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## CALENDAR

Friday, Apr. 29. Third Annual Prize Debate of the Schaff Literary Society, 8. p. m.  
 Saturday, 30. Muhlenburg College vs. Ursinus at Collegeville, 3 p. m.  
 Perkiomen Seminary vs. Reserves at Pennsburg.  
 Wednesday, May 4. Dickinson College vs. Ursinus at Carlisle. Weekly Y. M. C. A. Prayer service at 6.40 p. m. E. H. Reisner, leader.  
 Thursday, 5. Albright College vs. Ursinus at Collegeville, 3 p. m.  
 Friday, 6. Academy Literary Society at 12 m.  
 College Societies meet at 7.40 p. m.  
 Saturday, 7. Wilmington A. A. vs. Ursinus at Wilmington, Del.

## ZWINGLIAN SOCIETY

The question, Resolved, that "The United States was justified in taking the initiative in declaring the neutrality of China." The affirmative showed the danger to American interests, if China were involved in war, both to our commercial interests and to missionaries. Then too, China was unable to protect herself, and a partition would surely result from her defeat. If Russia attempted such an action, international war would have resulted and the United States was the only nation whose intervention would not be looked upon as dictated by self interest and which had sufficient prestige to secure international assent to the plan of neutrality of China. The negative showed that China should be free to defend herself as she pleases. Other nations had no right to interfere. Russia, by silent aggression has been absorbing Chinese territory, it is time for China to join with Japan and put a stop to their aggression. China has great resources. In case Russia would attempt to absorb China, then the powers should intervene, but not attempt to tie China's hands in this matter of vital interest to them.

The judges decided in favor of the negative, the house in favor of the affirmative. The Review was good.

## SCHAFF SOCIETY

An interesting and instructive program was rendered in the Schaff

Society on Friday evening. A piano solo by Mr. Dotterer opened the exercises. Mr. Gettel then read an excellent essay on "Word History," in which he traced the origin, development and changes in the most common English words. "How the Cats went to Boarding School" was recited by Miss Paiste. An original story of unusual merit was read by Miss Wolff. Mr. Rice read a selection from "The Crisis," which though familiar to most was well worth hearing. A vocal solo was rendered by Miss Ebbert. Miss Miles then recited "Vashti's Lament," in a way which marks her as a declaimer of first rank. Extemporaneous speeches were then given by Harman, Myers, and Cook. The reading of the Schaff Gazette by the editor, Mr. Dotterer, ended the program.

## Y. M. C. A.

Know the truth and the truth shall make you free. The Service Wednesday evening was led by Dr. Shaw of the Chemical Biological department. Besides giving a practical talk on Truth, the leader put unusual spirit into the meeting. Applications were made of the one and only power in everyday life, the quality of frankness. Pouring forth the truth within us, regardless of opinions, prejudices and the apologetic tone to often noted in society. Dr. Shaw quoted from Emerson, and gave many pointed examples from life. The meeting was well attended.

## FOUR TO SIXS

Afternoon teas are the harbingers of Spring at Ursinus. There were two of these mysterious gatherings since the last issue of the "WEEKLY." On Friday afternoon Miss Alma Clamer entertained the college girls at her home. The time was pleasantly spent in games and talk interspersed with refreshments and music.

Miss Katharine Hobson diverged from the line on Tuesday by having both lads and lassies at her "Set Out". Everybody who answered to his name at roll-call says he had a great time generally and playing "coffee-pot" in particular.

## THE ALUMNI COLUMN

The Alumni Editor is grateful to one of our alumni who lately suggested a plan by which their

recognition in the "WEEKLY" may be more widely extended and at the same time made more interesting. Early last fall, the editor attempted to establish a similar system of correspondence with various alumni stationed in different parts of the state and west, selecting as such stations, Shippensburg, Allentown, Lebanon, Easton, Philadelphia, Reading, York and Thornville, O. Of these Lebanon, Easton and Thornville are the only ones from which we have received any communication. We realize that the alumni department is of great importance and also the most difficult to edit successfully. Since practically no news is sent to us, we are compelled to resort to the church and daily papers, thus only recognizing a certain class of our alumni. There is a large number of younger graduates lately in the field, of whom we know practically nothing, and experience has taught us that it is to these we must look for interesting material until a more satisfactory plan may be determined,

Alumni Editor.

J. Leroy Roth, '03. Physical Director of Easton Y. M. C. A., conducted a very successful gym. exhibition last Friday night in the Association building. A large delegation from Lafayette College was present.

The reception tendered by the faculty of Ursinus Seminary last Friday was a notable event of the year in the institution. The able professors were kept busy greeting the many friends who came to bring their well wishes. Refreshments were served to several hundred guests.

Rev. Rufus W. Miller has invited the graduating class of the Seminary to a dinner to be given in its honor.

At the dedication of the new Palatinate Mission chapel last Sunday, Rev. Harry E. Jones, '91, had charge of the services. Addresses were made by these: Dr. J. H. Sechler, Rev. J. J. Fisher, '78; Rev. C. H. Coon, '76, S. T. The pastor deserves great credit in the erection of the chapel. He has been untiring in his efforts to gather the funds, and at the same time to keep his hand on the pastoral work. The outlook for Palatinate is very hopeful, and the WEEKLY congratulates pastor and people in their efforts.

## LECTURE

Dr. Shaw of the Chemical Biological department has secured Prof. F. E. Lloyd of Columbia University to lecture here on Thursday evening May 5. Prof. Lloyd is of high repute in his line of work, and we can expect a lecture of first class order. His subject will be "A Botanist's Summer in Dominica."

## BASEBALL

FORDHAM 6. URSINUS, 1.

After a long and tiresome journey which partly incapacitated Ursinus, Fordham administered to her, her first defeat of the season. From the score can easily be seen the reason why Ursinus was defeated. The ragged work of the infield was responsible. All of Fordham's runs were made on errors. And if these had been eradicated a very close game would have resulted. There may be some excuse for a little bad field, but it is pretty near time the infield is working together, and playing with the absence of a few wild throws. There is little excuse for the latter. Fordham scored first. Two errors by Gettel, a stolen base, one man hit by pitched ball, a three base hit by O'Brien and a single by Oliver, netted Fordham four runs. In the second inning, a wild throw by Faringer allowed H. Hartman to score. In the seventh inning, McLane was hit by pitched ball, stole second, went to third on a sacrifice, and scored when Faringer threw the ball over Price's head when O'Brien hit a slow grounder. O'Brien, however, was caught in trying to come home, by Snyder's quick throw to Townsend who was at the home plate, after Price had chased after the ball. Ursinus scored in the third inning. Price and Townsend singled. Both moved up on Scheen's balk, and Price scored on Murray's error. On Saturday Ursinus plays Muhlenburg at Collegeville. The score:

URSINUS		FORDHAM	
r.	h.	r.	h.
Price c	1 1 4 20	Murray 2b	0 1 1 1 1
Townsend p	0 2 1 10	Plunkett c	1 0 10 1 0
Koerper cf	0 1 0 00	McLane lf	2 0 3 1 0
Faringer 3b	0 1 4 22	Roberson 1b	0 1 7 0 0
Cha'er'n 1b	0 1 10 10	O'Brien 3b	0 1 2 0 0
Snyder ss	0 1 2 5 1	Hartman ss	1 2 0 0 0
Paiste lf	0 2 2 00	Oliver cf	0 2 3 0 0
Gettel 2b	0 0 0 14	Scheen p	0 1 0 3 0
Place rf	0 0 1 10	H. Hart'n rf	1 0 1 0 0
	1 9 24 3 11		6 9 27 6 2
Ursinus,	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1		
Fordham,	4 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 x-6		

Three base hit, O'Brien Two base hit, Townsend. Double plays, Ursinus 2, Fordham 2. Hit by pitched ball, Faringer, Hartman, McLane. Balk, Scheen. Struck out by Townsend 3, Scheen 10. Time of game, 1 hr. 45 min.

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**URSINUS FIRE EQUIPMENTS**

A miniature fire in the Academy ten days ago brings home a vital subject. Carelessness in the use of combustibles has destroyed many magnificent college buildings. Within easy memory are the Pardee Hall and Denny Hall disasters of Lafayette and Dickinson Colleges respectively. When such vivid examples are still before the public, our own danger comes home more strongly.

Extraordinary care should be exercised by students in the halls, for while fires may mean renewed energy and finer buildings to some colleges, to others they mean total destruction. Yale of to-day can revive from her fires, but the Yale of a century ago might have succumbed.

Now, what standing preparations has Ursinus with which to fight fire? Practically none. Yet it is absolutely essential that some emergency equipments should be on hand. Organization of the student body for just that emergency is necessary. We noticed many students at the scene of the fire, but few came with "H<sub>2</sub>O."

The subject is a difficult one to handle, yet it has been handled intelligently by many schools. During a recent disastrous fire at Rutgers college, the college battalion rendered efficient aid to the city departments. But Ursinus has neither military discipline and precision, nor an efficient town fire department to come to its aid. It is hard to find any practicable plan for the case, except that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of

cure." And let students be careful with "cig," lamp and match. Each room should be accessible to entrance when the student is absent, while emergency water supplies should be constantly on hand either in the room or halls, within easy reach. The college hose should not be under lock and key, but its whereabouts should be known by all, and easy access to it made possible.

But such schemes will work only when the students use their common sense, refrain from making such facilities the means of pranks and bind themselves in honor to observe the utility and not the mischief-making power of the articles.

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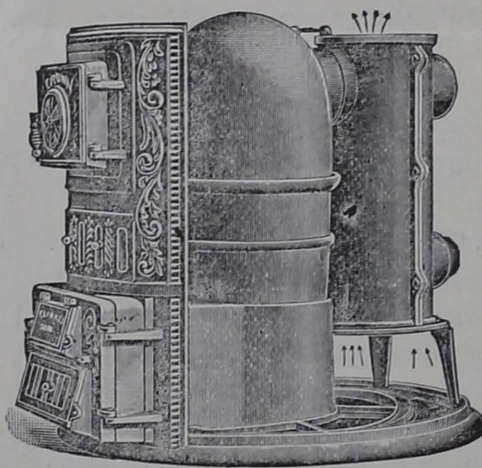
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**COLLEGE NOTES**

Several members of the cadet battalion of the University of Minnesota have started for Japan, with the intention of volunteering in the army of that country.

Brown University is to debate against John's Hopkins this month, the subject being, "Resolvad, that the attitude of the United States government toward the republics of Panama and Columbia was and is justifiable."

A Japan club has been formed at Harvard. It was organized to further the interests of the Japanese in Harvard, and Harvard men in Japan.

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The Dartmouth athletic council has engaged William R. Hamilton, the well known professional ball-player of the Haverhill club of the New England league, to coach the base-ball team this season.

The number of girl students at the University of California is limited to five hundred. There are now four hundred and ninety nine, and when the five hundredth girl is enrolled the gates of the university will be closed to the young women of California, until a vacancy occurs.

A number of institutions have recently incorporated a journalistic course in their curriculums. The University of Michigan took this step some time ago, and now the trustees of Indian University have made the addition to the regular course.

Students at Yale University are seeing a grave danger to unified college spirit in the fact that groups of men are constantly leaving the campus to take rooms together at some hotel or private club. They claim if this condition of affairs continues Yale will lose her democratic spirit, so that various efforts are being made to stop the present tendency.

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"No, sir, Max, I don't agree with you on that score. Why, look here, those societies are the very places where we show what we really have learned in the class-room. They broaden a fellow immensely by giving him other men's views and bringing him in contact with the



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