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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., FRIDAY, JAN. 5, 1906.

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CALENDAR

Friday, Jan. 5, Literary Societies,
7.40 p. m.
Sunday, Jan. 7, Bible Class, 4.00
p. m.
Monday, Jan. 8., Ursinus Union,
7.30. p. m.
Glee Club Practice, 9 p. m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9, Orchestra Practice
7.00 p. m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10, Y. M. C. A.
6.40 p. m.
Thursday, Jan. 11, Glee Club
Practice, 7.00 p. m.

Y. M. C. A.

The topic for last Wednesday evening was The New Birth, based on the conversation between Christ and Nicodemus. The leader, Dr. Carver, spoke of the two existing tendencies in regard to the subject of spiritual rebirth,—the one to consider it as something extremely mystical and mysterious, beyond the possibility of comprehension and understanding; the other to take the phenomenon at its face value and make no attempt at a psychological analysis. It was the latter attitude which Dr. Carver took in his address. He said in part: "The spiritual birth means nothing more than the beginning of the religious or spiritual life. There is nothing more mysterious about it than that the person is giving up things previously done, if they are out of conformity with what he recognizes as the line of moral rectitude. It is, furthermore, within the power of everyone to make this change at any time he sees fit to do so. How may one be born again? Simply begin, is the answer. Give up the things which do not pertain to the spiritual life and strive for principles high in moral and religious tone. Allow your change of heart, your rebirth, to be evidenced by your conduct to your fellow men; multiply deeds of kindness and unselfish thoughts; preach God and serve Him by serving those around you.

By way of practical application, let me ask you whether you do not think that there is too much friction, jealousy and fault-finding among us as members of a college community. Let us rather hunt excuses for the faults of others than retail their shortcomings. We cannot help another by talking about him behind his back and by calling him names. Let us strive more earnestly to promote the spirit of fraternity and love."

REFLECTIONS ON NEW YEAR

With few exceptions, there is no other day in the year whose advent we hail with so much pleasure and enjoyment as that of New Year. Around it cluster many pleasant feelings and reflections. Being the transition from the past, of which we have become tired,—it introduces us to the unknown future, which to our hopeful spirits is full of happy days, rich promises and untold blessings. It separates the known from the unknown, the tried from the untried, what we have been and are from what we shall be.

Thus New Year by its very nature tends to interest us. It awakens within us many fond anticipations and expectations, and infuses us with a new life. What a host of resolutions present themselves to break the routine of our lives! New Year, when it appeals to the emotions, brings joy and gladness; but when it addresses itself to the intellect, it awakens within our minds very peculiar thoughts and meditations. When we enter upon Christmas, we are lead in spirit to the manger at Bethlehem, there to behold the Child, Jesus. When we come to Good Friday, we are invited, and, as Christmas, constrained to witness the saddest and most mournful scene this world has ever witnessed—the Crucifixion, bitter suffering, death and burial of the Redeemer. When we approach Easter and Ascension day we follow them with the eye-sight of faith up to the right hand of the Father on High. When we begin the New Year, however, we witness no such events, but are ushered into a dark and unknown future, with no guide to direct us save the light of our own experience, and our faith in Him who directs us in all our good ways and works.

Has God left us altogether blind as to the future, so that when we enter upon the coming New Year we are helpless and discouraged without hope and without light? On the contrary, God has endowed and equipped us to begin the year with the greatest hope and encouragement. In entering upon the New Year it is meet that we should review our lives during the past year, take note of our errors and shortcomings, repent of the evil we have done, recount the opportunities we have neglected, the

duties of life unperformed, and the divine blessings abused, and with a firm determination resolve that in the year into which the stream of Life has wafted us, we will, to the best of our ability try to do better than we have done in the past. In doing so what a number of questions spring up in our minds! Has my life during the past year been a correct and upright one? Have I lived up to the standard of true manhood or womanhood? Have I done anything to taint the lives of my inferiors who naturally look up to me and imitate me. Have I wronged any one in my dealings with him, either by word or deed? Have I done good to my fellow beings and tried to be useful to them? Have I been honest and true in my dealings with my Creator? Have I striven to become what He designed me to be? Could I not approach before him and be justified? Under the test of a selfscrutiny like this, numberless questions will force themselves upon our minds, and our character during the coming year will depend upon the manner in which we answer them, and avail ourselves of the light which a correct answer of them may throw upon our future.

EVELYN A. NEFF, '07

DR. SMITH BECOMES A BENEDICT

On Tuesday, December 26, Dr. Homer Smith, Professor of English at Ursinus College, was married in Philadelphia to Miss Julia Perry of Honolulu. The bride is the sister of Judge Antonio Perry, until recently Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii. Mrs. Smith's home has been in the Hawaiian Islands, and it was during Dr. Smith's residence there that they become acquainted.

We were very agreeably surprised to learn that Dr. Smith had become a Benedict during the Christmas holidays, and are glad to welcome Mrs. Smith to college. We extend to Dr. and Mrs. Smith New Year's greetings and wish them a long and pleasant season of happiness during their married life.

URSIUS UNION PROGRAM

Paper,—The Characteristics of Pennsylvania in the 17th and 18th Centuries. Mabry, '06.

Report from the Historical-Political Group. Dr. Aimes.

Paper,—The Modern German Fairy Tales. Miss Lilian Beck, '08.

Report from the Modern Language Group. Dr. Grimm.

PHILADELPHIA LETTER

Prof. Philip Vollmer preached at Mt. Carmel Mission last Sunday and on Wednesday attended an important meeting of the Executive Committee of the college at Norristown.

T. J. Josat preached for Rev. Mr. Gilds at Easton on Sunday.

J. C. Stamm preached at Pottstown on Dec. 24 and delivered the address at the Christmas services in the evening. Last Sunday he preached at St. James Reformed Church West Reading in the morning and at Calvary Reformed Church, Reading in the evening.

Messrs A. S. Peeler, A. H. Hoshauer and L. A. Peeler spent Christmas vacation in Philadelphia.

A. L. Brownback of the Junior class delivered the address on Christmas at the Hill church near Boyertown.

I. S. Ditzler preached at Emmanuel Reformed Church, Hanover on Dec. 27.

J. S. Hiatt spent Christmas vacation at his home Thomasville, N. C.

John Lentz preached at the First Reformed Church, Lebanon on Dec. 24 and assisted in the Christmas services. He also spent some time with his brother, Rev. E. W. Lentz, at Steelton, Pa.

W. S. Clapp spent a part of his vacation visiting A. G. Peters. He preached at Roxborough on Christmas Day and at Blue Bell, Dec. 31.

R. S. Edris delivered the Christmas address at St James Reformed Church, West Reading, on Sunday evening.

G. M. Smith preached at St. John's Church, Slatington, Dec. 24 and at Pottstown on Dec. 31.

Klingaman of the Junior Class spent his vacation with his mother, Beaver Valley, Columbia Co.

Prof. W. J. Hinke preached at Calvary Reformed Church, Reading, Dec. 31.

Interesting watch night services were held at St. Stephen's Reformed Mission, Lebanon, of which E. M. Sando is Superintendent. Prof. E. S. Bromer was present and delivered an address. He also conducted the closing prayer service.

Mr. Metzger of Altoona was a caller at the Seminary on Wednesday.

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EDITORIAL

With the opening of the New Year comes the old resolve to make new resolutions. The holiday season is over leaving in our minds but faint traces of its pleasures. The new year always brings with it ideas of renewed life and fresh determination. Now is the time, not only to make new resolutions, but also to put them into practice. The old and trite saying,—“The spirit is indeed willing but the flesh is weak” may apply in this case. But why not strengthen the flesh, and thus prove not only to ourselves but to our friends as well, that we can and will hold to our good resolutions throughout the year?

The old year, with its failures and successes, with its disappointments and pleasures, has passed into eternity. It has gone “to that bourne from whence no traveler returneth.” It is dead. Our deeds, whether good or evil, whether right or wrong, are recorded in the Book of Life. They cannot be undone. The past is irrevocable, but the future lies before us. This is an age of prosperity, of advancement, and new opportunities are continually spreading out their wings, ready to envelop us if we so choose. The field is large, and it depends on the individual whether to do or die, whether to make life worth living, or whether to waver in his resolutions and end in failure.

The season between the close of football and the opening of base-

ball is a time of the year when material for the “Weekly” is scarce. The athletic games occupy a prominent place in our columns which is at present difficult to fill. What we want are short, spicy articles from 350 to 400 words in length to fill one column of the paper. Work is not so pressing just now, and some good, breezy articles would be very acceptable. By the publication of such articles intense interest would be provoked, bringing with it a lively discussion.

NEW YEAR PARTY

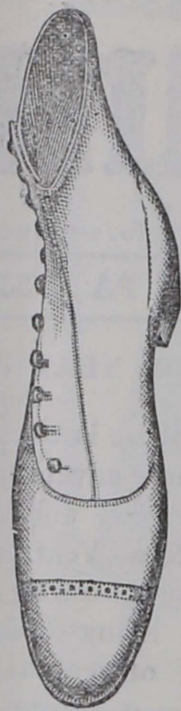
Miss Thompson, '09, entertained a number of friends on New Year's night. A very pleasant evening was spent. Music, both vocal and instrumental, interspersed with recitations and story telling, covered part of the evening's program. Enjoyable and interesting games were also indulged in. Dainty refreshments were served. As the clock pointed toward the “wee sma’” hours, all departed, declaring Miss Thompson a charming hostess. A number of Ursinusites were present.

THE JOHN BARRETT PRIZES 1906

Three prizes—a first prize of \$100, a second prize of \$75, and a third prize of \$50—have been established by the Hon. John Barrett, United States Minister to Colombia, to be awarded to the authors of the best papers on any one of the subjects named below. Mr. Barrett states the object of the prizes to be “to promote the study of the history, peoples, politics, resources and possibilities of sister Republics,” and to develop throughout the United States “a wider interest in our political and commercial relations with Latin-America, and to foster a more general study of Latin-American history, institutions, political, social and educational conditions, material and industrial resources, and commercial possibilities—especially as they affect the growth of closer ties of international comity and confidence.”

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Any one of the following subjects may be chosen:

I. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

(a) The Monroe Doctrine and its influence on the political and economic development of

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An overflowing holiday jubilee bill of mirth is the offering at Keith's next week. The headline feature is Truly Shattuck and "The Prince of Pilsen Girls," by special arrangement with Henry W. Savage, music by Luders and lyrics by Pixley. The pretty damosels typify the various cities of the Union, and the act is both bewildering in beauty and melodious as well. This feature has been a rousing success in other cities of the country. Filson and Errol are perhaps as popular vaudeville specialists as there are in the business, and their new laugh-producer, "A Daughter of Bacchus" is said to be as artistic as it is hilarious. Sydney Grant is also on the bill—that inimitable songster and story-teller known from Maine to California. Mr. Grant will have many surprises in store for the Christmas crowds. "In the Sunny South" is a specialty by W. B. McCollum, with the music by Max Hoffman, and brings Old Dixie very close to us with songs, humor and dances. The Pelots are humorous jugglers who offer some new sensations in their line, while Spissell Brothers and Mack, famous for original comic acrobatic work, give their incomparable "Scenes in a Cafe." The noted team, Borani and Novaro, have a novelty in "Weary Waggles, the Dandy Dude Tramp," with remarkable work in contortion and gymnastic feats. For the children there is a wealth of pleasure in the special feature presented in the entertainment of children. Woodford's Animals, screamingly funny trained monkeys, dogs cats,—indeed, a whole Noah's Ark of Thespians, little and big. This is the grand holiday specialty which has been a Christmas feature on the Keith program for years, planned just for the children. There will be new and enchanting kineograph specialties for the children, too, including a Santa Claus scene of great spirit and beauty as well as rollicking fun. Twenty other important people in the vaudeville world will supplement this list of celebrities, who will give a diversified feast of entertainment.

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Latin-America.

(b) The influence of the Panama Canal on the commercial and political development of Latin-America.

(c) Present conditions and future possibilities of the trade of the United States with South America.

(d) The present material and economic progress of South America.

(e) The practicability and utility of the proposed Pan-American Railway.

II. HISTORICAL

(a) The influences and conditions that worked for the independence and establishment of the South American Republics.

(b) The influences and conditions that worked for the independence and the establishment of the Central American Republics and Mexico.

(c) The character and achievements of Bolivar as shown in the struggle for the independence of Northern South America.

(d) The character and achievements of San Martin as shown in the struggle for the independence of Southern South America.

(e) The conditions surrounding and circumstances influencing the overthrow of the Empire and establishment of the Republic in Brazil.

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Rev. Harry E. Jones has changed his address to 1933 South Twenty Second, Philadelphia.

Joseph Kratz, a former student at Ursinus was married to Miss Grace Myers of Philadelphia, last week.

A Farewell dinner was given to Dr. Good, by the Reading Ministerial Association. Dr. Good's resignation as pastor of the Calvary church was received with much regret by congregation and community alike. He sailed for Liverpool on December 27, intending to cross France by train to Marsailles and from there sail to India via Switzerland. Crossing India, he will visit the Reformed Mission stations in China and Japan, and arrive in America late in June, having completed the circle of the globe.

Rev. J. S. Tomlinson, '00, was in Collegeville on Wednesday.

Miss Stoner, '05, who is an instructor in the Lititz, High school, spent the holidays at her home in Collegeville.

PERSONALS

Dr. and Mrs. Shaw entertained the members of the faculty and their wives on New Year's night. A most agreeable evening was spent around the chafing dish.

Miss Thompson, '08, spent the greater part of the Christmas vacation visiting friends in Lederachville.

The College Orchestra and Glee Club will make their debut in Bomberger Hall on January 20. Tickets 25 cents.

The Sophs. are sporting their new class hats, made in their clear colors, black and white.

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Wise, '06, who had been away from the college since the middle of November on account of illness, has returned and again resumed his regular work.

Miss Behney, '06, visited friends in Lebanon and Myerstown during the holidays.

At a recent meeting of the Athletic Association, Tobias, '08, was elected football manager. Munhall, '09, and Gilland, '09, were elected first and second assistants.

I. C. LeCompte, a former professor of English at Ursinus, was at the college during vacation.

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A certain number of copies of THE URSINUS WEEKLY is put on file in the College office each week so that when a back issue of the WEEKLY is desired, it is available. Unfortunately, number 14 of Vol. III is not among the number on file. This issue contains a Literary Supplement and was issued Dec. 23, 1904. We are making a great effort to procure at least 10 or 12 copies of the above issue. You as a subscriber of the WEEKLY may be able to help us accomplish this end. Will you not please look up some of your old papers and unless you are preserving it for some special reason, mail us your copy of that issue. It can be mailed for one cent, and in return for it we shall gladly send you four cents in stamps.

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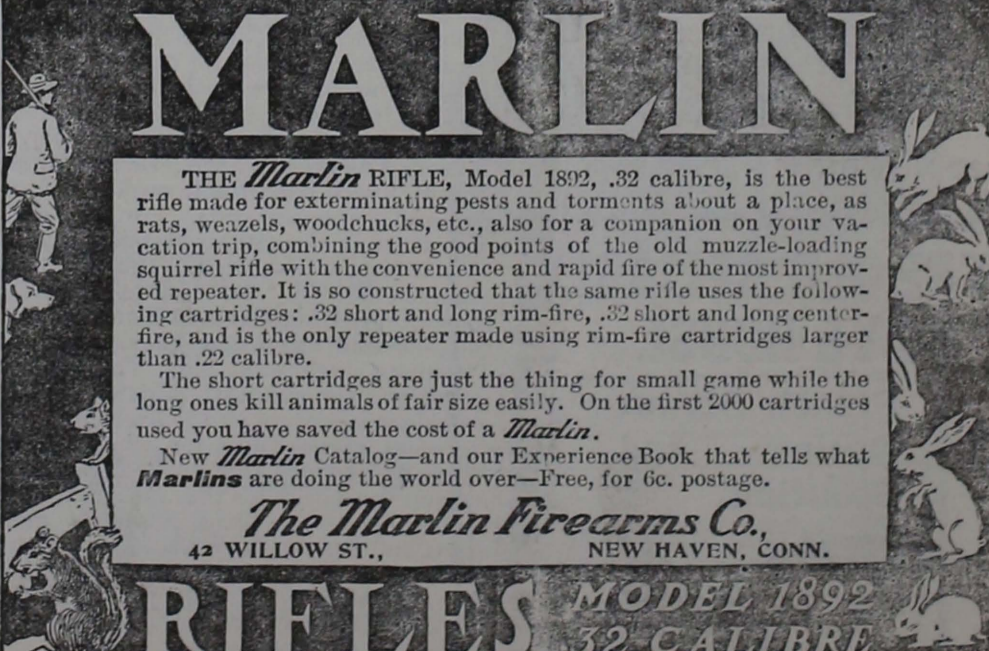
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