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THE PHILOSOPHICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

It is not often that any city in America, or elsewhere, is privileged to entertain so many learned societies as met in Washington during the Christmas Holidays. Considerably over a thousand men of science and learning, from all over the continent, met in the capital city as members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Affiliated Societies. Both the Psychological and the Philosophical Associations come under the latter category. The former held this year its eleventh annual meeting, while the latter held only its second. The meetings of both societies were held in the buildings of the Columbian University.

To these annual meetings come the leading philosophers and psychologists east of the Mississippi, the territory to the west being occupied by the Western Philosophical Association. It is no little inspiration to the younger men to meet and hear the older men whose writings have long been holding the attention of the world of thought. One of these is the now venerable Dr. W. T. Harris, United States Commissioner of Education. In former years he rendered an inestimable service to American philosophy by familiarizing the American public with the work of Hegel and other German idealists. Perhaps the man who is no was much as any American philosopher in the eye of thoughtful men, is Professor Josiah Royce, of Harvard. He is well known through his *Religious Aspect of Philosophy*, and other writings, and has lately appeared as Gifford Lecturer in *The World and the Individual*. Professor Royce was elected President of the Philosophical Association for next year. To enumerate all the great men who were present would make too long a list, but mention may be made of Professors Ladd of Yale, Dewey of Chicago, Creighton of Cornell, Munsterberg of Harvard; while many others of less note were present and took part in the proceedings.

Among the various papers presented were two by old Ursinus men, Drs. Urban and Leuba. Besides these the programs announced forty-two papers and discussions. Two of especial interest were, first, a discussion by Drs. Miller and Royce of Harvard, and Ex-President Patton of Princeton on "What should be Our Attitude as Teachers of Philosophy towards Religion?" second, a paper by Professor Ladd of Yale on "Psycho-Physical Parallelism." The names attached to these is a guarantee that they were ably handled. Reports of these and other papers will appear in the Philosophical and Psychological Reviews, and need not be given here.

Such annual gatherings have long since proven their usefulness, and have become established. It is expected that both associations will meet next year at Princeton.

A. W. CRAWFORD.

E. M. Sando, '04, made the address at the Christmas services at St. Mark's Reformed Church, Lebanon.

AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

The fifteenth Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association and the eighteenth Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association were held simultaneously, in Philadelphia, Dec. 26th to 30th. The two Associations were guests of the University of Pennsylvania, most of the sessions being held in Houston Hall.

The meeting opened with a joint session on Friday evening, when able addresses were delivered by the Presidents of the Associations. Dr. Alfred T. Mahan, author of the famous work on the Influence of Sea Power on History, spoke on "Subordination in Historical Treatment"; while Professor Edwin R. A. Seligman, of Columbia University, chose for his subject "Economic and Social Progress." At the other joint session, on Monday evening, the economic discussion was on "Currency Problems in the Orient," by Professor Jenks of Cornell, the leading American authority on trusts. The historical contribution was made by Judge Baldwin, of the Supreme Court of Errors, Connecticut, on "American Business Corporations before 1789."

Of the separate sessions of the Economic Association, one was devoted to Public Regulation of Railroads, one to Economic Theory, and two to the Problems and Aims of Organized Labor. At the first of these sessions a paper was read by Charles A. Prouty, Interstate Commerce Commissioner, on "National Regulation" (of Railroads); and one by Walker D. Hines, Vice-President Louisville and Nashville Railroads, on "Legislative Regulation of Railroad Rates." The session on Economic Theory opened with a thoughtful paper on "The Dynamics of the Wages Question," by Professor Clark of Columbia, and was enlivened by an animated discussion (led by Professor Patten of the University of Pennsylvania) on the "Law of Rent," which followed a paper on that subject by Dr. Macfarlane of Philadelphia. Both sides of the labor controversy received a hearing in the sessions on Organized Labor, which opened with an impartial and suggestive paper by Henry White, Secretary Garment Workers of America. In real, live interest this session marked the climax of the entire meeting. To the disappointment of all, Mr. John Mitchell and Dr. Felix Adler were unable to be present to participate in this discussion.

The Historical Association made a four-fold division of its subject-matter, i. e., American History, European History, Western (U. S.) History, and Diplomatic History. And the contributors included such eminent scholars as Mr. Schouler, Professors Jameson, Colby, MacDonald, Vincent and Woodburn. A good deal of attention was given to American Colonial History; and Professor MacDonald, in outlining what he conceived to be a "Neglected View Point in American History," emphasized the fact too often overlooked by our historians that until 1776 we were simply English dependencies, very like Porto Rico and the Philippines to-day. And that increasingly, hereafter, students of American Colonial History must study such documents as the com-

missions and instructions of the colonial governors, minutes of the English board of trade, etc.

The attendance was the largest in the history of the Association, about 350, and the interest was sustained until the close. The social side was not overlooked, the sessions being pleasantly interspersed with luncheons and receptions, the last reception being tendered by the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

J. LYNN BARNARD.

THE MEETING OF THE MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION

It afforded me great pleasure to be present, during the Christmas vacation, at the twentieth annual meeting of the Modern Language Association in America, which was held at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, on December 29, 30, 31, 1902. This association has as its object the furtherance, in this country, of studies appertaining to the field of the so-called modern languages, i. e., more especially, English, German, French, Italian and Spanish.

The meeting was a most interesting and successful one. More than two hundred members were present. All the great universities and colleges of the East, from Maine to Louisiana, were represented. The session was opened by Professor Basil L. Gildersleeve, the most renowned classical philologist of America, and the head of the Greek department of the Johns Hopkins University. In a very felicitous address he welcomed the guests to the university where from the beginning the study of philology and literature, both ancient and modern, was fostered and furthered with equal zeal and mutual encouragement. By far the larger amount of time was devoted to the presentation and discussion of original studies bearing on problems of philology and literature in the field of modern languages. While most of the papers read were of a technical nature, it may perhaps not be without some benefit to the readers of THE URSINUS WEEKLY if I give a short abstract of two contributions of a more general interest: (a) "Classical Mythology in Shakespeare." Classical mythology in Shakespeare is overwhelmingly Ovidian. Virgil is but slightly represented; Greek authors not at all. Shakespeare gradually came to feel the insincerity of this mythology, first laughing at it, then excluding it, later readmitting it in a more elevated form. (b) "The Contribution of Symbolism to the Evolution of Literature in the Nineteenth Century." Symbolism is the most representative protest against Naturalism, i. e., the tendency to reduce art to the mere observation of scientific laws, which are only means of rough classification of phenomena for the convenience of scholars, and by no means adequate to the real complexity of nature. Hence, Symbolism stands for: (1) the inclination to odd and eccentric creations that baffle any attempt at scientific treatment; (2) the use of the indirect symbolic language in order to avoid accurate and minute description; (3) the theory of the "free verse," according to which there are as many good forms of poetry as there are individual poetic feelings.

Last, but not as the least among the many enjoyable features of the meeting, I must mention the great benefit derived from coming into personal and social contact with fellow-workers and fellow-teachers.

KARL JOSEF GRIMM.

MEETING OF SCIENTISTS

The fifty-second annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which was held at Washington during "convocation week," was in two respects at least, the most noteworthy in the history of that body. In the first place this meeting marked a departure from the custom of holding its sessions in the middle of the summer—usually July or August, and the change was undertaken as an experiment. President Remsen, in his response to the addresses of welcome, said that "Scientists had hitherto been embarrassed with nothing to do during the long holiday vacation, so they concluded to put in the time in this way." The result, judging by the large attendance and by the freely expressed opinion of scientists present, seems to more than justify the belief that winter is a more reasonable time for scientific gatherings.

Secondly, the meeting this year was noteworthy because of the large number of other scientific societies which met on invitation of the American Association, in affiliation with that society. In all, twenty-two distinct organizations held one or more sessions during the week, and it may be fairly said that the entire body of members was the most representative of the scientific activities of the country which has ever been assembled.

Perhaps next in point of membership to the American Association itself was the American Society of Naturalists, embracing among others the American Morphological Society and the American Physiological Society. On Wednesday, December 31, the Society of Naturalists held a general meeting for the discussion of the question, "How can endowments be used most effectually for scientific research?" This, as everybody understood, was for the special benefit of the trustees of the Carnegie Institution. Various answers to the question were proposed, but upon one or two points a majority of the speakers seemed to agree,—namely, that for the promotion of research the most essential factor after all is the character of the men rather than the amount of the money, and that endowments should be liberally entrusted to responsible research students themselves for expenditure as they deem best.

To the younger men, the meetings afforded splendid opportunities for hearing and seeing the leaders of scientific thought in the country. Among the most interesting addresses was one by President Remsen before the American Chemical Society, in which he traced the "life-history" of the atomic theory, holding that the theory "will not have served its usefulness and will not be displaced for many hundreds of years."

Another was an address by Professor E. B. Wilson of Columbia University before the American Morphological Society on "The Physical Basis of the Mendelian Law of Heredity." According to this
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EDITORIAL

Young women do not, in general, get enough exercise to keep their bodies in good physical condition. Nor do they get sufficient fresh air to keep them in as good spirits as young womanhood should be kept in. Nor do they breathe deep enough to realize the blessing of a large supply of oxygen in the lungs.

College girls especially are in great danger of possessing all these faults. Pressure of work, and that un-understandable conscientiousness for performance of duty which possesses many girls in contradistinction to boys, and a fear of becoming bold in action all help to deter our rising womanhood from doing all that they might in the way of physical exercise. At one of our eastern girl colleges there is an unwritten law that no work is to be done between the hours of four-thirty and six. This is a good rule. And the girls show it by a delightful buoyancy in their step and actions, and by a charming healthfulness in their looks.

Even at college a girl is not meant to be a mental machine. She is preparing herself for life action—work that is to last through periods of years. Some of them are to be mothers, and are to transmit to posterity such health as they have. In the light of such a possible future it is strange that girls will give more attention to obligations which are not of nearly so weighty import.

After a game of "jenkins up" a girl remarked that it was a good bit of exercise. It was exercise of mild kind, but it was brisk enough to tire this girl out. It was quite evident that she was not as alive to her bodily interests as she should have been.

THE SOCIETIES

The question for debate in the Zwinglian Friday evening was: "Resolved, That the 'pony' is a legitimate means for studying a college lesson." Messrs. Townsend, '05, Hartman, '06, Yocum, A., and Peters, '03, debated it affirmatively. The negative speakers were Messrs. Price, '05, Schappell, A., Balliet, A., and Rapp, '03. A spirited general debate followed. Both the judges and the house decided in favor of the Negative. The "pony" was considered on every side: as a labor, and hence, time-saver; as an indispensable and the most natural aid according to up to date educational

methods for the college man who has mastered the elementary forms of a language; as a positive hindrance to the complete development of the memory, the judgement and the will, which "trotless" language-study is intended to give; as illegitimate, if used without consent of professors, to the conscience of any well-meaning student. Alma J. Clamer, '04, read the Review.

To-night a program entitled "An Evening with Bachelors and Old Maids" will be rendered.

The following were elected last fall to serve on the program of the Thirty Third Anniversary to be held Friday, March 27: '03, M. P. Laros and J. H. Poorman, '04, Alma J. Clamer and J. E. Hoyt; '05, J. B. Price and C. A. Townsend.

The character of the program in the Schaff Literary Society January 9 was miscellaneous. A trio by the Misses Spangler, Ebbert and Wolff was one of the musical numbers. Liberal applause was accorded the Senior Quartette, composed of Messrs. Hobson, Hoffsommer, Gutshall and Anson. Essays were read by Messrs. Haines and McCollum. Appropriate select readings and a declamation by Miss Dotterer, together with the Gazette by the Editor, Roth, '03, and an oration on "A Palladium of Democracy" by Mr. Gutshall, '03, completed the program.

A general literary program on Shakespeare was announced for January 23. The play in preparation will be given on Friday evening, February 13.

THE GROUPS ORGANIZE

Organization has been effected in all of the groups. The officers of the various groups are appended:

Classical.—President, J. H. Poorman, '03; Vice-President, O. D. Brownback, '04; Secretary, Dessa C. Ebbert, '05.

Chemical-Biological.—President, Henry Graber, '03; Secretary, R. E. Miller, '05.

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Modern Language.—President, W. E. Hoffsommer, '03; Vice-President, Alma J. Clamer, '04; Secretary, Mabel A. Hobson, '06.

MONDAY NIGHT CLUB

The regular monthly meeting of the Monday Night Club will be held next Monday at 7.15 p. m. in the Y. M. C. A. room. From the subjects of the papers

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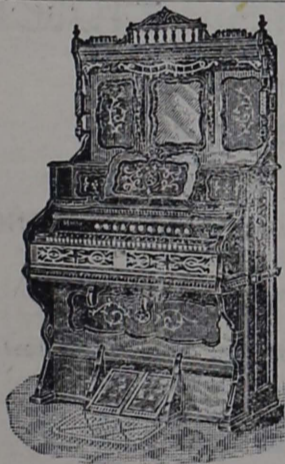
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An informal discussion of the problems of our monetary system will follow, upon which a consideration of current topics will be conducted.

References have been posted on the club's bulletin board, which have a direct bearing on the coming program.

Remember the time—Monday evening.

Y. M. C. A.

Mr. J. LeRoy Roth, '03, conducted the meeting Wednesday. He spoke on "The Qualities of Noble Manhood."

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Sunday evening Dr. J. Lynn Barnard, Professor of History and Economics, will deliver an address in the Chapel at 8 p. m. Consider this your personal invitation to attend.

PHILADELPHIA LETTER

The Ladies' Auxiliary tendered the students and their friends a reception on the evening of January 13th.

W. L. Meckstroth, '03, assisted the Rev. Dr. L. K. Derr, Reading, during vacation.

A. C. Ohl, L. M. Knoll and D. R. Krebs have been appointed to edit the new Y. M. C. A. Hand Book. F. S. Bromer is Business Manager.

Dr. Sechler lectured in Saxton, Pa., Saturday evening. He attended the meeting of the Board of Home Missions in Pittsburg this week.

Rev. C. H. Fenn, Travelling Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement for Seminaries, visited us January 15-17. Mr. Fenn for a number of years was a missionary in China and was one of the company confined in Peking during the Boxer siege.

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The planet Eros was rediscovered on the morning of August 2 by Dr. Chas. J. Ling with the twenty-inch refractor of the Chamberlin Observatory at University Park, Colorado. It was found pretty close to the place derived from an ephemeris computed by Miss Mary Clark Taylor. This bit of astronomical news is an indication of the thorough work done at Denver University not only in the observatory, but in all the departments.

Lake Forest College is to have a lectureship which bids fair to become for the United States what the famous Bampton lectures at Oxford have been for England. It was founded in 1897 by the late William Bross of Chicago, and is designed to stimulate research on the relation of any department of science or history in the Christian religion. In addition to the lectures a series of books on various phases of the general subject is provided for. A prize of \$6,000 is offered for the best book on the subject, as indicated, to be submitted to President Harlan on or before June 1, 1905. The first lecturer will be President Patton of Princeton Theological Seminary, who will deliver a course at the college in April next, repeating it on alternate days at some central point in Chicago.

At the last meeting of the trustees of the American University, an additional gift of \$10,000 was made, completing a subscription of \$25,000 towards the McKinley Memorial Ohio College of Government. A bequest has just been received which will yield more than \$200,000 for the general purposes of the university. Bishop Hurst, whose health has been impaired for a year or more, was unable to be present. His resignation was presented and reluctantly accepted. He was elected chancellor emeritus. Bishop McCabe was elected chancellor. Bishop Wilson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was elected vice-chancellor.

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law, which is based on numerous experiments, when two varieties of organisms—e. g., A and B varieties of peas—are crossed, the characters of the progeny will be distributed as follows: Twenty-five per cent. will exhibit predominant characters of the parent A; fifty per cent. will exhibit mixed characters of A and B; twenty-five per cent. predominant characters of B. Professor Wilson showed that recent work on the germ cells reveals the explanation to be in the peculiar relations of the hereditary substance (chromatin) previous to the act of fertilization. A paper by Professor Wilder of Cornell University, before the Zoological section of the American Association, set forth a new classification of the anthropoid apes with reference to their relationship to man. Hitherto the gorilla and chimpanzee have been rivals for the honor of standing next to Homo. It appears from Professor Wilder's study of the brains of all these that the orang should be placed above both.

J. R. MURLIN.

L. C. ROYER, A. B., DEAD

'78. The people of Huntingdon were shocked on Tuesday evening, January 6th to learn that Lewis C. Royer had died suddenly while on a visit to Harrisburg, from a fall down a flight of stairs.

On Monday, in company with John C. Taylor, our assemblyman, he had gone to the State Capital to be present at the opening of the legislature.

While at the Columbia hotel, near the capital grounds, in passing from one room to another, opening a closed door, he unexpectedly found himself at the top of a flight of stairs, and unable to stop himself, fell to the bottom, rupturing a blood vessel. Attendants immediately rushed to his assistance, and medical aid was summoned, but to no avail. On the advice of the physician he was not conveyed to the hospital until six o'clock in the evening, and as he was being lifted from the ambulance to be carried into the hospital, life vanished, he at no time

after the accident regaining consciousness.

Lewis C. Royer was born at Schuylkill Haven, February 2, 1859, his father being the Honorable L. C. Royer, M. D., formerly a member of the State Senate, and at present a very venerable gentleman.

There survive the deceased, one brother, Horace, who lives at Norristown, two sisters, Mrs. J. V. Gotwalts and Mrs. W. J. Ashenfelter, of Pottstown; of his own immediate family there are a wife, two daughters, Misses Edna and Lillian, and one son, Robert Dale, who is now a student at college.

Mr. Royer was an alumnus of Ursinus college. He was for a number of years in business at Robertsdale and Shade Gap. He moved to Huntingdon in 1888 and has been in the insurance business for a number of years. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Royer was a Master Mason, Royal Arch Mason, and at the present time is Captain General of the Knights Templar Commandery of Huntingdon, also a member of Syria Temple Mystic Shrine, Pittsburg, and a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Broad Top City. In politics he was a Republican. He was most courteous in his demeanor.

His bereaved family have the sympathy of the whole community.

The funeral services will be held from his late residence on Penn Street, Saturday afternoon Jan. 10th at 2 o'clock, with interment in Riverview cemetery, Huntingdon (Pa.) News.

January 8, 1903.

PERSONALS

Prof. Kline recently conducted communion services in the Christ church charge, Littlestown, Adams County, where he has been assistant pastor for the past five years.

Professor LeCompte spent a few days of last week in the Catskills.

Orations for January are due next Monday!

Examinations will commence next Thursday, January 22.

Ping Pong has become an added attraction to Senior Hall.



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