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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., FRIDAY, APR. 14, 1911.

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CALENDAR

Tomorrow, Ursinus vs. Dickinson at Carlisle.
 Wednesday, 8 a. m., Easter Recess
 Ends. 3.00 p. m., Baseball Practice Begins. 6.40 p. m., Y. M. C. A.
 Friday, 7.40 p. m., Literary Societies: Zwinglian, Freshman-Sophomore Debate; Schaff, General Literary Program.

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 1913 Ruby: Manager, David Lockart; Editor, Boyd Lamont.

THE GLEE CLUB ITINERARY.

On Monday afternoon at two o'clock the members of the glee club will meet at the Reading Terminal, Philadelphia, and begin their annual New York trip. The first concert will be given at Plainfield, N. J., under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. of that place. Through the efforts of Mertz, '10, and others, the management of the Groszmann School, of Watchung Crest has been induced to turn over to our boys an entire mountain bungalow, for their use Monday night and Tuesday morning.

The journey to New York will be completed on Tuesday afternoon and as there has been no concert arranged for that evening, the club and its friends will be the guests of Mr. Whitehead at his home on Riverside Drive.

A trip to the city penitentiary on Blackwells Island has been planned for Wednesday. On that evening a concert will be given in some church at Astoria, L. I. Thursday evening has been arranged as the date of the club's appearance in the West End Presbyterian Church, of which Dr. Keigwin is pastor.

SOCIAL LIFE AND THE COLLEGE

An Essay by R., '12, of Dickinson College

A college reputed to train young men and women for life should have given its graduates more than memories of a lecture course; more than the rules of logical thinking; more than the science of hygienic breathing. It should have given every one of them a complete understanding of that which, after all, is to be the daily problem—the fellow man. Scientists do not examine protoplasm through a telescope; they use a microscope. Just so the collegian cannot study men through history; he must mingle with them. Men and women, every one an enigma to every other, yet each worthy of careful analysis, must be met to be understood.

Social intercourse has been quite frequently discouraged at college. The main argument is that the unwary are too apt to be carried away from studies. But the broad-minded educator, while he sees the value of application to lessons, sees also the advantage of social prestige. The ball-room is recognized even by our government as a positive necessity in training men to represent America. And why not? Here every one is at his best. The men are courtly, the women charming. And all the while our debutantes are unconsciously acquiring proficiency in an art unassuming yet powerful enough to make and unmake nations. It is the subtle art of diplomacy.

Even greater gifts are in store for the society man. By constant and varied practice the aspirant may even progress to that stage where he forgets himself. This invariably presages conversational eloquence. Self is a most tenacious impediment of speech. As our protege advances he incidentally learns the strength and weakness of human nature. Later on he may use his timely knowledge to sway men. He becomes a leader of men. Surely this is no mean attainment.

Whether or not the youth becomes a lion in society, he is sure to be benefitted in a thousand ways. He will have left behind for the time, at least, the too often slovenly habits of the bachelor's den. He will have appeared at his best. This alone, appearing at one's best, does great good. It keeps one from forgetting how. Then, too, what a blessing an occasional sociable is to the reticent one! You who are

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Two Easy Victories for Ursinus

Mercersburg a Worthy Foe but Suffers Defeat

At one o'clock Thursday afternoon the Ursinus team met and defeated its old-time base ball rival, Mercersburg Academy. The weather was warm and cloudy, making fast and clean work possible. The score of 8 to 3 denotes a comparatively easy victory for our boys, but the fact that Mercersburg scored in the ninth inning, shows that they still have the spirit of "never say die" and kept Ursinus busy during the whole game.

Our boys won by their timely hitting and clean fielding. It was a good demonstration of head work in base ball as the eight runs were not gotten by the opponents "going up in the air" but by the application of the knowledge of run-getting baseball. Ursinus succeeded in working over a run in each inning excepting the fourth and the ninth.

Boyer officiated on the rubber and by his strong pitching and clean fielding clearly demonstrated his ability to hold down a berth on the Varsity.

Horten starred in batting with a single, double and three bagger, and West was a close second with three singles. The score:

URSINUS.					
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Starr, c.	2	1	0	3	1
Pownall, c.	2	1	6	1	0
Horten, cf.	1	3	2	0	0
Kichline, lf.	0	0	4	0	2
Mitterling, 2b.	1	0	2	3	0
Gay, 1b.	0	0	10	0	1
Boyer, p.	2	1	1	3	0
West, ss.	0	2	2	2	0
Thompson, rf.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	8	27	12	4

MERCERSBURG.					
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Eiche'g, 2b.	1	2	1	1	0
Bowers, 3b.	0	0	0	0	0
Hirsh'n, ss.	0	0	1	0	4
Hanks, cf.	0	0	3	0	0
Legore, 1b.	1	0	8	1	0
Hart'l, lf.	0	0	2	0	0
Etting, c.	0	0	10	1	0
Kreps, rf.	0	1	0	0	0
White, 3b.	0	0	2	2	1
Oberle, p.	1	1	0	3	0
Totals	3	4	27	8	5

Three base hits, Oberle, Pownall, Horten. Left on bases, Mercersburg, 4, Ursinus, 6. Struck out, by Oberle, 10, by Boyer, 6. Bases on balls off Oberle, 2, off Boyer, 2. Time of game, 1.45. Umpire, Colonel Wills.

Steelton Y. M. C. A. Gives Ursinus Light Practice

URSINUS 21 STEELTON 3

Collegeville fans braved the disagreeable weather last Saturday in the hopes of seeing an exhibition of some of the fine baseball ability our team has shown in the games played against Princeton and Penn this Spring. They were disappointed, however, as the team representing the Steelton Y. M. C. A. proved to be too easy an adversary to call forth any real hard work from our boys.

The game started with Boyer in the box for Ursinus who very soon demonstrated his ability as a pitcher by striking out five men in three innings at the end of which time he retired from the game and Thompson a newly developed twirler, was given a tryout. Thomasson, who pitched a few games last year, succeeded Thompson.

The fielding by Horton and Mitterling was especially good while all of our men showed good consistent form throughout the game.

The score:

	URSINUS				
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Starr, 3b.	5	1	1	0	0
Pownall, c.	3	2	8	1	0
Horten, cf.	2	1	4	1	0
Kichline, lf.	0	2	0	0	0
Mitterling, 2b.	2	2	2	2	0
Gay, 1b.	2	1	6	0	0
West, ss.	2	1	2	0	1
Thompson, rf., p.1	1	1	1	0	0
Boyer p.	1	1	1	0	0
E. Kichline, rf.	1	0	0	0	0
Thompson, p.	1	1	0	0	0
Isenberg, rf.	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	21	14	24	6	1

	STEELTON				
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Shoop, ss.	0	1	0	3	3
Krout, lf.	0	2	0	0	1
Brooks, 3b.	1	1	2	0	3
Jefferies, cf.	1	1	2	0	0
Bond'n, 2b.	1	1	3	0	1
Gaffney, c.	0	1	8	4	0
Regan, 1b.	0	0	8	1	2
McG'rn, rf.	0	0	0	0	0
Leidig, p.	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	3	7	23	9	10

Ursinus 0 1 9 1 3 0 2 4 1-21
 Steelton 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 0-3
 Struck out—By Boyer, 5; Thompson, 1; Thomasson, 2. Base on balls—Leidig, 6. Two-base hits—Krout, Isenberg. Hit by pitched ball—Starr, West. Double plays—Gaffney, Regan and Gaffney. Sacrifice hits—Horten, 2; Pownall, 2. Stolen bases—Ursinus, 12. Umpire—Griffiths. Time—1 hour, 45 minutes.

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College and Citizenship.

Today we hear a great deal of clamor about bossism, political rings and corrupt politics, and equally as much denunciation of political bosses, as perfidious rascals who thwart popular government and make democracy a failure. The sad part of it all is, that the great majority of the criticism is just and that such conditions do exist. But do we ever stop to think why such is the condition and what we must do to rectify it?

All will agree that the bad political condition that we have today is, in a large measure, due to a lack of realization of political responsibility on the part of citizens. This is evidenced all over our country by a comparison of the number of votes cast and the number of citizens recorded in the census report. But why should we be expected to feel political responsibility? At what place in our educational system are we taught that responsibility? Our fathers are with us only a comparatively short time in each day and have no time to teach us, our mothers have no vote and are not interested in politics, and a great majority of our grade and high school teachers are women and likewise uninterested in such questions. Even if the teacher be interested and instils patriotic and honest political ideals into the minds of our youths, will that make them feel an actual responsibility, when the whole system of school government is based on the supreme authority of the teacher? Can you teach a boy to play baseball from the grandstand?

With the exception of those fortunate who attend the George

Junior Republic and a few kindred institutions the youths of our land go through their educational course as laid down by our public school system, without having had any actual responsibility in respect to their own government—in short, they have always had a "boss." As the vast majority of the children of the United States never receive more than a common school education, is it any wonder that we seek, yes, actually need Penrose, McNichol, Murphy, Barnes and the thousands of others of their stamp?

But the case is not hopeless. The small percentage that do go to institutions of higher learning become trained in political responsibility and leadership and can go out into the world and lead the masses in the way of civic righteousness. That sounds well but has two serious drawbacks—first, the methods used by the ordinary political boss are impossible to the honest, unselfish leader and—secondarily (and the greatest crime of all) even the colleges as a whole fail to give any training in civic responsibility. A great many give courses in economics and political science, it is true, but a great many more, and most of the same ones, are governed by the old boss system.

At Ursinus our group organizations give us some experience in self government and some weeks ago the groups combined through representatives and formed the Student Senate, which met and after a discussion on the advisability of governing ourselves, appointed a committee to effect some sort of permanent organization by submitting a constitution and by-laws. Although four weeks have elapsed since the committee was appointed there is no knowledge of its having ever met, or even investigated the needs that the organization must satisfy. From these indications we are led to the belief that the committee will follow the precedent set down by similar committees in class and group organizations and allow the matter to rest until the last minute and then search around for some document that can be paraphrased to satisfy the demand, and submit it for approval. It is hoped that this will not be the case as we are in need of some good permanent organization not only for the preservation of our rights as members of the college community but, what is more important, for practice in actual government and a development of civic responsibility.

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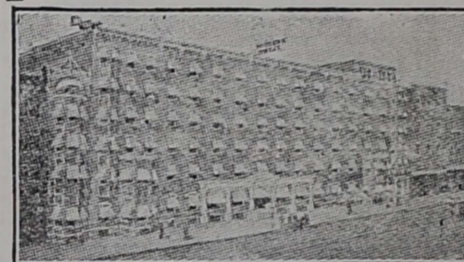
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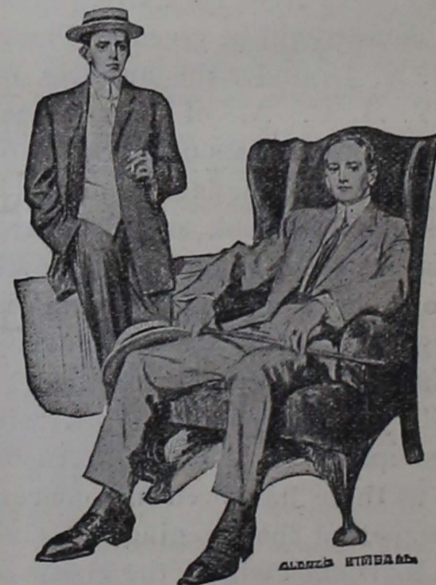
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afflicted with the baleful malady can sympathize with the man who is subject to spells of bashfulness. How dreadfully embarrassing it is to know that from the roots of your hair to the tip of your nose you are of a color that would pale the richest carmine! How excruciating are the tortures suffered by the poor creature, who unexpectedly and of course unwillingly must endure a century-long evening with a couple of harmless ladies!

Ease and culture are to be striven after. We cannot tell what dormant powers lie hidden in young men and women. Imbue in them the noble ideals of chivalry and gracefulness. Let the graduates of our college sally forth not only teeming with science and philosophy but also endowed with personalities which in women are called winsome, in men hypnotic. They will have hearers and followers. They will be teachers and leaders of men.—*The Dickinsonian.*

SOCIETY NOTES
ZWINGLIAN

Although the program last Friday was not of the best, its value in parts was well appreciated. The features were as follows: Piano solo, Miss Fisher; Essay, Miss Hain; Talk, West; Enconium, Matlack; Original story, Wetzell; Essay, Isenberg; Flute solo, Fisher; Paper, Godshall; Recitaion; Miss Latshaw; Male Quartette, Behney, Quay, Bransome and Yoh; Oration, Strack; and Review, Long.

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SCHAFF

A very interesting musical program, made up almost entirely of old familiar songs, was rendered last Friday evening. Piano solo, "Old Folks at Home," Miss Bartman; Essay, "The Value of Poetry," M. Jacobs; Mixed Quartette, "Comin' Through the Rye;" Misses Detwiler and Tegtmeier and Reinhold and Lauer; Essay, "Scotland's Contribution to Old Songs," Maurer; Vocal solo, "The Last Rose of Summer," Miss Saylor; Recitation, "The Bridge," Miss Stout; Musical Charades, Small, leader; Reditation, Miss Moser; Vocal solo, "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," Holt; Round song, Billman, leader; Violin solo, Thomasson; Gazette, B. Jacobs; Girls' Quartette, "Sweet and Low," Misses Saylor, Brooks Moser and Dunn.

The following officers were elected to serve during the coming term; President, Miss Miller; Vice-President, Billman; Recording Secretary, Miss Detwiler; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Hallman; Financial Secretary, Vogel; Chaplain, Rumbach; First Editor, Miss Moser; Second Editor, Miss Saylor; Third Editor, Miss Bartman; Critic, Glatfelter; Treasurer, Small; Pianist, Miss Peters; Janitor, Fisher.

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Miss Beach, '13, had the misfortune to severely sprain her ankle while playing tennis on Monday. Dr. Corson is caring for the injured member and the young lady is resting comfortably. Mrs. Beach came on from New York City on Wednesday to care for her daughter until she can be removed to her home.

President Keigwin spent some time at the College this week on business matters.

The college quartette, composed of Kerschner, '12, Wismer, '13, Detwiler, '13, and Robison, '14, is to be congratulated on the recognition its work is receiving. Its services have been in frequent demand during the winter at public concerts and entertainments. On April 7 it furnished part of the music for a concert at Willow Grove and on the 8th gave an entire program at Harleysville.

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Misses Bartman, '13, and Scheuren, '13, are spending their Easter vacation at Atlantic City.

Our President, Dr. A. Edwin Keigwin, will wed Miss Elizabeth W. Gray, of Newark, N. J., on Thursday afternoon, April 18. The wedding will take place at the home of Mrs. Robert J. Gray, 218 Broad Street, Newark.

Douthett, '12, spent Thursday and Friday in New York as the delegate of the Ursinus Civic Club to the Convention of the Intercollegiate Civic League, and Saturday in Philadelphia, as the guest of Vice-President Omwake at the meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Matz, '12, was a visitor in Philadelphia Monday.

OF INTEREST TO ALUMNI

Mertz, '10, of Plainfield, N. J., was the guest of Custer, '09, at Springfield, N. J., last Sunday.

Miss Bessie Long, '09, was recently the guest of her cousin, Miss Edith Boyer, at Rieglesville, Pa., where an informal party was held in her honor.

Vernon S. Rice, '02, former pastor of the Linfield charge of the Philadelphia Classis, died on Friday, April 7. He was afflicted with tuberculosis of the lung and spent several years in the West in the hope of relief but to no avail. He returned to the East only a short time ago and died at his home in Philadelphia.

The catalogue and announcements of the Seminary has been turned from the press and is being circulated among those desiring a copy. Address Dr. Philip Vollmer, Dayton, O.

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