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A Ramble in Porto Rico

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THE steamer "Abd-El-Kader" arrived in St. Thomas harbor from Guadaloupe at eight o'clock, Monday morning, November thirteenth. The blue harbor lay before a desolate looking town which one month before had been swept by a hurricane, a few weeks later scourged by cholera, a few days previous to the thirteenth drenched by continuous cloud-bursts and on the twelfth shaken by a nerve-racking earthquake. Travelers in a foreign land but related by ecclesiastical ties to the Bishop of the Tropics, we were hustled on board the steamer bound for Porto Rico, Santo Domingo, Haiti and Cuba.

Needless to record, everything from the "Commissionier" to the wine at meals was distressingly French. Distressingly—when you remember that said travelers were boastingly American. The interest was mainly centered in a very friendly American Romish Father, a non-talkative nun and many French and Spanish West Indians on deck and at meals.

After a full eight-hour sail, the "Ab-El-Kader" entered the harbor at San Juan, Porto Rico. It was after dark, so our first glimpse of American Colonial soil was by aid of electricity.

The American doctor and Immigrant Inspector made the early hours of the following day miserable by requiring an early rise. Recovered, we stepped on Porto Rican soil ready for a day on shore. Our first general impression was the modern appearance of everything in San Juan. Yonder was the railroad—"The American Railroad"—Ponce Division. Here came American built trolley cars,—pay-as-you-enter,—and with American money. (We had thus far

used the English monetary system.) Up the well-paved, narrow streets by trolley and off for breakfast at an improved restaurant where English was spoken instead of Spanish; thence to a book-store for fresh magazines (our last had been dated October fifth); thence to a survey of points of interest in San Juan and vicinity.

The old Spanish "Conquistadores" would rise in their tombs if they could see their "Palace" used by an American governor. But such is the fact. Governor Yager and family were absent—unfortunately—as his daughter was one of Mrs. Reverend's college classmates, but his private secretary placed himself at our disposal, showing us the spacious rooms of the governmental Palace, the old Spanish gardens, harbor entrance from the fort and many other points of interest. A Rumanian artist was copying a characteristic flower-pot for exhibition in Philadelphia.

Our next point of survey was the stretch of land and houses along the trolley-track to Rio Piedras. The country was simply a tropical picture. School-children hurried to the Central High School, which was worthy the name. Automobiles whirred along the macadamized roads. Now and then a team of oxen broke the monotonous stream of Fords and Packards. Off to the left the sea was rolling in huge white-caps over a dark line of stones. Palms, rich foliage, and stretches of lawn surrounded the modern dwellings all along the line. Two freight trains passed us on "The American Railroad," carrying lumber and supplies to outlying sugarcane estates. Then our attention was attracted

to a modern baseball park and race track. Soon we saw to our left, on a slight elevation, the University of Porto Rico with pleasing architecture and spreading green campus (green all year, should we add, like some Freshies?). Governor Brumbaugh was the first commissioner of education for Porto Rico and laid out plans for popular education which have since borne good fruit. Together with schools, University, Young Men's Christian Association and other forms of Christian enlightenment, the youth of Porto Rico will soon be leading the island in its inevitable progress. Among the physical aids toward this is the league of basketball on the island.

Our trolley-ride included at least ten miles and was made more cheaply than the trip to Easton from Bethlehem. Ten cents for ten miles and in a country dependent on vessels charging outrageous freight rates, is a note-

worthy achievement. This spirit bids fair to bring trade and commerce based on good agriculture to Porto Rico and leave the island a rich "fuid" for the U. S. A.

The afternoon found us inspecting the Cathedral in which rest the ashes of Ponce de Leon, and the "Casa Blanca" or ancient military headquarters which occupies the most prominent position in San Juan. It is still used as a military barracks by Porto Rican soldiery for the Insular Government.

The opportunity for development along all lines are rapidly being grasped by American occupation and today San Juan presents a very creditable record outwardly for the Colonial spirit of the United States. The present bill before Congress is the next step in the development of Porto Rico.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Nov. 14, 1916.



The Student Volunteer Conference

GEORGE F. WEINLAND, SEM. '18

IN this age of hurry and bustle, of clashing ideas and the many claims upon our time it does us good occasionally to stop, take stock of ourselves and discover if we are planning our lives in accordance with the underlying principles of that religion we profess. Such an opportunity was offered the seven delegates from Moravian when the Student Volunteers of the eastern district met in conference during the first three days of December, under the auspices of the Princeton Theological Seminary. It was an inspiration never to be forgotten, listening to the men who brought us such vital messages.

Friday evening, after registering and becoming acquainted with our hosts and hostesses, Rev. Robert M. Labaree, a missionary from Persia, opened the conference addresses with a stirring account of the work among the Persians who suffered indescribable cruelty and degradation along with the Armenians at the hands of the Turks during the winters of nineteen fifteen and sixteen. Rev. Labaree closed with the striking statement: "If any one tells you that

Mohammedanism is good enough for any people, tell them they are mistaken. The present European war, with all of its terrible features, although carried on between so-called Christian nations, is absolutely contrary to Christian principles. But this terrible massacre of innocent Christians in Armenia and Persia, with all of the unspeakable degradation and suffering was in accord with Mohammedan principles and fostered by Mohammedan authorities. The lives and property of Christians were lawful plunder for Mohammedans and ninety per cent. of them aided in the work of destruction."

After this address a social was held, in which we had an opportunity to get acquainted with other delegates and show our college spirit. The M-O-Mo, R-A-Ra, vian, Moravian vied with cheers from other colleges and even the Osky Wow Wow from far away California was heard. Two delegates present were from New Zealand and they furnished considerable amusement by an exhibition of a college yell adapted from a cannibal war dance. Several selections from the

conference quartette and refreshments closed a pleasant evening.

Saturday morning, following a business session, Rev. Labaree gave another very instructive address on the work among the Moslems, in which he portrayed vividly the need, the great opportunities and the encouraging results of such work. In the afternoon session Mr. Fennel P. Turner delivered a masterful address on "Prayer, the Great Need of the Missionary Enterprise." "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He will send forth laborers into the harvest," was the method of Christ, given for the evangelization of the world. Prayer to be sincere must be followed by action.

William Miller then presented the work being carried on by forty Y. M. C. A. secretaries in the prison camps of Europe. Over five million prisoners are being held now in different camps. Beside the suffering on account of poor shelter and insufficient food, many are becoming insane through the terrible lonesomeness and inactivity. Many of these prisoners are college men, professors and students, others are artisans. The secretaries organize activities of all kinds among these men: colleges, musical associations, athletics and anything else to relieve the monotony. Through all these agencies the Christian spirit is expressed to the men. Mrs. McClure, a traveling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, followed with a very touching account of her experiences in India. How it was only after a number of years of service and the death of her husband that she gained the perfect peace and happiness through the full surrender of her life to the Master.

Saturday evening, in the First Presbyterian Church, where most of the meetings were held, Rev. J. Roy Strock, of India, in a very interesting way told of the educational work in that country. His first plea was, however, for more evangelists and he declared his intention of engaging in evangelistic work on his return. Dr. Adrian S. Taylor, a medical missionary from China, presented the Chinese problem from the physician's standpoint. How there is an absolute lack of medical knowledge in China, due to the religion, which will not permit the dissection of the human body. All doctors among the Chinese

are a despised class and extremely ignorant, as shown by the fact that their usual remedy for all ills is the insertion of a long needle into the affected part. The Christian Church today has an unparalleled opportunity to influence the medical knowledge of China and thus train Christian leaders who will shape the future China.

What does it mean to be a Student Volunteer? This question was answered by Mr. Turner when he spoke Sunday morning in the Seminary chapel. The underlying principle of the movement is expressed by a statement in the one hundred tenth Psalm: "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." The volunteer card is not a pledge but a statement of purpose, a declaration of one's willingness to "intrust the unknown future to a known God." The purpose of the movement is to band together those who have expressed this willingness and who intend to carry to its logical conclusion the command of Christ.

Another continent was presented for our consideration in the afternoon, when Rev. G. J. Schilling let us see the needs and our great responsibility toward South America. When he stated that he was the only evangelical preacher in a territory as large as Germany and Spain, we began to realize the vast call of that field. Did you ever hear a missionary appeal based on the Monroe Doctrine? That is what Dr. Schilling did when he proceeded to show how the United States has kept out the spread of the Bible through closing South America to colonization by the evangelical countries of Europe. This places the responsibility on the United States of seeing that this continent does not go without the gospel light. Rev. Walter Erdman followed in an address of rare eloquence, in which he drew rich illustrations from that interesting country of Korea. With no music, no word for Mother or home to use for their emotional appeal, the pure Word of God is accomplishing great things.

Sunday evening, in an address conceded in many ways to be the best of the conference, Rev. C. H. Hurlburt closed the series. Is not Africa adequately supplied with missions after these years of agitation since the time of Livingston? Listen to the answer of Rev. Hurlburt. In

Uganda, the most fruitful field of missionary endeavor, there are four tribes among whom missionary work has been done and twelve who have never heard of Christ. Is that adequately covering the field? In the center of Africa one can travel for a thousand miles North and South or East and West without meeting a single Christian. There is elbow room for some one from this crowded land of ours.

Thus the nations of the earth passed in review, conducted by men who knew through practical experience whereof they spoke. Each presented its problems and possibilities, its discouragements and crown of joy to the faithful

worker. Contrary to the idea current among many people, the emotional appeal was practically absent in the addresses of the leaders. From the ranks of the students themselves came the strongest appeal to the emotions when they told why they volunteered and called on others to place themselves on record.

Our delegates unanimously declare the conference well worth the time and money spent, but the thing which gives the most satisfaction is the fact that we secured the conference for next year. A big task? Yes, but gladly undertaken for the sake of Christian missions and the glory of our Alma Mater.



“Finding Out” Christmas

CLARENCE T. RICHTER, '18

LITTLE OLEON was ten years of age when his beloved father passed from life. It was on a beautiful day in late October. Already the winter had set in with all its fierceness, as it is wont to do in the far north. The wind was howling around the corner of the house which Oleon and his mother and big brother, Jose, called home. Wood, however, was plentiful and easy to obtain, and Jose had prepared a large amount of it for winter use, so the house was warm and comfortable, and had it not been for the sad calamity which had befallen the little family, they would have been happy and contented in spite of the snow and cold on the outside.

It was a day of grief not only to this little family but also to all the families living within a number of miles of the little shanty. For Oleon's father had been the preacher of the community. He had also been the comrade and friend to all, for as often as any one was sick or in trouble he would in his kindly way assist them if possible and cheer them as best he was able. But now he lay dead and sorrow reigned supreme. A few days later the body of the beloved father was placed in its final resting place. In the shade of the pines on the river bank they laid him and the little family went home to bear their sorrow alone.

The country was thickly wooded and abounded in fur-bearing animals and other animals and game, by which means the few settlers made a scant living. Even the parson had trained his older son thoroughly in the art of trapping and hunting, and it was well indeed that he had, for now a means of livelihood was open to the little family. Bravely did Jose adapt himself to his work and faithfully did he endeavor to teach his little brother the things so necessary for one wishing to be skilled in the art of woodmanship to know. Oleon also showed great interest and went along with his brother every morning to “tend” the traps. He soon learned exactly where and in what manner the bait and the traps should be placed. Matters went on in this way continually, Oleson observing what his big brother did and also at times obtaining a few pointers from trappers and hunters with whom he came in contact.

Now Christmas was approaching, but it meant very little to the people of that vicinity. They regarded it as a Sunday and, for this reason, as a day of rest. Little Oleon had heard the story of the birth of a little baby whom people called Christ. But he had not received any gifts nor even in the slightest degree felt the true spirit of Christmas as a time of peace and love to all.

Shortly before Christmas came the day to go to the trading post to obtain the provisions and other supplies. This was a monthly occurrence, but on this trip usually something extra was purchased in the form of a few nuts or a little candy. The trip was made as usual by Jose. Christmas day was spent in the usual manner. The Christian mother again read the story of the Christ-child to the boys, but it was old to them and no different than other stories which were once interesting but had grown old and uninteresting by repetition.

The day having passed, work was resumed with the same zeal as before. The season indeed was a prosperous one. Mink, skunk, raccoon, muskrat and other fur-bearing animals seemed to be plentiful and a great number of each were caught by the two young hunters. Both Oleon and Jose were able to remove the skins from the animals and to cure them in the correct fashion. They were then exchanged at the post for a small cash value, the proceeds of which paid for the things needed by the family. Very little, however, was left over each time. Occasionally Jose went hunting with the big gun which had belonged to his father and quite often on returning, he, with the assistance of little Oleon, would harness the little pony, which was used for many purposes by the little family, and hitch him to the sled made of rough planks. Then the two boys would drive off through the woods and soon after return with the dead body of a large black bear or a deer. These furs were more valuable and the boys were always delighted with the prospect of skinning one of the large animals and selling the fur for a good price at the post.

Winter passed very prosperously and spring, with its wind and warm rains, set in. Soon the snow was gone and the flowers began to show their tiny faces here and there in the budding and sweet smelling forest. The spot of land which had been cleared of the trees was again prepared for a garden. The seeds were carefully planted and soon the tiny shoots appeared and began to develop into plants and vegetables. Little Oleon worked faithfully to keep the garden free from weeds. In the meantime Jose went gunning after the fowls which were plenti-

ful in forest and on river and which he was able to sell for a small amount at the post. Again fall came and with it the gathering of the vegetables and other garden produce into the pit which was used as a cellar. These were well worth the effort which little Oleon had put into caring for them, for they were large and plentiful.

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Three years have passed. The forests hide numerous cabins and many inhabitants, all striving to make a living by the small means which formerly granted but a bare existence to a few. The hunting season has again begun. Snow and cold weather are present, as usual, but the traps no longer yield bountifully as before. Very seldom is a bear or other large game seen. They have been frightened away by the large number of settlers. Day after day the boys return from the traps with but few animals to skin for profit. Matters become worse and worse. The mother wrote to the minister of the church in the city but the letter seems to have been miscarried, for no returns are received after two months of waiting. The crop of vegetables is almost exhausted and the clothing of the family are rags for want of money to buy new. The neighbors are not able to help for they are also in need. Christmas approaches and in spite of the many prayers offered by the mother, starvation seems to draw closer and closer.

Only one day is left before Christmas. The family has just finished the scanty noon-day meal and on arising hear the jingling of sleigh-bells. "The sleigh from the post, the sleigh from the post!" shout the boys. For what reason can it have come here? They open the door. The driver steps to the ground and removes the cover from the boxes on the sled. At last help has arrived. The boxes are taken into the house and with trembling hands the boys remove the covers. Within is clothing, food and money. How thankful and happy the boys are! Suddenly the story of the Christ dawns upon them. Did He not give Himself for us? Did He not help the poor and needy and comfort them who were in trouble? They had heard the story many times before, but now they realized the meaning

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The Reason asked and perhaps has often occurred in the minds of others, why a Student Volunteer Conference is held each year. Our answer is, "Because of the need." First, because of the need that Volunteers and all interested in Missions feel. It is the need of co-operation and organization. Along every line of activity men today feel the need of these two things, for without them their accomplishments are not far reaching. So, too, do those, whose life-work carries them into the vast harvest-field, feel the necessity of building a firm foundation for a great confederation; of co-operating and being organized; of being strengthened and better equipped to face the mighty propositions before them. It is because they realize that the old idea that any one not fit for the home field can be sent to the foreign land is wrong. For a missionary to do good work, must be as proficient, if not more so, as he who works among his countrymen.

There is a second need: the need of the non-

Christian world. At the beginning of such a Conference a listener may feel as though he were in a valley, seeing only himself and his immediate surroundings, then a Missionary from Persia arises and lays before his cognizance the conditions of that country. Immediately the man in the audience feels as though he was lifted a little and given a broader view. He sees a country exactly as it is today. Then a representative from China speaks, followed by one from India, another from Africa, one from South America, and so on until all parts of the world are heard from. As each speaks, the hearer seems to be ascending the mountain at the foot of which he stood at first. His point of view is higher, the scene before him gradually expands, until, at the close of the conference, he, having reached the summit of the mount, has a vision which is world wide. He sees all the world with the sufferings, the sins, the superstition, the victories and the joys with which a Missionary meets. He knows the circumstances of the peoples. He has discovered that one spot and one people is as significant in the eyes of God as another. He has learned that everywhere there is a great demand for men and women to put forth effort to reach all people. He received not merely a stimulus which caused a flutter of emotional desire to do something to sweep over him for an instant, but he is filled with missionary zeal, not that kind which is confined to a conference, but that zeal which compelled the Good Samaritan to assist his fallen brother. He knows that it is not enough to educate those people, nor does it suffice to add thereto medical aid; for above all the education and healing of physical suffering we can give, there must be given the knowledge of the Son of God, whose blood was spilt for all mankind.

The accomplishments of the hands of the professional man and woman are ever before us. Young women and men seeing them, desire to go and do likewise and consequently they prepare themselves toward that direction without giving a thought as to whether or no it be the vocation to which they are destined. It is, therefore, the purpose of a Student Volunteer Conference, not to attempt to compel people to go to the foreign field, but to cause young men and

women to turn their thoughts toward a work which is comparatively being neglected and to seriously question themselves in regard to what the real purpose of their lives might be.

Not only is the need of the Mission fields presented, but the students are given the means of meeting this need. Men who have had years of experience in wrestling with the problems of that character met with in such work, are there to tell the best methods known of meeting them. The necessary preparation is explained and splendid advice is given. Having thus become acquainted with the different parts of the world and the character of the work, one can more wisely select the field to which he feels that he has been given the call and privileges to go.

H. A. K.

The Musical Association The Musical Association is one of the most worth-while organizations at Moravian College. Every person should know something about music, and this association presents an opportunity to cultivate and make use of musical talent. The Glee Club, which comprises only a part of the association, is open to any student who is desirous and capable of entering. This year the Glee Club contains twenty singers, and is preparing to present a program superior to any previously attempted.

Moravian College has boasted of many organizations such as this, and several of them have ranked high in their class. The present association, however, has outdone any preceding one in that it has not confined its efforts to the immediate neighborhood. Many concert trips have been made during the last two years and this year an entirely new and much more difficult program is being prepared for the coming season. Several engagements have already been arranged, and it is hoped that the association will be enabled to appear before more audiences than heretofore.

This society, as well as the others in the institution, needs the support of the students and the Alumni. Whenever you get the chance, boost the association, and give them your aid in any way you can, so that it may continue to improve and add to the fame of old M. C.

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Practical Religion

In these modern days and times when everything is being placed upon an efficiency basis, we are not keeping up with the times if we do not place our religion upon an efficiency basis. We must make it practical if we hope to make it appeal to others, not considering the benefit we ourselves would derive from such an action.

There are, unfortunately, only too many people who only have religion on Sunday. During the week they forget all about it. If we did business in such a manner it would not amount to much. Our religion must be visible at all times or it is not true religion. We must breathe it—*live it*. We perceive the Supreme Being around us in nature—in everything. We all play our part, small or great, in the Drama of Life. We are all of some use in this world, and we should endeavor to make this use as great and good as possible. It is known that the whole universe works according to Divine law, but why not try to place ourselves in line for greater usefulness to mankind? We must bear in mind our relation to our fellowmen. The Road of Life is at best not easy, and the little things count as well as the great, either to help or to hinder.

Any man who places himself in harmony with the Great Nature is living a practical religion. He may not agree with us in everything, yet he is getting more efficiency from his religion than the man who is out of tune with life. The influence of a kind and sweet disposition and life can not be over estimated. A kind word here, a smile there. It costs so little and helps so much. Offer a helping hand to a fellow man, who has not fared as well as you, who is not just in tune with the Universe. The lowest mortal is not too low to be helped.

Religion does not call for "a long face," or a "holier than thou" air. The harm done by such is much more than the good. Never feel that you are too good to do anything that is in accordance with the great laws of the universe.

Such a religion will live through all eternity. Every life has its page in the great Book of Life, and all we do is recorded there, no matter how

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Merry Tringlets



A MUSICAL LOVE STORY.

A girl whose name was Annie Laurie is the heroine of our story. She was born 'Way Down Upon the Suwanee River. She first met our hero Comin' thru the Rye. His name was Robin Adair and he was born Down in Dixie. He proposed In the Gloaming and she answered Sweet and Low. They were married In Old Kentucky and the wedding march was played by My Darling Nellie Gray; there was a wedding breakfast, prepared by Old Black Joe; the bridal couple went to live in Maryland, My Maryland. They always remained in America, and their motto was Home, Sweet Home. This romance happened Long, Long Ago.



Rau: "Wimmer, what are the by-products of coal?"
Wimmer: "Ashes and soot."

Victor (at table): "John Stocker sends his best to all the fellows."

Fred: "What does he send, his vest?"

Prof. Bill (after long oratorical explanation): "Gutensohn, will you now name one essential to be observed in public speaking?"

Goosie (opening his eyes): "Well, he ought to know when to stop." Time for the bell.

Bates gave his new scholar, Gapp, a zip in English for not remembering all the adjectives used in the lesson.

Professor: "Mr. Fulmer, you will please report on 'The Monk's Tale.'"

Hiram: "Everroad's Tale?"

Janny: "I hear the Kaiser issued a call for 4000 watermelons."

Henks: "So-o-o-o?"

Janny: "Yes, he wants to feed his troops on the Rhine. Ha! He-e-e-e-e-e-e!"

Hausvater: "I see that water is leaking through the chapel door. We ought to have a Porto Rico over it like the one over the library door."

A Future Geologist (observing rock formations from car window): "This rock is rich in mennonite."

Finkie was having great trouble declining the Latin noun cupido.

Prof. Moses: "You and cupid don't seem to be very good friends, Florient."

Finkie (mustering courage): "I can't see why languages have roots."

His Neighbor: "Why, they must have them in order that they may grow."

Chiffonier dishes are now on sale at Deckie's room. Everyone ought to have one. They are very convenient in cold weather.

After dodging a teacher's trunk, Hairbreadth Herbert wound his way up a spiral stairway into the clouds. "Surely," quoth he, "I have a higher vision since I came here." Alas, the descension was his unwinding.

Cupie Spauh has left us to attend congress. His return is therefore uncertain.

SOME DARK MEAT, PLEASE.

With turkey now thirty cents a pound,
And Christmas drawing near,
Our merry boys will gather 'round
A wiener-wurst this year.



Schneebeli has just purchased a set of books on "Mental Deficiency." (Such a foolish purchase.)

Bates (with feeling, before his lady on the stage): "Will you miss me—?"

Voice from back of room: "Gimme a gun and I'll try not to."


Jim writing a letter in class.

Andy: "Why do you write so large?"


Jim: "Oh, it's to my Irish friend; every little thing upsets her."

Aub Clewell will deliver a lecture on "How to extract the approximate roots of equations that have only real roots."





Holiday Locals



The Twelfth Annual Student Missionary Conference of the Eastern Union of Student Volunteers was held at the Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., on the first, second and third of December.

The following Moravian men attended: Messrs. Wedman, Kuehl, Weinland, Stolz, Everroad, Splies and Dech. At the business meeting three institutions, Penn State, Bucknell and Moravian extended invitations for the Conference to be held next year. The vote by ballot favored Moravian and the next Conference will, therefore, be held at Bethlehem.

The officers for the next Conference were elected, as follows:

President: Henry A. Kuehl, Moravian Theological Seminary; Vice-President: Leo V. Baker, Princeton University; Secretary-Treasurer: R. C. Hutchison, Lafayette College.

Most of the students remained in the vicinity of Bethlehem during the short Thanksgiving recess. At the Thanksgiving dinner every one certainly did his duty in sampling the Southern chickens sent to us by our Winston-Salem friends. They can be assured that we greatly appreciate their kindness in remembering us.

Recently a successful campaign was conducted by the people of the Bethlehems in raising \$250,000 by popular subscription for the erection of a million dollar bridge across the Lehigh River. Northampton County, the Jersey and Reading Railroads and numerous other concerns have also contributed to the fund, so that a sufficient amount has already been raised for the building of the bridge in the near future. Plans are also being made by the two railroads for the erection of a half million dollar station within a few years.

A movement has also been started by Mr. Schwab, President of the Bethlehem Steel Company, favoring a consolidation of the Bethlehems. A great portion of the people seem to be strongly in favor of this plan. Surely such sudden strides as these will soon help Bethlehem to become one of the largest cities in the East.

The Rt. Rev. Edward Rondthaler was a visitor at M. C. during the month of November. While here he addressed the student-body at one of our morning chapel services.

Rev. Victor Flinn, Sem. '00, recently assisted Dr. Schwarze in conducting one of the evening chapel services.

Rev. Julius Prochnau, Col. '10, was installed as pastor of the Second German Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 22.

On November 12, Rev. Alfred Vogler, Sem. '11, spoke at the Central Church, Bethlehem, in the interest of the new church which he is building at Utica, N. Y.

Fred Trafford conducted services at Rittersville on the afternoon of the 19th. At this service the quartet rendered a few selections.

Ernest Hagen spent his Thanksgiving holidays visiting with his brother, Rev. J. F. Hagen, Col. '10, at Chanceford, York County, Pa.

Herbert Spaugh is at present visiting relatives in Washington, D. C.

C. O. Weber conducted the services at the Laurel Street Chapel, Bethlehem, on December 12. On the same date, H. A. Kuehl filled the pulpit of the St. Mark's Evangelical Church, Northampton Heights.



C. L. S.

November 7. The meeting was called to order by the President, after which the Chaplain performed his duty. The extemporaneous speeches for the evening were the following: "Basketball Prospects," Mr. Wedman; "Reasons for Taking a Western Vacation Trip," Mr. Hassler; "An Account of the Recent Lehigh-Muhlenberg Game," Mr. Mueller; "The Coopersburg Neighborhood Association," Mr. Steininger; "Impressions of Eastern Towns," Mr. V. Richter. The declaimer, Mr. Stocker, recited "The Battlefield," by W. C. Bryant. Next followed the Review of the Week, given by Mr. Stolz. The debate subject for the evening was, "Resolved, that the Gary System of Education be Adopted in our Public Schools." It was debated affirmatively by

Messrs. Trafford and Gutensohn and negatively by Messrs. Albright and Weinland. The chair gave the decision to the affirmative and was upheld by the house. The *per se* vote favored the negative. Mr. Henkleman served as critic for the evening.

November 14. After the President called the meeting to order, the Chaplain performed his duty. The literary program for the evening was as follows: The first declaimer, Mr. Schneebeli, gave "The Smacking School." The reader, Mr. Gutensohn, read "A Thrilling Moment," by Henry Van Dyke. The second declaimer, Mr. Bahnsen, gave "The Blue and the Gray," by Geo. Fitch. The essayist, Mr. C. Richter, read an essay, entitled, "Result of England's Geographical Position on English Literature." As a musical number, Mr. Spaugh rendered a French Horn solo, after which Mr. Splies, the reviewer, was given ten minutes. Mr. Trafford narrated some of Henry Ford's experiences. Mr. Kuehl gave an oration, entitled, "A Step Towards International Peace." After the usual three minutes' recess, Mr. Fulmer, the editor, read his paper, entitled, "Hughes Suffers from De Feet." Mr. Weinland acted as critic for the meeting.

November 22. The meeting was called to order by the President, after which the Chaplain performed his duty. The President spoke preliminary to the Society, calling attention to the fact that this was an anniversary date of C. L. S. He then called for a series of after-dinner speeches. Mr. Shields spoke on "C. L. S. as an Historical Institution at M. C." He was followed by Mr. Henkelmann, speaking on "Six Years of M. C. Literary Society." Mr. Everroad concluded the speaking with a talk on the "Value of C. L. S. Papers."

The regular program then began. Mr. Fink, the first declaimer, gave "Laugh and the World Laughs with You." Mr. Hagen was the reviewer. The second declaimer, Mr. Steininger, gave "The Fires," by Kipling. The debate subject for the evening was: "Resolved, that Universal Military System be Adopted." It was debated affirmatively by Messrs. Hassler and Weber, negatively by Messrs. V. Richter and Wedman. The decision of the President favored the affirmative, which was upheld by the house. The *per se* vote favored the negative. Mr. Spaugh acted as critic for the meeting.

D. M. C. A.

They who keep strictly the hour of prayer shall dwell laden with honors, amid gardens.—KORAN.

Surely we can not lay too much stress upon the importance of prayer. As Christians we must be believers in Christ and obey His commands. He requested that we "pray without ceasing," and gave many other messages and teachings in regard to prayer. But the Christian Church has as yet failed to make use of the greatest power at its command. I do not mean to say that we do not pray enough in our churches. We do, but alas, so often the minds of those in the audience are thousands of miles from the subject of praise and intercession, when their heads are bowed. Furthermore, we do not pray enough in our private rooms. Mohammed laid a great deal of stress upon prayer. He went so far as to make what seemed to him attractive promises. "He shall be laden with honors, and dwell amid gardens." This sincerity of prayer seems to be one of the great powers of Islam. Christ also has great promises in store for those who pray. They may not receive worldly honor, in fact that is directly contrary to the teachings of Christ, but they will receive an inward blessing that is worth more than honors, and that has as its goal better things than a garden.

The students of M. C. have been trying to cultivate a deeper spirit of prayer. Thus every morning, fifteen minutes before breakfast time, a group of men, under the leadership of the theologs, gather for prayer. These meetings have already proven a blessing. We pray that all M. C. students, and ultimately the whole world, may learn the wonderful lesson of prayer.

The Y. M. C. A. meetings have been very interesting and snappy. Topics of interest to all have been discussed. The meeting at which the topic was "Courtesy," proved a most interesting one. On Sunday, November 26, the fellows met for a short prayer service. On this day the churches were especially remembering us in their prayers. We, therefore, joined our prayers with the long chain, giving thanks and asking for strength necessary to continue work. We hope that the "Day of Prayer for M. C." may not be the only time at which our Church remembers us, but that she may continually pray for us, and that the members may individually pray for us, who are especially needful of their prayers.



The Dramatic Association

On the evenings of December eighth and ninth, the Dramatic Association presented their ninth annual production, "The Man on the Box," in the Maravian Seminary Chapel, to a large audience. The play itself is the heaviest that has ever been presented by the association. It has a well defined plot, is full of humor and amusing incidents, and at the same time is solid. It is well balanced and gives all members of the cast a chance to demonstrate their abilities along theatrical lines. The excellent enunciation and the apparent ease of the players on the stage were large factors in its decided success. The scenes were well planned and were a great improvement over former years. The production was a decided success, as was shown by the hearty manner in which the audience received it.

The part of Bob Warburton, alias James Osborne, was ably acted by Walser Allen, who has had experience in former productions. Miss Louise Thaeler played the part of Betty Annesley in her usual charming manner and was very favorably received by the audience. Mr. Pharo, in the role of Charles Henderson, played the part in true professional style, while Miss Olga Kraft, in the role of Nancy, Bob's sister, was enthusiastically received. Both Mr. Pharo and Miss Kraft participated for the first time in a college production as did Messrs. Fulmer, Strohmeier, Shields and Thaeler. Mr. Fulmer in the part of the chef proved a delight to the audience with his French accent. Mr. Shields in the role of Officer O'Brien proved himself a capable actor and again in the part of the Russian Count Karloff. Mr. Hagen, in the role of Officer Cassidy, and as Stableman William, carried himself well, while Mr. Strohmeier, as Judge Watts, acted in capital style. Miss Pauline Detterer, as Mrs. Conway, and Miss Clara Hermany, as Cora, the maid, portrayed their respective parts ably. Mr. Turner, as Colonel Annesley, the father of Betty, played with his usual power and ably portrayed the part of a man in a continuous strain. Mr. Thaeler, as Col. Frank Raleigh, handled himself as an experienced actor. The characters were well chosen and not a little credit is due to the coach, Mr. Fraim. The "make-up" of the respective characters was excellent and again credit is due to Mr. Fraim.

A great deal of credit must be given to the college quartet. The members sang in true musical style and their success this year promises to outstrip that of the fine quartet of last year. In addition to the music by the quartet the audience was also favored by several selections by a trio consisting of a violin, cello and piano, which added greatly to the pleasure of the evening.



Athletics

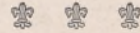
Coach Shields made the first cut in the basketball squad during the last week of November. All things point to a strong Varsity combination and an un-

usually good second team. By the time the COMENIAN appears in print the first game with the Alumni will have been played, to be followed by Drexel on December 15. The COMENIAN wants to report these two games as victories in the next issue. Game number three is with Lehigh, at South Bethlehem. Let's come back strong after Christmas vacation and during it conserve energy and lungs for January 6.

With the organization of a Freshman team, M. C. will have three representatives on the floor this season. We welcome this addition and hope that entering classes may always be able to have their own team.

On November 25, a picked team, by exceptional passing and close guarding, beat Pen Argyl High School, at Pen Argyl, 17-7. Mueller, Strohmeier, Hagen, Stolz and Shields were those who played.

One more game will be played beside those announced in last month's COMENIAN. College Hill Club, of Easton, appears on our floor February 10.



Exchanges

Among the exchanges received during the past month, we would mention the *Newberry Stylus*, *The Spectator* and *Ye Manor Chronicle*, as being exceptionally good issues.

A glance at the interesting table of contents in the *Stylus* induces one to turn farther, nor is he disappointed with what he finds.

The Spectator has a well balanced literary department, which many exchanges might advantageously pattern after. It is seldom we see poetry, essay, biography and good stories all in one issue.

Ye Manor Chronicle's attractive appearance is only equaled by its contents.

Other exchanges are *The Mirror*, *College Chips*, *Albright Bulletin*, *Witmarsum*, *Black and Red*, *Purple and White*, *Perkiomenite*, *Linden Hall Echo*, *Memoranda*, and two newsy weeklies, the *College News* and *Ursinus Weekly*.



"Finding Out" Christmas

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of it. They realized that Christ had answered the prayers of their mother and that the help was given by Him through His children in the city, and now the boys were happy because they had discovered Christmas in its true meaning.

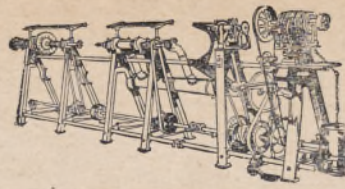


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