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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., FRIDAY, FEB. 9, 1906.

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CALENDAR

Friday, Feb. 9, Literary Societies, 7.40 p. m.

Saturday Evening, Feb. 10, Valentine Fete, Bomberger Hall.

Monday, Feb. 12, Ursinus Union, 7. p. m.
Glee Club Practice.

Tuesday, Feb. 13, Orchestra Practice, 7 p. m.

Wednesday, Feb. 14, Y. M. C. A. 7.40 p. m.

Thursday, Feb. 15, Glee Club Practice, 7. p. m.

ALUMNI

Rev. John D. Hicks, '97, Altoona, occupied the pulpit of Calvary Reformed Church, Reading, on last Sunday.

On Jan. 28, Dr. Vollmer preached at St. Paul's, Philadelphia. The offering was given to our School of Theology.

Rev. Geo. Stibitz, Ph. D., delivered an address before the Y. M. C. A. at York, on last Sunday afternoon, on the subject, "Christian Ideals."

On Thursday evening of last week, Rev. I. C. Fisher delivered a popular illustrated lecture in St. Mark's Church, Lebanon, on the West Indies and the "Mt. Pelee Eruption." The lecture was largely attended.

Rev. Dr. Francis C. Yost preached his last sermon in Heidelberg, York, last Sunday. He and his family left yesterday for the South.

Profs. Hinke and Bromer have written interesting articles which appeared in the January number of the "Reformed Church Review," on these subjects respectively: "Report of Rev. J. Lischy to Bishop Augustus G. Spangenberg," and "The Present Activity of Christ."

The WEEKLY takes great pleasure in announcing that the four members of Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg's family who were taken ill with diphtheria, are fully recovered, and the pastor has again resumed his work.

In St. Andrews, Lancaster, Rev. J. H. Watts, pastor, an interesting service was held on Jan. 24, at which a mortgage covering \$2500 was burned. Rev. Dr. J. W. Meminger assisted.

Dr. Bromer assisted Rev. R. S. Snyder, pastor of East Vincent Charge, in celebrating the Holy Communion, on January 21st.

John Lentz, '02 was at the college on Thursday.

Rev. H. W. Kochenderfer reports success in all his work and that the mortgage of \$1450 was reduced to \$200.

Y. M. C. A.

Last Wednesday evening, Dr. Shaw led the meeting and spoke on the subject of "Purity." It was a heart to heart talk from man to man, and every one who was present should have felt amply repaid for the time he spent there. This world would be much better and many of the evils would be less tenacious if there were more such talks to young men. Dr. Shaw said in part:

"Paul, when he wrote to Timothy, used the word, 'purity,' in a narrow and specific meaning. No one who has ever come to manhood has not had experiences which have taught him the meaning of purity. We should never forget the magnitude of impurity. Impurity is more deadly than drunkenness upon the spiritual life, and it often attacks men who are not addicted to strong drink. No doubt all of you have seen men in large cities whose wrecked bodies bear testimony to their excesses, but the effect of impurity is far more deadly to the soul. It blunts and deadens all the finer sensibilities and faculties.

Sometimes mature men make the assertion that it is impossible to live a pure life. This is false, and woe to the man who has this idea of life. Such a belief is not taken spontaneously by a young man. He believes in a life of purity. The question has been asked, Why are these temptations thrown in the path of a young man? The answer is not easy and goes back to the origin of evil in the world. At any rate, the man who overcomes a temptation is stronger than one who never had the struggle. Some men claim that while they may yield to temptation, yet they may still hold to their pure ideals. This is impossible, and every time we yield, these ideals are farther removed, until they seem to be mere illusions. It is everyone's duty and purpose in life to subdue the animal nature and allow the spirit to rise.

"I have climbed to the snows of Age, and I gaze at a field in the past,
Where I sank with the body at times in the sloughs of a low desire,
But I hear no yelp of a beast, and the Man is quiet at last
As he stands on the heights of his life with a glimpse of a height that is higher."

A new liquid air plant, designed by Prof. W. P. Bradley, of Wesleyan University, has been installed in Harvard's chemical laboratory.

THE "ANGELUS" BY MILLET

There is nothing in nature that puts one in a more meditative mood, than the sight of a good painting. At first one may not see much more than a meaningless mixture of paint put upon canvas; but on closer examination, by standing some distance away and letting the different lights and shadows play upon it, one gradually feels a sense of wonder and awe stealing over him, as he realizes and appreciates the value of the masterpiece. Varying emotions are produced by the sight of different pictures. A portrait may carry one back several generations to some half-forgotten ancestor; the picture of an animal may give one a feeling of strength; a scene from nature may help one to appreciate the beauties around him; but the most ennobling picture is that which inspires one with a deep feeling of reverence and sublimity. Millet, the French peasant artist, excites this feeling in one, by the very simplicity of his subjects. No doubt some of the imposing unity of his work is due to an extraordinary power of memory, which enabled him to paint without a model. He has left behind him some famous paintings of French peasant life; and the one which attracts the most attention, is his "Angelus." This work of art is considered his masterpiece.

Millet received his inspiration from a mediaeval custom of the Roman church, which ordained that a bell should be rung, at morning, noon and sunset, to invite the faithful to recite the "Ave Maria," or in other words, the "Angelus Domini." This custom is still retained in some countries, and derives its name from the Latin version of the passage in Scripture, introducing salutation; hence the name "Angelus."

As one gazes at this famous masterpiece, he is filled with a feeling of reverence. The scene is simple, yet sublime; peaceful, yet showing activity, and throughout all, there is a feeling of great contentment. The picture denotes a scene of prosperity and plenty. In the distance appears a harvest-field, in which the grain has been gathered, and symmetrically piled up in sheaves; while nearer the foreground, numerous small, green rows, resembling the potato stalk are seen. The principal figures are those of a man and woman,

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CHARACTERS OF "THE BELLS" ENTERTAINED

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gristock, on Tuesday evening entertained those who took part in "The Bells" at the recent Schaff anniversary.

The first feature of the evening was a soap-bubble contest and the prizes were awarded to Miss Duryea, '08 for the largest bubble, and to Mr. Ellis, '07 for the longest chain of bubbles. This contest was followed by a miniature air-ship sailing contest. Mr. Dotterer, '06, proved that his air-ship was the fleetest and surest. The company then divided into sides, taking the titles of F. and M. and Ursinus. Each person tried to throw a ball three times in succession through a hole in a box. When the ball went into the hole the necessary number of times one point was made. The game resulted in the score, 1-0 in Ursinus' favor.

Progressive hearts followed in which Miss Duryea, '08 and Mr. Harman, '06 were the lucky ones.

A collation was served. The party broke up long after midnight voting that Mr. and Mrs. Gristock were delightful entertainers.

THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, an Administration Committee consisting of Professors Omwake, Chandler and Kline, was appointed to administer the affairs of the college locally.

At the meeting of the Board last Thursday, this Committee was given the powers with respect to all local matters formerly vested in the president, and defined the duties of the Committee as follows: "to see that recitation rooms, dormitories, and all other buildings and parts of buildings are used as much and as economically as successful work will permit; to aid, as far as it may, in keeping the expenses of the institution within its income; to watch over and care for the buildings, apparatus, library and other property; to have oversight of all officers and employes; and in all ways by reports and supervision, to seek to protect the property and promote the welfare of institution.

Dr. Kanishi A. Sakawa has been appointed a member of the faculty of Yale. He is the first Japanese to be elected to the faculty of this university.

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FRIDAY, FEB. 9, 1906.

EDITORIAL

It is encouraging to see the number of students who take advantage of our reading room. The daily papers are not put upon the rack merely to be looked at or perhaps given a cursory glance, but to be read and digested. From the well-worn condition of the dailies and periodicals, the inference can readily be made that good use is made of them.

But are they used as much as they appear to be? Is everyone taking advantage of this opportunity to acquire a broad and liberal culture? The fact is often developed in ordinary conversation that many are unfamiliar with the current topics of the day. There is no better education than a newspaper, and at the same time it affords a means of relaxation from arduous duties.

While many students are familiar with the contents of the great dailies, there are many who are not. There are some who never venture into the reading room, and others, again, who are never seen with a newspaper in their hands. Don't be afraid you'll be contaminated. Try it and notice the results.

The armor of the knights of the Bat and Ball has become rusty. The colloquialism—"You've been a good old wagon, but you've done broke down," holds true here figuratively speaking. Our baseball suits have seen their day. They have won their fight, and their work is done.

In order that our heroes of the diamond may appear in dazzling new armor, the matrons and maids of Ursinus have decided to revive the good old custom—a Valentine fete. The doors of Bomberger Hall will be wide open on this festive night, so that everyone—old and young, large and small, may have the opportunity to do homage to the Patron Saint.

Cupid will appear in various guises, and will relieve your wants. All you have to do is to cross his palm with silver, and the veil of the future will be torn aside. If his dart has not yet pierced your heart, here is your opportunity. Don't fail to come to "The Sign of the Great Heart" to-morrow night, and do honor to our warriors of the Bat and Ball.

SOCIETY NOTES

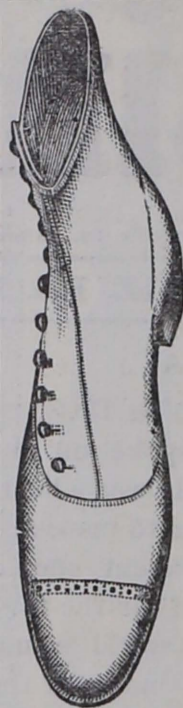
ZWINGLIAN

The Society met on Friday evening and rendered a miscellaneous program. Miss Sponsler, A, made her first appearance in the society as a pianist and acquitted herself well. Miss Fryling also made an excellent impression in her well recited declamation. Miss Yerkes read an essay on the life and work of a famous painter. It was very interesting and instructive. This essay was followed by a vocal solo by Mr. Custer. Mr. Stamets gave an interesting select reading. The society hopes to hear from her newer members again. Mr. Rhodes gave a timely address on Zwingli, in which he attempted to show how the great reformer would regard many of our modern institutions and customs if he were to come back upon earth. Mr. Snyder's declamation entitled "The Unknown Speaker" was well recited and very much enjoyed by the audience. The Zwinglian Orchestra played a selection entitled "Flower Song."

The oration by Mr. Alspach, on Parochial Schools" was good. It showed the orator's interest in the question and manifested thorough preparation. The Zwinglian Review by Miss Jackson was "cutting" and justifiedly severe. Mr. Wise sang a vocal solo under voluntary exercises. On Friday evening, Feb. 10, the question of the contract system of employing convict labor will be discussed.

SCHAFF

The program was General Literary in nature, and proved to be of a much lighter vein than usual. A peculiar feature of the evening were the class quartettes—Junior, Sophomore and Freshman. These served their purpose—to create amusement, and were thoroughly enjoyed. The other musical numbers were vocal solos. Fogleman,



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Under Voluntary Exercises we were much pleased to hear from one of our 1905 Schaffites, Mr. Rice. Miss Dotterer, ex-'07, also favored the society with a few words. We hope such visits may be repeated.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term.

President, Mr. Dotterer, '06; Vice-President, Miss Neff, '07; Recording Secretary, Miss Beck, '09; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Landes, '09; Financial Secretary, Mr. Steward, '07; Chaplain, Mr. Ebbert, '07; 1st Editor, Miss Duryea, '08; 2nd Editor, Mr. Cook, '07; Critic, Miss Paist, '06; Treasurer, Mr. Miller, '09; Pianist, Mr. Krusen, '09.

A GLANCE IN PASSING

Prof. Kline conducted communion services at Trinity church, Collegeville, last Sunday.

Keasey, '06, made a business trip to Philadelphia last Friday.

Koons, '09, spent Sunday in Phoenixville, the guest of Sturges, '09.

Foltz, '06, spent Saturday and Sunday in Philadelphia, taking in Sothern and Marlowe in Romeo and Juliet. He was the guest of W. Warwick Felton.

Sponsler, '07, was in Philadelphia on Saturday.

Brown, A, visited his home in Philadelphia over Sunday.

Don't forget the Valentine fete to-morrow evening.

Dotterer, '06 visited friends in Quakertown last Sunday.

Miss Paiste, '06 is entertaining Miss Grace Dotterer, ex-'07, from Philadelphia.

Mrs. Strickland from Philadelphia is the new preceptress at Olevian Hall.

Mr. Marcus Rowe from Reading visited friends at the college on Sunday.

Prof. Omwake delivered an address on Sunday evening at the anniversary of the Christian Endeavor Society of Trinity Refomed church on the subject—A Live Christian Endeavor Society.

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The following students preached last Sunday: W. S. Clapp at Roxborough; R. S. Edris at Wayne Junction; John Lentz at the Kensington Congregational; A. S. Peeler at Blue Bell; I. S. Ditzler at Phoenixville and L. M. Knoll at Tioga, Philadelphia.

On Sunday the Seminary Quartette composed of Messrs. Klingaman, Sommerlatte, Stamm and Hoyt rendered a number of selections at St. Luke's German Reformed Church, Philadelphia, of which Rev. M. S. Dumstrey is the Pastor.

M. A. Keasey, '06, of the college was a caller at the Seminary on Saturday.

Prof. R. T. Adams, Superintendent of the Schools of Lebanon, Pa., called at the Seminary on Friday.

A number of the students have registered as personal workers for the Torrey-Alexander Mission.

Prof. W. J. Hinke was at the First Reformed Church, Philadelphia, on Sunday and Dr. E. S. Bromer preached for Rev. Geo. Stibitz, D. D., at York.

Prof. Philip Vollmer was at Pottstown on Sunday where he preached morning and evening. At a congregational meeting, Mr. J. C. Stamm of the Senior Class was elected to the charge.

On Monday the Alumni of Philadelphia and vicinity met in the Seminary Chapel. The meeting was addressed by Revs. I. C. Fisher and J. W. Meminger of the Board of Directors and Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg, who succeeds the late F. G. Hobson on the Finance Committee. Dean G. L. Omwake of the College also made an address.

UNION PROGRAM

The following program will be observed at the Union on Monday evening:

Paper from the Department of Philosophy—The Life and Work of Socrates, Wise, '06.

Report from the Head of the Department, Dr. Grimm.

Paper from the classical Group—What the Sciences have done for Latin and Greek—Miss Neff, '07.

Report from the Head of the Group, Prof. Kline.

Prof. J. H. T. Main, of the Iowa State College, has recently been made president of that institution.

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clad in the simple yet variegated dress of the French peasantry. The effect of the costume is heightened by the large, pointed, wooden shoes, so common among the working class in France. The peasants occupy the centre of the painting. There they stand with bowed head and clasped hands, in an attitude of deep devotion. Their work must have been interrupted by the ringing of the bell at sunset, calling them to repeat their "Aves." This is shown by the spade stuck into the soil, to the right of the man, and the half-filled bag of "pommes de terre," lying on the wheelbarrow, standing back of the woman. A basket of "pommes de terre" stands between the two figures, no doubt waiting to be emptied into the bag, when the devotions have ended. Far in the distance, silhouetted against the sky, the old church is faintly outlined, while close to it, one sees the ruins of a low, rambling building, perhaps the crumbling remains of an old convent. A small clump of trees stand to the left of these ruins, which help to lighten the solitary, and gloomy aspect of the picture. The sun is just hiding its face in the west, thus casting a slightly ruddy glow over the scene. Nowhere is the artist more real than in the sky. The ruddy glow along the horizon fades to a pale yellow, and farther in the distance to a misty white. The sky thus far seems tranquil, but farther up in the heavens, bluish-grey clouds, slightly tinged with red, make their appearance. In a sense these might be called subjective, for their shape and color is not merely determined by the physical materials of which they are composed, but by the distance from which they are seen. This distance literally adds enchantment to the view.

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