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CLASS DAY FESTIVITIES OBSERVED ON MONDAY

Graduates Make Merry For the Last Time This Year.

Class Day with its mingled jollity and poignant sorrow came fair and bright as should be. At 2.30 the class of 1920 gathered for the last time to review its history and to poke fun at its members' foibles, and Bomberger was filled with appreciative listeners.

The program was opened by an organ prelude, played by Daniel N. Tippin, well rendered and well received. Miles V. Miller, the president of the class, then addressed the audience welcoming them in behalf of the class. The class history was then metrically chanted by Nora B. Keely. This novel method of presentation was much enjoyed. The musical ability of the class was then shown by the excellence of the mixed quartet which then appeared. Miss Slamp was in charge of this number. The orator for the class L. Paul Moore delivered his oration in a most eloquent and convincing manner. It was to be expected that all should hear novel and strange careers predicted for the class members by Anne D. rim and Eugene Grossman, but some of the predictions would seem wild and wierd * * * to one not knowing the graduates. A mixed chorus under the leadership of Miss Gingrich gained the complete attention and appreciation of the audience. Anne Beddow's reading "Mazie's Measles," was appealing for its humor and humanness. The presentations as given by Anne Knauer and Oliver Brownback were clever because of their fitness. The doughnuts were especially appealing. As censor Lois Hook gave prophecies to the prophets and presents to the presenters. The class will, read by Beatrice Brooks, stripped the class of all its good collegiate qualities for the sake of those remaining.

The mantle, emblem of Senior dignity, was presented by A. Roy Hefren into the care and custody of the Juniors, who received it thru their representative, Harold Brownback, '21.

After singing the class song, composed and written by Bernice Wagner, the class marched to the East Campus where the class tree had been planted some days previously. Here the tree oration was delivered by Bertram Light, who presented the spade to the Sophomore Class. Carol Rutter, '22, as representative of his class received it.

And Class Day was over.

ALUMNI ORATOR HAS A LARGE AUDIENCE

Prof. Jesse Shearer Heiges, A. M., Pays Tribute to Education

Tuesday was Alumni day and never before have the graduates of years gone by responded so graciously as they did this year. As a fitting climax to a perfect day fully three hundred alumni and students assembled in the chapel at 8.00 p. m. to listen to the alumni oration, delivered this year by Prof. Jesse Shearer Heiges, A. M., Dean of the Cumberland Valley State Normal School, at Shippensburg, Pa.

Rev. A. W. Peters, president of the Alumni Association, had charge of the meeting and as a prelude to the oration he announced a short "song-service." A quartet composed of Misses Wagner and Gingrich and Messrs. Tippin and Tyson very beautifully rendered "The Spirit of Spring." Prayer was offered by Rev. E. F. Wiest, D. D., of Lebanon, following which David Tyson, '23, sang several solos.

The meeting was then turned over to Prof. Heiges, who announced that the subject of his oration would be: "Education, Our Eternal Debt to be Paid." He showed how important education had been in the past; how in ancient Rome it had held first place in the minds of thinking men of the day and how they had always strived to keep education on a sound basis. But to-day we are getting farther and farther away from the precepts of our fathers. We say "education is the eternal debt that maturity owes to youth" but we do not practice what we preach. The speaker said that "one of the greatest troubles with our educational system is the immaturity of so many of our teachers. Then again, there is a great shortage of good teachers. In the State of Pennsylvania alone we need at least 18,000 teachers immediately."

"The average salary of the teacher in Penna," he said "is \$465. Is it any wonder, then, that the State, which ranks first in manufacturing, first in mining, and first in agriculture, ranks twenty-seventh in educational opportunities?"

He concluded his remarks in the following words: "We are in the midst of a great social and industrial movement. As a result numerous problems are arising daily and they must be solved by the youth of the day. The problem of education is as important, if not more so, than the other great problems and the only solution is to make our present day school system, which is good, much better."

CLASS OF FORTY-SEVEN RECEIVE DEGREES

Provost Smith Delivers Commencement Address

The culmination of Commencement Week came on Wednesday morning when the graduation exercises took place. They were preceded by a recital on the Clark Memorial Organ given by Harry A. Sykes, F. A. G. O., of Norristown. Mr. Sykes' selections were wholly in keeping with the character of the occasion and were much appreciated. His recital concluded with a Processional March, during the rendition of which, the directors, faculty, guests of honor and the graduating class took their places.

The Salutatory Oration, "America's Uncrowned Heroes," was delivered by John Edwin Wildasin, of Littlestown, Pa. Miss Lucile Bernice Wagner, of Reading, Pa., delivered the Valedictory Oration. She had chosen as her theme, "Music, the Universal Language," and she developed it in a very fitting and scholarly manner.

As the commencement orator, the College was honored by having with it one of the foremost educators of the day, Provost Edgar Fahs Smith, LL. D., of the University of Pennsylvania. In his oration Provost Smith emphasized the thought that the man of to-day must have the true American spirit, the spirit which prompts natives and immigrants to obey laws, secure love of country and realize the existence of God. His second point was the need for the greater development of character to-day than ever before and third, the necessity for gaining "a recognition of duty and the pursuit thereof."

The conferring of degrees followed. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred in absentia upon the Rev. William Thomson, pastor of the English Reformed Church in Amsterdam, Holland. Dr. J. Irwin Brown, a friend and colleague of Rev. Thomson, accepted the diploma in the absence of the recipient and will carry it to him upon his return to Holland. Harold Benner Kerschner, '16, received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Forty-seven students, the largest graduating class that has ever left Ursinus, received their degrees as follows: Misses Wagner and Fries received the degree of A. B. Magna Cum Laude. Miss Gingrich received an A. B. Cum Laude. Misses Barnes, Beddow, Boeshore, Closson, Danehour, Detwiler, Erney, Fry, Grim, Harclerode, High, Hook, Keely, Kirschner, Knauer, Ray-

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Editorial Comment

It is perhaps not out of place in this, the last issue of the year, to make some small mention of the activities and growth of the institution. Whether considered from the point of view of the college administration or from that of the student this year's work has been unqualifiedly a success. Numerically and scholastically Ursinus has been growing as is shown by the addition of a new girls' dormitory, the Maples, and by the efforts that have been put forth and are being put forth to obtain the Memorial Library.

This growth of the student body is, however merely a beginning of what is to come. Already the College authorities have reported applications of prospective students far beyond the present capacity of the College. Next year will undoubtedly see Ursinus with a student body larger than ever before.

Yet with this increase of students more attention has been paid to certain fields of curricular and extra-curricular work than previously. This year has marked an increase of interest in inter-collegiate debating and the society debating teams have acquitted themselves well. Greater activity has been noted in the Department of Expression than in past years. Music has come to the fore at Ursinus and has assumed perhaps the most important place of all semi-scholastic activities.

In athletics Ursinus has not been lagging behind. New equipment for the Field Cage and regular courses of alisticns for the Freshmen have marked our improvement in that line of action. The grading and en-

largement of Patterson Field is another sign of progress in this direction.

We are pleased to be able to announce that the "Weekly" will take up its work of reporting College events next year with better facilities and with a larger paper. This increase in size will be commensurate with the growth of the College along other lines.

Retrospection, however, is useful only in so far as it aids us in progression. A resume of the year's activities would be worse than useless unless it spurred us on to greater efforts for the advancement of the school. It is with this spirit that we must go forward; the work of the past only urging us onward to a greater Ursinus.

E. B. Y., '21.

ANNUAL DIRECTORS MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors on Tuesday a large volume of business was transacted. The work of the past year was reviewed and the prospects and needs of the coming year were carefully considered with the result that some alterations and improvements on the College premises were decided upon. The perplexing problem of finding quarters for the number of persons who will be applying for admission was considered with a possible solution in sight. The President reported several gifts received during the year and intimated more gifts were coming from the same sources. The question of salaries was carefully considered and an increase of approximately forty per cent. was voted. The following members of the Board were present: Messrs. Fetterolf, Fisher, A. H. Hendricks, J. F. Hendricks, Isenberg, Kline, Messinger, Omwake, Paisley, Spangler, West, and Yost.

ALUMNI HOLD ANNUAL DINNER

The alumni luncheon at 4.30 on Tuesday afternoon filled the dining room to capacity with a crowd of eager graduates and friends of the College. The class of 1920, guests of the association, formed a merry group at one end of the room. A spirit of good feeling and fellowship pervaded the entire company, and the old grads who took their degrees forty and more years ago showed the same spirit as the more recent graduates. The President of the College in happy vein introduced the several speakers of the evening. First came Prof. Wm. Moore, '07, of the University of Minnesota; after Mr. Moore there spoke in succession E. M. Hershey, Esq., '00, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Mrs. Helen Neff Tyson, '09, of Collegeville, and Miles V. Miller, '20. The luncheon was interspersed with numerous class and College songs. The dining room was beautifully decorated for this event and the entire setting together with the animated conversation and the addresses formed an occasion that will long be remembered by those who had the pleasure of being present.

Commencement Week proper began on Monday morning at 9.30 when a quartet consisting of Misses Wagner and Gingrich, Messrs. Tyson and Tippin rendered the song cycle, "The Morning of the Year," as composed by Cadman. The various numbers of this composition were executed in a manner that left nothing to be desired.

JUNIOR ORATORICAL CONTESTS HELD MONDAY

Helen Fahringer and Clyde L. Schwartz Take First Prizes in Each Contest

Bomberger Hall was filled on Monday evening, when a large number of students and alumni gathered to hear the Juniors deliver their orations. After a short musical program the invocation was pronounced by Dr. Omwake, who presided on this occasion.

The first oration of the evening "Conserving Our Spiritual Resources" was delivered by E. Warner Lentz, Jr. His oration was full of food for thought. Donald L. Helfrich gave as his oration "The Sin of Intolerance." This masterful effort was much appreciated by the audience. "The School and the Community" was the title of the oration given by George P. Kehl. This was a careful analysis of the present day need for better schooling. Clyde L. Schwartz closed the Men's Contest with his oration entitled "The Outside of the Melting Pot." This was another timely topic, that of educating our immigrants.

Following this oration were several numbers by the orchestra. In this interim the contestants for the women's prizes appeared on the platform.

It was fitting that, following the selections by the orchestra, Dorothy A. Mentzer should speak of "Music, the Savior of Civilization." This oration put forward the claims of music as a universal appealing factor in education. Helen Fahringer then spoke forcibly about "The Vanishing Profession" and showed the need for recruiting more teachers. "Helping France to Smile Again" was the title of Catherine Heindel's oration. This was eloquently delivered. Ruth E. Snyder called our attention to "The Lost Tribes of America," the Kentucky mountaineers, and showed us where our duty towards them lay.

Mrs. H. S. Prentiss Nichols, of Philadelphia, acting as chairman of the judges for the women's contest, awarded the prizes, a twenty dollar gold piece contributed by the Faculty Ladies Literary Club to Helen Fahringer and a ten dollar gold piece contributed by Miss Kathryn E. Fetzer to Catherine Heindel. Mrs. Prentiss Nichols then stated that since the contestants had been so evenly matched, she would consider it a pleasure to contribute two five dollar gold pieces to Ruth Snyder and Dorothy Mentzer. The other judges in this contest were Principal Elizabeth Lavender Schreiner, of Philadelphia, and Miss Eleanor Price, '86, of Norristown.

The judges of the men's contest, Prof. Kugler, of Philadelphia, Rev. Richard L. Williams, D. D., and H. S. Prentiss Nichols, then awarded the twenty dollar gold piece given by Alvin Hunsicker, B. S., '84, New York City, to Clyde L. Schwartz and the fifteen dollars in gold contributed by the Rev. J. W. Meminger, D. D., '84, Lancaster, Pa., to George P. Kehl.

The open air concert by the Pottstown Band was much enjoyed as was the spectacle of the aeroplane, piloted by Lloyd O. Yost, '17, which flew overhead.

ALUMNI NOTES.

At the recent commencement of Lebanon Valley College, it was announced that H. H. Shenk, '99, curator of public records in the state library, is to be a special lecturer on history in that institution for the ensuing year.

Prof. Henry W. Willier, '01, principal of the Donaldson public schools, died very suddenly on the evening of May 27, at his home in Donaldson. Prof. Willier was born at Pillow and was 53 years of age. His widow and three children survive. The funeral was held Monday morning at Berrysberg.

The class of 1900 held its fourth quinquennial reunion on Alumni Day. Miss Laros and Messrs. Appenzeller, Heinley, Hershey, Petri, Rinker and Tomlinson were present. In the last interim the class lost its first member by death, the Rev. John E. Stone. The class elected the Rev. John S. Tomlinson, of Thorndale, to serve as president for the next five years.

Misao Nishiyama, '19, will receive his A. M. from the University of Pennsylvania on June 16. Presentation Day will be held on June 12.

ALUMNI ELECT OFFICERS

A larger number of alumni attended the annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon than at any previous time and the interest and enthusiasm ran high. Besides the routine business of the year much discussion and consideration of problems confronting the alumni of the College. One important change made was to dispense with the alumni oration in the future and in its place have three prepared addresses of suitable length in connection with the annual luncheon. The association discussed the Memorial Library and pledged anew its loyal support to this project. The Committee on the Library gave a complete and detailed report of its work. The tentative plans of the new building were exhibited in the Library. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. Howard H. Long, '94; vice president, Miss Katherine E. Laros, '00; secretary-treasurer, Prof. Calvin D. Yost, '91; historian, Rev. Carl G. Petri, '00, librarian, Prof. W. A. Kline, '93.

COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

The feminine force of the College is considerably depleted this week since Misses Ermold, Hamm, McCann and Waldron are spending a week touring thru New England. The party left on Friday with Boston as its first destination.

On Friday Prof. Mertz addressed the graduating class of Barnegat High School on the occasion of their commencement. On Wednesday he will be the speaker at the graduation exercises of the Mauch Chunk High school.

Mrs. Webb is attending the commencement week at Mount Holyoke College where her daughter Miss Phoebe Webb is graduating.

A new feature was introduced into the commencement exercises on Monday when the Senior expression class presented "The Quest for Happiness," a morality play in eight scenes.

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In his address to the graduating class Dr. Omwake spoke of the unusual opportunities for great work that are presenting themselves in this present day, and of the wonderful opportunity for real constructive work.

The Gordon Bennett Essay prize was awarded to Franklin Irvin Sheeder, Jr., of Spring City, Pa. Miss Leah Gingrich and Miles V. Miller were presented with the gold crosses awarded to the two students having the greatest influence for good in their student course. During the year the College has received a scholarship fund of \$1000 from a friend of the College and another of \$8000 from a York county friend. The total of gifts received during the year amounts to \$17,000. This amount will not cover the needs of the College but it is to be hoped that other gifts will soon be forthcoming.

Ground Breaking for Memorial Library

The interior of Bomberger Hall was the scene of an extraordinary occasion, Tuesday afternoon, where about two hundred alumni members and interested friends assembled to hear and witness the ceremony accompanying the breaking of ground for the new Memorial Library. Threatening showers prevented much of the outdoor ceremony but an equal amount of attention and enthusiasm was shown despite this fact.

The opening address was made by Dr. Omwake, in which he explained the great necessity of more library room at Ursinus. He introduced Albert G. Peters, President of the Alumni Association, who delivered a splendid address.

The spade used to break the ground was the same one that was used 29 years ago to dig the first bit of earth in preparation for the construction of Bomberger Hall. Dean Kline, Dr. Isenberg and Mr. Paul A. Mertz were appointed to perform the act of breaking the ground for the Library.

Pres. and Mrs. Omwake held their reception to the friends of the College on Tuesday evening. A large number attended this event in Freeland Hall and testified to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The second recital of the students in the Department of Music was given on Tuesday morning when a well-balanced program was rendered to an attractive audience.

Tennis is coming into prominence everywhere as a minor college sport. Lafayette's schedule this year includes matches with ten other colleges.

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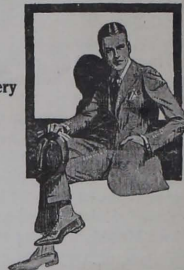
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