \$360. The subscriptions made last week amount to \$356. There are a number of unpaid pledges dating as far back as 1903, making in all a sum of about eight hundred dollars.

The time is ripe now for the completion of this fund, and we all

expect and hope that no one will fail. The field *must* be fixed by next fall, and the field-house *must* be built. There are reasons for this that make it imperative. Is it going to be a success or is it, going to fail? It all depends on Ursinus men and her friends. For the sake of your college and your Alma Mater, for whom every one should earnestly strive and sacrifice, *come to her aid*, and help Ursinus to have for the first time an up-to-date athletic field and an up-to-date field-house. There is no royal road to this; it means actual aid and actual work. Beginning with the issue of March 20, the names of all subscribers who pay actual cash toward this fund will be published in the **URSINUS WEEKLY**.

J. B. P.

RES MUSICAE

New members are continually being enrolled in the Handel Choral Society, and it is not yet too late to join. Work on the new music is progressing rapidly. The choruses in "The Rose Maiden" are going nicely, and the Club will soon begin on "Fair Ellen." The most prominent soloists in Philadelphia have been invited to sing at the May Festival. The Festival is being well advertised, as the red 'stickers' attest.

The College Quartette, aided by Prof. Jolls and Miss Minnie Kerschner, reader, of Allentown, Pa., will give a concert at Mahanoy City, Pa., on next Thursday evening, March 18.

By the time the Men's Glee Club makes its next appearance, they will have been provided with full-dress suits, and they will be worth both seeing and hearing.

The Handel Society promises a good program and a rich treat at its public concert to be given on March 25 in Bomberger Hall. Among the numbers to be sung are "The Heavens are Telling" and "The Indian Maid." The general public is cordially invited to this function.

Prof. Jolls continues indefatigably in his work, and good results are inevitable.

The Alumni of the Lehigh Valley will hold their banquet at the Sun Inn, Bethlehem, on next Tuesday evening, March 16, 1909. W. H. Erb, '93, is chairman and H. J. Ehret, 1900, is Secretary of the Association.

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EDITORIAL

The time of the year has come when precaution must be thrown out regarding the care of the college grounds, and it is a time honored custom to use this topic to do so. A look at the campus will show that there has been an unusual amount of unnecessary stampeding on it. It is scarred with the print of many hoofs. Mounds of earth and sod raised by the digging in of unkind heels resemble in appearance the wake of a cyclone, or suggest seismic disturbances.

The campus now is not the same as it was last fall. The tender blades of grass after hibernating are again cutting their way through the ground, and will soon beautify. The campus should become sacred. During the winter months when the ground is snow-covered, the wake of the snow-plough tells us where to walk, but now common sense must be our index. A path is something along which to move. A reason for taking unusual care of our campus this year is because of the many visitors that will be here during the various Spring functions, and a beautiful campus will leave a good impression. Go to other colleges, and the first thing that attracts your attention is a cared-for or an uncared-for campus, and your opinion of the place will correspond. This song has often been tooted, and the encore is not given for the benefit of the well-thinking students, but for those whose respect

for the campus, if they ever had any, has ebbed, and for those who do not know the traditional injunction served on everyone, "Keep off the grass."

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There is much talent in college on musical instruments, but it was not until several months ago that the idea of an orchestra suggested itself. Then it was that the musicians met and effected an organization, and since that time there has been faithful practice on the part of the members. Several members of the faculty who are interested in things musical are very enthusiastic over the orchestra, and are giving it their support. Several years ago there was a very creditable orchestra in college, which was frequently heard from, and from all indications, the present organization will eclipse the one of that time.

SOCIETIES

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The Musical Program on Friday was something out of the ordinary and was enjoyed by all. The order of the various numbers was as follows: Vocal Solo, "Life's Lullaby," Mr. Quay, '11; Instrumental Solo, "Shadows on the Waters," Miss Thomas, '12; Senior Male Quartet, "Holding Hands," Long, Custer, Abel and Kerschner. Instrumental Duet, "The Palms," Messrs. Wagner, '10, and Moser, '10; Instrumental Solo, "Vivien Caprice," Mr. Kerschner, '09; Instrumental Duet, "Spanish Dance," Messrs. Kerschner, '09, and R. S. Thomas; Vocal Solo, "A Whispered Vow," Mr. Custer, '09; Musical Monologue, "The Dutchman's Serenade," Mr. Maeder, '10; Vocal Trio, "Parody on 'The Lorelei,'" Mertz, '10, Maeder, '10, and R. S. Thomas, '10; Instrumental Solo, "Aria from Rinaldo," Mr. Wagner, '10; Oration, "Thomas Jefferson," Mr. Moser, '10;

Under voluntary exercises Mr. A. Kerschner and Miss Shephard favored the society with selection, the former giving an instrumental and a vocal solo; the latter rendering two recitations.

SCHAFF

The program for the evening was miscellaneous in character and was rendered as follows:

- Violin and clarinet Duet, "Flower Song," Messrs. Thomasson, '10, and Lauer, '10.
- Essay, "Life of William H. Taft," Knauer, '10; Reading from Taft, Laurent, A; Cornet Solo, "Wayside Chapel," Stamm, '12;
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- Reading from McKinley, Miss

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The society was very fortunate in having in her midst three gentlemen from the city, Dr. Spears and Messrs. Lamprecht, who favored the society with violin and cornet selections, both on the regular program and under voluntary exercises.

Y. T. C. A.

A very interesting meeting was held on Wednesday evening by Keener, '11. The subject for meditation was "The Empire of Jesus." The lesson was read from Matt. 7: 21-29. The Empire of Jesus affords us a very unique subject for discussion. We have had many different Empires throughout the world's history. Each one had the main object, that of conquering the world; all have been similar but yet the ways and methods have been very different. This difference is made manifest because of their different policies in world politics.

Here, then, is the first difference in the comparison with that Empire of Jesus. The Empire of Jesus is eternal. It is founded on principles, practices and laws that are eternal, and God, the central factor around which all others are arranged, is eternal. Its ways do not change; its purpose does not change and its foundation and author do not change, for God is the same yesterday, today and forever.

But for all these facts, there is a change, not in the Empire as an Empire, but the members that make up the Empire. Man changes in that he differs in his ability to grasp the interpretations of the things and conditions of the Empire. Again, we have here another difference in the world empire and the Christ Empire. When the members of a world Empire change the empire itself changes, but the changes of the Christ's Empire membership does not change the Empire itself. In the former the members are the formulating elements while in the latter God, unchangeable, is the author of formative agencies.

The rule of the Christ Empire

is that of love, of justice and righteousness. Its foundation is based and laid, as that of the house built upon the rock. Its very existence defies the ways of evil and destruction. Its members are those whose natural bent is towards Christ.

Y. W. C. A.

The regular weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening with Miss Latschaw, '11, as the leader. Her talk was on "Failures," in which she stated that men become more useful by contending with difficulties, and these obstacles, when fought against, tend to develop character.

Emerson says, "Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." There is glory in rising after a defeat, and too many people fail because they are much concerned about themselves and forget God. Failure is often due to misplaced confidence, and the person who has never failed is but half acquainted with others or with himself.

However, failure is useful in that it is the trial of principal and character, for a life which is simply crowned with success shows us only one side of the world.

PERSONALS

Charles Fuste visited Philadelphia on Saturday.

The Academy Track Team candidates have been training diligently on our "track" for the past week. There is evidence of promising material.

Little 'A', visited his home in Conshohocken over Sunday.

The Misses Wills of Jeffersonville, were visitors with Miss Fryling on Friday.

Douthett, '12, Myers, '09, and Laucks, '10, were at Norristown on Saturday in the interests of the Debating Contest.

Spears, '10, entertained his brother Edward, Dr. and Fred Lamprecht, of Philadelphia on Saturday and Sunday.

Dunseath, '10, filled Rev. Frank Herson's pulpit at Boyertown on Sunday during the latter's absence.

Miss Sponsler, '10, and Miss Fernier, '10, were delegates to the Territorial Convention of the Y. W. C. A. held at Wilson College, Chambersburg at the beginning of the week. They returned on Monday morning.

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CHESSE TOURNAMENT

During the past week, two new members have been added to the number of the Chess Club and the race for first place is daily becoming more interesting.

The first regular meeting of the club was held last Monday in Lindaman's room in the East Wing, at which time Dr. Smith and Dr. Clawson participated in a match game for the instruction of the members of the club. After thirty moves, Dr. Clawson resigned in favor of Dr. Smith. The game was interesting throughout, and the members of the club feel grateful for the interest manifested by these members of the club. Mr. Rapp was also present, and after the game a general talk was enjoyed by all on the subject of chess and how to take advantage of all moves presented in a game.

By a recent action of the Board of Governors, a second prize has been determined upon for the man making the next highest average. It has also been decided to try to secure a correspondence game with Dickinson's chess clubs if it is at all possible. Following is the score for the second week of play:

| | W | L | Percentage |
|--------------|----|----|------------|
| Lindaman | 24 | 8 | .750 |
| Abel | 8 | 3 | .728 |
| Mathieu | 8 | 3 | .728 |
| Gerges | 8 | 4 | .666 |
| Stamm | 6 | 3 | .666 |
| Thomasson | 9 | 5 | .643 |
| Mitchell | 12 | 7 | .622 |
| R. S. Thomas | 9 | 11 | .450 |
| Lauer | 4 | 8 | .333 |
| Palsgrove | 4 | 8 | .333 |
| Erickson | 7 | 16 | .304 |
| Kerschmer | 1 | 4 | .200 |
| Keyser | 3 | 14 | .176 |
| Behney | 0 | 3 | .000 |
| Bunting | 0 | 5 | .000 |

NOTES

Dr Samuel Wolfe of Philadelphia, an honorary alumnus of Ursinus, who takes a deep interest in the work of the institution has favored the Library with a year's subscription to the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The College has procured a number of extra copies of the New York Observer containing the illustrated editorial article on Ursinus. These may be had by addressing the Secretary and enclosing ten cents, the price of the paper.

President Keigwin sailed from New York on the 2d inst. for his three months' visit to foreign lands. He will return to the College on Tuesday morning of Commencement Week. In the meantime his address is "Care, Thomas Cook and Sons, Ludgate Circus, London, England, Tour No. 6.

At a recent meeting of the Faculty, Commencement honors were awarded as follows: Valedictory oration, Garry Cleveland Myers, Sylvan, Pa.; Salutatory oration, Helen Neff, Collegeville, Pa.; Third oration, Margaret Yetter Fryling, Sunbury, Pa.

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