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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., FRIDAY, DEC. 8, 1905.

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CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 8. Literary Societies, 7.40 p. m.
Monday, Dec. 11. Glee Club Practice, 7.00 p. m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12. Orchestra Practice, 7.00 p. m.
Wednesday, Dec. 13, Y. M. C. A. Meeting, 6.40 p. m.
Thursday, Dec. 14. Glee Club Practice, 7.40 p. m.
Friday, Dec. 15. Schaff Anniversary, in Bomberger Hall, 8.00 p. m.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the college held in Norristown on Tuesday, Rev. Dr. David W. Ebbert resigned as president of the institution, to take effect January 1, 1906. The Board accepted the resignation and agreed that the office should remain vacant for the time being.

A committee consisting of Rev. James W. Meminger, pastor of St. Paul's Reformed church, Lancaster; Rev. I. Calvin Fisher, pastor of St. Mark's Reformed Church, Lebanon, and Dr. F. G. Hobson, treasurer of the college, was appointed to finance the institution and place it upon a firm basis.

The committee will proceed immediately to the raising of funds in an extensive manner for an additional endowment. The directors and alumni have promised hearty support to the movement.

Dr. E. A. Krusen of Collegeville was elected Secretary of the Board, to succeed the late Dr. J. H. Hendricks.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ORATORICAL UNION

The annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Oratorical Union was held last Saturday in Room No. 2 of Houston Hall, University of Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. H. Brua Campbell of Gettysburg college. In the absence of the secretary, Mr. D. Reiner Faringer, '06, of Ursinus was appointed secretary pro tem. After the credentials of the delegates had been presented, formal business was commenced. The following new officers were elected: President, Wilson of Lafayette; Secretary, Manchmer of Franklin and Marshall; Treasurer, C. S. Dotterer, '06, of Ursinus. In the course of the meeting it was decided to hold the next annual contest at Ursinus.

THE RESERVES FOOTBALL SEASON

Football practice began in Sept. with only one man of the successful team of 1904 absent. Under such conditions the promise of a team was very bright. In fact, during the first part of the season the two squads which lined up against each other in scrimmage practice were of very nearly equal strength, each team at times gaining the advantage over the other. But such was not to last. One by one, the backbones of the 1904 team were taken to fill the places of those of the Varsity squad who had been graduated, or who for other reasons were forced to drop football togs.

Thus the quarterback, the full-back, the guards, a tackle and lastly an end were given places in the regular line up. Thus were the Reserves depleted. However, a wealth of material, light but earnest and willing, many of whom had never played a game, offered themselves to help round the Varsity squad into condition.

Three games were played. The first, that with Norristown High School, was won; the next, with Hill School Second, was lost; and the last that with Moravian College was tied with a score of 5-5.

The game with Norristown High School was played with probably the strongest eleven of individual players that took part this year in the Reserves' schedule. The game was played before the series of accidents crippled the Varsity and also before Keasey, Alspach, Kerschner and Colyer had made it either as regular or substitute players. As a consequence the light Norristown team could not stop the rushes of our backfield and the game was won by a good margin. In this game changes on the line were made during the second half that all might be given a chance to show their ability. Changes at end, at guard and at centre were made, but the work of those who substituted was just as effective as of those who started the game. This showed that the possibilities of having a good team, even though several finally became Varsity men and as after events proved, were bright.

The game with Hill School 2nd was played with the places of several of those who had taken part in the first game filled by others, by men who had played but little football. Team work was lacking.

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SCHAFF ANNIVERSARY

The thirty-fifth anniversary of the Schaff Literary Society will be held in Bomberger Hall next Friday evening. The program will be "An Evening with Sir Henry Irving." After the delivery of the Schaff oration and a paper on "Irving's Dramatic Art,"—the play,—"The Bells" from the Polish Jew will be produced. Arkless Brothers will furnish the music for the evening.

THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

A number of the students spent the Thanksgiving recess at their homes.

John Lentz was Referee at a football game at Royersford on Thanksgiving morning and in the afternoon he took in the Penn-Cornell game at Franklin Field, Philadelphia.

Dr. J. Lynn Barnard, formerly head of the Department of History and Political Science of Ursinus College, was a recent visitor at the Seminary. Dr. Barnard now lives in Philadelphia and is engaged in charity work.

Rev. H. E. Bodder, who has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Reformed church, Lebanon, Pa., was a recent caller at the Seminary.

Prof. E. S. Bromer and family were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Jos. L. Lemberger at Lebanon over Thanksgiving.

Geo. M. Smith of the Senior Class preached at Alburtis last Sunday, and L. H. Rice of the Junior Class, at Wyoming, Delaware.

A number of the students have recently been attending a series of public lectures on the religions of Japan at Drexel Institute.

Stanford University, Cal., given a six acre athletic field for its girls, to use. This field is to be enclosed with a high fence, surrounded by a hedge to insure strict privacy.

The students of State College, who opposed measures taken by the faculty, giving them no Thanksgiving vacation have received recognition. All cuts taken out by students during that time, the faculty has conceded to excuse.

Yale has adopted a system of faculty supervision over the entering class. Each professor has a certain number of Freshmen assigned to him who are to consult him in regard to their work—Ex.

ALUMNI

'98. In a neat little pamphlet, Rev. A. R. Kepler, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church at Ningpo China, gives a most interesting description of the National Christian Endeavor Convention, held in Ningpo, May 12-15, 1905. Mr. Kepler was a member of the local committee which planned and wished for the success of the convention.

'01. John Alexander is secretary and physical director of the Y. M. C. A. at Spring Grove, Pa. While the organization is intended for the public, it is maintained and conducted by the large paper manufacturing company located at that place, as a means of physical and spiritual benefit for its employees.

'03. The gymnasium of the Passaic, N. J., Y. M. C. A., J. Leroy Roth, director, is given a large place in the work of the association. Mr. Roth places particular emphasis upon the kind of recreation which best fits young men for better service in their daily occupation.

'77. The *Christian World* has been removed from Dayton to Cleveland, Ohio. The December 2, issue came out in new typographical garb printed on a better grade of paper. The new editor is Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D.

Place, '05, spent Monday at the college. He is taking graduate work at University of Pennsylvania.

'88, S. T. Rev. A. D. Wolfinger has been elected pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio. He will enter upon his work there December 15.

'93. On Nov. 10, the members of Grace Reformed church, Columbiana, Ohio, gave their new pastor, Rev. G. W. Welsh, a reception. On Nov. 19, twenty-one members were received.

Rev. Walter E. Garrett, '02, is doing successful work as pastor of Trinity Reformed church, McConelstown, Pa. He has issued a neat folder on which are announced the themes of the sermon for Sunday evenings up to March 25.

Following is a clipping from an exchange under the headline, "A Hustling Pastor." "Scattered over a large field, two hundred members of Bethel Reformed Church, Berks Co., were visited in three days by Rev. C. A. Butz, the pastor." This "hustling pastor" was a member of the '02 class.

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EDITORIAL

Its the same old story—A plea for the Literary Supplement. The next Supplement is about due and the material for it is *non est*. The literary editors have done their level best to secure suitable articles; in fact a number of articles had been promised for this next literary edition, but at the last minute word comes that this material will not be on hand.

Now, it is up to each one who has the interest of the Weekly and above all the welfare of the institution at heart, to get busy. It is doubtless true that everyone is pretty well loaded down with work, but now that the football season is over, there should be more time for literary pursuits. There is always a great deal of talk concerning college spirit. It would seem that now is the time to display such a quality by all those who pride themselves on possessing this faculty. We need the articles for the Supplement, and their production by you will reflect greatly to your credit.

BEGINNING OF THE AMERICAN THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving day as annually observed in the United States is essentially an American institution. Occasional observances of days of thanksgiving have been common to all Christian Nations; but since the days of the annual celebration of the Feast of Ingathering and

Tabernacles by the Jews, no other nation has regularly set apart one day in each year for the observance of such a festival. We, in America, cannot claim originality for this institution, for the Hebrew people under divine directions kept a feast of thanksgiving with great rejoicing and religious ceremonies.

So great was the rejoicing on these occasions that Plutarch wrote concerning them.

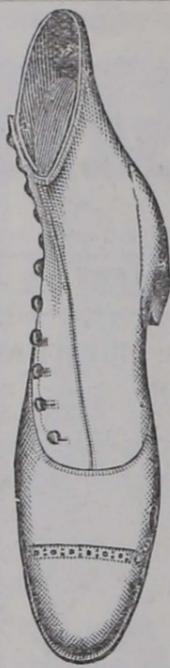
"The Jews celebrate two feasts unto Bacchus. In the midst of the vintage they spread tables, spread with all manner of fruits, and live, in the tabernacles made especially of palms and ivy wreaths, together. A few days later they kept another festival which openly shows it was dedicated to Bacchus, for they carried boughs of palms in their hands, with which they went into the temple, the Levites going before, with instruments of music."

The Ancient Greeks held a festival closely resembling that of the Jews and probably borrowed from them. It was called the feast of Demeter or the Eleusinian Mysteries. Demeter was the goddess of the cornfield and harvests. This celebration continued nine days. The sacrifices offered were mostly products of the soil, with oblations of wine, honey and milk.

The Romans observed a harvest festival which they called Cerealia, which was as ancient as the reign of Romulus. Processions of men and women went to the fields, and with music and rejoicing engaged in worship and rustic sports and pleasures. Virgil alludes to the joyousness of this festival as well as the sacrifices offered in the temples.

Queen Elizabeth issued proclamations for the keeping of a day of thanksgiving which required special religious observances, saying, "On Thanksgiving Day no servile labor may be performed, and thanks should be offered for the increase and abundance of His fruits upon the face of the earth."

A national thanksgiving was observed in England on the defeat of the Spanish Armada. Religious services were held in the churches and great rejoicing and merry-making in the afternoon and evening. At night London was ablaze with bonfires and torchlight processions, while most of the houses were illuminated. Oliver Cromwell gave directions for thanksgiving days during his reign. On the discovery of the "gunpowder plot," in 1605, fifteen years before the Pilgrims sailed for America, a day of thanksgiving was observed, which was continued for more than a century and has not yet entirely died out in England. "Cuy Fawkes Day" is still observed as a holiday in the mother country and in all English colonies.



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Then came the Pilgrim fathers who anchored in the harbor of Plymouth, Mass., Saturday Dec. 9, 1620. A boat's company went ashore and landed at Clark's Island, where they remained over night. The next day, Sunday, was sacredly observed both on the ship and by the men on the island. During the long dreary winter which followed, forty-six of the one hundred settlers died. But a gleam of hope came to the Pilgrim Fathers, Nov. 9, 1621 when the ship Fortune arrived and brought an addition of thirty-five persons. The Pilgrims had gathered their crops, the cold weather had brought into the harbor an abundance of water-fowl, and deer and wild turkey were found in the forest near the settlement. About this time Gov. Bradford gave direction for the observance of a day of thanksgiving to be held Dec. 13, 1621,

Edward Winslow gives a very good account of the event, which is as follows:

"Our harvest being gathered in, our governor sent four men on a fowling, so that we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of

our labors. The four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At which time amongst other recreation we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massacoit, with some ninety of his men; whom for three days we entertained and feasted; and they (i. e., the Indians) went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor and upon our Captain (Standish) and others; and although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God we are so far from want that we often wish you were partakers of our plenty."

Besides the religious observances of the day, there was a display of arms doubtless intended to impress the nation with awe and fear; while much of the time was given to sports and pleasures.

From that time the observance of a day of thanksgiving was more or less observed in Plymouth Colony, and later among the settlers at Salem and Massachusetts Bay.

But Thanksgiving did not come to be a general custom until about 1680. And it was not until 1789 upon the appointment of President Washington that it came to be a national institution, held usually on the last Thursday of November.

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THE RESERVES' FOOTBALL SEASON

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Spirit which frequently changes defeat into victory was wanting and when once scored on, the fighting spirit disappeared and the final score was only a question of the time remaining to play.

The Moravian game was not played until November 18. These few weeks were devoted to hard scrimmages against the first team and to the perfecting of team play which was so lacking in the previous games. How well they profited can best be seen from the way in which they went through Moravian's tackles and around her ends. Sponsler, Cook, Fry and Garcia were the best ground gainers on line plunges. But these gains were made possible only by the excellent assistance given the man carrying the ball. It was pretty to see the way in which Captain Ebbert, Lau and Crunkleton helped Garcia or Cook or Fry along. Even when halted momentarily by the Moravian players they would not give up, but pushed and pulled the runner along for yards at a time. The defensive work of Harman who saved many a yard by his tackles on short end runs, and of the entire left side of the line was magnificent.

Nearly three times as much ground was gained by the Reserves as by the Moravian College team. Twice was the ball carried within scoring distance, the first time for a touchdown, but on the second trial a fumble when downed lost the chance to score, and consequently a victory.

If the success of a team is judged only by the percentage of games lost and won, then undoubtedly there were more successful seasons than this one has been. But if we take into account the fact that both the Varsity and Reserve teams were over half new men, and in some cases men who had never played football before, then we must consider that the Reserve team compares favorably with those of the preceding years.

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Harman, '06, spent the Thanksgiving vacation in Phoenixville the guest of Quay, A.

Reisner, '07, saw the Army-Navy game last Saturday.

Smith, '06, was the guest of W. Warwick Felton, Philadelphia during the Thanksgiving recess, attending the Penn-Cornell game on Thanksgiving day and the Penn-Toronto game last Saturday.

Foltz, '06, witnessed the Penn-Cornell game on Franklin Field. Saturday and Sunday he was entertained by D. Herbert Schweyer, King of Prussia.

Dr. and Mrs. Carver saw the Army-Navy game at Princeton. They were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Royal Meeker.

The following Olevian girls spent the Thanksgiving vacation at their respective homes. Miss Long, '06, at Manheim; Miss Benner, '09, Quakertown; Miss Beck, '08, Phoenixville; Miss Duryea, '08; Reading; Miss Knauer, A., St. Peter's; Miss Clymer, A., Philadelphia; Miss Neff, '07, Kutztown. Misses Swartz, '09, Fryling, '09, and Beck, '09 remained at Olevian interspersing their vacation with visits to the city.

Miss Matthieu, on account of sickness, spent Thanksgiving day at the College. She left for her home in Philadelphia on Friday where she spent the remainder of the recess.

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