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A PLEA FOR PURE SPORT

The greatest danger that threatens college athletics at the present time is the insane love of victory. Whether this victory is gained by tactics fair or foul it little matters, but victory we must have. The value of college sports as a relaxation from the tedious routine of mental labors, as a means of physical development and mental discipline is lost sight of unless it is accompanied by the defeat of one's rivals. No one decries success; we all know how sweet a great victory is; but a defeat gained at the expense of honesty or gentlemanly conduct is dearly earned. In the time of the Ancient Greeks their athletes strove eagerly for the simple laurel crown. It would seem very peculiar for us to read of those heroes hurling charges of professionalism or of unfair practices at one another. Even the English university man looks with disfavor upon our system of training and our strenuous efforts for victory. The fever of athletic insanity burns so fiercely in the veins of all our colleges that their teams scarcely ever represent the college students, but are often composed of men for whom a systematic canvass has been made and who attend college largely because of athletic powers. Of course such teams look upon defeat as a disgrace and use every possible means to win. The result has been that the feeling of good fellowship between our colleges is displaced by a jealous rivalry and this feeling often develops into personal enmity between members of opposing teams. Each college looks upon its neighbor with suspicion, and friendly rivalry has become athletic warfare. We may decry football as dangerous because of its bumps and bruises. That is rather its value, the danger comes from the idea that a football victory is glorious; a defeat, disastrous. If a team plays an honest, plucky game its effort should receive the same praise, whether it scores more or less points than its opponents. Athletic selfishness is dangerous. Play to win! Of course we do, but why should we begrudge our opponents victory. Sport for sport's sake is almost unknown at present, and the idea that victorious sport alone is successful will be the bane of our most valuable aid to sturdy manhood. In the college, if nowhere else, athletics should be kept on a plane above rowdiness and dishonesty. A man may be an athlete and a gentleman.

R. G. GETTEL, '04.

THE FARMER

The farmer is discounted in select and rushing city hordes. His broad, innocent, expressionless countenance, bulging eyes and shambling tread mark him to all the city élite. Perhaps, in buzzing café, he steps upon some modern Queen Elizabeth's train, shakes a "horrible" red handkerchief, black dotted, and you spiffle the odors of the farm, or, when musing on yonder mighty palace majestically blending its cupola with heaven's blue and losing itself in the clouds, he blocks our lady's advance, deeply mortifying and distressing her. For our farmer is complacent and guiltless before de-

corum. But what of these scattered Ebenezers, Abrahams and Joshes? Why halt for breath when that green product perambulates down the street? Where the power? It is as though a breath of the south, sweet laden with musk, rose and daisy, rich falling blossoms, pure and eternal wind billows, whisper softly, pointing as they speak to the green product across the dirty street. There lingers strength, in midst of fever, silence discountenancing vain blast, simplicity beside pouting virtue, nature out for a stroll amongst artifices and plausible fashion. But where is the farmer's claim to fame, to greatness, to remembrance? In the lap of nature, in inexhaustible magazines of earth, rock, gas, seeds, thunder, lightning, snow and ice. Yes, focusing eternal activities, versed in chemical affinity, he applies his intellect to these immense forces, and they give him gratuitous service. It seems as if the solvents of nature had transformed his features to mildness, yielding him a knowledge through communion with nature that silks, guffaws and sparkling jewels could never give. For what are glittering diamonds beside sunstrokes that even while they kill the tiller, enrich and save the soil, or tell us how a cannon, the cities' loudest salute, can out-thunder thunder. While administrator, clerk and chaplain hum away, the universe, ever changing, shows forth the hand-writing of the Creator, with mountains and valleys for blank-books and pens, and the farmer, cognizant of these forces, imbibes a certain unbending fibre. Lastly, what of the farmer's honor in posterity? When nations have felt the crisis, men have come up from the forests as they came in old days from the sea. These new thinkers and actors swept away useless restrictions and artificial conventions. They stood for decisions and results, as resistlessly as the swollen torrents and thunders that bred them. So the green product strolling somnambulently on the other side may be a breeder of giants, of Lincolns, Jacksons and McKinleys. His stay, though brief, may be prophetic of an event, and may be brilliant as the sweep of sunshine over a boundless deep.

C. T., '05.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. chapel service on Sunday evening was poorly attended. Rev. Fegley of Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe, spoke on "The Building of a Man." It was an excellent address. The organization is making a special effort to secure men for these meetings who are noted as religious workers or who stand high in their respective professions and these men should not be compelled to talk to empty seats as on Sunday evening. Towns-people as well as students are invited to attend these meetings.

That the summer school is increasing in popularity is a fact evident from the announcement that there are to be one hundred courses offered at this summer session of Cornell University.

Chas. D. Rafferty has been elected captain of Yale's 1903 football team.

AUDUBON SCIENCE CLUB

At the monthly meeting Monday evening, Prof. Dechant read a paper on "The Nature and Origin of Number and Number Systems"

Perhaps the clearest idea of the nature of number and the meaning of counting can be obtained by a careful observation of children in their early struggles with number, and a study of the systems of number and methods of counting of nations or tribes of people in their racial infancy.

When a child counts he uses small blocks, pebbles or his fingers; or wishing to convey the idea of the number of his pets will say "so many" and show an equal number of fingers without even knowing the name of the number. The Indians were wont to indicate to others of their tribe the number of the enemy threatening them by driving sticks into the ground or cutting notches in the branch of a tree, one stick or one notch for each individual. We occasionally meet people even in our own day and neighborhood who still find the fingers very convenient, if not indispensable, for their rapid calculations.

From these and numberless similar instances we find that the chief element of numbering is the establishment of an exact individual association—a one to one correspondence—of other things with those to be counted. In the savage as in the child, he sees in his mental picture only the real, material image and his understanding of the number is "the things are as many as one's fingers," then by frequent repetition of this association as the mental power develops, the abstract and concrete become slowly disassociated, and the real abstract concept becomes independent.

Mr. Laros delivered an interesting lecture on the "Development of the Chick Embryo," carefully illustrated by blackboard drawings. He demonstrated the relation of the blastoderm to the yolk of an egg and discussed the two layers of the yolk. Out of the blastoderm, (a little white speck on the yolk of an egg,) the chick is developed, the yolk supplying the food for the embryo through its stage of development. This blastoderm takes a downward motion and folds its four sides under itself and finally becomes loosened from the yolk. Beginning with the primitive streak the development of the embryo is carried out through different stages, showing the gradual formation of the body and the organs including the heart and nervous system. During the stage of development the chick feeds upon the yolk, and when that is consumed, the white of the egg follows. After all the nourishment inside the shell is used up the chick pecks a hole through the shell and comes out fully matured.

Rev. Morgan A. Peters, '95, pastor of the First Reformed Church of Pottsville, sprung a surprise upon his congregation on Sunday by tendering his resignation. He proposes to at once enter mission work for the Reformed denomination in Philadelphia with direct charge of the church at Twenty-first and Tasker streets.

CALENDAR

Friday, 8, Reserves vs. F. and M. Academy at Lancaster.
Literary Societies. 7.40 p. m.
Saturday, 9, Ursinus vs. Reading League at Reading.
Reserves vs. Millersville State Normal at Millersville.
Sunday, 10, Chapel Services, 8 p. m. Rev. William Tatlock of Hill School, speaks.
Tuesday, 12, Chorus Rehearsal, 7.15 p. m.
Wednesday, 13, Susquehanna University vs. Ursinus at Collegeville.
Y. M. C. A., 6.40 p. m., N. W. Helms, Secretary-elect of the Y. M. C. A. in China, Leader.
Friday, 15, Literary Societies, 7.40 p. m.
Saturday, 16, Rutgers vs. Ursinus at Collegeville.
Sunday, 17, Chapel Services, 8.00 p. m. W. W. Dill, M. D., will talk on "The Christian Physician."

BASEBALL

URSINUS 3. F. & M. 5.

On Saturday last, Ursinus played Franklin and Marshall, and for the first time in the history of baseball between the two institutions, Franklin and Marshall was able to snatch a victory. Ursinus was handicapped by the loss of three of her best men, and as a result did not put up as strong a batting game as she is capable of doing. The game, which was played in an incredibly short time, was, however, devoid of features. Townsend pitched excellent ball, four of the hits made off him being of the scratch variety. Ursinus scored first. Kelley singled, stole second and scored on Price's single. Snyder scored in the second on a two-base hit and sacrifices by Hoffsommer and Gettel. In the eighth inning, F. and M. scored all her runs. Kelley missed Horn's fly after a hard run. Cook then hit to Townsend, who threw to second to catch Horn, but the runner was called safe on a questionable decision. Cook scored on Gitt's single. He also had been declared safe in a close decision off second, when trying to stretch his hit. A base on balls, two hits and a "hit by pitched ball" gave F. and M. three more runs, not one of them being earned. Ursinus earned one in the last inning on two-base hits by Faringer and Snyder. The score:

F. & M.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Cook, 1b.,	1	0	9	0	2
Killheff'r, ss.,	0	2	3	5	0
Gitt, 2b.,	0	1	3	2	1
Shock, c.,	1	1	7	0	0
Wint, 3b.,	1	0	1	1	1
Schaeffer, l. f.,	1	1	1	0	0
Peterson, c. f.,	0	0	3	0	0
Moyer, r. f.,	0	0	0	0	0
Brandt, r. f.,	0	1	0	0	1
Horn, p.,	1	0	0	3	0
Total,	5	6	27	11	5
URSINUS	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Price, c.,	0	1	10	1	0
Kelley, c. f.,	1	1	1	0	2
Townsend, p.,	0	1	2	2	0
Watt, 1b.,	0	1	6	2	0
Faringer, 3b.,	1	1	2	0	1
Snyder, ss.,	1	2	1	1	0
Hoffsommer, 2b.,	0	0	1	1	2
Gettel, r. f.,	0	0	0	0	0
Paiste, l. f.,	0	0	1	0	0
Total,	3	7	24	7	6

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FRIDAY, MAY. 8, 1903.

EDITORIAL

We would respectfully call the attention of the alumni of the college to the article addressed to them on another page of this issue. For years the college graduates have felt that they were hardly kept in touch with the institution as they would be if they were connected with the college publication. Many members of the association have expressed the wish to the staff and to the Business Managers that the alumni might be in closer relation to the WEEKLY. The subject was also brought up at the last Alumni meeting, and a representative elected to confer with the Editorial Committee and the Staff, in regard to the matter. After giving careful consideration to the subject, the plan, as outlined in the article mentioned, was agreed upon as the most likely to procure the desired result. The ownership, according to that proposition, is to be in the hands of the Alumni, and the conduct of the publication to be under the control of a Committee, who may draw up a constitution and outline the policy as they think best. Then, if the association is to have the ownership of THE WEEKLY, it was thought only right that they should have a majority on the Committee, and thus control the management. The member from the Faculty could represent the administrative interests of the college, while the Editor-in-chief would voice the sentiment of the staff and outline their plans in the work. We bring forward these suggestions at this time that the alumni may have time to consider the matter thoroughly and vote intelligently at their June meeting.

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We note in the account of the Franklin and Marshall-Ursinus game in the *F. & M. Weekly*, that the rooters succeeded in getting the opposing pitcher up in the air. Now there is no rule against such expression of college spirit; but we would like to make mention here, as has been done in this column before, that the third base line is no place for students or any rooters to give vent to their feelings and perform war dances. There is also an unwritten law which forbids students or rooters to hurl epithets and course remarks at opposing players. Such thing occurred last Saturday at the F. and M.-Ursinus game. The roter's place is in the grandstand, or at a respect-

able distance from the players. And as often as this element of rowdyism and unsportsmanlike conduct continues, just so often will the true idea of college spirit leave the game and develop it into a mere farce. J. B. P.

VALLEY FORGE

On June 19, it will have been one hundred and twenty-five years since Washington with his Continental Army evacuated Valley Forge. Arrangements are being made to commemorate the event in a suitable way.

One of the features of the celebration will be a chorus of at least five hundred voices. Mr. J. O. K. Robarts, who has the direction of it, has invited the members of the "Choral Society" or any others from the college to assist in it. If a number of voices can be secured, Mr. Robarts will come and instruct them several times before June 19. Any who desire to take part in the chorus should give their names to Professor Gummere.

CHORUS CONCERT

The Annual Spring Concert of the Ursinus Choral Society which was held last evening was more than usually successful. Nearly fifty voices sang in the chorus and their effect was materially increased by the voice of Madame Marie Nassau, the highly talented soprano soloist of Philadelphia.

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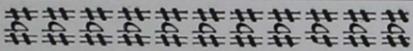
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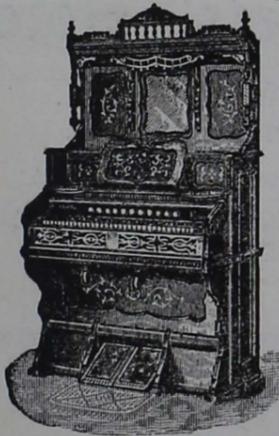
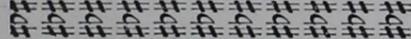
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And her wit is like those trolley-car sparks!
When 'cross a muddy street she flits,
The boys all have conniption fits!
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PHILADELPHIA LETTER

A new feature has been added to the closing services of the school year,—The faculty and students, for the first time in the history of the school of Theology, celebrated together the Lord's Supper, Monday evening, May 4, at 6.30 p. m.

The reception on Friday evening, May 1, given by the Ladies' Auxiliary in honor of the out-going class proved a success.

Commencement was held on Tuesday evening, May 5. A very acceptable sermon was preached by Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., President of General Synod, Pittsburg, Pa.

The following prizes were awarded. Senior Class,—Reformed Church History—first prize, \$20, Carl G. Petri; honorable mention, John E. Stone; Middle Class—Greek Exegesis, first prize, \$20, H. W. Kochenderfer; honorable mention, Lloyd M. Knoll; Junior Class—Hebrew, first prize, \$20, Dallas R. Krebs.

John Alexander, '01, General Secretary Y. M. C. A., Oil City, Pa., visited the Seminary, May 4th and 5th.

Rev. J. I. Good, D. D., and Rev. Philip Vollmer, Ph. D., D. D., will spend their summer vacation in Europe.

H. S. T. Peeler, and V. S. Loucks of the graduating class have been appointed to mission churches in Greensboro, N. C., and Leighton, Iowa, respectively.

On Thursday evening April 22, Rev. J. H. Sechler, D. D., gave a banquet to the Senior class, and on Friday evening, following, the class was honored in the same way by Rev. R. W. Miller, D. D.

After graduation W. S. Mukstrott will go to Swanton, Ohio, to fill the vacancy made by Rev. C. H. Gramm, S. T. '02, who has been elected assistant to Dr. Derr of Reading.

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First,—That the Alumni Association should be requested to assume proprietorship of THE WEEKLY.

Second,—That the control and publication of THE WEEKLY should be vested in a Committee consisting of three representatives of the Alumni Association, one representative of the Editorial Committee of the Faculty and the Editor-in-Chief of the publication.

It was further

Resolved,—That this action be submitted to the Faculty and to the present Weekly Staff for approval, and that the action of these two bodies, together with the above recommendations, be submitted to the Alumni Association.

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Ursinus, 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1— 3

Earned runs, Ursinus 2. Stolen bases, Killheffer, Gitt. Double plays, Killheffer, Gitt. Struck out, Townsend 9, Horn 6. Two-base hit, Snyder. Passed ball, Shock. Bases on balls, off Townsend 2. Hit by pitched balls, Wint, Peterson. Umpire, Cramer. Time, 1 hour, twenty-five minutes.

URSINUS RESERVES, 12. PERKIOMEN, 5.

Ursinus Second defeated Perkiomen Seminary on the home grounds, last Saturday. The game was an easy one for the Reserves, who pounded Bell all over the field. The Reserves, however, were not so strong in the field, several costly errors being made. Lafontaine pitched an excellent game, striking out thirteen men and passing only one. Sholl led his team at the bat, while McGucken excelled for Perkiomen. Wismer also batted well. On Friday the Reserves will leave for Lancaster, where they play F. and M. Academy. On Saturday, they play at Millersvill State Normal.

RESERVES.					PERKIOMEN.					
R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	
Rapp, 3b.	0	0	2	2	Bortz, ss.	0	0	2	4	1
Gutshall, c.f.	1	1	0	0	Heebner, l. f.	1	0	0	0	0
Trexler, c.	0	1	13	2	Funk, lb.	0	0	9	0	2
Haines, lb.	1	0	7	0	M.W.G'k, c.	3	2	7	2	1
Ashenf'r, 2b.	2	1	1	0	Hughes, 3b.	0	0	2	1	1
Roth, l. f.	2	2	1	0	Wight, r. f.	0	0	0	0	0
Laf'nt'n, p.	3	1	1	3	Myers 2b.	0	0	2	2	0
Scholl, ss.	2	4	1	1	Bell, p.	1	1	0	2	0
Wismer, r. f.	2	3	0	0	W.K.G., c. f.	0	0	2	0	0
	12	14	27	9	6		5	3	24	11
Reserves,	0	4	0	0	4	2	2	x—	12	
Perkiomen,	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0—	5

Two-base hit, Lafontaine. Bases on balls, Lafontaine 1, Bell 1. Hit by pitched ball, Gulect. Struck out by Lafontaine 13, Bell 5. Umpire, Roth. Time, 1 hour, 40 minutes.

The baseball boys all highly appreciate the kindness and hospitality of Rev. J. W. Meminger, '84, during their stay in Lancaster, last Saturday.

SOCIETY NOTES

A miscellaneous program was rendered in the Schaff Society Friday night. Three essays of unusual merit were read,

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“Tennyson's Religion” was read by Mr. Brownback; Mr. Graber read one on “The Modern Attitude,” while Mr. Haines, in his “Foremost Demands of Democracy,” pointed out the necessary reforms and changes in our government.

The declamations also formed no small part of the program. All were of a high order and showed ability in the the declaimers. They were: “The Painter of Saville” by Mr. Schweyer; “The Yankee Girl” by Miss Howell; and “Barbara Frietchie” by Mr. Fegley. In his oration on “Self Sacrifice,” Mr. Hoffsommer pointed out example after example where public men have sacrificed their own interests to those of the cause they were serving and how some, like Lincoln, have even given their lives.

A miscellaneous program was given in the Zwinglian Society Friday evening. Misses Shade and Boston rendered a piano duet. A reading, entitled “The Ship of State,” by Mr. Bordner was followed by Mr. Schappell's reading, “How Willie's Chemicals got him into Trouble.” A story by Miss Stoner was very much enjoyed. Mr. Rapp spoke on the canteen question. He dwelt upon the condition of the United States Army in the Philippines after the canteen was abolished, showing that when the soldiers could no longer get intoxicating liquors easily, they left them entirely alone. Mr. Yocum recited “The Kitten of the Regiment.” The Review by Mr. Faringer closed the program. Edwin H. Reisner of McConnellsburg, Pa., was elected an active member of the society.

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