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CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 6, Literary Societies
7.40 p. m.
Wednesday, Dec. 11, Y. M. C. A.
6.40 p. m.
Friday, Dec. 13, Schaff Anniversary
8 p. m.

PROGRAM FOR SCHAFF

On Friday evening, December 13, 1907, the thirty-seventh anniversary of the Schaff Literary Society will be held in the chapel of Bomberger Memorial Hall. The play, "Arms and the Man," by Bernard Shaw, will be rendered by members of the society under the direction of Mr. Granville B. Lane, of Philadelphia. The following is the program and synopsis of the play:

Opening March, Evelyn H. Messenger, '10; Essay, "A Twentieth Century Satirist," Herbert Hughes, '08; Vocal Solo, "Sunbeams," Eva M. Mathieu; Oration, "Richard Mansfield," Harvey B. Danehower, '08; Music.

Play.—Cast of Characters—Raina Petkoff, Elizabeth K. Long, '09; Catherine, her mother, Trinna E. Freyer, '10; Louka, Raina's Maid, Helen Neff, '09; Captain Bluntschli, Francis T. Krusen, '09; Nicola, Servant, George B. Wolff, '08; Major Petkoff, John A. Koons, '09; Major Sergius Saranoff, J. Brook Paist, '08; Officer, Luther M. Lauer, '10.

Synopsis.—Act I. Raina's Room.
Act II. The Garden.
Act III. The Library.

Y.M.C.A.

The regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held on Wednesday evening, Stamy, '08, leader. From the lesson, 1 Sam. 3: 1-21, he chose as his topic, "The Call of Samuel." In part he said: The life of Samuel is one of the most interesting of all Old Testament characters. Pledged to be a prophet by his mother, brought up in the House of the Lord at the feet of Eli, he became one of the great men in Israel. From the time of his call, his prophetic power was unquestioned. He sanctioned the doings of the people; at the anointing of Saul he rejected him; he anointed and called David from the shepherd's life.

After the above remarks the meeting was opened to all for a general discussion as to what is meant by the term "A call." Numerous responses brought out that as all of us have certain pur-

poses for entering professions, we should not forget the one thing incumbent upon us namely, to feel that the call is to each of us as it was to Samuel and to answer it as he did. "Here am I, Lord." We need not be ministers and missionaries in the exact sense of the word but strictly speaking we are obliged to exert our utmost efforts in every department of our various vocations.

INFLUENCE OF CHARACTER

William M. Evarts once said: "As there is nothing in the world great but man, there is nothing truly great in man but character."

But what is character? It is the combination of properties, qualities, or peculiarities which distinguish one person from another; or in a more special sense the sum of the inherited and acquired ethical traits which gives to a person his moral individuality. This means that your character is simply the traits which nature gave you, wrought upon you, and modified or added to by all the impressions you receive both within and without. Every word you hear, every sight you see, every book you read, and every thought you think is mysteriously wrought into that one whole which you call yourself. In short, character is the soul itself as perfected and completed. It is the pivot of destiny. The diploma God gives a man.

True men value character not so much as seen by others, but as known by themselves. Character is the crown and glory of a life. Character makes rank, dignifies every station, exalts every position and carries with it an influence that cannot be overthrown, for it is the result of proved honor, rectitude and virtue.

Man's real influence comes from his inner life. Indwelling character is the source of man's power and success. Back of all what a man does or says is the man himself. It is this inner man that is so mighty in influence, so irresistible in action. The very presence of a truly great and good man exerts a mysterious power over us. It is said: Those who listened to Lord Chatham felt there was something finer in the man than anything he had said. A great French writer tells us that he saw Washington but once, and yet it inspired his whole life. And Evarts once said of John Hall, "The man behind the sermon is the

secret of his power." This leads us to the fact that man's inner life is wrapped in no inscrutable secrecy. Character may be veiled but it cannot be concealed, its influence cannot be destroyed. Every desire, every emotion, every purpose of the soul has its outer sign and expression and therefore influence. We wear our lives as our garments, on the outside, and we are known much better than we think.

Whatever may be the means by which our inner life is revealed, of one thing we may all be assured: What is in us, will out in spite of all our shams and covering.

It is a great mistake to suppose that character and influence can be divorced. You might as well attempt to separate a stream from its fountain. Influence is the outgrowth of Character; and where genuine character is wanting there will always be missed that irresistible charm and power that flow from indwelling goodness and manliness. We cannot become influential by passing a resolution. Our words must bear the stamps of a true life. Character and influence are not accidents of life. They neither spring from the ground nor fall from the sky. They are in the man, at once the result and the reward of noble living.

The influence of character is one of the most potent forces for good or evil in the world. All the great men who have lived in the past and whom we sometimes imagine dead, are more truly alive to-day than they were when they walked this earth. Christ is not dead, nor John, nor Paul.

Their influence is more truly felt and to an immeasurably greater extent than when they inhabited this earth. As a pebble, when it is thrown into a body of water, causes the ripples on its surface to widen and widen until they reach the opposite shore, so does the influence of our words and actions go on widening and extending until they break upon the shores of time.

When we think of these things and consider for a moment the great extent of the influence which every one, whatever his station in life, exercises on all those with whom they come in contact, it behooves us to be very careful of every word and action. The most insignificant word or action may be the means of giving the keenest pain or the highest joy.

Influence is an indefinable something which radiates from the individual, something like the warm sunshine giving out new life and vigor, but too often it may be compared to the chilly atmosphere which surrounds an iceberg.

Although the influence which we exert upon others is of a vast importance, the influence which we receive from various sources is important, if not more so. As the influence which we receive, for instance, from literature has in turn a reflex influence on all those with whom we come in contact. We receive into our characters the quality of the books we read and these in turn through us have this effect upon others. You all remember the impressions received from reading the story of the trials and triumphs, the dignity and simple-heartedness, the courage and the childlike faith of him whom we love to call the Father of our Country. And, as you read it your heart swelled with pride and you have been influenced to grander purposes and to nobler deeds. And thus the life and character of Washington has, in a measure, been wrought into your life and character and become a part of you.

Influence is a wonderful and awful thing. We cannot escape it, either in receiving or bestowing it and to control it is the great problem in life. Everywhere you go, you are a missionary for good or ill whether you know it or not. Think then what great need the world has for the influence of manly character. Lowell voiced a great truth when he sang:

"Be noble; and the nobleness that lies
In other men, sleeping but never dead
Will rise in majesty to meet thine own."

Men and women everywhere are longing for the kindly word and the friendly act, and the good that lies within them is only waiting for the human voice to quicken it into active life.

"Do noble deeds not dream them
all day long, and so make life,
death and the vast forever, one
grand sweet song."

D. L. STAMY.

RULES GOVERNING RHODES SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

The examinations are held in each State and Territory to which scholarships are assigned, at centers to be fixed by the local committees of selection. This committee will

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EDITORIAL

THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

We desire to call the attention of students to the rules governing the annual examinations for the Rhodes Scholarship which appear in another column. We hope that those who have had the required branches will read them carefully and give them their most serious attention. Last year for the first time Ursinus was represented by one man. This year the students of Ursinus have exceptional advantages as the examinations will be held at the University of Pennsylvania, in the latter part of January. When one considers that only two candidates are selected from each state and territory it may seem almost an impossibility for him to be one of the fortunate ones. But the very fact that there is a possibility, however slim it may seem, of winning such a coveted prize should inspire the ambitious youth to enter the contest. The rules governing the examinations are drawn up in such a way as to eliminate any possibility of unfair treatment and the reward will go to the ablest man.

The benefits accruing from examinations of this kind will, of themselves, more than compensate for the energy expended in preparation. In the first place, to enter an examination of this kind is the best possible means of finding out what one knows and just what one doesn't know. Furthermore to enter an examination with such possible rewards is sure to

impel one to put forth his best effort and he will come out of the contest, with prize or no prize, a stronger man and a more enthusiastic student.

Those of you who have the necessary qualifications, start to prepare for this examination immediately, take advantage of your Christmas vacation, and go into the contest with a determination to do your best. Let Ursinus be well represented this year.

WHITE LIES

Sometimes we wonder whether there is such a thing. Surely we have no theological basis to believe that lies are of any other than of the darkest hues. The white lie is the feminine lie. It is a falsehood of a milder turn—an untruth of apparently little significance. We find it in many forms in a woman's conversation. It may not even be a word, but action. The variation from the truth may be slight, a mere hyperbolic embellishment—or it may be an entire creation of fancy. A thousand deceptions are hidden under the cover of white lies.

White lies are the basis and foundation of the modern arts of "bluffing" and "jollyng." The modern girl prides herself on her ability to keep up a deception concerning what she truly is and thinks, even the slightest details, and as much as possible to her own advantage. In fact the use of this shade of lies has become a habit—the evil influences of which are difficult to estimate. For this conversational art of telling lies is indeed a subtle one and we may find it classed with modern accomplishments.

But a lie—whatever the degree of distance from truth, however significant or small is none the less, alie. More than that the influence and significance are often far greater than we may imagine. The very habit itself engenders deceit—the most cowardly of human frailties and the white lie is the enemy of depth of thought, of true friendship and the never dying source of shallow conversation and frivolous acquaintances. The lie that is white in the mind of the speaker is the opposite shade when detected by the listener. The white lie when analyzed is no more than the modern passing excuse for deceit and untruth.

ALUMNI NOTES

'98. Rev. J. Kern McKee was installed as pastor of Zion's Church York, on Nov. 17th. He is the successor of Dr. Geo. Stibitz, Professor in the Central Theological Seminary, Tiffin, O.

'99. A farewell social was given Rev. W. E. Garrett of McConnells-town on Nov. 23. This was Mr.

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'03. Rev. M. P. Laros, Allentown, Pa., has been supplying the pastorate made by the resignation of Rev. H. Fogleman at South Allentown.

'07. E. I. Cook, who has a position as instructor in West Jersey Institute, Bridgeton, N. J., was entertained by Rhodes, '08, during the Thanksgiving recess.

'07. Miss Evelyn A. Neff, teacher in the Glassboro High School spent Thanksgiving at her home in Collegeville.

'07. H. D. Steward, Vice-principal of the Lansdale High School, spent several days visiting friends in town and at the college.

PERSONALS

Professors Omwake, Haines and Riddle and Munhall, '10, attended the meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science on Monday evening to hear the discussion of the New York bankers on the financial crisis.

President Keigwin will address a large popular meeting in Heidelberg Reformed Church, York on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10.

Professor Kline and Haines visited their parents in Adams and York counties, this state, during the Thanksgiving Recess.

Dean Omwake represented Ursinus at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland in New York last Friday.

Munhall, '09, and Krusen, '09, went to the Bellevue Stratford Wednesday evening to meet Mrs. Munhall of Pittsburg.

Fleck, '10, of Gettysburg was the guest of Mertz, last Saturday and Sunday.

Hain, Stamy, Lauer, Kerschner and Lau went to Phoenixville on Saturday to see the football game between Phoenixville and Royersford.

Hain, '08 and Stamy, '08 were in Philadelphia last Thursday.

Coach Watson, Abel, '09, and H. K. Thomas, '10, were down to see the Penn-Cornell game last Thursday.

Horten A., spent Friday in Philadelphia.

Miss Fryling, '09, was in Norristown, Saturday afternoon on a short business trip.

Thomasson, '10, and R. S. Thomas, '10, were in Phoenixville, Saturday on business.

Miss Lattshaw, '11, was in Philadelphia on Friday.

Dr. Clawson spent Friday in Philadelphia.

Miss Hartzell, A., entertained Miss Moser on Sunday, at her home in Chalfonte.

Moser, '10, was in Royersford and Spring City, Friday afternoon and evening.

Fogleman, '10, was in the city on Friday.

Wagner, '10, spent Monday in Gratersford.

Gay, A., is enjoying a short rest at his home in Massachusetts.

SEMINARY NOTES

Dr. Vollmer officiated in the services of the Reformed church at New Philadelphia, O., on Sunday.

Peeler, '08, returned from the Y. M. C. A. Convention held at Washington D. C., with encouraging reports.

Brumbach, '08, delivered an interesting Thanksgiving address before the Seminary Y. M. C. A.

Geo. Huckeriede of Indianapolis was the guest of his brother William, '09, over Thanksgiving.

The following students preached on Sunday: Brouse, '09, Clinton, O. Huckeriede, '09, Tiffin, O. and Harmon, '09, Fostoria, O.

The Volunteer Mission Band quartette composed of Kriete, '10, Fry, '10, Harman, '09, and Sommerlatte, '08, sang in the Reformed church at Fostoria, O., on Sunday evening.

COLLEGE WORLD

The new agricultural building at State College was dedicated on November 22nd; it is said to be one of the finest buildings for agricultural purposes in the United States.

Swarthmore has as yet not fully decided what is to be done about the bequest of Anna T. Jeans, but at the present time it seems very likely that it will be turned down and inter-collegiate sports will be continued.

Dr. E. E. Sparks has been elected president of Pennsylvania State College. Dr. Sparks at one time was Principal of the Preparatory Department of the Pennsylvania State college, but during the last few years he has been connected with the University of Chicago. He will assume active duties at State next June.

MEETING OF DIRECTORS

An adjourned session of the Board of Directors of Ursinus College will be held in the Law Offices of John M. Vanderslice, Esq., Stephen Girard Building, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, December 10, at 10.00 o'clock a. m. Important business will come before the Board at this meeting.

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RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

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appoint suitable persons to supervise the examination, and will arrange for its impartial conduct. It should be clearly understood that this examination is not competitive, but simply qualifying, and is merely intended to give assurance that every elected scholar measures up to the standard of the first examination (Responsions), which the University demands of all candidates for the B. A. degree. The Rhodes scholars will be selected from candidates who have successfully passed the qualifying examination. One scholar will be chosen from each State and Territory to which scholarships are assigned.

Candidates must be unmarried, and must be citizens of the United States. Candidates are eligible who have passed their nineteenth birthday, but have not passed their twenty-fifth birthday on Oct. 1 of the year in which they are elected. It has been decided that all scholars shall have reached, before going into residence, at least the end of their Sophomore or second year work at some recognized degree granting university or college of the United States.

Candidates may elect whether they will apply for scholarships of the State or Territory in which they have acquired any large part of their educational qualification, or for that of the State or Territory in which they have their ordinary residence. They may pass the qualifying examination at any center, but they must be prepared to present themselves before election to the committee in the State or Territory they select. No candidate may compete in more than one State or Territory either in the same year or in successive years.

For the Responsions Examination of 1908 candidates will be examined in the following subjects:

1. Arithmetic—the whole.
2. Either the Elements of Algebra or Elements of Geometry.
3. Greek and Latin Grammar.
4. Translation from English into Latin.
5. One Greek and one Latin book.

The texts used in the examination papers are those of the series of Oxford Classical Texts, so far as these have been published by the Oxford University Press.

As soon as the report of the examiners has been received, the chairman of the Committee of Selection in each State will be furnished with a list of the candidates who have passed and are therefore eligible for selection. The Committee of Selection will then proceed to choose the scholar for the year.

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The scholarships have an annual value of three hundred pounds, for three years, and will be paid in quarterly installments, the first on beginning residence at Oxford, and thereafter terminally on certificate from his college that the work and conduct of the student has been satisfactory. Without such a certificate the scholarship lapses. A scholarship which lapses either from the failure of the student to secure this college certificate from resignation, from marriage,

or from any other reason, will not be filled up until the year it would naturally expire. This provision is made in order not to interfere with the "rota" of succeeding scholars.

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