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# The Ursinus Weekly

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### THE MASSES.

VALEDICTORY ORATION.

One more year of college life has passed and that which has been said of many classes is about to be said of another class of college graduates, - "Safe now in the wide, wide world." Each year witnesses anew this same crisis in the lives of thousands of youths in our American colleges; nor does time seem to have abated the terror this moment holds for each successive class of graduates, as it is about to enter the world and receive its knocks and buffets. The youth looks out upon the prospect and hesitates to make this plunge by which he reenters practical life. Life is short; life is serious. The world he is about to enter is unsparing, harsh, critically exacting and practical even to purblindness. It does not view things as he does. It has no place for the high flown, visionary ideals of the average college graduate. He must come down, level up and rub shoulders with the masses and eat of the husks of practical, every day life.

But we must not be too severe in our picture. No, the world is not entirely cold, unsparing and critical. The world is human. This great piece of generality which we call the world is large enough, generous, shrewd, observant and goodnatured enough to contain all this youth which takes itself so seriously.

The average graduate enters college a mere stripling and reenters life a young man. In these four years, a change of life, a deep seated, conscious change involving many new responsibilities, has taken place in the student. It is here that the mental and spiritual perspective of his life must be gained or lost. It is at this point, too, that men who have consecrated their lives to learning stand ready to help and lead him safely through a period which they have lived, felt and experienced. The world no longer has the same person to deal with. The young graduate no longer finds the same world he left. He is face to face with men for whom educational worth is not a thing taken for granted. "Show us your credentials, if you would have us believe," is the way of the world. Individuality is not a thing accepted as self-evident. But is not individually, above all else, what the college has given its student,it not fixed for him a personality? Must the student learn to assert himself at this late stage of life's game? No! If the college course has taught him wisdom, it has also taught him understanding,taught him to love the life of manly conflict with its endless knocks and buffets, its trails and strivings upward through which alone progress is possible. The poetic insight inherent in every man is called forth and "Finds progress, man's distinctive mark

alone,

Not God's, and not the beasts'. God is; they are,

Man partly is and wholly hopes to be.

Getting increase of knowledge, since he

Because he lives, which is to be a man." But, fellow students, what will become of this large view of life, these high truth, that the life of the individual re-

rations, after we leave our Alma Mater's inheritance of the ages, its knowledge, walls? Shall they give way to a low its activity, its sufferings and its triumphs, Saturday, 13. Wilmington vs. Ursinus at worldly prudence and be ground out of is the legacy of every young student,all semblance beneath the harsh heel of the foundation upon which the scholar material fact? Or, like that family Bible builds. But, in the words of Goethe, he we so often meet upon the table in the must acquire and make it his own, that room of a country inn, are they to be he may possess it. It is here that the laid away, carefully kept and dusted— scholar rises above the doctrinaire and objects of distant inspection, or will they the pedant and becomes the true man, be something as real to us as the sweat on the brow of daily labor, as homely and useful as the mud soiled tools with which its grimy hands are daily toiling?

Someone has said, that this is an age of high idealism,—an age in which ideals are floating in the very air about us. True, the air is filled with ideals, but too few of them ever reach the ground. It is true, there are a few moments in one's tion will reveal more in its fleeting passage than a whole life-time of toil and the old in a new garb, if you will; yet study. Yet it is these few isolated exceptions that prove the generality of life's experience. Our present concern is with the life of fact which daily confronts us. We must meet and grapple with the daily requirements, the petty vexations and trifling annoyances of every day life. No true man would be recognizes the true place and use of these trifles in our life. By living into them, we live through and beyond them. Out of the life real must grow our life ideal.

It was not alone of Milton, the poet, but of Milton, the scholar, poet and politician that Wordsworth thought, when he said

"Thy soul was like a star and dwelt apart, \* \* \* and yet thy heart The lowliest duties on herself did lay."

The same man who, old, blind and deserted, wrote Paradise Lost, had sacrificed his eyesight upon the altar of liberty by penning his "Defense of the English People." The mission and duty of the scholar is evident. To fulfill its true purpose, education must keep near the masses, the mother soil, the one source of its reality and effectiveness, in short, the necessary atmosphere of all its activities. What the masses are, that are we. Like society, like man. The college and the masses are two things. They should be one. The college and the world are at variance. They should has educed from that which was latent be united in purpose and in action. Our and possible within him? In short, has educated men cannot escape this problem before them. They must face it. For the best, the true interests of the world of education and the world of affairs are identical. Erudition cannot retire within itself, leave the mass of humanity to itself and hope to remain unscathed. Men of education, you dare not rest content with a mere passive recognition, a tacit admission on the part of the masses, of the value of learning and its practical utility. You must do more. You must make the masses feel it. Shall our present system of knowledge and education endure and stand as one fixed stepping stone in the upward march and trend of humanity, then our ideals of all that's truth, beauty and sweetness of life and living must be made as free and accessible as the light and air within which we move and breathe.

Out of modern biology has come the

THE COLLEGE GRADUATE AND ideals, these hopes and illimitable aspi- peats the life history of the race. The the creator. The law is reversed. The inner history of the individual life bears its fruitage and becomes the history of all mankind. Those great humanists, Shakespeare, Milton, Goethe, Herder and Lessing, for a time laid aside the pen and took up the sword of active life, and out of a life of activity and reflection came the works of these men which embodied, in a tongue that all can life when a single deep spiritual intui- read, the essence of human learning and experience. Call it the resurrection of that which lay hidden, was dead to men, through the experience of man is humanized, lives and becomes the common property, the dearest possession of all men. At the hands of the true scholar learning loses its formidable technical barrier, finds its native soil, lives and pulsates with the life of the hearth without them. For every broad mind and becomes the expression of the highest faculties and powers, in fine, "the true humanity in every man." Scholar and the masses, then are one. Truth, no respecter of persons, levels all.

GRABER, '03.

#### **BACCALAUREATE SERMON**

The annual Commencement exercises opened Sunday, June 7, with the baccalaureate sermon by President Henry T. Spangler, D. D., in the auditorium of Bomberger Hall. Excellent music was furnished by Trinity Church choir.

The President used as a text—I Cor. 12:51, "Covet earnestly the best gifts yet show I unto you a more excellent way." He said in part: It is to be remembered that the distinction in the quality of gifts which renders some more desirable than others does not pertain to their inherent value so much as to their serviceableness in the development of character.

We need to realize that the result to be achieved in life is as complex as the elements out of which it is constructed. Body, mind and spirit enter into the composition and not one of these can be eliminated from complete manhood. He is Gitt and Brubaker, Hoffman' Snyder, and Watt, not a man who lives in the sphere of the Snyder and Faringer. Struck out by Townsend flesh. He is not a man who scans earth, air and sky without knowing himself or God. Only he is a man who keeps his Mr. Ralph E. Miller, '05, was unanimousbody strong for the service of his mind and keeps both under the dominion of the higher aspirations and activities of his soul.

In these modern days of outdoor life and physical achievement it is refreshing to graduate a class that does not lack in athletic prowess and yet is distinguished for scholarship.

Graduates, strive to extract from the new opportunities everything that will enrich life and enable character, that will contribute to your equipment for future service and that will enable you to live so that when the last great change comes there may abide in you, "faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest from Pottsville is regretted. of these is love."

#### CALENDAR

Wilmington.

Monday, 15. Wilmington A. A. vs. Ursinus at Wilmington.

Tuesday, 16. Lehigh vs. Ursinus at South Bethlehem.

Monday 29, Summer School begins. Saturday, August 8, Summer School ends. Monday, September 14, Examinations for Admission and Registration of New Students.

Tuesday, 15, Registration of Old Students.

Wednesday, 16, Opening Address, 8 p.m. Thursday, 17, Instruction begins.

#### BASEBALL

F. and M., 4. URSINUS, 7. In a loosely played game last Saturday Ursinus easily defeated Franklin and Marshall. Although the game was very erratic, nevertheless it abounded in many exciting plays, which served to keep the spectators on the watch for the unexpected. Ursinus did not play up to her usual standard, and as a result made many foolish plays. Townsend did not pitch up to his usual standard, but succeeded in holding down his opponents to a few hits, which, aided by rors, allowed F. and M. to score four runs. Kilheffer pitched good ball but was hit at times when hits meant runs. Ursinus scored three in the third on a single by Townsend, a two base hit by Price, base on balls to Kelley, and Watt's two base hit. Four bases on balls, and two hits scored four more runs for Ursinus. F. and M. scored three in the 4th on three errors and a hit. Two more errors and a hit scored one more for her in the 6th. The game was featureless. The score:

R. H. O. A. E. Towns'd,p., I I o I o Witt, s. s., I I 3 I o Price, c., 2 2 8 1 0 Kiffer, p., Kelley, c. f., 2 2 1 0 0 Gitt, 2b., Farin'r, 3b., o o I I o Schock, c., I o II o o Watt, 1b., o 2 13 o o Sc'er, 3b., Snyder, ss., o o 3 3 1 Pe'son, c.f., Hoff'm'r,2b.o o 1 3 2 Br'ker, 1b., o o 5 o o Paist, 1. f., o o o o o Horn 1. f., o o 2 o o Place, r. f., I o o o I Hoan, l. f., o o o o I Ch'ain, 1. f., 1 0 0 0 0

Ursinus F. and M. 0 0 0 3 0 1 0 0 0-4 Two-base hits. Watt, Price. Double plays,

At a meeting of the Athletic Association ly elected manager of the baseball team for the season of 1904. Mr. Beverly Foltz, 'o6, was elected assistant manager.

8, by Kilheffer 8. Umpire, Griffiths.

On Wednesday afternoon Ursinus will play the strong Lebanon Team. These two teams have already played two great games, each winning by close scores of 2-0 and 4-3, Ursinus scoring the shutout.

Rev. Morgan A. Peters, '95, pastor of the First Reformed Church, Pottsville, Pa., preached his farewell sermon on last Sunday morning. The services were largely attended. His departure

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#### FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1903.

#### **EDITORIAL**

The Seniors have now come to the parting of the ways. On Commencement Day the realization is suddenly forced upon them that they are no longer students, in the usual sense of the word, but are men and women of the world. At this time their minds are divided between the forward look and the backward look. As they look back on their four years of college life, they realize to a greater degree than ever before, the value of the moments spent here. As they look forward, doubtless their thoughts are saddened by the knowledge that all these pleasant associations must end now, and they must face the practical affairs of life. The more intellectual and friendly atmosphere of college circles seems to be a striking contrast with the mercenary atmosphere of the world. One must realize that it is necessary to face discouragement and failure at times, in his practical life; but he must not let this dampen his ardor or interfere with his efforts. He should be imbued with the spirit of Browning when he wrote,-"To dry one's eyes, and laugh at a fall, And, baffled, get up and being again."

Moreover the world has need of college men and women who can not only apply their practical knowledge to the affairs of life, but also help to elevate the masses to the height of their own ideals and principles. Although a man may not attain what the world calls success, yet, if he lives up to the inspiration | Everything a complete men's Store should have. of his higher nature, he cannot fail.

"All true, whole men succeed, for what is worth

Succes's name, unless it be the thought, A noble purpose to a noble end,

Although it be the gallows or the block."

We are very glad to welcome back the Alumni who show by their presence here their interest in the college and their good wishes for its success.

We hope all the students will have an enjoyable and profitable vacation, but that, in the midst of their enjoyment, will not forget to prepare some material for next fall's WEEKLY.

Rev. Harvey E. Gottshall, '04 and Miss Alice M. Kerr, were married on Tuesday evening, June 9, at the residence of the Brandt Building 149 W. Main St. bride, at Schwenksville.

#### THE ALUMNI MEETING

The Ursinus College Alumni Association held their annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon, at 3.00 o'clock. The President, Rev. C. H. Brandt was in the chair. Several important items of business were transacted. The Association voted \$75, for the purchase of new books for the library. After a quite lengthy discussion the members voted to take the proprietorship of THE WEEKLY, in compliance with the request recently printed in this paper. To facilitate matters it was decided that the Executive Committee should elect the three members, this year, to constitute the Editorial Committee with the member of the faculty and the Editor-in-Chief. The Executive Committee was also authorized to nominate nine members of the Association, from which the Alumni would select the three to constitute the next year's Committee. Mr. Hobson was reelected Alumni Director. Rev. I. C. Fisher, '89, was elected Alumni orator for next year, and Dr. Wm. Ruff, '99, alternate. The officers of the Association for next year are, President, Miss Vinnie Mench, '99, of Pennsburg; Vice-President, W. E. Garrett, '99, McConnellsville: Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. S. L. Messinger, '85, Trappe; Historian, J. E. Stone, '00, Philadelphia; Librarian, W. A. Kline, '93, Collegeville; Athletic Representative, Rev. E. W. Lentz, Royersford. The members of the graduating class of the college and seminary were elected members of the association.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

The President's home was a scene of festivity, Tuesday evening, when alumni and friends were received by Dr. Spangler and his wife, assisted by Miss Marion and Dr. Ralph Spangler. The veranda, beautifully decorated with Chinese lanterns, was crowded with people throughout the evening. Misses Wilson and Mc-Cain rendered several musical selections, after which refreshments were served.

#### **ALUMNI ORATION**

The annual Alumni Oration was delivered Tuesday evening by I. C. Williams, Esq., A. B., '91. In spite of the warm night, a fair-sized audience was assembled. Mme. Nassau, of Philadelphia, sang several solos in her inimitable manner, and the violin solo by Miss McCain was enthusiastically received. The orator was introduced by Rev. C. H. Brandt, A. B., '90. His subject was, "What of the For-

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"And thus our life exempt from public

Finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks.

Sermons in stones and good in everything."

#### THE COMMENCEMENT

There was no hitch in the exercises of Wednesday morning, making it one of the most successful commencements that has ever been held. At ten thirty o'clock thirteen graduates, wearing the conventional black cap and gown, marched into the auditorium already filled with friends and relatives. After the music by Wolsieffer's Orchestra, of Philadelphia, and the other preliminary exercises, Mr. C. G. Haines, of Bigmount, Pa., delivered the Salutatory on "Expansion under the Constitution." He said in part: "The United States under the Constitution of 1787 have experienced a wonderful development. In no field of advance has progress been more rapid than in the increase of our territory. One area after another has been added, until to-day it seems probable that all countries of the Western Hemisphere would serve their best interests by merging themselves into our great federation. The Constitution places no definite limitations upon Congress in dealing with acquired territories. In a peaceful, quiet manner our government has developed a colonial system which is admirable in many respects.

Certain evils are attached to expansion, however, of which we must not be unmindful. Congress has not been consistent in its treatment of territories. Porto Rico and the Philippines have been discriminated against in the matter of taxa-

The Constitution does not provide for these difficulties involved in our colonial J. W. Pepper's Complete Catalogue and Price List of Musical Instruments and count to set it aside in order to make way for a New Empire. This must not be. We must cling to that Constitution which all hold sacred."

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ate and the Masses," was then delivered by Mr. Henry Graber, Royersford. His oration appears in full on the first page. Prof. Albert H. Smyth, LL. D., of the Central High School of Philadelphia, then gave the Commencement Oration on "Lessons from the Life and Philosophy of Ralph Waldo Emerson." Dr. Smyth is noted as an orator of ability, and held the audience for more than half an hour. He spoke in part as follows: 'Last month men of all creeds and schools of thought in every part of this country joined in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Emerson, one of the brightest spirits that has adorned American literature. Matthew Arnold styled him "the friend and aider of those who would live in the spirit." His writings are to be kept and treasured and lived with as we would keep Marcus Aurelius or Thomas A'Kempis. He preached no creed, but he stimmen ashamed of narrow, petty, shabby lives. He taught them to be proud of their individuality and to cherish high ideals. "Hitch your wagon to a star" was one of his aphorisms that has become a national maxim. He taught the value of simplicity of life, and he exemplified in himself the value of severity of character. He had unfaltering faith in the perfectibility of man, and he pronounced buoyant and splendid criticism."

After Dr. Smyth's oration, the followdegrees were conferred :

HONORARY. A. M.: The Rev. Ross Frederick Wicks, Pastor of the Fourth Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio.

DEGREES IN COURSE: A. B. Summa Cum Laude: Henry, Graber, C.G. Haines. A. B. Magna Cum Laude: J. H. Poorman, Marion G. Spangler.

A. B. Cum Laude: W. E. Hoffsommer. A. B.: W. R. Anson, N. F. Gutshall, F. H. Hobson, M. P. Laros, A. G. Peters, I. M. Rapp, J. L. Roth, Alvin Wagner.

The prizes were given as follows: Sophomore English Prize, Elliott Frederick; Prize in Church History, Carl G. Petri. Academy Admission Prize, Nelson P.

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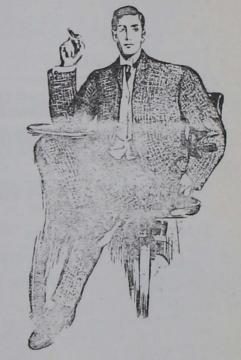
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JUNIOR ORATORICAL CONTEST

The Annual Junior Oratorical Contest

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evening and the following program was

PROGRAM

Music: { March, Amicizia, Chambers Overture, Hugenots, Meyerbeer

Music: Morceau Caracterisque, "Dawn

ORATION: The Man of Purpose vs. The

OSCAR DAVID BROWNBACK, Parkerford.

JOHN EZRA HOYT, Hammonton, N. J.

ORATION: Browning's Philosophy of

Music: Selection, "King Dodo" Luders

ORATION: Woman, Her National Destiny,

MUSIC: Characteristic March, "Happy

The judges were Rev. Thomas R Beeber,

D. D., Norristown, J. B. Larzelere, Jr.

Esq., Norristown and Supt. W. W. Ru-

pert, C. E., Pottstown. The first prize,

Esq., A. M., '76, was awarded to Edwin

Milton Sando. Second prize, a gold

medal offered by Rev. J. W. Meminger,

D. D., '84, was awarded to Elizabeth

Caulnder Miles, and Mr. David Brown-

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PROGRAM

PIANO SOLO-Valse Op. 59, No. 2

Schutt

MISS WILSON

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WILLIAM R. ANSON Vocal, Solo—Sunshine and Rain

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MISS MCCAIN

POEM

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SHAM ORATION

NEVIN F. GUTSHALL

PIANO SOLO-Mazurka

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