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(For the Lutheran and Missionary.)

## CELEBRATION OF THE 22d AT GETTYS- BURG.

As a proper celebration of Washington's Birth-day is a healthy exhibition of patriotism, and the occurrence of such an event, at one of the most important institutions of our church, should be interesting to your readers, I have attempted to portray our celebration. Our celebration took place at Pennsylvania College, Monday, February 25. It was rather a hastily-planned affair, as student celebrations are apt to be, but, if not elaborate in design and detail, was eminently successful in execution. The spirit was there, and the desire to celebrate, and these enable one to get along without much stage effect.

About 10 o'clock, the college bell rang out its summons, and students and professors assembled together in the college chapel. There we found the "Quaver Club" ready to discourse inspiring strains for our edification. Prayer followed their music. Then came the singing of a patriotic hymn,

("My country, 'tis of thee," &c.)

This was followed by the reading of Washington's Farewell Address, by the Tutor. Again, at its close, the music sounded, and then our President delivered a speech. He showed the points of resemblance between this revolution and the first—how the same domestic treason, base slander and misrepresentation existed then as now. By reference to the history of the various forms of government since Colonial times, he proved the utter fallacy of the right of secession, and the great wickedness of rebellion. He was followed, after an interlude of music, by several of the Professors, who held up for our admiration and imitation the character of WASHINGTON, and pointed out the most prominent of its virtues. After these exercises, the next feature was a sudden dispersion of the students, in consequence of the dinner-hour being at hand. In the afternoon there were many private efforts to celebrate the day, varying with the taste and good fortune of the individual.

Sleighing seemed quite a prominent feature. Little circles met in various rooms, from which came many a hearty laugh and token of mirth.