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CALENDAR

Friday, Feb. 8, Literary Societies,
7:40 p. m.
Monday, Feb. 11, Ursinus Union,
7:30 p. m.
Tuesday, Feb. 12, Glee Club Prac-
tice, 6:40 p. m.
Wednesday, Feb. 13, Y. M. C. A.,
6:40 p. m.
Thursday, Feb. 14, Valentine Fete,
Bomberger Hall, 8:00 p. m.

THE SNOW

The dark, cloudy sky with its soberest
hue,
The moonlight and starlight all hidden
from view,
The shadows of evening which closed
over all,
Just as light snow-flakes were starting to
fall.

The snow flakes were quietly fluttering
down,
The wind rose to scatter them over the
ground;
They hurried and scattered, some rushing
ahead,
All eager to hide the worn path that we
tread.

The wind, getting bolder, rose higher
and flew,
The snow-flakes, they caught up the
wild spirit, too,
They hastened along as the wind whistled
shrill,
And kept them in spirits to dance at his
will.

The night-owl was silent in his home in
the tree,
The treetops all whistled and moaned
dismally,
The few clinging leaves, though unwil-
ling to go,
Were loosened, and fluttered away with
the snow.

The dawn came at last, the dim rays of
the sun
Scarce pierced the grey clouds, where its
course is begun.
The dim-lighted world lay all silent and
still,
And covered with whiteness, o'er valley
and hill.

The ice on the river is covered with
white,
Where light winter fairies are dancing
at night,
And are frightened away by sleigh bells
at morn
And hie to the tree-tops, all bare and
forlorn.

The morning approaches, the sun bursts
at last,
In full glory upon us, the long night is
past.
The snow, how it sparkles, as each tiny
flake can;
Each taking its part in the Infinite plan.
E. M. T.

THE MUSICALE

Thursday evening the students and people of the town were given the privilege of enjoying the rarest musical treat of the season. Mr. Perley Dunn Aldrich, of Philadelphia, presented a most pleasing program of attractive songs,—Italian, Old English and Irish folk-songs, Negro melodies, and modern French, German and American songs, several of his own composition.

Mr. Aldrich gave entertaining and instructive explanations of each, bringing his audience into a full realization of the beauty and splendor of the folk-songs of different peoples. He gave their history, and after his remarks all present enjoyed more thoroughly "The Lass of Richmond Hill," "Richard of Launton Dean," and the characteristic Irish songs, "My Love Nell," and "The Ramblin' Irishman."

Singing with ease and freedom Mr. Aldrich allowed his own pleasing personality aid his strong, flexible voice in bringing out the beauty of the negro melodies, as well as the sweetness of the melodies of Schubert and others. His clear enunciation, combined with much expression made each song felt and appreciated by the audience.

Among the numbers presented, his own melody, "To Sleep," and Schubert's Serenade impressed his hearers to the greatest degree, and displayed best the power and richness of his voice. All the songs were beautiful and each one pleased.

From the program which follows one can understand better the nature of the entertainment, and learn the breadth of the field in which Mr. Aldrich is wont to sing.

PROGRAM PART I.

Italian Folk Songs—Veni.
Ogni Giorno.
Old English—Drink to—Me Only With
Thine Eyes.
Hook—The Lass of Richmond Hill.
Richard of Taunton Dean.
Old Irish—My Love Nell.
Fox—The Ramblin' Irishman.
Negro Melodies—My Lord's a Writin'
down Time.

PART II.

Aldrich—Du Bist we eine Blume.
To Sleep.
Good Night.
McDowell—Thy Beaming Eyes.
Schubert—Who is Sylvia.
Serenade.
Massenet—Crepuscule.
Godard—Chanson d'Arabe.
Didbin—Tinker's Song.
Storace—The Pretty Creature.
Korbay—Had a Horse.

MRS. STRICKLAND ENTERTAINS

One of the most delightful social functions of the winter was enjoyed Wednesday evening, when Mrs. Strickland, Preceptress of Olevian Hall, entertained the Olevian girls and as many fortunate fellows. The crowd was congenial, and everyone had a good time. The reception hall was crowded but this did not retard the progress of the general merriment.

At eight o'clock the company assembled. After welcoming all Mrs. Strickland with the aid of Miss Ebbert superintended a progressive literary contest. Several tables were placed about the room, upon which were sheets of papers containing the pseudonyms of authors, quotations from standard poems, or the partial subject of well known works of Longfellow. The guests were arranged at these tables and as each section completed the work at one table it moved to the second. Prizes were given to the girl having the greatest number correct, and one to the boy. Miss Drumm and Mr. Lenhart were the fortunate ones.

Much time was spent in this way and in general conversation. Soon refreshments, consisting of Neapolitan ice-cream, choice cakes, salted peanuts, candy and coffee were served.

The time rapidly passed telling fortunes, and asking questions of the mystic pencil, at eleven the whole company joined in the good old-fashioned Virginia reel, after which the party broke up. The girls retired to their rooms and the fellows left Olevian to wind their way through the deep snow to the East Wing and Dog House.

ALUMNI NOTES

Rev. E. Garver Williams, D. D., '75, of Marlboro, Ohio, has accepted a call to the Bear Creek Charge in North Carolina.

Rev. A. D. Wolfinger, S. T., '88, has entered upon the second year of his pastorate at Trinity Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio. As an evidence of the appreciation of his services the salary has been increased.

Rev. Dr. E. S. Bromer, '90, Greensburg, Pa., is the author of an excellent article on "The Mission Study Class" in a recent number of the "Messenger."

On Jan. 20, a fifteen hundred dollar pipe organ was dedicated in Grace Reformed Church, Columbia, Ohio, Rev. G. W. Welsh, A. B., '93,

pastor. The sermon was preached by President Miller, of Heidelberg University, Tiffin Ohio.

Rev. Geo. A. Stauffer, A. B. '94, is well along in his fifth year as pastor of the Union charge, Baltimore, Ohio. He recently received a purse containing nearly seventy dollars from one of his congregations.

Rev. G. E. Kopenhaver, 99, A. M. has moved from McAdos, Pa., to Ringtown, Pa.

Rev. J. E. Stone, A. B., '00, is a member of the Ohio Synod's Committee on Seminary Union.

Prof. O. W. Hunsicker, A. B. '01, has resigned the principalship of the Pennsburg, Pa., Schools on account of his health.

A C. E. Convention was held in Zion Reformed Church, Marklesburg, Pa., Jan. 26. Rev. A. C. Ohl, A. B., '01, is the pastor, Rev. W. E. Garrett, A. B. '99, McConnellstown, Pa., was one of the speakers.

Rev. H. J. Rutenik, D. D., '95, the aged pastor of the small Eighth Reformed congregation in Cleveland, desired to lay down the pastoral work at New Year. Instead of allowing him to do so, his people increased his salary one hundred dollars.

On the evening of Jan. 23, Rev. J. G. Kerschner, S. T., '98, pastor of St. Paul's church, Mahanoy City, and his family were treated to a genuine surprise in the parsonage by seventy-five couples. After a short service Mr. Christian Gabbert presented pastor Kerschner with a fine couch and a handsome ornamental eight-day clock, whilst Mrs. Kerschner was presented with fancy lace curtains, an ornamental urn and linen.

DO YOU LIKE FUN

If you do, attend the Valentine Fete given by the Historical Political Group on the evening of the fourteenth. Come and enjoy the short program to be presented in the chapel at eight o'clock and take part in the general merriment in the library afterwards. Make purchase at the Big Auction Sale, for there will be many surprises in store for you. Enter into all the amusements, and don't forget to call at the post office, for cupid, the post-master, will have some secret to reveal to you.

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EDITORIAL

Many college papers are urging the students of their respective institutions to hand in their contributed articles for their annuals, as the time when the copy should be at the printer's is near at hand. These requests suggest to our mind the fact that the "Ruby" for some reason or other has appeared late for the last two years. Such a delay is not to be desired, for the sale of the books is greatly hampered, and the tasks of the business manager increased.

The staff of the 1908 Ruby are making especial efforts to publish their book on time. Therefore, it behooves each one who has contributions to make to present them to the staff at once, so that the 1908 Ruby, which promises to be spicy and original, may be on sale during Commencement week.

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The ultimate purpose of the Y. M. C. A. is to inculcate into the minds of college men the inestimable value of Christian manhood, and to infuse them with a desire to live up to lofty Christian ideals. Our association has helped many students, and aroused in them the religious feelings which the temptations of college life have a tendency to hold in the background.

Within the last few weeks Bible Study classes have been formed, one for each class in college and one for the Preps. These studies are conducted every Monday evening by earnest seniors, and much

good is derived by all present. The Bible is studied and discussed freely, and thus a clear knowledge of the portions studied results. It is a great help to those interested. It aids in the building up of character, and all should attend. Even if you are not religiously inclined, your education is incomplete without a knowledge of the Bible, as history and literature. However, you should desire to meet once a week to study the Bible from the promptings of your own hearts, and from the desire to become strong Christian men.

In whatever field you may work after leaving college you will find that character means much, and that in the long run it pays to be a man. Therefore, whatever may aid you in the development of nobility of character you should eagerly take advantage of.

SOCIETY NOTES

SCHAFF.

The program for Friday evening was general literary in character. Program was as follows: Piano Solo, Mr. Wismer, '09. Recitation, "The Death of Fagin" by Mr. Myers, '07. Address, Mr. Fegley, '07, "An Ideal Literary Society." Impromptu Speech, "Reminiscences of Mid-year Examinations" by Mr. Ellis, '07.

Vocal Solo, "Daddy" by Miss Messinger, '10. Responded to an encore, "I love thee."

"Hamlet's Soliloquy" by Mr. Krusen, '09. Paper, "My impression of college life," by Mr. Lauer. Impromptu Speech, "Debut in Society" by Mr. Koons, '09.

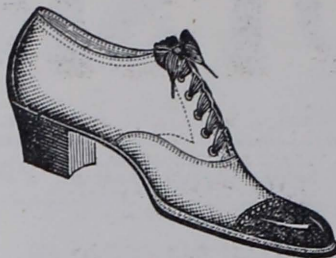
Piano Solo, Mr. Lenhart, '07. Recitation, "You, the man who fails" by Miss Eva Thompson, '08. Original Story, "Recollections of the Past" by Dawn Thomson, '10. Dumb-bell Drill, Mr. Hughes, '08, leader.

Recitation, Miss Neff, '09. Reading, "Hiram Foster's Thanksgiving Turkey" by Miss Fling, A. Vocal Solo, Mr. Fogleman, '10. Gazette by Mr. Cook, '07.

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The program on Friday evening was miscellaneous in character. Piano Solo, Miss Drumm, A. A Talk on the Political Development of the Week, Brown, '07. Declamation, "The Bridge Tender's Story," Palsgrove, A. Essay, "Poets who have Died Young," Godshall, A. Vocal duet, Misses Sponsler, '10, and Fermier, '10. Reading, "The Temple Virtue," Yost, '10. Impromptu speeches,—Co-education, Long '09; Last Summer's Experiences, Myers, '10. Original Story, "Fortune Favors the Gallant," Moore, '07. Dialogue, "Whose Turn," Messers Abel, '09 and Kerschner, '09. Instrumental duet, Messers Snyder,

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'08, and Tobias, '08. Oration, "Julius Caesar," Leidy, '08. Zwinglian Review, Tobias, '08. Prof. Schumacher honored the society with his presence, and after a short address he favored all with a very interesting recitation from William Tell.

THE OPEN BOOK

Outside it was raining furiously. Inside a cheery fire was burning on the hearth. John Robins believed in keeping good cheer on such a night. As the old manor was new and stood on a hill it took lots of the yellow gold and shining black diamonds to keep it warm. Squire Robins was famed for his hospitality. And lately, since he had just completed this new home, people flocked from far and wide to partake of his bounteous board. Though some there are, no friends of John's, who say that people only came to sate an idle curiosity. But be that as it may, they came, and right heartily, too, were they received.

Tonight especially was cause for entertainment,—it was the good dame's birthday. Folks had been arriving all day, and, in sooth, so many came that the barn, though of great capacity, was fairly filled to overflowing with vehicles of all kinds and descriptions. Everyone was to stay to the dance that night, which was to mark the high tide of the great round of festivities. At ten o'clock the floors were cleared and the two fiddlers hired for the occasion began to tune up. Soon the dancing was in full swing, and right merrily did the young swains carol around with their particular maids. Thus the night wore on. At twelve exactly the dancing ceased. For with all his geniality Squire Robins was very devout, like all Virginia planters of his time. So the dancers must needs hie themselves home. By one o'clock every guest had departed; and by half past one every vestige of the night's carousal had vanished under the master hand of dame Robins. The lights were being put out. Everyone was going to bed except the old Squire, who generally enjoyed a quiet smoke about this hour. He sat in the huge library meditatively turning the leaves of an old volume he had gotten down to dream over. He was attracted by a noise at the door. It was a slave.

"What is it, Tom," asked John kindly.
"Why marse, why ah don't just know what it is, but ah chuld'nt sleep, a-worryin' 'bout you."
"Why, what have I done now?" laughed his master.
"Nuthin', suh, nuthin', but ah heah tell as how mah father was this away the night youh old daddy

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died; and ah done reckon somethin' gwine ter happen dis night."

"Oh, you're not awake, Tom; go back to bed and, oh yes, Tom, about the tobacco. You can have charge of the big North field tomorrow and hereafter."

"Oh, thank you marse, thank you kindly; but this hyeh nigga's as wide awake as yo is, and sumthin's gwine ter happen suah. Did'nt ah see the moon over mah left shoulder las night? An' did'nt de dog howl at it all night? Ah know, sah, ah know. Why, don't Ah remember the dead coach dat appeared when yo father"—but he was interrupted by a scowl from his master. He peremptorily stopped his retrospection and hastily retreated from the room. All the way upstairs he muttered incoherent warnings to the head of the house. Left to himself, Robins mused aloud:

"Strange, I've had some premonition of approaching disaster for the last three days. The nigger's right, something is going to happen."

Thus he pondered. At length shaking himself as if from some physical incumbrance, he layed down his pipe and started to read in earnest. The volume was an original history of the Borgias, written by the cardinal himself. The Squire had but recently acquired it, and he was of course much interested in its contents. Eagerly he turned the pages. Suddenly he began to feel a numb sensation creeping over him. He tried to rise. He could not. He attempted to shout. This also he found impossible. He became crazed with fear. His head dropped on the open book. The minutes on the grandfather's clock ticked peacefully on. Outside a stage drove furiously around the house. An old darkey up in the attic heard and shivered.

* * *

The next morning the family came down to find that death had entered during the long watches of the night. The master of the house was dead. They had found him as he had fallen, his head on the open book which contained the virulent poison of the Borgias.

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It is always encouraging to have Directors of the College visit the institution while in session and it is hoped that all the members will be present, at the winter meeting.

Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Yost, '10, talked upon the "Christian Life," Wednesday evening. An abstract of his talk follows: It will be admitted by every body conversant with the life and teachings of Christ, that, the Christian life is a life of persecution. The Bible expressly declares that "all who would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." It teaches us that Christ has also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow in his steps. Persecution is the test of discipleship. It is not detrimental but beneficial and helpful to a Christian. Nothing is more strengthening. The more a Christian is tempted and tried, the stronger he becomes to resist temptation. The men and women, who are holding positions of prominence and trust in the church, in the state and in society to-day are largely the men and women who have undergone more or less persecution. They have been tried in the fire and have stood the test. They have been weighed in the balances of public sentiment and opinion, and have not been found wanting.

If we ever wish to become good, or great, or famous, we too will have to undergo this refining and purifying process. So let us place our lives in the hands of the Master-potter, and let Him by persecution, by making us to walk through veritable fiery furnaces of affliction, or in any other way which He sees fit, fashion us, and make us vessels meet for the Master's use. Have you taken up the cross to carry it after Jesus? Do you feel it resting as a heavy burden upon your



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wear weary shoulders? Is the cup of which you drink bitter? It is not more bitter than that which He drank in Gethsemane. Are there sharp thorns in your pathway? They are no sharper than those which composed his crown for you. If we would one day wear the crown, we must first carry the cross. Are we better than the Master? Should we suffer less than He?

Do our friends disown us? Then let us think of the words "He (Jesus) come into his own and his own received him not." Are we slandered and misrepresented? So was he; for did not the Pharisees say, "He casteth out devils by Beelzebub the prince of the devils?" Are we spoken evil of for the Son of Man's sake Jesus says: "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake, rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is your reward in heaven."

PERSONALS

Ellis, '07, Crunkelton, '07, Paiste, '08, and Lauer, '10, were in Philadelphia Saturday on business.

Fenton, ex-'07, a student in the Wharton School, was around college Saturday and Sunday visiting his old classmates and friends.

Thomason, '10, made a business trip to Phoenixville on Saturday. Abel, '09, was in Reading Sunday "to call on friends," we conjecture.

Stamy, '08, was called to his home at Kauffman, Pa., Monday, on account of the sudden death of an uncle.

Miss Ada Thompson, for the past year and a half a staunch member of the 1909's has given up college work, and will take a business course in Peirce's Business School, Philadelphia.

Miss Duryea, '08, and Hain, '08, spent Sunday at their respective homes in Reading.

Miller, ex-'09, has accepted a position with Bailey, Banks and Biddle, Jewelers, Philadelphia.

GIRL'S MEETING

Monday afternoon at five o'clock Miss Marion Spangler called a meeting of the Treble Clef. The affairs of the organization were discussed and among other things it was voted that \$25 of the proceeds of the concert given a short time ago should be used in effecting needed improvements in the reception room at Olevian Hall. Such action certainly shows the unselfishness of the Ursinus girls, and is very commendable.

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