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More Alumni Fund Gifts As Third Year Effort Opens

A TABULATION of subscriptions made to the 1938 Alumni Fund up to February 19th shows gains over the report made in the February, 1937, issue of THE DICKINSON ALUMNUS in the amount given and also in the number of donors. To that date 175 subscriptions totalling \$2,895.47 were received.

A year ago it was reported that 140 had subscribed \$1,194.32 on the same date. Thus there are 35 more subscribers this year and \$1,701.15 more has been paid or pledged.

These returns reveal that 825 more subscribers must give a total of \$12,104.53 if the two 1938 goals of 1,000 contributors giving \$15,000.00 are to be attained. The amount hoped for is only a few dollars less than the \$12,035.19 which 640 gave to the Alumni Fund in 1937.

"Every dollar you give" wrote President Conroy in the January *Dickinson College Bulletin* "strengthens the College, helps the Library, maintains our record for making college possible for worthy students and brings the College and the alumni closer together in the promotion of the best interests of our Alma Mater."

Not less than \$750 or as much as is designated will go into the Library Guild Endowment, while \$5,000 will probably be used for scholarship-loan aid to students now in college and the balance will likely be appropriated by the Trustees in June for debt reduction, general college purposes and endowment.

All Class Agents are preparing to send out letters to their classmates and a few such letters have been mailed. Class Agents will carry the bulk of the work from now until the close of the campaign on May 27. No appeals will be made at club dinners, or at any college

Another Lifer

Fred. J. Schmidt, '27 of Egg Harbor, N. J., became a "Lifer" in January. He is head of the Science department and director of athletics in the high school there, as well as assistant coach of basketball and coach of soccer.

The list of Life Members of the General Alumni Association will be published in full in the May number of THE DICKINSON ALUMNUS. Any new subscriptions should be made before May 1 to be included in this list.

events. The whole effort is carried out through correspondence, personal calls or by telephone. Alumni should remember that the cost of the campaign can be kept lower if contributions are mailed promptly. Thus, follow-up letters at three cents each can be eliminated and the work of volunteer Class Agents lightened and encouraged. A subscription card is mailed with this number of THE DICKINSON ALUMNUS.

At the end of the drive the names of all subscribers will be published in the July issue of the *Dickinson College Bulletin*, without stating the amount contributed by any individual. One class agent has written his classmates, "your name will be printed in the same size type whether you give one dollar or a thousand dollars."

Subscriptions made to date have been from that one dollar to one of \$1,100. Gifts of \$200, \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10 and \$5 have also been made, and some who gave smaller amounts in 1936 or 1937 have increased their contributions this year.

A number of alumni have accepted the

proposal to pay off old subscriptions and receive credit as a subscriber to the Alumni Fund. When this question arises in the mind of an alumnus, a letter should be written to Gilbert Malcolm, Treasurer of the College.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Two recent statements regarding the student problem in American higher education have particular significance for all Dickinsonians. Dr. Conant, President of Harvard University, in his annual report called attention to the fact that for a large number of American youth the advantages of college education are impossible without considerable financial aid in addition to that which they and their families can supply. He took the position that scholarships should be provided for this group of students. In other words, higher education should be possible not only for those who can pay for it, but also for those who can profit by it and who because of it can make an adequate return to society. About 75% of American families have an annual income of \$2,500 or less. It has been the glory of America that young people of these families could in our system have their chance. Yet without additional funds for this purpose our colleges must close the doors to an increasingly large number of these young people of promise.

Through the Alumni Fund Dickinsonians have been doing something about this problem. These annual contributions plus increased endowments are in my judgment the most practical ways of meeting this need.

The report of the Advisory Commission on Federal Aid for Higher Education is being anticipated by educators with a great deal of interest and concern. It has been proposed that the Government should provide scholarships for this group of worthy students but only in state institutions. This we believe to

be contrary to the American tradition in higher education and contrary to the best interests of the American way which for 150 years has preserved our democracy and insured our progress. If scholarships are to be provided by the Government, the students receiving them should be allowed to attend the accredited institution, private or state controlled, of their choice. Pennsylvania college presidents along with representatives of the boards of trustees discussed this proposal at their recent meeting and are counting on the support of their alumni in maintaining the place of the privately endowed college in the American system of higher education.

The second statement came from Dr. Walter A. Jessup, President of the Carnegie Foundation, in his annual report. He called attention to the distressing competitive methods now employed by American colleges to secure students. I have discussed this problem with the alumni on other occasions. Our hands are clean, thanks to the cooperation of the alumni and our friends, but we are feeling the pressure of this type of competition, revolting though it may be.

Our prospective student list is large and more promising than in any previous year. With alumni supplementing the work of the college administration, we should be able to secure 200 new students for September 1938 which is our goal. It is with a deep sense of its importance that I appeal to the alumni to "talk Dickinson" to the promising students whom each alumnus may meet.

—F. P. Corson

A Coal Miner May Become Governor of Pennsylvania

THE possibility that a former coal miner may become governor of Pennsylvania is contained in the announcement of Judge Arthur H. James, '04L, of the Superior Court, that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for the governorship.

Born in the anthracite coal region of the state, Judge James as a boy worked in the mines, studied law at the Dickinson School of Law, and became successively district attorney, lieutenant-governor, and Superior Court judge. He announced his candidacy for the governorship on January 29.

The primaries and the general election stand between Judge James and his goal, but if he hurdles these obstacles, he will be the second Dickinsonian governor of Pennsylvania—Andrew Gregg Curtin, 1837, was the first—and a onetime coal miner will be governor of the Anthracite State.

In an editorial entitled "Our Neighbor, Judge James," the politically unfriendly *Scranton Times* on February 3 wrote: "Judge James is a fine example of a boy who determined to help himself and did. When the day's work in the breaker and mines was over and on idle days . . . he went to school or studied books at home. He saved, too, out of his earnings and eventually had enough to go to Dickinson Law School and become a lawyer. In his climb up the ladder of success he has never forgotten his neighbors—many of them still men of the mines—and among those neighbors in old Shawnee there is happiness that one of their own has been so prominently put forward as a candidate for the governorship of Pennsylvania."

Judge James was born in Plymouth in Luzerne County on July 14, 1883, the son of James D. and Rachel Edwards James. The elder James was a miner and, like many others who had settled the region, a Welshman. Today Judge James is the undisputed leader of the Welsh miners of that region. He at-



JUDGE ARTHUR H. JAMES, '04L

tended the local schools, where one of his classmates was Walter Harrison Hitchler, now dean of the Dickinson School of Law, and was graduated from Plymouth High School in 1901.

During summers Judge James, in common with the other boys of his day and region, became a breaker-boy in the mines when he was 12 years old. Subsequently he advanced to the rank of mule driver in the Nottingham Colliery, where Dean Hitchler was then a car inspector.

Upon his graduation from law school in 1904, Judge James was admitted to the Cumberland County bar. As this was three weeks before he attained his majority, he has the rare distinction of having been admitted to the bar before he was 21. In the next year he was admitted to the Luzerne County bar and began the general practice of law.

Fifteen years later, in 1919, Judge James was elected district attorney of the county and was reelected in 1923 by the largest majority ever given a candidate in the county. In 1926 he was elected lieutenant-governor of Pennsylvania, serving a four-year term. He was elected

to a ten-year term on the Superior Court bench in November, 1932.

Although in his five years on the bench Judge James has handed down no remarkable decisions, he is known to be liberal in compensation cases and because of his knowledge of the mines and his interest in such cases, he is generally given the opinions to write.

Judge James is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Masonic fraternity, and the Knights of Pythias. He has two children, Dorothy, a student at Syracuse University and Arthur H., Jr., who is now in preparatory school and will enter college in September. Mrs. James died two years ago.

If You Need Any Pull When In Harrisburg . . .

MANY office doors in Harrisburg, Pa., testify to the rise of Dickinsonians in their chosen fields of endeavor. Without visiting Capitol Hill where Robert L. Myers, Jr., '17, and Ralph M. Bashore, '17, are in the Governor's cabinet and where a number of alumni are in high places, the visitor can find alumni in important posts in Dauphin County and Harrisburg offices.

John A. F. Hall, '12, is mayor of Harrisburg, and Dr. William McBride, '23, is the city treasurer, while Paul G. Smith, '07L, is the city solicitor.

Rev. Lester A. Welliver, '18, is superintendent of the Harrisburg District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and three of the eight Methodist Churches in Harrisburg have Dickinsonian pastors. Rev. Wilbur V. Mallelieu, D.D., '99, is pastor of Grace Church, while Rev. F. Lamont Heninger, '24, is pastor of Fifth Street, and the Rev. Norman R. Wagner, '25, is pastor of St. Pauls and Riverside.

Judge Karl E. Richards, '10, is on the Dauphin County bench and the whole District Attorney's staff is composed of Dickinsonians, headed by Carl B. Shelley, '17, as is reported on another page in this issue of THE DICKINSON ALUMNUS.

J. Douglas M. Royal, '17L, an attorney, is serving his second term as a Dauphin County Commissioner, while Walter R. Sohn, '12, is the county solicitor.

George Kunkel, '20L, is the State Senator from Dauphin County and Robert E. Woodside, '26, '28L, is a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature representing Dauphin County.

Dean M. Hoffman, '02, is editor of *The Patriot* and *The Evening News*, the capital's morning and evening newspapers, while Paul R. "Irish" Walker, '21, is on the staff of *The Telegraph*.

May Be Democratic Candidate

Charles Alvin Jones, '10L, Pittsburgh attorney, who is Allegheny County solicitor, may be a candidate at the May primaries for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania.

A graduate of Williams College for which he prepared at Mercersburg Academy, Mr. Jones graduated from the Dickinson School of Law in 1910. He was born 50 years ago in Newport, Perry County, and is a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. His is married and has three children.

Three years ago, Mr. Jones served on Governor Earle's committee on constitutional revision. He is a former special deputy attorney general and was in charge of the Public Utility Commission's revaluation of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company properties.

Four years ago, he announced for the Democratic nomination for Governor in opposition to the Guffey-Earle ticket.

To Receive Medal

Dr. J. Horace McFarland, trustee, of Harrisburg, Pa., will receive the gold Cornelius Amory Pugsley medal for park service, it was announced in January at the 43d annual meeting of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society.

All Dauphin County "D. A's" Are Dickinsonians

WITH the appointment of Carl B. Shelley, '17, '21L, as District Attorney and by the appointments he in turn made, the District Attorney's office of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, is manned by Dickinsonians.

Karl E. Richards, '10, the former District Attorney, was elected Orphan's Court judge of Dauphin County, last November and resigned his former post when he ascended the bench on January 3. On that day, President Judge William M. Hargest announced the appointment of Mr. Shelley as District Attorney.

Immediately after his appointment, District Attorney Shelley announced the appointments to his staff. He named David S. Kohn, '30, '32L, as Assistant District Attorney, and the reappointment of E. LeRoy Keen, '07, as first assistant and Fred C. Morgan, '27L, as an assistant.

District Attorney Shelley graduated from Steelton, Pa., high school in 1912 and then attended the Bethlehem preparatory school for a year. He entered Dickinson College in 1913 when he became a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and graduated in 1917. Immediately upon his graduation he enlisted in the United States Ambulance Corps and saw two years of service in France with S.S.U. 501. He was in every major engagement of the World War in which American troops participated and was three times decorated with the Croix de Guerre by the French Government for bravery in action. His U.S. Victory Medal carries seven bars, the maximum to which any World War veteran could be entitled.

Returning from his war service, Shelley entered Dickinson Law School and was graduated in 1921. He was admitted to the Dauphin County bar October 20, 1921, and entered the office of the late Robert Stucker. When Judge Richards



CARL B. SHELLEY, '17, '21L

became district attorney on January 1, 1932, he named Shelley assistant.

A former president of the Dauphin County Bar Association, Shelley is a member of a number of legal associations and is secretary-treasurer of the District Attorneys' Association of Pennsylvania.

He is a past commander of Steelton Post, American Legion, and a past county commander of the Legion. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and is a past exalted ruler of the Harrisburg Lodge of Elks, a past regent of the Royal Arcanum, a director of the Steelton Bank and Trust Company and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Steelton. He was the Steelton Borough solicitor from 1924 to 1928.

A member of his class basketball team and of the varsity football squad in two of his college years, Shelley is one of the loudest rooters of the Harrisburg delegation at all Dickinson sports events.

Twelve years ago, Shelley married Dr. Lorena Welbourne. They have three children, Fitzhugh W. and Mary Edythe, twins, and Winnie Mae.

Dr. Charles Burns, Methodist Bishop, Dies In Maine

BISHOP Charles W. Burns, '96, of the Boston area of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in a Portland, Me., hotel, of a heart ailment, at the age of 63, on January 19th. A resident of Boston, Bishop Burns went to Portland to preach there 11 days before his death. He was stricken shortly after he arrived at his hotel, and he was confined there until his death.

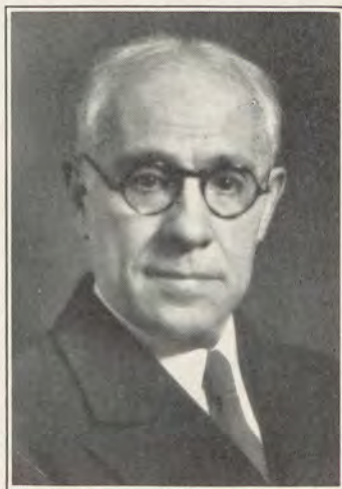
A Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church since May, 1920, Dr. Burns was resident Bishop of the Helena, Mont., area until 1924, of the San Francisco area from 1924 to 1932, and of the Boston area since then.

Ordained in 1899, he served as city missionary in Worcester, Mass., the same year, and held pastorates in Lansdowne, Pa., from 1899 to 1904; Coatesville, Pa., 1904; Spring Garden Street Church, Philadelphia, 1905; First Church of Germantown, Pa., 1906 to 1916, and Hennepin Avenue Church, Minneapolis, 1916 to 1920.

He had been president of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, a director of the Greater Boston Federation of Churches and of the Methodist Boards of Home Missions and of Foreign Missions, a trustee of Boston University, Wilbraham Academy, East Greenwich Academy and New England Deaconess Hospital, and a member of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He presided at the New York Methodist Conference in 1930, the New Jersey Methodist Conference in 1931, the East German Methodist Conference in 1933 and the Eastern Swedish Methodist Conference in 1937. He was chairman of the resolution committees at the Methodist Board of Home Missions Conference in 1928 and at the American Home Mission Congress in 1930.

Born in Willow Grove, Pa., May 28, 1874, the son of George Harrison and



BISHOP CHARLES W. BURNS, '96

Elizabeth Bickley Burns, he attended the Central High School, Philadelphia. He received his A. B. degree from Dickinson College in 1896; an A.M. in 1899; a D.D. in 1906, and LL.D. in 1920. He received the S.T.B. degree from Boston University School of Theology in 1899 and S.T.D. in 1900. While an undergraduate he became a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Honorary degrees were bestowed upon him by the Boston University School of Theology, Wesleyan University, Hamline University, the University of Southern California and the College of Pennsylvania in 1932.

During his undergraduate days at Dickinson College, Bishop Burns was a member of the choir and soloist at Allison Methodist Church, Carlisle.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, George R., a member of the staff of *The Philadelphia Record*, and Charles Wesley, Jr., of Piedmont, Calif., and two daughters, the Misses Elizabeth and Barbara Burns, of Boston.

To Retire After Half Century of Teaching

HALF a century of teaching, uninterrupted by absence for sickness or by sabbatical year, is the record of Professor Elisha Conover, professor of classical languages at the University of Delaware, who will retire in June after 43 years of service at that institution.

In his honor and that of another retired teacher, the University on November 1 gave a testimonial dinner, which was attended by two hundred of their colleagues and former students, and where President Walter Hullihen spoke of Professor Conover and his colleague as "the two best-loved professors who ever sat in academic chairs in the University of Delaware."

At the dinner Professor Conover read an address entitled "Delaware Then and Now," which entertained the older alumni and faculty members with its references to other days.

"Many of us found intense satisfaction in this meeting," said the University of Delaware *News*. "It is a delight to know that so many alumni and friends can be gathered together for an occasion of this nature, a matter of pure sentiment, as a token of our love and admiration for two distinguished scholars and friends. We have been fortunate in being associated with them and we tried to show them, however inadequately, how much we appreciated them."

Professor Conover's enviable record of years of teaching service consists of a year in the public schools of Elmer, N. J., three years at Georgetown Academy, Delaware, and Oxford, Md., High School, three years at the Wilmington Conference Academy, four years at Montpelier Seminary, Vt., and 43 years at the University of Delaware, whose faculty he joined in 1895. Of these 54 years, the last 50 have been uninterrupted.

Professor Conover was born at Harrisonville, N. J., the son of Elisha and Eliza Van Meter Conover, on August 14, 1860. He prepared for college at Pen-



PROF. ELISHA CONOVER, '84

nington Seminary, where one of his instructors was former President James Henry Morgan, '78, who was then doing his first teaching. He entered Dickinson in 1879 and left at the end of his sophomore year to serve as principal of the Elmer, N. J., public schools. He returned to Dickinson in 1882, however, and was graduated in 1884. Three years later he received his master's degree.

For three years after his graduation, Professor Conover was principal of Georgetown, Del., Academy and of Oxford, Md., High School. In 1887-88 he was a graduate student at the Johns Hopkins University, and in September of 1888 he began the half-century of teaching which will come to an end in June.

For three years he was professor of Latin and Greek at the Wilmington, Del., Conference Academy; then, for four years, professor of Latin and Greek at Montpelier, Vt., Seminary. In 1895 he joined the faculty of the University of Delaware, then Delaware College, where he succeeded Charles Sheppard Conwell, '77.

Professor Conover is a member of Phi Kappa Psi and of Belles Lettres Society, which he served in 1883-84 as corresponding secretary of the General Society. He is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Beta Kappa, and of the Ameri-

can Philological Association and the Classical Association of the Atlantic States.

Professor Conover was married on December 27, 1888, to Miss Fannie L. Lingo, of Georgetown, Del.

Reviewers Praise Eshelman's Book on Renaissance

MOULDERS OF DESTINY; RENAISSANCE LIVES AND TIMES, 328 pages, Covici, Friede Inc.; 432 Fourth Avenue, New York; By Lloyd W. Eshelman, Price \$3.00.

THE above announcement of a choicely original volume by Lloyd W. Eshelman, Dickinson '23, which appeared on January 28, is commanding immediate and extensive attention from prominent book reviewers all over the country. In a full page illustrated review in the *New York Times* Walter Littlefield in enthusiastic praise says, "This is the book of a happy scholar who has absorbed much in the lecture room and library, yet has never quite accustomed himself to academic discipline. There are charm and sincerity in his historical seditions, his literary subversions . . .

"Eshelman's book is timely. Its scholarship and originality will delight the unprejudiced student; there is plenty of amusement for everybody in it. Materially, it is a fine piece of book-making—in type, format, pagination, a distinct expression of the talent of Robert Josephy."

And of the make-up of the book, it is specially-manufactured and designed by Josephy, with the title page reproduced in gold leaf on the front binding, which is of high grade cloth dyed in Renaissance russet.

In a lengthy and laudatory review, John Cournos of the *New York Sun* says, "There is much to be said for Mr. Eshelman's method. He has tried one of those fancy literary recreations with which we are being over-afflicted, which make pretty reading but as often as not lead us away from the truth. He has chosen his ten figures carefully, with a view to their representative character,

and if the resulting design reveals conflicting personalities and conflicting ideas, the answer is, that is what the Renaissance was, an epoch of conflicting events expressive of the rise of the individual out of the totalitarian somnolence of the Middle Ages. And Mr. Eshelman clearly shows that we cannot speak of the unity of the Renaissance; there was no unity then, as there is now, at the tail end of the epoch. In arriving at this conclusion the author is in some measure in consonance with the views of scholars such as Berdyaev and Christopher Dawson . . .

"Mr. Eshelman commands a terse, simple, plain-spoken style, for which that hypothetical creature "the average reader" will be truly grateful. He will learn about Loyola and Machiavelli, Paracelsus (what a fine soul that was!) and he will have some fun in doing it."

The Philadelphia and Washington papers have been equally enthusiastic in their reviews, and Sir Charles Oman of Oxford University, the dean of English historians and the author of two outstanding books on the Renaissance in the past five years, has written high praise of the volume, paying especial tribute to its originality of treatment and its introduction of much new material and of several new and important Renaissance figures.

The material itself covers the entire epoch of the Renaissance from the time of Petrarch and Boccaccio to the time of Rembrandt and the rise of Puritanism. It depicts the revolutionary change in human thinking and living which were

taking place, and in connection with each character there is incorporated the fundamental nature of those changes which affected art, science, letters, religion, nationalism, imperialism, etc.

Lloyd Eshelman, who was graduated from Dickinson in 1923 with the majors of history and literature is a loyal and interested son of the College. On leaving Dickinson he completed his graduate studies at Yale and Princeton. From the latter he holds the degrees of M.A. and Ph.D. He later pursued his studies in the university libraries of Europe. On his return he did some preparatory school and college teaching, and at present is giving most of his time to writing critical articles and reviews for various magazines and newspapers in this country and England. He is a frequent contributor to the *New York Times*, *Herald-Tribune* and *Sun* book review sections. He occasionally lectures in special courses at New York University.

From the numerous advance sales of *Moulders of Destiny*, the publishers predict that the book will undoubtedly be one of the best non-fiction sellers of 1938.

—Charles L. Swift, '04.

Meets Obstacles in Travel

Dr. Milton Conover, '13, returned to America in August after a 22-month trip which carried him to 47 universities in 29 different countries in Europe, Africa, and Asia, and has been engaged in research work at Boston since September.

Dr. Conover sailed for France in the summer of 1935 and spent several months studying at the Cite Universitaire de Paris and at the Institute of Urbanism of the University of Paris. In Spain he was arrested by the military police; in Baluchistan he was seized by a band of Bedouins; in Syria the army held him; in Egypt the Coast Guard took him under suspicion of being a drug smuggler; and



LLOYD W. ESHELMAN, '23

he was set upon several times by the populace in Palestine.

In his travels, which were undertaken in the course of his study of city government throughout the world, Dr. Conover visited, overnight, more than 200 different communities.

President Preaches at Harvard

President Fred. P. Corson preached on "Following the Commands of One's Own Development" in the Harvard Memorial Church at Cambridge, Mass., on Sunday morning, February 6.

Among the other preachers who have spoken at the weekly services in the Harvard University church during the winter term are: Rev. Frank Gavin, of General Theological Seminary, New York; Rev. Charles R. Brown, Dean of the Yale Divinity School, Emeritus; President H. J. Cody, of the University of Toronto; and Dean Charles W. Gilkey, of the University of Chicago.

On the same day President Corson delivered an address in the chapel of Milton Academy, Milton, Mass.

EDITORIAL

DONORS AND DOLLARS

BY the time this is read, many alumni will have made their contribution to the Alumni Fund, others will be in the process of doing it and still others will have made or have failed to make a note of this annual ceremony which ought to bring joy to every participant as it brings security to Alma Mater.

Many things considered, the graduate body and their friends have done a splendid job in the two years in which the Fund has been in existence. In 1936, there was contributed \$11,186.92 from 549 persons. Last year the amount increased to \$12,035.19 from 640 contributors. For an institution like Dickinson this is a highly gratifying record and it is no reflection on the graduates to say it falls far short of their capacity and their generosity.

In dollars and cents, the comparative records of Dickinson with similar institutions invite satisfaction. That is not true of numbers of donors. In this respect other institutions for which Dickinsonians have a high regard, have done better.

The measure of loyalty to an institution is expressed in dollars and cents, but a more wholesome loyalty is indicated in the number of persons whom the dollars and cents represent.

One has a feeling that the list of contributors does not grow because of the familiar sensitiveness of those who cannot give in the same measure as others do, hence give nothing. Dr. H. D. Kruse, of Baltimore, agent for the class of 1922, meets this situation almost epigrammatically when he tells his mates that "your name is printed among the class donors in type of the same size—without publication of amount—whether you give one dollar or ten dollars."

That poulitice ought to serve these persons who withhold all because they can give only little. Giving much is desirable, but giving little is oftentimes giving much and hence is just as desirable.

The Alumni Fund this year and in the years to come should be known less for its dollars and more for its donors. Dickinson needs the devotion of its graduates more than it needs their dollars, much as it can use the money.

Class agents are tremendously important in this and all other alumni fund campaigns. To them is the opportunity to render service in bringing this matter to the attention of their mates and in a way to appeal to their sense of sportsmanship and of privilege. There is a joy in helping the institution which helped you, in some degree at least, to your present station.

CLUB DINNER SEASON

THE open season for Dickinson Club dinners is at hand, if not beginning to wane. The College has eighteen regularly organized alumni groups. It will be regrettable if every one of them will not have had an annual reunion this year.

There is one sure way to make these dinners effective. Effort is the answer. It is no reflection on the loyalty of Dickinsonians that they require notice, even stimulation to attend the annual meeting of their club. If it is much different with similar groups of other colleges, let that fact be ballyhooped.

Experience shows that no such dinner "falls down" where there has been intelligent and persistent planning. Mere printed notice will not accomplish the purpose in most instances. Alumni are busy folks. A notice can easily become

lost; the matter overlooked. Personal calls by telephone and otherwise jog up the memory and jig up the interest. Few alumni are immune to that sort of treatment. A big dinner crowd is almost certain to follow.

Officers and committees of Dickinson clubs ought to be glad to adopt some such planning program. Every person entrusted with club administration wants to stage a good show if only to demonstrate that the club's officialdom has not proved itself incompetent. There is no patent formula for whipping up interest and attendance at club dinners. It is all pretty much a matter of energy. That applied and college club dinners become the interesting and delightful things they can and ought to be.

The offices of the Alumni Association at Carlisle are in a position to cooperate and delighted to do so. This year ought to mark a new high in Dickinson Club dinner attendance.

CONTROL OF EDUCATION

PRESIDENT CORSON at the mid-winter meeting of the trustees in Philadelphia, emphasized the mission of the small liberal arts college in this as in every age. Briefly it is to train men who thinking for themselves, will resist all and every trend toward the establishment of the totalitarian or authoritarian state, of which the world has an increasing number of examples.

"World trends," he said, "today are definitely away from this (individualistic) point of view. Even in education the steady intrusion of the State, with its generous provisions for education for all, moves in the direction of concentration with the inevitable result of control in the interest of a special theory."

The implications of that statement are so plain that even he who sprints can read. An indication that the presidents of liberal arts colleges in Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, view this tendency with some concern was apparent at a more recent meeting of these executives in Harrisburg where emphasis at the sessions was on the threat of government control of higher education. The fact that trustees of the institutions were present by invitation suggests further an anxiety as to what is ahead.

Under these circumstances, now may not be the time for the graduates and friends of the liberal arts colleges to take their stand definitely, but it is certainly the time for them to inquire into an issue which sooner than may be realized will confront them for decision.

That there is a place in the scheme of education for privately endowed institutions of learning, free from the incubus of government subsidy, unencumbered by limitations set by bureaucrats as to courses of study and unshackled in their pursuit of the truth, none with good intelligence will deny. That it may require struggle and alertness to preserve that freedom, more and more suspect.

One of the most dismal wishes ever heard on the campus of a liberal arts or any privately endowed institution is that in some fashion it might become the beneficiary of a state appropriation and that such an unhappy consummation could be brought about if only the politically influential alumni would get to work.

If such an institution wants to sell its birthright there is no more effective way. It is the one method guaranteed to invite the politicians to run the board of trustees, horsewhip the faculty and breed a group of student bootlickers, should that ever be the fancy of the politicians.

There is no quarrel with the policy that provides government subsidy to certain groups of institutions. Without such aid, it is entirely likely that the huge, serviceable state institutions could never have developed. Nor does it follow that such

institutions are forever subservient to political mandates. In that quarter the government subsidy functions.

But just as it functions there, so should it not be allowed to function among that group of institutions which choose to maintain themselves on a basis free from the restraints and conditions naturally imposed where public money is at stake.

In Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the United States there is room for these two systems of higher education. The nation is better for it. A choice should be allowed a student in determining upon his higher education and likewise an institution should be allowed to decide whether it shall function free from state control or as a ward of the state.

Should this issue come to a head, every Dickinsonian will have a vital interest in it. There is evidence to justify a calm, dispassionate warning to the friends of privately endowed institutions everywhere to have an eye and an ear for the trends to which President Corson alludes and to recognize what is abroad in the world of statecraft and education.

College Life Through A Student's Eye of Long Ago

By DAVID D. LEIB, '03

IN an earlier article, I laid stress on a number of student escapades, which coming as they did within the compass of a single year, probably left a very distorted view of college life of that era. The Editor of the ALUMNUS has therefore invited me to supplement this by a second chapter, to which invitation I respond with pleasure to myself, but with some misgivings as to the feelings of possible readers. To a large extent I shall refrain from giving names;—in fact as one might expect in such an intimate record the diarist himself is content in many instances with nicknames, initials and other abbreviations. President Peck is invariably "the old Dr.," or simply "the Dr."

The usual picture of the college life of nearly a century ago based on the catalogue, announcing the faculty, the fees, a few courses and the date of opening, leaves much to our imagination. It may be that the student recording day to day events, is biased in selection, and gives some play to his own imagination. But no catalogue editor or formal historian would deem it worth while to record many of the items that appear in "The Private Journal" of a student who had no thought that his record would become

a matter of interest and value to anyone other than himself. Much light is thrown on matters of instruction and discipline by a record of actual events. To preserve the picture, I shall allow the student in many cases to speak for himself, spelling, grammar and all.

Apparently student public opinion played a great role. Today we hear that students should be allowed to disappear quietly from campus when asked to withdraw for infractions of rules—college or more general. But in that era a student was judged by his fellow students as well as by the faculty; the two verdicts did not always agree, but student opinion supported proper standards, much as the student group liked the offender. Here was real student government. A few excerpts will serve as an illustration of this point as well as a basis for further comment.

Nov. 4, 1849. "The faculty having strong suspicions respecting the improper behavior of Q. . . . signified the same to his guardian. . . . He was of course freed from all college duties, but on a due consideration of the subject, the faculty receiving a sufficient guarantee for the future conduct of the gentleman from some six or eight of the most

moral students of his class, who obligated themselves to report all misdemeanors he might be guilty of, came to the conclusion that he should be reclaimed."

Obviously the strong felt a real duty to help the weak. This class conscientiousness and sense of responsibility of the group for the failures of the individual appears repeatedly. In the case of the chalk throwing at Professor Tiffany, it is recorded, "The class afterwards apologized for the thoughtless fellow."

The diary records that students were dismissed for various breaches of proper conduct, mostly drinking. That they were tried by the faculty with great solemnity and with great concern by the students is evidenced by the following references (somewhat abbreviated) to a single case.

March 15: "There is a faculty meeting tonight. Tom G. was called upon as a witness against P. for spreeing. Several others have been up and it is likely that those who are guilty will be dismissed."

March 16 . . . "This is a beautiful morning worthy to be remembered, both from the beautiful weather and the importance of its occurrences. After breakfast the faculty held a meeting and decided upon the case of last night from which P. received instruction from the Dr. to leave for home, . . . but on hearing more facts from several students a reconsideration was affected. A meeting was requested of all the students. They met on the college steps, and several speeches were made in P.'s favor, as there was a sufficient evidence that he was punished unjustly. A committee was appointed to see what was the determined purpose of the faculty, but before this the Dr. informed us in his discussion that he would listen to whatever positive proof could be brought up in his favor. A great majority of the students seemed much excited."

March 18: "There has been a great stir this evening between both faculty and students, the soirée a few evenings since seem to have some serious results."

The final reference to this episode of faculty versus students is not without a touch of humor. At the regular Friday evening prayer meeting, "the old Dr." called on some students and the writer records, "C was one of the number. His prayer was of great fervency and I thought very appropriate for the occasion. He spoke of officers being given to us who would be *competant* to discharge their part faithfully." Various penalties were imposed, one student is recorded by name as having "lied out of it," but P. remained in college. Not all student petitions were so successful, however. Apparently twenty-five minus marks was considered a severe penalty.

The number of expulsions was relatively large, no fewer than five being so treated and a number were suspended for misconduct. Only one seems to have been dismissed for low grades in the December examinations. This case is recorded in part thus, "M. K., a member of the junior class came around and took a final leave. He intended going home, as he was a bad student and the faculty thought it better for him to leave."

The religious life of the college was active. Prayers were conducted in the chapel every morning before breakfast which was at eight. The exact hour of chapel is nowhere mentioned, but the first prayer bell seemed to have been the signal for a mad scramble from bed in order to make chapel by the ringing of the last bell. When the last bell began to slow down and toll slowly, it was a sign that the bell would soon cease, and that it was necessary to hustle to make chapel. Members of the faculty frequently relieved the Dr. in the religious services of all sorts. The morning chapel was required, and attendance was kept by monitors. From frequent references it would seem that there were daily evening prayers held regularly before the evening meal, and prayer meeting on Friday evenings.

Sunday was a busy day for the reli-

giously inclined, with Prayers and Class-meeting before eight o'clock breakfast, and church morning, afternoon and night, with the Dr. sometimes preaching all three times. This student seems to have been as frank and natural in discussing the regularity of his attendance at church and prayers as in recalling his affection for beer and segars. He occasionally lapsed in his regularity upon prayers and on one occasion swore off from segars. All four were however obviously important factors in the life of the normal student at Dickinson in 1849-50.

The thoughtless student who was unable to terminate his neighborly visits existed in that day as well as in this, and the diary records the case and cure of such a bore named Arche, in some detail. The cure was a "tremendous ducking" administered by the host's neighbors as Arche was leaving one night after an over-extended call. The story closes, "I turned around and who should meet my gaze but Arche with buckets and water following him. I had to laugh when he expressed himself thus, 'Well I have got down and never will come up again.' This is one way of inviting gentlemen out of your room, when they respect not a student's feelings, especially when his studies press upon him!" The warm fireplace of the industrious was a desired haven of refuge from the cold room of the improvident.

It is interesting to note that the reading period or review period without classes before examinations, which has been hailed in recent years as an innovation or important new idea in educational procedure, was in vogue three-quarters of a century ago at Dickinson. No lectures or classes were held for a full week or more before the beginning of the final examinations of the term. The examinations themselves however, were not drawn out over a long period. The school year was divided into three terms, but examinations were held only in December and in June. In December

only two days were given to examinations—on Monday, December 17th, Greek, Latin and Mental Philosophy. On December 18th, "the whole day until five o'clock in the afternoon" was given to the examinations in "the other departments." It is here that the record states, "We were safely brought through the fiery ordeal without the mortification of failure to interrupt the pleasure entertained during the Christmas holidays." It might be expected that this Monday night was spent in burning the midnight oil, and the preceding evenings in gloomy anticipation. But let us see. On Saturday night he went to a Turkey Dinner at Professor Baird's, and remained until 11 P. M., on Sunday morning went to chapel before breakfast, cut breakfast, took a nap to make up for the night before, went to church at eleven A. M. to hear Dr. Peck preach, heard the Dr. preach again at 2 P. M., after this took a walk to Miss B's, found Miss L there, *staid* until five, and then went to the boarding house for supper. On Monday evening "several of us were invited to spend the evening at the Dr.'s, and we all complied with the invitation . . . found quite a collection of ladies, and passed the time very agreeably; . . . met Miss G. E. for the first time, saw several of my lady acquaintances whom I had been in the habit of visiting. After the party, I offered my services to Miss G. E. and escorted her to her boarding school." Probably all the rest of the time was spent in grinding! But the only lament was that it fell to his lot to discuss "imitative Propension" in the old Dr.'s examination. It may safely be said that there were no artificial conditions during or preceding examinations, as a result of faculty edict or student panic. Christmas vacation was from December 19th to January 4th. In the spring the vacation was introduced gently without examinations. Professor Baird gave his last lecture on Optics on Tuesday, March 19th, although the two

weeks official vacation began the following Monday.

In June the classes ended one Saturday and examinations began the following Saturday with this schedule:

Saturday 8-11, Modern languages.

Monday afternoon—Philosophy and Chemistry. Professor Baird. He notes that "Baird seemed remarkably hard on us, giving us five minutes to recite without any aid."

Tuesday, 2-6, "Dr. Peck examined us in his Department. I got in Butler 'The moral government of God imperfectly comprehended,' in Moral Science 'Human Happiness,' in Paley's evidences 'The miracles of Hume opposed to the Scripture Miracles.' The answers seem to have been entirely oral."

Friday—The languages, i. e., Latin and Greek.

This was the schedule for all seniors and it is recorded, "I felt very much used up after the labors of the week," but he seemed to be quite able to enjoy a big picnic at Meeting House Springs on Saturday, to which place he walked with a young lady, although the oppressive heat—and perhaps the company—made the shade and the fine gurgling stream very enticing.

The interest in public speaking was fostered both by the college and by the Literary Societies. Classes were held early Saturday mornings, but the chief event of every Saturday forenoon was a public meeting at which students delivered addresses on various topics—on general moral or social themes such as "The Power of Thought," "The Earnest Man," "Dea Fortuna," or on current political problems, some of which sound very modern; to wit, "The Balance of Power in Europe." At times the speakers gave "Comics," although a comic is not defined. Apparently it was frequently a takeoff or satire on persons or things about the college or in the public eye. Occasionally they tended to become hilarious. On the last Saturday of the year the diarist records, "For the first

time I made an attempt at a comic, 'Wonders of The Age' forming my subject. It seemed to take remarkably well. McClay and Van Sant also spoke Comics. From the constant laughter that was caused, "the old Dr. became much excited." Occasionally an outburst of oratory was placed on record as is indicated by this closing sentence, "Thrice hail, freedom of the soul, hail, hail, Hail!"

The anniversaries of the Literary Societies were important events, even as they were in my own day a half century later. In describing the Belles Lettres affair of February 22, 1850, we read, "In the procession to the church* we had a magnificent band and on all sides were crowds of spectators along the pavement. We slowly marched down with the music in the van, and were soon seated on the stand for action. Just a short distance apart was a shanty erected in which refreshments were kept. After performing our part we retired, and then partook of the niceties. Our exhibition passed off well, and the congregation left in fine humor and betook of merriment and an occasion of much happiness. Our anniversarian, Quarles, did himself much honor and credit to the Belles Lettres Society. . . ." The following day we read, "The usual exercises did not go on, owing to the celebration of yesterday, so the day was spent in innocent amusement, such as walking, chatting and doing what each one pleased." The climax came that evening when the committee and speakers had a "magnificent" supper at 9 P. M. at Mrs. Fleming's which cost "but fourteen dollars" for the whole party. The writer records that he "felt encumbered" with what he had eaten, but took Dr. Lambert's advice, drank freely of cold water, and slept comfortably.

It may not be amiss to mention that membership in the Literary Societies was not a routine matter, but was an honor,

* The Methodist church of that day was, I believe, on the Southeast Corner of High (or Main) and Pitt, diagonally across from the late lamented C. V. passenger station.

and the member who disgraced the society was expelled, and the expulsion was fought bitterly. We learn of the expulsion of a scion of one of Carlisle's best families from Belles Lettres, but despite the pleas of Penroses and Hendersons and Biddles, after "much contention on both sides" it was "by a unanimous vote admitted that the gentleman had received a just and legal expulsion." He continued in college, apparently on good terms even with his former fellow-members.

Special lecturers came to the college from time to time and lectured for a per capita fee. One Dr. Lambert visited Carlisle and delivered a series of lectures on Physiology. He was "moderate in his charges"—five lectures for fifty cents. He had "an apparatus of the human body and explained the structure of the different parts." A. Dr. Sutton gave lectures on Magnetism,—but itinerant lecturers on science were entirely distanced, I fear, by the youthful professor, Spencer Fullerton Baird.

Numerous references give us intimate glimpses of campus life. There was a club of Shakespeare Readers. There was military training for those over twenty-one years of age. Candidates for admission came to Carlisle for examination, apparently entirely oral, and informal in nature. Certain terms are used, the full meaning of which would doubtless enliven the story. Drinking beer, spreeing, getting tight, and being intoxicated seem to have been four distinct steps in conviviality. "Facultyng," I infer, was a form of hazing for "A young fellow came in by the name of Bender, he seeming to be a greener, and this is the evening a party of seniors designed 'facultyng' him. . . ." The meaning of such technical terms as "suspending the by-laws" (in sentences such as, "H. and M. did not turn out as the latter, having suspended the bye-laws was not disposed"), "suspending the constitution" (as "by mutual consent we suspended the constitution and had the pleasure of being called on by our friend . . ."),

"put on the third course," "present with an Amelia," and other phrases which appear with varying frequencies must be inferred from the context. "Put on the third course" seems to mean to put on probation and an Amelia (or Ametra) was apparently a smoke, perhaps a brand of "segar." The trip to Baltimore was made by stage to York and train to Baltimore—a full day's journey. Listening to trials in the Court House was a popular diversion. Soirees at Carlisle homes were numerous and always "agreeable" diversions, and students and faculty seem to have lived in a very intimate companionship. The freedom with which they walked and talked and quarreled with each other might indeed indicate that they lived like one big family.

Whatever may be the college we see depicted by this student, we can scarcely fail as alumni to recall that from this campus under such conditions went forth a President of the United States, a chief justice and an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, governors, judges, bishops—and a host of others to serve their generation well. Those of us who are teachers may be brave enough to ask—Is our generation with its greater opportunities doing as well? Is it perhaps an overlooked truth that the public discussion of controversial topics and the similar presentation of one's own social, ethical and philosophical arguments develops the mind and prepares the student for public service and the solution of practical problems of real life better than do "class discussions" and voluminous reading. This old diary while very entertaining to the general reader is most stimulating to those of us who hear much of modern devices which aim to make the student think.

Note:—It may be worthy of record that this diary covers the month of December 1849, and while it describes many events and many oysters, makes no reference to the "Oyster Hunt in Cumberland Valley" described by Dr. Morgan in his history, pages 196-7, and vouched

for by Dr. Thomas G. Chattle, '52. It scarcely seems plausible that a senior, in such a detailed record would overlook such an extraordinary episode. I fear the story is largely fiction.

Bequeaths College \$10,000

A bequest of \$10,000 was contained in the will of Arthur H. Lea, retired publisher, art patron, and philanthropist of Philadelphia, who died at the age of 73, on January 7th, following a two weeks' illness. In 1933 the College conferred the degree of L.H.D. upon Mr. Lea. He was a former head of the publishing house of Lea and Febiger, a senior vice-president of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and one-time president of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

Serves As Errand Boy

John A. F. Hall, '12, mayor of Harrisburg, the Associated Press reported on February 2 "had a fetch and carry job today, and did it well."

The story told that Mayor Hall entered a courtroom where Judge Charles C.

Greer, '92, of Cambria County, was presiding in the Dauphin County building. Glancing up hastily, Judge Greer mistook Mayor Hall for a court attendant.

"Please get me those books from the law library," Judge Greer directed.

The Mayor obeyed, and he brought the right books.

Resigns University Presidency

Dr. Edmund D. Soper, '98, resigned in December as president of Ohio Wesleyan University, a post he had held since 1928, it was announced in January. The university's board of trustees announced acceptance of the resignation effective August 31.

Dr. Soper went to Ohio Wesleyan from Duke University where he was vice-president and dean of the School of Religion from 1925 to 1928. From 1910 to 1914, Dr. Soper was professor of missions and comparative religion in Ohio Wesleyan and from 1914 to 1919 he was on the faculty at Drew Theological Seminary. He was professor of the history of religion at Northwestern University from 1919 to 1925.

PERSONALS

1896

Mr. and Mrs. Merkel Landis of Carlisle left the last week in December for a trip to the west coast and to Hawaii, where they will visit Mr. Landis' son-in-law and daughter, Captain and Mrs. Robert E. Hammersberg.

1897

Joseph P. McKeehan was reelected president of the Board of Trustees of the Carlisle Hospital in January.

After 38 years of active service Guy E. Eldon, having reached the age of 65, resigned his position as postman of Waynesboro, Pa., on February 1. After Mr. Eldon left college he taught school for a year at Ringgold, Md., and then was in the Frick Company office. In the fall of 1899 he received his appointment as a postal carrier.

1899

Dr. Walter B. Carver, professor of mathematics at Cornell University, was granted a sabbatic leave during the first semester of this academic year. He and Mrs. Carver spent four months in Europe. They went over on the *Duchess of Bedford* and returned on the *Saturnia*, visiting Scotland, England, France, Germany, Austria, and Italy.

1900

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Lee Spahr left in January for a trip to Florida, Nassau and Bermuda. They are spending February at their cottage in Bermuda.

1905

Thomas J. Meek has been made vice-president and general manager of the Spitella Company, Western, Inc., with offices at 1290 Powell Street, Oakland, Calif.

1908

Charles R. Todd was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Carlisle Hospital at the annual meeting in January.

The Freshmen sons of two members of the class achieved unusual distinction in the First Semester just ended. Five Freshmen made "A" averages. One of them was John J. Bunting, Salisbury, Md., the son of the Rev. John J. Bunting. The other was Robert W. McWhinney, Pittsburgh, son of Harry E. McWhinney.

1909

Ellsworth H. Mish is now associated with the Detroit Compensating Axle Corporation, makers of trailer axles and differential wheels. His new address is 22 East 40th Street, New York City.

Rev. John W. Flynn, D.D., represented the College at a high school college night in Oneonta, N. Y., in January.

James McN. Beetem sustained a broken leg and other severe injuries when he was run over by an automobile in January.

1910

Rev. Earl Ledden has been transferred to Trinity M. E. Church, Albany, N. Y., one of the largest in northern New York.

1912

Announcement was made on January 1 that Murray H. Spahr, Jr., had become a member of the legal firm of Clark, Hebard, and Spahr, with offices at 1500 Walnut Street Building, Philadelphia.

Wendell Y. Blanning was recently made director of the Bureau of Motor Carriers of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

1914L

Ripsey T. Shearer, former sheriff of Cumberland County, was reinstated as a member of the bar association in January. His membership had lapsed because he had not maintained a law office in Carlisle for several years while he was in business with an insurance company elsewhere. He has opened offices in the Carlisle Office Building for the general practice of law.

1915

Roger K. Todd was elected president of the Carlisle Y. M. C. A. at the annual meeting held this month. Mr. Todd has been active in "Y" affairs for some years and has personally cared for an extensive program of providing motion picture entertainment at Toland, the Carlisle jail and in the Y. M. C. A.

Rev. G. Floyd Zimmerman, dean of the Divinity School, Temple University, spent a day on the campus in January.

Now that their son is a member of the

Freshman Class, Mr. and Mrs. William Eshelman are frequent Carlisle visitors.

1916L

Upon his retirement from the Dauphin County Orphans Court, after being defeated for election in November, J. Dress Pannell of Harrisburg, was appointed by Governor Earle as a member of the State Labor Relations Board.

1917

President Fred P. Corson was appointed a Grand Chaplain of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge of the Masonic Fraternity in January.

1918

An article, "Just Intonation Confuted," by Dr. J. Murray Barbour, was published in the January, 1938, issue of the British quarterly *Music & Letters*. He read a paper entitled "Music and Electricity" as part of a symposium "Music in the Changing World" at the joint meeting of the American Musicological Society and the Music Teachers National Association, at Pittsburgh, December 30.

1919

W. Maynard Stapleton, '21L, was recently appointed referee in bankruptcy for Schuylkill County by Judge Albert Johnson.

1921

Mrs. Charlotte Legris Shindler is now conducting a kindergarten at 18 Rue Thomas le Maitre, Nanterre, Seine, France.

1922

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Mildred B. Burkholder, daughter of Mrs. Emma L. Burkholder, 216 Hamilton Street, to the Rev. Dr. M. R. Hamsher, of Mechanicsburg. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Burkholder is a graduate of Dickinson College and is a teacher in the Camp Curtin Junior High School. The Rev. Doctor Hamsher is pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Mechanicsburg. He is a graduate of the Gettysburg College and Theological Seminary.

1927

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Martin Funk Miller, of Tyrone, to Miss Selma Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Snyder of Carlisle. Miss Snyder is a graduate of the State Teachers College at Shippensburg and is a teacher in the Carlisle schools. Mr. Miller is now teaching foreign languages at the Williamsburg High School. No date has been set for the wedding.

1930

The engagement of Miss Edna Virginia Wood of the Carlisle High School faculty to

William J. Kearney, attorney of Dunmore, Pa., was announced in January. No date has been set for the wedding.

1931

Mrs. Elizabeth Yeager Smith, of Mauch Chunk, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Elmina, to Dr. Henry Allen Spangler. Miss Smith is a graduate of Hood College and is now with the State Insurance Department in Harrisburg. Dr. Spangler, who was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School last June, is serving a year's internship at the Harrisburg Hospital. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Suydam, Quakertown, N. J., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lois Alice, to Robert F. Lavanture. His fiancée and Mr. Lavanture are teachers in the high school of Morristown, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gardiner Hays, of Carlisle, announce the birth of a daughter, Mabel Burgyes, on February 7.

1932

W. Gordon Helsel was married on September 7 to Miss Alice Sherman, of Marion, Ia., at the home of the bride. Harold A. Kline, '30, was best man. Mrs. Helsel has been an employee of the Veterans Administration at Washington for several years and Mr. Helsel has recently been transferred from the United States Bureau of Animal Industry to the Food and Drug Administration, where he holds the position of junior microanalyst. The couple are now living at 1361 Irving St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

H. Booser Bishop, of Oberlin, Pa., was married to Miss Miriam Aungst, of Enhaut, on October 19, in the Enhaut Church of God. Mr. Bishop is associated with the East End Dairy.

Frederick F. Rush, of Phoenixville, Pa., was married on February 12 to Miss Sarah Vale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Vale, of Carlisle, at the home of the bride. Mrs. Rush was formerly a teacher in the Carlisle public schools.

1934

Harry C. Zug, of Philadelphia, is Class Agent of the Alumni Fund and not John B. Fowler, Jr., as was incorrectly printed in the January issue of the *Dickinson College Bulletin*.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin James announced the birth of a son on January 10.

Max R. Lepofsky received his LL.B. degree from Harvard Law School last June and was admitted to the Connecticut bar in January. His present address is Shorefront Park, South Norwalk, Conn.

Richard B. Townsend last fall entered the

PHILADELPHIA NOTES

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Dr. Clarence L. Shollenberger, '17, and family, recently removed from their residence at 4907 Parkside Ave. to Marion, Pa.

Maynard Stapleton, '17, was appointed by the Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on January 27, 1938, as Referee in Bankruptcy for the Eastern District, with offices at Pottsville, Pa. Mr. Stapleton was appointed in place of Harold Paul, who resigned.

Boyd Lee Spahr, President of the Board of Trustees of Dickinson College, is chairman of the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Bar Association for the year 1938.

Murray H. Spahr, Jr., '12, wrote an article entitled "Of Lawyers and Trust Companies" which appeared in the new magazine known as *The Shingle*, published for the month of February, 1938, by the Philadelphia Bar Association. Murray recently severed his connection with the law firm of Brown and Williams, of Philadelphia, and became a partner of Clark, Hebard and Spahr.

Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., which is affiliated with Yale University. He is studying for the priesthood of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

R. F. Lee Wolf is rehabilitation agent with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Rehabilitation of the Department of Labor and Industry. He was appointed in July, 1937.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wentzel, of Carlisle, announced the marriage of their daughter, Emma, to Dr. Henry M. Weitzel, of Carlisle, in January. The ceremony was performed in Landis, N. C., on December 27. Dr. Weitzel is a graduate of the school of dentistry of the University of Maryland, and is practicing his profession in Shippensburg.

Martin O. Kahn, director of publicity of Jane Engel, Inc., and Jane Engel Dress Shops, of New York City, is co-author of "Counting Your Profits Before They Are Hatched," which is now appearing serially in *Women's Wear Daily*, of New York, and which will be published by McGraw-Hill Publishing Company in book form.

1935

Dr. and Mrs. T. S. McBride have announced the engagement of their daughter

BALTIMORE NOTES

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Cornelius P. Mundy, '25L, Baltimore attorney, was married on October 2d to Mrs. Elizabeth Wright Harrison, daughter of Mrs. William J. Wright and the late Mr. Wright of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Mundy made their wedding tour in Canada and are now residing at 3209 North Charles Street in Baltimore.

The dinner and reunion of the Dickinson Club of Baltimore will be held at 6:30 P. M., on Friday, March 25th, in the main dining room of the Emerson Hotel, Baltimore.

Edward C. Gisriel, '07, has had a successful pastorate at Melville M. E. Church, Elk Ridge, Md. The church has been completely renovated and a week of re-opening services were held from February 20-27, with Bishop Edwin H. Hughes as the preacher on February 20th.

Helen to the Rev. Donald M. Thomas, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, who is pastor of the Church of God in Rohrerstown, Pa.

R. Edward Steele, of Carlisle, who is now a student in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, has been appointed to a junior internship in Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia.

1936

Charles Jordan Shapiro, of Fairview, N. J., was married on December 26 to Miss Riviera Bloom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bloom, of Chambersburg, in a ceremony performed at Hotel Washington there. The couple now reside in Baltimore, where Mr. Shapiro is a student in medical research at

Johns Hopkins University. The bride is a graduate of Wilson College.

Wayne E. North is pastor of the Fairview Circuit in the Central Pennsylvania M. E. Conference and is a student at Drew.

John T. Bretz, Jr., of Harrisburg, was married to Miss Nancy Clothier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Clothier, of Camp Hill, Pa., on December 23, in the Messiah Lutheran Church of Harrisburg.

1937

Ruth Crull is employed by the Bell Telephone company as special service representative in the Harrisburg, Lebanon, and Lancaster districts.

Charles W. Brown of Collingswood, N. J., is not a member of the staff of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* as stated in the December, 1937 issue of THE DICKINSON ALUMNUS.

Ruth Beegle of Bedford, has been elected to teach in the high school at Alum Bank, Pa. She began her work February 1.

Ralph Landsnaes is employed by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and is stationed in New Haven, Conn.

Horace M. King, of Harrisburg, was married in January to Miss Helen M. Fry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Fry, of Milton, Pa., at the Milton Evangelical Church. Mrs. King was formerly employed on the staff of the *Milton Standard*. The couple resides at Lewisburg, where Mr. King is manager of the Lewisburg News Bureau.

1937L

Mr. and Mrs. Francis F. Rainsford, of Carlisle, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn, to W. Bertram Waychoff, of Waynesburg, where he is a practicing attorney.

1940

Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Nulk, of Progress, Pa., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Alice, to George M. Hetrick, Harrisburg. No date has been set for the wedding.

OBITUARY

1908—Benson B. Boss, the district manager of the Aluminum Cooking Utensil Company, died very suddenly of a heart ailment at his home in Baltimore on January 8th.

Mr. Boss had worked at his office until 12:30 that day and had gone to his home to rest preparatory to making a business trip to Washington that afternoon. He collapsed at 5 o'clock.

Mr. Boss was the son of the late James G. Boss and Mrs. Boss and was born on March 14, 1888 at Burtonsville, Montgomery County, Md. He was educated in the public schools of that county and entered Dickinson College in the Fall of 1904 and was graduated four years later. He was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma. He anticipated with a great deal of pleasure his thirtieth reunion with his class this coming Commencement.

During his college days he became a student salesman with the company with which he remained for 30 years.

Mr. Boss was a past president of the Dickinson Club of Baltimore.

Funeral services were held at his home, 4415 Norwood Road, Guilford, Baltimore, on January 11th and he was buried in Druid Ridge Cemetery in Pikesville, Md.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Trump Boss, a graduate of Irving College, a son, Benson B. Boss, Jr., a junior in Johns Hopkins University, and a daughter, Mary V. Boss, 15 years old, now attending school.

1910L—A chronic heart ailment from which he had suffered for about a year caused the death of Horace Brown King, attorney of Harrisburg, Pa., on January 12th.

Born in McKean County in 1883, he attended the schools there and was graduated from the Smethport High School and from Bucknell University in 1908. He received his degree from the Dickinson School of Law in 1910. For several years following his graduation from law school Mr. King worked with United States Senator James J. Davis in the organization of Moose lodges throughout the country. He was admitted to the Dauphin County bar in 1915, and with the late Edwin E. Barnitz was associated in a firm specializing in corporation tax law.

He is survived by his wife, the former Rose Vanderbilt McKeehan of Carlisle, and six children: Horace McKeehan King, Philadelphia; Agnes Vanderbilt King, a senior at the Connecticut College for Women, New London, Conn.; James Hartley King, a senior at Princeton; Robert Carroll King, a freshman at Princeton; George William King, who is to graduate from the Harrisburg Academy in June, and John Lloyd King, who is a junior at William Penn High School.

1916—William Ganoë Stephens, proprietor of the Stephens Drug Store, Carlisle, died after an illness of five days at the age of 43 years on February 19. Stricken suddenly, he was removed to the hospital but three days later a kidney complication caused his death.

A native of Clearfield, Pa., Mr. Stephens prepared for college at Conway Hall. He graduated from Dickinson College in 1916 and assisted his father in the operation of the West High Street store which he later acquired. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and of the Allison Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Cora Weaver Stephens; a daughter, Patricia Ann; his father, Walter C. Stephens; a sister, Mrs. Robert Steele, Hanover and his brother, Walter C. Stephens, Jr., Teaneck, N. J.

Following services in the Shulenberg Funeral Parlors, interment was made in Westminster Cemetery, Carlisle.

1920—Dr. Agnew O. Roorbach, husband of Mildred Day Roorbach, '19, and a teacher in the Harrisburg schools for the past thirteen years, died, after a long illness, in his home in Harrisburg, on December 30.

A native of Philadelphia, where he prepared for college, Dr. Roorbach gradu-

ated in 1920; received his master's degree at Franklin and Marshall, and completed the work for his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania.

He began his teaching career as an instructor in the Nazareth Military Academy, and the next year went to Lancaster as an instructor in the high school there. Three years later he transferred to the Harrisburg Technical High School, and when two high schools were created he became a teacher at William Penn. He continued as a member of the faculty there until 1933. Last year he taught at the Glassboro Normal School in New Jersey. In various years he was an instructor at summer sessions at the University of Pennsylvania, Lehigh University, and Pennsylvania State College.

He was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and of Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, and was a member of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Harrisburg, Pa., and of its official board.

Funeral services were conducted at his home on January 3d by the Rev. Dr. Wilbur V. Mallalieu, pastor of Grace M. E. Church. Burial was made in the Harrisburg Cemetery.

1935—Maxwell Ocheltree, Jr., son of the late Maxwell and Laura G. Ocheltree, of Chester, Pa., died on January 28th in the Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia, after a long illness. He was the husband of Mrs. Margaret Poffenberger Ocheltree, '35.

He graduated from the Chester High School and then the College, where he was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. Upon his graduation from college he matriculated as a medical student at Hahnemann, where he became a member of Alpha Sigma Medical fraternity.

Shortly over a year ago Mr. Ocheltree married Miss Margaret Poffenberger, who survives him.

NECROLOGY

Miss Margaret F. Winner, 71, portrait painter, died in Philadelphia on December 21. Miss Winner was the artist who painted 13 of the portraits which hang in the presidents' gallery in Old West or in Bosler Hall.

Mrs. Beulah Still Gunson, Conway Hall '10, died at her home, 1203 Dukeland Street, Baltimore, after a lingering illness of many months on November 20, 1937. Mrs. Gunson, who had been a widow for some years, was the sister of the late Henry C. Still, '07, and the late Stanley R. Still, '08, the well-known Dickinson football player. Interment was made in Loudon Park Cemetery in Baltimore.

Mrs. Verlinda Fowke Smoot, wife of Gerard C. W. Smoot, '88, retired chief of the entry division of the Baltimore Custom House, died on February 4th at her home in the St. Paul Apartments in Baltimore.

Mrs. Smoot, who was a direct descendant of John Hanson of the Continental Congress and of Thomas Stone, a Maryland signer of the Declaration of Independence, is survived by her husband and six children. Interment was made at Christ Church, Wayside, Charles County, Md.

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