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## CALENDAR

Saturday, April 22, Game with Dickinson at Carlisle.

Wednesday, 26, Easter Vacation closes, 8 a. m.

Y. M. C. A., 6.40 p. m.

Friday, 28, Academy Literary Society, 2 p. m.

Game with Dickinson at Collegeville, 3 p. m.

College Literary Societies, 7.40 p. m.

Saturday, 29, Game with Albright at Myerstown.

## BASE BALL

### FORDHAM 6. URSINUS 1.

Last Saturday, the last of the four hardest games on our schedule for this year was played at New York. Although Fordham carried off the honors, yet Ursinus put up a plucky fight. Our team this year seems to be destined to have one bad inning. It was the second at Princeton, the third at Pennsylvania, the eighth at Lafayette, and in the third inning on Saturday, Ursinus went up in the air. Three runs scored while the infield were throwing the ball around and fumbling it. Mabry was in the box for Ursinus and although he was a trifle wild, he pitched a good game, holding the heavy hitting Fordham team to seven hits. Murray, the opposing twirler, pitched a fine game, striking out nine men, and allowing only three hits. The chief weakness of Ursinus this year seems to be in hitting, but when we remember that the team has been batting against some of the best college pitchers in the country, the men have not done so poorly after all. The Fordham fielders cut off several base-hits, their out-field being especially fast. Oliver and Shean played good ball, all through the game. For Ursinus, the features were Snyder's batting and Paiste's fielding. In the third inning, the latter stopped a hard grounder over second base, and retired the batter at first. Paiste also made Ursinus' only run. In the sixth, he reached first on an error by Hartman, and scored a minute later on an overthrow by the same player. Fenton made several fine stops of poorly thrown balls, while the out-field had an unusually busy day. Barring the third inning, the team played excellent ball. The good reputation which the Ursinus team has won, caused a large crowd to be present at the game.

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## THE REV. J. H. SECHLER, D. D.

The Rev. J. H. Sechler, D. D., Professor of Church History in the Ursinus School of Theology, who died suddenly at his home in Philadelphia, Wednesday evening, April 12, from angina pectoris, was born at Hanover, Pa., September 10, 1850. His father was an honored minister of the Reformed Church.

He prepared for college at the Littlestown Classical Academy, and was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, in 1870. After engaging in teaching for three years, he studied theology at Ursinus College, and was licensed to preach in 1875, serving as pastor of Boehm's Reformed Church, Blue Bell, Montgomery County, for fourteen years; as pastor of the First Reformed Church, Philadelphia, nine years; and as Professor of Church History in the School of Theology, ten years.

Dr. Sechler filled many positions of honor and trust in the church. He served as Stated-Clerk of Philadelphia Classis twenty-eight years, and as Treasurer two years; was a member of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church for twelve years, and a member of the Executive Committee; a Director of Ursinus College for fourteen years; represented the Classis in the Eastern Synod and in the General Synod, of which he was vice-president in 1893, almost continuously for twenty-five years.

He was fraternal delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1896, and represented the Reformed Church at the meeting of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System, in Toronto, Canada, in 1892; served as a member of numerous committees, and as such took an active part in developing the Laws of Ursinus College and in preparing a new constitution for the church. His voice was potent in shaping legislation, his knowledge of church law unerring, and his influence in the bodies with which he was connected unrivaled. Dr. Sechler was twice married, and is survived by a widow and four children.

Dr. Sechler excelled as a teacher, as a preacher, as a church leader, and as a man among men. He was a born teacher. Immediately upon graduation, he entered the school-room, teaching at Martinsburg, Blair County, at Palatinate College,

Myerstown, and in association with Ex-President Henry T. Spangler, conducted the Academy of Ursinus College for two years. During his pastorate at Blue Bell, he taught in a private school for four years. His great work as a teacher he performed during the last ten years as professor in the Ursinus School of Theology. The department of Church History afforded a delightful field for the exercise of his great gifts; mastery of details, logical analysis, philosophical insight, synthetic deduction, clearness and force in presentation, and Socratic power in the development of the subject. As a preacher, Dr. Sechler always carried conviction to the minds of his hearers. He believed what he preached. His sermons were models in logical arrangement and in strength of thought. A clear penetrating voice, earnest delivery, and rhetorical precision added to the keen, penetrating effect of his preaching.

In the councils of the church, Dr. Sechler was not only a conspicuous, but a uniformly able advocate of Ursinus principles. A skilled parliamentarian, invincible in argument, and with an unfailing knowledge of detail, he carried his point again and again in the face of prejudiced majority. His eminent fairness in debate, and his sincere devotion to what he believed to be right and true, held his opponents, as his friends, often against their will.

The companionship of Dr. Sechler was always delightful. He was a man among men. With a keen appreciation of humor, a well stored mind and a kindly heart, his presence was always a well-spring of joy. He gave his inner self to his friends, and those who knew him best, loved him most. These charming personal qualities of the man were feelingly alluded to in the address of Dr. Spangler at the funeral, who said in his closing paragraph:

"Dear brother, we shall no more lift up our voices to reach thy spirit, to provoke thy gentle smile, to banter thee for friendly argument, or to draw from thy heart and mind the wine of life to strengthen and to cheer our spirits. Our communion with thee will be silent as the night. We shall strain our ears to catch the echoes of the fellowship of heaven, which is now thy portion forever. Peace, peace to thee, and to our waiting hearts."

## RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were adopted by the members of the Faculty of Ursinus College:

WHEREAS, we are called upon to record the death of the Rev. John H. Sechler, D. D., Professor of Church History in the Ursinus School of Theology, be it

*Resolved*, That we bow in humble submission to the will of Almighty God, the author of life and death, in thus removing from the scene of his earthly labors our brother and fellow teacher.

*Resolved*, That we give expression to our high regard for the personal qualities, the force of character and the intellectual strength of Dr. Sechler as shown in his manifold labors in the church and especially in Ursinus College.

*Resolved*, That we extend to the members of his family our most heart-felt sympathy in this time of sorrow.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the bereaved family and that they be published in the URSINUS WEEKLY and the church papers.

The following resolutions were adopted by the students of the Ursinus School of Theology:

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God in His Infinite Wisdom to remove from us our beloved Professor, The Rev. John H. Sechler, D. D., therefore be it

*Resolved*, That in the death of The Rev. John H. Sechler, D. D., we the students of The Ursinus School of Theology, have lost a worthy and efficient teacher, a kind and loving friend, a wise and faithful counselor.

*Resolved*, That the deep sympathy of the students of The Ursinus School of Theology be extended to the bereaved wife and children of our deceased Professor, and that we commend them to our Heavenly Father's kind and loving care, who alone can give true consolation in the hour of trial.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and also to the Reformed Church Papers, THE URSINUS WEEKLY, and *The Reformed Witness* for publication.

Rev. J. C. Leonard, '89, delivered an address on "Thorough Temperance Teaching, the Demand of the Hour," at the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention held in Raleigh, April 4-C.

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**EDITORIAL**

Prof. E. R. A. Seligman has said that the two great economic problems confronting the American people of to-day, are Finance and Forestry. The former of these two problems is constantly before us, but the latter, being seemingly of minor importance, is often lost sight of. The American people do not realize that many acres of pulp are used up daily in the manufacture of paper and that large quantities of timber are employed in other industries.

This matter is again brought into prominence by the governor's Arbor Day Proclamation. This idea of setting apart a day for tree-planting, has a most wholesome effect upon the people in general, but especially so, upon the younger element. It brings before them the wasteful sacrifice of much of the value with which nature has endowed this country, and makes it a part of their education.

The large number of forest fires which come with the approach of spring, should make the American people think over this problem. The leaves, dried by the March winds, form excellent tinder for the spark or the burning brand left by a careless hand. It will readily be seen that the Proclamation of the governor comes very opportunely and a liberal forestal policy should be endorsed.

**SOCIETY NOTES**

**ZWINGLIAN SOCIETY**

The first of a series of "class" programs was rendered in Zwinglian Hall on Friday evening. The question Resolved, "That United States Senators should be elected

by a direct popular vote instead of by the present method" was debated by six members of the Senior Class. The question was thoroughly discussed on both sides and the debate was both interesting and instructive. The affirmative side was upheld by Miss Stoner and Messrs. Miller and Price, the negative by Miss Shipe and Messrs. Butz and Townsend.

The affirmative arguments were:

1. That the present method of electing Senators was not intended to be permanent, but was only a compromise.
2. Sometimes States are not represented in the Senate owing to deadlocks in the State Legislatures. This leads to corruption. Delaware is the best example.
3. Senate has degenerated. Quay, Hanna, Penrose etc., cannot be compared with such former Senators as Calhoun, Sumner, Davis and Douglass.
4. Senate side-tracks bills because it is controlled by magnates.
5. Popular election would afford less chance for controlling Senatorial elections.
6. Thoroughly aroused public opinion demands the change.
7. Changes in the constitution must be made to conform with the change of conditions.

The negative arguments were:

1. The Senate must be a conservative body, a bulwark against hasty action and popular frenzy.
2. The great mass of American citizens is not intellectually fitted to elect Senators.
3. The present method is founded on a just basis; it protects the government from the people.
4. A change would take the balance of power from the states to the centers of population.
5. Senators cannot be corrupt unless the body that elects them is corrupt, and the State Legislators cannot be corrupt unless the people who elect them are corrupt.
6. Corruption is a fault of the people and not of the system of Senatorial election.

The judges decided in favor of the affirmative. The House decided in favor of the affirmative. The Zwinglian Review by Mr. Smeck was enjoyed by all.

SCHAFF

The program rendered in Schaff last Friday evening was General Literary in nature. In contrast to the deeper and more elevating programs which lately have been rendered, this one was of a lighter vein. Miss Neff, '07, played the opening number, a piano solo, "The Priest's March from Athalia." This was followed by a recitation, "Independence Bell," by Spangler A. Extemporaneous speeches were given by Wismer,

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'05, Foltz, '06 and Smith, '06. The vocal solo "The Palms," so very beautifully sung by Miss Ebbert, '05, served as a pleasing interruption at this part of the program. Schweyer, A., recited "That Baby of Mine," in a very creditable manner. The next number was a discussion on "Inter-Society Debates" by Frederick, '05. In it he brought out many good reasons why the Inter-Society debate should be held at Ursinus. He seemed to think that with such a debate in view, the standard of a regular society debate would be raised, and at the same time, lessen to a great extent, the unpleasant society feeling. Here, again, came a diversion in the shape of a violin solo by Harmon, '06. He played "Cavaliere Rusticana." A very unique feature of the evening was the "Extra Easter Number" by McCollum, '05 and Cook, '07. The former gave a short talk on Easter being the most glorious time of the year. The latter then appeared with a basket of colored eggs, which were distributed as souvenirs among the members and friends of the society. Each Freshman was the recipient of a green egg. Ebbert, '07, had a very good Gazette. It showed marked talent and was highly appreciated.

**SEMINARY NOTES**

The Seminary Commencement will be held on Thursday, May 4, at 8 p. m., in St. Paul's German Reformed Church, Wharton above Eighteenth Street, Philadelphia, (Rev. Philip Vollmer, pastor.) The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. Herbruck, from Canton, Ohio.

The final examination of the Senior class this year will be held on two days; on Wednesday, May 3, from 2-5 p. m. and on Thursday from 10-12 m.

Members of the Visiting Committee, who cannot be present on

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both days, are requested to come on Commencement Day, in order to be present at the banquet.

At noon on Commencement Day, a banquet will be given in the Seminary building, at which a large number of alumni and other friends of Ursinus are expected. Vocal and instrumental music will be furnished by the students, and addresses will be made on the following subjects: 1. The College and the Seminary; 2. The Alumni and the Seminary; 3. The Vacant Chair; 4. Words of Farewell by a member of the Senior class.

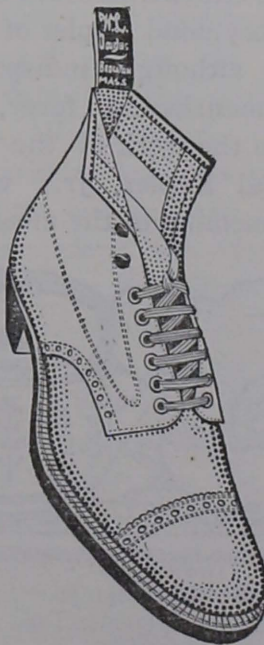
The names of the graduating class are as follows: Messrs. Kohler, Kopenhaver, Krebs, Lefevre, Leinbach, Rice and Snyder.

**COLLEGE SERMON**

The monthly college sermon was preached in Bomberger Hall last Sunday afternoon by the Rev. A. C. Thompson, '96, pastor of Trinity Church, Norristown. The text was taken from—Ephesians 4: 13. "Till we come . . . unto a perfect man."

The speaker preached to show that we must not be enslaved by our environment but that we must rise above the low and grovelling things of earth. He emphasized character as the foundation upon which to build, and to come to the perfect man, we must take Christ as our example and pattern.

Other philosophers are forgotten, or will be, but Christ lives and will continue to live, and only can we attain to the perfect man as we reflect his life and character.



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Murray, c	1	0	2	4	0	Townsend, rf	0	1	1	0	1
McLean, lf	1	2	0	0	0	Snyder, ss	0	2	1	1	0
Shean, 2b	2	0	2	3	0	Paiste, 2b	1	0	2	5	1
Robert'n, 1b	0	0	8	0	0	Faringer, 3b	0	0	2	1	1
Hartman, sso	2	2	1	2	2	Koerper, cf	0	0	3	0	0
Connelly, rf	1	1	2	0	0	Fenton, 1b	0	0	5	0	0
Oliver, cf	0	0	1	1	0	Crunk'n, lf	0	0	3	0	0
McCarthy, c	0	2	9	0	1	Mabry, c	0	0	1	0	1

6 7 27 9 3

1 3 \*23 7 5

\*Oliver hit by batted ball.

Double play, Murray to Robertson. Struck out by Mabry, 5, by Murray, 9. Bases on ball by Mabry, 5, by Murray, 4. Hit by pitched ball, Mabry 1. Time of game, 1 hr., 15 min.

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While the 'Varsity was playing in New York, the Scrubs were playing Norristown High School at Collegeville. It was a most remarkable game. From start to finish the contest was full of good hard hitting and miserable fielding. Hartman pitched for the scrubs; and although he was hit freely, yet with ordinarily good support, Norristown's total would have been much lower. The score was close after the second inning, when the scrub infield had a little practice in throwing the ball around in the middle of the game. The encouraging part of the scrubs' work was their batting. Ashenfelter led, with five hits out of six times at bat; and several others had three hits a piece. At the end of the ninth, the score was tied 14-14. Ashenfelter the first man up, singled to center, Kerschner was out. Then Garcia met the ball squarely and it sailed far out over the center-field's head, Ashenfelter easily scoring on the hit.

### ALUMNI NOTES

'98. From the last report of the Central China Mission of the Presbyterian church, we learn that Rev. Asher Raymond Kepler of Ningpo Station, although indisposed for several months from fever, is again active in the work of the mission. Raymond Kepler, Jr., who has been a member of the mission since



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last May, now "helps to swell the chorus of this musical station," according to the report. Mr. Kepler contributes two interesting articles to the January number of the *Quarterly* of the Central China Mission.

Rev. S. L. Messinger, '87, of St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Pa., has done noble work during the past year around his field. Last Sunday the result of his work came, when twenty-two persons gathered around the altar for confirmation.

Rev. H. E. Bodder, '03, of the Reformed Church at Phoenixville, Pa., is working faithfully to rebuild and reunite the scattered congregation of that place. Last Sunday he confirmed sixteen persons. This is the largest number added to the roll in one year since the earlier days of the church.

Rev. Calvin P. Wehr, '98 has resigned his charge at Summit Hill, Pa., to accept a call to Elizabethville, Dauphin Co.

Rev. Henry A. I. Benner, '91, recently celebrated his fifth anniversary as pastor of the Reformed Church at Trumbauersville, Pa. The new Carnegie organ was dedicated on the same day. Dr. D. W. Ebbert and W. J. Hinke preached during the day.

John H. Poorman, '03, who has been ill for some time at his home, is convalescing.

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