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Association**

Baccalaureate Sermon

A class of seven from the Moravian Theological Seminary and a class of six from the Moravian College, together with their friends, listened to their baccalaureate sermon in the Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, June 6. The church was simply and tastefully decorated with palms, ferns, carnations and daisies. A large congregation was present and enjoyed the very inspiring service. The choir sang Schubert's "Omnipotence" as an opening anthem and, after the Scripture lessons, Mrs. John Nevin Leibert sang Buck's "Fear Ye Not, O Israel."

Our beloved president, Dr. Schultze, was in charge of the service and, besides leading in praying the Te Deum and reading the lessons, spoke briefly of the meaning of the day and the occasion. A four-fold interest, he said, marked the day. Being the first Sunday of the month, the offerings for home missions were to be gathered, and some of the graduates of the theological department had accepted home mission charges. Then this was also the day of cove-

nant for the choirs of the older boys and girls. Third and fourth, the annual sermons were to be preached to the graduates of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary and to the graduates of the Moravian Seminary and College for Women. All four teach the lesson of consecration. To those who believe that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" it is self-evident that a good education must lead to consecration. Next he drew attention to the fact that this institution regularly appears twice each year before the congregation, once in November to ask for the prayers and the gifts of the members, and in June to show what the result of the work has been. The hospitality and the gifts of Bethlehem Moravians deserved constant recognition. Thereupon Dr. Schultze introduced the speaker, Prof. Charles R. Erdman, D.D., of Princeton Theological Seminary, well remembered from his visit and address at the time of the college centennial.

Dr. Erdman's theme was "True Greatness." He spoke of the availability of the life of John Hus, especially in this 500th anniversary of his martyrdom, as an example of true greatness—had not the publication of Dr. Schwarze's splendid book on the Martyr of Bohemia made a review of that life unnecessary. The speaker chose John the Baptist as his illustration of true greatness, with special reference to the story as told in Matthew, chapter eleven. We find here

the judgment of Jesus about John. Jesus' judgment about men is the only essential one. He judged kindly of John, for in that hour John had failed in his faith. Jesus does not condemn for one fault, as men so often do. Yet the judgment was just, for there is a rebuke in the words: "Blessed is he whosoever is not offended in me." Neither would Jesus give doubting John any other proof of His divinity. The story begins: "Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ," and Jesus says to his messengers: "Go and show John again those things which you do see and hear." So we need not look for miraculous proof of His help—the ordinary means of grace must be sufficient.

After the messengers of the prisoner were gone, Jesus vindicates His judgment, in His question, "What came ye out for to see," and the answer He gives to the question, John is an example of true greatness as a man. He shows manly courage. "A reed shaken in the wind?" No, certainly not. Some men are chameleon-minded, they easily yield to their environment. Students forget their home-training and go with the fellows. In society many things are done simply because others do them. The business man eases his conscience by saying "Business is business." The politician keeps his ear to the ground. Theologians often think in harmony with the last book they have read. But John preached repentance to the crowd. He reproved the soldiers and the politicians. He reproached the King because of the wicked woman by his side. Of course such men are put to jail and beheaded, but they are men, they are brave. Again, John was an example of true greatness because of his consecration to the best things of life. "Soft raiment?" No, raiment of camel's hair and leather girdle. His consecration went so far as to despise the luxuries of life. True greatness consists not in getting, not in enjoying the externalities, but in sacrifice for the higher things.

The second element of John's greatness the speaker found in his being a prophet and messenger. A prophet is a great man, his calling is a great one. He must often be out of harmony with his times and therefore must suffer. But John was "more than a prophet." He was the forerunner of the Messiah. He pointed to the Christ. This is the highest calling, this is man's truest greatness—to point to Jesus the Saviour. Prophets may point out the failures of men, may show them an ideal, but he is greater who points the way to Christ, for with Him there is power to forgive and to redeem. To such an office and to such a calling the speaker urged the young men to dedicate themselves, even though it may mean a life of hardship and struggle.

The sermon made a deep impression. It was chaste in style, beautiful in diction, forceful in argument and deep in spirituality.

Commencement Exercises

A brighter day could not have been wished for the commencement exercises, held in the beautiful Helen Stadiger Borhek Memorial Chapel at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 9. A large audience of friends, alumni and students filled the chapel to its full capacity. Dr. Schultze was in charge of the exercises and was assisted by Bishop C. L. Moench and the Rev. J. S. Romig, of Philadelphia, a trustee and secretary of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Moravian Church.

The degree of Ph.D. was conferred upon the Rev. Harry Emilius Stocker, pastor of the South Bethlehem Moravian Church. Degrees of Bachelor of Divinity were given the following graduates from the Theological Seminary: Jonas G. Bruner, Hope, Indiana; Herbert T. Kant, Watertown, Wis.; Eugene L. Michel, West Salem, Ill.; Douglas L. Rights, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Edward H. Swavely, Emaus, Pa.; Vaclav F. J. Vancura, Jungbunzlau, Bohemia; Allen P. Zimmerman, Gnadenuhuetten, O.

The graduates from the college were the fol-

lowing: Roy H. Christ, Allentown, B.S.; Arnold W. Flath, Alice, N. D., A.B.; Roy D. Hassler, Lititz, Pa., B.S.; James S. Munger, Nazareth, B.S.; August Wucherer, Oakwood Heights, New York, A.B.

The following prizes were awarded: The John David Bishop prize, of fifty dollars, to E. L. Michel; the Greek prize, of ten dollars, to E. E. Wesenberg, of the Senior Class; the Cora Doster Moses prize, of ten dollars, for good work in Homiletics, to E. H. Swavely.

Dr. Schultze, in his address to the graduates, stated that he had been giving degrees to graduates for thirty years. Some interesting points made by him follow: Three important factors that condition the success of individual life are heredity, opportunity and determination. The first is entirely out of our control; each one is born into the world with certain gifts and talents. The second is partly in the individual's control, but not entirely. The most important opportunities are connected with our education—the training we receive from the school, from each other and from the world. The last—determination—is the most important and lies entirely in our control. The two terms used to describe such an occasion as this, graduation and commencement, suggest a look into the past and a look into the future. With regard to the latter, he urged the men never to be satisfied with less than the most they can possibly make out of themselves. Not only the scientific and cultural knowledge but also the spiritual uplift they were taking with them from the college life and experience demanded from them unswerving fidelity.

Speaking specially to the graduates from the Theological Seminary, Dr. Schultze drew attention to the fact that they were seven of a class of seventeen who entered college together six years ago. The other ten are satisfactorily accounted for. Two are ministers, one in England, the other one in the Reformed Church.

Two are teachers, one is a doctor, one is studying law. Two are finishing electrical courses in other institutions. Two have entered commercial life. The seven remaining members of the class represent seven different States and countries, one being a Bohemian. The class has studied seven languages and has taken seven subjects of study during their last year's course. They all hope to become heads of congregations in due time, and are therefore like the seven stars of the Book of Revelation. He urged the young men to look upon Jesus Christ as the polar star of their lives and always to remain faithful to Christ, to the Church, and to the Alma Mater.

In a few warm words of greeting and appreciation, Dr. Schultze introduced the speaker, Prof. Edward Payson Johnson, of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J. His eloquent address was listened to with close attention. We are very glad to quote the address, in full, as follows:

Mr. President, Trustees and Alumni, Graduates, Students, Ladies and Gentlemen: I give you the familiar, optimistic lines: "God's in His heaven; all's right with the world." The saying of the poet was inspired by the poet's vision. And yet, with the natural eye, Browning could not have seen a majestic appearance of the Heavenly King, for "no man hath seen God at any time"; nor could he have seen a state of perfect order and happiness in the world of mankind, for such a condition of human life has never existed since Eden. Nevertheless, we perceive, and we approve the poet's meaning. So vivid was Browning's consciousness of the Imminence and Universal Authority of the Infinite Goodness, that he knew in his heart all will be right, all must be right with the world in God's own way and time. May we, in our day, have enough greatness of soul, and purity of soul, to visualize both of these triumphant truths!

"God's in His heaven; all's right with the

world!" Not yet do we see all things put under the feet of incarnate peace and love; unspeakable evils are in the world; agonizing wrongs and sufferings, foolish, fiendish hatreds, deluges of blood, with foul, frenzied war, the most frightful war of all the centuries; surely the savage moods and strifes of primeval barbarism have suddenly returned to overwhelm the most civilized races of men, aye, to blight and curse the whole earth!

"Though Love illumined the individual mind,
Like some half-blind, half-formed, primeval creature,
The State still crawls a thousand years behind.
Still on the standards of the great World Powers
Lion and bear and eagle sullenly brood,
Whether their slow folds flap o'er prosperous hours
Or stream tempestuously o'er fields of blood."

Because the times are so full of fear and anguished horror, we are driven from all our refuges and excuses and specious theories, to seek security and hope in the realized immanence of the Almighty, All-Righteous God. Because we never before were so shocked and horrified by man's cruelties and stubborn suspicions, we never were so sure that "God, still in His heaven," is supremely preparing to use all willing to be His helpers in righting things in this distracted, desolated world. It were ungracious, even if it were not unprofitable and vain, for a mere stranger like myself, here today by your kind courtesy, to voice his own partisan sympathies, in eulogizing the one side, or stigmatizing the other side, in the present colossal European conflict. You and I, being quick flesh and blood, cannot fail to have our own sharply-defined personal sympathies; and yet, acute as the crisis may be, and difficult as the high note I long to strike clearly, I charge you, one and all, let us keep first in mind that impressive claim which ranks the claim of England, or Germany, or even our own Columbia, the claim of the higher domain of world-wide humanity, the supreme empire of the divine on earth. What can surpass our duty in all ways possible, lowly, ordinary or difficult, to establish that kingdom in the earth? To be neutral here, is it not un-Christian and un-human as well as un-American? Is this supreme citizen-obligation too fanciful, too utterly impracticable, for us to

visualize deliberately and reverently? Is such an effort unworthy in this presence, among you who are of Moravian descent and culture, Moravian ideals and faith? However, other denominational creeds and polities may have changed, under God, you have steadily held until now the high, world-wide "Unity of Brethren," the true "Unitas Fratrum." Where else, if not here, may an anxious believer in God and mankind so confidently appeal?

"God's in His heaven; all's right with the world!" But do not misinterpret the poet's meaning! All may be right with the world, but in some other, later days than ours. The Hebrew people, already on the border of unconquered Canaan, might have escaped the forty years of distresses and wanderings in the wilderness, had they eagerly, believingly tried to see the assuring vision of Joshua and Caleb, and given no heed to the dismayed and disobedient ten. They would have found their God making things right before them in the promised land.

Alike in those days, and in these, there is great individual loss, as well as community loss, in the failure to visualize the victory which courage, and confidence, and self-sacrificing obedience to duty will surely bring. On the threshold of every noble undertaking there must be preliminary surveys and reports—careful work through spies—before the outgo of the forces of occupation. Alas for the cause and its supporters when one fearless and enthusiastic visualizer like Joshua is not honored, rather than a thousand prophets of defeat, and breeders of disobedience. Columbia's baccalaureate preacher ten days ago spoke reprovingly to the gathered students before him of "the tendency to harp on the evils of our times." We agree with Dr. Taylor that it is folly to deal continually in tearful jeremiads or bitter denunciations with present serious conditions in society, or State, or the world; and yet, the hurtful, demoralizing, destructive influences must be recognized, clearly, anxiously, indignantly recognized, for what they are; then we shall look up despairingly and importunately, and see with the "inner vision" "God in His heaven," and feel the mighty grip of His imperative revelation of our duty in making things right in the world.

For, be sure, it is the plan of Almighty God that the reign of infinite goodness shall have the co-working of man's righteousness. No man is of any real advantage to earth or heaven who has everything done for him by his Father in Heaven or his father on earth. Wealthy parents stultify themselves, and bring cursing and bitterness upon the world, by wrong-dealing with their sons; not only sparing them the rod when small, but later sparing them vigorous work, and responsibility, and discipline for body and mind. The Heavenly Father never defeats His own designs through such indulgent folly; He rigorously trains up His sons in His own philosophy of practical life, to be earnest fellow-workers in making things right in the world.

If this is the high purpose of human life, the special reason for our being here, we know why the power of seeing visions is a necessary equipment of the effective worker for righteousness; how else can he recognize righteousness? We know why there are such discords and defeats in the higher interests of life that "the people cherish where there is no vision"; not one sees how much they all are losing. We also know why unusual affusion of Divine influence in the earliest days of the church was followed by great increase of the spiritual faculty of seeing visions; for many, especially young men, soon developed a new consecration, a new type of temperament, a new manner of life; they often visualized influences, tendencies and truths, even as God would have them see them, under the control of the Divine Spirit. And certain special qualities characterize the true visualizer, the man who sees trustworthy and instructive visions. Chief among these is courage, since such a man is apart from his fellows, and likely ere long to be distrusted and disliked by them. He realizes that the gracious truth he sees in all its attractiveness, to others is rather a dangerous error; his special light to them is darkness, and he himself is a fool, a knave, or a traitor, perhaps all three. Who obeys a great vision must be a brave man.

We have a famous example of courage—inspired by the heavenly vision—in the great Jew of Tarsus. Marvellous the transformation of that angry heresy-hunter on the Damascus

road! An hour before he would rather have fallen dead than bow down before Jesus of Nazareth, like those he persecuted to the death; an hour later, in deepest remorse, he humbly called the Christians' Master his Lord. Thenceforward, with steadfast courage, through many years, Paul faced every adversary and persecutor, Jew, heathen or false disciple, in his inexhaustible passion of atonement for his past ignorant, though shameful, wrongs. Crafty, persistent and hard-hearted in his self-seeking before the vision that proved him the persecutor of the Lord Jesus, afterward he braved every peril and privation to win men to his Lord and to righteousness. Making things right in the world became a quenchless passion with him during his remaining life.

According to certain authorities, the many matchless visions of the great poet Dante were chiefly due to the privations and persecutions caused by enemies who drove him into exile, but we know that his great visions not only compelled him to write the "Divina Commedia," but they also emboldened him to unmask flagrant sins in high places hitherto for long time unrebuked, with most impartial justice scourging all alike—prince or grandee, priest or bishop, cardinal or pope. His visions have lifted him to the rank of our highest in poetry; but their more immediate effect was the resistless inspiration of a dauntless courage that made him a mighty master workman for righteousness in his beloved but degraded Italy.

"His words, like colored garnet-shirls in lava,
Betray the heat in which they were engendered.

The people knew not

What manner of man was passing by their doors
Until he passed no more; but in his vision
He saw the torments and beatitudes
Of souls condemned or pardoned, and hath left
Behind him this sublime Apocalypse."

—*Longfellow.*

But visions are also the offspring of an assured confidence in the service of righteousness, and reasonably they also develop this assured confidence. There may be unflinching courage wholly parted from confidence of either rescue or victory—like that of the heroic Texans at the Mexican Alamo, fighting until death to

the last man against overwhelming odds—but calmly-assured confidence can build up a far higher courage, that for long “can suffer and be strong,” enduring patiently because seeing Him who is invisible. Infinitely to be desired is this superhuman type of inflexible confidence; in spite of all dangers, difficulties, disappointments, detractors and defeats it still holds on, steadily, triumphantly, seeing clearly from afar the coveted prize.

“So when the last land down the horizon died,
 ‘Go back, go back!’ they prayed; ‘our hearts are lead.’
 ‘Friends, we are bound into the west,’ I said.
 Then passed the wreck of a mast upon our side;
 ‘See!’ (so they wept) ‘God’s warning! Admiral turn!’
 ‘Steersman,’ I said, ‘hold straight into the west.’
 Then down the night we saw the meteor burn;
 ‘So do the very heavens in fire protest!
 Good Admiral, put about! O Spain, dear Spain!’
 ‘Hold straight into the west!’ I said again.
 Behold! lie-telling lands that shine and die
 In clouds of nothing round the empty sky.
 ‘Tired Admiral! get thee from this hell, and rest!’
 ‘Steersman,’ I said, ‘hold straight into the west!’

How vividly Sidney Lanier has portrayed for us the great discoverer’s relentless persistence of faith!

Or, go back to the beginning of the fifteenth century. Mark the unswerving confidence of that brave, pioneer-reformer of the mediaeval church, the hero-martyr of Bohemia. To John Hus all Christians of all later centuries, and you, good friends, in a very direct and peculiar sense, owe an incalculable debt. The story of his apostolic life, most fitly told again, and oft repeated in this half-millennial anniversary of his martyrdom, above all else bears witness to his unflinching, invincible, implicit confidence in his Master and his mission—the true Gospel righteousness of faith. Amid all the treachery, tyranny and tortures of the great Constance Council—as in his final passion in the flames—his unflinching confidence in his Master gave him radiant visions of the Great King’s gracious “Well done!” and the eternity of the heavenly reward.

Again: Psychology teaches us, and not merely religion, that our own well-loved, slowly-dying American poet saw a vision, kindred to all visions of the good and great of the past, and born of a like sublime confidence, when he sang:

“As the marsh-hen secretly builds on the watery sod,
 Lo! I will build me a nest on the greatness of God;
 I will fly in the greatness of God, as the marsh-hen flies,
 In the freedom of all the space ’twixt the marsh and the
 skies;
 By so many roots as the marsh-grass sends in the sod,
 I will heartily lay me a-hold on the greatness of God.”

But love, self-sacrificing love, is, after all, the queenliest of all graces that enrich human life. It is a living shoot of the Divine implanted in our wilful, selfish nature. It thinks much of others, far less of one’s self; it plans for others; it yearns over others; it toils and suffers because of others; it joyously visions all good things it can conceive showered richly around others. What other ruling principle in life can enable us so clearly to visualize, and inspire our fellows to visualize, the inviting works God would have us complete, and the rich rewards He would have us enjoy?

The missionary Xavier is honored by all Christendom for the ten years of incessant activity which exhausted his life in India and Japan. We marvel at the flaming ardor of his loving concern for the heathen, so clearly manifest in his passionate “Yet more! O my God, yet more!” of that night-vision on the threshold of his work; but his ardor of love was even more clearly shown when, with tinkling bell, with half-learned words, with flowing tears, and quivering, out-reached arms, he convinced the wondering throngs in Goa’s streets that their white brother truly loved them well and longed to do them good.

In many respects the most unique and winsome personality of all modern workers for righteousness is Zinzendorf, the loved and gifted man who belongs especially to you Moravians. German pietism may be criticised for some of its teachings, but we can forgive it much because of its informing and inspiring of that eager lad, mind, heart and soul, for a half-century of notable wholesale self-giving to the highest things of life. The very soul of pietism entered into Zinzendorf, enabling him to visualize a true, simple, Scriptural dominion of God, flame-hearted, evangelistic, in the midst of a church that had largely lost the power of godliness. I know not such another instance, since the apostle Paul, of ever-consistent, ever-continuing

sacrifice of everything for love of the Divine Master and of righteousness. Some reformers have been mostly incarnate mind; others again mostly will; others mostly controversy; but the great Moravian was mostly heart. Truly he "had but one passion—He! He!" and in this more than any other reform leader he reminds us of Paul, the greatest and kingliest of all the original apostles of the Lord.

In these troublous times, far more than other times, it is our heavenly charge, in word and deed and spirit, after the mind of the Master, to be faithful envoys of love—love of God and love of men—all men, as against the suspicion, hate and violence of this present evil world. For love alone shall conquer—is foreordered to conquer.

"Cross against corselet! Love against hatred!
Peace-cry for war-cry! Patience is powerful!
Greater than anger, Is love and subdueth!
Love is eternal, God is still God,
And His faith shall not fail us! Christ is eternal."
—*Longfellow.*

You are summoned, young men, in a special sense, to joint work with the Divine for righteousness. You may hereafter preach, or practice law or medicine, teach, manufacture, bank, farm or go to Congress, it matters little which,

your calling is merely incidental. Your great concern is to enlist energies with the Most High in making things right in the world. The "open-mindedness" of which President Butler spoke last Wednesday is a personal attitude necessary, absolutely necessary, to justice, goodness and all true success. You cannot afford to be blinded by prejudice, particularly wilfulness, selfish pride or questionable indulgences. For you are to cultivate and maintain the continual habit of visualizing the effects of influences not yet at inter-play, and of harvests not yet in bloom or in blade. Keep continually the "open mind," that you may be able to see visions. The elemental forces I have all too inadequately illustrated and urged this morning, faithfully exercised, will develop you as men of vision, far-piercing, broad, trustworthy vision; and the influence of such visions will bring you the spirit of Heaven to handle with transforming touch even life's dreariest cares and drudgery, will help to make heavenly right everything of yours, day after day!

"Hasten Thy Kingdom, then, our dear Lord Christ and Brother!
Help us in toil or rest, joy, grief, to look above,
To catch Thy vision—this world owning no other
Standard, or Sovereign, than Thou, all-ruling Love!"

The Trustees' Meeting

The Board of Trustees met in Dr. Schultze's class-room on Tuesday afternoon, June 8, with twelve members present. Bishop C. L. Moench presided. The reports of the Treasurer, Dr. Paul de Schweinitz, showed the condition of finances to be very satisfactory. Dr. Schultze reviewed the work and progress of the College and Seminary for the year, and indicated lines for future growth. It is very encouraging to

note that a new instructor was provided for, whose duty it shall be to assist principally in laboratory work. A movement looking toward more extended instruction in elocution, also, was set on foot. Mr. F. C. Stout was elected to represent the Trustees on the Moravian Educational Association Board. After the usual granting of degrees for the graduates of the College and Seminary the meeting adjourned.

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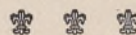
Adieu

The hand of time points to the close of another scholastic year at dear old M. C. How successful the efforts and work of the COMENIAN staff of the past year has been; we leave it to the reader to judge. We have endeavored faithfully to bear the COMENIAN standard forward, worthy of all for which it stands. We would not boast of having raised it to any unprecedented heights. Steady and consistent progress, faithfully achieved, and not preëminence has been our goal. And we sincerely trust that, taking the nine issues of the COMENIAN for this past year as a whole, no reader will hesitate to endorse them, at least, with "value received," in consideration of the subscription price paid.

And now looking forward to the happy privilege of enjoying the COMENIAN next year as month by month it will find its way to us in the "wild and woolly West," we extend our most cordial good wishes to the new editor-in-chief and his efficient staff of associates. Next year will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the COMENIAN, and with our good wishes goes the

confidence that our worthy successors will seize the opportunity presented of making the coming year's issues of the COMENIAN the climax of a quarter century of progress toward the goal of that ideal of literary excellence which is the ensign of the COMENIAN standard. To do this will call for the loyal support of every student within the College and Seminary and for the liberal personal interest of every alumnus who has the continued success and welfare of dear old M. C. at heart. And that such loyal support and liberal personal interest of all students and alumni may help to make the issues of next year's COMENIAN a crowning presentation of literary excellence is the most sincere good wish of the retiring editor.

E. L. M.



Staff Only

It has been the good pleasure of the writer to have been an inside member of the COMENIAN staff for one long year. During that brief period many interesting, instructive, and puzzling conditions have arisen. All, however, were worked out with care and attention by the Editor-in-Chief. This to his praise! But this closing issue of volume twenty-four closes the work of that gentleman. As an introduction to the twenty-fifth volume we wish to draw attention to the gratifying fact that 1915 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the launching of that page devoted to the interests of students and alumni of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary. We, who will have charge of the editing of the worthy exponent of Moravian's interests will endeavor to pay fitting tribute to those who so thoughtfully and considerately organized and sent forth the first copy of the COMENIAN. Any who are interested (all alumni and students are) in celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary will confer a great favor on the editors of next year by making suggestions and sending contributions early. In rush season 'tis hard to handle these matters, hence the necessity for speed.

Next year's staff is taking up this project with enthusiasm, and with the coöperation of all, this anniversary ought to go down in history as a memorable event in the memorable year 1915.

It will mean war to the end, but with a competent board of censorship (for socialistic opinions) and not too much noise from the younger generation, the staff hopes to win at least exemption from the blue-pencil of carping critics.

Perhaps, a page or two may be devoted to just criticism from subscribers, but no one who fails to receive the monthly copy will be allowed a voice. This is free America.

So, here's to the COMENIAN, long may it revive and survive!

R. E. S.



Farewell, M.C.

The onerous duty devolves upon us of writing an editorial for the COMENIAN when the train leaves in just two hours which will separate us from five years of association at M. C. How can the thoughts be directed to any other topic than that of bidding farewell? The rooms are already foresaken where we were wont to re-

ceive the hearty greetings of classmates and associates.

But we despise the man of regrets, and are not even sorry that changes must come. Of course we deplore our own failure to make the most of past opportunity. But that man's intellect is choked who would attempt to carry with him the burden of the past. On the other hand, the good that has come to us through lessons learned, through friendships formed, and through inspiration received, need not desert us.

So we bid farewell to old M. C. with a smile and with a look ahead. Before us lies a duty, one which has no moment to spare for sad retrospect. Just where or how it will show itself may not be known. A duty we have, and we rejoice that the time has come when real service may be begun. To do that service let each one strive after the vision of the poet, and get the intense conviction that ahead lies "The need of a world of men for me."

A. P. Z.

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Reception to the Graduates

An unusually large number of friends of the two graduating classes of the College and Seminary attended the reception given by the president and faculty to the graduates at eight o'clock, on Tuesday evening, June 8. A considerable number of alumni from out of town were present, some of whom saw the new building for the first time, and they, together with the out-of-town trustees, greatly admired the building as renovated since the fire. The halls and the northeast classroom had been invitingly arranged and artistically decorated, also, by the ladies of the faculty with large bouquets of peo-

nies and roses. The orchestra contributed to the festivities of the evening by rendering five or six lively selections. Ice cream and various kinds of cake were served as refreshments to all present. A special tribute of thanks and appreciation is due to the following young ladies who assisted at the reception: Miss Elizabeth Drake, Miss Gertrude Grunert, Miss Helena Krause, Miss Margaret Leibert, Miss Grace Lennox, Miss Anna Milchsack, Miss Katherine Ross, Miss Pauline Schwab, Miss Louise Thaeler, Miss Phyllis Thomas, Miss Helen Yost and Miss Marjory Laub.

Alumni Meeting and Luncheon

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary was held in the Helen Stadiger Borhek Chapel and was very well attended. The reports of the recording secretary and the treasurer were very encouraging and showed the finances and the general working order of the association to be in a promising condition. The association contributed to several causes, such as the Harvey Annuity, the "Bulletin," books for the library and athletic equipment. Several changes were made in the constitution of the association as suggested by the Executive Committee.

The officers, who served during the past year, were re-elected as follows: President, the Rev. P. S. Meinert, M.A., of Nazareth; First Vice-President, the Rev. H. E. Stocker, Ph.D., of South Bethlehem; Second Vice-President, Supt. C. H. Rominger, of Bethlehem; Recording Secretary, Professor C. H. Wenhold, of Nazareth;

Corresponding Secretary, the Rev. E. de S. Brunner, Ph.D., of Easton; Treasurer, the Rev. V. G. Flinn, of New York; additional members of the Executive Committee, the Rev. R. H. Brennecke, of Emaus; Prof. W. V. Moses, Ph. D., and Prof. Theodore Shields, of Bethlehem.

The luncheon of the association followed this meeting and was served in the dining-room of the college. Dr. Schultze presided and acted as toastmaster of the feast. The speakers for this occasion were the Rev. E. J. Heath, formerly of Trinidad; the Rev. H. E. Stocker, of South Bethlehem; Dr. E. P. Johnson, the commencement orator; the Rev. G. J. Crist, of Ambler, Pa.; Attorney W. A. Rex Schultze, of Philadelphia, and the Rev. W. H. Vogler, of Palmyra, N. J. After the luncheon, all the alumni and a company of town people witnessed the game of baseball between the 'Varsity and the Alumni, an account of which is given under the athletic news.

Y. M. C. A.

Our last month of Y. M. C. A. activity has ended and we are on our way to continue our training, which we have received within the walls of our old chapel. Many of this year's Association men are departing into fields of active Christian leadership and we who remain can only wish them God's speed and a rich blessing on their several labors.

May 6, a very impressive meeting was held in the reading room, for a change and to make it more informal. Mr. Hassler was leader and the subject for prayer was "Athletics and Prayer." Mr. Vancura led the music with his violin, every one present took part and a great deal of benefit was derived **therefrom**.

May 20, Mr. Munger was in charge of the service. Mr. Clewell gave a report of his trip to the Presidents' Conference, in Pittsburgh, of which a detailed account was given in the previous issue of this paper. The scripture was read from II Timothy 1:16.

On the evening of the 27th of May, a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held, such as has never been held here in recent years. The notice was posted around several conspicuous places, reading "College Meeting." Three vital questions, vital to college activity, were discussed very earnestly by many men who before seemed to take little interest in these matters. The three questions were: "Cribbing in Exams," "Paying of Debts," "Swearing." As a result of a very interesting discussion of the first problem the honor system has been adopted by consent of the faculty and was in progress for these last examinations. This meeting was the largest attended of the entire year. Mr. Keenan was an able leader and guided the meeting to success. The scripture was read from the 4th chapter of Philippians.

June 3, Mr. Hagen had the meeting in hand and the subject was "Vacation Hints." These questions were posted: "Are you going to live for yourself this sum-

mer or does God get a chance?" "Are you going to try and help some one to better living this summer?" The scripture was read from I Thess. 5:14-28. This was the last meeting of the year and for a closing hymn all sang "Blest be the Tie that Binds," concluding with the right hand of fellowship.

Sunday, 23d of May, a team of seven men went to the Rittersville Asylum and held a service there. Messrs. Fulmer, Henkelmann, Stolz and E. Clewell furnished quartet music. Professor Schwarze had charge of the service. Mr. Kant delivered the address and Mr. Ruprecht presided at the piano. The team was conveyed there and back again by the institution's Cadillac machine.

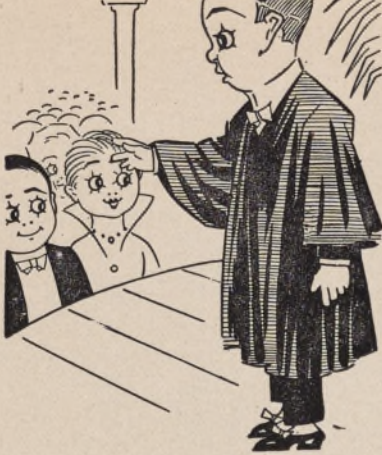
The Sunday following, May 30, a team in company with Dr. Paul de Schweinitz held a service for the sick and infirm of St. Luke's Hospital. Messrs. Henkelmann, Fulmer, Stolz and Clewell were the quartet. Mr. Spaugh played the organ and Dr. de Schweinitz delivered the address.

Messrs. J. Shields and Strohmeier were elected delegates for the Y. M. C. A. Conference to be held at **Eaglesmere, Pa.**

May 9, Messrs. Wedman, Spaugh, Limbach, Pfohl and Fishel were the team for Shimer's Station. Messrs. Wedman and Limbach delivered addresses.

May 16, Messrs. Wucherer, Gutensohn and G. Mueller composed the team for the Shimer's Station service. Mr. Wucherer spoke for the occasion.

This concludes our Y. M. C. A. activity and we feel that our prophecy made in the beginning of the year has come true, but let us not stop with that, but make next year as good and better than any of the other previous years. Build up this summer for work during the following term and, God helping us, we will make the Y. M. C. A. a shining light in college activity.



Dr. Werst's Elegy



The lowing herd winds slowly o'er the lea,
Said Dr. Schwarze, "Here's your damage fee.
Now to the lands unknown quick hie away.
With coin your Castelluci you can pay.
To Asbury Park, or far off western plain,
Or regions whence you ne'er return again."

And straightway at the master's urgent word,
Stampeded, rushed the whole gigantic herd.

First there's Michel breaks away in glee
And cries out, "Grabow, tag us for N. D."

Then Wyalusing follows, full of pep,
Sings, "It's a long, long way to New Sarep."

The Reverend Bishop seeks a loving mate,
And ships his tripe barrel to the Golden Gate.

The whizzing wheels whirr under A. P. Z.
"No Pennsylvania suffragettes for me."

Then Dagget's depths afford a royal gorge
Effacing Edgeboro tears from Jonas George.

As New York's sky-scraped visage heaves in view,
Vancura calls out, "Tickets, please, for two."

E'en Jimmie Munger lingers not awhile,
And Nazareth receives him with a smile.

Fair Lititz frowns not mid her noble dreams,
But knows that all is just as Roy deems.

Und guck mul do, the very trees bereave,
As from his campus haunts our friend Gig leaves.

A deathlike silence hovers o'er the lawn,
'Tis peaceful now for Gusty Gus is gone.

The birds sing cheerfully the livelong day,
As Happy Flath is happy on the way.

A hopeful youth skims through the fertile fields.
The wild West warmly welcomes Richard Shields.

The sage of Bexley hails Columbus' car,
And on the bleachers smokes a black cigar.

Weber, Wedman, Vogler, conductors' badges wear,
Proving none but the brave deserve the fare.

Now Spac and Mac retreat to Southern climes,
P. Allen visits Central Park sometimes.

E. Clewell tries Ohio for his weal.
Henks smiles and keeps his Henry August Kuehl.

Sam Gutensohn in Gnadenhütten sings,
As Hagen greases up the Lititz springs.

Kemper and Stolz keep Bethlehem's reputation
By joining Gideo's movie deputation.

J. Walter Meissner keeps old Butztown gay;
Roland Strohmeier rules Schoeneck, Pa.

The Mueller loves dear old Wisconsin's streams,
And Pennsylvania's Turner well esteems.

Now the cavalcade more swiftly flees,
Allen, Bilheimer, Everroad, Fishel, Splies.

Pristine exuberance travels by the peck
As 'long come Clewell, Fulmer, Wolter, Dech.

The rising tide doth swell and rageth so,
Funk, Limbach, Landis, Richter, Shields let melody flow.

A tall, slim figure flashes with a gleam
And yells, "To Kresge's quick! Hosteeza! Team!"



"Tickets for Two."

LOCALS

At the election meeting held on May 8, the following men were elected officers of the C. L. S.: President, Wucherer; Vice-President, Clewell; Secretary, Kuehl; Treasurer, Everoad; Chaplain, Pfohl; Custodian, Limbach; Executive Committee, R. Shields, Weber, Spaug.

The third and last public meeting of the C. L. S. was held in the college chapel on May 22, at 8 p.m. The following program was rendered: Organ Voluntary, M. W. Ruprecht; Declamation, Edgar Clewell; Reading, Edward Keenan; Oration, Samuel Wedman; Essay, J. Shields; Glee Club; Paper, R. Shields; Glee Club; General Business; Adjournment.

The Glee Club Concert held in the Laurel Street Chapel, May 18, was attended by a large and appreciative audience. May 25, the Glee Club sang at a meeting held in the West Side Chapel. On Sunday, May 9, the Glee Club members sang at a union and brotherhood meeting held in the Nazareth Moravian Church.

The athletic banquet was held in the refectory on May 25.

The engagement of Mr. Eugene L. Michel to Miss Anna L. Wiggle, of Denver, Illinois, has been announced. Miss Wiggle is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Evan Wiggle, who have charge of the Congregational Church in Denver. THE COMENIAN extends hearty congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. Roy Allam's parents entertained the Juniors on Thursday evening, June 3.

Thursday, May 27, Dr. and Mrs. Schwarze entertained the Senior Theologs and the Seniors at their home. A very bountiful meal was served and the evening was delightfully spent in playing various interesting games.

Dr. and Mrs. Gapp entertained the Senior Theologs on the evening of June 4. A very pleasant and exciting feature of the evening's entertainment was the composition of a history of each member of the class with very fitting and appropriate cartoons. Splendid refreshments were served during the course of the evening.

Mrs. Charles Bornman and Mrs. E. F. Flath, from Emden, North Dakota, who are visiting relatives and friends in Emaus, called on Mr. Flath and attended the graduation exercises at the college.

Mr. R. Shields took a trip to New York City on June 3.

E. Clewell, Swavely, Rights, Flath, Wedman, Stolz, and Kant attended a picnic in Emaus, Pa., Saturday, May 29.

A number of students had the privilege of ushering at the Bach Festival, May 28, 29.

Mr. Hoffman left for New York City June 6.

The Rev. and Mrs. Albert Harke are visiting at Bethlehem.

Mr. R. H. Brennecke, from Watertown, Wis., was a visitor at the college during the graduation season.

Mr. Eugene Michel preached at Emaus, Sunday evening, June 6, and at the South Bethlehem Moravian Church, Sunday morning, May 30.

Mrs. Fendrych and daughter called on Mr. Vancura on Sunday and Monday, May 30, 31.

Mr. Theodore Shields, who has been teaching at Nazareth Hall, has received an appointment at Moravian Parochial School as teacher.

On May 14, Mr. J. G. Bruner gave several readings at a meeting of the Lehigh Branch of the Alumni Association of the Moravian College for Women, held at the home of Mrs. W. N. Schwarze. At this occasion the Glee Club rendered several selections.

The following preached at Edgeboro during the past month: Messrs. V. Vancura on May 16, Kant on May 9, Rights on May 23.

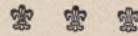
On the 30th of May, the first lovefeast was celebrated in Edgeboro. The Bethlehem trombone choir added to the distinctly Moravian spirit of the occasion.

The Edgeboro Sunday School had its picnic on May 31. Games, races, awarding of prizes, and a baseball game were the leading features of the day. This outing was held in Oakland Park.

The Theologs took a trip to the Moravian archives with Prof. Schwarze on May 24.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rights, of Winston-Salem, N. C., are visiting their son Douglas during the graduation days.

H. T. Kant preached at the Presbyterian Church of Bath, Pa., on Sunday morning, May 30.



EXCHANGES

THE COMENIAN acknowledges with thanks the following Exchanges: *The Albright Bulletin*, Myerstown, Pa.; *The Black and Red*, Watertown, Wis.; *College Chips*, Decorah, Iowa; *College News*, Annville, Pa.; *The Dial*, Lancaster, Pa.; *The Hall Boy*, Nazareth, Pa.; *Linden Hall Echo*, Lititz, Pa.; *Literary Novice*, Newark, N. J.; *The Moravian Messenger*, London; *The Narrator*, Reading, Pa.; *The N. H. S. Chronicle*, Nazareth, Pa.; *The Spectator*, Columbus, Ohio; *Steel and Garnet*, Philadelphia, Pa.; *Old Penn*, Philadelphia, Pa.; *Ursinus Weekly*, Collegeville, Pa.

The Black and Red.—The quotations scattered through the pages of your publication tend to brighten its pages. The German poem "Der Geprellter Maler" is very well written.

The Dial.—"When the Mighty Fall" is an interesting story. The jokes in your paper are excellent.

The Linden Hall Echo.—We were pleased to notice that the last number of your paper contained several stories, notably "Past Recall."

The Narrator.—The article "Our National Heritage and our Debt" is both interesting and instructive.

ATHLETICS

BASEBALL

The Varsity has had an uphill fight against all breaks of the game this month and has come out on the wrong end of the score card in most of the tilts.

We started with a victory over Schuylkill on the 15th. Everybody worked and everybody hit. Limbach and Shields worked good. The score:

Moravian.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
McCuiston, 2b.....	1	2	1	5	1
Landis, 1b	1	1	16	0	0
Fatzinger, 3b	1	2	2	0	0
Rights, cf	0	1	0	0	0
Hassler, ss	3	1	1	3	1
Wesenberg, lf	3	1	0	0	0
Limbach, p	4	1	0	3	0
Turner, rf	3	2	0	0	0
J. Shields, c	1	1	6	2	0
Totals	17	12	26	13	2

Schuylkill.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Matten, cf	1	0	5	1	0
Beyerle, 3b	0	1	2	0	1
Miller, ss	1	1	1	3	1
Royer, lf	0	0	1	1	1
Levan, c	0	2	8	0	0
Pawling, p	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton, 2b	0	1	1	1	1
Froundt, 1b	0	0	6	0	4
Spottswood, rf	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	5	24	6	8

Home run: Turner. Three-base hits: Landis, Wesenberg. Struck out: by Pawling, 7; Limbach, 7. Umpire: Hartzell.

LEHIGH FRESHMEN, MAY 19.

As usual, the sight of an "L" was the occasion of an upsetting of all calculations. An accumulation of errors in the fourth inning proved the undoing of our best chances. The Freshmen romped across the pan six times in this session. The score:

Moravian.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
McCuiston, 2b	1	1	1	2	1
Landis, 1b	1	2	4	0	2
Fatzinger, 3b	1	0	0	0	0
Rights, cf	0	2	0	0	0
Hassler, ss	0	0	2	1	1
Wesenberg, lf	0	0	1	0	1
Limbach, rf and p.....	0	0	0	1	1

Turner, c	0	0	18	0	0
Mueller, p and rf.....	0	0	1	3	0
Totals	3	5	27	7	6

Lehigh Freshmen.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Hucill, 1b	1	0	10	0	0
Davidson, ss	1	1	3	3	1
Shannon, 2b	2	1	1	3	0
Repcó, c	0	0	6	2	0
Tachovsky, 3b	1	2	1	0	1
Knight, rf	1	0	0	0	0
Dodson, cf	2	2	2	0	0
Shartle, lf	0	0	1	0	0
Jennings, p	0	1	0	2	0
Totals	8	7	24	10	2

Two-base hit: Fatzinger. Struck out: by Mueller, 8 in 4 innings; by Limbach, 8 in 5 innings; by Jennings, 7. Umpire: J. Mueller.

On the 22d we traveled to Kutztown and staged an exhibition of "mud" ball. In the fifth inning the game was called on account of rain, but not before the opponents had gathered in eleven rain checks. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
Moravian	0	4	1
Kutztown	11	11	0

Batteries: Moravian, Limbach, Mueller and Turner; Kutztown, Gallmoyer and Updegrave.

Drexel Institute ran away with another on the 29th. Errors, as usual, wrought havoc with the score card and allowed sixteen runs on eleven hits while we were only able to grab off eight tallies on fifteen hits. The score:

Moravian.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
McCuiston, 2b	1	2	0	1	1
Landis, 1b	3	2	10	0	0
Rights, cf	1	4	4	0	0
Fatzinger, 3b	0	1	3	4	4
Hassler, ss	1	2	2	2	3
Wesenberg, lf	1	0	1	0	1
Limbach, rf and p.....	0	2	0	1	0
Turner, c	1	1	7	1	0
Mueller, p and rf*.....	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	8	15	27	10	9

*Seventh inning.

Drexel.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Evans, 1b	2	0	14	0	0
Coogan, ss	3	3	0	3	0
Goodman, 2b	4	2	3	6	1
Walls, cf	1	3	0	0	0
Winter, p	2	0	0	4	0
Hoffman, lf	1	0	1	0	0

Kerrigan, c	0	1	5	1	0
Hg, 3b	1	1	1	1	0
Hibbard, rf	2	1	0	0	0
Eaton, c	0	0	3	0	1
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Totals	16	11	27	15	2

Two-base hits: Limbach, Goodman, Rights. Struck out: by Winter, 5; Mueller, 4; Limbach, 3. Umpire: Mueller.

June 5 saw the Varsity in prime condition and running fine. We journeyed to Coopersburg and brought home a neat little game by the 11-1 route. From the third inning on there was no doubt as to the result. Mueller was working in great shape, allowing only four hits. The score:

Moravian.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
McCuiston, 2b	1	0	3	0	2
Landis, 1b	2	1	14	1	1
Rights, cf	1	0	0	0	0
Hassler, ss	1	1	0	5	1
Fatzinger, 3b	1	2	2	7	0
Limbach, lf	1	1	0	0	0
Turner, c	1	1	7	0	0
Hagen, rf	1	0	0	0	0
Mueller, p	2	2	1	3	0
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Totals	11	8	27	16	4

Coopersburg.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Kressman, p and ss	0	0	0	2	0
Jones, 1b	0	0	5	0	0
Doyle, c	0	0	12	2	0
Kelly, 2b	0	0	2	0	0
Shaeffer, lf	1	2	1	0	0
Fabian, 3b	0	0	2	0	3
Heffelfinger, cf	0	1	2	1	2
Deiley, rf	0	0	1	0	1
Musser, p and ss*	0	1	0	5	2
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Totals	1	4	27	10	8

*Fifth inning.

Two-base hits: Fatzinger, Turner, Shaeffer. Three-base hit: Fatzinger. Struck out: by Musser, 6; Kressman, 8; Mueller, 7.

The big game of the season was staged on the afternoon of the 9th. McCuiston led the remnant of the Varsity on the field to do battle with the Alumni and the mighty "hasbeens" turned the trick. The first blood was drawn by Rights in the third inning and was followed by Runner with another in the seventh. The only feature of the game was Harke's catch in the right field valley. The score:

Moravian.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
McCuiston, 2b	0	1	0	4	0
Landis, 1b	0	0	10	0	0
Fatzinger, 3b	0	0	2	2	0

Limbach, cf	0	0	1	0	0
Turner, c	0	0	8	2	0
Hagen, lf	0	0	0	0	0
G. Mueller, p	0	0	0	3	2
Meissner, ss	0	0	0	0	1
J. Shields, rf	0	0	0	0	0
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Totals 0 1 21*11 3
*Seven innings.

Alumni.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Rights, 2b	1	2	3	2	0
T. Shields, 1b	0	0	8	0	1
Cruickshank, 3b	0	1	0	1	0
Runner, ss	1	0	0	0	0
J. Mueller, p	0	0	1	4	0
Hassler, c	0	0	8	2	0
Flath, cf	0	0	0	0	0
Harke, rf	0	0	1	0	0
Richter, lf	0	1	0	0	0
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Totals 2 4 21 9 1

Two-base hits: Richter, Rights. Three-base hits: G. Mueller. Struck out: by J. Mueller, 9; by G. Mueller, 7. Umpire: R. Shields.

At a meeting of the squad, Mr. Ed. McCuiston was elected captain for the 1916 season. We are glad to report, also, that Mr. Edgar L. Clewell has been elected captain of the basketball team for next year.

TENNIS.

The tennis season closed on June 10, with an Alumni game, which resulted in a draw. J. Mueller (Alumni) lost to Hoffman (College) 6-8, 3-6. T. Shields and Cruickshank (Alumni) defeated Hoffman and J. Shields (College) in doubles 6-3, 9-7. Hoffman (College) downed Cruickshank (Alumni) 8-6, 7-5 and J. Shields (College) lost to T. Shields (Alumni) 7-5; 4-6; 3-6. The final score of this match was therefore, College, 2; Alumni, 2.

A total number of seventeen matches was played this season, of which Moravian won 7, lost 8 and played 2 draws. Among the teams played were the Allentown Y. M. C. A., the Allentown A. C., Bethlehem High School, several fraternities—Sigma Nu, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Kappa, etc. The following table shows the number of games won and lost by the various players:

Hoffman and Allen (doubles)	Won 126; lost 136
Limbach and Kemper (doubles)	Won 55; lost 42
Hoffman (singles)	Won 123; lost 117
Allen (singles)	Won 75; lost 100
Limbach (singles)	Won 48; lost 35
Kemper (singles)	Won 57; lost 48

Total Won 484; lost 478

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