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# The Ursinus Weekly

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## CALENDAR

Friday, April 7, College Literary Societies, 7.40 p. m.  
Monday, 10, Ursinus Union, 7.30 p. m.  
Tuesday, 11, Concert, College Orchestra and Quartette, 8 p. m.  
Wednesday, 12, Regular Weekly Devotional Meeting Y. M. C. A., 6.40 p. m.  
Friday, 14, Academy Literary Society, 2 p. m.  
College Literary Societies, 7.40 p. m.

## ZWINGLIAN ANNIVERSARY

The Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the Zwinglian Literary Society was held in Bomberger Memorial Hall, Friday evening, March 31, at 8 o'clock. The weather was delightful, and, in consequence, the chapel was crowded. It was one of the best attended anniversaries that the Society has held in recent years, and the program was so well rendered that every member was vigorously applauded.

The musical selections given by Messrs. Stringer, Fenstel and Smith were worthy of highest praise, and were received with delight by the audience, which showed its appreciation by the number of times the musicians were encored.

The declamations by Mr. Smeck, '07 and Miss Behney, '06, were well rendered. Both reciters appeared to excellent advantage in their respective selections. Miss Behney recited with ease and grace, and showed herself to be talented in the elocutionary art. Mr. Smeck held the attention of the audience by a certain becoming enthusiasm which entered into his recital.

The orations were instructive and well delivered. Mr. Reisner, '07, gave an excellent and vivid insight into the political and economic conditions of Russia, whose struggles in the far East is claiming the attention of the whole world. The illustrious life, and noble public services of George Frisbie Hoar were presented to the audience so forcibly by Mr. Butz, '05, that a greater interest in the famous ex-senator of Massachusetts could not help being aroused. The Zwinglian Oration on "An Appreciation of Pauperism" by Mr. Townsend, '05, showed decisively the speaker's interest in and knowledge of the economic conditions of society. The oration was logically arranged, and its delivery

sustained the speaker's reputation as an orator.

After the completion of the program a general reception was held in the Library. The main room of the Library was beautifully decorated with plants and festoons, and comfortably arranged cozy corners. In the north room of the Library, there was a miniature forest, throughout which, here and there, were arranged seats for "rustic lovers."

Elaborate refreshments were served in the history room, which was also tastefully decorated for the occasion.

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## INVOCATION

GEORGE LESLIE OMWAKE

MUSIC—Hungarian Dance *Brahms*

MESSRS. STRINGER, FENSTEL AND SMITH

ORATION—A Glance at Russia

EDWARD H. REISNER, '07

DECLAMATION—The Tyrant's Deathbed

ARTHUR R. SMECK, '07

MUSIC—Violin Solo: (a) Berceuse from

Jocelyn *Godard*

(b) Mazurka *Wieniawski*

EDWARD A. STRINGER

PAPER—Zwingli as a Reformer

TITUS A. ALSPACH, '07

DECLAMATION—The Rescue of Lygia

From *Quo Vadis*

MARY E. BEHNEY, '06

MUSIC—(a) Largo *Handel*

(b) Melodie *Rubenstein*

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EULOGY—George Frisbie Hoar

ROBERT F. BUTZ, '05

ZWINGLIAN ORATION—An Appreciation

of Pauperism

CHARLES A. TOWNSEND, '05

MUSIC—Tone Poem, "Sunbeams and

Shadows" *Keiser*

MESSRS. STRINGER, FENSTEL AND SMITH

## STAFF ELECTION

At a recent meeting of the editorial staff, the following new members were elected,—Ralph B. Ebbert, '07, H. H. Koerper, '07, and W. Hoy Stoner, '08. The positions on the new staff are as follows:

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## A COLLEGE FETISH

What a great amount of faith and reverence attaches to a fetish! How eagerly are all ancient relics of this kind collected, preserved and carefully studied, so as to reveal more clearly the dispositions and characters of the savages! In what a curious and interested manner do we gaze at and study, some old image which has been to its owner the source of so much comfort and bliss! And yet what are they to us but superstitions? Outside of their historical value, we laugh at them as mere absurdities. But just as the heathen had and still have in some countries, their particular forms of this worship, so we to-day in many of our modern colleges, possess a fetish which is in many respects just as absurd and superstitious. We cling to it and fear to let it go, feeling that if it once escapes, all our hopes for a liberal education have been cruelly and everlastingly frustrated. This modern fetish is the supreme value placed upon the study of the ancient classics. That Latin and Greek are important in their proper places no one denies, and if they were to be omitted altogether from the college curriculum, most students would object.

In the group system, Latin and Greek are given their proper places. Those who wish to become ministers and teachers naturally choose the Classical course, and here they may get their fill. In this system men may specialize along various lines of work, and the one rigid foundation of Latin and Greek is not required. But in many colleges and universities, these classics are made the basis of the preparation for a life work by all students alike; the Latin and Greek grammars are studied by heart; the brain of every student is crowded full of forms which have long been dead and buried. This is the absurdity of it. In a modern, living age, we need up-to-date, alive studies, those which will aid us in solving the problems of to-day. What do the old classical myths and prevarications help us in modern life? They may take away our practicality and make us more imaginative and æsthetic, it is true, but they also have a tendency to make us atheistic. We live in a prosaic, material age, therefore it is right and proper that we should adjust ourselves to our surroundings. If it is true that the

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## ALUMNI NOTES

The students were glad to welcome a number of the alumni at the Zwinglian Anniversary on Friday evening. Among the many friends, these alumni were present: John Lentz, '02; Malcolm P. Laros, '03; Miss Kathryn Laros, '00; Miss Mary E. Shade, '04; Miss Alma Clamer, '04; Miss Bertha Moser, '02; John E. Hoyt, '04; I. M. Rapp, '03, and E. M. Sando, '04.

Rev. J. S. Bartholomew, '00, pastor of Zions Church, Virginsville, confirmed a class of thirty-one catechumens.

Rev. C. H. Gramm, '02, S. T., delivered an address on Sunday-school work before the Reformed Sunday-school Superintendents' Association of Reading.

Rev. J. E. Stone, '00, pastor of Trinity, Thornville, O., held communion services on March 19. Fourteen became members of the church.

The congregation is looking forward to the dedication to be held on April 16.

Dean Omwake delivered an excellent sermon in Calvary Reformed Church, Reading, on last Sunday. The congregation was exceedingly well pleased with this the first appearance of the Dean at Calvary.

## BASE BALL

Unfortunately, the base-ball game scheduled with Muhlenburg for Saturday was canceled by that team. The only excuse Manager Miller has yet received is that the faculty at Muhlenburg was stubborn, and it was impossible to play the game. To take the place of this game, a five-inning practice contest was played between the 'Varsity and Scrubs. A cold wind was blowing across the field, which made it very uncomfortable for both players and spectators. The first team had the same line-up as in the Pennsylvania game with the exception that Trexler was tried at first and Place in right-field. Capt. Roth pitched well for the scrubs and struck out five of the first team men. The game itself was uninteresting, but it clearly demonstrated the fact that, with a little more practice, Ursinus can have a strong scrub this season.



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## EDITORIAL

With this number, the new staff assumes control of the WEEKLY. The paper has been most successfully conducted by our predecessors, and they richly deserve the hearty congratulations which they received throughout the year. Now that the WEEKLY is established on a firm basis, let us all work together and strive to keep abreast with the high ideals of the former staff. The Staff is not the WEEKLY and cannot make the WEEKLY. It is only an instrument used to perfect the work.

To continue the successful publication of this paper we would ask for the hearty support of our alumni. They have had the experience which we are trying to get, and their criticisms, both favorable and unfavorable, will be greatly appreciated. Then again we need the help of the student-body. Let each one feel that the WEEKLY is his paper, and that by his efforts he can help to raise the standard of the college. Let the students be more free with their literary articles. Let us show the college world that Ursinus has some litterateurs of no mean ability. Thus by forming a trust, with the alumni, students and the staff as stockholders, we will have a publication worthy of our college.

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The question as to the advisability of wearing cap and gown is a topic for general discussion among educational institutions. This garb may give one a more scholarly appearance, but at the same time it is a barbaric custom of the Middle Ages. In this age

of progress and prosperity, all mediaeval traditions should be thrown aside, and each student should stand out as the typical man of to-day. The twentieth century educational institutions should live in the present, and for the future, and should break loose from these old customs.

Last Friday night the Seniors wore cap and gown to the anniversary, but at the reception, which followed, a number of these had been removed. This goes to prove that no one actually cares for the cap and gown, yet there is a hesitancy in discarding it altogether. No one looks comfortable, and every one feel still less comfortable, while wearing this relic of mediaevalism. Let us think over this problem, and see whether it would not be advisable to bury the traditional cap and gown, with the mediaeval institution.

### COLLEGE NOTES

Miss Grace Dotterer, ex. '07, and Miss Mary Shade, '04, were entertained over Sunday by Miss Alma Clamer, '04.

Reisner, '07, left for Shippensburg Normal School, where he will teach during the Spring Term.

Toole, '07, spent several days at his home in Freeburg, the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Toole.

Miss Eva Mathieu spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Philadelphia.

Miss Price the college Librarian, attended the Ninth Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania Library Club, held at Atlantic City, Friday and Saturday.

Miss Jackson, '08 gave a card party on Saturday evening, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Hugh Shaw. Prizes were won by Miss Yerkes, '08, and Butz, '05. The party was given in honor of Miss Fogg, who is attending a girls school in Lowell, Mass.

Miss Kathryn Hobson entertained, on Saturday night, in honor of Miss Clara Kaisinger and Miss Pauline Eves. Both ladies were former students in the Academy.

Townsend, '05, is spending several days at his home in Alburtus.

### ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Next Tuesday evening the College Orchestra and Quartette will give a concert with the aid of Mr. McCollum as reader. We feel that this work of the boys ought to be encouraged, and hope that their first appearance here at the college will be greeted by a large audience.

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**Y. M. C. A.**

The Y. M. C. A. meeting last Wednesday evening was very well attended. The new president Mr. Keasey had charge of the meeting. The topic was "Purity of Thought," taken from Phil. 4:8. "Purity of thought is of vital importance to every man, and it is one thing a student ought to acquire during his college course. He should gain sufficient control over his mind so that he can drive out all evil thoughts. Although it is true that a person does not have perfect control over his mind, and sometimes thoughts may creep in which are not strictly pure; yet a man can gain the power to

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At the conclusion of the meeting President Keasey announced the following committees:

Religious Meetings: Alspach, Hughes, Fry, Sponsler.

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**COLLEGE WORLD**

The editor of the *Phoenix*, in the March number, seems hardly justified in his editorial, appealing to the Swarthmore students to "wake up." His staff has certainly succeeded in getting out a very interesting March number. The literary section is especially good on account of its variously chosen themes. From the serious article, "James Russell Lowell: A poet of a Crisis," to the lighter articles, "The Affairs of Four" and "Paddy;" all are well chosen and well written. The liberal interspersion of poetry, both serious and comic, deserves special mention.

**URSINUS UNION**

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

Paper—Adulteration of Milk and Methods of detecting it.

Mr. Cook, '07.

Report from the Chemical-Biological group—

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Paper—Recapitulation Theory—

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Report from the Department of Education—

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MABEL HOBSON, '06.

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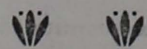
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