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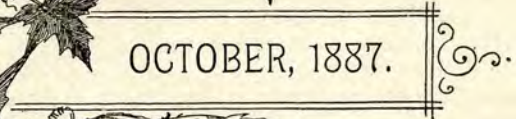
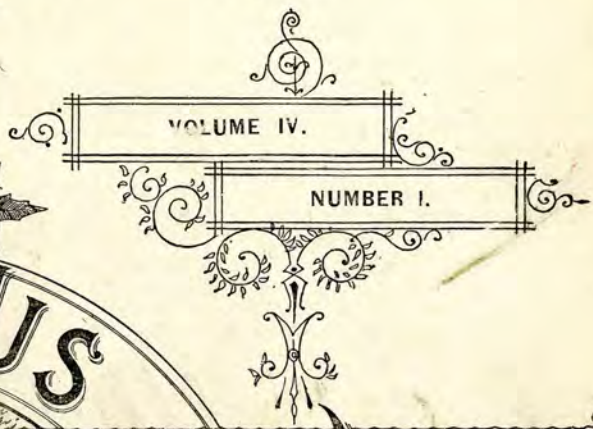
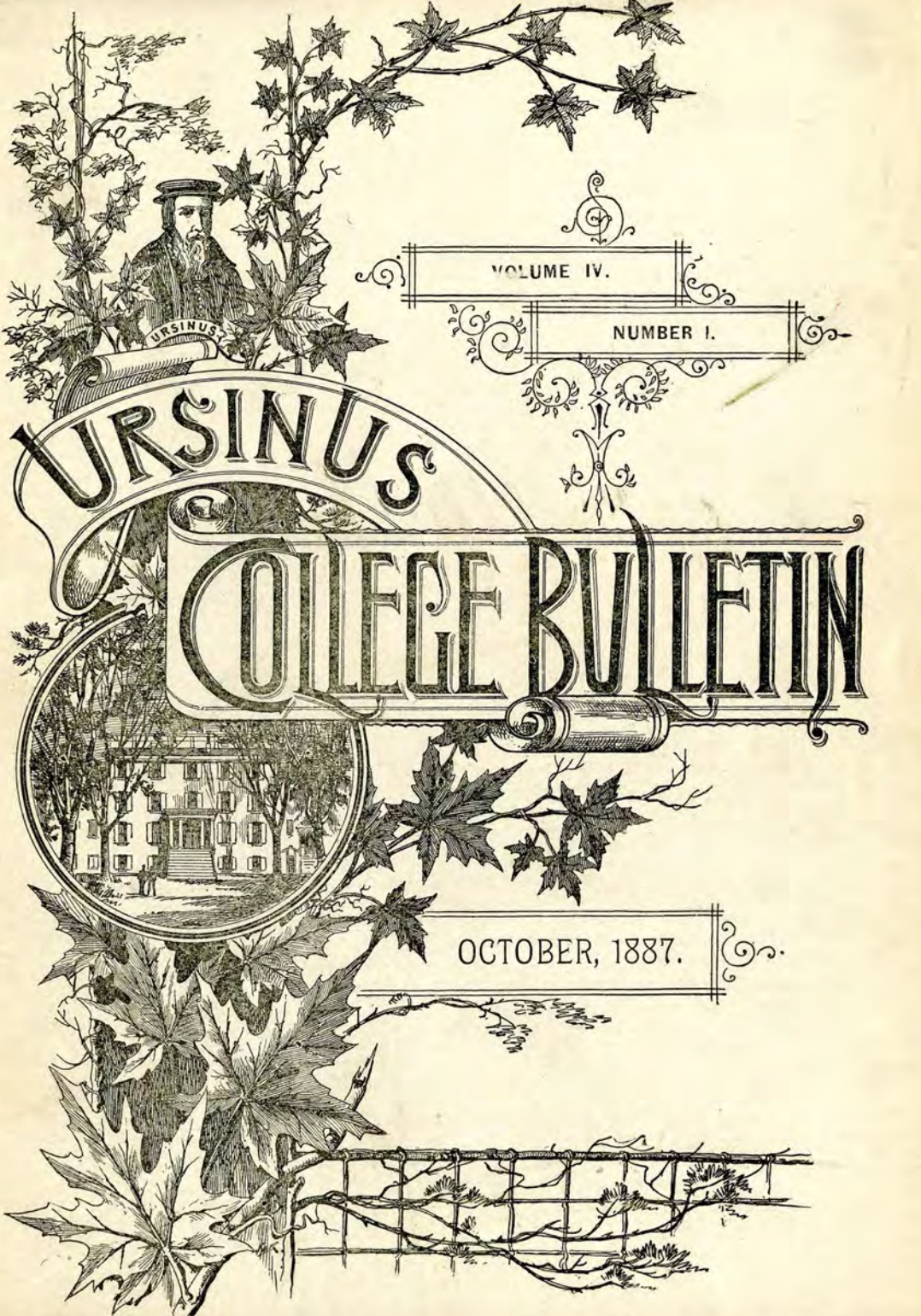
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COLLEGE BULLETIN

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# URSINUS COLLEGE,

Collegeville, Montgomery County, Pa.

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Rev. J. H. A. BOMBERGER, D. D., LL. D., President.

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## Location.

Collegeville, the place where URSINUS COLLEGE is located, is 31 miles, by rail, northwest of Philadelphia, 39 miles east of Reading, and 37 miles south of Allentown, on the Perkiomen R. R., a branch of the Philadelphia and Reading. The village is central in Eastern Pennsylvania and easy of access from all sides. The community is intelligent, taking a lively interest in education, and every influence about the place, physical, social, and religious, is favorable to study and the preservation of health and morals.

## Foundation.

URSINUS COLLEGE was founded in 1869 to prepare ministers for the Reformed church, and to give opportunity for education in the higher branches of learning upon the basis of Christianity. The College is under the control of a board of directors, of whom three-fourths must be members of the Reformed church. Its relation to the Synod is similar to that of *Franklin and Marshall College*, at Lancaster, and in all respects it acknowledges itself amenable to the jurisdiction of the Reformed Church in the United States. Since 1882 it has been open to both sexes.

## Faculty.

The following is a list of the Professors and Instructors:

- REV. J. H. A. BOMBERGER, D. D., LL. D., *President, and Professor of Philosophy, Theology and Exegesis.*
- A. B., Marshall College, 1837, and A. M.; D. D., Franklin and Marshall College, 1853; LL. D., Heidelberg College, 1886; Tutor Marshall College, 1836-38; Principal Lewistown Academy, 1839-40; Pastor, 1838-70; Ursinus College, 1870.
- REV. HENRY W. SUPER, D. D., *Vice-President, and Professor of Mathematics, Physics, Church History, and Homiletics.*
- A. B., Marshall College, 1849, and A. M., 1852; D. D., Heidelberg College, 1874; Principal of Male Department Cumberland Valley Institute, 1854, Professor of Mathematics in the Keystone State Normal School, 1867-70; Ursinus College, 1870.
- J. SHELLY WEINBERGER, A. M., *Professor of the Greek Language and Literature.*
- A. B., Yale College, 1859, and A. M.; Professor of Ancient Languages in Freeland Seminary, 1859-70; Ursinus College, 1870.
- SAMUEL VERNON RUBY, ESQ., A. M., *Professor of the English Language and Literature, Belles Lettres, Chemistry and Natural History.*
- A. B., Franklin and Marshall College, 1853, and A. M., 1857; admitted to the Practice of Law at Carlisle, Pa., 1858; Professor of Ancient Languages and Belles Lettres in Palatinate College, 1868-72; Ursinus College, 1872.
- REV. FRANCIS HENDRICKS, A. M., *Professor of Hebrew and History.*
- A. B., Union College, N. Y., 1848, and A. M., 1852.
- REV. J. B. KNIEST, D. D., *Professor of the German Language and Literature.*
- A. B., Heidelberg College, 1858, and A. M.; D. D., Heidelberg College, 1886.
- EDMUND MORRIS HYDE, A. M., Ph. D., *Professor of the Latin Language and Literature.*
- A. B., Trinity College, Hartford, 1873, and A. M., 1876; Ph. D., Yale College, 1882; Instructor in Episcopal Academy of Connecticut, at Cheshire, 1877-80 and 1885-86; Instructor in Pennsylvania Military Academy at Chester, 1881-84; studied at University of Leipzig, 1884-85; Ursinus College, 1887.
- ALCIDE REICHENBACH, A. M., *Principal of the Academic Department, and Instructor in the Science and Art of Teaching.*
- Western Reserve College; A. B., National Normal University, 1872, and A. M., 1875; study of French and Pedagogy abroad, and Swiss and German Normal Schools, 1872-73; Founder of Valley Normal School, Va., and Principal of same, 1873-77; Principal of Cumberland (Md.) High School and Alleghany County Normal School, 1877-79; Ursinus College, 1880.
- A. LINCOLN LANDIS, M. S., *Instructor in Mathematics and Book-keeping.*
- Millersville State Normal School; B. S., Ursinus College, 1883, and M. S., 1886; Ursinus College, 1883.
- JAMES LEUBA, *Instructor in Phonography.*
- H. E. JONES, *Instructor in Penmanship.*

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**Government.**

In its scholastic work the College combines the system of marks with that of examinations, and parents are regularly informed as to the standing of the students. All young men from a distance room in the College buildings, but may go out for their meals to places approved by the Faculty. Young women are furnished boarding in private families.

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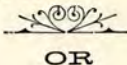
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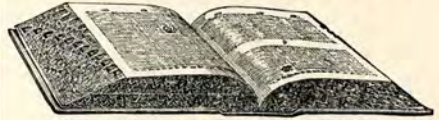
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ONCE again must we come with words of explanation before that portion of the public which it is our privilege to address. What we have to say, however, shall be expressed as briefly as possible, for, as the chief mission of our language is to quiet the ruffled minds of "gentle readers," and as we believe that short apologies are ever most acceptable, conciseness is our wisest course.

For some time past a numerously asked question that had begun sadly to afflict us, was, "What has become of the BULLETIN?" Well, the BULLE-

TIN is here, and soon we shall rejoice in the consciousness that a final answer has at last effectually silenced the much repeated inquiry. The reasons for our tardiness are easily given. After the opening of the present session of the College it was found that delays in the receipt of matter desired for publication, as well as other circumstances, were conspiring to interfere with the preparation of our pages, so that a September number,—following the bad example of many contemporaries,—if issued at all, could not be sent out before the last days of the month. Accordingly it was decided to adopt immediately an alteration in our plans which had been contemplated for next Fall, viz.:—omit publication for the two months of August and September instead of for those of July and August, as was done this Summer, and then begin the volume of the Academic year with the month of October in place of January as heretofore. The results of the conclusions reached take form in the several headings of the present issue, which is for October, 1887, and is the first number of Volume IV.

There are many excellent arguments that could be adduced in favor of publishing from October to July a college journal that can appear but ten months in the year and must



represent an institution regulated as to times and seasons as is URSINUS. Restricted space, however, forbids our presenting them. The only result following upon the inauguration of the new method which it might seem desirable to have avoided, is the shortening of Volume III that it will occasion. Even this, indeed, can be of little material consequence save with those who are accustomed to have the volumes of the BULLETIN bound separately, Volume III being almost too small for that purpose. As a remedy for this difficulty, Volumes II and III, which naturally accompany each other, can be bound together. A title-page for that purpose will be furnished with the November or December number.

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The new plans cannot possibly cause any confusion in the BULLETIN'S subscription lists. Those subscriptions that would have begun with September will not be affected, for while they commence a month later they will run a month longer, so that the loss and gain will balance the account. In all other instances where the subscriber requests it, or the nature of the case suggests its propriety, the subscription will gladly be moved on a month. Thus each one will receive the full amount of Ursinian literature for which he subscribed.

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And let this much suffice for our explanation and the due introduction to our readers of Volume Four.

After three months of *otium cum dignitate*,—or something more worthy for the true purposes of manly rest and the earnest work of human life than mere surpliced, high-capped, formal dignity,—the BULLETIN may be fairly expected to resume its course with renewed zest and vigor. And, in truth, it is fully prepared to meet any such expectations, for as it starts once more on its literary path brighter prospects of prosperity greet it than it has yet known. Of the correctness of this statement, it feels very confident, the issue of the new year will give abundant evidence.

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No previous Fall Term of URSINUS COLLEGE was ever more propitiously inaugurated than that represented by the current number of the BULLETIN. The accession of new students is entirely unprecedented here. It is among the most encouraging facts in the case that the College proper and Theological Department have shared so largely in the additions, and that these are, furthermore, all here with the purpose and hope of completing their courses of study. The Junior Theological Class,—like the classes in the Collegiate Department,—is unusually large, and includes young men who appear to have taken up their labors with intelligent and devout earnestness.

There might have been even more in it had the wishes and proposed conditions of the applicants been complied with. These cheering facts are mentioned, not in the spirit of



boasting, but of gratitude to God, is the only condition it will ever and as facts that should not be kept know, unless, as seems probable, it from the numerous friends whose shortly realizes its own theoretical hearts are with URSINUS, and whose state of non-existence.

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liberality is ever ready to help her work, or from the many students, An earnest call from a Classis of who, though no longer in her halls, the Reformed Church thus far closed rejoice in her progress. against us, appeals for one of our students to fill a pastoral vacancy existing there. The call declares that the people desire a preacher holding the doctrinal principles of URSINUS COLLEGE. It is regretted that the supply of young men here is not equal to the many demands for them.

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So much for the growing appreciation of the educational merits of the College, and its efforts to adapt its work, methods and courses of study to the wants of the times, without at all lowering the standard of scholarship or making the attainment of literary degrees temptingly easy and cheap. So much, finally, it may be boldly said for an open and frank avowal of its principles, and making human philosophies, or what vauntingly claim to be such, yield to something higher and better.

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A brief of Professor Hyde's opening address, a production which received marked attention at the time of its delivery, is published further on for the benefit of a larger audience than then enjoyed it.

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The daily papers report that but seven students have entered Andover Theological Seminary this year. We are forced to the painful conclusion that the "new theology" is not superlatively attractive. Like infants everywhere it is too weak either to "draw" or do anything else, save make a big noise when it's whipped; while on the other hand, it differs from babies in general in that present appearances indicate that infancy

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With its strong Faculty, its energetic financial management, its halls crowded with true-hearted students, and its ever-increasing host of friends and Alumni, URSINUS is each day freshly justifying its claim and title to the position it has always held in the front rank of the institutions of our Church, equal to any and second to none.

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A record of fifty-five additions to our several departments, with the reasonable certainty that sixty will be reached ere the current term expires, forms an inaugural for '87 that speaks volumes.

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A complete list of the subscriptions to the BULLETIN that have been received since March 1st, 1887, will be published in November.

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Yan Phou Lee, a young Chinese gentleman, is a recent recruit to Alumni ranks at Yale.



**THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.****NOTES.**

Messrs. C. U. O. Derr, H. T. Boyer, W. H. Wotring and E. W. Lentz have been selected a committee to draft a new Constitution for the Zwinglian Society. It is proposed that the work thus begun—which includes the printing of the revised rules of government in good form—shall be completed by the end of the present term.

Both the Zwinglian and Schaff Societies are initiating many new members.

Among the literary attractions at the College this Fall will be Rev. R. H. Conwell's lecture on "Acres of Diamonds," which the Schaffites have decided to provide.

The Societies have so recently settled down to work again that results have not had time to mature, and news is consequently scarce.

**COLLEGE ITEMS.**

The 18th year of URSINUS opened with quite a "boom." To use the language of the business world, things about College are "active and firm with a decided tendency to rise." The number of new students, as well as the total attendance, is the largest ever known here for the Fall Term. Up to the time the BULLETIN goes to press the aggregate additions are 55, nine in the Theological Department, twenty-one in the Collegiate, and twenty-five in the Academic. There is a strong probability that the addi-

tions will reach sixty before this term has run its course, a figure unapproached by any corresponding period in our history.

Peter Gross, Esq., one of the new directors elected at last Commencement, is President of the National Bank of Slatington, Pa. Mr. Gross was present on the first day of the current session of the College.

A course of lectures on Roman Antiquities has been begun by Prof. Hyde, who addresses those engaged in this interesting branch of study every Friday afternoon from four to five o'clock. The Professor's large collection of engravings and maps of ancient and modern Rome aids him materially in illustrating his discussions.

A striking and general improvement is noticeable in the furniture and appointments of the students' rooms throughout the College, all of them presenting an appearance of great neatness and comfort.

Prof. Reichenbach, Principal of the Academic Department, reports that the classification there is better this Fall than ever before. This orderly arrangement of the pupils in distinct divisions increases the working capacity of the Department, and, causing it to move in greater harmony with the higher courses of instruction, will be sure to bring about very favorable results for future College classes.

That mighty, towering tree, the "Sentinel Oak," on the south side



of the College Campus, which every living student who ever trod the halls of URSINUS will distinctly remember with something akin to emotion, at last lies prostrate, felled by the woodman's axe. A deep decay in its trunk, signs of which appeared some years ago, finally rendered the cutting down of the tree advisable, but if ever a king of the forest deserved to die a natural death that tree did. Those best competent to judge say it must have been nearly 150 years old.

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As the last line of manuscript for the October number goes to the printer's hands, news of most encouraging success in his work comes from the financial agent, Rev. H. T. Spangler, who is laboring in the field of Rev. F. S. Lindaman at Littlestown, Pa.

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PERSONAL.

President Bomberger and lady passed three weeks of the long vacation at Ocean Grove.

Vice-President Super and wife visited Gettysburg and Atlantic City during the summer.

Prof. Hyde spent most of the time of his recent sojourn in Europe in Paris, France, and Neuchatel, Switzerland, perfecting himself in conversational French, which will be a required study during the last two years of the new Scientific Course. The Professor has accepted an invitation to speak at this year's Teachers' Institute of Northampton county, to be held at Easton, Pa., in November next.

J. Ross Myers, ex-'88, is engaged in business in Baltimore, Md.

O. G. Peter, '90, was by reason of sickness compelled to return home recently.

James Leuba, '88, and H. E. Jones, '91, now occupy positions among the instructors of the College, the former as teacher of stenography, the latter as teacher of penmanship.

Samuel A. Hitner, a prominent teacher, of Chester county, is a student in the Theological Department.

Ernest Clapp, '89, a son of Dr. J. C. Clapp, President of Catawba College, N. C., is one of the "new students."

M. R. Longstreth, '89, spent part of his summer vacation at the Delaware Water Gap.

George H. Miller, '86, early in August last enjoyed a long trip by carriage, driving from his home at Weaversville, Northampton county, Pa., to Philadelphia and back. During the Summer he preached his first German sermon in the charge of Rev. O. P. Schellhamer, York, Pa.

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THE Y. M. C. A.

Messrs. Gideon P. Fisher, Harry E. Jones and Henry Tesnow were the delegates representing the URSINUS association in the Twentieth Annual Convention of the Y. M. C. A. of Pennsylvania, held at Lancaster, Pa., September 22-25, 1887.

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Vice-President Super, D. D., has begun a course of Bible Talks before the Y. M. C. A., to be given in its



reading-room on one Sabbath afternoon in each month of the College year, at three o'clock. The dates and subjects of the Talks, as arranged for the future, are as follows: 1887. October 16th, "Prayer"; November 20th, "Repentance"; December 18th, "Conversion." 1888. January 15th, "Re-generation"; February 19th, "Adoption"; March 18th, "Justification"; April 15th, "Consecration"; May 20th, "Sanctification"; June 17th, "Resurrection and Final State."

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#### THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

##### IN HARVEST TIME.

The freshening fall of flood and rain  
Came pouring over hill and plain;  
Then summer sunshine shone again,  
    With fierce rays glowing;  
On meadows, sweet with vernal grass,  
On fields of corn, a rustling mass,  
On grain fields, where the long waves pass,  
    Bright promise showing.

The golden growth was not in vain;  
See, harvesters and gathered grain.  
The loaded sheaves through every lane  
    Are homeward going.  
Soon night will bid the laborers rest.  
Where clouds are crimson in the West,  
The sun sinks with a gorgeous crest,  
    The last beams throwing.

The valley in the evening air  
Grows hushed as if for silent prayer.  
Was no thanksgiving uttered there?  
    No praise bestowed?  
The breeze blew fragrance from the fields  
And brought the cool the woodland yields,  
By banks where tall trees hung their shields,  
    The river flowed.

The harvesters, their last sheaves bringing,  
Went homeward and I heard them singing,  
Across the stream the echoes flinging,  
    Their harvest ended.

Their harvest hymn rang o'er the hill,  
I hear its happy echoes still,  
That evening hymn rang out, until  
    Its notes ascended.

*Glen Farm, July, 1887.*

M. W.

#### WEDDING BELLS.

At two o'clock in the afternoon of the first of September, in Christ Reformed Church, Bath, Penna., before a large audience, Rev. John O. Lindaman, pastor of the congregation, and a theological alumnus of URSINUS COLLEGE, of '86, was united in marriage to Miss Mary, the accomplished daughter of Rev. Robert Lisberger. The ceremony was performed by the brother of the groom, Rev. F. S. Lindaman, class of '72, of Littlestown, Penna., assisted by the father of the bride. The groomsmen were Mr. George H. Miller, Weaversville, Pa., of the senior theological class of URSINUS and Mr. George Lisberger, of Bath, a member of the same class in Franklin and Marshall. The bridesmaids were Miss Annie Lisberger, a sister of the bride, and Miss M. Smith, of Allentown, Pa.

The church was elaborately decorated for the occasion by the ladies of the charge with rare exotics and blooming plants, the ceremony being performed under a large bell of beautiful flowers. The presents received were numerous and costly. Among them was a check from the congregation for a handsome amount. The BULLETIN, for all those it represents, warmly congratulates the newly wedded couple, hoping that much true happiness may be their lot through life.

M.

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#### THE LIBRARY.

Twenty-one volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica, presented by



Professor Peters of the class of '74, have reached the Alumni Library. The remaining volumes, as they are issued, will be received direct from the publishers. The books are all new and handsomely bound. They will materially increase the practical, intrinsic worth of the library.

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ALUMNI PERSONALS.

[Alumni and others can render a service by sending items of interest for this column.]

'74. Rev. Prof. Moses Peters terminated his connection with Galesville University, Galesville, Wisconsin, at the close of the last academic year in June. During the summer he left this country for England and the continent of Europe, where he proposes to remain for study about two years, first taking a course at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and subsequently finishing his work in Paris, France.

'74. Rev. A. E. Dahlman, of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Philadelphia, as the retiring president of the German Synod of the East, preached the opening sermon of the annual sessions of that body, which took place in his native city early in September.

'75. Rev. D. W. Ebbert, who is now duly installed and settled in the pastorate of Trinity Church, Dayton, Ohio, observed Children's Day with his congregation, on September 4th, with very interesting services, at which three hundred and twenty-three Sunday School scholars were present, two hundred of whom collected \$171.68 as part of the pro-

gramme. Mr. Ebbert's correspondents will notice that his address is changed to No. 316 S. Brown street, Dayton, O.

'76. Prof. John M. Leisse, having resigned his position in Palatinate College, Myerstown, has engaged in teaching in Robesonia, Berks county, Pa.

'76. Rev. John H. Sechler, a graduate of the Theological Department, pastor of Boehm's Church, Blue Bell, Pa., and his estimable wife celebrated their crystal wedding in a very pleasant way one day last June. Two hundred of their parishioners came quietly to their home on the occasion and made the fifteenth anniversary of wedded life an event of great gladness to the inmates of the parsonage.

'76. Rev. F. C. Yost, of St. John's Reformed Church, Milton, Pa., joined with his people, on the first Sabbath afternoon of the month just ended, in celebrating the corner-stone laying of the new House of Worship they are building. Rev. Geo. S. Sorber, of McEwensville, Pa., participated in the exercises, giving an excellent address.

'77. Rev. Charles H. Coon, a theological alumnus, has for seven years held an official position in the Charlestown Young Men's Christian Association of the Charlestown District, of Boston, Mass. He sends words of praise and encouragement for the BULLETIN.

'77. At the last annual meeting of Maryland Classis, held in the Glade Reformed Church of Walkers-



ville, Md., Rev. S. M. Hench, pastor, East Berlin, Penna., received in his action was taken looking to a division of the Glade charge at some future day. A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of the proposed change.

'81. Rev. G. W. Stibitz has resigned his charge at Lehighon, Carbon Co., Pa., and has entered Yale University, where he will follow the course of study prescribed for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

'84. Rev. James W. Meminger was installed in his new charge, St. Paul's Reformed Congregation, of Lancaster, Pa., on Sunday, August 21, 1887. On the same day the church building there, which during the Summer had been undergoing many renovations and improvements, was re-opened and re-dedicated. The installation ceremonies took place in the morning and those of the re-dedication in the evening. At both services the church was filled to its utmost capacity.

The new pastor in Lancaster begins his work with bright prospects of great usefulness and success. His church and parsonage, after an outlay of \$3600, are said to be models of neatness and beauty; his congregation is united and zealous, and his preaching of the Gospel is very effective with the people of the city, crowded audiences listening to his sermons. The BULLETIN offers earnest wishes that he may prosper in his new field, while at the same time it would assure him it has an abiding faith that by God's favor he will.

'84. Rev. John J. Stauffer, of

East Berlin, Penna., received in his several congregations seventy-one members during the first year of his pastorate. The charge has raised his salary for the present year.

'85. The second annual catalogue of Springtown Academy, Bucks Co., Pa., of which Prof. Titus C. Strock is principal, shows many marked improvements on the issue of the first year. The total attendance of students for 1886-87 was sixty-five, and the institution appears to be in a flourishing condition.

Prof. Strock has returned to URSINUS this term, entering the Theological Department, where he intends completing his studies.

'85. Alvin J. Kern, of Slatington, Pa., having successfully passed the examinations of the Medical Department of Wooster University, Ohio, graduated from that institution July 27th last. He begins the final year of his course in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, the first week of this month.

'85. Rev. S. L. Messinger, of Zion's Charge, Perry Co., Pa., writes to the BULLETIN that Rev. Dr. Klopp and lady, of Philadelphia, spent their vacation in his field. Mr. Messinger says that the doctor, who began his ministerial labors in this same charge twenty-five years previous, rendered him valuable assistance during his Summer stay, by preaching a number of harvest sermons in the different churches, and that he secured, also, much pleasure for himself by taking advantage of the opportunities afforded by the picnics of the season



to renew friendships with old acquaintances and parishioners. On the morning of the day of his return home the doctor once more stood the present pastor in good stead by assisting as his right-hand man in his first performance of a marriage ceremony.

'85. Rev. James B. May and Rev. O. P. Schellhamer were both ordained and installed during the Summer just gone by; the former on July 3d, in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Birdsboro, Pa., and the latter on August 28th, in Zion's Reformed Church, York, Pa.

'87.

Charles E. Wehler and Gideon P. Fisher are now students in the Theological Department of URSINUS.

Thaddeus S. Krause will remain at his home, Plumsteadville, Bucks Co., Pa., for a year and then take up the study of Law in Philadelphia.

P. Calvin Mensch has entered the Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York city.

W. Albert Korn is teaching an independent school near Mertztown, Berks Co., Pa., for a brief season. At the termination of his work there he will engage in the study of Theology at this place.

Walter Bomberger has matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania for the purpose of availing himself of an excellent two years post-graduate course in English, which is provided by that institution.

**GENERAL COLLEGE AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.**

Jonas G. Clark has given a second million dollars to Clark University, Worcester, Mass.

The latest statistics show that there are over four hundred colleges and seminaries in the United States.

Harvard's last graduating class, numbering 236 members, was the largest in the history of that University.

Mr. A. S. Barnes, the New York publisher, has given \$50,000 to erect a building for the Y. M. C. A. at Cornell University.

There are symptoms of a strong movement to get President Gilman, of Johns-Hopkins University, back to California as President of the State University there.

Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., and Columbia College, New York, each sent out a first lady graduate in June last. It took Columbia one hundred and thirty-three years and Dickinson one hundred and nine to achieve these momentous results.

The College Association of Pennsylvania, composed of college presidents and professors, effected a permanent organization at a meeting held in Lancaster, Pa., in the early part of the past July. Rev. Dr. T. G. Apple, of Franklin and Marshall, was elected President of the Association, and Dr. E. H. Magill, of Swarthmore, Vice-President.



### COLLEGE NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

#### CHANGES IN THE FACULTY.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, held during the past Summer, Rev. Francis Hendricks, A. M., of Philadelphia, was elected Professor of Hebrew and History, to take the place of Rev. E. M. Landis, A. M., now engaged in ministerial work in Colorado. At the same time the Rev. J. B. Kniest, D. D., pastor of Emanuel Reformed Church in the city mentioned, was selected for the chair of the German Language and Literature, to succeed Rev. W. Walenta, who has taken charge of a congregation in Brooklyn, N. Y. Both gentlemen accepted the calls tendered them and are now actively discharging the duties of their several departments.

Professor Hendricks is a graduate of Union College, New York, and has made Hebrew a specialty, so that he reads the language as a pastime. Dr. Kniest, having had extended experience in teaching German, is admirably fitted for the position he occupies. The new professors, therefore, by their qualifications and practical training bring much additional character and strength to the force of instructors at URSINUS.

By an arrangement perfected some time ago, Dr. Hyde has assumed the full Professorship in the Latin Language and Literature besides having charge of French, while the instruction in the Greek Language and Literature is given entirely by Prof. Weinberger.

### GENERAL TOPICS.

#### AMERICAN EDUCATION IN THE PAST AND IN THE PRESENT.

[An abstract of the Opening Address of the Fall Term of 1887, delivered before the students of URSINUS COLLEGE, September 13th, by Prof. Edmund Morris Hyde, A. M., Ph. D.]

"The history of our country presents to the eye of every intelligent man many instances of heroic endurance, of noble perseverance, and of wise forethoughts, whose fruits are being gathered to-day in the freedom and happiness of a great people. But of all these deeds written in letters of gold upon the records of our nation none was more far-reaching in its effects than that whose bi-centennial has been celebrated in the year just closed,—i. e., the foundation of the first American college. A band of earnest men in the virgin forests of New England, amid the signs of the mighty struggles which they were waging with nature and the fierce aborigines, in the midst of their log cabins and under the shelter of their rude forts, bethought them of the education needed in order to insure that progress which should place the new-born nation, two centuries later, upon the higher level of intelligence and political prosperity. Since that time how many generous men have been prompted to found institutions of learning; how many lives and how much treasure has been devoted to the elevation of the moral and intellectual standard! No other country in the world can point to such a splendid career with such a noble starting point. Its key-note is to be found in the motto which the little colony of Connecticut placed on her



coat-of-arms, 'qui transtulit, sustinet,' for they indeed believed that the God, who had brought them over the untried dangers of the sea to the western land, would sustain them to the end.

"But the development of education in America had its own history, as clearly marked and as well defined as that of our political life, and it is worth our while to glance at it. The early institutions began, of course, upon a comparatively modest scale, the college being affected by the lack of preparatory schools. The liberality of generous patrons of learning attempted to remedy this by endowing a small number of academies in the New England colonies which fitted students to enter the higher institutions.

"The education of this period differed materially from that of the present day, and included very little which could be called science; and modern languages were not pursued to any extent. Latin, Greek, Mathematics, with a certain amount of Mental and Moral Philosophy and various English, covered the full curriculum. The bachelor's degree was therefore obtained much more easily than it is to-day, when science has made such strides and other branches have claimed their place in a college course.

"In the Middle States, besides the agencies already mentioned, we find the academy, or local, undenominational school, where persons expecting to teach were trained, as well as those who intended to enter college.

The courses were much more elastic than those of the ordinary preparatory schools, and were more nearly like the normal schools of the present day. Many of the representative men of the nation were educated in these institutions.

"Thirty or forty years have witnessed the establishment of the present common-school system. In New England, some of the older endowed institutions have been combined with the High-school. Through the liberality of our larger cities, this class of schools has received a magnificent development, and furnishes the means for pursuing courses in science and modern languages.

"The primary divisions of our prevailing system are receiving the attention of theorists as well as of practical teachers, and great advances are being made wherever the illiberality of ill-judged economy does not withhold the necessary financial support.

"We have now reached a definite position, with a fairly well defined system, so that the world can analyze it and compare it with those in vogue in Europe."

The speaker then gave a careful account of the methods pursued in England, in school, college and university. He drew a picture of the pleasant work in the study of the tutor; and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the plan there employed. After this he described the idea of the German primary schools, and the gymnasium, with its nine-year course in preparation for the university, and spoke of the



methods in use and the care evinced in their application.

The French system of education then came up for consideration, and the new scheme, as pursued in the lycees, was explained at length. The decree of 1885 arranges the courses minutely and carefully.

"The cause of education in America has suffered from two great defects, which are in course of elimination,—*i. e.*, the fact that teaching has not been made a distinct profession, with its definite preparation and fixed requirements, and, secondly, the insufficiency of the elementary schools. In Europe the examination of teachers does not lie in the hands of local boards in small districts, as in many of our states, where men who have no practical acquaintance with the needs of the schools, and represent mere prejudices, often decide for or against a candidate upon unworthy grounds. In Germany, before any one can teach, he is required to pass a searching examination by government inspectors, who then give him a certificate stating the grade of work which he is allowed to undertake. This furnishes to the local boards a number of accredited candidates from whom they can select the one whose qualities seem most likely to subserve their needs. An arrangement of this sort preserves the standard of attainment, and also meets the wants of the individual school. If we can once elevate the scale of requirements exacted of our elementary teachers, we shall thus create a profession, and do away with the evil resulting from

the constant change of instructors. This cannot be over estimated in its wide-reaching effects; for the delicate mind of the little child is like the acorn which contains the mighty oak in its possibilities; but these require care to develop them, and more skill is required at first than later on, when the pupil learns how to work for himself. We need teachers who make a life-study of their vocation.

"All these improvements would have come long ago if the remuneration of our elementary teachers had been higher, so that their occupation should not be looked upon as a mere stepping-stone to something else. We have done a great deal for our college and university grades of intellectual training, let us now work up the lower ones, for we do not begin building a house by constructing a roof, but by laying a foundation; and in like manner the primary schools are, and must ever be, the basis of all after labors. Germany has passed through this very struggle, and an interesting work by an old teacher, which has recently appeared, draws a striking picture of the past difficulties in the country schools and their management.

"There are few districts containing one or two thousand inhabitants which could not afford to support their schools suitably and furnish a fair preparation for business life, and even for entrance to college, where there was a demand for the latter; but two causes have hitherto made this impossible: First, the tendency to found and patronize private



schools; and, secondly, the inordinate number of boarding schools. This last is a cause of regret, for many children can be much better cared for in their homes than in our large and crowded schools, where there is so much to contaminate and injure. Of course this can only apply to the lowest grades, the higher being found necessarily at the centres of education where college and university endowments make it possible to offer advanced courses. The plea is made for a better foundation for after study and this will demand the united efforts of all the people of a district.

"To those who intend to devote their energies to teaching, one great principle is to be recommended,—i. e., teach the child to think. There is a great difference between mere learning by rote and learning so as to assimilate it and make it a part of the person. Even in elementary studies, lead a child to put two and two together and deduce the rules for himself. Our men of genius differ from others only in possessing a higher degree of concentration of thought and a greater control over the mind. This also leads us to one great object of education. Many suppose that we only aim at giving *information*, at accumulating in the memory facts which will be useful hereafter. But they must not overlook the truth that *formation* is even more important. You cannot use a knife with advantage until it has been sharpened, nor a mind until an edge has been put upon it by those studies

which tend to develop the power of conscious mental effort. Many students fail just here. Furthermore, much of our physical exercise is not directly productive of a tangible result, but the strength which we acquire is more valuable than the other could be. Thus the mind needs to have its sinews developed, and our higher studies in school and college are specially designed to do this.

"In closing, the student of to-day must recognize that success cannot be expected to come to him unless he prepares himself more thoroughly than his ancestors ever thought of doing. Intellectual competition is a real thing and the teachers and professional men who are going out now are seeking to extend their knowledge in college. Do not set for yourselves the minimum of work, but be earnest and accomplish all you can. If you have been endowed with better natural gifts than your neighbor, do not be satisfied with the less quantity of work, but go to the bottom of your subject, whatever it may be. Improve your talents to the extent of your ability.

"A sculptor once undertook to carve an angel form which should be the embodiment of ideal beauty. He meditated long and carefully; it was with him night and day. One day he was sitting before the mass of clay from which he hoped to shape the model of his statue. He fell asleep, and in his dream a bright object came down from the heaven above him. Every line and every feature excited his admiration. He



drank into his soul that vision of beauty. He graved upon his memory its perfections and fixed there its noble lineaments. He awoke, and, in the fresh ardor of his enthusiasm, he moulded the plastic substance which was ready, and it grew before his eyes into the visitant he had seen. He carved in enduring marble the form he had modeled and his glory was won.

"Now we, too, have a divinely-sent vision for the direction of our life work; let us seek it, and endeavor to realize in the development of our nature that plan which the Almighty has made for us. Like the block of marble, there lies within us the possibility of a noble manhood. Let it be our task to carve away the useless, and make the resulting figure reproduce the ideal which we have set before us."

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### EXCHANGES.

We regret to say that our editorial table is not just now groaning under the weight of a sumptuous literary feast supplied by under-graduate brains. On the contrary, it has a destitute, desolate appearance, that fails entirely to excite any cravings of our intellectual appetite. As we leave our *sanctum* in disgust, a few, solitary, rather uninviting dishes arrive, but we are already late and can give them but a passing glance. We shall, therefore, wait until the board is more generously spread before partaking of its fare.

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### MONTHLY SUMMARY.

#### COLLEGIATE.

*Wichita University*, Wichita, Kansas, opened October 3, 1887. Rev. A. S. Weber, of Westminster, Md., has accepted the Presidency of the institution.

The Fall Term of *Heidelberg College*, Tiffin, Ohio, began September 7th. The opening address was delivered by Prof. T. H. Soundedeker,

A. M.; subject, "The Multiplicative Tendencies of a Collegiate Education." The number of new students enrolled is forty-nine.

*Franklin and Marshall College*, located at Lancaster, Pa., inaugurated the work of the present collegiate year on September 1st with thirty-two new students in the College, thirteen in the Theological Seminary, and eight in the Academy. Prof. John B. Kiefler, Ph. D., delivered the opening address, on the theme "The American Student." Prof. R. C. Schiedt, a recent graduate of the Seminary, has been appointed to take the place of Prof. Stahr during the latter's absence as financial agent of the College.

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#### CONGREGATIONAL.

Within a year past four new Reformed churches have been dedicated in North Carolina, one each in the Newton, Western Rowan, Concord and Hickory charges. Besides this, three churches are at present in process of erection in this one Classis.

An addition of twenty feet is being built to the Salem Church of the Waynesboro (Pa.) charge, Rev. F. F. Bahner, pastor.

Reformed church dedications hitherto unreported in the BULLETIN have taken place as follows: 1887. June 12th, at Pine Hall, Centre county, Pa., in the Boalsburg charge, Rev. W. H. Groh, pastor; the edifice cost \$4200. July 3d, at Manor Station, Pa., Rev. A. E. Truxal, pastor; the building cost nearly \$5000. July 24th, at Saxton, Pa., in the field of Rev. I. N. Peightal; cost of building, over \$4000. September 4th, Zion's Reformed Church, Greenville, Mercer county, Pa., Rev. S. H. Eisenberg, pastor; the total cost of the structure and ground was about \$19,000. September 4th, a House of Worship for the Latrobe Mission, in the Ligonier Valley, Pa.; pastor, Rev. C. M. Hartzell.

Emanuel's Reformed (English) Congregation of Hazleton, Pa., was organized in the latter part of August with fifty-two confirmed members. For the present Revs. F. K. Levan and A. M. Massenheimer will have charge of this new mission.

The following corner-stone layings for the new Houses of Worship mentioned have occurred since the summary was made up for our last issue: 1887. June 25th, at Marklesburg, Pa., Zion's Reformed Church, Rev. H. F. Long. August 4th, at Rushville, O., Winegardner Chapel, Rev. See-



man. September 4th, at Wapwallopen, Luzerne county, Pa., St. John's Reformed Chapel, Rev. S. S. Kohler. September 4th, at Milton, Pa., St. John's Reformed Church, Rev. F. C. Yost. September 17th, at Bethany Station, ten miles south of Greensburg, Pa., a building for the Reformed congregation lately organized there.

A congregation was formed July 2, 1887, at Mount Zion, near West End, Bedford county, Pa., in the Sulphur Springs charge, Rev. S. C. Long, pastor. A school-house, the gift of Judge Samuel Walker, was remodeled and set apart for the use of the congregation.

St. John's Church, of the Beaver charge, Hamilton township, O., Rev. J. M. Grether, after receiving a new roof and being painted and refitted, was rededicated July 17th last.

St. Jacob's Church, of the New Lisbon (O.) charge, Rev. R. B. Reichard, having undergone extensive renovations, was reopened during the past summer.

David's Church, of the Valley charge, O., Rev. J. B. Henry, after the addition of many desirable changes and repairs, was reopened July 31st.

St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., Rev. J. W. Meminger, having been greatly beautified and improved externally and internally at an expense of \$3600, was formally rededicated August 21st.

Extensive improvements are in progress at St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Montgomery county, Pa., Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., pastor.

Christ Reformed Church, Alexandria, Pa., Rev. C. U. Heilman, has been handsomely repaired and refurbished at a cost of \$2000. It was reopened on Sunday, September 18th.

During the first six months—ending July 1, 1887—of the pastorate of Rev. R. Smith at Glassboro, N. J., thirty-four members were added to the congregation, nine by confirmation and twenty-five by certificate.

The Mount Zion Church, in the charge of Rev. H. J. Welker, Stouchsburg, Pa., was rededicated early in May last after repainting, refrescoing and refurbishing.

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MINISTERIAL.

Alspach, J. W., installed in the Everett charge, Penna.

Beck, E. M., installed at Germantown, O.

Bartholomew, A. R., accepted secretaryship of the Board of Foreign Missions, to succeed the late Dr. Johnston.

Casselman, A., resigned Fairfield charge, O., to accept a position tendered by the Board of Home Missions. Post office address is Lyons, Kan.

Carnahan, B. R., address changed from Meyerhoffer's Store, Va., to Keedysville, Md.

Derr, Tilghman, accepted call to the Millersburg charge, Dauphin county, Pa.

Dumstry, M. F., address changed from Pittsburg to Zelenople, Pa.

Ebbert, D. W., installed pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Dayton, O. Address changed to No. 316 Brown street, Dayton, O.

Gass, R. F., installed in the Red Bank charge, Clarion county, Pa.

Gekeler, H. S., installed in the Upper Sandusky charge, O.

Hittel, M. Z., pastor of the Chambersburg charge, died at his father's residence in Montgomery county, Pa., July 31st.

Hart, H. L., of Orangeville, Ill., accepted call to the West Alexander (O.) charge. Address changed to the latter place.

Herold, J., Youngstown, O., accepted call to the German congregation, Pittsburg, Pa., vacated by Rev. M. F. Dumstry.

Hilbish, Henry, resigned Hanover, York county, Pa.

Kerschner, J. B., accepted call to Conyngham charge, Pa.

Kieffer, M., D. D., temporarily engaged in pioneer work in Sioux City, Ia.

Laury, S. F., accepted call to Marietta, Pa. Address changed to that place.

Lohman, G. A., address is Bern, Basel P. O., Nemeha county, Pa.

May, J. B., installed at Birdsboro, Pa.

Meminger, J. W., installed pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.

Moore, J. P., address is Koyen, Yamagata, Japan.

Mayer, L. J., resigned Boyerstown, Pa., October 1st.

Miller, E. D., address changed from Upper Sandusky, O., to Hazelton, Pa.

Pilgrim, F., of Greenville, Pa., settled at Irwin, Pa.

Phillips, S. H., licentiate, of the Theological



Department of URSINUS COLLEGE, unanimously called to Chambersburg, Pa.

Runkle, S. R., installed pastor of the Dakota charge, Ill.

Steckel, O. P., installed in St. Mark's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa.

Schneder, D. B., late missionary at Marietta, Pa., has accepted an appointment as missionary to Japan.

Snyder, A. C., address changed from Elderton, Pa., to Bouquet, Westmoreland county, Pa.

Shaw, S., Bloomville, Seneca county, O., resigned the Venice charge.

Shultz, R. F., installed pastor of Reedsburg charge, O.

Stibitz, G. W., resigned at Lehighton, Carbon county, Pa. Address changed to No. 109 Elm street, New Haven, Conn.

Sandoe, H. H., accepted call to Baldwin, Pa.

Sauerber, F. J., resigned Heidelberg Church, York, Pa.

Schellhamer, O. P., installed in Zion's Reformed Church, York, Pa.

Weber, A. S., resigned the Westminster (Md.) charge.

Whitmore, S. L., address changed from Winchester, Va., to Adamstown, Md.

Xanders, W. H., installed at Bluffton, Ind.

A Retreat or Spiritual Conference, participated in by twenty-five Reformed ministers, was successfully conducted at Mercersburg, Pa., for a week during the early part of August last.

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#### BENEVOLENT.

The will of the late John Keiper, of Philadelphia, contains a bequest of \$2000 to URSINUS COLLEGE.

Mr. George Doll, of Philadelphia, on the recent occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of his wedding, presented a donation of \$1000 to the German Hospital, Philadelphia, and one of \$50 to URSINUS COLLEGE.

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#### BOOK AND LITERARY NOTICES.

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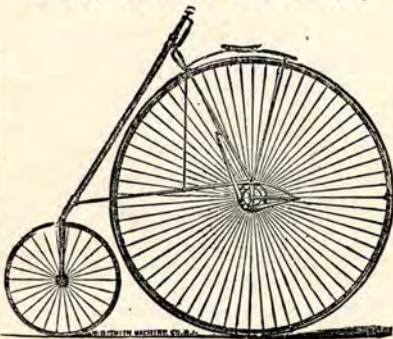
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