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# The Ursinus Weekly

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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., FRIDAY, MAR. 3, 1911.

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#### CALENDAR

Tonight, 7.40 p. m., Literary Societies.

Saturday, Mar. 4, Dress Rehearsal for Virginius, 7.00 p. m.

Monday, Mar. 6, Handel Choral Rehearsal, 6.45 p. m. Dress Rehearsal for Virginius, 7.45 p. m.

Tuesday, Mar. 7, Y. W. C. A., 6.40 p. m. Virginius, College Chapel, 8

6.40 p. m.

Thursday, March 9, Handel Choral Society, 6.45 p. m.

Friday, Mar. 10, Literary Societies, 7.40 p. m.

#### PILLARS OF HERCULES

(Washington and Lincoln) BY WALTER F. LONGACRE

Two massive rocks, tradition-flung, Gibralter and the Afre hill, Outlast their mythic builder's tongue And guard the Eastern gateway still, Whence freedom sprang when states were young.

Two giant men, of crises born, The country's sire and sole compeer, Loom mighty in the New-World morn: The one impregnable, austere; The other vibrant, like a horn.

Behold them as they tower high, The landmarks of our civic pride; They buttress, nerve and fortify The yearning millions at their side, Strong bulwarks toward the western sky. From The New York Independent.

Walter Force Longacre was a member of the class of '95. On account of an affection of the eyes he was obliged to leave college without taking a degree. brothers, however, are graduates of Ursinus.

#### SEMINARY NOTES

Dr. D. A. Souders, of Irwin, Pa., District Home Missionary Superintendent for the Ohio and Pittsburg Synods, delivered a series of lectures on mission work and methods last Thursday and Friday.

The Chorus sang several selections at a musical given under the auspices of the German Reformed Missions.

and Sunday at his home in Bloomville, Ohio, where he occupied the delivered the oration of the day. pulpit in place of his father, Rev. E. M. Beck.

following officers for the ensuing ball coach receives more compensayear: President, W. S. Kerschner, tion than a college professor and '12; Vice-President, R. S. Beaver, intimated that athletics are rapidly '13; Secretary, J. K. Stoudt, '12; taking the place of that fine old Treasurer, 'E. R. Hamme, '12.

#### **VIRGINIUS**

Rehearsals were held nightly present time the cast is fast approaching a state of perfection which is seldom seen in amateur With the dress retheatricals. hearsals of Saturday and Monday nights the preparations will cease, and by that time it is expected that most excellent representation of Wednesday, March 8, Y. M. C. A., ancient Roman life and methods. had made a good preparatory school Mr. J. Edward Lane is at present engaged in putting the finishing touches on the scenery, and everything will be in readiness when the time comes for the presentation. A crowded house is looked for and expected and anyone who has not secured a seat should do so at once as some choice seats are still to be had.

#### **CLASS HONORS**

At a meeting of the Faculty held on Tuesday afternoon, action was taken regarding the awarding of the class honors for 1911. First honors were awarded to M. Irene Dunn, of Steelton, Pa., and the salutatory oration was assigned to Wesley R. Gerges, Royersford, Pa.

## DR. OMWAKE ILL

Dr. Omwake's condition has become worse during the past week and at the present time the Vice-President is confined to his bed at his home on Sixth Ave. What at first was considered merely a slight attack of rheumatism has developed into a serious nervous breakdown and an extended rest will be necessary for a complete recovery. The sympathy of the student-body is extended to Dr. Omwake in his present affliction and all join in wishing for him a speedy recovery.

University of Pennsylvania did honor to the present provost and ex-provost on University Day, February 22. Degrees of LL. D. were conferred on Chas. C. Har-Beck, '12, spent the week-end rison and Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador. The latter the real work will soon be started.

President Warfield of Lafayette in a late speech made the remark The Y. M. C. A. has elected the that he blushed to know that a footspirit of academic scholarship.

#### BASEBALL OUTLOOK

With the near approach of spring during the past week and at the the baseball bug is beginning to hum around at Ursinus. The prospects for a winning team are very encouraging, and every indication points to a combination that will be able to measure up to the standard of last year's team. Although the team will suffer to some extent the cast will be fully prepared for by the loss of Bunting, who has the very difficult production of this left college to join the Washington Americans, and Mumpher, who record and who was expected to materially strengthen the team, the men at present in college are expected to more than make good. With the exception of Palmer, a pitcher and outfielder on last year's team, all the old men are still in college and will be on hand to fight for their respective positions.

> Captain Horten will again be the mainstay in the pitcher's box and will have his old battery mate, Pownall, on the receiving end. Boyer, a freshman who made a reputation for himself at Slippery Rock Normal School, will likely share the pitching honors with Horten. In the infield, Gay, Starr, West and ex-Captain Isenberg, last year's successful combination, will again be found contesting for positions. Mitterling, a freshman from Bloomsburg Normal, will make a strong bid for one of the infield positions.

For the outfield, Kichline and K. Thompson are the regulars from last year, while Captain Horten will occupy a position in the outfield when he is not performing the pitching honors. Several members of last year's scrub team give promise of developing into Varsity material and will make some of the old men hustle for their positions.

Although no formal call has been weather of the last week has force and the work of conditioning the throwing arms has been started. Light batting practice was also indulged in on several days.

The opening contest with Princeton is only three weeks distant and

The football games of the late season netted Lafayette a profit of sor, the red brick building in use \$3,695.

After a service of twenty-two years to Dickinson, President G. E. Reed has tendered his resignation to take effect in the spring.

#### THE OLD CHURCH AT TRAPPE

To the stranger in the village of Trappe, there is but one building worthy of more than a casual glance. That is what is commonly known as the Old Church. The rest of the houses, hotels and churches are quite ordinary in appearance and very little different from those in many other Pennsylvania towns. From the historical associations which cluster about it, the Old Church draws hundreds of visitors to Trappe every summer.

I distinctly remember the afternoon on which I first saw it. It was near the middle of July. The day had been hot and sultry; clouds of dust hung in a white haze over the macadamized highway and deep down in the west dark thunder clouds were gathering.

The road was deserted, and acting upon some mistaken advice of a stranger, I got off the trolley car perhaps a quarter of a mile outside of Trappe-and that quarter consisting of an unusually long and steep hill. My state of mind and body upon reaching the top of the hill can better be imagined than described. The very recollection is painful, so I will pass over that and go on to my subject, the Old Church itself.

Hot and dusty as I was, when I looked to the left and saw an uninviting brick structure, with a high steeple that proclaimed to the world its nineteenth century origin, a wave of disappointment came over me. Was that blatantly new and prosperous edifice the oldest Lutheran church in America? It was ridiculous.

I overcame my disgust to some degree, however, and started to stroll up the long walk leading to issued for candidates, the warm the church door. The cooling shade of the stately maple trees had One thousand loyal sons of the brought the ball tossers out in full a soothing effect upon the irritation caused by my disappointment and I was beginning to regain my equanimity when I caught sight of a low white building glimmering through the trees, on my right. It took but a few seconds for me to realize that I had been mistaken in my first conclusion. This, my new discovery, was the real old church.

> It lies slightly behind its succestoday, and seems to have been relegated to a subordinate position. The two reminded me forcibly of an aged, white-haired grandmother

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#### EDITORIAL

For a long time we have heard student government talked of at Ursinus. Its advocates have never seemed enough concerned, however, to do anything definite towards adopting it. That it is just the thing we need becomes more apparent every day. It has worked and is working with great success in other colleges. In certain schools it has been a failure, due not to the fact that student government itself was lacking, but that in those institutions where it failed the system of the government was in part or wholly wrong or the students were not in a fit condition to undertake ruling themselves.

The time of faculty intervention in student affairs is passing and in fact in some institutions has passed. The time of long faculty trials of student misdemeanors is on the wane. The faculty is at the institution for teaching, and not for resenting the affirmative side, won wasting precious time punishing the debate by the following argusome malicious student for a ments: thoughtless prank. If a student is quietly told that his presence is no is absolutely necessary. longer desired and suddenly the undesirable one becomes sick and tageous economically. must leave for a more healthful clime, or some other excuse is cal. patched up to serve the purpose of covering up his departure. Author- cobs, '13, and Gebhard, '14, argued ities of colleges at large have given as follows: up the idea of attaining large numbers of students and have rather of free trade. undertaken the task of obtaining a better quality. A student-body of industry in the United States, three hundred desirable students is namely, farming. better than one of four hundred, 3. A former reciprocity treaty seventy-five of whom are totally with Canada was disastrous to the

undesirable.

This plan of sending away undesirable students is bound to be arbitrary. It places this power in the hands of one or two persons. No student-body wishes to be governed in an arbitrary manner, and there is but one way to prevent it. That way is the adoption of a system of student government.

During the past week an event took place which, although it was spontaneously and quietly done, if carefully nurtured and enlarged upon, would mean a thing of great importance to Ursinus. The first steps toward a system of student government were unkertaken when, at a meeting of the group presidents on Wednesday, it was decided that each group should elect a committee of four which, with the group president, should be a part of a larger committee consisting of the committees and presidents of the other groups. The Modern Language and English-Historical groups were not included in this, since the members of these two groups are entirely young ladies, and for the attainment of the object for which the committee was formed it was not necessary that they be represented. Since four groups are represented, the committee would consist of twenty members, whose duty it shall be to keep watch for anything which might occur that is uncalled for and either report it to the faculty or punish it themselves as they see

This, indeed, is student government in a crude state, but let us hope it will not stop here but become more highly organized and consequently gain in efficiency as time goes on.

## **SOCIETY NOTES**

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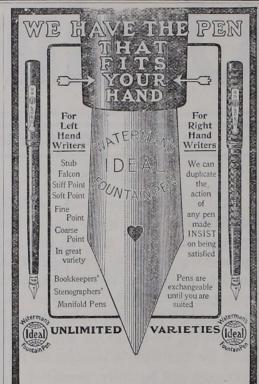
The subject for debate last week, 'Resolved, That reciprocity with Canada would be beneficial to the United States," was a timely one and proved to be quite interesting. Cassel, '13, and Elicker, '14, rep-

- 1. Greater freedom of trade beundesirable in these days, he is tween Canada and the United States
  - 2 Reciprocity would be advan-
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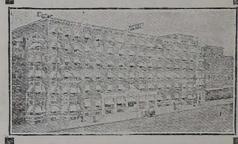
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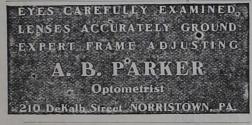
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#### ZWINGLIAN

As a deviation from the general rule, a few entertaining features took the place of the usual more solid ones last Friday. That they met with approval was doubtless due to their diverting nature. Speaking of the program in general, special mention must be given to the soliloquy by Lockhart, '13, the illustrated songs of Behney, '12, speeches of Godshall, '11, and Her- and inspiring reports of this gath-Solo, Fegely, '14; Reading, Ward, among the workingmen of the coun-Strack, '11, Hess, '14, and Ward, '14; Girls' Chorus, Misses Austerberry, '11, Beach, '13, Fisher, '13, Wagner, '14; Vocal Duet, Quay, '11, Miss Fisher, '13; Oration, Keener,'11, and Zwinglian Review, Hess, '14.

#### Y. W. C. A.

meeting was held by the Y. W. C. A. on Tuesday evening. The lead-

A great spiritual movement has been in progress for the last few months in St. Petersburg and Moscow through the evangelistic efforts of the pastor of the newly-formed Baptist Church, Mr. Fetler. Mr. intercollegiate debates. Fetler is pecularly fitted by birth, mental endowments and spiritual ton reaps a ten per cent dividend. qualifications to be the instrument in God's hands for the spread of evangelistic truth in Russia. He has given himself up to the evangelization of this great nation.

can be found large enough to ac- umes.

commodate the crowds who come Freshmen and The remainder of the program to hear the simple exposition of Scriptural truth from his lips. is only within the last five years that Russia has had any liberty to worship God according to conscience. Among the converts in who desire snap and ginger in their the missions are some of the worst characters in the city, so that the bred models benefit to the government is evident and the rulers should perceive that the unfettered preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ does produce righteousness in a nation.

#### Y. M. C. A.

The regular weekly meeting of the association was devoted to the reports of Herber and Matlack who THOS. J. BECKMAN CO. attended the Forty-third Annual Convention of the Pennsylvauia Young Men's Christian Association and Kerschner, '12, the cornet solo at West Chester last week. Both of Alleva, '14, and the impromptu gentlemen gave very enthusiastic son, '12, dealing respectively with ering. The central theme of the "What a Literary Society Stands reports was "Practicability." At For," and "First Impressions of the convention were representatives The other numbers from college, railroad, manufactory, that contributed to the success of coal mine and various other associthe evening are as follows: Piano ations. Wonders are being worked 14; German Quartet, Keener, '11, try as well as the college men. The Y. M. C. A. is studying their problems and giving them what they need, which is, first of all, Jesus Christ. The importance of Y. M. C. A. work in college cannot be overestimated. When we leave college we will be either of great good or great harm to the moral and religious standards of the communi-The regular monthly missionary ties in which we may live, for a college man is expected to set a standard worthy of being followed. er, Miss Miller, took as her subject, It will be our duty in whatever "The Remarkable Spiritual Move- walk of life we are found to hold ment in Russia." The following up the standards of Christian manpoints were brought out by the hood. We should begin in college if we have not done so before.

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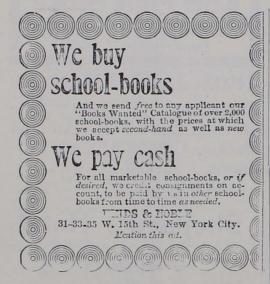
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accompanied by her towering son. The latter attracts the first attention of the spectator, but the former receives real care and consideration. The Old church is constructed of gray plaster and roofed with shingle. Over the low arched doorway there is a tablet with a Latin inscription and the date of erection, "1743." 1743, thirtytwo years before our revolution, when Washington was chopping down the cherry tree and Franklin was munching his rolls through the streets of Philadelphia.

Notwithstanding its great age the building has been well kept. Its doors and windows look down upon us in the same condition as they did upon the congregations of so many years ago. Its walls are strong and will withstand the buffets of the north wind in future winters just as firmly as in the days of old. Stout hearts had those early settlers of the Perkiomen Valley, and they built them stout churches as well.

Overcome by the spell of the past that hung about the place, I sat down upon the bench before nounced to the overseers in his anthe church and gazed at it until I closed my eyes and imagined that I would hear and see the congregation of a hundred and sixty years The laughing children, their officious elders, the venerable pastor, all passed before me in re-

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view-into that church and through the church door. How many generations had that old building seen pass in that same way! How many of our forefathers has it seen pass from childhood to old age-to that churchyard? That barnlike, crude, plaster covered church has not about it the glamour of the marble cathedrals of abroad. No delicate traceries of ivory or majestic columns adorn it; no magnificent dome tops it with splendor. It is a simple, plain meeting-house, built for the use for which a church ought to be built—to give the people a place where they can worship God.

R. A. A., '13.

#### NOTES

Rev. J. J. Rupp, Field Secretary of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, was a visitor at the college on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. On Thursday morning he conducted the chapel services and gave a short talk on the general missionary movement.

Rev. H.E. Bodder, 'oo, of Norristown, paid a short visit to the college on Wednesday morning.

Miss Clark, '14, is spending the week with Miss Focer, '14, at her home in Cape May.

Yingst, '12, is spending several days at his home in Lebanon.

President Lowell of Harvard annual report that the last year ended with a deficit of \$50,000 to the University.

The Cornell authorities are looking for accommodations wherein to place students who have mumps. There are thirty cases in the infirmary at present.

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