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## CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 13, Schaff Anniversary 8 p. m.

Tuesday, Dec. 17, Glee Club Practice 7 p. m.

Wednesday, Dec. 18, Y. M. C. A., 6.40 p. m.

## CLASS OF 1873

When Ursinus opened its doors in 1870, three young men were enrolled as members of the class of '73. They were Franklin F. Bahner, of Paxinos, Northumberland County, Pa.; Joseph H. Hunsberger of Trappe, Pa, both of whom had been pursuing their studies at Washington Hall, Trappe, and Jacob A. Strassburger, of Schwenksville, Pa., who had been a student at Freeland Seminary, whose buildings and grounds became the home of the new college. In September, 1871, two more young men were admitted to the class, John A. Foil, of Newton, N. C., and Henry T. Spangler, of Myerstown, Pa., who had covered the first two years of college work at Palatinate college in his native town.

The members of the class were admitted without examination and without certificates of preparation or of work done, on condition that they would be graduated as soon as they had completed the A. B. degree. To escape the charge of offering an easy college course they were required to recite daily from 9 to 12 o'clock and from 1.30 to 3 o'clock, carrying in the Junior year as prescribed studies courses in Latin, Greek, Psychology and History, with two electives. The work in Latin and Greek under Dr. Weinberger was held up to the Yale standard. Dr. Bomberger supplemented the class work in Porter's Human Intellect by lectures. Dr. Super's work in Mathematics and Physics was scrupulously exacting and Professor Van Haagin insisted that his students study German after the manner of the schools of Germany in which he was trained. Instructions in the correct use of English was carried forward by all professors in connection with this department work. In 1872 Professor Ruby was added to the Faculty and gave the Seniors a brief course in Rhetoric. Dr. Sunderland heard the class in textbook Chemistry for a term. What the institution lacked in technical college form and finish was more than compensated for by

the character and earnestness of the professors and the studiousness of the young men. As might be expected the first five men graduated from the college were attracted to it by its avowed purposes and ideals and may be said to have exemplified in their careers the two leading ideas in the minds of the founders for their students, viz., personal character and usefulness in the world.

The discipline of the college at that time was that of the School. Required dormitory residence, with roll-calls at 8.45 a. m. and 7 p. m.; chapel service at 8.45 a. m. and 4 p. m.; breakfast at 6, dinner at 12 and supper at 4; professors as proctors, study hours, with permission to leave the buildings at night, monitors at Sunday morning church service and required Sunday afternoon Bible study; no allowed absences and rigid demerits, constituted the matrix in which the school life of the young college was held up to its first achievements. Croquet and baseball provided sports for the boys; walks to the historic spots within reach of the college, a trip to Valley Forge, an occasional Saturday in Philadelphia and a few nights a year for a lecture or concert or opera in the city appeared to suffice for recreation. The social life of the day was limited to infrequent invitations to professors' homes, to call on the young ladies of the neighborhood, and to observing the young women of Pennsylvania Female college, which then flourished at Glenwood Hall, as they were daily chaperoned up and down Main street, or at church. Innocent days, were those, of non-"co-ed."

The only event that disturbed the tranquil scholastic life of the class was the question of Commencement honors, which the Faculty decided so as to save the college from the colorless alphabetical graduation advocated by some of its friends. Of the five members of the class the first, in alphabetical order, has been a minister since 1874; the second served many years as a college professor and is now engaged in business; the third has divided his time between the ministry and secular pursuits; the fourth has been successively pastor, educator and man of affairs; the fifth has been an honored member of the bar since 1875.

A MEMBER OF THE CLASS.

## CONFERENCE AT YORK

The second District Conference of the Reformed Evangelical and Educational Union was held last Tuesday at York, Pa. The sessions were held in the Heidelberg Reformed Church, of which the Rev. B. B. Royer is pastor. At the afternoon session the principal addresses were delivered by Rev. Calvin D. Yost, General Secretary of the Union, and Rev. Marsby J. Roth, of Hanover. There was an excellent representation of the ministers of the district.

At the evening session, Pastor Royer presided. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Edwin M. Sando, of Hellam and Dean Omwake of the College. The address was delivered by President Keigwin. Here as on former occasions elsewhere the new president won by his rich thought and attractive manner, the rapt attention of his hearers. Although heavy rain interfered somewhat with the attendance, Dr. Keigwin was greeted with a choice audience which included prominent people of the city.

The following morning, he was invited to address the students of the High School and the York Collegiate Institute.

## FRESHMAN BANQUET

Although strongly guarded and their actions closely watched by the Sophomore class, nevertheless the Freshman with perfected plans and arrangements, quietly and cleverly stole away from their vigilant foes and on Monday afternoon held their much forbidden but elaborate Banquet at the Shuler House, Pottstown. The annual occasion of the Freshmen Banquet always means an exciting time and is looked forward to by the entire studentbody with a great deal of pleasure; and this year's banquet was no exception. Knowing the fact that they were greatly outnumbered, the Freshmen pressed every available article of conveyance into service. Electric and Steam cars, carriages and automobiles served the mediums for exciting and even romantic escapes. As soon as the absence of the Freshmen was noticed about the college, the "Sophs" at once became a very busy and excited organization; scouting parties were sent in every direction but all of no avail. Try as they could the "Sophs" could not find a single

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## FOOTBALL AND TRACK TEAM ENTERTAINED

There are but few football teams which do not wind up their season with a banquet tendered them by their athletic association or by some close friend. This example at Ursinus, however, seems to be an exception. In 1902 the football team was tendered a banquet by Mr. Frank Gristock of Collegeville and the 1905 team was given a smoker by Coach Ed. Kelley. This year desiring to show their appreciation of the efforts of the football men the Charmidean Club tendered the team a dinner to which was invited also the members of the relay team which won a banner at the U. of P. relay races last spring. The dinner was served in the college dining hall and was prepared in fine style by Steward Keiner. Snyder, '08, acted as toastmaster and the following toasts were responded to: Toast on "Athletics in the New England Colleges," Coach Watson, '05, Williams. "Reminiscences," Paiste, '08. "First Experience in a Relay Race," Custer, '09. "The Charmidean Club," Toole, '08. After the toasts Stamy, '08, took a flashlight picture of the group and then everyone repaired to the East Wing where each guest was presented with a clay pipe and a smoker was held. In the meantime the football team elected Abel, '09, Captain for next year. The meeting finally wound up with college yells and songs. It is hoped that this will be made an annual affair by the Charmidean Club.

## The Menu.

Grape Fruit au Maraschino.  
Sweet Breads Terrapin Style  
Queen Olives.  
Fried Oysters.  
Lobster Salad Mayonnaise.  
Welsh Rarebit.  
Orange Ice.  
Fancy Cake.  
Coffee.

## 1908 ART CALENDAR

The 1908 Art Calendar is well under way and will be on sale sometime next week. The committee in charge has made a special effort to make this calendar even better than the 1907 calendar, and it promises to be an artistic production. An art calendar of this kind is a very suitable object for a Christmas present and it is hoped that the students will take advantage of this to help the class along in this project. There will be many new features this year, among which will be the picture of Dr. Keigwin. The price will be 50 cents.



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**EDITORIAL**

With this issue appears the first of a series of sketches of the different classes which have graduated from Ursinus. We desire if possible to publish during the winter months short histories of every graduating class up to the present. We feel confident that these sketches, whether they are accounts of the doings of the members since graduation or reminiscences of college days will prove both interesting and instructive to students as well as alumni. To the students they should be interesting as furnishing a contrast between the college life of to-day and the old college life of our fathers. To the alumni they will recall many fond memories of their college days, which every college graduate always fosters and cherishes. Besides they may furnish him with much longed for information concerning his classmates or old college friends.

This is a new enterprise, and the success of it will be due to the efforts put forth by the members of the alumni who have kindly consented to lend their cooperation. We realize the difficulty connected with a work of this kind, and we appreciate the interest manifested by those alumni who have undertaken it. It is this spirit of self-sacrifice which characterizes a healthy alumni, and will insure the growth of an institution. To these members of the alumni who assist in this enterprise we are gratefully indebted.

**LETTERS**

During the summer the souvenir post card holds sway, but when winter comes we remember all our friends and fall to letter writing. Every week there is, or should be, one letter home and others to our friends. A spirited, interested, well written letter with its little remembrances and jokes is like a welcome visitor to every recipient. It has the double action of keeping us in touch with our friends and reminding us of their interest in us.

There are as many kinds of letters as individuals. We receive the dry-old—"We are all well, hoping this will find you the same," kind—and we fall asleep reading them. We receive bright cheery letters full of interest and love and we feel as though we were chatting with our friends.

A few rules not in the grammar make a great difference. Our letters to have interest must not be selfish discourses with a sentence or two about the other individual at the end. They should be begun each time a new and original way that shows they are more than carbon copies. They should not open by telling the friends that you are half asleep and this is your fifth letter for the evening. Even if you have written ten, do not mention it. Tell your friend that it is your pleasure to write and show it by getting out of that stereotyped phraseology no one believes. Be sincere in your letter, believe what you say, say it in the most charming way you can and soon you will be named a delightful correspondent. Much depends upon this seemingly commonplace art and yet there are few who perform it well. Answer a letter as soon as you get it, answer it with sincerity and be numbered among the few.

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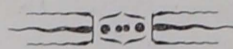
The character of the program for Friday evening was miscellaneous, and was rendered as follows:

Piano Solo, "The Little Shepherdess," Miss Knauer, '10. Essay, "Life of James M. Barrie," Thompson, '10. Recitation, Selection from "The Little Minister," Miss Boozer, '10. Reading, "The Mutual Discovery," Gilland, '09. Vocal Solo, "A Doll's Party," Miss Spangler, '09. Essay, "Barrie as a Humorist," Miller, '09. Clarinet Solo, "Last Night," Lauer, '10. Declamation, "Rienzi's Address to the Romans," Umstead, '09. Reading, Selection from "A Window in Thrums," Miss Messenger, '10. Junior Quartette, Misses Spangler and Neff, Messers Wismer and Krusen. Gazette, Editor No. 2, Wismer, '09. Under voluntary exercises Miss Thomp-

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son, '08, gave a synopsis of "The Little Minister."  
 Election of officers resulted in the election of the following members: President, Hughes, '08; Vice President, Miss Thompson, '08; Rec. Secy., Miss Miller, '11; Financial Secy., Krusen, '09; Corresponding Secy., Miss Knauer, '10; Critic, Miss Duryea '08; First Editor, Koons, '09; Second Editor, Miss Neff, '09; Chaplain, Danehower, '08; Treasurer, Brehm, '10; Pianist, Miss Messinger, '10; Janitor, Lauer, '10.

**ZWINGLIAN**

The program for Friday evening was a miscellaneous one, the feature of which was the rendition of a comedy sketch entitled "A Case of Suspension." The characters of the play were: Dorothy, Miss Albright, '09; Alice, Miss Butler, '09; Mildred, Miss Thomas, A; Harold, Wagner, '10; Tom, Leidy, '08; Jack, Long, '09; Miss Judkins, Miss Moyer, '09; Prof. Edgerton, Maeder, '10; Kathleen, Branson, A; Jonas, Tobias, '08.

Under the careful instruction of Long, '08, who acted as stage manager the sketch was ably rendered and well received by all. Following the sketch, Rhodes, '08, delivered a masterful oration on "Conservatism." Rhodes then followed with a interesting Review. Under voluntary exercises Messrs. Tobias, '08, and Snyder, '08, rendered a Guitar duet, and Miss Leinbach, A, Kerschner, '09, and Rhodes, '08, pleased all by a very pretty instrumental trio.

The Society was pleased to welcome into their midst as active members Wesley Gerges, Royersford, Pa., David Bunting, Allentown, N. J., and Otto Wagner, Basil, Switzerland.

**PERSONALS**

Fogleman, '10, made a business trip to Reading on Saturday.

Miss Margaret Strickland, A, has been confined to the house the past week because of sickness.

Glaser, A, was in Norristown last Friday.

Paiste, '08, Whittacker, A, and McNeal, A, went to Philadelphia on Saturday.

Miss Millie Leinbach, A, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Reading.

Heffelfinger, ex-'09, of Conshohocken visited friends at the college on Monday.

Misses Fryling, '09, Knauer, '10 and Fermier, '10, spent Saturday in the city.

Miss Wills, of Jeffersonville, spent Friday evening at college as the guest of Miss Fryling, '09.

Miss Mary Shaw has been confined to her home in Jeffersonville the past week because of illness.

Mr. Hood, the travelling secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was the guest of Leidy, '08, Saturday and Sunday.

Hain, '08 went to Philadelphia on business Monday.

Brehm, Davis, Maeder, Knauer and Wagner, '10 were in Royersford and Pottstown on class business Monday morning.

**ALUMNI NOTES**

'97. Rev. J. D. Hicks, for four years pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Altoona, tendered his resignation, to take effect some time in January. He has accepted a call to Tioga Church, Philadelphia.

S. T. '07. Titus C. Josat was installed as pastor of the Mill Creek Charge on Nov. 20th. Rev. G. W. Kerstetter, '98, had charge of the services.

On Sunday Dec. 1, Rev. F. F. Bahner, D. D., '73, entered upon the thirty-first year of his pastorate in Trinity Reformed Church at Waynesboro, Pa. His anniversary sermon had for its subject: "Divine Strength Perfected Through Human Weakness," the text being 2 Cor. 12: 9, "My Strength is made perfect in weakness."

Rev. P. H. Hoover after a pastorate of 7 years and 8 months has resigned from the charge of Overton, Pa. And expect to enter upon his new field of labor at Blain, Pa., about the 22nd of Dec.

**SEMINARY NOTES**

Dr. Ph. Vollmer preached for Rev. Raizer, of the Second Reformed Church, Tiffin, on Sunday.

Dr. J. I. Good was in Philadelphia on Monday and Tuesday on official business.

On Tuesday evening the Seminary and the young ladies of the University were entertained by Dr. A. S. Zerbe. Various games were played after which refreshments were served. All spent a most pleasant evening.

Peeler, '08, the delegate from the Seminary Y. M. C. A., to the Washington Convention reported to the association on Wednesday.

Brouse, '09, Brumbach, '08, Mori, '09, Huckeriede, '09, Sommerlatte, '08 and Yocum, '10, conducted services at the Infirmary on Sunday afternoon.

Kriete, '10, Brumbach, '08, Klingaman, '08 and Reimers, '09, conducted the German Homiletical services on Tuesday.

Albright, '08 preached in Athens, Mich., and Reimers, '09, in Tiffin, on Sunday morning.

Harmon, '09, assisted in the choir of the Presbyterian church, Tiffin on Sunday evening. The congregation listened to a well rendered solo. Reimers, '09, assisted in the liturgical services in the same place.

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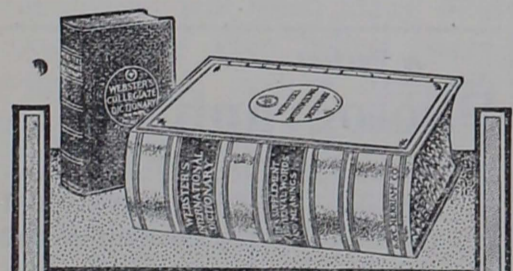
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## FRESHMAN BANQUET

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clue even though there were times when only a wall separated them from the object of their search. So clearly did the Freshmen execute their plans and burn their bridges behind them that they were in no danger of the least molestation when the banquet was once under way.

The Banquet began at 2 o'clock and lasted until five. The dining room of the Shuler House was prettily and artistically decorated for the occasion with ferns, potted plants and the class flowers—violets, while the class colors, purple and white were profusely draped about the dining hall. The spread was an elaborate one as the menu shows.

After the class had done ample justice to the above, toasts were responded to by the various members of the class. President Quay acted as toast master and by neat and appropriate addresses introduced the speakers and their subjects. Miss Latshaw responded to the toast, "The Class of 1911" in a very able and interesting manner which was followed by Miss Dunn who in responding to the toast, "Our Class President," voiced the sentiment of the entire class by extolling his well earned merit. Bunting then played glowing tributes to the girls when he responded to the toast, "The Girls of 1911" while Miss Miller retaliated with a cleverly written Poem in which she expressed the sentiment of all the girls. To the toast "Our Football Coach" Brown responded in a masterful position in which he expressed the appreciation of the class for the work and sacrifices of the coach. In the final toast, "The 1911 Football Team" Abel, '09, reviewed some incidents of the contest and then portrayed to the class their future possibilities; their positions among the undergraduates and their various duties to Ursinus. The Banquet being concluded, the class retired to the spacious reception Hall of the Hotel and engaged in various forms of mirth and amusement. At 7 o'clock they left Pottstown and upon their arrival at the college they were met by an enthusiastic band of Juniors who congratulated them on their success. Mrs. Calvin Sweiford of Pottstown acted as chaperon and Victor J. Abel of the class of '09, who coached the Freshmen football team, was the guest of honor.

Y.M.C.A.

The regular weekly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held on Wednesday evening. Maeder, '10, led the meeting, which took the form of a song service. The co-eds favored



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ored the association with their presence, so most of the evening was devoted to the singing of hymns. However, in response to a question put before the association, "Whether a Christian can be truly happy," Mr. Herson, A, replied, Yes, there are various ways. In part he said:

1. Christians are happy in the enjoyment of divine favor. In his favor is found life, and his loving kindness is better than life. God is our reconciled friend and affectionate father. He loves us with an unbounded love.

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Charles Harry, '09, of the Dickinson Law School was elected captain of Dickinson's next season's football team.

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