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DAYS OF ABSENCE

When the South-wind, on beautiful, radiant wing,
Comes caroling over the plain,
I will yield not to yearning, nor faint as I sing,
With a sorrow unseemly and vain;
But, reminded of how thou didst go forth to greet
Each tender and blossoming thing,
My heart's meditation of thee shall be sweet,
And I will rejoice in the spring!

Rejoice—till, uplifted with gladness, I see
That the flowers, reviving, abound
In a glorified sense of thyself, and for me
The hills with a halo are crowned;
Then—though earth count thee absent—
once more, oh my King,
I will fly as of old unto thee,
And the South-wind, on beautiful radiant wing,
My guide and companion shall be!

AN ALUMNUS.

MUSIC AS A FACTOR IN EDUCATION

Of the many and diverse phases which civilization at this period presents, none can be more striking than the awakening on all sides of an intense and marked interest in the question of education. How shall we so train the child that he may occupy that place in the world for which he is most fitted, and bring out the best that is in him?

There is great variance of opinion concerning the aim and end of education, for we are living in an age of materialism, and to many, if not most men, the whole conception of education is formed upon the basis of its value as a money-making power. How can the education of the schools counteract and counterpoise this extreme materialism?

To do so we must begin at the very earliest stages to develop the qualities of the heart and the soul, and through the emotional instincts of the child lead up to perceptions of beauty and harmony. Apart from poetry, there is no art capable of depicting soul life as perfectly as music. Of all the arts none can sway the passions and control the emotions like music. It exercises over both heart and imagination a subtle and pervading power. Childhood is led by emotions; in youth these are tempered and partially controlled by intellect.

Let music, therefore be given that place in our schools and in all educational advancements of youth to which it by right belongs. To every student there should be presented the grandest, the most noble works. And inasmuch as the choicest and best in literature is introduced to the student at this period, so also should only the best of musical art be offered, that the highest ideals may be set before him to cultivate and bring forth the more divine qualities of the soul and thus lead up to a full and perfect manhood or womanhood—the most glorious fruit of the higher education of this century.

To the true-hearted musician, there is open a vast and hitherto unexplored field

of good. He holds in his hand a magic wand, whereby he may touch the deepest chords of the human heart. For music is at once the solace and inspiration of poor, distressed humanity, and when correctly interpreted and skilfully applied, disciplines and controls the deepest emotions of the soul.

JULIA THERESA WILSON.

AMONG OTHER THINGS HE DID

Through the sultry streets of old Jerusalem a young rabbi was wending his way from the synagogue. Had one been able to penetrate the meaning in his deep eyes he would have found a strange mixture of two powerful emotions,—that wonderful holy union of religion and love.

As he performed the holy rites within the temple that day, as he shed the blood in the great brazen basins about the altar, his mind flitted from thoughts of a dusky virgin to the sacrifices, and from the sacrifices it went in leaps back to this beautiful daughter of Abraham. And as the rush of his holy love swept over him, the service took on a sublimer meaning; the majesty of the chants and psalms broke upon his ears, attuned by a more spiritual love. Elated by his youthful passion and buoyed up by the religious zeal of his fathers, he arrived at her dwelling and made his presence known to her servants.

With a hurried look into her steel mirror, and a loose tying of her long, black tresses, she descended the stairs and met her lover. His hands closed upon hers, she met his fervid question with her womanly look of great, calm joy—they were reveling in that one rapturous moment of love's first expression.

That evening, as her father, the old tax gatherer, sat upon the roof enjoying the cool breeze coming from Mount Olivet, the young rabbi told his love. The old man bowed himself and wept. "My only treasure," he sobbed. "Wilt thou take her from me?"

"Weep not, dearest father," she whispered, laying her hand on his white locks, "our children shall rise up and bless thee. We shall train them in the fear of our great Jehovah and they shall swell the host of the Lord."

The old man seemed satisfied; the wind was blowing her dark hair and as she stood by his side it mingled with his snowy locks. The lover waited. Suddenly the old man roused himself. "Dost thou believe in this man from Nazareth?"

"Nay, verily," answered the youth, "our Messiah cometh from the line of King David; this imposter is the son of a carpenter."

"Well, peace be unto you."

The weeks sped on. Through the long summer evenings the two sat and talked of those things which from time long past have been the theme of lovers from the moment of promise to the moment of consummation. "We shall live with father," she often said to him, "and make his last days happy."

The time which should unite them forever was fast approaching. But a few days remained. The glow in each one's eyes grew deeper and brighter. But alas, their feverish joy was to be turned to dismal mourning. The dread disease of lep-

rosy took hold of him. At the first symptoms he hastened to her to have one last gaze into those eyes whose light had sustained him so well. As she rushed toward him for the wonted embrace he gave a warning gesture and uttered that heart-rending word, "Unclean." The woman staggered, then passed her hand quickly across her eyes, yes, it was he, her love, doomed to terrible separation until that great day of the Lord should come when all tears should be wiped away. They gazed at each other; she dropped her long lashes—a moment of great conflict—she raised them and said, "We are one, I will go with you." A thrill of painful joy passed through his heart. For the first time he felt the great might of woman's love. But he told her of her old father, and what a help she was to him.

"I can live happy with thee in spirit," he said, "knowing the great love with which thou dost love me." With a parting look he turned, and soon he was in the wretched hovels of the lepers; she fell upon her couch in an anguish of despair.

The marriage day came, but there was desolation in that house. That day she wept for her lover and would not be comforted. But as the sun sank behind the ancient walls a deep peace distilled itself upon her soul; and in that glorious triumph of the holy devotee, she exclaimed, "The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Weeks passed again. Months came and went. The leper's once noble body became emaciated, but as he neared the grave of his fathers, the light in his eyes grew strangely bright; it was shining forth a great human love. She, too, drooped and failed, and her wan face and uncertain step told of a hopeless sorrow that the great God had inflicted upon her.

There was a Samaritan in his crowd of fellow-sufferers. As the days had passed, these two became more and more friendly; the dog had taken the heart of the young rabbi. The Samaritan's little sister, born blind, had been healed by this Jesus, and the Samaritan had been hoping that the great Healer would come near the camp. He had prayed with a prayer of great faith, and his simple trust had made its way into the heart of the rabbi, so that he, too, wished that the man Jesus would pass that way.

And he did, and a great multitude accompanied him. As he came nearer, the crowd before him and behind him surged to and fro. The lepers cried, "Unclean! Unclean!" and the crowd shrank back from the miserable men. But, behold, a physician who fears not leprosy. He is pure; he cannot see corruption. He takes the Samaritan by the hand—the crowd looks aghast—and in words that thrilled the poor man's soul, the Master said, "Dost thou believe?"

"Yea, Lord."

The young rabbi had fallen at his feet. "Help thou my unbelief."

He touched the prostrate man and he was made whole. The youth clung to the feet of the Savior in holy thankfulness and adoration. The Christ raised him and said, "Hasten, she waiteth for thee."

H., 1903.

CALENDAR

Friday, 17. Manhattan vs. Ursinus at New York. Norristown High School vs. Reserves at Home.
Literary Societies, 7.40 p. m.
Saturday, 18. Rutgers vs. Ursinus at New Brunswick.
Monday, 20. Monday Night Club.
Tuesday, 21. Chorus Rehearsal.
Wednesday, 22. P. I. D. vs. Ursinus at Home.
Thursday, 23. College Y. M. C. A. President's Conference at Bucknell University.
Friday, 24. Schaff Prize Debate.
Saturday, 25. Muhlenburg vs. Ursinus at Home.

BASEBALL

URSINUS, 8. SUSQUEHANNA U., 3.
Last Friday Ursinus met Susquehanna at Selins Grove, defeating them by the score of 8-3. Ursinus scored two runs in the first inning on singles by Price and Snyder, and two errors by Susquehanna. Two more were added in the fourth. Chamberlain and Gettel reached first base on errors, Kelley and Mabry were put out at first, then Price hit a long three base hit to left field, sending Chamberlain and Gettel home. Three errors and a base on balls netted two more in the fifth. Safe hits by Chamberlain and Mabry and two errors scored Snyder in the seventh. Our last run was scored in the ninth on two doubles by Faringer and Chamberlain.

Susquehanna scored a run in the fourth on errors, one in the seventh on four successive singles, and one in the ninth on a wild pitch.

Mabry pitched a steady game, striking out eight men and allowing but four hits. Price, Chamberlain and Faringer batted well, and our infield played a great game.

URRINUS	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Kelley, c. f.,	0	0	0	0	0
Price, c.,	1	2	12	3	0
Watt, 1b., 3b.,	1	0	6	2	0
Roth, l. f.,	0	1	0	0	0
Hoffsommer, 2b.,	1	0	4	1	0
Snyder, ss.,	2	1	2	2	2
Faringer, r. f.,	2	2	0	0	0
Gettel, 3b.,	1	0	0	0	3
Chamberlain, 1b.,	0	2	3	0	1
Mabry, p.,	0	1	0	2	0
Total,	8	9	27	10	6

SUSQUEHANNA.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Deufer, 3b.,	1	0	2	1	1
Wagenseller, ss.,	0	1	0	0	3
Reynolds, 2b.,	0	1	5	0	1
Eby, c.,	0	0	8	1	2
Neuer, p.,	1	0	1	2	1
Hokes, c. f.,	0	0	0	2	0
Roberts, l. f.,	1	1	4	1	0
Conrad, 1b.,	0	1	7	0	3
Sholly, r. f.,	0	0	0	0	0
Total,	3	4	27	7	11

Ursinus, 2 0 0 2 2 0 1 0 1—8
Susquehanna, 1 0 0 1 1 0 2 0—3

Earned runs—Ursinus 1. 2 base hits, Faringer, Chamberlain, Roberts. 3 base hits, Price. Struck out by Mabry 8, by Townsend, 2, by Neuer, 6. Base on balls by Mabry 2, by Townsend 1, by Neuer 3. Hit by pitched ball Beufer, Neuer, Watt. Balk, Mabry. Innings pitched: Mabry, 8, Townsend 1. Umpires: Morgan and Martin, Susquehanna. Scorer, Hobson. Time of game 2 hours.

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FRIDAY, APR. 17, 1903.

EDITORIAL

Feverish excitement is the bane of much of the time of the college course. So many things to do and so little time to do them in is an ever present weight which rests upon us. There are even times when we look upon relaxation as a sin. But there is another side to the "toiling upwards in the night" to which, if we would do our best-work, and would develop most strongly, we may well take heed. And this other side is the side of rest, the side of complete loosening of active life, an entire letting go of the part of life we call "labor."

We need play; we need an unnerving sometimes. We used to think that a man should always be at his best. We think so yet but we have changed our conception of a man at his best. It is true that a man is truly man when he plays. We are players as well as workers. It is in us to play; sometimes we must play. Here is a legend quoted by Guts Muths:

John the Evangelist was once playing with a partridge which he stroked with his hand. A man came along, in appearance, a sportsman, and beheld the evangelist with astonishment because he took pleasure in a little creature which was of no account. "Art thou really the evangelist whom every body reads, and whose fame has brought me here? How does such vanity comport with thy reputation?" "Good friend," replied the gentle John, "what is this I see in your hand?" "A bow," answered the stranger. "And why do you not have it always strung and ready for use?" "That would not do. If I kept it strung, it would grow lax, and be good for nothing." "Then," said John, "do not wonder at what you see me do."

You catch the idea—John at his best—but playing. This is very pertinent. Have you not often resolved that you would do a certain amount of work, do something steadily and scrupulously well—perform some task without a break. But a break came—temptation as you thought it—came in the form of a party or a midnight feed, or a revel in song or an invitation for a stroll, and you found yourself unable to resist. It might have been wrong to give in—it

may not have been wrong. It may be that your nature needs play when you think that you should work steadily.

This is not a doctrine of play. It is simply a statement of a fact, the knowledge which we may use or not.

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Last October there appeared in these columns an editorial about "muckers." From that time until last Friday we had practically forgotten that there were such things in college communities. But during the game with Susquehanna University we were made keenly aware of the fact that these detestable creatures still exist.

What did the "muckers" do? They lined up along the third base line, and were repeatedly forced back by the umpires but it would have required a patrol to keep them back. There was room for them in the grand stand, and that is where they should have been. Their cheering was negative instead of positive; that is, they laughed and jeered at our errors, and they failed to cheer either our good plays or the good plays of their own men. Their attitude was downward instead of upward. They crowded upon the diamond about the umpire and the captains as they were talking over certain decisions. Their remarks were continually personal and abusive. They went on the hypothesis that casting slurs upon us was the proper way for college men to "root" for their own players. They failed to show the gentlemanly qualities that a college course is supposed to develop in the student, but they did show many of the vulgar characteristics that rank roudyism fosters. In short they acted like addle-brained nincompoops!

We have hesitated to write thus. We realize that it is one of the easiest things in the world to find fault, and one of the most difficult to correct it. Nevertheless, we wish to bring to the minds of the gentlemen of Susquehanna University a duty which they have to the other part of their student body—and that duty is to create and maintain a spirit of noble manliness which, to an outsider, does not seem to pervade the institution.

SCHAFF PRIZE DEBATE

The Second Annual Prize Debate of the Schaff Literary Society will be held in Bomberger Hall on April the twenty-fourth at eight o'clock. The question to be discussed is: "Resolved That the government of the United States should

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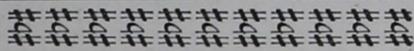
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The boys all have conniption fits!

The turn of her head turns all ours, too,
There's always a strife to sit in her pew;
'Tis enough to make a parson drunk,
To hear her sing old co-ca-che-lunk!

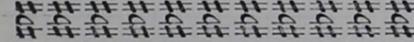
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PHILADELPHIA LETTER

Chas. Wareick, of Lancaster Seminary and Thomas M. Polk, of Princeton Seminary, were recent visitors.

William L. Meckstroth, assisted the Rev. Dr. L. K. Derr, Lion's Reformed Church, Reading, during Passion week.

A number of the students spent the Easter recess at their homes. Recitations were suspended from Thursday noon until Tuesday morning.

Dr. Sechler preached at Manheim, and Prof. Hinke assisted the Rev. Dr. J. W. Meminger, Lancaster, Easter Sunday.

ALUMNI NOTES

The Rev. Dr. J. W. Meminger, '84, announced to his congregation that Mr. Andrew Carnegie would contribute \$2500, toward the pipe organ for the new church his congregation is building. Dr. Meminger has been chosen as one of the speakers at the Pen-Mar reunion on July 16. His subject is "Language and Life."

E. R. Appenzeller, '00, a senior in the Seminary has been elected assistant pastor to Rev. Ross F. Wicks, pastor of the Fourth Reformed church, Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. John Truman Ebert and Miss Sara C. Hendricks, '93, were married at the bride's home in Collegeville on Wednesday evening at half after six by the bride's father, assisted by the Rev. C. E. Wehler. About thirty of the nearest relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony. The newly married couple left soon after the wedding for an extended wedding trip. They will reside at Norristown.

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The celebration was in connection with the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. A. S. Bromer, S. T., '88, at Grace Reformed Church, Eleventh and Huntington Streets and the burning of two mortgages.

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BASEBALL

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The game scheduled at Carlisle with Dickinson on Saturday was called off on account of muddy grounds. The loam which had been packed on the Dickinson diamond became a mass of mud after the rain. The Dickinson authorities generously invited the team to stay over and play on Monday, but as some of our players had to go home for vacation, the financial loss still remaining the same, Manager Hobson decided not to tempt the weather any further. The team has been having unfortunate weather. Rain has spoiled the Lehigh, Lafayette and Dickinson games, resulting in financial loss and general disappointment.

Augustus Ziegler and Harry McCollum will represent Ursinus at Princeton on Saturday in the athletic meet there. Mr. Ziegler will put the shot. He has put it thirty-eight feet in practice. Mr. McCollum enters the 100 yd. and 220 yd. He is also doing good work in practice, running close to ten seconds.

STUDENT CONFERENCE AT NORTHFIELD

Plans are being perfected for the conduct of the Student Summer Conference of Young Men's Christian Associations of Canada and the East to be held at East Northfield, Mass., June 26th to July 5th. This Conference was started through the invitation of Mr. D. L. Moody in 1886, and since then has been held annually with increasing attendance. Last year there were over 700 representatives from 132 institutions at the Northfield Conference.

Meetings at Northfield are held each morning and evening in the auditorium and at sunset out of doors on "Round Top," the hill on which the grave of Mr. D. L. Moody is found. In the list of speakers who will address the Conference this year are: Mr. Robert E. Speer, Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, Rev. George Jackson of Edinburg, Rev. William F. McDowell, D. D., Prof. Edward I. Bosworth, Dr. Frank K. Sanders, Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., Hon. S. B. Capen

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Normal Bible classes to help leaders of student classes or groups will be conducted each day.

One of the most important features of the Conference is the social and athletic life. The afternoons are devoted to recreation and are characterized by baseball games between different colleges, tennis, bicycle runs and an athletic meet. Much good-natured rivalry between the institutions is developed. The influence of this Conference upon the lives of hundreds of Christian students is far-reaching and has done much to increase the religious atmosphere of the eastern colleges.

Last year Ursinus sent five men to Northfield. This year we should send as many if not more. Mr. H. S. Gottshall has charge of the local work.

MONDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

"The Trust" will be discussed pro and con at the monthly meeting of the Monday Night Club next Monday evening, April 20. The subject is one of so great local as well as national import that the meeting should prove of interest to the townspeople as well as to all the students. The following papers will be read: "The Organization of the Trust by the Promoter," Mr. Brownback, '04; "The Evil Tendencies of Combination," Mr. Gutshall, '03; "The Question of the Present," Mr. Gettel, '04; "Trust Legislation," Mr. Haines, '03.



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