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PROGRAM ELMIRA CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

Banquets, Sessions and Speeches Planned.

FIVE UNION DELEGATES

W. K. Swart '19, Jameson '19, Smith '20, McChesney '21, Stewart '21, to Attend Conference.

Announcement has been made of the advance program of the eighth annual conference of the New York State Student Volunteer Union, which will be held at Elmira College, Elmira, N. Y., from February 22 to 24. The Union College delegates to the conference are Elmer Smith '20, Alexander Stewart '21, Crawford McChesney '21, William Jameson '19 of the Albany Medical College, and Winfield Swart '19.

The Conference, according to the arranged program, is to open Friday with registration, beginning at 1 P. M. Registration cards costing two dollars, are to be obtained at the college Y. M. C. A., and should be sent as soon as possible to Miss Muriel Ayres, Cowles Hall, Elmira, N. Y. At 6 P. M. of the same day a dinner will be served at Fassett Commons, followed by an informal reception. Friday evening at 7:30, the first session in chapel will take place. On Saturday, there will be all day sessions at the College, with a banquet at 6 P. M. On Sunday morning and Sunday evening meetings are to be held in the First Presbyterian Church. A session at the College will take place Sunday afternoon.

A list of the principal speakers has also been announced and is appended:

Doctor James L. Barton, of Turkey, now head of the American Board of Foreign Missions, will speak not only upon the work in the Mohammedan world, but upon the present opportunity and the world program of the church.

Doctor D. J. Fleming, for twelve years professor in Forman Christian College, Lahore, India, now Professor of Missions in Union Theological Seminary, will be present for two days.

Mr. Shoawen J. Chuan, of China, now Traveling Secretary for the Chinese Students' Association of America,

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CALENDAR.

Wednesday.

- 7:15—Press Club Meeting.
- 7:30—Athletic Board Meeting in Gymnasium.
- 7:45—Dramatic Club Rehearsal, Silliman Hall.

Friday.

College closed. Washington's birthday.

Saturday.

- 8:00—Williams Game in Gym.

Monday.

- 12:00—Student Meeting in Chapel.

JUNIOR PROM COMMITTEE REPORT SHOWS FINANCIAL SUCCESS—BALANCE OF \$44.63

Arthur B. Dougall '19, chairman of the Junior Prom Committee, has completed a detailed report on the expenses and receipts of the 1919 Junior Prom. The report shows that the affair was not only a social success, but also a financial one, with a clear yield of \$44.63 after all expenses have been deducted. This amount has been duly turned over to the Students' Y. M. C. A. Fund. The total ticket receipts were \$403.00, and the total expenditure \$358.37. The principal items in the list of expenses were \$246.76 for Markell's orchestra, \$21.00 for printing, \$10.00 for the use of the gymnasium, and about twenty dollars for janitor service and miscellaneous help. Other less important expenses brought the total to sum mentioned.

Credit is due the members of the Prom Committee, namely, Arthur B. Dougall, B. T. Taylor, and William R. Barnett, for their efficient and highly successful financial management of the affair.

MUSICAL CLUBS PROPOSED CONCERTS GIVEN UP

Abandonment of New York Trip Casts Doubt on Extensive Dramatic Club Tour.

The management of the Musical Clubs has decided that owing to the war-time conditions of the country, and a seemingly general lack of interest in musicals, the proposed concert trips to Elmira, Binghamton and New York, which were to have been undertaken on Washington's birthday, and several succeeding days, will have to be given up. The proposed concert-tour arranged by ex-Manager Edward Cameron, has been found to be impossible from a financial standpoint, at least.

Manager Dougall states that after considerable correspondence with Binghamton and New York, he finds that no guarantees could be offered by these two cities. Elmira offers a guarantee of \$150, but as the expenses of the trip have been estimated at about \$400, the Elmira proposition, too, will have to be rejected.

The abandonment of the Musical Club tour casts some doubt on the probability of a trip by the Dramatic Club, especially since last year's trip was not a financial success. Manager Carr believes, however, that the small cast and simplicity of scenery in the "Full House" renders a visit to a neighboring town highly probable. There is also some possibility of a trip to Poughkeepsie.

NORTHROP DESIRES MORE TRACK CANDIDATES

Northrup '18, captain of Track, states that a sufficient number of men are not coming out for practice. If this continues to be the case, the success of the coming track season becomes decidedly doubtful. Those Freshmen who have declared themselves interested in track are especially urged to come out. According to Dr. McComber's lists, the names of these Freshmen are as follows:

Allerton, Dewey, Potter, Neville, Rapelje, Stevens, Stewart, Scherer, Troup, Howland, Eastman, Friedman, Walker, Parent.

WORK OF ENGINEERING ALUMNI TO BE EXHIBITED

First of Series on Eng. Library Bulletin Board Careers of Perkins 85, Jones '95.

Prof. McDaniel, head of the Civil Engineering Department, has put into operation a plan whereby the lines and works of Union Engineering alumni will be exhibited at the college, and the interest of graduates in the work of engineering students indirectly increased. The careers of these engineering students will also be published in the Alumni Monthly, in a series of articles.

Prof. McDaniel plans to have the alumni send in brief sketches of their post-college careers, and pictures of noteworthy pieces of work. These statements will be posted at regular intervals on the bulletin-board in the Engineering Library. It is hoped that the reading of these reports will furnish a strong incentive for the students to put their best efforts into the work.

Starting next week, two reports will be exhibited. One will be the work of Howard M. Jones '95, Division Engineer of valuation work of the Interstate Commerce Commission, for the southern district. He is located in Nashville, Tenn. The other report will be that of Mr. Edmund T. Perkins '85, consulting engineer of the Perkins Engineering Company of Chicago.

GARNET ANNOUNCEMENT.

George D. Rosenthal '19, wishes to announce that all Seniors who have entered any activity since their Junior year should hand in to him a report of same, at room 10, S. S. E. C.

In observance of Washington's Birthday, the Friday number of THE CONCORDIENSIS will be omitted.

PHILOSOPHY PATH TO FREEDOM

Prof. Hoernle States Aim and Task of Philosopher.

TO RECONCILE BELIEFS

The Synthetic Method of Examining Universe to Be Used in Next Lectures.

Monday and Tuesday night Prof. R. F. Alfred Hoernle delivered his first lectures under the Ichabod Spencer Foundation on the general subject—the problems of philosophy.

Tuesday night he said in part as follows:

It is the foremost task of the philosophy to point out why life is worth living. The name philosopher is from two Greek words meaning "a lover of wisdom." The term is paradoxical in that the word "lover" is not used to describe the attitude of students towards their subjects of study. A chemist is not necessarily a lover of chemistry or of chemicals. But he would be a poor student who was not passionately and single-mindedly devoted to his particular subject of study. This was what the Greeks meant.

In what way can philosophy be concerned with wisdom? The word "wisdom" hardly suggests anything definite. What was the meaning of it to the Greeks?? To them wisdom was a virtue classed with courage, temperance, etc. What did they mean by virtue? To do well in something; when a man is good in something, that quality in him the Greeks called virtue. The modern word is "efficiency."

Of what is wisdom the capacity for doing well? For all we can get out of Plato and Aristotle it was the capacity for doing well in human life at its fullest and best. This may seem vague and general. To particularize: To the Greeks the philosopher must have theory, knowledge and insight and also the highest ideals of conduct. The sage of the Greeks became the saint of the Christians, the man who bears things patiently and "philosophically."

To show how philosophy is connected with human happiness we may quote Spinoza, who said that philosophy is the path from bondage to freedom, from ill-regulated passions and prejudices to the tranquility and happiness found in the "intellectual love of God." Bertrand Russell in speaking of the effects of philosophy on those who study it praises philosophy for its liberation from the thralldom of narrow hopes and fears and for bringing the "free intellect which will see as God might see."

After tracing the question of method and its treatment by the various schools of philosophy, Prof. Hoernle explained the data of philosophy.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1918

Henry E. Rosenberg, Issue Editor

Washington.

Friday, February 22, marks the 186th anniversary of the birth of the man who gave this country of ours life.—George Washington, reverently hailed by all Americans as the "Father of his Country." He it was who, leaving his comfortable Virginia home, and renouncing the friendship of many once dear to him, but now estranged by Tory sympathies, accepted the position as chief of the new American armies, and entered upon a period of hardship and suffering, disappointment and defeats. Through winters like Valley Forge, through defeats like Long Island, did the indomitable spirit of Washington carry his starving, ragged army to the victories of Trenton, and, finally to the ultimate, glorious scenes at Yorktown, the crowning point of his endeavor. Who can adequately represent the trials, the enormous responsibilities resting almost solely upon the shoulders of that one paramount figure? His task was one such as no man has had to face, and we may safely prophecy, no man ever will. To bind thirteen provinces, not all settled by people racially akin, and each clinging to its own petty rights and privileges, to courageously face the armies of a power that had the resources of many lands and nations at its command, and without assumption, called itself mistress of the seas,—such were a part of the problems before Washington. And no man has more successfully met similar duties than Washington. His labors were crowned with suc-

cess. His incomparable efforts to create a new nation, "conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal," were rewarded by a grateful people with the first captaincy of the newly launched Ship of State.

This anniversary of the birth of our first President should be of particular significance to us, in the light of the most recent turn that the world-war has taken, the entrance of the United States on the side of the Allies. What is our object in entering this gigantic struggle of nations? It is, in short, "to make the world safe for democracy." There is a close parallel of present conditions with those in Revolutionary times, that this phrase brings to our minds. George Washington was fighting to make the thirteen colonies safe for democracy. The increased power and importance of our country in the affairs of the world has made possible and necessary the extension of this ideal of democracy to include the whole world. History is repeating itself for the United States, but on a far grander scale than States, but a far grander scale than ever before. Our country has advanced. The world has advanced. Nearly two centuries ago, England was in the stage where absolute dominion was her chief ambition. She has progressed out of this period, to one where nobler ideals predominate. Germany is the power, at present, whose highest aim is unlimited authority. Just as Washington, in his times, fought for democracy for the colonies, and succeeded in making it a lasting institution, so are we fighting for democracy for the world, and, continuing the parallel, so must we strive to succeed, and make political liberty an enduring world-wide blessing. And, then, just as Washington assumed the leadership of his liberated country, so may we, as a nation, hope to become the standard-bearers of democracy throughout the earth.

Although almost two centuries separate us from the time when Washington lived and worked, his memory has always remained a living force in our national consciousness, and always will, as long as we exist as a nation. Much has been written about George Washington, but the study of his character and work can never become exhaustive. His life provides perennial inspiration for higher, more perfect character, nobler ideals. His deeds will always furnish safe guidance for our country in times of need, and, just as Garibaldi is called the spiritual protector of Italy, and Jean d'Arc of France, so may we ever regard Washington as the spiritual leader and guide of the United States.

HONOR COURT FILLS VACANCIES IN MEMBERSHIP

The following men have been elected members of the Honor Court, to fill vacancies: Alpha Delta Phi, Arthur Notman '20; Psi Upsilon, A. B. Dougall '19; Beta Theta Pi, Dunn '18; Pyramid Club, Dean Chapleau '18; Neutral representative from the Junior Class, Parker '19.

On account of the depleted membership of the various fraternities the Honor Court has had to disregard the rule which requires that the Court shall be composed of eight Seniors and six Juniors.

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The fraternity library of the late William R. Baird, author of "Baird's Manual," the well known fraternity catalogue, is to be disposed of by his widow, Mrs. W. R. Baird, of South Orange, N. J. The library includes bound volumes of many fraternity periodicals.

Leroy S. Boyd, librarian of the interstate Commerce Commission, has written a letter to Mr. Clinton, College Librarian, suggesting that as Union College is the mother of fraternities it would be appropriate for the Baird library to be purchased by Union College.

"I am sure that if Union College does not feel disposed to expend money for this purpose," writes Mr. Boyd, "that each of the larger fraternities will be willing to raise money to buy the collection for Union College."

The Library Committee has not yet acted on the proposal.

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A part of each drill period in the military course at Princeton is to be devoted to military athletics. F. W. Luehring, writing in the Daily Princetonian says:

"The experience of the Allied armies and that of the United States has demonstrated the great importance of athletics in the making of good soldiers. The particular part of the Fosdick Commission, of which Dr. Raycroft is the head, has as its specific work the provision of athletic sports on a tremendous scale for our soldiers in all the cantonments as well as the training camps in France. Athletic directors with the rank of captain have been placed in charge of the athletic training of each division. A similar organization has likewise been provided for the Navy, under the charge of Walter Camp, the well known director of athletics at Yale.

"The importance which the Allied nations place upon athletics may be shown by the fact that France has recently ordered a million footballs for the use of her soldiers. The English have always been famous for games; in fact, it may be said that they have taught the other nations how to play. These games have as their chief influence the putting of the men in the best possible physical condition. Certain special forms of athletics have a very direct military value, in addition to the benefit derived from them as mere exercise. For example, boxing, which is not only a vigorous type of personal contact game, provides in its footwork, leads, parries and thrusts the finest kind of training for bayonet fighting. It is also noted for the development of self-confidence and self-reliance. Soccer, a game with very great popularity in England, is just beginning to be appreciated in America. Infact, it is very likely that the army experience will result in the wide play of this game in the United States after the war.

DR. LANDRETH'S

DAUGHTER WEDS

The marriage of Lieut. William Hobart Little, second cavalry, U. S. A., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Little of Towanda, Penn., and Miss Helen Adelia Landreth, daughter of Professor Olin H. Landreth, of Union College, took place February 13, in St. Andrew's Church, New York City. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Frederick Winslow Adams. Only members of the two families and close friends were invited to the wedding.

Lieutenant Little is an alumnus of Hamilton College and is stationed with his regiment at Fort Ethan Allen, Burlington, Vt. Mrs. Little is a member of the present junior class of the Teachers' College, Columbia University.

VARSITY HOPES FOR RECOVERY FROM SLUMP

The Union College basketball players will hold their final practice in preparation for the games with West Point on the Army court on Friday afternoon and against Williams in the local gymnasium on Saturday night, tonight at 7:30.

There is no doubt that the team has been in a slump for the last few games but with a hard workout tonight the coaches expect to get the team running once again in their old rut.

Frank Peaslee who has been on the sick list for the last few days on account of a broken tendon should be in shape by tonight. All the other members of the varsity squad are in tip top form.

The game with West Point will not be started until 4:45 o'clock. Seats for the Williams game are now on sale at Quinn's. The usual dancing will follow this game.

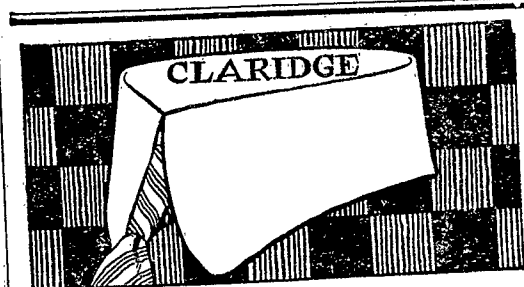
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PHILOSOPHY PATH TO FREEDOM

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The philosopher postulates nothing but the actual world. He is interested only in the different forms and modes of our experience. His problem is the universe. He keeps to the point of view of the whole. This is where he differentiates from other scientists. He ranges through all experience. His problem is to correlate the different modes of experience. When we begin to study philosophy we do not begin with a clean sheet; we have the universe as a starting point.

The philosopher shares the common heritage. His special task is to test it for its rational efficiency. He has to see if beliefs are consistent, to examine the evidence on which they rest and see how far they are to be relied on.

Tuesday night Prof. Hoernle briefly recapitulated the points adduced the previous evening, dwelling more forcefully on the distinction in method of the two modern schools. One school, whose spokesman is Bertrand Russell, uses the scientific method, or a method on the pattern of mathematics. It analyzes the complicated universe into its simple elements. The other method is synthetic, or constructive. Like the scientific method, it aims at a comprehension of the universe but it begins with a fragmentary view and develops the wider view. It is this method which will be applied by Prof. Hoernle in his subsequent lectures.

For the purpose of examining life under the synthetic method, human experience may be divided into four classes—scientific, moral, aesthetic and religious. The first stands by itself. It is interested in questions of fact. It asks, what is, has been and what will be? When that is answered the pure scientist is satisfied. He does not consider the longings of the heart, lest the wish be father to the thought and a fanciful picture be painted.

The last three classes are related to each other, in that they are concerned with values, not facts. They ask, is a thing good or bad, beautiful or ugly, an object of worship or abomination?

After making clear the distinction between these two methods and between these classes of experience Prof. Hoernle dwelt upon the question which has mainly occupied philosophers since the Renaissance—a reconciliation of science and religion.

After defending the study of philosophy against those who might ask why it is praised, since it is not everybody's business and since everybody has not the mind for it, Prof. Hoernle briefly outlined the questions with which his succeeding lectures will deal.

The next three lectures will examine the kinds of evidence on which rest be-

liefs of the physical world. After that the evidence of the existence and quality of other minds will be considered and then questions of religion and self-knowledge. These lectures will occupy the next six or seven weeks.

The latter part of the course will be devoted to the problems of metaphysics, the issues of realism and idealism, evil and free will.

PROGRAM OF ELMIRA CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

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will present the needs of his country. Doctor Fennell P. Turner, General Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, will be present throughout the Conference, and will have charge of mission study and missionary giving discussions.

Miss Adelaide Fairbanks, Traveling Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, will be present for the three days.

Miss Kyle Adams, Student Secretary of the Young Woman's Christian Association, and Mr. Elmer Galloway, Student Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, will both be present.

This year, the need of record delegations from the thirty-five colleges and universities in the Union, is perhaps the strongest in the history of this great Christian movement, owing to the conditions produced by the World War, and the extended field of missionary and Y. M. C. A. work. The program is considered an exceptional one, both in the extensiveness of the plans made, and the quality of the chief speakers. A special effort is being made to get the key men of all the Y. M. C. A.'s in the State. Most of all, it is desirable to have as many foreign students as possible attend. It is believed that at least six men of the Syracuse University delegation are natives of China or India.

WITH OTHER COLLEGES.

According to the Harvard University War Records Office, between five and six thousand graduates and undergraduates are in war service.

Great curtailment in the number of elective courses at Columbia is foreshadowed in a report to the board of trustees of the college.

Fifty-nine Massachusetts Agricultural College men are now at the third officers' training camp at Yaphank, L. I. As Norwich University did not fill its quota of 23 men, M. A. C. was allowed to add that number to its original quota of 36.

Army aviators studying at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will soon be transferred to the schools at Princeton and Cornell. This step is being taken to permit M. I. T. to concentrate its efforts on the training of engineers.

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Owing to the mid-year vacation, the teams have not had recent practice, but it is nevertheless expected that both engagements will be snappy.

The probable line-up for the games is as follows:

Senior—Slade, f.; Hay, f.; Friday, c.; Fancher, g.; or Hochuli, g.; or Northrup, g.

Junior—Carr, f.; or Tell, f.; or Parker, f.; Lefkowitz, c.; Manion, g.; Gorham, g.

Sophomore—Lefkowitz f.; Weinheld, f.; Hughes, c.; Eisenberg, g.; Notman, g.

Freshman—Mallory, f.; Eddy, f.; Reynolds, c.; Rolls, g.; Stevens, g.

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