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F. & M. COMMENCEMENT. THE ALUMNI DAY.

The Dinner Yesterday—The Alumni Address—Business Finished up.

At the adjourned meeting of the alumni association last evening the plan of a periodical to be issued in advance of and by way of preparation for the centennial cele, bration of 1887 was considered at length. and it was finally resolved to undertake the publication of a quarterly, with one member of the faculty, four seniors, a junior and a freshman to conduct its publication and to edit it. Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., of Hagerstown, Md., was elected alumni orator for next year prima. rius, and Rev. D. M. Wolff, of Penn Hall,

The following committe was appointed to co-operate with the faculty in arranging a programme for next commencement: Rev. Dr. Thos. G. Apple, D. D.; Revs. W. H. II. Snyder, of Harrisburg, and D. W. Gerhard, of New Holland; W. U. Hensel and W. M. Franklin, esqs., of Lancaster.

Bentre county, secundus.

The Dinner. At 12 m. yesterday the old students, trustees, visitors and students gathered at the tap of the bell at the foot of the college towers, and there was noticeable an unusually large number of persons from the city in the throng. The procession marched to Harbaugh hall, where covers were laid in the dining room for about 275 persons. The decorations of the room were by long odds the most elaborate, tasteful and elegant ever had on these octhe length of the dining room and one not present. across the end. The middle table, between the pillars, was the seat of honor and intended for the trustees, faculty and most distinguished guests. The pillars were tended for the trustees, faculty and most | Dr. J. W. Nevin. distinguished guests. The pillars were beautifully entwined with vines and garstately devices in flowers, white and various the decorations finer, and the programme colored lillies being lavishly used in their more complete. The alumni dinner is construction, with the highest effect. The unanimously voted the feature of comother tables and the walls were also handsomely decorated, and of the flowers on the walls a magnificent magnolia, with its leaves, from the grounds of Hardwicke, at- conferred the following honorary degrees: The grave like Saban's "heap of witness tracted much admiring attention. The LL. D., Dr. John L. Atlee, of Lancaster: management of the dinner feel under Rev. Thos. C. Porter, D. D., of Lafayette many obligations to the different persons college, Easton; Ph. D., Prof. Wm. M. in the city who contributed so liberally, Riley, Palatinate college, Myerstown, Pa. in the city who contributed so liberally, and with such delicacy in this matter, and the beauty of the scene was the subject of the beauty of the beauty of the scene was the subject of the beauty of the beauty of the scene was the subject of the beauty universal remark from the visitors. Button | Ermentrout, Esq., Reading, Pa.

hole bouquets were laid at each plate. Geo. F. Baer, esq., of Reading, by supreme authority he said "assumed imperial command" of the occasion, and seated in the centre of the main table he gave di of the bill of fare.

Mr. Baer, after rapping the assemblage to order at the conclusion of the feast, called upon Rev. E. V. Gerhart to respond | ter : to the sentiment, "Franklin and Marshall college, ever true to its idea of liberal education." Dr. G. spoke in a felicitous man_ ner of the loyalty with which the college for its own sake, the harmonious development of all the faculties.

Rev. N. C. Shaeffer, Ph. D., principal of warmly eulogized the German language, philosophy and thought, the most potential factor in the culture of the present time. He was glad that German is no eclectic study in the college, and he who is at home in that language is in the realm of science, whose furthest strides are being made by German writers and thinkers. Some practical allusions to Berks county of the Germans is to revolutionize the

country "brought down the house." "Pennsylvania Colleges" was called and J. Hay Brown, esq., not being present to respond to it, the subject was ably answered for by Hon. J. P. Wickersham, LL. D., state superintendent, who praised the Pennsylvania system of higher education, warmly eulogized Franklin and Marshall and drew a bright picture of its future. Pennsylvania will educate her sons on her own soil and keep them at home by making her colleges the rivals of any in the

Gen. W. H. Koontz, the biennial orator of the evening before, made an eloquent and forcible after-dinner speech on the functions of young men and of educated men in politics, raising a high standard of political action, to the end that existing wrongs may be corrected and abuses reformed.

Lancaster city's new School Superintendent Buehrle made a brief speech, expressing his gratification at the manner in which he was being made acquainted with the college. He was for the hearty co-operation of the public schools and colleges, that an organic union may be established and maintained between the common school system and the higher classical education of the state.

Prof. John S. Stahr, answering to the sentiment, "Pennsylvania Conservatism," spoke impressively and eloquently of the different elements that had entered into the citizenship of our state, each giving it poral; the old gives way to the new and some vital characteristic and altogether conserving an average that shows conserving the shows conserved the shows conserving the shows conserved the A regular graduate of Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, a thorough Chemist and Skillful Pharmacist. Price, 50c and \$1.00. For sale by the Proprietor and all Druggists and d4-lydeow&w d4-ly material advancement.

Prof. Wm. M. Nevin briefly acknowledged the compliment of a toast aimed diregard in which the alumni held him.
Referring to the future of the college, he said that in the past it had always been

Nature" on the fading leaf, expressing the sublimely poetic and philosophical significance of the leaf; fit emblem of humanity, reflecting man's fate—the leaf an indivi-"about to" find the pot of gold at the dual, a tree's foliage, a generation, the

that this bright vision for the future had now more reality than heretofore.

Rev. P. S. Davis, D. D., of the Reformed Church Messenger, responding to the same sentiment on behalf of the alumni, spoke most feelingly the tender regard and universal affection which all of the students, young and old, had for Prof. Nevin. Changing from grave to gay he set the tables in a roar with lively reminiscences of old Marshall and the days when he was one of the "boys"-if he isn't yet.

W. U. Hensel, esq., of the Intelligen-CER, in response to "The Press," touched upon the college press-as it should be and is not-the press generally, the presence and influence of college men in journalism. the elevation of the fourth estate and the reflex action of a higher journalism on the cause of liberal education.

Hon. John Cessna, speaking for the board of trustees, promised his hearers that the outlook of the interests committed to their charge was bright and hopeful. substantial results have been conclusively obtained from the Wilhelm bequest; and, continuing at length, Mr. Cessna impressed upon his hearers that the sphere of the of material prosperity.

work as adjuncts to the college.

Rev. Dr. C. Z. Weiser ended the programme with a most happy speech on the ladies, analyzing in his characteristic style the etymology of "Woe-man," style the etymology of "Woe-man," "Woo-man" and "Whoa-man;" praising the lady managers of the dinner, and the sex in general.

A toast "New England Colleges" had been announced, and E. K. Martin, esq., casions. There were five tables running called for to respond to it, but he was it have been worth our while to have lived The company dispersed about 21 p. m.

All in all the dinner was even an improvement on any of its predecessors. lands of flowers, and the table decked with | The tables were more elegantly arranged,

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> > THE ALUMNI ORATION.

'Why are We?" or, "What Constitutes True Rev. Dr. D. E. Klopp, of the class of 1859, who was the alumni orator in the rection to the feast of reason and the flow of | college chapel last evening, is one of the soul. After the company was comfortably most popular and prominent of the younger seated and dinner had, the cuisine being of alumni of Franklin and Marshall and the same highly satisfactory character as heretofore, and cold meats, salads, fruits, coffee and cake being the leading features of the bill of fare.

and min of Frankin and Marshalf and give warning to our commerce of the approaching storms. At the first signs of danger from a cold or cough, use Dr. Thomas' was less than an hour in length, and was listened to with marked interest and atlistened to wi listened to with marked interest and attention. The following outline of the address will convey some idea of its charac-

The introductory portion of the address referred to the fact that Dr. Klopp's class to-day celebrated its majority, having been graduated just 21 years; and as the individual at that time feels himself clothed had adhered to its standard of an education with new responsibilities, so the classmer of 1859 now enter into the exercise of the rights and duties of intellectual manhood. It might be deemed fitting then for them the Kutztown normal school, in response to for them some thoughts, gathered from a toast on the influence of German thought experience, touching true success in life on the intellectual development of the age, and how it is attained. Success is the common goal of all effort, and whether it is to be reached or not depends less on ac- PICTURE FRAMES AND EASELS. cident or surroundings than on the principles which govern us and the manner in

which they are carried out. First to be recognized in this inquiry is that there is an infinite, overruling wisdom, determining all things by a well-ordered plan; designating a place and special purpose for every one and everything, and some one or something for every place and to Fred. Lauer's idea that the mission and purpose Next in the philosophy of life is for each one to discover his place and work. This cannot, in the ordering of infinite wisdom, be impossible.

"Why are we?" as individuals. The end of a life does not always complete the story of his life work, nor determine the matter of his failure or success. Each man either takes up a new work, or has taken up or undertaken some work already started, or puts into operation new movements. Only when the full design is wholly wrought can the success or failure of any particular part be determined. Individual success is when the individual forces fill their place in the purposes of the whole. No man's life is completed in itself; but it attains the highest possible success in its faithful contribution to the advancement of the whole. Once the absolute question of man's

life was "Whither are we?" and latterly men have been trying to answer "Whence are we?" but the practical question of the the hour, the answer to which will fix in large measure the success or failure of life is "Why are we?" Where is my place? What is my work? What principles should control and direct the current of my thoughts and give color and force to my energies?" The world's answer is that every individual life is limited by its own interests. "I am not my brother's This thought too largely moulds keeper." our thinking, influences our performance of duties and appreciation of privileges. The centralization of self stands in the way of true progress; hence unseemly strife. The greed of financial speculators, the scramble of politicians, the sinecures of even literary institutions, and all the opportunities of human activity exhibit practically the setfishness of worldly ef-

Man is not able to look beyond the temoften play a most important part.

foot of the rainbow; he was glad to hear that this bright vision for the future had its trunk and branches. The leaf is annual, the tree perennial; man dies, mankind continues, and yet the leaves, like individuals, slowly and gradually, year after year, elaborate from elemental nature the solid structure that endures. Only as the individual links himself vitally to the race

life, does he fulfill the purpose of existence and realize true success. Thus is fulfilled the final command of God to man; thus the earth is replenished and the race perpetuated. "No man liveth to himself alone;" and thus find we the answer to our query. Though as leaves we drop and fall, each may.

Rise on stepping stones Of their dead selves to nobler things.

No life finding its inspiration in the " am that I am" can fail. The law of true success is best illustrated in Christ's life, who came to do the will of Him that sent him. He first encountered the ruling selfishness of that period and lifted the race into a higher, holier and better plane of action. To follow his path, painful though it will be, will be to win the everlasting. The Carpenter of Nazareth is the central figure of the world's best life.

In conclusion, addressing more particularly the alumni, Dr. Klopp referred to the duty of all classes of educated men to sound forth the great truth that man lives not for himself alone; but to tell and realize approximately the matchless life which freely yielded all to the glory of God college is not to be narrowed by any lack that now is and for that which is to come. He lives best, longest, truest and forever Rev. E. R. Eshbach, D. D., on behalf of who lives most for others. It is the law of 'The Literary Societies," eulogized their life that seed planted in the earth must first die before it can live in its fullness. It is ours then while here, not only to be

the subjects of the good, but mediums of its tory over all at last for ourselves. So that when at last we gather with the countless throng about the throne of God and hear only one voice say that their life has been blessed by us while here, below it will then appear as worth all the self denial it has cost. But over all and above all will and suffered even, if at the end shall come the word of Him whose life we have tried

many things. "The streamlet, through the church yard's solemn calm, Sounds like an ancient prophet's voice of faith, Chanting beside the grave a glorious psulm Of life in midst of death.

The living water and the burial mound Proclaim in parable, that through death's sleep Flows on for age, though none may hear its ound, Life's river still and deep.

Raised 'twixt the sleeper and the world's

strife,
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