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CALENDAR

Friday, March 15, Literary Societies 7.40.
Tuesday, March 19, Glee Club Practice 6.40 p. m.
Wednesday, Mar. 20, Y.M.C.A. 6.40 p. m.
Thursday, Mar. 21, Glee Club and Orchestra go to Royersford.
Friday, Mar. 22, Zwinglian Anniversary, Bomberger Hall 8.00.

Y. M. C. A.

ALTRUISM

Matt. 7: 12. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

The term "Altruism" was first used by the Positivists, or followers of the French philosopher Comte, to signify devotion to others or to humanity or a regard for the rights and interests of others.

We have an opportunity to display our altruistic spirit in our daily life, treating our neighbors and friends as we would have them treat us, showing them love and kindness instead of coldness and harshness. How often we are offended by some trivial matter and forget the love which we should bear one to another. God himself is love; no greater love could have been manifested by him than to give us his only begotten Son as an atonement for our sins. God is continually extending to us his tender mercies. It matters little how low we have sunken into shame and sin, he is always willing to forgive us if we come to him in a submissive and repentive mood. As it is written "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto."

The love that a mother has for her children, the sacrifice she makes for their sakes, and the love they give her in return, the trust they put in her shows us the kind of love and faith that we should have in our hearts. If we can show such love and fellowship to our neighbor how much more will God, who is love himself, prosper and bless us.

Then again be kind to strangers, to old people and the tramp upon the street. By so doing we are fulfilling the wish of our master. We must remember that our parents are growing old and some day they may want assistance and words of good cheer. It would pain us to see a mob mistreat or hoot at our

parents out upon the street. Then be kind to the aged and feeble, give the little assistance that you are able to give for they may be somebody's father or somebody's mother.

ALUMNI NOTES

Nevin F. Godshall, '03, has accepted a position on the editorial staff of the Daily Sentinel, of Lewistown, Pa., and will devote his time in the study of municipal problems and topics for his paper. This is a line to work to which he had been looking forward to as a student at Ursinus and in which he has taken a great interest since his graduation. In order that he might engage in journalism Mr. Godshall has resigned from a very desirable position in the employ of the Post Office Department of the Government, at Lewistown.

Dr. Vollmer, Ph. D., '99, of the School of Theology, on March 31, preached the sermon on the thirty-first anniversary of Dr. Scheer's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Fourth Reformed Church, Dayton, O., Rev. Ross F. Wicks, S. T., '96, pastor, is making an effort to pay off its indebtedness during 1907.

A large audience was present at St. Mark's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa., Rev. I. Calvin Fisher, '89, pastor, on February 26th, to listen to a fine temperance lecture, the theme of which was "An American Institution."

Rev. Dr. R. C. Zartman, A. M., '96, of Philadelphia, is preaching a series of sermons on "The Victor's Crown." No. 1, Rev. 2: 7; No. 2, Rev. 2: 11; No. 3, Rev. 2: 17; No. 4, Rev. 2: 26-28; No. 5, Rev. 3: 5; No. 6, Rev. 3: 12; No. 7, Rev. 3: 21.

Rev. C. A. Butz, '99, of Myers-town, recently read a historical sketch of St. Paul's (Klopp's) Reformed Church, Hamlin, before the Lebanon County Historical Society. This is the old congregation organized about 1752. The one still existing in the old church is the New Klopp's Congregation, having been organized by Rev. Thomas Yundt, July 9th, 1893, despite her contention to the contrary. Rev. J. Lewis Fluck, Myerstown, was also elected a member of the Historical Society at its last meeting.

Rev. Ed. F. Wiest, S. T., '93, pastor of the First Church, Phila., was recently presented with \$30 in gold.

A SUGGESTION

These balmy days bring us to a full realization of the fact that spring is near at hand, and with it the new and varied interests of the students. There are baseball, track, tennis, rowing, and delightful afternoon rambles along the Perkiomen. Of these paramount attention is given to baseball, and rightly too. Yet, the other activities could be made more attractive, if we would only try, and particularly tennis.

We suggest that the tennis association as a whole, not one or two of the most enthusiastic, as heretofore, see to it that the courts back of North College be rolled into shape just as soon as the weather will permit, and then arrange for a series of inter-class contests between teams consisting of two players. This would arouse more than a passing interest in tennis, and give those unable to play baseball an opportunity to show their dexterity and "good eye." This suggestion might be followed by the fellows as well as the co-eds.

THE COMING SUMMER SESSION

The fourteenth annual Summer Session of Ursinus College will open June 22, and continue six weeks. Courses will be offered in nearly all the departments of the institution and the instruction will be given by regular members of the College faculty, reinforced in one or two departments by able men from the schools. A course of free lectures will again be given from time to time on summer evenings by men prominent in various fields of educational work in Pennsylvania. Among the special lecturers will be President Isaac Sharpless of Haverford College.

The Faculty expects to offer as regular work for which credit will be given, courses in Psychology, History of Education, School Administration and Methods of Teaching. This is in line with the work which the College is doing in a general way to advance the teaching profession.

It has been decided to have no college exercises on Saturday during the coming summer. By devoting one day a week aside from Sunday, to rest and recreation, it is believed that the work of the Session will be improved. The Summer Session Bulletin will be ready for distribution after the Easter recess.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors was held at the College office last Friday evening with President Henry W. Kratz in the chair. Other members present Messrs. Spangler, Vollmer, were Messinger, Fetterolf and Omwake. Professors Kline and Chandler of were the Administration Committee also present. Besides attending to regular business, the Committee passed finally the Compact of Union of the Heidelberg Theological Seminary and the Ursinus School of Theology forming the new Central Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church.

ZWINGLIAN ANNIVERSARY

Next Friday evening the Thirty-Seventh Anniversary of the Zwinglian Literary Society will be held in the college chapel at 8 o'clock. The program will consist of musical numbers, orations and essays. Those who are to take part have been working hard, and the papers promise to be interesting, and entertaining. After the literary program a general reception in the library will be tendered to those present. All students and townspeople are cordially invited to be in attendance, and by their presence and their hearty participation in the informal reception help make this anniversary successful.

HERE AND THERE

Fogleman, '10, was in Reading on business Thursday.

Miss Fling A., entertained her mother Saturday until Monday.

Myers, '07, is spending the week at his home in East Berlin, Pa.

Long, '09, was the guest of friends in Allentown Saturday and Sunday.

A number of the college girls enjoyed an afternoon's lark at the Norristown roller skating rink Monday afternoon.

The students may obtain copies of the 1906-1907 Ursinus Bulletin by calling at the college office during the regular office hours.

Brown, '07, was the guest of his "sister" at Harrisburg Saturday and Sunday. Of course he didn't forget to spend an afternoon viewing the new capitol.

Mr. Howard R. Omwake and wife are visiting in the family of Dean Omwake on Sixth Avenue. Mr. Omwake is head of the Latin Department in the Mercersburg Academy.

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EDITORIAL

Very often among the students we hear the question, why is so much space given to Alumni Notes? In answer we would say, as it is said in the Rutgers *Targum*, "once an Ursinus man, always an Ursinus man." We should be as willing to write about what Ursinus graduates are doing now, as when they were in college. It is gratifying to the Alumni to learn of each other's work, although it may not be so interesting to the present college generation. The alumni association support the paper financially, and its members should certainly be given recognition in our columns. A college paper without news of the alumni each week would be incomplete.

It is not our purpose to have our editorials take on the nature of sermons, yet something should be said concerning our chapel service. During the past few weeks the singing has been miserable. But few take an active part in it, and some, thinking it a joke, attempt each morning to cause as much discord as possible.

Such a condition should not occur. The greater number of hymns are familiar to all, and all could enter heartily into the singing. We have among the students assembling each morning the ladies' chorus almost entire, and the whole glee club. With these as leaders

the singing should become strong and powerful. Good singing will make the chapel service a pleasure to all.

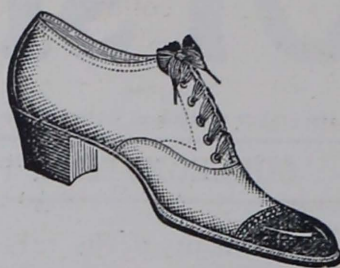
Again by its conduct at chapel service the student-body as a whole is judged by visitors. This is the only time visitors have an opportunity of seeing all the students assembled, and always express their desire to attend these exercises. If our chapel services are reverent, the impression is good. It should be our desire to be looked upon in a favorable light by all who visit the college.

During the week the "Ursinus Bulletin" for 1906-1907 made its appearance. By comparing this publication with those of other years we notice that our standard as a college has distinctly advanced, and the courses of instruction offered become greater in number and more thorough. Particularly are those courses in the Historical-Political Group and Modern-Language Group broader and more comprehensive. The instruction is in quality far above that of the past years, and along with the advancement in the real college work, the student-body during the past six years has increased seventy-five percent. Such facts should make us proud of our alma mater, and willing and eager at all times to resound the praise of old Ursinus.

The students will also see that the required number of courses has been reduced to twenty instead of twenty-one. This ruling will affect the present Freshman class and its successors. By this action an equal choice of electives is given to the student. Under our Group system each student has many electives which he may choose from. The requirement of only twenty courses will make possible as much selection as before. The criticism may be suggested that this will make it easier to get the degree. That is true if one takes only the required studies. However to become broad-minded and liberally educated the college student must elect courses outside of his Group.

Only one unfavorable fact is brought out in this catalogue. There are at present an alarming number of special students, who through neglect of work or delay in passing off conditions, cannot be ranked in the regular classes. This is seemingly caused by a lack of application on the part of the individual. During these winter months there have been but few functions, social or otherwise, to attract the students' attention and consume their time. The fault seems to be with the students themselves. The idea that it is a disgrace to study is false. To study is the primary aim in coming to

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college, and although men and women should develop in other ways while at college, they should expend a liberal amount of time and energy upon preparation of their class-work.

A greater disgrace than to be caught "poling," is to be compelled to fall from the class in which you entered. As a rule among one's own classmates the strongest friendships and attachments are formed. To be compelled to separate from these friends whom you have associated with one, two or perhaps three years is not pleasant. But such may be the fate of many, if some hard work is not done during the next two months. It behooves each one who has conditions, to especially apply himself.

SOCIETY NOTES

SCHAFF

The program for Friday evening was a debate. The program opened by a piano solo by Miss Neff, '07. The subject of the debate was: Resolved, that a constitutional amendment should be adopted providing that United States Senators should be elected by a direct vote of the people. The debators were: chief affirmative, Mr. Ashenfelter, '07; first speaker, Mr. Wismer, '09; second speaker, Mr. Lauer, '10. Negative chief, Mr. Steward, '07; first speaker, Mr. Krusen, '09; Second speaker, Mr. Knauer, '10. The judge was Mr. Paiste.

The Ladies' Quartette—Misses Fling, Spangler, Knauer, and Dur-yea—sang the selection, "Dearest Mother, Mine," which was encored. Mr. Fegley rendered "The Star of the Sea" as a piano solo under voluntary exercises.

ZWINGLIAN

The program on Friday evening was miscellaneous in character and proved to be a very interesting one. Instrumental Duet, "La Czarine," Mazuika, Long, '09, and Kersch-ner, '09. Reading, "Bud Zunk's Mail," Miss Fryling, '09. Vocal Solo, (a) "A Dream," (b) "Rock-in' in de Win'," Miss Drumm, A. Paraphrase, "Grey's Elegy," Hain, '08. Declamation, "Wreck of the Hesperus," Abel, '09. Cornet Solo, "Sing Me to Sleep," Miss Leinbach A. Address, Late Legisla-tion concerning Passenger Rates," Sponsler, '07. Soliloquy from "Faust," Long, '09. Freshmen Mixed Quartette, "Good Night, Beloved," Misses Sponsler and Fer-mier, Messrs Wagner and Heritage. Zwinglian Review, Tobias, '08.

URSINUS UNION

At the monthly meeting of the Ursinus Union Monday evening an interesting and instructive paper was read by Moore, '07, of the Chemical-Biological Group upon "The Effect of Light upon the

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Growth of Plants." Also Dr. Shaw in his report from the group outlined the history of botany and presented the problems now confronting the modern botanist.

A brief of Mr. Moore's paper follows:

THE EFFECT OF LIGHT UPON THE GROWTH OF PLANTS

The importance of light upon the growth of plants was very nicely summed up by Prof. MacDougal when he said, "Light has undoubtedly exerted a predominating influence in the development of the prevailing types of vegetation, the form and structure of the body and its members being largely determined by the experience of the plant with respect to nature, intensity and direction of the rays which have impinged upon them."

White light as we receive it consists of seven different colors, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. Besides these rays there are some which cannot be perceived by the eye. Those beyond the red are called infra-red and those beyond the violet are called the ultra-violet. By isolating different ones of these rays we find they have different effects. The greatest growth is under the yellow, while plants under the red show more growth than those under the blue and violet. Not only the quality of the light, but also the intensity of the light has a retarding effect upon the growth. Plants grown under electric lights of 1400 candle power show more growth than in normal sunlight. Corbett working with incandescent lights of 560 candle power found that plants grow in that light heavier and taller than in sunlight. Beets grown in this light contained more sugar than in direct sunlight. In my own experiments, I worked with increased intensity of light. Tomato plants show a difference in growth of one-half inch, the increase being in favor of that of the lesser intensity. Radish plants show similar effects.

Light has no direct effect, but rather an indirect effect. The light probably acts upon the diastase in the plants, decomposing it. The work done in this field is not complete enough to draw any definite conclusions, but the evidence already at hand point strongly in that direction.

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By the morrow the scandal-mongers and envious retailers would have heard also. He could almost see them falling over one another in their eager endeavors to be the first to condole with him. Sickening at the thought of receiving sympathy from such breeders of ill, he wearily returned his attention to the portrait. The refulgence cast as a log dropped, lit up the room with a fiery glow. A clock somewhere in the city boomed the hour. Log after log dropped and passed into oblivion. The servants had long since gone to bed. The fire was dying, still he gazed. As the last log fell the dying gleam cast its reflection in grotesque figures over the room. The ghostly glimmer waned and then was gone. The room was dark.

The morning sun pouring through the shades fell full upon the face



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of a man intently gazing at a portrait directly over the mantle. His countenance was pale and fixed, but withal, peaceful and resigned. On the hearth the smoldering ashes of last night's fire were plainly visible. The valet entered and tiptoed across the room to where his master's bed-chamber was. At a sound he turned and for the first time observed the painter. He was amazed at seeing him up and sitting in his favorite chair, so startled was he in fact that he let fall the card which he had in his hand. This card had but just now arrived. One could scarcely blame him if he had paid more attention to the writing on the back of it than to the front which contained only the name of the sender. For there was written something which startled even his placid soul out of itself.

So it was all a lamentable mistake then, his master's portrait had been accepted. This message scribbled hastily on the back of a visiting card, what would it not mean to the yearning soul of the painter? Gently the servitor stepped up to his master, touching him lightly. There was no response, then he called him ever so gently at first and again. Then for the first time he glanced into the still

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