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The Mission of a College Paper

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FIRST EDITOR-IN-CHIEF THE COMENIAN.

RUMMAGING around in the archives of the Moravian congregation at Bruederfeld—part of which archives are securely stored in the garret of the Bruederfeld parsonage—our Canadian District Archivist, the Rev. Emil Suemper, came upon a complete and well-preserved set of the first volume of *THE COMENIAN*. He kindly placed the papers at my disposal, so that I might be able to draw some inspiration therefrom for this article; for the present editor has requested me to furnish an article, reminiscent or otherwise, to commemorate the establishment of the paper nearly a quarter of a century ago.

I must confess, however, that a casual perusal of Volume I of the college journal, of which I had the privilege of being the first Editor-in-Chief, did not furnish much inspiration. Perhaps, in justice to my associates, I ought to say that, as I scanned some of my own editorial productions, I did not experience any special enthusiasm which might serve as a sort of priming for this present article. I suppose one's first editorial work is very much like a divinity student's first sermonic efforts: in after years it is apt to impress one as rather amateurish.

And yet there is a great deal of satisfaction in knowing that the paper, which we started with so much trepidation years ago, has survived without a break until the present day, and has actually entered upon its silver jubilee year of publication.

Perhaps not one of the present staff of editors had as yet beheld the light of day, when first we launched our little enterprise in October, 1891. That makes us, who helped to establish *THE*

COMENIAN, feel as if we might soon be classed with "the fathers." It is rather interesting to note that, on the staff of the paper during this anniversary year, there appears the name of the oldest boy of one of my classmates, as well as the name of one of my nephews. Thus there are some points of contact between the editorial timber then and now. You see, even an editorial staff must be constructed out of timber, and the student body of twenty-five years ago must have contained some of this promising material—I'll not call it wooden material—else the paper would not have come into existence at that time.

As I write these lines, I have before me a picture of the editorial staff, to whom was entrusted the task of turning out the first volume. Of the seven men, three of the editors and the two business managers are still in the active ministry of our Province. Of the other two, one has died and the last is engaged in work outside of our church and the ministry.

Well do I remember the circular letter, written by hand and addressed to all the alumni of the institution, enlisting their interest and bespeaking their support of the project. Two of the alumni, the Hon. James M. Beck and Dr. J. Max Hark, set the enterprise on its feet financially, by delivering a series of lectures for the purpose of starting a publication fund. For we could not tell in advance just how much the advertisements might yield, or how large a subscription list could be secured. But thanks to the energetic work of the business managers, we secured a good list of advertisers for the very first number. Comparing the business firms

represented in that first issue with those whose advertisements appear in the last number of *THE COMENIAN*, it appears that at least a dozen houses have remained faithful to the paper even after the lapse of a quarter of a century. Much credit is due the advertisers that our college paper still lives.

As for subscribers, the response that was given our hand-written circular netted us about fifty paid-up subscriptions before the first number was printed. I was greatly interested, the other day, to find among these fifty names that of a non-Moravian, who at the time lived in Minnesota but subsequently became one of my staunch friends in Dundurn, Canada, and one of the most generous supporters of our work in that Saskatchewan village. Before the end of the year about 300 subscriptions had been received. It was a representative list and I dare say many of the original subscribers are still faithfully standing by the paper.

With such loyal support, the enterprise was bound to succeed from the very start. And the fact that the paper has just entered upon its twenty-fifth year, and is bigger and better than ever before, proves conclusively that it has had a successful career. May this success attend it in ever-increasing measure as the years roll by.

But now, after this rather lengthy introduction, I want to discuss for a little while the subject which I have used as the title of this article: "The Mission of a College Paper."

Can it really be said that the college journal has a mission? Or is it just a fad, for the existence of which no valid excuse can be given?

In the initial number of *THE COMENIAN* I see a statement that, at that time, there were 200 college papers in America. If we include the hundreds of very excellent high school journals that exist today, I am sure *THE COMENIAN* must have several thousand contemporaries of its kind in the United States at the present time. Surely these publications would not exist and flourish and continue to grow in number, year after year, if they did not have a useful mission and did not supply a well-defined need. What is that mission?

I notice at the top of the editorial page this heading: "THE COMENIAN, devoted to the inter-

ests of the students and alumni of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary." This heading shall serve me as a little text, and, preacher-fashion, I shall put my thoughts under three main heads.

I. First of all, the college paper exists for the sake of the *students*. The students of the early nineties established *THE COMENIAN* upon their own initiative, because they felt the need of it. They wanted a medium of this kind for reflecting college life. They desired an official organ for the expression of their views on college matters and live questions in general. They wished to have an opportunity of writing their own contemporaneous history and leaving the record behind for posterity in this permanent form.

Glancing over the local and personal columns in the first volume of *THE COMENIAN*, I observed quite a few items of interest which, while no longer "news," nevertheless helped to give a real, life-like picture of college life at that period. That, to a large extent, is what a college paper is for. It should be a mirror which reflects the life, spirit and sentiment of the student body. It should be like a developed photographic plate from which correct impressions of the past can be obtained years after, when many original scenes have passed away and even some of the actors have left the stage of human life.

The college journal also benefits the students in a literary way. As Prof. Schwarze says, when writing of *THE COMENIAN* in his "History of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary": "It has been the means of presenting essays upon subjects of general importance. * * * It has stimulated literary activity and has been an excellent intellectual gymnastic." When we established the paper, the hope was expressed that it would "give the students an additional opportunity to perfect their style and diction, and to train them to contribute, in later life, to our Church papers." I believe it can be said, that the literary productions, found in the twenty-four volumes of the paper, are of a high order of merit, and never more so than within recent years. It should be the aim of all college papers to turn out only finished and well polished articles, so that just as the local columns reflect the every-day college life, the literary department

may be an exponent of the high scholarship of the institution.

As for training the theological students "to contribute, in later life, to our Church papers," I must say that I almost blushed when I saw that my first editorial gave this as one of the objects of establishing THE COMENIAN, for I fear that it rather failed in this object in my own case. And yet the fact remains that many a one, serving upon the editorial staff of our college paper, or contributing to its columns from time to time, has acquired a taste for newspaper work which still redounds to the benefit of the news and literary columns of our official church organs.

If we look at the numerous college papers of our day we become convinced that their pages are the first drilling ground of many a subsequent author and writer of note. Looked at it in this light, the college journal has a vital mission, and our own COMENIAN is absolutely indispensable to the best literary efforts of our men. For, while the monthly C. L. S. paper, which appears only in manuscript, offers similar opportunities for literary production, it is the printed page of our published periodical that demands the utmost care in composition and expression.

The students also need the paper to provide an outlet for their wit and humor. College jokes are in a class by themselves. They may not always be intelligible to the outsider, but usually we can at least see when a joke is intended, and very often we see the point and have a hearty laugh. But what is more essential, we all recognize that students are all the better for getting their jokes out of the system. And there is no better way of effectually and permanently disposing of college jokes than by publishing them in the college paper. Having added their spice to the life inside and outside of the college walls, they are allowed to pass into the great empty space whence they came, and no longer trouble either the perpetrator or the victim.

I am sure that, if the students were asked to vote on the question of discontinuing THE COMENIAN, not one would favor its abolishment.

II. In the second place, however, it is not only the interests of the students that are served by

the college paper but also those of the *alumni*. It is a bond of fellowship between those who have gone forth from the institution. If I remember correctly, this object was also partly in our mind, when we started THE COMENIAN, in 1891. We wanted to establish a sort of Korrespondenzblatt, by means of which our graduates could remain in touch with each other after leaving Moravian. We planned on collecting personal items of news from our widely separated alumni and publishing them in a department by themselves, which would serve as a sort of mental meeting place for our graduates, where they could exchange their experiences in life.

Without a doubt, the personals relating to alumni are among the most interesting paragraphs in a college journal. This contention is borne out by the fact that the "Moravian College Bulletin," which is an outgrowth of the personal column in THE COMENIAN, is now recognized as an essential bond of union between the sons of our College and Seminary. The existence of the "Bulletin," which is meant to be an inexpensive adjunct to the college paper, and which is intended for the widest possible circulation among all former students still living, only serves to emphasize the important mission of the college paper as an exponent of the interests of the alumni.

It is quite possible that we alumni have not made the fullest possible use of THE COMENIAN as a mouth-piece for our views. We should more frequently employ it as a medium for the discussion of our interests, such as the continuance of the habit of systematic study along some of the lines begun in Bethlehem, postgraduate work leading up to further degrees, practical problems in every-day life, favorite and useful hobbies to relieve the steady grind of a professional career, opportunities for helping our Alma Mater, and numerous other topics which come to engage the attention of alumni.

III. In the third place, the college paper has a mission over against the *College itself* and, through the College, over against the denomination which it represents. THE COMENIAN should help to keep our College and Seminary more constantly before the minds of our people. It should bring home to our mem-

bership everywhere, through its subscribers, the ever-growing needs of the institution. It should continuously impress on Moravians the need of financial, moral and spiritual support. In this way the paper can render a real service to the institution, whose distinctive publication it is.

Furthermore, it should give our College greater prominence among the other educational institutions of the East. By being exchanged with a great many journals from other schools of learning, it can advertise our College, promulgate the principles underlying Moravian education and help to make known the Moravian Church, where now it is scarcely known by name, much less as to history, doctrines and genius.

Again, our college paper has no doubt been instrumental in winning new students for the institution. It may be difficult to ascertain just how many were first led to decide to enter our College or Seminary by reading THE COMENIAN in their own home or in the home of a friend, but surely there are some who were first influenced in that direction by perusing its pages. It has a further mission in this regard and, if the circulation is well directed, there is no question but that it can become an important recruiting agency for the increase of the number of students.

Finally, the paper has a mission over against *the future history of the College*. Even now its pages contain much valuable historical matter not to be found in any other source. As was stated in another connection, it is a record of contemporaneous history and, in future years, will give a correct picture of College life and College activities, with many little touches not to be found in any other record. It is quite likely that when, fifty years from now, a new history of the institution may become desirable, the pages of THE COMENIAN will be carefully perused to discover the "atmosphere" that prevailed at the College and Seminary during the first half of the twentieth century, and to obtain vivid pictures of the scenes that transpired in the life of the institution long ago.

Summing it all up, we come to the irresistible conclusion, that there is a great deal of justification for college journalism, that a college journal has an important mission over against the students, the alumni and the college itself. May THE COMENIAN long live to fulfill this noble mission with ever-increasing efficiency! The best wishes of all former editors and business managers accompany it upon its further career of varied usefulness.



M. C.'s "School of Oratory"

Notes and Comments on the History of the C. L. S.

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THE COMENIAN is twenty-five and has our hearty congratulations. The society that gave it birth, which itself is approaching three score, deserves the recognition the COMENIAN editors have granted it in this Anniversary Number. For it is duly recorded in the minute books of the C. L. S. that, on January 28, 1891, "a committee of five was appointed to consider the advisability of starting a college paper;" and that, on May 30, 1891, "a special meeting was held at which an election of editors and business managers for the College Paper took place;" and that, on June 5, 1891, "by general consent it was decided that hereafter the college paper, *vis.*, THE COMENIAN, be separated from the C. L. S." That is THE COMENIAN's birth record in detail—a record which, I believe, exists only in a collection of "notes" on the History of the C. L. S. made some 14 years ago, the original secretary's books having unfortunately and unaccountably disappeared. In fact those long-neglected "notes" took on an unexpected significance recently when it was discovered that great gaps appear in the filed records of the proceedings of C. L. S. No minutes are to be found, in or about the college, of meetings held from June, 1858, to January 15, 1879, and from May 15, 1884, to September 21, 1901.

On page 132 of Dr. Schwarze's "History of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary," is written, "For the cultivation of literary tastes a Debating Society was formed in 1858." And, on page 165, is recorded that, "In 1874 the old Debating Society was superseded by the Comenian Literary Society, so named in honor of the illustrious John Amos Comenius." To these two statements let me add this elaboration of my "notes," that future generations of M. C. men may not lose entirely the record of these wonderful years when there were literary, oratorical and parliamentary giants in this pre-eminently valuable society of old M. C.

In December, 1858, a group of earnest young men from both the Theological Seminary and the town of Bethlehem, met in the College chapel, on Church Street, and organized a Debating Club. Meetings were held once a week. The officers, in accordance with the dignity of their position, took a solemn oath upon assuming their office. An oath of allegiance was also required of each new member. A constitution was duly drawn up and adopted. This was of uncertain merit, for it was frequently revised. Whether the pleasures of constitution tinkering always fascinated members of the C. L. S., or whether constantly changing conditions brought new problems, or the advance of the years new wisdom to the collegians, no "note" appears more often than this, "A committee was appointed to revise the constitution." I wonder if this fascinating custom still prevails.

During the struggle between the North and the South life became so much more important than talking about life, that interest in the society waned. Resignations became increasingly frequent and, finally, the meetings were discontinued. With the restoration of peace came renewed interest in the student activities of the College and, on November 17, 1866, a reorganization was effected, and a new constitution adopted which was later revised.

The first magazine subscribed for by the society was the *Sunday Magazine* (minutes of May 11, 1867), which was "circulated among the members, remaining in one member's possession as many days as there were members in his family." Several years later the *College Review* was subscribed for and, by October, 1897, the society was able to set aside "\$10.00 for magazines for the reading room." In the latter part of 1867 it was decided "to read portions of a book on parliamentary rules at each of the meet-

ings." This was the beginning of that devotion to parliamentary usage which made C. L. S. meetings models of strict parliamentary order. I cannot recall a meeting where someone did not arise and say, "Mr. President: I rise to a point of order." He who found himself in the chair of C. L. S., unschooled in Cushing's, then Robert's and later Reed's Rules of Order, had a rough road before him. We learned to speak extemporaneously in this "School of Oratory" at M. C., to declaim and debate with precision and eloquence, and to "put the previous question" in accordance with the rule. And not one of us can overestimate the immense influence this three-fold training has had on his later life.

Something happened in September, 1868. Only from the memories of those who were at College then can the facts be obtained. The "notes" read, "At a special meeting, held September 4, 1868, the following was read and acted upon, 'The faculty of the College,' etc. (See minutes.) The society thereupon disbanded *sine die*." What was it the faculty did, or failed to do? Of course I meant to go back to the archives in Comenius Hall and consult the minutes, but now they have disappeared, perhaps destroyed in the fire, and only an alumnus with a long memory can help us out. Something objectionable must have slipped into the constitution during one of the numerous times when it was being revised, for the "notes" tell us, "On Saturday evening, February 6, 1869, a meeting for reorganization was held, constitution and by-laws presented and accepted and, upon motion, these were presented to the faculty for approval." The approval was obtained, the society proceeded to the election of officers and, recognizing the value of the organization in the life of the college, chose as a fitting name "The Demosthenia Society." Shortly thereafter the members of the faculty were made honorary members, and frequently requested to address the society. Was this a stroke of diplomacy?

In those early days the difficulty, which doubtless still helps to fill the coffers of the treasury and overburden the Executive Committee, of having all the men actively interested in the work of the society, existed, for the minutes of September 25, 1869, read, "The following motion was duly presented and carried, that the society

congratulate itself upon having all the members take part in the exercises." This, however, was but a spurt that set too fast a pace. On November 13, 1869, it is recorded, a member "asked the society whether it would induce more of the students to attend the meetings if they were held in the library instead of upstairs, provided the permission of the faculty was obtained." No answer to this question is to be found, and no minutes exist of proceedings following this date until the organization of "The Bethlehem Literary Society," February 14, 1872.

This new society was organized by members of the College student body and of the Bethlehem Y. M. C. A. One of the first subjects debated was, "*Resolved*, That all the Bethlehems should be consolidated." In spite of the fact that the debate was won by the affirmative speakers, this same question is a live issue today, 43 years after "the decision of the chair was sustained by the house."

In some respects the B. L. S. surpassed the C. L. S. for, in 1872, they had among the officers a Sergeant-at-arms and two pages, and "a poet whose office shall be permanent" was appointed by the president.

On March 23, 1872, "A committee was appointed to revise the constitution." At this meeting, also, the nerve-trying "extemporaneous speeches" with which debate meetings invariably opened, following the change in program introduced October 9, 1894, had their incipency. We read, "A motion was made that each member of the society write a subject for debate upon a slip of paper, and deposit it in a hat, the same to be placed upon the president's desk, and each member to take a slip out of the hat and be allowed three minutes to debate upon the subject drawn." This was called "An Oratorical Raffle." I believe the C. L. S. still holds such "oratorical raffles" at stated intervals, but conducted in a slightly different manner. Doubtless, as in our day, blanks were occasionally drawn which, however, never seriously affected the far-reaching value of the "raffle."

In May, 1872, the vexing question of the society's continuance again arose. At a regular meeting the question, "Whether the society should cease to exist, or whether this is the wrong town for a debating society," was warmly

discussed. One week later a long debate was had on the query, "Resolved, That the Bethlehem Debating Society disband." Evidently the affirmative side won for, although the meeting adjourned to meet in four weeks, no record of that meeting is extant.

January 18, 1873, another reorganization was effected, and much enthusiasm was manifested by the members. The questions debated dealt largely with national and international problems. In fact so great was the interest in these questions that, at a later date, it is recorded that "the society adjourned their meeting to attend a meeting in Bethlehem at which a political speech was to be made."

In February, 1873, editors were appointed to prepare a paper, to be read at the meetings, entitled *The Debater's Friend*. The first editors were "Messrs. Leibert and Kremer." The editors were changed weekly. This was the forerunner of the papers which later were read at miscellaneous meetings, and which, in 1891, took the permanent and dignified form of THE COMENIAN.

The first public meeting of the society was held March 1, 1873, and, for some time thereafter, the sessions of the association were opened to the public every four or five weeks. With the election of a half dozen M. C. men whose homes were out of town to membership in the Bethlehem Society, the organization began to have a more definite connection with the life of the Theological Seminary. In fact there is a brief statement among the "notes" that, at the public meeting held March 1, 1873, "Mr. Kinsey, president of the Demosthenia Society of the Moravian College, served as one of the judges." Apparently these two societies existed contemporaneously for a brief period, and were blended into one about March 15 of the year 1873. Here again the facts are not forthcoming, and only some alumnus' unflinching memory can unravel the tangle.

In September, 1873, "a constitution committee was appointed." This time they succeeded in revising the society out of existence for, concerning events from November 29, 1873, until the organization of the Comenian Literary Society, June 27, 1874, no minutes can be found.

The first regular meeting of C. L. S. was held September 12, 1874, at 7:30 p.m., in the College chapel, with 18 present. The membership of the society from the first was confined to students of the College; the president and faculty and the pastors of the Bethlehem congregations being elected honorary members. The work was begun with fine enthusiasm; the first debate, on the question, "Does the spirit of the age lead to the advancement of morality?" consuming one hour and thirty minutes, "quite a number not regularly appointed taking part." A letter of fraternal greeting was read at the meeting of October 10, 1874, from the Salem Literary Society, of Salem, N. C., expressing the desire that the closest relations of friendship might exist between the two societies. It was in this same Salem society that several ministers, prominent in our church work, received their first training in public speaking.

The first paper of the new society was presented November 7, 1874, by "Mr. Bahnson and Mr. Spaugh, editors," and was called *The Comenian Literary Expositor*. What a host of "papers" has followed in the apparently sober and dignified footsteps of *The Expositor*. And what a storehouse of information concerning the intimate life of M. C.'s men they are, if the fate of the secretary's books has not befallen them. The first decorated cover for a C. L. S. "paper" was made by A. D. Thaeler for *The Eye*, edited by "Mr. Hagen and Mr. Detterer." Since that time decorated covers have become a feature of the "papers" no less important than the "copy."

The first public meeting of the C. L. S. took place December 5, 1874, in "Comenian Literary Hall," and, like many another public meeting, subsequently held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, later at the Temperance Hall, or in the Chapel of the Moravian Parochial School, was largely attended. The audience, on these occasions, sometimes numbered 600. I still remember the wonder of those meetings I attended as a youthful pupil at M. P. S.—the solemn reading of the Scripture by the chaplain; the sonorous calling of the roll; the Glee Club's contributions; the clashes of wit and parliamentary wisdom between the members and the "chair"; the ringing rounds of applause that greeted the onslaughts

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Related Thoughts

When you decide to act heroically, persist in your determination. All men are at some time or other generous, but the heroic soul alone perseveres in what it resolves to do. When you determine to be great, abide by yourself, and do not retrace your footsteps because a more conservative person regards your action as foolish. First ascertain whether you are in the right, then go ahead; even if the prudent do shake their heads and endeavor to dampen your ardor by throwing cold water upon your undertakings. Take counsel of yourself and do not attempt to satisfy the world, for the world is made up of many minds and many minds bring forth many thoughts. You must not hope to please everyone, for if this be your maxim, then, at the very outset of your career, you may reconcile yourself to the fact that you will be a miserable failure.

Heroism knows no fear. It delights in danger, and yet it courts this danger, not from ignorance or inconsiderate levity, but out of love for some noble cause. It is the highest type of moral courage. It does not stop at impossibilities, it does not consider what the opportunities are for success, it does not rashly attempt desperate deeds; but it recognizes that where there is a will there is a way, it knows that the cause to which it is devoted is a worthy one, therefore it does not place too high a value upon human life, but it always has confidence in its power to meet danger for the sake of the cause which it has espoused. The heroic soul cares not for the body. Its duty is to suffer ills in silence, and to complain against nothing. But the soul must do what is right, even though it be at the expense of the body. It dare not be unjust, for then it would be ordinary and common. No, the heroic soul does not think of the conveniences and luxuries of life. It is content with virtue.

Ye gently wise,
Ye noble few, who here unbending stand
Beneath life's pressure, yet bear up a while;
And what your bounded view, which only saw
A little part, deemed evil, is no more;
The shade of false applause will quickly pass,
And one response to truth expressive all.

—Thomson.

M. W. R.

Business

The old saying, history repeats itself, comes to us with great force as we follow the progress of the terrible struggle of the nations, and notice that the methods of warfare are beginning to resemble those of centuries ago. But, strange to say, it appears that, regardless of how the methods used by mankind may be altered or repeated, there is no direct effect upon the passion of man himself.

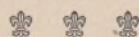
Already in the first century, when the worshippers of idols at Ephesus turned their attention in the direction of Paul's teachings, we find that the silversmiths, who made shrines of Diana, fearing lest their business would be ruined, were led to means of saving their occupation by their leader, Demetrius. It was the possible ruin of their craft and personal financial interest that spurred them on. They saw that, if the people would turn from worshipping Diana, their prosperity would cease. Therefore, by means fair or foul they were determined to protect their art.

How closely do certain men of today follow the example of those of that period! How often do we hear the cry of Demetrius among the industrial leaders of today! Regardless of the right or wrong of a thing, with their eyes securely fixed on the Almighty Dollar, they press on. Infringing on patents, an act which is generally abhorred, is at such times considered as a matter of business. Men are ready to sell out any number of their fellow citizens for the profits to be derived from the articles manufactured by them. They even urge the United States to adopt a war-like policy so that the demand for guns, ammunition, and other necessities of war, which they manufacture, might be increased.

The dreadfulness of it all appears most emphatically as one examines it. But when men are ruled by personal interest they care not for repute, they disregard the welfare of their fellow men, they can have no passion for the glory of their country. Ideas of success vary. However, in this time, we are tempted to believe that temporal success in business is most estimable. Men will endanger the lives of others, become heedless of the laws, cause their country to be

brought into a critical position, and then, because of their financial gain, look upon themselves as successful business managers.

H. A. K.

**We Give Thanks**

Were you ever present at a typical Thanksgiving dinner in the "Refectory"? It happens on this wise. At exactly (?) twelve o'clock the bell rings. (Not necessary we're all there!) The cement walk between Comenius Hall and the Refectory resounds, for "the stomach is mightier than the sword." Each has found his place. *Hausvater* and *Mrs. Hausvater* have selected "the older men" for their guests. The glass is struck. "We will sing Grace," and so we do. But the aroma! Thanksgiving is soon in full swing; we devour mock-turkey (chicken), perhaps from the Tar-Heel State. Cranberries, genuine mince-pie, and a great deal of clatter are in evidence. We're hungry! Then, after a vote of thanks, all rise—slowly—and [Prohibition is gaining rapidly.] depart, some to soccer, others "to make some calls," while a number consider Comenius Hall the best place in which to nurse satisfied appetites. We give thanks!

R. E. S.

**The Dramatic Association**

The Dramatic Association will present this year, as the eighth Annual Production, "Sweet Lavender," a beautiful comedy in three acts, by Arthur Pinero. This play has been given seven hundred and thirty-seven times in Terry's Theatre, London, and still is regarded as one of the most successful stage-plays of modern times. In it we hope to give the friends of M. C. something well worth while this year. Beside the benefit which we, as an institution, derive from the production of the play itself, we are working primarily for a good year in Athletics, to which we look for advertisement and close relationship with other institutions in our own class. The members of the cast deserve great credit for the work they are doing under the peculiar difficulties which have arisen through unforeseen conditions, and deserve the heartiest co-operation of everyone who is interested in the welfare of M. C.

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EDDYTORIAL ON CHARITY

It has jist behove us to set down and dash off a eddy-torial on Charity. We aint often behoven to do a thing like this, but at times we feel it as you might say our personal duty. Charity consists of being charitable. Them as has charity are allus long sufferin with there neybor's and are allus ready to overlook faults in others and willin to suffer bein imposed on without loosin there tempers, rolling up there sleeves and wanting to fite. That's what charity is.

It is said "charity begins at home," but charity in Calamity Corners don't begin at home by a doggoned site. It would be a good eal better if it did. It would be a good eal better if folks here in Calamity Corners would stop considerin the motes in there neybor's eyes and pay a little attenshun to the katterpillars in there own eyes.

LOCAL ITEMS

THINGS is beginning to look like winter onct more.

If you want a live, up-to-date newspaper, subscribe for YE HOWLER, and keep in touch with current events and the outside world as well,—also pay ferr it in advance.

If we could collect all the bad debts owing us, from dead beat subscribers, we would be rich beyond the dreams of avarice, and would woller in the lap of luxury as you might say.

Some weeks lokels is very plenty, and other weeks they are not—this is one of the weeks when they are not.

EB. SIMPSON painted his Ford last week and thinned the paint with what he thort was varnish, but which later proved to be molasses, and the paint aint dried yet, and Eb calkilates that before it does get dry the flies will have et it all off.

PERSONNALS

AMRI HAINES has sold his mule to Ben Henderson for \$20. Amri says he lived with that mule ten years, and has nearly had his head kicked offen his shoulders twict, so he thought he would sell it a bargain to Ben, being as he don't like Ben nohow.

ZEKE HIGGINS says that Thanksgiving ushers in the open season as it were fur relatives.

AME BUDD says thar is one adwantage in only havin one suit o' clothes—you've allus got your lead pencil.

TELL SMITH found two dollars in a old vest yisterday and he can't think who he owes em to.

JIM HARKINS says that a feller what takes a drink with a stranger, and his watch, are soon parted.

HEN JOHNSEN, proprietor of the Fin de Siecle tun-sorial parlor, has organized a quartet. Hen has a deep thick voice like a bumble bee in a jug.

RUDDIE JONES. says that a feller aint married very long till he begins to buy mud-colored shirts. [Oh! Happy.]

ABE HEFFER says that the only trouble with bankwetts is that they set you so close together it knocks the peas offen your knife.

HANS PATRICK intertained a lot of green relatives on St. Patrick's Day.



“Ye Olde Calamity Howler.”

WHAT WE ORT TO KNOW, BUT DONT

A ROLLER TOWELL wouldn't be so bad if the landlord changed the film oftener.

Nothing can look so out of place as bean soop on a lavender shirt.

A kicker is nearly allus wrong.

THE HOWLER'S CHILDREN'S CORNER



During Early Autumn

October first dawned with slight mist and with a cool, bracing sou'wester. By eight everyone had "rolled out," breakfasted, and was in full preparation for the annual event—the walk to Bauer's Rock. At nine various and varied groups in khaki, corduroy, slouch hats, and what not—the last being most in evidence—could be seen sauntering through the streets of our little, historic town*. No one was left to uphold the dignity of old M. C. save Dr. Werst. Even the Freshmen, as they tottered along, groaning beneath the weight of knotty chestnut clubs, were crying: "Westward Ho." After several, and by no means unusual, encounters with farmers armed with pitchforks, muzzle-loaders, and other such primitive weapons, after orchards had been demolished beyond hopes of recovery—things natural along a war path—the cosmopolitan hikers struggled up to the rock just in time to assist the ladies and Professor Schwarze in building a fire on the traditional spot. When, from the brow of the frowning rock, the magnificent view had been partially enjoyed, the gong sounded for tiffin. Nor was there any delay. Allentown Fair sandwiches, pickles, doughnuts, Moravian coffee, *et cetera*, disappeared with marvellous rapidity. Post prandium, pipes were lighted, and

"As the morning smoke arose
Like incense in the air,"

and, amid those glacial boulders, the student body, reclining, listened to its honored president and to other members of the Faculty, as tales of yore were recounted. Nor was there lack of wit, for jibe and repartee followed in rapid succession. At two o'clock the picnic broke up and, in small groups, the men drifted homeward. The happy occasion will long be remembered by all, especially by those not returning next year.

Edward Swavely, Sem. '15, was ordained, on October 3, at his home congregation, in Emaus, Pa., the Rt. Rev. C. L. Moench performing the ceremony. A few days later his wedding to Miss Katherine A. Yobst was announced. Several days later old "Bishop" was back at college for a few hours. After taking supper with the student body, he attended a farewell chapel service. THE COMENIAN extends best wishes to the Reverend and Mrs. Swavely, who are at home in Aurelia, N. D.

"Life at its best" is the book being used in Bible Study this year. Written clearly and in forceful style by Ethel Cutler and R. H. Edwards, every one should

take advantage of the opportunity and learn how to make the most of his life.

Theodore Shields, Coll. '08, has been appointed Alumni representative on the Athletic Committee. Besides being instructor at the Moravian Parochial School this year, he is coaching its basketball team. He expects fair results this coming season, though he would like heavier material for his team.

Herbert T. Kant, Sem. '15, has recently been heard from. He reports being lonely but having a busy time attending not only to his pastoral duties, but to his postoffice and other *post officium* work. We have a vivid picture of him as he is scrubbing floors, cooking an early breakfast, and taking exercise in various similar ways, in the hamlet of New Sarepta. Cheer up, Lucy!

Rumor recently drifted southward that A. W. Flath, Coll. '15, whose engagement was announced in the last issue of this paper, is now married. THE COMENIAN extends best wishes.

It may be of interest to non-resident Alumni and friends to know that the new athletic field of the Bethlehem Steel Company Soccer Team has been completed, and will probably be in use next season (1916). The field is bounded by Elizabeth Avenue, New, Centre and Fairview Streets.

Dean A. G. Rau spoke to a large and interested audience, at Easton, in connection with the annual "Institute Week" of Northampton County.

Early October witnessed an event, at once interesting and amusing, and that event—the Semi-Centennial celebration of South Bethlehem as a borough. For weeks the committees had worked, scheming wondrous plans for the great anniversary. We shall not go into detail. Passing by the flaring garb of most of the streets we come to private houses of the better sort, most of which were artistically decorated, as were one or two of the public buildings and a couple street corners. When everything was put in readiness, the week was ushered in by the shrill discord of factory whistles and feeble groan of penny trumpet, followed by chorales, solemn and sweet, rendered by the Moravian Trombone Choir.

Throughout the week were features of varying interest, parades playing a leading role. Of the parades, that of the school children was as beautiful as it was superior to the other performances; *superior* because, in the case of children, inconsistencies of marching and "funny little happenings" are looked upon as "cute."

Of the carnival we shall say little; it was a disgrace, morally and legally (which two things by no means go

* NOTE.—Since writing this has been changed to *city*.

hand in hand), to even a semi-civilized village. Had this feature been omitted, South Bethlehem could look back on her celebration unashamed.

The great pity of the matter is, that there is no permanent symbol to commemorate the "triumphus." Were the gods pleased? What matter, placuit plebi.

S. H. Gapp, D.D., and W. N. Schwarze, Ph.D., attended the meetings of the Hymn Book Committee, in New York City, toward the end of October.

President Schultze and Dean Rau are members of the Committee on Liturgies. Several meetings have recently been held.

During his stay in New York, Professor Schwarze called on Mr. C. E. W. Harvey, of Glen Ridge. He

reports being royally entertained, listening to the various musical instruments of the accomplished gentleman. He brought back several well-bound volumes as a gift to our library.

The Rt. Rev. Edward Rondthaler, of the Southern Province, was a visitor to the college last month. In addition to addressing the students in chapel one morning it was the pleasure of the Senior Class to have him present at one of its Greek classes.

Rev. J. Kenneth Pfohl, of Winston-Salem, N. C., spoke to the student body in chapel one evening last month. His theme was "Winning Souls for Christ."

The Moravian College Musical Association is again active. One concert has been given, at Butztown, while several engagements have been made, and others pending.

A Pageant of Early Bethlehem

W. HERBERT SPAUGH, '16

On October 21 and 22, "A Pageant of Early Bethlehem" was given under the auspices of the "Busy Workers" in the Moravian Seminary Chapel. Historical events and characters of special importance were represented in tableau form. Each scene was introduced by the reader. All characters were taken by local talent. Several men from the College took part in the production. There follow several representative numbers on the program.

The first number—A Representation of Christmas Eve Lovefeast, in 1741, at which time the settlement received the name of Bethlehem from the singing of the ancient hymn:

Not Jerusalem
Rather Bethlehem
Gave us that which
Maketh life rich.

This hymn was sung in the presentation by those holding the lovefeast.

The second number—Captain Nicholas Garrison and John Rodgers. Garrison was captain of "The Little Strength," and brought many of the early Moravians to Bethlehem. John Rodgers was an Englishman who enlisted in the Spanish army, and undoubtedly came to Bethlehem with Garrison.

The third number—The Chief Eldress and Two of Her Indian Charges. One of the most notable women of the period was Anna Maria Lawatsch, who served the Church in various offices, and under whose care the female portion of the congregation was placed. The two Indian girls are Zippora and Salome.

The fourth number—Three Indians of Especial Repute. The fifth number—The Heckewelder Family. The sixth number—Three of the Old Industries. At one time the industries of the little community numbered thirty-two. The seventh number—The Harvesters. The eighth number—Sister Maria Werner and Polly Penry.

The ninth number—Bishop Spangenberg and Valentine Haidt. Bishop Spangenberg was the chief figure of the Bethlehem Settlement in its early history, and a most able administrator. Brother Haidt was the industrious painter of the portraits hanging in the archives.

The tenth number—Judith Otto, who became the wife of the first physician. The eleventh number—The Dance of the Witches on the Hexenkopf. The words were set to music very appropriately by Dr. J. Fred. Wolle. The twelfth number—The Ysselstein Family. Isaac Ysselstein owned a farm on the south side of the Lehigh River, where later the Bethlehem Steel Company plant was built. The thirteenth number—Sister Betsey and Her Pastor. Sister Betsey was a woman of strongly marked individuality. Her pet vice was smoking her pipe. The fourteenth number—The Legend of the Indians and the Trombonists. The Indians were about to attack the town, on Christmas Day morning, but were deterred by the playing of the trombones.

The fifteenth number—The Presentation of the Banner to Count Pulaski. This well-known incident of the Revolutionary War gave Longfellow the inspiration for one of his most beautiful poems which, while inaccurate, is well known. The sixteenth number—General Lafayette and Sister Beckel. Worn out at the Battle of the Brandywine, Lafayette came to Bethlehem to recover, and was entertained at the home of Brother Beckel, not only by his host but also his daughter.

The seventeenth number—General Washington, His Aide-de-Camp and Bishop Ettwein. Washington was taken around the town not by the official guide of the period but by Bishop Ettwein himself. The eighteenth number—The Serenade Followed by the Night Watchman.

Splendid music was furnished for the occasion by an orchestra of local talent under the direction of Leonard J. Luckenbach, Coll. '14. The music, though difficult, was well rendered. The entire pageant was a decided success and much credit is due to all participants.

Y. M. C. A.

This month we have, as usual, had a very successful series of meetings. There seems to be a very progressive spirit among the men this year, and especially in the Y. M. C. A. The attendances at the meetings of the last month have averaged over two-thirds of the student body, and this would have been larger had not our Glee Club gone on a trip this last Thursday evening to Butztown.

September 30—the first meeting of the year; a report of the Eaglesmere Conference at which J. Shields and R. Strohmeier were delegates. Both of these gentlemen gave us a very interesting and helpful report, making us feel the necessity of sending representatives every year. Mr. J. Shields led in the opening prayer, and the Scripture was read from the 15th chapter of Romans, verses 1-13.

October 15—we were privileged to hear Mr. R. M. Russell, Jr., Student Volunteer Secretary. Mr. Russell gave us a very helpful twenty-minute talk on various phases of college life, the college man's duty to the outsider, his life on the campus and, finally, drew for us very vividly the extreme need for college men to go into the foreign work, and live for the one great motto—"The Evangelization of the World in this Generation." There was not a man present who could not see for himself what was needed most of all in this day and age. Mr. Russell held private talks with many of the men, and also had a meeting with the Student Volunteer Band.

On the evening of October 21 another meeting was held at which W. E. Vogler presided. The topic was live, interesting and easily discussed: "Is College Life Favorable or Unfavorable to Christian Living?" The Scripture lesson was read from Mark 10:17-22. Mr. Kuehl led in the opening prayer. Although the topic was discussed pro and con the general tendency seemed to be that college life was favorable to Christian living. All who took part in the meeting felt a decided benefit from everything voiced, for this is a question that often arises in the minds of men but is very seldom discussed in a large body.

October 28—the meeting was held in the reading room due to the fact that a majority of the men left with the Glee Club. G. D. Turner was the leader on this occasion, and the service was devoted entirely to song and prayer. Many of the men seem to enjoy these meetings in the reading room, as there appears to be more of a unity and closer contact than in the meetings held in the chapel.

This month the Deputation Committee held a service at Shimer's Station. The committee consisted of the following men: Messrs. Henkelmann, Stolz, Weber and

Fulmer. Mr. Stolz led the meeting, Mr. Henkelmann delivered the address, and Mr. Weber served as organist. These four gentlemen also rendered several quartet selections.

At a meeting of the Student Volunteer Band Mr. R. Shields was elected leader for the coming year. The band lost several of its men last June and at present has only four members—Messrs. R. Shields, Kuehl, Fishel and E. Clewell.

Several of our men are actively engaged in the Foreign Aid Work with Lehigh students among the foreigners of South Bethlehem. They report progress in that line. The gentlemen engaged in this work are Messrs. Fulmer, Gutensohn and Wedman. The total number of foreigners reached so far is over forty-five.

Dear is the work he gives in many a varied way;
Little enough in itself yet something for every day.

F. R. Haverdale.



Exchanges

During the month of October the following exchanges have reached our desk: *Our College Times*, Elizabethtown, Pa.; *The Ursinus Weekly*, Colledgeville, Pa.; *The Mirror*, Bethlehem, Pa.; *The Kenyon Collegian*, Gambier, Ohio; *Ogontz Mosaic*, Ogontz, Pa.; *The Witmarsum*, Bluffton, Ohio; *The Susquehanna*, Selinsgrove, Pa.; *Old Penn Weekly*, Philadelphia, Pa.; *The Spectator*, Columbus, Ohio; *College Chips*, Decorah, Iowa; *The D. M. L. C. Messenger*, New Ulm, Minn.; *Steel and Garnet*, Philadelphia, Pa.; *The Hall Boy*, Nazareth, Pa.; *The Albright Bulletin*, Myerstown, Pa.; *The Perkiomenite*, Pennsburg, Pa.; *The Black and Red*, Watertown, Wis.

The Kenyon Collegian: Yours is a well balanced paper, containing much that is interesting both to your own students and to others who may read it. "Finis—(An Allegory of the End of Things)" is an excellent article.

The Spectator: Your paper is keeping up its high standard of literary excellence.

Ogontz Mosaic: Your paper always contains some very good literary material and, in the October issue, "The Menace of the Elegant Mendicant" is especially worthy of commendation.

M.C.'s "School of Oratory"

(Concluded from page 21.)

of the debater; the ominous report of misdemeanors by the vice-president; the quick determined imposition of fines by the president, and the bobbing up of members all around the hall (as it seemed to me) to appeal to the Executive Committee for clemency. It was magnificent! And how much of that magnificence failed to appear in the later years when I myself took part in similar public meetings!

That the C. L. S. did not hold itself aloof from the other student activities of the College is apparent from a resolution, passed September 25, 1875, that "The Comenian Literary Society in a body make a formal dedication of the new gymnasium which has been built in the yard." Nor did it scorn the attractions of the other sex, for, on February 17, 1877, "a number of young ladies, who happened to be in the building while the meeting was in progress, were cordially invited to attend the session of the C. L. S., and accepted." In June of the same year it was duly moved, and carried, "that the Young Ladies of the Bethlehem Female Seminary be invited to attend the public meeting." Later the invitation was extended also to the Young Ladies' Sewing Circle. Nor were the wants of the "inner man" forgotten for, when on March 25, 1879, and again on January 20, 1883, "a donation of \$5.00 was received from an honorary member with the request that it be used to satisfy the 'inner man,' the society moved that it regale itself on a repast of fried oysters, on next Tuesday at 12 o'clock." Surely we of 1898-1904 had fallen on evil days, for I can recall no generous-hearted alumnus contributing any sum whatever with which we might buy bivalves and make merry with our friends.

At the meeting of November 30, 1878, the president was empowered to grant as much money as necessary to secure a box in which to keep the society's papers. It was the recent disappearance of most of the contents of that box, or its ultimate successor, which raised the value of these "notes" to a par with Bethlehem Steel stocks.

For a time officers of the society were elected at the beginning of the Fall, Winter and Spring

terms. Later the custom, which now prevails, of holding a bi-yearly election, was introduced, the terms of office extending from September to January and from February to June.

In connection with the special meeting in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Amos Comenius, March 28, 1892, the banner, which now hangs in Students' Hall, was donated to the society by the Rev. G. Mac Schultz, and a fine picture of Comenius was presented by Miss Ida Schmidt, of Nazareth.

In March, 1895, the consent of the faculty having been obtained, the society purchased caps and gowns, to be used by the speakers in the Oratorical Contests. Unless my information is at fault some of these same gowns are still doing service on great oratorical occasions. This is a splendid testimony to the workmanship of "Messrs. Young and Snyder, Tailors," who made them.

In 1901 inter-class debates were introduced, and in the Spring of 1902 representatives of the C. L. S. met and defeated debating teams from the Forum Literary Society of Lehigh University, winning a banner which is now in the possession of the society. This feat, I believe, has never been repeated, simply because it has never been tried. Let this stand as a challenge to Lehigh.

Here the "notes" end. There have been changes in the conduct and procedure of C. L. S. meetings since 1902, of which an alumnus gets an occasional insight from the fellows of today. Initiations are different, more efficiently done than in the old, dignified, prosaic way, and even the subjects for debate have taken on a less weighty character, for did I not notice this on the bulletin board in Comenius Hall recently, "Subject for Debate Meeting, November 6, 1915, *Resolved*, That the raising of mustaches shall be prohibited at M. C.!" Shades of Demosthenes and John Amos Comenius! Is this the end of all those organizings and reorganizings, those solemn resolutions and revisions of the constitution? Hardly! C. L. S. is still the most potent factor for intellectual progress at M. C., and some day a loyal student will make another batch of "notes" and carry on the story of M. C.'s splendid "School of Oratory."

Athletics

The opening of the basketball season is close at hand, but we are ready for it. For a month the squad has been working hard, under Coach Mueller's direction, and a new system of calisthenics, rigidly adhered to before each practice, serves to keep the men in splendid physical condition. The squad at present consists of the following men: Capt. Clewell, Kuehl, R. Shields, Turner, Wedman, Evans, Hagen, W. Allen, Stolz, Schultz, J. Shields, Wolter, Kilpatrick, Fulmer, Strohmeier, L. Clewell, Gross and Vogler.

On Friday, October 29, the first practice game was played with a picked team from town in which our boys demonstrated their ability to fill up the baskets. This is the first of a series of such games to be played each week until the schedule opens.

The schedule pending before the Athletic Committee is as follows:

December 11,	Lehigh, at home.
January 8,	Drexel, at home.
January 14,	St. Joseph's, away.
January 15,	Ursinus, away.
January 21,	Drexel, away.
January 29,	Temple, at home.
February 4,	Schuylkill, away.
February 5,	Keystone State Normal, away.
February 16,	Schuylkill, at home.
February 22,	U. of P. Freshmen, at home.
February 26,	Ursinus, at home.
March 4,	Temple, away.

Games are pending with Albright College, Cooper Union Institute, New York University Law School, Clarkson College of Technology, Loyola College and Lebanon Valley College.

The annual Fall tennis tournament has created much excitement in the last two weeks. The tournament opened with twenty-eight men entered. Five watch fobs were awarded to the winners—P. Allen, H. Hoffman, R. Hassler, E. Clewell and G. Mueller, respectively.

A great deal of interest was manifested in this tournament and we can draw a fair conclusion regarding Spring prospects. 1916 ought to be the best tennis year ever known at Moravian.

West Indian Cricket

A British Government official on the island of Tonga writes: "The Tongans are a race of athletes. In foot-races and feats of strength, notably the tug-of-war, they have generally worsted the blue-jackets whom they have challenged; but their real passion is cricket. Soon after its introduction it became a national danger. The plantations were neglected; the cocoa-nuts lay rotting on the ground; for the whole population played cricket from dawn until dusk all over the island—with a bat, if they could get it, but otherwise with a cocoa nut branch and an unripe orange. They played matches, one village against another, and all the men of each village took an innings. With perhaps seventy-three on one side and fifty-two on the other a match lasted for days, and party feeling sometimes ran so high that at the end the losers fell upon the victors with the bats and stumps to avenge their disgrace. This was all changed when cricket was regulated by law, and confined to Tuesdays and Thursdays only."—*Moravian Church News*, East West Indian Province.



Thank-offering

In every place, in every hour,
Whate'er my wayward lot may be,
In joy or grief, in sun or shower,
Father, and Lord! I turn to Thee.

Thee, when the golden harvests yield
Their treasures to increase our store;
Thee, when through ether's gloomy field
The lightnings flash, the thunders roar.

Alike in joy and in distress,
Oh! let me trace Thy hand divine,
Righteous in chastening, prompt to bless,
Still, Father, may Thy will be mine.

—Lady Flora Hastings.

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