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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1903.

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## CALENDAR

Friday, 15. Literary Societies, 7.40 p. m.  
 Saturday, 16. F. and M. Academy vs. Reserves at home.  
 Rutgers vs. Ursinus at Collegeville, 3 p. m.  
 Y. M. C. A. Strawberry Festival, 7.00 p. m.  
 Sunday 17. Delegation will go to Pottstown to hear Robert E. Spear.  
 Monday, 18. Regular Meeting of the Monday Night Club, 7.15 p. m.  
 Tuesday, 19. Dickinson vs. Ursinus at Collegeville.  
 Wednesday, 20. Y. M. C. A. Song Service on the Campus, 6.40 p. m.  
 Friday, 22. Literary Societies, 7.40 p. m.  
 Saturday, 23. P. M. C. vs. Ursinus at Chester.

## TENNYSON'S RELIGION.

The Age of the Early Victorian Poets was one of conflict between skepticism and belief, in philosophy and religion. The world of thought was passing through a Renaissance of science. A spirit of inquiry had been aroused and a great interest awakened in the relation and meaning of things. All the scattered facts of physical phenomena, observed for ages, were being coordinated into general laws and formulae. Naturally philosophy undertook to discover the relation of man to this world of matter, and the resulting views seemed to clash with the preconceived ideas of religion.

It was during this time that Tennyson accomplished his great work. That he was largely influenced by the spirit of the times, his poems leave no room to doubt. But yet through all the doubt and perplexity we have the echo of the faith of his childhood. There in the peace of his father's home,—the quiet parsonage of Somersby,—an unquestioning trust had been instilled into his mind, by his mother whose faith and goodness he has immortalized in his Isabella. To that childlike faith he turned, with loving memory, time and again, as in the "Supposed Confessions,"—

"Oh! sure it is a special care  
 Of God, to fortify from doubt  
 . . . the infant's dawning year."

But as he grew older, grave problems of science were forced upon him, and he became openly skeptical. However, in "Poems Chiefly Lyrical," published in 1830, he gave expression to his dissatisfaction at the mental conflict between faith and skepticism.

"O weary life! O weary death!  
 O spirit and heart made desolate!  
 O damned vacillating state!"

It was about this time, while his mind was considerably occupied with perplexing doubts, that the sudden death of his closest friend, Arthur Hallam, occurred. This sad event brought the questions home to him with redoubled force. Was this, then, the end? Was this lifeless body all there was of his friend? Was there really no eternal spirit,—no God? These were the problems which he discussed at length in "In Memoriam," and it is to that poem we must look, mainly, for his attitude toward the religious topics of the day.

That he had a belief in a Supreme Being, we have evidence throughout his work. While he himself had lost the simple trusting faith of childhood yet he had the greatest sympathy for a person who had such simple trust:

"Leave thou thy sister when she prays,  
 Her early Heaven, her happy views;  
 Nor thou with shadowed hint confuse  
 A life that leads melodious days."

For unbelief, however, he had the greatest abhorrence, "This is a terrible age of unfaith," he said one time to a friend, "I hate unfaith, I cannot endure that men should sacrifice everything at the cold altar of what, with their imperfect knowledge, they choose to call truth and reason." Again, "I would infinitely rather feel myself the most miserable wretch on the face of the earth, with a God above, than the highest type of man, standing alone."

"That God which ever lives and loves,  
 One God, one law, one element."

Moreover this God was a personal All-Powerful Being who watched over each individual. This belief is shown forth by his attitude toward prayer. Arthur says in the Idylles:—

"Pray for my soul, more things are  
 wrought by prayer  
 Than this world dreams of, . . . . .  
 For so the whole round earth is every way  
 Bound by gold chains about the feet of  
 God."

Then again this God was a God of Love. No other theory would satisfy him at all. It was with the expression, "Strong Son of God, Immortal Love," that he began his "In Memoriam." It was true, however, that he saw in Nature about him considerable evidence that seemed to disprove that love. Indeed this was one of the great stumbling blocks to his faith. Was not the idea of a loving God inconsistent with his belief in the survival of the fittest? Yet he concludes, "God is love, transcendent, all-pervading; we do not get this faith from nature or the world. If we look at nature alone, full of perfection, she tells us that God is disease, murder, rapine. We get this faith from ourselves, from what is highest within us, which recognizes that there is not one fruitless pang, just as there is not one lost good."

This is characteristically Tennysonian. He carefully distinguished between material and spirit. Things of the spirit could not be proved by analogy with material things, nor by deductive science, nor by any form of reason.

"For nothing worthy proving can be  
 proven,  
 Nor yet disproven: wherefore thou be wise  
 Cleave ever to the sunnier side of doubt,  
 And cling to Faith beyond the forms of  
 Faith!"

" . . . the heart  
 Stood up and answered, 'I have felt.'"

Even as his spirit bare witness to the reality of God, just so it testified to the reality of his soul and to immortality. Evolution would seem to point to materialism,—to the fact that men are but "cunning casts of clay." Moreover if man was evolved from lower types, and if the latter have no spirit, no eternal essence, wherein lies man's right to claim an eternal soul? These were problems that were forced home to Tennyson more particularly through the death

of his friend. But the poet could not believe that his love could so end with the close of his earthly existence. Love, he thought, is eternal, and the spirit, which God has put into man, is not satisfied short of everlasting life.

"My own dim life should teach me this,  
 That life shall live forever more,  
 Else earth is darkness at the core,  
 And dust and ashes all that is."

His faith in immortality was not a mere passive acceptance, but amounted to a passionate belief in the testimony of the inner consciousness. When once speaking on the subject, he said, "If there be a God that has made the earth and put this hope and passion into us, it must foreshadow the truth. If it be not true, then no God, but a mocking fiend created us."

Whatever might be the state of man in the future world, Tennyson always insists on the individuality of the soul and the freedom of the will, in this life,—

"The main miracle, that thou art thou,  
 With power on thine own act and on the  
 world."

"But ill for him\* who, bettering not with  
 time,  
 Corrupts the strength of Heaven descended  
 Will,  
 And ever weaker grows through acted  
 crime,"

and in the Prologue,—

"Our wills are ours, we know not how,  
 Our wills are ours to make them thine."

However, Tennyson could not accept all the Calvinistic views of the time. For example he could not accept the views of everlasting punishment, but leaned rather toward Universalism:

" . . . but were there a God as you  
 say,  
 His love would have power over Hell,  
 till it utterly vanished away."

"But the God of Love and of Hell together  
 they cannot be thought."

On the other hand, he believed in a pure religion of good deeds, but had no sympathy with the dogmatic arrogance of theological creed. He remarked at one time, "It is impossible to imagine that the Almighty will ask you when you come before Him in the next life, what your particular form of creed was; but the question will rather be, 'Have you been true to yourself and given, in My Name, a cup of cold water to one of these little ones?'" Tennyson himself did not believe in formal statements of truth because he thought that truth itself was far greater and grander than anything that could be represented in the narrow confines of mere verbiage.

Truth, he believed, would gradually make itself felt among men and would ultimately be seen in the fullness of its beauty. A clear current of optimism flows through nearly all of Tennyson's poems. Though at times his spirit is overcome with pessimistic tendencies, yet hope always triumphs in the end. Good will always triumph, according to his philosophy, not immediately, perhaps, but in the great Future at least.

"O yet we trust that somehow good  
 Will be the final goal of ill,  
 To pangs of nature, sins of will."

"One far off divine event,  
 To which the whole creation moves."

"Ring in the valiant man and true,  
 The larger heart, the kindlier hand.

Ring out the darkness of the land,  
 Ring in the Christ that is to be."

In a brief summing up we may say that we find Tennyson a firm believer in a personal loving omniscient, God, in immortality of the soul, in the freedom of the will, and in the ultimate triumph of truth and good.

H., '04.

## BASEBALL

URSINUS, I. READING, 8.

Ursinus met defeat last Saturday, at the hands of the professional Reading team. Although the score seems to indicate a one-sided game, yet the play was rather interesting. Reading scored most of her runs in the fourth inning. A couple of wild throws, two errors and two hits gave Reading five unearned runs. Reading scored one more in the eighth and one in the ninth, both runs being due to poor throwing. Ursinus scored her only run in the fourth, when a base on balls and two singles sent Townsend across the plate. Townsend pitched a fine game, the Reading team being entirely unable to solve his delivery. With a little better team work behind him he would have won his game. Price, who was suffering from a sore arm, was very erratic in his throwing. Gartman pitched good, steady ball for Reading. Snyder, whose home is in Reading, received a handsome floral gift and a bat, when he took his first turn at the bat. He responded by hitting the ball for a single into center field. The score:

READING	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Clark, ss.,	1	1	2	4	0
Herwig, 1b.,	1	0	5	0	0
Logan, 2b.,	1	2	4	2	0
Brent, 1. f.,	1	0	2	0	1
Derwin, r. f.,	0	1	0	0	0
Zacher, c. f.,	1	0	1	0	1
O'Brien, 3b.,	1	0	1	4	0
O'Hall'n c.,	2	0	12	1	0
Gartman, p.,	0	0	0	1	0
Total,	8	4	27	12	2
URSINUS	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Kelley, c. f.,	0	1	1	0	1
Townsend, p.,	1	0	0	1	1
Price, c.,	0	0	4	2	1
Watt, 1b.,	0	1	16	0	0
Faringer, 3b.,	0	0	1	4	0
Snyder, ss.,	0	1	1	5	1
Hoffsommer, 2b.,	0	2	2	4	1
Lafontaine, 1. f.,	0	2	1	0	1
Gettel, r. f.,	0	0	1	0	0
Total,	1	7	27	16	6
Reading	0	1	0	5	0
Ursinus	0	0	1	0	0

Two-base hit, Lafontaine. Three-base hit, Brent. Stolen bases, O'Brien, Derwin, Lafontaine, Kelley, Logan, O'Halloran, Bases on balls, Gartman 2, Townsend 7. Hit by pitcher, Zacher, Price, Herwig. Struck out, by Gartman 11, by Townsend 2. Passed ball, Price. Time, 1 hour, 50 minutes. Umpire, George Goodheart.

URSINUS 22. SUSQUEHANNA 0.

Ursinus easily defeated Susquehanna last Wednesday. The visitors were com-  
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FRIDAY, MAY. 15, 1903.

### EDITORIAL

A short time ago there appeared in these columns an editorial on the value of moments of relaxation with which we intersperse our periods of strenuous mental activity. Such moments are, indeed, valuable and almost indispensable, and yet, do we not often put too much stress on this side of the question? Are we not prone to carry these "moments of relaxation" to an unwarranted extreme? A few moments here, and a few moments there, spent in idle day-dreams or gossip, in aimless drifting, soon mount up and crowd out the necessary periods for work. It is true that a feeling of disinclination for study is frequently the sign of an overworked mind that needs rest, and then continued mental exertion would be worse than useless. But sometimes this condition threatens to become chronic, a feeling of lassitude, augmented by a beautiful spring day, is eagerly seized upon as an excuse to neglect our duty, when it is only necessary to exert a little determination and will power to get down to work. This state of irresolution is frequently due to a general aimlessness or lack of systematization of our work,—and here comes a suggestion. Some students have drawn up a schedule, not only for their periods of recitations, but also for periods of study and of relaxation,—for every hour of the day. And, what is more, by a considerable amount of stick-to-itiveness, they have succeeded in living up to it, in the main. It's a pretty hard thing to do, but isn't it worth trying, even if it only supplies us with a general plan or outline for our work, and makes us keep a more careful account of our "loose change" of time?

### NOTES

Several of the "co-eds" were away over Sunday. Miss Shade, '04, and Miss Clamer, '04, were at the former's home at Royersford. Miss Boston, A., spent several days in Trenton. N. J. Miss Wolff, '05, visited her home at Blue Bell and Miss Shiipe, '05, visited friends in the city.

Rev. William Matlock of the Hill School addressed the Y. M. C. A. service on Sunday evening. As a text, he used the words, "What think ye of Christ? Whose son is he?"

Fred Fogleman spent Sunday with relatives at Sheridan, Pa.

Ursinus was well represented at the Reading game. Messrs. Graber, Roth, Butz, Lanz, Clinger, Fetterolf, Chamberlain, Bardman, Wise and Fogleman, made the noise for the old "U."

### SOCIETY NOTES

A very heated discussion was aroused in the Schaff Society on Friday evening, May 8, over the question, "Resolved, That it would be for the best interests of both governments concerned to annex Canada to the United States." The affirmative, Messrs. Rice and Foltz, showed that our interests are more closely allied to those of Canada than England's are and that the two governments and countries are very much alike. Messrs. McCollum and Dotterer argued for the negative and showed that Canada no longer desired annexation and that the Canadians are loyal supporters of the British government.

Both sides brought up many strong arguments and made a very interesting debate. The decision was given to the negative side.

Prof. A. W. Crawford, who was present, gave a brief sketch of Canada's relations to the United States.

The Zwinglian Society debated the question whether or not college athletics are excessively developed. It was discussed affirmatively by Messrs. Peters, Alspach, Price and Sando; negatively, by Messrs. Laros, Butz, Faringer, and Poorman. The affirmative arguments clustered around two main points—That when heavy schedules are allowed, study almost necessarily ceases, and that a rapid decrease in work, in many cases, practically destroys a student's ambition for advancement. The negative, after dealing with the point that college athletics are too narrow or too few, took up the wonderful development of the human race through the past decade and proved that the student body of many colleges is only represented by a few athletic enthusiasts, the great majority taking little or no part in games and other sports. The judges gave their decision to the negative. An interesting open debate followed the regular debate, in which not a little ability was displayed.

The annual open meeting will be held to-night. An interesting program has been provided and all the friends are invited to attend.

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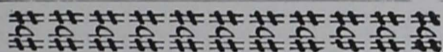
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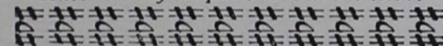
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**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

To-morrow, Saturday night, the Y. M. C. A. will give an ice cream and strawberry festival on the campus near Olevian Hall. The college and hall girls, and some of the town girls will act as waitresses at the occasion. The affair promises to be one of unique interest. It begins at seven o'clock. The students will attend in a body and the Collegeville people are coming en masse. Don't forget.

**THE ACADEMY ENTERTAINMENT**

On Tuesday evening May 26, the students of the Academy will appear in two plays. "Jewels of my Aunt Jane" and "Letters for Mr. Smith."

Miss Rankin the instructor in the elocutionary department has been training several classes for the past few weeks; and judging from the character of the rehearsals, the affair will undoubtedly be a success. The Academy students have been drilled throughout the year in their regular rhetorical, and this entertainment is for the purpose of making known their advancement along elocutionary lines. Besides the two plays the program will be interspersed with music and tableaux.

**C. V. S. N. S. ALUMNI RECEPTION**

Prof. and Mrs. G. L. Omwake gave an informal reception on Tuesday evening to the college students who are alumni of Shippensburg State Normal. After an hour of pleasant conversation, a delightful repast was served. The conversation centered chiefly on Normal men and affairs. Those present were: E. M. Sando, of the class of '97; Raymond Gettel, '98; M. A. Keasey, '00; and Edwin Reisner, '01.

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**AMONG THE COLLEGES**

The Sophomore class of the University of Michigan has obtained permission to adopt the honor system in all its examinations. In general, the same rules will be adopted as are in use at Williams College.

The Harvard Summer School for 1903 is to open on July 6. Twenty eight new courses are to be offered, making a total of eighty-five courses in twenty-five subjects. The session will end August 14.

John D. Rockefeller has agreed to give \$190,000 per year for the next ten years, for education in the South.

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BASEBALL

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pletely outclassed and at no stage of the game did they have the appearance of a chance to score. Susquehanna was completely at the mercy of Townsend who merely toyed with them. Only two scratch hits were made off him and not a single man reached second base.

In 8 innings only thirty-one men faced the pitcher. Ursinus played a great game in the field and had a regular batting matinee, making eighteen hits for a total of thirty-two bases. The game although onesided, showed that Ursinus had made a great improvement in both batting and fielding. The infield and outfield accepted many hard chances and the whole team played fast, snappy ball. The feature of the game was the batting of Paist who made his initial appearance on the home grounds in a first team uniform. Kelley and Faringer also batted well, the latter making two 3 base hits. Ursinus plays Rutgers Saturday; a good game is expected. The Score:

Table with columns for URSINUS and SUSQUEHANNA, and sub-columns R, H, O, A, E. Rows list players and their statistics.

Ursinus, 4 3 2 2 6 3 0 2 x-22 Susquehanna, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 Earned runs, Ursinus 9, Home run, Price. Three-base hits, Townsend, Faringer 2, Paist. Two-base hits, Kelley 2. Struck out, Townsend 6, Neuer 3. Base on balls, by Neuer 7. Hit by pitched ball, Hoffsommer, Oldt. Stolen bases, Kelly, Townsend, Watt. Umpire, Griffith. Time, 1 hour, 55 minutes.

RESERVES, 8. F. AND M. PREP, 9.

Ursinus Reserves were defeated last Friday in the first game of their trip by the Prep team of Franklin and Marshall. The game was exceedingly interesting and well played by both sides. Brandt started in to pitch for F. and M., but his wildness soon compelled him to retire and Hay was substituted. Mabry pitched a fine game for Ursinus, striking out fourteen men. Brandt led in the batting for F. and M., and Place for Ursinus. Trexler caught a good game. The score:

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Earned runs, F. and M. 2, Ursinus 1. Struck out by Mabry 14, by Brandt 4, Hay 2. Base on Balls, Brandt 10, Hay 1, Mabry 3. Home run, Brandt. Three-base hit, Paist. Two base hits, Brandt 2, Trexler. Hit by pitched ball, Haines. Time of Game, 1 hour, 50 minutes.

RESERVES, 13. MILLERSVILLE S. N. S., 8.

After suffering defeat at Lancaster, the Reserves travelled over to Millersville, and seemingly took revenge out on the Normal boys. Here the boys played like a unit, everything being done with snap and vim. The batting was especially strong. Paist started in to pitch for the Reserves, but retired in favor of Mabry in the sixth. Although having pitched the day before, Mabry finished the game in excellent style. Gutshall played a good game in the field, and Scholl also fielded nicely. Ely excelled for Millersville. The feature of the game, however, was the batting of Trexler and Haines. These two "big" fellows knocked the ball to all corners of the field.

Table with columns RESERVES and MILLERSVILLE S. N. S., and sub-columns R, H, O, A, E. Rows list players and their statistics.

Earned runs, Ursinus 4, Millersville 2. Home run, G. Ely. Three-base hit, Paist. Two-base hit, Paist, Gutshall, Trexler, Haines, Rice, Schaeffer, Reed. Struck out by Reed 13, Paist 5, Mabry 4. Base on balls, Mabry 2, Paist 1, Reed 3. Hit by pitched ball, Rapp, Mabry. Time of game, 1 hour, 55 minutes. Umpire, Grebinger.

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