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The Opening Exercises

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N Thursday morning, September 18, at 10 o'clock, friends, alumni and students gathered in the Helen Stadiger Borhek Memorial Chapel for the opening exercises of the 1919-20 term of Moravian College and Theological Seminary. After a short responsive service, led by the Rev. L. G. Luckenbach, of Winston-Salem, N. C., the Rev. Samuel Allen, of Jamaica, B.W.I., read a scripture portion from Ephesians. Dr. J. Taylor Hamilton delivered the opening address. In his address, after welcoming the students in the name of the Faculty and wishing them a successful year—a year of success alike in relation to the primary object of their student-life and in connection with their student organizations—President Hamilton reminded them that one of the advantages of a vocation is that it leads up to and makes possible a new start. Not only does it make for the gathering of new physical energies, it makes possible a reviewing of the past, a taking of bearings with a view to insure greater success in the new period, and a forming of resolves based on a wise use of the fruits of past experiences.

Let none be discouraged either by the recognition of past defects or failures, or by the sense of inability overagainst difficulties as they loom up. The conqueror, the really successful man in life, is he who on taking stock of himself and perceiving where he is weak, determines to make the weakness yield and to transform just that point in his character and resources by correcting it, so that it becomes a source of strength; the man who so overcomes past failures, that they become elements out of which positive achievement is constructed. Such a man refuses to yield to that subtle temptation of the devil, which would persuade to make indolent self-excuse, that says, "I can not help doing so and so, can not help being thus and thus, for it is my nature; I am made so." On the contrary, he learns by the grace of God to squarely face his own inner weakness, to fairly recognize the faultiness of his past endeavors, and then determinedly overcomes, if need be by a long and hard conflict, so that the things that marred his past are wholly removed and positive energies and achievements replace what was deficient.

Various instances were cited, to illustrate this determinate refusal to tamely admit failure, this bending of adverse circumstances and of defective traits and harnessing them to the chariot of success. Continuing, he pointed out that such a man is the self-disciplined man, and that one great purpose of education is self-discipline, in addition to the acquirement of information. Self-discipline is a quality our whole people needs to a large degree in this restless, unquiet era of reconstruction; and the man who becomes the truly educated man in this sense will be in great demand by our country in all ranks of life, in the Church and in the state, in industry and in business.

After further illustrating and pointing out what self-discipline involves and that it is something which no one can impart to another like possession to be externally transferred, but that it is something which each must patiently acquire for himself, President Hamilton concluded by a reminder that it was not to be achieved by mere resolve and by the effort of moral gymnastics. Help from above is needed; but may also be obtained. "The Lord Jesus Christ and personal intercourse with Him; herein lies the key to self-mastery and the secret of strength and the source of supply. Therefore, I beg you,
do not fail to make good use of the quiet hour each day. The quiet hour is not loss of time. It is time gained."

Immediately following the address, the Rt. Rev. C. L. Moench was called upon to lead in prayer. He delivered an earnest petition for divine guidance and blessing on students and professors alike in their work during the coming months. Then after the professors made several announcements concerning their classwork, the exercises came to a close with the singing of the Doxology.

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**The Science Building**

**THE** summer vacation has elapsed and Moravian has begun the 113th year of preparing men to go out into life to work for the interests of Humanity and Christianity.

Some studies have been added to the various courses offered, with a view of increasing the advantages and benefits derived from them. Comparatively few additions have been made to the Scientific Course, due to the lack of equipment and space for Laboratory work, which is so essential in the study of Natural Science.

If Moravian College and Theological Seminary is to go forward and keep abreast of the times, she must make an effort to have such facilities which will keep her on a par with the ranking colleges and universities of the country, a position that she has always tried to maintain.

The proposed Science Building will serve a twofold purpose: a Memorial to all Moravians and Alumni of the Institution who served in the war just passed, and that of supplying a long felt need of the College and Seminary. Either reason alone should be sufficient for the successful completion of the project while the combination of the two should make it a paramount consideration for all Alumni of the Institution and all Moravians of the Moravian Church in North America.

The Executive Committee has been working incessantly since the launching of the $100,000 campaign in June, 1919, for the erection of such a building, a seemingly herculean task. Regional Committees have been organized in the various districts of the provinces and now that they have been organized the actual raising of the proposed amount is to begin.

It is only through the co-operation of all Alumni, Moravians and friends of the College and Seminary that the campaign will be successful. We need your assistance financially, as well as your moral support.

No true and loyal Alumnus, no Moravian true to the ideals of the Church and Christianity can evade the call. The call has been sounded. Help to make the plan a reality.

**Executive Committee.**

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**PRODUCTIVE MEMORIALS.**

*The best of all memorials will be those which are of tangible use to the men who have returned, and to those on whom the nation must depend for leadership in the future; the unproductive memorials will not serve that purpose.*

*The Memorial Science Building will not only be of great value to the Church in the more efficient training of men, but it will also enable M. C. to more effectively participate in the reconstruction process, "for the hope of democracy is in the education of the masses." The proposed Science Building will be a truly productive memorial. Will you help make our plan a reality?*

UNITED we stand—that is, “United for the Winning of the World for Christ”—might be said to be the keynote of the Student Y. M. C. A. Conference of June, 1919, held at East Northfield, Mass. And what a place to hold a conference of this character! The Seminary whose buildings were loaned for the use of the 400 and some College delegates and representatives, is situated on the slope of a mountain overlooking the beautiful Connecticut River valley. Wooded hills enclose the campus grounds on three sides, as if drawn round by God’s Almighty hand to protect it from any danger which might attempt to approach it.

It is conceded by all religious thinkers that the best place for sincere, earnest communion with God is some place out of sight of human habitation where one can see nature as the Almighty hath made it, and be able to drink in deep draughts of pure, fresh air—everything combining to fill one’s mind with great desires for noble deeds in His name. Such a place is Northfield. One may have his choice of mountain heights to look out over the broad expanse of rolling hills of the surrounding country, of shaded knolls on the campus, rich with historic sentiment, or of secluded nooks along the river, watching the never-ending flow of water moving silently onward.

Of course, these moments, valuable as they are, were only enjoyed in the time not covered by the regular program of the Conference. This program was as follows:

**A.M.**
- 7.00—Rising Bell.
- 7.30—Morning Watch.
- 8.00—Breakfast.
- 8.45—Bible Study.
- 10.25—Principles and Methods of Student Association Work.
- 11.15—Intermission.
- 11.30—Auditorium Meeting.

**P.M.**
- 12.30—Delegation Leaders’ Assembly.
- 1.00—Dinner.
- 2.00—Athletics.
- 6.00—Supper.
- 7.00—Round Top Meeting.
- 8.00—Mission Study.
- 9.00—Delegation Meeting.
- 10.00—Retiring Bell.

The program differed but slightly on Sundays, when one was allowed to sleep fifteen minutes longer.

Two groups were formed in Bible Study, one group taking up “Jesus in the Records” and the other “The Social Principles of Jesus.” Much good was gained from these studies, and many statements, confusing to the mind of students of the Bible, were cleared up by the well-informed leaders.

The period of the “New Day and The New World” was used on different days for either lecture on some vital, present-day topic, or for meetings of the men of different professions, in the form of Institutes, for consideration of the value of the use of Religion in each of the professions.

Perhaps the session of most value to the Y. M. C. A. men was that of the “Principles and Methods of Student Association Work.” Open discussion was held at all these sessions on the subject, “The Objective of Our College Association.” This objective was finally summarized in this statement: “To lead each student to accept Christ’s Rule in his thought and life, and to cooperate in making His Will effective on the campus, in the community, and throughout the world.” Indeed, not a very broad statement at first glance, but—does your College Y. M. C. A. accomplish this object? Think it over! In this period also, J. Stitts Wilson, of California, a noted lecturer, gave a course of impressive and emphatic addresses on “Constructive Christian Democracy.”
At the Auditorium meetings were heard addresses by some notable men, such as—John R. Mott, Dr. Charles Brown, Dr. J. C. Robbins, R. E. Speer, Mr. Wilson of the London Times, and Dr. Coffin, of New York.

Seven different courses were offered in the Mission Study Classes, each class having as a leader one who had possibly been a missionary to the particular country being studied under his leadership, or one who at some time had been in contact with the people of that country.

The most impressive and inspirational hour of each day was "The Round Top Meeting." With the entire assemblage seated on the slope of a shaded knoll, singing praises to God in Heaven: with the sun, a glowing ball of red, disappearing slowly behind a mountain-peak, bathing the crests of the distant rolling hills in a crimson tide, awing one with a profound sense of majestic beauty—how could one help but being inspired and impressed with the knowledge of an Almighty Creator and Ruler? It was at a Round Top meeting that a number of students announced their decision in favor of the ministry as a life work, having realized that they had found their true calling; and here also, that a number of graduate ministers accepted the call to Foreign Mission Fields. "By their deeds shall ye know them." After one has left Northfield and looks back to his Conference days, it is always the memory of Round Top that stands out dominantly in one's mind. Of course, one seldom forgets the pleasant afternoons spent in recreation, either in sports of all sorts, hiking (and who will forget Garnet Rock, who once knows it?), or driving to some distant point of interest.

It should be a part of the training of every man preparing for the Ministry, Y. M. C. A. Work, Teaching, or any Social Work, to have included in his curriculum, one or more Conferences at Northfield. Things are learned here which can never hope to be found in a class-room. The gain in advice and inspiration from personal contact with great men who have "made good" in His service cannot be measured in a few words.

No one but the members of the editorial staff realize what a task it was to edit the 1918-1919 volume of The Comenian. During the unsettled and uncertain days of the military regime here at M. C., it seemed almost impossible to continue our publication. The scarcity of former students and those who were capable of doing the work presented a real difficulty. The staff was an entirely new one, not one member having served before.

It was during this time that the "Spare Moments" column was started, and even though it was crowded out in some of the later issues, the Alumni as well as students read these sidelights on college life with such apparent interest that the staff has decided to continue its publication.

This issue heralds the twenty-ninth volume of the uninterrupted publication of our college magazine, and if our hopes and plans are fully realized, this will be the most successful year in the history of The Comenian. The Staff.

Back in Harness

Included in the good-byes of last spring were phrases such as this: "See you again September 18th." But in spite of all this there are some who persistently adhere to the philosophy of the cow's tail. Two Sophomores were in the western part of Kansas the day before the 18th. They had taken unto themselves a Ford with which they intended making a tour through the East, visiting the larger cities, and incidentally stopping off at Bethlehem for a short time, in order to help discipline the Moravian College Freshmen. Lizzie was all ready for her trip when her owners were offered one hundred dollars more for her than she had cost them originally. So doubtless with many heart-rending sobs she parted company with them, and our two Sophomores arrived safely only three days late. Work in the harvest fields must have agreed with them, judging from outward appearances.
Among those who were not here to grace the back pews of the chapel on the opening day were the twins. It might be well to state for the benefit of those of our readers who are not acquainted with the parties alluded to, that the twins are not consanguineous. However, that is the only distinction. They are classmates, roommates, teammates, playmates, messmates, and it will be a sad pity if they do not marry a pair of twin sisters.

Toward the end of the summer twin one went to visit twin two at the latter's home in the Middle West. Their various experiences would fill a small sized volume, but space forbids mention of all but the return trip to college. On the opening day everybody was asking, "Where are the twins?" All the information received was that someone saw them in Buffalo, and they were then on their way to visit the Falls. Where they went from there is a mystery and all that is known is that on Sunday morning at 5 o'clock, two sleepy, tired, dirty little chaps arrived at the Lehigh Valley Station and wended their weary way out to M. C. Fortunately they were in time for breakfast, for twin one was down to his last seven cents, while the pocketbook of twin two contained exactly twenty-two cents. We are anxious to find out just what took place on this peculiar journey. There must have occurred some momentous circumstance, for twin one without any warning whatsoever has turned to writing poetry. 'Tis a strange world indeed in which we live.

One of the theologues served a congregation during the summer where the majority of his members were engaged in the tombstone business. Therefore, as he told us, his discourses had for their main subject the timely injunction "de mortuis nil nisi bene," concerning the dead say only that which is good. His congregation learned to like him very much for they evinced a willingness to do the very last thing on earth for him—gratis.

The employment of one other personage deserves mention. He served as a trolley car conductor, and it seems that his occupation agreed with him. Although we cannot doubt the veracity of his statements, still if all he told us is true, Asbury Park must be an exciting place in the summer time.

Then the first day of classes arrives and we are surprised to find how naturally things come back to us. The harness slips on and fits snug and tight. By the end of the first week the old horse is going down the road at a steady gait, making good progress, and quite contented to be back in harness after the long period of rest or comparatively unrestrained activity.

**Annual Reception in Students' Hall**

Not of minor importance among the events of the first week was the reception given the students by the Resident Professor and his wife. These occasional social affairs are of great value in cementing more strongly the relations of the men with each other, together with the natural sequence of binding them more closely to their Alma Mater. These gatherings produce and foster a strong feeling of fellowship which in turn goes to make that unique college spirit of which all students and Alumni of Moravian College can feel justly proud.

The Resident Professor, with his well-known ability to act as Master of Ceremonies, called on five men to speak in behalf of the main student activities. One man representing each organization gave a five-minute talk on the following topics: Glee Club, Comenian Literary Society, The Comenian, the Y. M. C. A., and Athletics. Then various ones were called upon to relate summer experiences. Needless to say, many laughs ensued.

The entire evening's program was interspersed with many songs, led by the leader of the Glee Club. Toward the end of the evening the Sophomores rose to the occasion and brought forth that indispensable part of all social events—the refreshments. It was not long before the neighborhood recognized the familiar strains of the Alma Mater, with the singing of which the reception came to an end.

On the way down stairs some were thinking of what a delightful time they had had, while others could not help but feel a twinge of something unpleasant at the thought that this was their last, and all no doubt regretted the fact that the Annual Reception in Students' Hall is not at least semi-annual.
To all the readers of The Comenian, greeting. The new staff presents its initial effort, confident that it will meet with the interest and encouragement on the part of students, alumni and friends.

It has been the purpose of our college publication to reflect the life of the College and Seminary in its true relation, both in the classroom and on the campus. The standard of The Comenian has been high, and it will be the aim of the staff to meet the obligation of producing a publication which will be worthy of the history, ideals and honor of M. C.

We want to try to make you feel the genuine worth of our college life. Unfortunately, it is the case that after several years the alumnus gets out of touch with his Alma Mater. Through the medium of his college paper, he is given the opportunity of becoming acquainted with her new men and learning of the interests and needs which are surest to strike a responsive chord in an “old M. C. man.” In the pages of this very issue, mention is made of the progress of existing organizations, strengthening of curriculum, and more directly, the effort to expand the usefulness and standing of M. C. by the erection of a Memorial Science Building, which brings to the attention of all Alumni and Moravians in general a great need of their foremost institution. We must be able to realize our debt to the institution, which has given us much, and so in the coming issues the more vital questions of college and Seminary will be presented; more especially the one paramount project, that of the proposed Science Building, which we trust will arouse a more loyal and enthusiastic interest in college life among all Alumni and friends.

This phase of college life will have place in The Comenian, but we also submit to you an expression of the literary thought of the student-body. Such is our privilege and duty—challenging us to our best effort in furnishing our readers with something acceptable in really constructive thought along intellectual and spiritual lines as well as in the lighter vein.

C. J. H.

Physical Training

Among the various changes made in the curriculum, the one of outstanding importance is the introduction of compulsory physical training for the students of the collegiate department. Heretofore this item has been completely absent from the course, and as a result no especial care has been taken by some students to guard their physique, either because of indifference or on account of the misconception held by some that they have too much work in classes. This innovation is a direct outgrowth of the S. A. T. C. The faculty saw that the regular physical exercise of this organization had an uplifting effect upon the health of the students and consequently it has been adopted as a permanent requirement.

Since it is a new thing at M. C., the course will...
not be taken up intensively for a time, but regular exercise in some form is to be required on two afternoons of each week. After a while, in all probability the exercises will closely resemble the system of calisthenics used in the army. The work has been placed in charge of Prof. Hassler.

In former years there have always been a sufficient number of students "coming out" for the various lines of sport to insure a good team, but at no time has the entire student-body come out in direct competition. Therefore, there are only a few men who are compelled by conditions to take regular physical exercise, that is, those who are capable enough to "make the squad" in some particular line of sport. Such a system makes regular physical exercise a necessity to only the chosen few—the athletes—and because conditions do not require it, the majority of students neglect this essential feature. Therefore a course in physical training has been instituted to take care of the men who are not eligible for the athletic teams, and see that their bodies are developed as well as their minds. It is following out the triangle of the Y. M. C. A. The mind and spirit have been guarded in the collegiate work, but up to this time no direct attention has been given to the body. Since this step has been taken, a more balanced course will be insured for the student and hence a more thoroughly rounded product will be graduated. We do not want to produce one-sided men and this will help to prevent it. We want men who understand football and baseball as well as Tacitus and Plato.

The help physical training will render is that of arousing interest in sports, and once everyone is interested we are assured of thorough support by the student-body, and stronger, better and cleaner athletic teams.

The large entrance classes in higher institutions of learning this fall testify to the fact that the experience through which our country has passed taught a new lesson of service, and opened up channels which caused men to realize the possibilities, the inert power of their lives which could be utilized through constant application and singleness of aim.

It is for us, who have the opportunity of a college education to increase our knowledge, deepen our sympathies and improve our judgments. We are challenged as to the use we will make of it. College brings with it greater freedom of action, and this change from direct supervision of the secondary school will test whether or not we are worthy of the opportunity of growth.

The real aim of a college course is to develop a symmetrical man. Few, if any, students come to college with evenly balanced abilities. One student may be strong in mathematics, but weak in languages. Another may like history, but have no interest in physical science. Now the real purpose of a college course is not to turn out a finished scientist, linguist or mathematician, but to develop the dormant tastes and latent talents of the student. A wide outlook, not smothered by a choice of only such studies as appeal to natural inclinations, will keep us from becoming intellectually onesided. Ex-President G. P. Benton of Miami University says: "To develop the growing youth by following the line of least resistance in each case is to invite into being an abnormal individuality—a grotesque monstrosity."

The words introductory to the classical course in the college catalogue, "the well-tried means of acquiring a broad and liberal culture," define the real college course—the course that develops symmetrically the powers of the individual. We believe that this view of the purpose of "higher education" may be interpreted in the full sense of the word to mean the education of that which is highest in man.

So in entering into student life, let us do so hopefully, honestly, enthusiastically. Then we will not merely be developing our intellects but fostering an unswerving devotion to truth as well as principle.

Why go to College?

A variety of causes are responsible for our being in college; but barring any inferior motive, what is the ultimate aim of spending four or six years in a non-productive occupation when time means money in this era of intense commercialism?
Bender got back only four days late.

Haupert changed considerably during vacation, but we didn’t think the change was so complete until the other day, when upon being treated to an ice cream cone by a charitable upperclassman, he said in a tone of conviction, “Well, next time I’m going to treat.”

Couillard to Dr. Rau: “Say, Doctor, do you have any more Pluto’s (Plato’s)?”

Dr. Rau: “No, but the American Medicine Co. might have some.”

The Glee Club practices have shown that the members of the Freshman Class this year are exceptionally good singers. However, it has been discovered that their voices blend more harmoniously and have an increased volume at the hour of midnight. They still have a tendency to keep time to the music with their feet, which may leave them as their greenness decreases.

Gardner, strumming away on the guitar, stopped suddenly and asked Richter, “Say, what time is this piece played to?”

Richter (pulling out his Ingersoll): “12:45.”

“Sliker” Gardner, the college nightmare artist, has recently developed a peculiar tendency of wandering across the street to the corner, where he seems to delight in hearing the piano music for hours at a time. Whether asleep or awake at such times, we believe there is reason in his madness.

“Slim” to Maas: “Say, Maas, I’ll take you to the movies tonight.”

Weber to “Slim” (seriously): “Now, ‘Slim,’ don’t start leading Maas astray this year.”

“Slim”: “Well then, Weber, you take me.”

McBride swatted himself on the jaw with an Indian club the second day he was here. As long as these Freshmen confine their assaults to themselves we won’t worry.

Architect Clewell to “Ted” Vogler: “Have you any special way of decorating the study?”

“Ted”: “Nothing, except that it must be brown. Great thinkers are always found in brown studies.”

SPLASH!
The night was dark and dreary,
The water was flowing cold,
And every upper-classman
Was reminded of days of old.

Each Freshman’s fondest hopes grew dim
And prospects cast asunder;
The wicked beasts o’erpowers him
So, struggling, he went under.

—Anonymous Bill.

Times have changed. Seniors can easily be recognized at M. C. in this new era. They have started out with mustaches, but before long may think themselves men enough to grow a full beard. We hereby submit Official Notice No. 1. of “The Followers of the Tender Cactus”:

President, George Aubrey Clewell.
Vice-President: Victor Henry Richter.
Secretary and Treasurer: Frederick Paul Stocker.
Poet: Phillip Sheridan Miller.
Sergeant-at-Arms: Charles Franklin Gross.
Motto: “At least an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”
FOR OCTOBER, 1919.

LOCALS

It has become the time-worn custom as well as duty of this department to portray the life of the Institution in the beginning of the year with some apt phrase or word that might serve as a key to any event or circumstance that might occur during the ensuing year. There has been an occasional seer in this chair who with a dash of the pen has been able to portend the turn of events for the year just as there have been weather forecasts that exactly fit one day of the year, and it seems that such was the happy experience of the local editor last year when he hit upon the word “abnormal” as descriptive of the year. With this as the password for the year almost any event or circumstance could be satisfactorily explained. But this word, as well as many of its literary comrades which served in the war, is about to be released from active service and will not much longer, it is to be hoped, be seen in public with its military title of ab, so it behooves us to engage another for the year.

In glancing at the prospects for the year no one word could better describe the situation this year than the word “promising.” That is the spoken and unspoken verdict of all those who have previously been called upon to render a decision on this question at the usual reception given in Students’ Hall. The opening day this year is the brightest experienced for a number of years and it is to be hoped that no cloud will darken the scene as it now appears.

A number of old men have returned to complete postponed courses. Hugh E. Kemper to take a course in the Seminary preparation to the ministry; Theo. K. Vogler from the U. S. Navy and for a time engaged as Assistant Curator of the Moravian Cemetery at Nazareth to complete his course; also a student of a few years ago, Chas. F. Gross. We are glad to report that Frank Turner has decided to captain our basketball team again this year.

In recognition of the need in the world for leadership, a goodly number of new men have come here to fit themselves to answer that call. Especially promising and certainly encouraging is the class of ministerial students this year enrolled. Never have a better prepared class of men entered M. C. With such excellent material and a firm determination, this year will surely be one of unsurpassed and record-breaking accomplishments in all spheres of activity.

Following are the new men: Henry Earle, M. J. Heller, Kenneth Bennet, Frank L. Tibolt, Mark S. Rice, Harry M. Morgan, of Bethlehem; Henry S. Aldrich and Everitt Good, of Allentown; Robert I. Giering, of Emmaus; Nicholas Filippone and Francis B. Reeves, of Philadelphia; Wm. Kaltreiter, of York, Pa.; Horace E. Peters, of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; Allen Schattschneider, of Chaska, Minn.; Geo. Westphal, of Jamaica, B. W. I.; Hardach McBride, of Spencer, N. C.; Hedley Wilson, of Quamwatla, Nicaragua; O. H. Leibert, Jr., and Richard Thornburg, of Bethlehem, South Side; Patterson, of Yonkers, N. Y., and Aldrich, of Allentown, Pa.

Summer Breezes

From all reports the summer months were very profitably spent and just a few sketches would serve to elucidate the reader as to the various ways in which M. C. men were engaged in the past few months.

Beginning with him about whom we will have to use the least amount of imagination we hear that Instructor Howard Hoffman, our tennis champion, spent his summer in the pursuit of happiness. He carried away the singles championship of Allentown and in many tournaments of the season with the Allentown Tennis Club brought to the dust many a proud opponent with his “deadly and wicked curves.” In the latter part of the summer he enjoyed a pleasant trip to Baltimore, Md., on a bicycle, accompanied by a Smith Motor Wheel.

Prof. Hassler reports a pleasant summer spent in various ways at home in Lititz and elsewhere.

Warren Nonnemaker followed his artistic inclinations and spent the greater part of the summer in house-painting.

Gerhardt Thomas with some difficulty has again managed to leave the wheat gardens of North Dakota and will spend a few months with us if affairs, business and others, permit.

C. Helmich returns from a busy summer’s work at the Third Moravian Church of New York City, where he ably assisted the pastor in charge.

W. H. Allen again spent the summer months in the Southern Province in connection with the Winston-Salem Congregation.

Fredk. Fulmer majored in Hog Island construction work and during the month of August supplied in the Fifth Moravian Church of Philadelphia.
F. H. Spilies reports a very pleasant vacation spent with the Congregational Church at Redgranite and Aurora, Wis.

A. Helmich spent the time very profitably in the Fruit Exchange of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

H. J. Engleke was engaged in a work positive in name but from what we learn from indirect sources was, as usual, rather negative in nature. He put in his time canning peas and corn for the greater part of the summer.

Wm. Steininger spent an interesting summer in which he exercised his faculties as a butter and cheese maker, carpenter and tourist, in which latter occupation he was nobly assisted by F. P. Stocker, Ohio's noted scientific agriculturist. He speaks very highly of the use to which he put his French vocabulary and knowledge of French idioms. However much they enjoyed their tour of the eastern states, both suffered severely from an indescribable growth directly beneath the olfactory organ. It is hoped by all their fellow-students that they may both soon find relief from the agony.

Philip Miller had a glimpse of Pennsylvania politics as Assistant City Assessor of Allentown.

Chas. Gardner spent part of his time on the farm and the remainder in relieving the coal shortage in Ohio. He found occasion to show some of his collaborators a few of the new curves used on the M. C. baseball field.

Haupert, Maas and Potts spent the greater part of their vacation in the harvest fields of western Kansas.

Couillard and Christianson were employed by the Armour Co. and C. M. & St. P. R. R., respectively, at Green Bay, Wis. Both of them were also active in the district work of Christian Endeavor.

The Randalls and S. Gapp spent the summer in Bethlehem.

Meinert and Van Horne represented the College Y. M. C. A. at the Northfield Conference and spent the greater part of their summer in that neighborhood.

McColm enjoyed the summer at Lewiston, Pa., on the farm and in the Standard Steel Works.

Horne was at home for a while and then donned the conductor's uniform. He reports a financial success. Why?

F. Weber was at home to friends all summer and leaves many dear friends anxiously awaiting his return.

Cyphers followed his profession as civil engineer this summer and in the course of the vacation built several garages and caught as many skunks.

Among the many interesting vacations reported we have also a few rather romantic experiences to record. We are glad to extend our heartiest congratulations to the victims of Cupid's arrows. The Comenian takes great pleasure in reporting the following engagements:

Hugh E. Kemper, '17, to Miss Mimo M. Moser, of Stapleton, S. I., N. Y.

Victor H. Richter, '20, to Miss Myrtle Brueckner, of Green Bay, Wis.

Ervin E. Neitzel, '22, to Miss Nina A. Schuman, of Grand Rapids, Wis.

James Munger, '15, to Miss Dorothy Steger, of Allentown, Pa.

The following is an excerpt from the Bethlehem Times of August 23, 1919:

"A beautiful church wedding took place on Friday afternoon at four o'clock in the Moravian Church at Coopersburg, when Miss Dorothea S. Oppenlander, daughter of Emanuel Oppenlander, was united in marriage to Benson Y. Landis, also of Coopersburg."

The Comenian extends hearty congratulations to its ex-Editor and his bride.

ATHLETICS

Much enthusiasm is being shown along the line of athletics. We have excellent material with which to build the various teams, and above all, we have our last year's coach. We are very fortunate to get Professor Hassler back again as our coach, and now it is up to the men of the institution to come out for practice, so that he can build up teams that will win. Every man here should boost organized athletics, whether he plays on the teams or not.

Professor Hoffman has been very busy getting the tennis courts in shape and thus far they have been used to quite an extent. Among the new men are several good players, and nearly all the students are more or less interested in the game.

A large proportion of the men have been very enthusiastic along the football line, and a football team may yet be organized. It will be impossible to have a regular schedule this year, because of the late start and the inexperience of the men.

Prospects for a championship basketball team at M. C. this year are encouraging. All of last year's Varsity men have returned and there is also some very promising new material. Basketball is the major sport at M. C., and every effort should be put into it, so that her standard will not be lowered. Without a strong second team, a winning first team
cannot be whipped into shape, so all men are urged to come out and try for both teams. Everybody into it and help put out winning teams.

The outlook for a good baseball season is also very promising. Gardner, our star twirler, has returned and there is no doubt that he will be on the mound again in the spring for M. C., but the athletic teams will not be any better than the men make them and therefore it is very necessary that every man lend his most thorough support to the work in Athletics.

**Comenian Literary Society**

The activities of the C. L. S. were entered upon with a great deal of enthusiasm this year. On the evening of September 26, the initiation meeting was held. The old members assembled in Students' Hall, where the retiring president formally handed over the gavel to the new president, who thereupon gave a brief inaugural address.

Four upper classmen were admitted to the society and the names of twelve Freshmen candidates for membership were also accepted. The assembly then adjourned to participate in the initiation of the new men.

This operation by various methods brought out the sterling quality of the new men and proved them to be eligible to membership in the C. L. S. They were accordingly ushered into the presence of the society in Students' Hall later in the evening and were formally welcomed and received.

In all, sixteen new members were added to the society at the first meeting and the spirit of the fellows indicates a good year of literary activity.

**Musical Association**

The Moravian College Musical Association has for the past five years, with a few interruptions, been the liveliest and most representative organization of the Institution and as such has been able to be of great service.

Although much spoken of, yet we have not had an orchestra in the Association for a number of years. The presence of a wealth of musical talent this year predicts for the orchestra an active part in connection with the effort of the Glee Club.

With eleven of the former men back and the addition of fourteen new men, the Glee Club has made an encouraging beginning. The inevitable loss of a goodly number of our more experienced men is felt a great deal, but under the able leadership of Hugh E. Kemper most of the men have found their proper places and the 1919-20 Glee Club gives evidence of harmony not noticed until late in the season in other years. By December the Club expects to be ready for engagements with an entirely new program. Information, concerning either Glee Club or Quartet, can be obtained by communicating with the Manager. A schedule is now being arranged and its extent and success depend equally upon the members of the club and the Alumni, who have the opportunity of working for their Alma Mater from without. Let's get together and a rousing good season for the Musical Association is inevitable. What say you, men?

**Y. M. C. A. Notes**

Our first meeting of the year was held on Thursday, September 25. This service was led by the President of the Association, and was largely an introductory meeting. Plans for the ensuing year were discussed. The Y. M. C. A. is the most vitally important of all student organizations and merits the hearty support of the entire student body.

In the endeavor to make our meetings interesting as well as beneficial, we hope to be able to obtain some good speakers to address us from time to time. It is our aim to make the Y. M. C. A. such a valuable part of college life that the men will feel that they cannot afford to miss the meetings. How well we succeed may be judged by subsequent reports. There is much interest in other lines of activity, why not have some in the most necessary of all? Most necessary because the success of the others depends on the spirit of fellowship generated and fostered by the Y. M. C. A.

**Exchanges**

Throughout the coming year it shall be our endeavor to adhere to the true spirit of criticism, and judge impartially all publications coming to this department.

Thus far "The Ursinus Weekly" is the only one to reach us. It is to be commended on the variety of subjects treated besides the local events. The editorial comment on "The Back Row Scholar" deserves to be read by every man setting out on this year's work.
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