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BACCALAUREATE SERVICES

The exercises incident to the thirty-ninth commencement of Ursinus were inaugurated Sunday evening with the baccalaureate services. The auditorium was well filled and the large audience gave careful attention to the sermon delivered by Rev. John Calhoun, pastor of the Mount Airy Presbyterian church, Philadelphia. Rev. Calhoun spoke on "Grace of Omission." He enlarged on the idea that educated men and women have a greater responsibility than unlettered persons. Along this line he imparted to the Seniors earnest and valuable advice and told them above all to be honest, pure and straightforward men and women. The music of the evening was furnished by the Handel Choral Society, the Quartette and Prof. John M. Jolls.

CLASS DAY

The exercises of Class Day were held Monday afternoon, and attracted a large crowd, in which there was an unusual number of alumni and friends and relatives of the graduating class. The exercises were interesting as a whole, but were so long as to become almost tedious toward the end. The novel numbers introduced by the class of 1909 were a pleasant change from the ordinary routine of the class Day Program, and added considerable interest to the event.

1. Selection from Leybach
W. S. Kerschmer, W. S. Long
2. Address of Welcome
W. S. Long, President
3. The Resume
R. R. Umstead
4. "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep"
H. L. Custer, E. Fry Wismer, W. S. Long, W. S. Kerschmer.
5. "What the Philosophical Permanence and Psychological Potentialities of the Permissible Past and Perfect Present Prove"
J. A. Koons
6. Established Facts (?)
F. T. Krusen
7. "Love in May"
Horatio Parker
Miss Sarah Spangler
8. "Somebody Lied"
T. M. Gilland
9. "It is More Blessed to Give than to Receive"
E. Fry Wismer
10. 1909 Class Song, Words by G. C. Myers. Music by Prof. Henckels
11. Ye Big Profit
V. J. Abel
12. Voices from the Dead
H. L. Custer
13. Piano Duet
Selected
W. S. Kerschmer, W. S. Long

JUNIOR ORATORICAL CONTEST

The Annual Junior Oratorical Contest for the Hobson and Meminger Medals was held in Bomberger Hall Monday evening. The weather was clear, and a large crowd was on hand to attend the struggle. The contest was one of the closest and most interesting of its kind that has been seen here for a number of years, and there was considerable variation in opinion in the audience at the end of the contest as to who would be the prize winners. The judges were Rev. Bright of Norristown; Chas. H. Edmunds, Esq., of Philadelphia and Mr. Brandt, Esq., of Philadelphia. Those who contested for honors were Edgar A. Brehm, of Phoenixville; G. W. Knauer, of St. Peters; S. S. Laucks, of Harrisburg; Paul A. Mertz, of Durham; Henry G. Maeder, of Philadelphia; F. L. Lindaman, of Littlestown; F. L. Moser, of Collegeville, and Joseph Yost, of Tuscarora. The Hobson medal was awarded to Henry G. Maeder, whose oration was on the subject, "Bad Citizenship of Good Men." The Meminger medal was won by G. W. Knauer, on the oration, "Crescent and Cross." Honorable mention was given to S. S. Laucks, whose subject was "Militarism."

The program was interspersed with a number of selections by Diemer's Orchestra, of Pottstown.

ALUMNI ORATION AND PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

The Annual Alumni Oration was delivered Tuesday evening by Dr. Robert Yerkes, '07, Assistant Professor of Comparative Psychology at Harvard. The subject Dr. Yerkes chose was "The Relation of Psychology to Religion and Medicine," and the manner in which it was presented was, if it did not prove entirely interesting to the audience, scholarly and able and proved the speaker master of his subject. The program was enlivened by musical selections by the Glee Club, the Male Quartette and Prof. Jolls. Immediately after the conclusion of the program a reception was held by President Keigwin in the library.

COMMENCEMENT DAY

The graduation exercises were held Wednesday morning. The event was made especially notable by several important announcements. President Keigwin stated

that a committee which had been at work for one year had raised \$33,000 for the college. This sum, he said, was used toward paying off the indebtedness of the college and in the purchase of 10 acres of ground fronting on Main street, which land will be used for new buildings and an addition to the campus. The work of raising money, he further stated, is only begun, and it is the intention of the authorities to increase this fund so that when next year's commencement is held a new dining hall, a gymnasium and an additional dormitory will be in course of erection.

The commencement address was made by Alba B. Johnson of Philadelphia. The salutatory was delivered by Helen Neff of this place. Her subject "A Plea for a Liberal Education." An oration, "The Significance of the Small College," was given by Margaret Fryling, of Sunbury. The valedictory oration, "A Vision of Universal Peace," was delivered by G. C. Myers, of Sylvania, Pa.

The following degrees and prizes were awarded:

Doctor of Laws: The Rev. James M. Farrar, D.D. of Brooklyn; Alba B. Johnson of Philadelphia.

Doctor of Divinity: The Rev. John Calhoun, of Philadelphia; Rev. Neri F. Peters of Slatings and Rev. Abraham D. Wolfinger, Dayton, O.

Master of Arts: Jesse Shearer, Clarence M. Prouse, Daniel Conrad, Alva J. Spacht.

Bachelor of Arts: Magna Cum Laude, Garry C. Myers; Cum Laude, Margaret Fryling, Helen Neff, Elizabeth Long. Bachelor of Arts: V. J. Abel, Lola A. Butler, Horace L. Custer, Harry Fox, Thomas M. Gilland, W. S. Kerschmer, John A. Koons, Francis T. Krusen, Charles I. Lau, William S. Long, Ernest T. Miller, Dora A. Moyer, Allan A. Peters, Sara M. Spangler, Roland R. Umstead, Eli Fry Wismer.

Honors in special departments: Chemistry: William S. Long; History: Garry C. Myers and Margaret Y. Fryling; Mathematics, H. L. Custer.

Music for the occasion was furnished by Diemer's Orchestra, of Pottstown, who rendered a very enjoyable concert of classic selections before the exercises began.

ANNUAL CHARMIDEAN BANQUET OCCURS

The regular annual banquet of the Charmidean Club was held in the college dining hall Saturday evening, June 5. The banquet was held off until the musical concert had ceased, and the members of the club and their guests arrived in the gaily attired hall shortly after ten. The affair was a merry one, and everybody enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The revelers were entertained between courses, by the quartette from the college orchestra. The banquet closed with toasts by several members and ex-members.

BASEBALL

URSINUS 3. WASHINGTON 0.

The last game of the season was played on Tuesday, when the Ursinus nine met and defeated the strong Washington College team on the home grounds by the score of 3-0. Ursinus started the scoring in the first inning, when four safe hits netted two runs. Another was added in the second, but after this inning, though Ursinus frequently had men on bases, the necessary hit was not forthcoming. Horten pitched excellent ball for Ursinus, and Washington's six hits were scattered through as many innings. The fielding of both teams was good, though the playing of the home nine, both in the field and at the bat, was superior to that of their opponents.

The score:

URSINUS	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bunting, 3b	0	1	1	3	1
Abel 1b	1	1	8	0	0
Horten p	1	2	1	4	1
Freeze c	0	1	9	2	0
West rf	0	2	1	0	0
Powell cf	0	0	1	0	0
Hoover lf	0	0	1	0	0
Isenberg 2b	0	0	2	1	0
Romeo ss	1	2	3	1	0
	3	9	27	11	2

WASHINGTON	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Turner lf	0	2	0	0	0
Pruit 3b	0	0	1	1	1
Noonan ss	0	1	1	6	0
Knot c	0	1	8	0	0
Jump cf	0	1	1	1	0
Porter 1b	0	0	12	0	1
Kelley 2b	0	0	1	2	0
Morton rf	0	1	0	0	0
Johns, p	0	0	0	0	2
	—	—	—	—	—

Ursinus 2 10 0 0 0 0 X-3
Washington 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0
Two-base hits, Bunting, West, Horten. Struck out, by Horten, 9; Johns, 7. First base on balls, off Horten, 1. Double plays, Noonan and Porter.

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EDITORIAL

Probably no more cheering announcement has been made at Ursinus than was made by President Keigwin on Wednesday morning, when the heart of every one interested in Ursinus was gladdened by the news that \$33,000 had been added to the funds of the college. An accomplishment such as this means that Ursinus has some friends to whom she may be grateful, and to whom any institution might justly be proud. For years Ursinus has had latent possibilities for almost everything to make a model small college, but has always lacked money to change such possibilities into something tangible. Now that an excellent start has been made toward placing the institution on a firm financial foundation, it is our earnest hope that the generosity of the college's friends will not cease until Ursinus is furnished with the buildings and equipment she has so long needed.

There was one part of the President's speech at the Commencement Exercises which especially appealed to the editor of the WEEKLY. This was the open and straightforward way in which Dr. Keigwin told an audience containing not only Ursinus students and alumni, but visitors from other communities and colleges that Ursinus College needed a number of improvements, and that he believed the way to mend matters was to let our friends know

what needs mending. The good qualities of our institution will not become well known if they are kept under a bushel, nor will its needs receive any more attention from its friends if these same needs are religiously hidden away in some dark corner.

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The work of the baseball teams this spring has been of the most encouraging order. Though the season was unusually rainy, which made a number of games impossible, it was, in regard to defeats and victories, decidedly successful. The work of the first team during the latter part of the season has been especially worthy of mention. The last team to score against Ursinus was Lehigh, who amassed one run while our boys were collecting eight. Since that time four successive shutouts have been administered: Delaware, 15-0; Swarthmore, 8-0; Royersford, 6-0; and Washington, 3-0. Though this little string of victories would have been impossible without the clever and hard hitting team that Coach Price has developed, yet much of the credit for the shutout defeats must be accredited to the excellent pitching of Horten, who for some forty innings has not allowed his opponents a single run.

The record the second team has made is also commendable. The inclement weather affected the Scrubs' schedule as it did the first team's, but of five games played, the Scrublets won four, losing their only game to the strong team of Bethlehem Prep. Here, as in the 'Varsity, the small scores of most of the opposing teams was due largely to the effectiveness of the pitching, which for the Scrubs was attended to by Captain Thomasson. As a whole, though the number of games played was unavoidably smaller than usual, the season of 1909 was none the less most pleasing to live through, as it is now equally pleasing to remember. All credit must be given to the excellence of the coaching the teams received, and to the spirit and quality of the men who made up the nines.

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In reply to the request made some time ago, two letters in addition to those published have been received. The first was from Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg, of Philadelphia, who expressed his appreciation of the tone of the WEEKLY, and his agreement in the main with its policy, and pointed out the danger of becoming a chronic and destructive critic rather than a constructive one. The editorial on the Musical Festival Rev. Isenberg commends, but condemns that upon the proposed classical occupation of the East Wing. This he does for two reasons—that the matter is not one for student

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interference, and that those students called "beneficiary" are having their bills paid by either a friend, or by a fund contributed for the purpose, and are therefore receiving no benefit from the college itself.

The second letter was from John E. Hoyt, Instructor in Physics at Drexel Institute, of Philadelphia. Mr. Hoyt criticizes the manner in which the alumni have been "knocked" in regard to the new Field House, since many of the alumni have really aided the athletics of the college, and some who have not aided athletics have done all in their power for some other interest of the institution. He commends the efforts of Mr. Miller and of Coach Price, but objects to the almost wholesale criticism aimed at the alumni simply because a few are totally without spirit. Such as these should be prodded, while others should be urged to greater generosity. Mr. Hoyt closes with a plea to the alumni to especially try to aid the Field House project.

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In regard to the editorial upon the Classical Group, and especially that part dealing with beneficiary students, the WEEKLY must have been misunderstood. Nothing that was said was intended to reflect upon the worthiness of students receiving aid. The point we wished to make was that such students as are working either for board or schooling, do not bring any actual cash into the college treasury, whose crying need, if the steward's opinion counts for aught, has been for immediate funds to carry on the daily work of the college. Because of this fact, and because other students pay actual money for board, lodging and schooling, the WEEKLY asked why the preference should be given to the former students. Nothing uncomplimentary to beneficiary students was intended when the editorial was written, nor does anything so appear to us now.

PROFESSOR HENCKELS REQUESTED TO RESIGN

Since the close of college it has become known that at the meeting of the Board of Directors, held Commencement day, the resignation of Professor Theodore Henckels, head of the Department of Modern Languages, was requested. To all students of the college who were acquainted with the Professor, and especially to those who knew him well, this will indeed be most unpleasant news, and almost appears to be a deliberate discouragement to anyone who tries to do his part in bettering the college.

From the first moment when Professor Henckels took up his duties at Ursinus, he has evinced

an intelligent and enthusiastic interest in all the activities which are life to a college. He has manifested a spirit of progress and a broadmindedness found rarely at our institution. When he discovered that certain things were not as they should be, he at once set to work to clear up the difficulty believing that the disgrace of these things was in their existence and not in the attempt to disclose them. It is difficult to find a phase of the life of Ursinus in which Professor Henckels did not interest himself. It was through his instrumentality that the orchestra was formed, and whether picking stones on the athletic field, cheering at a baseball game, or conducting recitations, he manifested the same mental poise, geniality, love for the institution, and the same wholesome influences which have won the admiration and respect of all with whom he has come in contact. Any appeal in behalf of Professor Henckels will come too late, but it seems only fair that the Alumni, and all others interested in Ursinus, should be given an opportunity to learn the student opinion of the man who so unexpectedly has been asked to resign.

MUSICAL CONCERT

The last public concert by the musical organizations was held Saturday evening, June 12. A mixed program was presented, including numbers by the Men's and Ladies' Glee Clubs, the Choral Society, the various quartettes of the college, as well as some solo work. Though many of the selections presented had been heard from the same platform before, the concert was carried through quite successfully. No encores were permitted, as a banquet at the college demanded the presence of some of the musicians at 9.30. The concert was given free of charge, and the audience which turned out was quite large, and all things considered, appreciative.
GIRLS' CLUB HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL BANQUET

The second annual banquet of the Phi Alpha Psi Club occurred the evening of Wednesday, the 9th. The party of twenty girls and men from the college left at about 8 o'clock for quaint old Meadowcroft, where the banquet was held and arrived in time to indulge in some vocal efforts before activities began. The dining hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion, and the table was here and there strewn with white roses, the Club flower. After a delightful menu had been served a number of toasts were responded to by the young ladies, and the party left in time to catch the last car back to college.

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TENNIS TOURNAMENT

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SOCIETY NOTES

SCHAFF

The last program of the term was rendered entirely by the Senior members. The order of the exercises was as follows:

Recitation, Miss Neff; Reading, Mr. Koons; Prophecy, Miss Long; Piano Solo, Miss Neff; Four Years at College, Mr. Peters; Talk, "Nineteen-Nine Members in Athletics," Mr. Miller; Farewell Speech, Mr. Krusen; Reading, "Some College Memories," Mr. Umstead; "Gazette," Mr. Koons.

Under Voluntary Exercises, a vocal solo was rendered by Miss Spangler, and Mr. Lauer furnished the society with a clarinet solo.

This being the last meeting of the term the election of officers took place with the following results:

President, Lauer, '10; Vice-President, Thompson, '10; Recording

Secretary, Miss Heebner, '12; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Booser, '10; Treasurer, Mr. Saylor, '11; Financial Secretary, Mr. Knauer, '10; Pianist, Miss Scheuren, '12; First Editor, Mr. Spears, '10; Second Editor, Miss Freyer, '10; Critic, Tyson, '10; Chaplain, Small, '12; Janitor, Kichline, '12. Member of the Library Committee, Miss Dunn, '11. Member of Committee in charge of Schaff Museum, Heiny, '10.

The President appointed the following members of the Anniversary Committee: Spears, '10; Miss Booser, '10; Miss Miller, '11; Herber, '12; Stamm, '12.

ZWINGLIAN

The program for Friday evening was miscellaneous and the following were the numbers rendered: Piano Duet, Long, '09 and R. S. Thomas, '10; Essay, Wireless Telegraphy, Godshall, '11; Reading, Miss Thomas, '12; Talk, "Ursinus and Her Future," Moser, '10; Original Story, based on the jewelry robbery, Lindaman, '10; Vocal Solo, Miss Fermier, '10; Impromptu Speeches "The Simple Life of the East Wing," Yost, '10; "Our Faculty," R. S. Thomas, '10; Oration, Dunseath, '10; Zwinglian Review, Keener, '11. The members of the class of 1909 were elected to honorary membership and each one present favored the Society with an encouraging farewell speech.

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Is the baseball player of today a more finished article than the famous old stars of yesterday? Anson, Ferguson, Stovey, Rowe, White, Brouters, Thompson, and Sunday were once the idols of the fans, yet the players on the big teams of today can show even cleaner fielding averages. Why? you ask. Just compare the 1908 scores with those of even ten years ago. Games are won on closer margins, fewer hits and less errors.

It isn't that the players themselves are so much better than the old timers. The real reason for the better baseball of today can be traced directly to better fielding mitts and gloves.

The men on the sacks and the outer garden used to wear almost

any old kind of glove, with very little if any padding. The mitts or gloves were not moulded, consequently many a hot liner that today would be easily nabbed by a fielder, was in the old days muffed and the bases safely reached by the batter.

Interest in the matter led us to look further into the question of mitts and gloves as used by the big teams of the present. We found that almost all teams are using mitts and gloves made by the A. J. Reach Company of Philadelphia.

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