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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., FRIDAY, FEB. 22, 1907.

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CALENDAR

Friday, Feb. 22, Zwinglian Freshman Declamation Contest, Bomberger Hall, 8:00 p. m.

Tuesday, Feb. 20, Glee Club Practice, 6:40 p. m.

Wednesday, Feb. 26, Y. M. C. A., 6:40 p. m.

BIBLE CLASS ENTERTAINED

The Dean's residence was the scene of much merriment last Monday night, the occasion being the entertainment of the Men's Bible Class of Trinity Sunday School by Prof. and Mrs. Omwake. Guests to the number of twenty-one assembled in the Dean's study, whence they repaired to the capacious parlor. Here games were introduced which made everyone feel at home. The features in this line were several guessing games which tested the memory and wits of the boys. The successful ones were recipients of handsome favors for their efforts. Cook, '07, and Kerschner, '09, were the fortunate ones.

In a seemingly short time, delightful refreshments were served, which were enjoyed as only college boys can. The boys were at ease, and conversation did not lag. There was a steady flow of wit and humor, in which many of the guests are past-masters. Refreshments having been served, those musically inclined spent some time in singing the old but ever new college songs and hymns.

After expressing their appreciation, the guests gave several enthusiastic yells for host and hostess, and departed, their countenances bespeaking better than words the satisfaction and enjoyment of it all.

Y. M. C. A.

The topic for the weekly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was "The Greatness of Faith."

There are different degrees of greatness according to the individual faith. The most striking, and one of the strongest examples is that of the Israelites when they crossed the Red Sea. Let us picture before ourselves the preparation of the entire body of Israelites for their departure. The time had been set. The time had come. While they were still engaged in celebrating their first Passover feast at midnight the Lord smote all the first born of Egypt, from the first born of Pharaoh, that sat upon the throne to the first born of the captive that was in the dungeon. The last and greatest stroke had fallen.

The whole land of Egypt was in intense excitement. There was no longer a refusal of Moses' request. On the contrary, Pharaoh could not wait till morning before he sent to Moses, and bade him be gone with all his people.

What practical suggestions can we draw from this flight of the Israelites? In the deliverance of Israel from Egypt and their journey to the promised land, we have a Parable of our redemption. The bondage in Egypt is the bondage of sin.

The crossing of the Red Sea illustrates the great act of conversion. We seek to escape from the bondage of sin, but find at last that we are unable to save ourselves. We pray to God, and he bids us trust him, and go forward in the duties close at hand, believing that he will open a way. God performs the divine act, the miracle of regeneration, entirely beyond our power, while we do our part by obeying His word and yielding ourselves completely to His guidance. This is a beginning, but only a start, of a life that will be a credit not only to ourselves, but to the church, the state, and humanity.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Through the efforts of Manager Cook, '07, an excellent schedule has been arranged for the coming baseball season. The students will note with interest that two new colleges are on the schedule, University of Pennsylvania and Stevens Institute of Technology. The six home games will give the student-body an opportunity of witnessing some fine exhibitions of baseball, as three of the strongest teams, Rutgers, Dickinson and Seton Hall, are among the number to cross bats on the home diamond. The schedule follows:

April 6, Williamson—Collegeville.
" 10, Gettysburg—Gettysburg.
" 11, Mercersburg—Mercersburg
" 12, Dickinson—Carlisle.
" 13, Indians—Carlisle.
" 18, Gettysburg—Collegeville.
" 20, Albright—Myerstown.
" 27, Albright—Collegeville.
May 4, Rutgers—New Brunswick, N. J.
" 8, U. of P.—Philadelphia.
" 11, Rutgers—Collegeville.
" 18, Stevens Ins. Tech.—Hoboken, N. J.
" 23, Seton Hall—Collegeville.
" 25, Dickinson—Collegeville.
June 1, Pending.
" 5, Open.

RECEPTION AT OLEVIAN

Again upon Thursday night the Olevian girls displayed the proper social spirit by entertaining a number of the college fellows. They strove in every way possible to make the evening a delightful one for all and succeeded admirably. The girls labored the entire afternoon making fudge and candy, and the boys certainly appreciated their efforts and the delicacies as well. Such affairs show that our college girls are of the right sort.

ALUMNI NOTES

On Feb. 6th, Rev. Dr. George Stibitz, '81, of Zion's Reformed Church, York, Pa., delivered an address at the noon hour meeting of men at the York Foundry and Machine Co. Shop. These meetings are held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. The subject of Dr. Stibitz's address was "The Rich Young Ruler."

Rev. Rob. E. Edris, S. T., '06, was installed pastor of St. John's Reformed Church, Red Lion, York Co., Pa., on Thursday evening, Feb. 7th. The committee on installation consisted of Rev. Geo. S. Stibitz, '81, who delivered the charge to the pastor; Rev. Jno. W. Bell, S. T., '90, of Doylestown, Pa., who read the installation service, and Rev. Irvin Ditzler, S. T., '05, who preached the sermon.

Rev. E. J. Laros, S. T., '93, was installed pastor of Messiah Reformed Church, 13 and Wolf Streets, Phila., Pa., on Friday evening, Feb. 8. The service was largely attended. Addresses were made by D. Clarence Gibboney and Rev. H. I. Nicholas, of the Summit Hill Presbyterian Church. Rev. E. F. Wiest, S. T., '93, delivered the charge to the congregation and Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg, '93, to the pastor.

On Saturday afternoon, Feb. 9, Rev. Dr. E. S. Bromer, '90, of the First Church, Greensburg Pa., delivered an address in St. Luke's Parish House, Lebanon, before the Woman's Club of that city on "The Illusiveness of Life's Ordeals." Over Sunday Dr. Bromer was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Jos. L. Lemberger. During the day he occupied the pulpit of St. John's Reformed Church, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. V. W. Dippel, Ph. D.

A TRIBUTE

When the sun climbed slowly over the pine-clad hills of old Virginia on the 22nd day of February, 1732, just one hundred and seventy-five years ago, there was born to this nation a savior and a redeemer, a man whom time cannot erase from the pages of American History. Surely, no true American can allow the sacred name of Washington pass through his lips without a moment of hesitation or thought concerning the father and founder of his country.

The world has marvelled at his sound judgment, self-control, quiet dignity and indomitable firmness. Of all the great men in history, he was the most invariably judicious, and there is scarcely a harsh word or action or judgment recorded against him. That true and noble American, the man of power and everlasting endurance, had in our Revolution as his last and only hope for life and liberty, the pioneers of America, the help of an infant nation. Yet these men under his guidance, became the bulwark of nationality and the buttress of freedom. His shrewd tactics and cunning insight carried the Revolution to a glorious victory. During that Cimmerian darkness he shot forth like a flame which illuminates the coming century. From the battle at Lexington until the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, he was always at his zenith.

But we must remember that Washington's greatness did not end with war, nor was his greatness at its height on the battle-field, for his statesmanship far exceeded his generalship. It was he who nursed the nation in its infancy and piloted it through its childhood darkness and despair. He inspired the movement for the Republic, and was the dominant spirit of the convention which formed its constitution. He was its President for eight years, and guided its course until satisfied that moving safely along the broad highways of time it would be surely ascending toward the first place among the nations of the world, becoming an assylum for the oppressed and a home for the free.

Washington was the guiding star of a whole brave nation, and when he died the little children cried in the streets. We may blot from the pages of history the names of all the great actors of his time in the drama of nations, and still the century will be renowned.

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EDITORIAL

For many years much rivalry often developing to open animosity has existed between our two literary societies. Today it is as strong if not more prominent than in the past. Such is an abnormal condition and displays the fact that the healthful society spirit is not present in either organization. It shows that in both there is much need of reform. As Ursinus has no fraternities the society spirit has taken the place of the fraternity feeling and dominates other college organizations and activities, very often to the detriment of the latter.

It is possible to subdue this intense feeling, give to the literary societies their proper place, and not allow them undue prominence. Let us try at least. We cannot make affairs any the worse for our attempt, and can, if we proceed in the right way, bring about much good. We must not allow the undertakings of the studentbody as a whole to become failures, because of the societies. We, as college men, are expected to advocate "clean" politics, and work for what is right, when we enter the life of the outside world. So much more reason that in our college elections we should always vote for the best man for the place, no matter whether he may be "Zwing" or "Schaff." The various activities of the student-body should not suffer, because of our own narrow-mindedness, and complete subjec-

tion to society spirit.

The only fitting way to show society spirit, and to allow the display of any rivalry whatever is in an Inter-society Debate. Other institutions have them, and they have proved to be beneficial. Only upon this one occasion does the society spirit have full sway, and in all other efforts of the student-body the societies work together, hand in hand, for the honor of the institution.

Now each society works to outdo the other, often incurring expenses, unnecessary and useless. With an inter-society debate as the only opportunity for society spirit to appear, all our other organizations, athletics and musical clubs will be uplifted, having back of them, pushing, the undivided strength of the entire student-body.

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"Tell your business to one man and it is safe, tell it to two and the whole world will soon find it out." This old maxim is truer today than ever before. Many of our students have learned the practical value of this adage during the past few weeks. By unguarded and perhaps intentional statements much enmity and ill-feeling has been aroused among the co-eds and fellows alike. Such things taint the true college atmosphere, and should be suppressed.

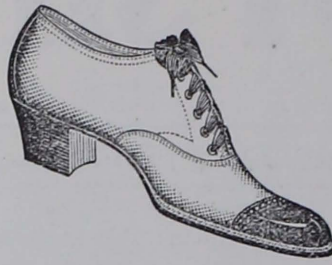
It is true that too often we speak thoughtlessly and hastily, and regret it afterwards. We should carefully watch ourselves, in conversation, and guard against ill-tempered and cruel remarks concerning our fellow-students. Each one of us has his or her peculiarities in temperament and disposition, and it is not for us to judge. Unless we can say something good, we should keep quiet. As Rockefeller has said: "There is so much bad in the best of us, and so much good in the worst of us, that it does not behoove any of us to talk about the rest of us."

SOCIETY NOTES

ZWINGLIAN

The Program on Friday was of a Miscellaneous nature and devoted to the Great Painters. The first was, Violin Duet, "Austrian Hymn," Messrs. Rhodes, '08, and Moser, '10; Discussion, "What Constitutes a Good Picture," Koerper, '07; Paper, "Life and work of Raphael," Stamey, '08; Recitation, "Ave"—Rosetti, Quay, A; Address, "Short Survey of Renaissance and Mediaeval Painters," Crunkleton, '07; Selection, Quartet, Leader. Koerper, '07; Life and Works of Rembrandt, Leidy, '08; Parody, "Our Lady of the Rocks" by DaVinci, Long, '09; Art display Alspach, '07; Selection, Zwinglian Orchestra, Leader, Rhodes, '08; Oration, "Alexander Hamilton,

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SCHAFF

The program for Friday evening was miscellaneous in character. The program was as follows: Piano Solo, Miss Spangler, '09; Essay, "Life and Works of R. Louis Stevenson" by Eva Thompson, '08; Reading, "Love at Sea" by Lauer, '10; Reading, "Some college memories" by Umstead, '09; Sophomore Quartet, Messrs Wismer, Umstead, Krusen and Koons rendered a selection which was encored. Essay, Life and works of Swinburn, by Miss Neff, '07. Recitation, "Christmas at Sea" by Eva Thompson, '08. Reading, Essay under Virginibus Puerisque by Ellis, '07. Instrumental Duet, Messrs Steward, '07, and Cook, '07. Declamation "Age and Song" by Miss Messinger, '10. Reading "El Darado" by Miss Freyer, '10. Oration "John Hay" by Danehower, '08. Gazette Miss Long '09. Mixed Quartet, Misses Fling, A, and Messinger, '10 and Messrs Heller, '07 and Krusen, '09.

Under Voluntary exercises the dialogue between the Ghost and Hamlet was represented by Messrs Myers and D. Thompson.

"CRANKS"

"Imagination is by far the strongest faculty of the human mind; and the world each man makes for himself in his imagination is more real than the things of time and sense." Some men allow this power of their intellects to gain the ascendancy over the others and become cranks. Such appear in all stages of civilization and are today playing their part in the game of life.

A crank has what is termed a "kink" in the brain. This "kink" is simply an over-developed mind in one direction. The brain may be unduely developed along political lines and the man becomes an anarchist, in religion and the man becomes a fanatic, in mathematics and the man becomes a propagator of the theory of perpetual motion or circle-squaring. In all cases he is a detriment to himself and society. He cannot be convinced of his error. He believes in his ideas and will absolutely refuse advice.

These crazes are of varied natures, some ridiculous, some interesting and some even attractive enough to influence a whole community. The crusades were simply a religious craze, and the various attempts to reach the North Pole seem a form of insanity.

The few who are continually predicting the millenium on this or that date are only fanatics. They

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are to be pitied rather than censured, although their predictionsexcite the ignorant and superstitious.

However, there is a more agreeable way of looking at these abnormal intellects. Crank in its gentler sense means simply "the man with one aim," or "the man with a hobby." This species is a benefit to his day and generation. Fulton was a crank, but his "crankery" produced the steamboat, Morse's hobby was electricity and telegraphy was the result of his efforts, and Poe's mania was Poetry, and he has won a name among American poets.

Almost every exceptionally successful man is a crank in regard to the field in which he labors. The times demand that he must. Today to be victorious in the battle of life you must be a veritable crank in your particular line of work. That is, put forth the best that is in you.

To make the organ play, the street musicians must turn the crank, and so must we, if we desire to win. With ourselves as the cranks, and an indomitable will as the motive power, we can "make things go."

PERSONALS

Kerschner, '09, was entertained at the home of Rev. Benner, at Quakertown, Saturday and Sunday.

Peters, '09, spent Friday until Monday at his home in Slatington.

Lenhart, '07, was called to Reading Saturday on "urgent business."

Mr. McAvoy, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Miss Fryling, '09, Sunday afternoon.

Leidy, '08, Lau, '09, Koons, '09, Lauer, '10, are in attendance at the Annual State Convention of the Y. M. C. A., which is now in session at Allentown.

The Haverfordian contains some very good reading matter. We have noted a marked improvement in the successive issues of this paper.

The January number of the Amulet is made very attractive and interesting indeed in printing its messages in its first pages from the prominent men and women of the day.

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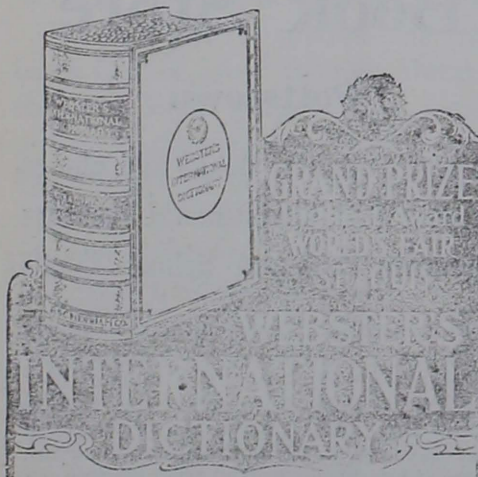
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 also. All display refinement—none
 are vulgar, while negro ditties are
 free from coarseness and buffoonery.
 This peculiar but pleasing negro
 flavor was acquired by attending
 negro camp-meetings, and a close
 acquaintance with the life of the
 negro before the war. The music
 of these melodies is simple, and
 accompaniments are easy, yet they
 are beautiful on account of this
 very simplicity. His best and
 most complicated composition was
 that of the four-voiced serenade,
 "Come Where My Love Lies
 Dreaming." It portrays that Fos-
 ter was capable of producing higher
 forms of musical production, al-
 though he was content to use his
 most natural gifts with befitting
 modesty. It would not be right to
 compare him with the great classi-
 cal composers, his songs are such
 that reach the heart as no others
 can.

Stephen Foster was a native of
 Pennsylvania, having been born in
 Pittsburg, July 4th, 1826. A son
 of a prosperous and well-to-do mer-
 chant, he received the advantages
 of an educational training, both aca-
 demic and musical. He obtained
 his college training at Canonsburg,
 Pa., and after graduation continued
 his studies, especially in music,
 under private instructors at home.
 Possessing a natural musical talent,
 he was partially self-taught upon
 the guitar and banjo, and through
 instruction became a promising
 vocal and also piano soloist.

When about twenty-five years of
 age he obtained employment with
 an orchestra in Louisville, Ky. It
 was here that he composed his first
 song, and that his originality was
 given free play. This first song,
 "Open Thy Lattice, Love," was
 favorably received, and was soon
 followed by "Uncle Ned" and "O
 Susannah." The latter was sub-
 mitted to a musical troupe, and his
 battle of life was won. His fame
 was spread far and wide, and his
 career was no longer a question—it
 was to be that of a composer.

In 1853 Foster was married to
 Miss Jennie M. Dowell, and re-
 moved to New York, that he might
 have better opportunities for his
 work, and be in close touch with
 his publishers. Now, the old fa-
 vorites of a generation came from



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Lehigh University Students have
 petitioned the faculty for permission
 to have Lehigh represented in the
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The Plea against Basket Ball and
 the Reply in the same issue of the
 Targum, show to the reader the
 healthy living interest taken in the
 college. It is from the alumni we,
 as editors of college journals, like
 to hear, and from whom we want
 contributions.

The January number of the
 Brown Alumni Monthly contains a
 good editorial on "An Undergradu-
 ate Plea." The article is so very
 true and comes directly home to
 our own condition of affairs, that
 we recommend every student, and
 especially the alumni, who can, to
 read it.

About the short stories which
 appear in these exchange journals,
 as well as those that appear in our
 own at times, it must be said what
 one of the exchange editors of
 another college paper has already
 said—very few are really what
 must be called good short stor-
 ies. The plots for the most
 part are really too commonplace.
 They leave one under the im-
 pression that they were hurried-
 ly written for publication in the
 number in which they appear.
 This is not the case with all of
 them, however. There are some
 meet the requisites of a good story.

The Muhlenberg has improved
 its cover. The literary cover is a
 better representative cover and im-
 proves the appearance.

The poetry or rhyme in all of
 the papers is of a very high order.
 For this work each poet is to be
 complimented.

"The Signal" contains a sweet
 little story, "Silvia's Choice."

The Delaware College Review
 for February has several fine lit-
 erary productions, "Lowell Liter-
 ary Man and Reformer," and "The
 Best Qualities of Stevenson" repay
 one's reading them.

his pen in rapid succession, "Old
 Kentucky Home," "Massa's In De
 Cold, Cold Ground," "Old Dog
 Tray," "Willie, We Have Missed
 You," and "Sweet Ellen Bayne."
 But the most popular and most re-
 munerative composition was "Way
 Down Upon the Swanee River."
 This was sold to Christy's Min-
 strels for \$500, besides realizing a
 large per cent of the profits gained
 from the million and a half copies
 which were published. Foster had
 the pleasure of knowing that his
 songs were sung by such singers as
 Jenny and Christine Lind. In truth,
 in a little less than ten years, from
 1855 to 1861, he became the idol
 of all American music lovers, while
 his songs were sung throughout
 the land. His last negro melody
 was that of "Old Black Joe," in
 1861.

During these last few years he
 was treated rather ungenerously
 by his publishers, and disappointed
 and heart broken, he formed irreg-
 ular habits. The last two years
 were spent wandering about the
 streets of New York, an outcast,—
 penniless, friendless, and homeless,
 dying in the winter of 1864, Jan-
 uary 13th.

His short life, dissipation and
 consequent dissipation, recalls
 the life of that other unfortunate
 genius, Edgar Allen Poe. Both
 men possessed extraordinary ability,
 yet ruined their lives and prospects
 by dissipation, which finally led to
 early and ignoble deaths.

In person Foster was a slight
 man, a little below the medium
 height, with soft brown eyes, and a
 timid but pleasing countenance.
 He possessed the restless but affec-
 tionate disposition of all musicians.

The feeling and sentiment pervad-
 ing his productions seemed to have
 gushed forth from an inner life,
 spotless and untainted, although
 he conducted his outward life
 among men non-commendable and
 degrading.