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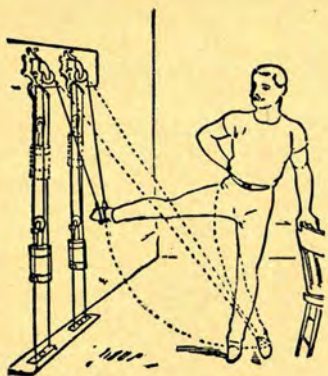


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LESS than a brief half year has passed in our checkered college life since we as students were filled with the anticipated satisfaction of plans completed and work well done, as, with unconcealed eagerness, we looked forward to what seemed a securely established goal in our academic journey. But, lo! the coveted position has been reached and left behind, and we are still toiling on: for scarce had we gained its longed-for rest and opportunities for rejoicing over results achieved, ere we found it but the threshold of a new career, the opening up of a longer and more uneven highway than any we had hitherto

traversed. The point far ahead in our chosen path where its course, slowly mounting a rugged hill and meeting the clear blue sky, came to an abrupt termination that gladdened our hearts with the illusive hope that the close of the laborious part of our explorations in the fields of knowledge was finally at hand, has proved only an elevated vantage-ground from which the dusty road stretches far away before our vision until it is lost in the mists and darkness of the valleys that lie beyond.

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To a great extent the toil of to-day is simply the preparatory exercise for that of to-morrow. A brilliant conquest is a stern commander, forcing us into other battles that require fresh displays of strategy and skill. Success and responsibility are inseparable, and undertakings accomplished are ever fruitful of new duties to be discharged, new questions to be solved and new work to be disposed of. Yet the prospect shall not dismay us, but we will rather pick up courage and march bravely on, confident that if we swerve not from the high purposes that are set before us, the victories of the past will be the sure precursors of coming prosperity. Though the difficulties increase as we proceed, we may be assured that by careful exercise our strength to meet them will steadily grow in full proportion.

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These reflections are merely by way of introduction to the more interesting statements that URSINUS and her representative, the BULLETIN, have be-

gun another academic year with brighter skies above them than they have ever known before. At no time previous was each quite so well equipped for solid, effective labor. As their mission widens, their powers develop, and their capacity for covering the growing territory becomes greater. As to the college, the attendance of students is considerably larger than at any corresponding period in her past history. This the figures on another page make evident. The faculty has received additions and the facilities for imparting satisfactory instruction are thus proportionately improved.

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As to the journal whose calling is an honest endeavor to reflect for the benefit of the public eye the daily life and literary activity of the institution, it, too, starts on its course with an infusion of vigorous vitality. The newly elected college contributors to its columns, whose names appear at the head of the editorial page, are all fully competent in every way to excellently represent the college body politic. They are devoted to the interests of their *Alma Mater* and many good results of their work may be confidently expected. The amount of reading matter in the BULLETIN has been increased by the use of a new font of long primer type, and it will be further added to in the course of the year. Much cause for encouragement therefore exists on every side.

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Professor Peters was most warmly welcomed by the students upon his first appearance with the faculty. The deep concern he has always manifested in the welfare of the institution was

even then known to many, and it has now helped him to a warm place in the hearts of all.

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We desire for the first time to call the attention of our readers and friends to the very material good they can do us by patronizing our advertisers. Students, especially, should see that this matter is not overlooked. We have been very successful this year in securing the cards of many leading firms, and the insertion of more may be looked for in extra pages of future issues. The houses that thus patronize us for the improvement of their trade are all, without exception, first-class establishments, and our readers will find it just as profitable and satisfactory to deal with them as with other concerns, equally as good, no doubt, but to whom we are not indebted for any of our annual revenue. Kindly remember this, and if possible mention the BULLETIN in making your purchases, that the paper may be helped in retaining an important part of its income.

VACATION NOTES.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The delightful weather of the past summer heightened the attractions of Collegetown as a summer resort, and all the boarding houses, hotels and private homes open to boarders were thronged with guests. The community was as full of life as during term time, but it was not of the same interest to the BULLETIN as when the activity of the place centers in the College. The professors and friends resident here could scarcely invent an excuse for going abroad, except the need of a change of scene and occupation, and

therefore they sensibly spent most of their vacation at home.

President Bomberger sojourned for ten days among friends in Huntingdon and Blair counties, breathing the invigorating air of the Allegheny mountains. Further rest he found in the relief afforded him by opportunities to preach the gospel in different sections of the church.

Vice-President and Mrs. Super took their usual summer rest at Atlantic City, and found pleasure in entertaining hosts of friends at their elegant home in Collegeville.

Prof. J. Shelly Weinberger rusticated at Glen Farm, and who could wish for a more delightful spot than his on the banks of the Perkiomen. It affords him perpetual recreation.

Prof. Samuel Vernon Ruby found his delight in quietly abiding by the side of his good wife in their home at Mechanicsburg and leisurely visiting friends in the Cumberland Valley.

Prof. Edmund Morris Hyde tarried at the college during July, completing the cataloguing of the library, but in August took a flight of two weeks to Eaglesmere, in Sullivan County, and spent a week in New Jersey.

Prof. Francis Hendricks visited the scenes of his earlier teaching exploits in the interior of the State and gave himself up to the tender ministries required by an invalid companion.

Prof. Reichenbach took possession of a town farm in the Spring, and spent his vacation in giving necessary attention to the trees and bushes, fruit, berries and vegetables of his new domain. He will be the happier for it during the coming winter.

Prof. A. L. Landis started on a trans-continental trip during Commencement week, from which he did not return for sixty-seven days. He attended the National Teachers' Association at San Francisco, visited the Yosemite Valley, Yellowstone National Park and many other places of surpassing interest. He contributes an interesting description of his travels to the Alumni column of this issue.

Rev. H. T. Spangler spent his vacation in preparing a new home for his family, and on August 25th established himself in Dr. J. H. Hamer's house, the second place west of the college.

The Rev. J. H. Hendricks, one of the directors of the college, and the pastor of Trinity Christian Church, took a month's rest from pastoral labor for the first time in twenty-five years. He spent several weeks at Ocean Grove; a week at Delaware Water Gap, and thence traveled along the north branch of the Susquehanna, sight-seeing and visiting friends.

Mr. Samuel A. Hitner, of the Theological Department, was married during the summer, and he and his bride have since chosen Collegeville as their home. The BULLETIN, for all whom it represents, offers Mr. and Mrs. Hitner its heartfelt congratulations and good wishes.

O. H. E. Rauch, '89, whiled away part of his vacation at Myerstown, Pa. During his stay there he was the guest of Rev. H. J. Welker, '76, and E. W. Lentz, I. Calvin Fisher, H. E. Kilmer and W. H. Loose of the college.

Edwin W. Lentz, '89, passed the latter portion of his leisure days in Philadelphia, visiting relatives and friends.

Wallace H. Wotring and I. Calvin Fisher, '89, made excellent use of some of their spare moments by addressing several large religious gatherings which it was their pleasure to attend.

E. S. Bromer, '90, visited his friend and fellow-Schaffite, Ernest Clapp, '89, at his home in Newton, N. C. Mr. Bromer's pleasant, genial manners won for him many warm friends in this delightful portion of the sunny South.

Frank H. Fisher, '91, spent many bright summer hours at Campbellstown, Penna.

Frank B. Miller, '92, suffered with a severe spell of sickness during the summer, which prevented his prompt return to college. We are glad to say, however, that he has fully recovered and is now once again among the boys in his usual good health.

NEWS ABOUT COLLEGE.

CHANGE IN THE FACULTY.

It is with profound regret that we announce the inability of the Rev. J. B. Kniest, D. D., of Philadelphia, to continue his instruction in the German Language and Literature. Early in the vacation he was afflicted with a slight attack of paralysis which necessitated complete rest from mental labor for the summer. His health has sufficiently improved to warrant his return to pastoral work, but his people are unwilling that he should hereafter do double duty. Although his formal connection with the college has thus been suspended we trust that Dr. Kniest will often return to URSINUS. A warm welcome will always await him.

Doubtless all the friends of the college will rejoice to learn that the negotiations entered into several years

ago, and then again suspended, to add the Rev. M. Peters, A. M., B. D., an Alumnus of 1874, to the Faculty of URSINUS, have been favorably concluded. Prof. Peters returned from Europe September 16th, and on the following day hastened to Collegeville to arrange for the duties to which he had been called while yet abroad. He is now earnestly at work as professor in the college in which he was a student fifteen years ago.

Mr. Peters comes to us well equipped for the high duties of a college professor. After his graduation at URSINUS in 1874, he entered Yale Divinity School and graduated three years later with the title B. D. In 1877 he was elected pastor of St. John's Reformed Church, Hamburg, Pa. In 1881 he spent four months traveling in Europe and in the fall of the same year became connected with Galesville University, at Galesville, Wis. In this institution he had charge of the Department of Natural Science, and for a time taught the languages. During his last three years at Galesville he was acting President, having full charge of the school. A long cherished desire to pursue a special line of study took him abroad again in the summer of '87, where he spent six months at the University of Edinburgh and six months at the University of Berlin, studying philosophy and scientific subjects. Several months of his time abroad were also spent in travel on the continent of Europe.

The professorship to which Mr. Peters has been elected at URSINUS is Natural History and Chemistry. For the present year he will also teach German. The gentleman is in hearty sympathy with the aim and purpose of the

college, is conscientious in his work, and will be a valuable and permanent addition to our Faculty.

OPENING OF THE FALL TERM.

The academic year 1888-89 began at URSINUS under the brightest and most encouraging conditions. The number of students enrolled is already greater by twenty than during the entire Fall term of 1887, when the attendance was larger than in any Fall term in the history of the college. The collegiate department lacks but one of sixty, an average of fifteen to a class, and the additions to the three departments number forty. The institution thus continues its steady growth in numbers and solidity, a sure indication of an increase in public favor and a widening of its circle of friends.

The inaugural address of the term was delivered by President Bomberger on the subject "Hard Studies made Easy." It was a popular and taking talk to the students, and the notes of it which are published in another part of the BULLETIN are well worth perusal.

During the absence of the students various minor improvements were made in the college buildings that add to their comfort and utility. The main hall and stairways and a number of students' rooms were papered, new floors laid on the rear porch, in several halls and in the dining-room; the wardrobes were repaired, and other necessary renovations attended to.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The usual reception tendered by the members of the Y. M. C. A., as a wel-

come to the new students of the term, was held in the college chapel on Saturday evening, September 8th. Though the weather was unfavorable, the night was pleasantly and profitably spent. The following musical and literary programme was rendered as part of the entertainment:

PART ONE.

Music, Male Quartet
 Words of Welcome, Prof. A. Lincoln Landis
 Music, "Jesus lover of my Soul," (variations),
 Miss Minerva Weinberger
 Selection, "Breaking of the Roads,"
 Miss Flora Schwenk
 Vocal Solo, "The Diver," Mr. O. H. E. Rauch
 Selection, "Jim's Sister's Wedding,"
 Miss Lillie Gross
 Piano Solo, "The Aeolian Harp,"
 Miss May Royer

PART TWO.

Flute Solo, Mr. Ralph Royer
 Selection, "Hiawatha's Wooing,"
 Miss Hallie Vanderslice
 Solo, "Kathleen," Mr. O. H. E. Rauch
 Recitation, "The Famine," Miss Flora Rahn
 Piano Solo, "5th Nocturne," Leybach,
 Miss May Royer

At its conclusion refreshments were served by the members of the Olevian Society. Pleased and delighted with the exercises thus provided for the physical and psychical man, the students retired to their rooms after the chairman, Mr. Ernest Clapp had expressed the gratitude of the association for their presence.

Vice-President H. W. Super, D. D., delivered his last "Bible Talk" on the afternoon of the first Sunday of the term. His subject was "The Resurrection and the Final State." The meeting was well attended and similar addresses will be continued throughout this year. The services of Professor J. Shelly Weinberger have been secured,

who has already begun a course of practical talks upon subjects which will appear in the next issue of the BULLETIN. The first of the series was given on September 16th, on the theme "A New Life."

SENIOR ORATIONS.

A resolution recently adopted by the Faculty will materially enlarge the opportunities afforded the Senior Class for practice in the art of public speaking. In place of the old-time requirement that each member of this class deliver one oration before the college during the Fall term, it has been deemed expedient to increase the number of speeches in the future to five, to be given by each student during the period of the closing year. The change should meet with warm approval, as it tends to widen the facilities at URSINUS for improvement in this important branch of collegiate instruction. Up to the time we go to press five orations under the new arrangement have been delivered. Henry A. I. Benner spoke on "Meade's Success at Gettysburg;" Ernest Clapp, on "The Problem of Negro Education;" I. Calvin Fisher, on "The Unapplauded Great," and Edwin W. Lentz, on "The Idea of Right."

COLLEGE POLITICS.

The great presidential contest that is now waging throughout the nation has naturally excited considerable good-natured enthusiasm in the academic life of URSINUS. At present the college contains within its classic walls a Prohibition League, a Young Men's Republican Association and a Cleveland and Thurman Club, each of which organizations numbers many eloquent

orators, overflowing with the brilliant economical ideas on which the future welfare of this country depends. As the BULLETIN is in no sense a "party organ," in the general acceptation of that term, it gives below in full the officers of these several organizations. Each leading political faith will be seen to be well represented:

Republican—President, E. W. Lentz; Vice-President, Ira L. Bryner; Secretary, E. G. Small; Treasurer, H. E. Kratz; Captain, C. H. Brandt; 1st Lieutenant, Ralph Royer; 2d Lieutenant, H. E. Kratz.

Prohibition—President, I. Calvin Fisher; Vice-President, H. E. Jones; Recording Secretary, H. E. Kilmer; Corresponding Secretary, Irvin F. Wagner; Treasurer, G. P. Fisher; Chairman Executive Com., O. H. E. Rauch.

Democratic—President, Charles E. Wehler; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. H. Wotring, Wiest and C. H. Slinghoff; Secretary, G. H. Meixell; Treasurer, C. P. Kehl.

CLASS OFFICERS.

The Seniors and Juniors as usual, have elected officers for the current year. They are respectively as follows:—

'89.	
President, . . .	Wallace H. Wotring.
Vice-President . . .	H. A. I. Benner.
Secretary, . . .	Ernest H. Longstreth.
Treasurer, . . .	Henry W. Spare.
Prophet, . . .	O. H. E. Rauch.
Historian, . . .	Miss Flora S. Rahn.
Poet, . . .	Mayne R. Longstreth.

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President, . . .	H. E. Kilmer.
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Poet, . . .	E. S. Bromer.
Historian, . . .	G. H. Meixell.

The members of the Senior Theological Class have unanimously agreed upon holding commencement exercises

at the close of their work. This is a movement in the right direction. It was earnestly advocated by the BULLETIN in '87 and is to be heartily commended.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

ZWINGLIAN SOCIETY.

LECTURE BY REV. T. T. EVERETT, D.D.

The first lecture of the new academic year at URSINUS, was given under the arrangements of the Zwinglian Literary Society in the College Chapel, on Friday Evening, October 5th, by Rev. T. T. Everett, D. D., of Harrisburg, Pa., late Private Secretary to Ex-Governor Pattison. The speaker's theme was "The Winning Side of Life." The warm anticipations of an occasion of much profitable enjoyment which Dr. Everett's widespread reputation as an eloquent orator had created in the community, were entirely justified by the outcome of the evening. The address abounded in strong, well-turned sentences, chaste and sparkling humor and strikingly original ideas. Rich with pointed illustrations and powerful with logical, convincing argument, it did not fail to call forth many appreciative plaudits. Financially and otherwise the entertainment was a complete success. The weather was pleasant and an excellent audience was in attendance. I. Calvin Fisher, '89, fittingly introduced the speaker, and O. H. E. Rauch, '89, opened the exercises with a vocal solo.

ZWINGLIAN MUSEUM.

The Zwinglian Museum, founded at the opening of the term, has been presented with many valuable natural curiosities. The specimens now on the

shelves number upwards of eight hundred, and among them are to be found many interesting pieces, not only of this country but of many foreign lands. H. E. Kilmer, '90, the curator of the museum, to whose energy much of the success of the new enterprise is due, has in preparation a report of its condition with a list of the contributors to it, which will shortly appear in the columns of the BULLETIN.

Messrs. I. Calvin Fisher, W. H. Wotring, and E. W. Lentz, the Committee to revise the Constitution, have completed their labors. The new rules of government will be printed and bound in pamphlet form at an early day.

The following are the Officers of the Society:

President, O. H. E. Rauch; Vice-President, William H. Loose; Recording Secretary, Frank H. Fisher; Corresponding Secretary, Thomas E. Kalbach; Critic, I. Calvin Fisher; Editor, Wallace H. Wotring; Curator, Harvey E. Kilmer; Marshal, P. B. Hensinger; Committee on Library, E. W. Lentz and I. F. Wagner.

SCHAFF SOCIETY.

GENERAL NOTES.

This Society began the new year with very encouraging prospects. Five members were initiated at the beginning of the term. The hall is crowded to its utmost capacity at nearly every meeting and a lively zeal is manifested on the part of all.

The music furnished by the Orchestra adds much to the interest of the weekly programmes.

At a recent meeting it was resolved, that the Society make arrangements for becoming a Corporation. A Board of Trustees was elected to attend to the matter, and F. G. Hobson, Esq., '76, was employed to obtain a charter. The

move, of course, is entirely new and experimental, but it is thought that it is in the right direction and that many advantages will accrue from it.

The Museum has been enriched with quite a variety of minerals collected by enthusiastic members during the summer. Professor Landis presented many fine specimens gathered up during his recent trip to California and the West.

On the evening of October 18th, a lecture will be given in the College Chapel under Schaff auspices. At present writing the name of the speaker is not definitely known, as the committee in charge of the matter is unable as yet to present a final report. It may be confidently stated, however, that the Society will sustain its well-earned reputation in this line by securing a first-class orator and providing an attractive entertainment.

EBRARD SOCIETY.

Many additions to the Ebrard roll of membership are reported this term, and at present the total figures are largely in excess of those of last year. The efforts of Professor Peters to promote the study of the German language in the Institution have been very cordially received, and the healthy condition of the Ebrard ranks is in large measure due to the gratifying results that have attended his labors. At a meeting held September 27th, the Society elected the following officers:

President, W. H. Wotring; Vice-President, H. T. Wagner, Recording Secretary, F. H. Witzel; Treasurer, H. E. Kilmer; Librarian, O. B. Hensinger; Editor, G. H. Meixell; Critic, S. P. Stauffer; Corresponding Secretary, H. E. Jones; Chaplain, J. K. Freed.

THE COLLEGE LIBRARY.

LISTS OF NEW BOOKS RECEIVED.

The library acknowledges the gift of a copy of the last edition of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary from the theological classes of last year. Mr. A. G. Markley has presented a fine Hebrew lexicon, in memory of his son the late Rev. D. B. Markley of the class of '79. Miss Mary Wiest, '84, has made a valuable contribution of thirty-three volumes, including 11 vols. of Lange's Commentaries, 5 vols. of McClintock and Strong's Biblical and Theological Encyclopædia; Harbaugh's Fathers of the Reformed Church, 2 vols.; Heavenly Home; Heaven, or the Sainted Dead, and the Life of Rev. Michael Schlatter; Krummacher's Parables; Schaff's Germany, its Religions, etc.; Christian Church, vol. 1.; America, political, social, etc.; Warren's Causes and Cure of Puseyism; Headley's Luther and Cromwell; Reformed Church Messenger, 1868-73, 2 vols.; The Mine Explored; Imitation of Christ, and two other volumes.

Pestalozzi's *Ausgewählte Werke*, 2 vols. were the gift of Prof. Sterns. Other gifts number 11 vols., including vol. xxiii. in continuation of the *Encyclopædia Britannica* presented by Rev. Prof. Peters, and making a total of forty-eight volumes.

The Zwinglian Literary Society has received the following:

Seventy volumes of public documents from the Hon. D. Ementrout; 7 vols. from Mr. E. G. Small; 2 vols. from Mr. J. W. Bell; 8 vols. from Mr. J. H. Kennedy, Alexandria, Pa.; 4 vols. from Mr. Jacob Neff of Alexandria, Pa.; 2 vols. from Mr. E. W. Lentz; 3 vols. from Mr. O. H. E. Rauch; 1 vol. from Mr. C. Dan. Yost; 2 vols. from Mr. H. E. Kilmer; 18 vols. of public documents from the Hon. W. H. Sowden. Total one hundred and seventeen volumes.

The thanks of the Schaff Literary Society also are given to the following gentlemen for their gifts amounting to forty volumes in all :

B. H. Sprinkle, Esq., a former student of URSINUS, for Menzel's History of Germany, 3 vols., Coxe's History of the House of Austria, 4 vols., Sismondi's Italian Republics, Coleridge's Aids to Reflection, Moore's Poems, Metrical Translation of Aristophanes, Sheridan's Plays, Carlyle's Heroes and Hero-worship and Bacon's Essays. Dr. B. F. Place of Norristown, for Bret Harte's Poems, Poe's Poems, Robert Browning's Poetical Works, Longfellow's Outre Mer. Rev. J. H. Shuford, '74, of Lexington, N. C., for 8 vols. of Schaff's Lange's Commentary on the New Testament. Rev. S. L. Messinger, '85, of Blair, Perry Co., Pa., for Cowles' Critical and Explanatory Notes on the Psalms, and Longfellow's Poems. Mr. I. C. Williams, '91, for Ballantyne's Six Months at the Cape. A. Stofflet, Esq., for Butler's History of the United States, Constitution of the Presbyterian Church and six other volumes. Mr. Ernest Clapp, '89, for Rawlinson's Manual of Ancient History. Mr. H. S. Filbert for Perry's Outlines of Political Economy. Mr. H. G. Allebach, for Swinburne's Essays on Shakespeare.

The Olevian Literary Society acknowledges the following contributions to its collection :

Stories from the Moorlands ; Tennyson's Poems and King Solomon's Mines, from Mrs. Sallie Wagner, '85. East Lynne, Sense and Sensibility, and celebrated female Sovereigns from Miss Emma Dismant.

The library has received thus far six hundred and twenty-two volumes since the present movement was started in April last.

Friends of URSINUS help the good work along. With your assistance we can build up a store of literature which will be of the greatest use to the young men who are laboring to obtain a complete, well rounded education. Contributions of books or of money should be sent to E. M. Hyde, Librarian, URSINUS COLLEGE.

COLLEGE CONTRIBUTIONS.

A MOUNTAIN NOOK.

Eaglesmere, Sullivan County, is a spot of rare beauty. The traveler, after passing over the romantic Catawissa Railroad, enters Muncy Valley, and soon exchanges his car for a comfortable stage which is to convey him six miles up the mountain to the goal of his journey. The road mounts steadily all the way, amid thick forests of hemlock and pine, while the fine gorge at its side, with its cool depths and sparkling brook, gives ever and anon glimpses of woodland glories. In the humid shade grow soft tinted mosses, bright fungus, and a wilderness of graceful ferns waving gently in the evening's breath.

At last the summit is gained, where nestling in the crest of the mountain, twenty-two hundred feet above the level of the sea, lies a charming little lake, a mile and a quarter long. It is set like a gem in dark green woods, and around the greater part of its circumference goes a rustic path protected by huge laurel bushes. The lake with its limpid waters may well have been, as tradition relates, the favorite abode of the mountain eagles, who bathed in its waves.

It is thronged every summer by a host of visitors who fill its excellent hotels, and seek the repose and restfulness of this beautiful retreat. The Eaglesmere, the Lakeside, the Raymond and the Alleghany are all pleasant homes for the summer wanderers who congregate in them. But the many cosy cottages which stud the margin of the lake bear witness to the favor which this resort has found in the minds of so many who are content to come up here

year after year, to pass the hot months.

The remarkably even temperature of the water, which fluctuates between 70 and 77 degrees, together with the long shelving beach of soft sand, makes bathing delightful and adds an attraction rarely to be found in the mountains.

The spiritual needs of the place are not neglected, for two chapels provide services which are well attended.

The various amusements of suburban life are to be had on every hand, while all around in the virgin forests the visitor can find Nature's charms in all their perfection. Here he may study the wonders of the plant world, or enjoy the cloud and storm effects which change so constantly in mountain regions. If he is romantic he can people the moss-carpeted glades with the fairies of German fable. He can dream away the hours in some rocky retreat, with the canopy of a noble tree above his head, or he can lazily drift in his skiff on the smooth bosom of the lake. The writer cannot better express his admiration for this chosen spot than in the following lines jotted down during a ramble along the Laurel Path:—

EAGLESMERE.

Sweet pearl of rock-ribbed Alleghany,

In woodland verdure rich enshrined,

The sunlight's kiss is on thy waves,

Is on the shores thy water laves,

Nor aught beyond of beauty craves,

To brighten or ennoble.

We hail thee, eagle's lofty eyrie,

With laurel wreath in grace entwined!

We bid thee lift thy head on high,

And with thy wingéd monarch vie,

To proudly greet the radiant sky,

A Titan's very double.

But hark! The storm fiend's thunders crashing

In deep reverberations roll,

And clouds on clouds, in mountain mass,

Thy crest in fiery triumph pass;

While many a forest prince, alas!

Must yield to might ascendant.

Behold the sunset glories flashing

From out the evening's nearing goal,

From violet marge and pearly haze,

The golden gleam, the ruby blaze,

And castled heights which towering raise

Their battlements resplendent.

'Tis moonlight; wavelets gently plashing,

In whispers low thy fame extol.

And Love's fair god, with subtle skill,

His web o'er fancy, mind and will,

In silver mazes weaving still,

Enthralls the heart reluctant.

Oh lake so clear, so bright, so fair,

With charms unnumbered everywhere,

In wave and forest, earth and air,

Sweet Eaglesmere, farewell!

E. M. HYDE

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

A TRIP ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

BY PROF. A. LINCOLN LANDIS, M.S., '83.

At this stage of our development in progress as a people there is spread out over our country a great network of railroads. Thus far the American mind has been fully up to the requirements of the nation. No other land is doing to-day what we are doing with reference to crossing mountains by the use of the steam engine.

Twenty years ago it was impossible for eastern tourists to see the extreme western part of the United States without undergoing many great inconveniences. To-day there are three distinct systems of railroads crossing the country. The luxury of the Pullman and dining cars and many comforts of the home go with you as you travel continuously for seven days and nights to span the distance between the two great oceans.

The first twenty-four hours on the cars brought me to Chicago. After

three days spent in the metropolis of the West and a lapse of forty-eight hours I was domiciled in the beautiful city of Denver, Colorado. Here three days were given to sight-seeing. One of them was passed in making a side-trip of a hundred miles up Clear Creek Cañon. It is on this road that the great feat of railroad engineering called the "Loop" is seen, where with a track of four miles winding from one side of the cañon to the other, 600 feet of grade is overcome, while the distance actually gone over is by air-line but one mile.

Manitou, with its snow-capped Pike's Peak, the Garden of the Gods, Williams' Cañon, Glen Eyrie, and Mineral Springs, was reached after six hours ride from Denver. There places of interest were seen with the aid of a competent guide and comfortable carriage facilities.

Continuing the journey through the Grand Cañon of the Arkansas River, over Marshall Pass, and through the Black Cañon, opportunity offered itself to behold the grandest mountain trip thus far known in the world.

Salt Lake City held its visitor five days, this interesting city of the "Latter Day Saints," affording a subject of interesting study. A bath in the great Salt Lake demonstrated the large amount of saline matter which its water contains, as I was able to float on the surface of the lake precisely as a boat rests on the surface of a fresh-water stream.

Leaving this city my course for three nights and two days was directed westward, until San Francisco was reached. The proceedings of the meetings of the National Educational Association in this city were followed with special

interest. From the primary school teacher to the college president, in number over 12,000 teachers were present, representing all the States and Territories.

A trip of ten days was taken to the Yosemite Valley and Big Trees—in distance from San Francisco over 300 miles. Like trips were also made to San José, Monterey, Santa Cruz, Oakland and Sacramento.

On August the 15th I took passage by the steamer Columbia for Portland, Oregon, 653 miles away. We passed out through the Golden Gate and then was experienced my first ride on the Pacific Ocean. An encounter with a severe storm made the voyage one to be vividly remembered.

Portland is situated on the Willamette River. Nearly one hundred miles was traveled on the Columbia before this river was reached. On the way the Columbia River was seen from the steamer for several hundred miles. Another side trip was taken from Portland up the river to the cascades, the point where it breaks through the mountains. All along we were charmed with the beauty and majesty seen in the moving of this grand volume of clear mountain water. At places the river is of astonishing depth and its width in some localities is over two miles. The scenery along its banks is grandly beautiful.

Tacoma, in Washington Territory, was included in the circuit. From this town my face was turned toward the rising sun, and so continued until Livingston, in Montana Territory was reached. Then turning from the main line for over a hundred miles I arrived at Cinnabar, the entrance to the Yellowstone National Park. Five days

were profitably occupied in seeing this wonderland. The distance gone over was about 150 miles, which was made by carriage. The Geysers, Natural Paint Pots, Hot Springs with their terraced formations, the Grand Cañon of the Yellowstone, together with its falls of nearly 900 feet were among the most noteworthy sights.

After leaving Livingston the best connection was made use of to reach URSINUS, and thankful was I indeed to have been permitted to travel nearly 12,000 miles within 67 days, and to return again to my friends and *Alma Mater*. I feel that the time was not idly spent, but that many new and valuable lessons have been learned, of which my future classes shall in part reap the benefit.

ALUMNI PERSONALS.

[Alumni and others can render a service by sending items of interest for this column. All such items, to receive prompt attention, must be addressed to Rev. Henry T. Spangler, Collegeville, Montg. Co., Pa.]

'73. The Rev. J. A. Foil, A. M., has been the popular and successful Professor of Mathematics in Catawba College, Newton, N. C., since his graduation. During the last two years the college has been carrying students through the full four years' course, and Prof. Foil has proved himself master of his department by teaching the highest mathematics with as much ease as the studies of the Freshman or Sophomore years. He has also been prominently connected with the State Normal Schools, one of which is held annually at Newton during the summer months.

'73. The Rev F. F. Bahner, A. M., pastor of the Waynesboro charge in Franklin Co., Pa., made an overland

trip in his own conveyance during the summer, traveling altogether five hundred miles and passing through sixteen counties of the State. He visited Lancaster, Philadelphia, Collegeville, Reading, Tamaqua, Shamokin, Milton, and other places *en route*. He was accompanied by his son, Walter, who especially enjoyed the trip to Valley Forge and other historic places.

'74. Professor A. M. Tice, A. M., Principal of the Academic Department of URSINUS from 1875 to 1880, is engaged in a successful book and stationery business at Lebanon, Pa., in partnership with a former professor of Palatinate College, Prof. S. M. Hempferly. He has lately laid the foundations of a handsome brick residence for himself and his sisters in his native place, Myerstown, Pa.

'77. The Rev. M. H. Mishler, of the Theological Class of '77, is pastor of the First Reformed Church of Pottsville, Pa., and the church at Minersville, Schuylkill Co. In connection with this work he supplies the Lewistown congregation, located near Tamaqua, and succeeded during the summer in erecting a new union house of worship for this people, costing about \$4000. The present membership of the Reformed congregation at the place is sixty-five. Mr. Mishler's work in Schuylkill County has been decidedly successful.

'76. F. G. Hobson, Esq., is one of the rising attorneys at the Norristown bar. In addition to a good law practice he has been doing an extensive business in Western mortgages, edits the *Montgomery County Law Reporter*, and has lately been elected Treasurer of the Norristown Title, Trust and Safe Deposit Company.

'77. The Rev. C. H. Coon, who has had considerable experience in evangelistic work, has been engaged by Trinity Church, Philadelphia, assistant to their pastor, Rev. D. E. Klopp, D.D. For two decades Dr. Klopp has successfully carried heavy financial burdens and discharged the onerous pulpit and pastoral duties of a widely scattered flock, and it is expected that Mr. Coon will give him relief from the cares of pastoral and Sunday-school work. We welcome Mr. Coon to Philadelphia Classis and the special work of the ministry in his native church.

'77. The Rev. J. W. Mabry, A. B., whose continued pastorate of the Kreidersville charge in Northampton Co., since his entrance upon the work of the ministry bears testimony to his ability and faithfulness, has recently been installed as supply by the Frieden's congregation of Lehigh County. We congratulate the brother on the compliment involved in the invitation.

'79. Rev. A. R. Thompson, pastor of the Rockingham charge, Virginia, recently secured a patent for a device to heat railway cars by means of air heated in the fire-box of the engine. The object of the invention is to remove the car-stove which is such a source of danger to life in case of accident. The device is simple in construction, automatic in its action, requires no extra fuel or power, is easily applied to any train, and is regarded as practical by machinists. The address of Mr. Thompson has recently been changed from Myerhoffer's Store to Bridgewater, Virginia.

'82. A. W. Bomberger, Esq., whose marriage was announced in the July

BULLETIN, has taken up his abode with his bride in the city of Philadelphia. Their address is 2037 Wallace Street. Mr. and Mrs. Bomberger will be greatly missed at Collegeville. They were active in the choir, Sunday-school and Y. P. A. of St. Luke's church. Their contributions to the public entertainments at the college and in the community were numerous and always acceptable. Mr. Bomberger's faithfulness to the innumerable commissions entrusted to him in his daily trips to Philadelphia and his unflinching kindness in obliging friends rendered him indispensable to all. We congratulate the church and social circles that will be favored with their help and presence in the future.

'83. Rev. Morvin Custer, A. B., although located in another State and serving in the ministry of another church, does not forget his native county and his *Alma Mater*. During the vacation he visited Collegeville, and made arrangements to send a student to URSINUS. The young man was promptly on hand at the opening of the term, and seems to feel as much at home on this side of the Delaware as does pastor Custer on the Jersey side. Mr. Custer's address is Elmer, Salem Co., N. J.

'83. Rev. B. F. Davis, pastor of the Springboro, Ohio, charge has taken up a very flattering interest at Postown, about eight miles from Springboro. A good Sunday-school has been started and prospects of entire success are manifesting themselves. We wish him continued prosperity in his new enterprise.

'84. Mr. Howard A. Hunsicker, B. S., of Philadelphia, spent his vacation

at his father's beautiful home in Collegeville, and has since made frequent visits to the paternal mansion. We should have been pleased to retain the object that attracts him, longer than through the month of September, to ensure a continuation of his visits.

'85. The Rev. T. C. Strock, M. S., has settled with his family in the charge to which he was called in May last and his address is Erwinna, Bucks Co., Pa.

'87. Mr. Walter Bomberger, B. S., has entirely recovered from the wound and lameness he inflicted upon himself, during vacation, by accidentally cutting his leg with a grass sickle, and has resumed his position among "the boys" as champion athlete.

'88. A. H. Hendricks, B. S., and R. F. Longacre, B. S., have made choice of professions and have entered upon the necessary preparatory study, the former in the office of Bickel and Hobson, Esqs., Norristown, and the latter in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Howard T. Boyer, B. S., has taken up his residence in Norristown, his address being No. 1203 Powell Street. He has joined the reportorial staff of the Norristown *Daily Times*. Albert S. Bromer, B. S., left his home September 18th to enter the Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.

'88. The licentiate, J. D. Peters, was recently ordained and installed as pastor of the Falconer Swamp charge, in Montgomery Co., Pa. Rev. J. E. Freeman, of Boyertown, preached the ordination sermon; Rev. C. M. Herbst, of Pottstown, delivered the charge to the newly elected pastor, and Rev. S. M. K. Huber led in the liturgical service. The Swamp congregation was, by

Classis, constituted a charge and offers Bro. Peters a salary of \$700 per annum.

GENERAL TOPICS.

HARD STUDIES MADE EASY.

[Abstract of an address delivered at the opening of the Fall Term of URSINUS COLLEGE, Tuesday, September 4th, 1888, by President J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D., LL.D.]

Although summoned at short notice to address you this morning, let me beg you not to think that what may be said will be a literally extemporaneous talk, spoken without premeditation. The occasion and the audience would forbid any such rashness. It is true the form and drapery of the address must necessarily be more or less improvised. But the topic and thoughts, the subject-matter, to which your attention is invited have been long and often in my mind, suggested, as they naturally would be, by the important duties devolving upon me here.

The best brief statement of the theme which has offered itself to my mind for the hour is:

HARD STUDIES MADE EASY.

Or, possibly, the converse of a familiar classic Latin phrase would more tersely express it, *facile ascensus*, that is, though Horace deny it, it may be made easier to go up than to go down.

Unless I have mistaken common sentiment on this subject, those who enter upon a course of higher education regard themselves as doomed to a period of hard work. This seems to be especially the prevalent opinion in regard to College studies. They are thought to require persistent, toilsome effort beyond any pursuit in which young people can at all seriously engage. There are, of course, always some who do everything frivolously,—

even "come to College" to have a good time of it—with base-ball, boat-racing, and other athletic sports—to do anything but give themselves to an earnest improvement of their time. Of such I do not now wish to speak. Only let me express gratification at signs of the decline of this craze for muscular education and of the favor shown it even by men of high authority among modern educators—men who, whilst advocating progress by evolution, would have the games of Pagan Greece and the gladiatorial contests of Pagan Rome, revived in the Academic disciplines of modern Christianity.

But this morning I have another class of pupils before me, such as hold higher and worthier views of the purpose for which they have entered these halls. And whilst you have entered voluntarily, are here to make the most of your opportunities,—you still feel that you have come to get at what will be very hard work. You submit because you desire an education, for whatever special end, but you submit as to a yoke that must unavoidably be galling, as to a burden which will force out many a groan, a task that will demand much painful toil.

And it further aggravates the case to find that the hardships of the course seem to increase as you advance. The mountain grows steeper and the cliffs to be scaled become more rugged, as you ascend. The Academic *curriculum* appears often to be a tall pyramid of successive terraces, and so constructed as to put the attainment of the summit—the coveted Diploma, quite beyond the reach of many who pant after the royal decoration.

For such now we have words of counsel which it is hoped may prove

encouraging, not by cutting down the mountain or by tunneling it, but by suggesting how to secure sufficient motive power to scale it with ease and make the effort a pleasure; not by advertising cheap "ponies" astride which you may find cantering over the curriculum mere play, but by showing you how to make labor so light that you will rather toil through pages of Longinus or Livy than play tennis or tennis, and prefer facing a blackboard to prove a problem in Calculus to a panorama of the Hudson or the Rhine.

In my endeavor to do this you will allow me to draw pretty largely upon the unwritten diary of a fellow-student of seventy who happens to be near at hand and can quietly prompt me as I proceed.

Now in solving the problem in hand I shall not try to evade any difficulty it may present by taking shelter under such broad and vague generalities as: Start out with a due appreciation of your time, your talents, and your opportunities, and an honest purpose to improve them; take a lively interest in your several studies as disciplines best adapted to your complete practical development; regard study as your first academic duty, and devote yourself to it cheerfully and not as to a servile task.

Plausible as maxims like these may seem to be, and much as might be urged in the enforcement of them, they do not meet the case, but rather leave the radical difficulty unsolved. As a rule the great trouble with most pupils who find study grievously hard work, is to secure the frame of mind and the vigorous emotions assumed in the very wise and benevolent counsel given in these general maxims. Many a wor-

ried, fretting student will despondingly reply to all such motherly advice—why there is just where I am floundering in my work: I can't rouse myself to a due appreciation of it, to any earnest purpose; my will won't wake up and assert its authority; my heart refuses to grasp with any zest or zeal the studies pleading for its interest and delight in them.

What is really needed, therefore, is an intense electrifying *moral* innervation, or rather an inspiration, which shall quicken the whole soul—mind, heart, and will—with great vital energy. But in a *rational person*, such as man is in entire generic distinction from animals, which are essentially impersonal, such innervation, inspiration, is wrought through strong intelligent convictions in harmony with his ethical nature. The law under which this is effected is as far above that of electricity, or any organic law of the material world, as the highest heavens are above thunderstorms, or as the spirit of man is above the clay of which bricks are made. And the real spring and beginning of easy study is the kindling in his soul of such convictions. This then must indicate the prescription needed and used if the distressing indisposition (*vis inertiae*) for academic duties shall be radically checked and cured.

Let me attempt then briefly to formulate the prescription in plain English terms.

1. By serious reflection, for which you must take sufficient time and use the means within the reach of every one of you, get a deep, realizing sense of *your relations to God*, your Creator, your heavenly Father, of your obligations to Him for the endowments He has bestowed upon you, and of the

reasonableness of your hearty compliance with those obligations. Be willing to come under the power of the motive to do what you are summoned to do here, as for Him. That motive has operated in many of the loftiest and mightiest minds in the history of the race, minds whose influence, first felt long centuries ago, is still exercising its mastery over men and helping to mould, and direct the noblest activities of mankind.

2. Set definitely before you as the supreme purpose and end of your studies an aim worthy of your relation to God, and the exalted position which He has assigned to you in life. Whatever special pursuit or profession you may choose, keep that aim steadily in view as a fixed principle of conduct. You may effectively serve God and your generation in any honest Christian calling. Determine to do so faithfully in reliance upon Him who is ever ready to guide and sustain all who sincerely devote themselves to the great work He has summoned them to do.

3. Keep constantly in view the good you, even you may accomplish for the elevation and advancement of your fellow men in the purest knowledge, the loftiest virtues, and the most enduring happiness for time and for eternity. And ever bear intensely in mind that your success in such endeavors will largely depend upon your disciplinary preparation for them here by acquiring not only knowledge, but gaining that heavenly wisdom which teaches how to make the best of all your acquirements.

4. But shall I stop with these hints timidly shunning that main point, or rather ingredient which gives such counsel its chief power and inspiration? Is this a grove of Academus or

a porch of pagan speculations,—is it a school of ancient Greek or Roman philosophy, rhetoric or politics, where the name which is above every name may not be mentioned lest the address seem like a sermon,—where students may not be urged to seek their most potent inspiration of him who is the fountain of life? No, I dare not and do not wish to do so.

Dear fellow-students, as you need such inspiration, devoutly go for it to Him, who, as the divine Redeemer of man in all his faculties and affections, in his entire being,—declared, as the ruling purpose of His earthly life, “I must be about my Father’s business,” and so set up a model of manly excellence compared with which all the excelsiors of orators and poets are marred deformities.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The Rev. T. M. Yundt, of Bethany Orphan’s Home, has organized a new congregation at Robesonia, Berks County, a village three miles distant from Womelsdorf. This is the first church organization in the town and will worship in the chapel erected by the Furnace Company of the place several years ago.

The Reformed congregation of Berlin, Somerseset Co., Pa., dedicated its handsome new church edifice in July. The erection of the building was commenced in 1883, under the pastorate of Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, who put the house under roof and completed the Sunday-school room. The present pastor, Rev. A. R. Kremer, finished the structure and built a parsonage with only a debt of about \$900 remaining.

In Dakota a congregation has been organized by the Rev. F. W. Stump, which worships in the waiting-room of the railway station, there being no other room of sufficient size accessible to them in the place.

A Mission Church has been organized in West York, Pa., by a committee of Zion’s Classis, to which a student from the Seminary at Lancaster ministered during the past summer. It is privately stated that the Rev. I. N. Peightel, of Bedford county is to become its pastor.

A Union Church was dedicated at Herndon, Northumberland Co., Pa., August 12th. The Rev. A. R. Hottenstine is the pastor of the Reformed congregation, of which he was also the founder.

At Wapwallopen, Luzerne Co., a building lot, located in the heart of the town, has been presented to the Reformed people by a benevolent Christian lady, on which they have erected a handsome chapel at a cost of \$2400. The pastor, Rev. S. S. Kohler, was assisted in the dedication of it by the Rev. A. Houtz, of Orangeville, Columbia county.

MINISTERIAL.

Borchers, C., resigned St. John’s (German) Church, Baltimore.

Brown, F. W., removed from Schellsburg to North Washington, Pa.

Excell, J. J., removed from Wooster to Cortland, Trumbull Co., O.

Frank, M. F., from Lake to Alliance, O.

Gross, L. B., from Brooke, Md., to Canaan, Wayne Co., O.

Hassler, E. S., from St. Clairesville to Brad-dock, Pa.

Hartmetz, F. P., died at Archbold, O., September 10th.

Klein, J. H., resigned Galion, O., on account of ill-health.

Kortheuer, H., died at Bucyrus, O., August 5th.

Lefever, D. P., address changed from Baltimore to Greensboro, Caroline Co., Md.

Lewis, J. R., resigned Maquoketa, Iowa.

Lackey, R. R., resigned Wilton Junction, Iowa.

Miller, E. D., from Hazleton to Freeland, Luzerne Co., Pa.

Myer, A. J., died at North Lima, O., July 9th.

Peightel, I. N., resigned Yellow Creek, Bedford county.

Riegel, D., died at Dillsburg, Pa., July 6th, aged 80 years.

Strassburger, N., D.D., died at Allentown, Pa., in July.

Snyder, G. A., ordained and installed at Second Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Schneder, C. B., ordained and installed at Pinegrove, Pa.

Schwedes, G. S., installed at Kutztown, Pa.

Stover, C. S., settled at Cessna, Bedford Co., Pa.

Steinert, J. G., from Humboldt, Neb., to Indianapolis, Ind.

Stern, M. G. I., Indianapolis, Ind., lost his eyesight.

Steckel, L. D., resigned Millflinburg, Pa., to take effect next May.

Snyder, A. C., settled at Harrisville, Va.

Thomas, S., settled at Harbine, Jefferson Co., Neb.

Tussing, W. H., ordained and installed in Valley Charge, near Dayton, Ohio.

Winter, D. A., from Crestline to Prospect, Ohio.

Wiehle, J. G., D.D., died in Philadelphia, July 15th.

Wiers, N., from Fourth Church, Cleveland, Ohio, to Milltown, N. J.

Wittenwyler, W., from Monticello, Iowa, to Clay City, Indiana.

Weber, A. S., resigned from Wichita University, and been commissioned to E. Baltimore mission.

Wienand, P., called to St. Luke's (German) Church, twenty-sixth and Girard avenue, Philadelphia.

Zartman, A. K., removed from Goshen to Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

BENEVOLENT.

Mrs. Garfield, widow of President Garfield, has given \$10,000 to Garfield University, Wichita, Kansas, an institution that is erecting buildings costing \$200,000, and aiming at an endowment of the same amount, of which one-fourth has been raised.

THE UNION OF THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

At the late General Synod of the Reformed (Dutch) Church, the report of its committee was adopted, and the following was its conclusion:

"What further steps shall be taken in furtherance of the matter will depend mainly upon the developments of public opinion in both communions and upon the providential openings of the way in which we shall go. As the triennial General Synod of our sister Church will not meet again in regular session until June, 1890 (two years hence), there will be ample time for the most careful consideration and deliberate conclusions. It is, therefore, the more needful that the subject shall have the patient consideration that courtesy and comity require on both sides. It is also proper, if not essential, that it shall be kept sacredly free of premature ecclesiastical action, and that it shall not be mixed up with any schemes or proposals for union with other Churches. It has gone too far to be stopped at its present stage, and not far enough to justify your Committee in formulating specific measures for immediate and decisive action. We therefore only report progress toward some closer union, the form of which must depend upon the leadings of Providence and the manifestations of 'the wisdom that is

from above,' for which both Churches should pray and wait, and be willing to follow. . . . In conclusion, we recommend that the whole matter of union between the Reformed Church in America and the Reformed Church in the United States be continued under the care of such Committee as the General Synod shall appoint with such further instructions as it shall be pleased to order."

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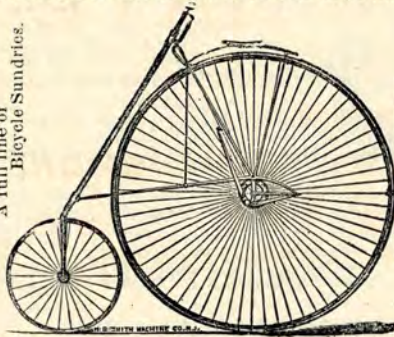
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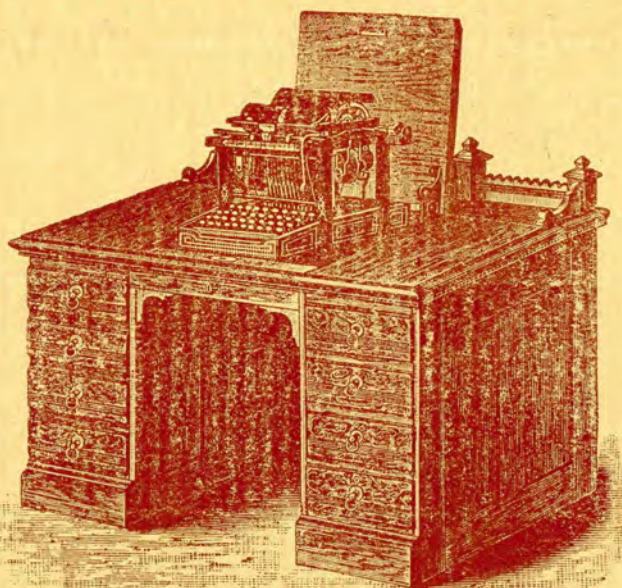
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