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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., FRIDAY, FEB. 26, 1904.

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CALENDAR

Friday, Feb. 26. Literary Societies meet at 7.30 p. m.
Monday 29. Annual Freshman Declamation Contest of the Zwinglian Society, 8 p. m.
Wednesday, Mar. 2. Y. M. C. A. Prayer Service, 6.40-7.15 p. m. Keasey, '06 leader.
Thursday, 3. "The Irish Tutor" and "Uncle Bob" presented by the Class of 1906 at King of Prussia.
Friday, 4. Academy Literary Society, 12 m.
College Societies, 7.40 p. m.
Sunday, 6. Monthly College Sermon in Chapel.

GYM. EXHIBITION

The preparation for the annual "gym" exhibition of the college gymnasium which is to be held in Bomberger Hall on March 5, is progressing very credibly and an excellent program has been arranged. The exhibition last year was a success and it was commended highly, but this year's will eclipse that of the last and former years. The program will be very interesting and varied having some features which deserve special mention, among these are the wand drill, acrobatic work and a trapeze performance. Mr. Charles Gibbs of Spring City who is a popular acrobat and gymnast will strengthen the program with an acrobatic performance. Eleanor Lois Fields, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Fields of Royersford, Pa., who is only five years old, will perform on the trepeze and flying rings, and will also perform novelty acrobatics and contortions. The little girl who has not had one year's training in any one of these lines in which she will perform, judging from the coolness and fearlessness with which she performs them, puzzles one who is acquainted with athletics or gymnastics. She performs tricks on the trapeze which one may see at any circus. After her last engagement a gold medal was presented to her for the performance. She is not only skilled in gymnastics but equally gifted in musical lines.

ACADEMY LITERARY SOCIETY

On Friday, February 19, the Academy Literary Society gave a program which consisted of a Reading by Miss Judith Stoner; Recitation, Mr. Steward; Reading, Mr. Chas. Seiter; Recitation, Mr. Wanner; Reading, Miss Lola Butler; Reading, Roy Schweyer.

THEMES FOR JUNIOR ESSAYS AND ORATIONS

Fanaticism, Influence on the World's History.
The Influence of Lucretius in Philosophy.
Joseph Chamberlain, England's Real Premier.
The Faustus of Marlowe and the Faust of Goethe.
Horace's Influence in English Literature.
Voltaire and Religious Tolerance.
Is Russia a Menace to Civilization?
Idealism in America.
Columbus a Modern Odysseus.

FRESHMEN DECLAMATION CONTEST

The Zwinglian Freshman Declamation Contest will be held in the College Chapel Monday evening at 8 o'clock, February 29. Freshmen will give their yell, before they proceed to "bray." First Prize for loudest braying \$10, Second, \$5.00, and Honorable Mention. Everybody turn out.

JUNIOR SUPPER

The Juniors enjoyed an old fashioned supper last week at the home of their classmate Clarence Place. The staid old Eagleville Inn had not been aroused by such "brayin'" as the Juniors "brayed" since the days of Wampanoag, when the red men brayed to a different tune. The social program was unique for its absence of feminine debutantes, for the Co-eds were left to their fudge and their glory. When the card fiends had played and a subterfuge dish of candy had been passed around, the Juniors were summoned to the dining hall of the host. Well might it be a summons for who entered there, must be no physical culture fasting machine. The supper of specialties, such as pickles preserved "apps," salad potatoes, pies, clam chowder, schnapps and a dozen other substantialities, was followed by songs and miscellaneous jokes on the host.

There has probably been many a banquet on that old pike, but none to equal this. The host and hostesses were the prince and princesses of entertainers. And the social records of Junior college days will always hold this event in fond remembrance, both for its uniqueness and for its simplicity.

Staff Meeting at 6.45 in the WEEKLY Business Room, E. Wing.

CO-EDS ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION

The Co-Eds of Ursinus have taken the initiative in the attempt to form a separate organization for the purpose of holding oratorical contests. It is hoped that they may succeed. Undoubtedly the action of the main organization was just in doing away with co-oratorical contests. But, on the other hand, a separate Co-Ed organization, carrying with it new stimulation, is highly desirable, and worthy of the attention of all co-educational colleges situated in this belt.

IN DISTANT COLLEGES

Representatives of fourteen universities gathered at New Haven on February 18 for the sixth annual conference under the auspices of the Association of American Universities. The formal opening of the conference was preceded by a complimentary luncheon given by Yale in honor of the delegates, in the corporation room of Woodbridge Hall. Later the delegates listened to a paper presented by Columbia University on the uniformity of university statistics as to the enrollment and expenditures.—Press.

Students of the University of Missouri have petitioned the faculty to serve them with only two meals a day. Experiments conducted by six dormitory students seemed to show that a student was in better health and spirits to do hard mental labor when eating only two meals a day. It was requested that the noon meal be eliminated.—Ex.

The upper class women of the University of California recently voted to wear corduroy skirts as the official class skirt, and the upper classmen appear in corduroy suits.—Ex.

Of the seven hundred members of the Sophomore class at Harvard this year, four hundred will enter on probation for either misdemeanors or poor scholarship.—Ex.

We had a dream the other night,
When everything was still,
We dreamed that each subscriber
Came right up and paid his bill.—Ex.
Some students spend their moments so,
It gives us intimation
That when they're through they'll have
the co—
Without the education.—Ex.
The college men are very slow,
They seem to take their ease.
For when they graduate
They do it by degrees.—Ex.

The editor acknowledges the following letters:

In a recent issue you said that Rev. So and So baptised twenty-four converts. It was only twenty-three and a half; one was a little boy. Yours tooly,

Rev. Bollyblink.

Noo York City.

Editor: I ran across the URSINUS WEEKLY the other day; it took me two hours to lift it. The WEEKLY has the "ad" dyspepsia and the supplement literary hypochondria. Is there no method of reducing the "ads" and putting more real noos in the paper?

Yours, Jerry Knocker.

In reply we would like to say that the alumni are backing the paper financially; they decreed one hundred and two inches to "ads" to support the paper. The editor believes, however, that financially the paper is safe, but must await the spring meeting of the board on further changes. Meanwhile, Jerry, ballast thy spirits; the millenium of the WEEKLY may come swift and sure. Editor.

ALUMNI BREEZES

Daniel F. Kelley, '01, is Superintendent of the Public Schools of Aguadilla, Porto Rico. When he left college, having complete mastery of Spanish, he entered as an ordinary instructor, but quickly advanced to principalship of schools of his district. His is a new field for Ursinus men and his work bids fair to place him some day in the foremost rank of Ursinus alumni.

Rev. E. S. Bromer, pastor of the First Reformed Church, has been granted four months leave of absence by the consistory, in order to permit him to make a trip to Europe. Rev. Mr. Bromer's purpose is to take up studies in the University of Berlin, and he expects to leave on April 16, in company with Dr. G. W. Richards of the Lancaster Theological Seminary. He does not expect to do much traveling, but intends to devote the time to study.

The Rev. Jay G. Francis, A. B., addressed a Union Teachers' Institute at West Lebanon, Lebanon County, February 13, on "Shall Teachers be Organized?" John H. Poorman, A. B., '03, spoke on the question, "What May We Reasonably Expect of the Schools of the Future?"

Y. M. C. A. SERVICE

The Y. M. C. A. Service was led by Gettel, '04. Subject: "God in the Lives of Great Men."

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EDITORIALS

Last Monday the one hundred and seventy-second anniversary of Washington's birthday was observed throughout the country. It might be well to remember how near this college is to the scenes of many Revolutionary incidents. We are surrounded by the choicest of historical landmarks, and perhaps we might censure ourselves for lack of interest and forgetfulness of these sacred spots. College men, however, are apt to look on such spots as mere curiosities. Their patriotism is of the head, rather than of the heart. They laugh at the cherry tree fable, but are animated by a specie of intellectual patriotism for the uplifting of themselves and country.

Yet, at bottom, the purest, sweetest patriotism is that of early days. To associate our country with the cold, red stained banks of Stony Point or the mute plains of Valley Forge. To feel the stars and stripes, not gazing dumbly at them. To be conscious by reactions and sensations within us of the unbroken thread that connects today's plough-boy and college senior with the ragged continental.

Many of the early ideas of freedom and democracy have vanished before the laughter of later day practical experience. The best democracy is no longer evidenced by hurling caps into the air and hurrahing for the sinking of another Guerrierre. Natural rights and "Typpecanoe and Tyler, too" are meaningless, save as historical sequences, while municipal democracy is still a dream.

Why is it, then, that Washington's renown outlives all this nul-

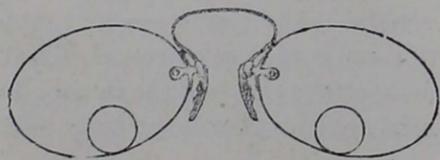
lity of past events, and shoots hope into the future; that his faded blue buff coat and tri-cornered hat, his stately pose and glittering eye, the first sword of America, looms ever before us? It may be because the muse of Washington is the muse of boyhood. The cherry tree, his physical feats and daring are synonymous with youth. Lincoln is enshrined in the heart of man, Washington in the heart of youth. There is a far away charm of Virginia hedgerows, eagles' nests on dizzy cliffs, and romantic cavaliers intertwined in the life of Washington. His life pictured in those dim, distant days, is like a beautiful evening landscape, that successfully fights the oncoming shadows.

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Once in a long while a contribution comes moping along, in the manner of its appearance reminding one of a tom-cat just released from a bag, hunting for home. There are many ways of killing a college paper; here are three: Contribute nothing and criticize what appears—be a negative minus; contribute and at the same time criticize—be a discriminating psychological microbe; contribute fifty pound weight plus ten yard length essays—be an ideal encyclopaedia compiler.

The editor of a college paper with the staff are not to be monopolists of the paper. They are simply the representatives of the student-body to the printer, and the paper is the expressive medium of the literary prowess and general activity of the students. A weekly paper of this variety has a doubly difficult road to travel, for it must make local news interesting to outsiders.

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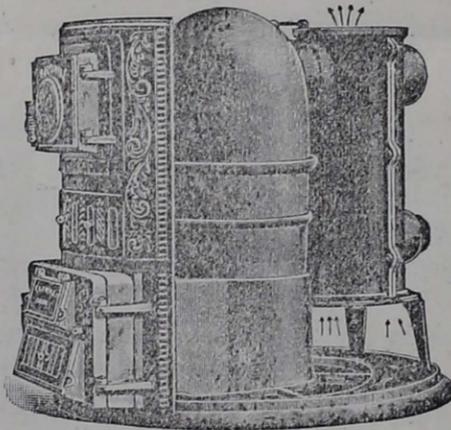
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There is a nucleus in the Freshman class who have been active on literary lines. We trust they will be even more active, for if there is anything a classical college should be ashamed of, it is a poor literary publication.

* * *

Ye winter's drear will soon be over. The clouds will part, the creeks will open, the ice depart "from out my heart." Freshman grinding days will also go forever. Perhaps that delightful season when he puts the "courses down" will be regretted. For there is many a golden drift wedged in the whitened, dreary landscape. But Freshmen, the bards tell me ye are fortunate in not having to hustle grips, trundle in bed at nine, haunt the hustings with encores backed by paddles and gruesome javelins of apples and eggs. Ye can graft with impunity, hang out stiffened dummies, and run around without that fearful eye into corners, that comes of college discipline.

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ZWINGLIAN PROGRAM

The Zwinglian Society passed an instructive evening with Lowell and Emerson. The two great philosophers were contrasted and eulogized with both essay and typical selections.

Miss Clara Kaisinger and Moore, '07, were welcomed as active members of the society.

SCHAFF PROGRAM

The Schaff Society spent an evening with Whittier on Friday, February 19. The evening passed pleasantly with readings and sketches from Whittier's "Snowbound." But one number was not taken from Whittier, and that was entitled, "Seen' Things at Night," a reading by Schweyer.

The music consisted of a vocal solo by Gettel and a duet by the Misses Spangler and Hobson, A. The Gazette was an original consolidation of puns, jokes, editorials and poems, and reflected a new vein in Miss Wolff, the editor.

MINSTRELSY LEFT OVERS

The Minstrel show was a "howling success." To attempt to describe it in detail would be as difficult as attempting to separate bodily the colors of a rainbow. Especially since those colors have different shades to different eyes. Justice and equal division of praise could hardly be attained. But we reserve first honors for performance to minstrels McCollum, Butz and Fogleman, and for arduous faithful management, Price, '05.

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The management reports about \$50.00 dollars cleared, and this with the \$20.00 cleared from Eli's lecture makes a total of \$70.00.

"PREPDOM"

A number of preps, took advantage of Washington's Birthday to run home to see their mammas.

Garcia visited friends at Dickin-son.

Mitchell took a long vacation to attend the Y. M. C. A. Convention at Scranton.

Fogelman, the chief end man in the minstrel, took his weekly trip to Sheridan.

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