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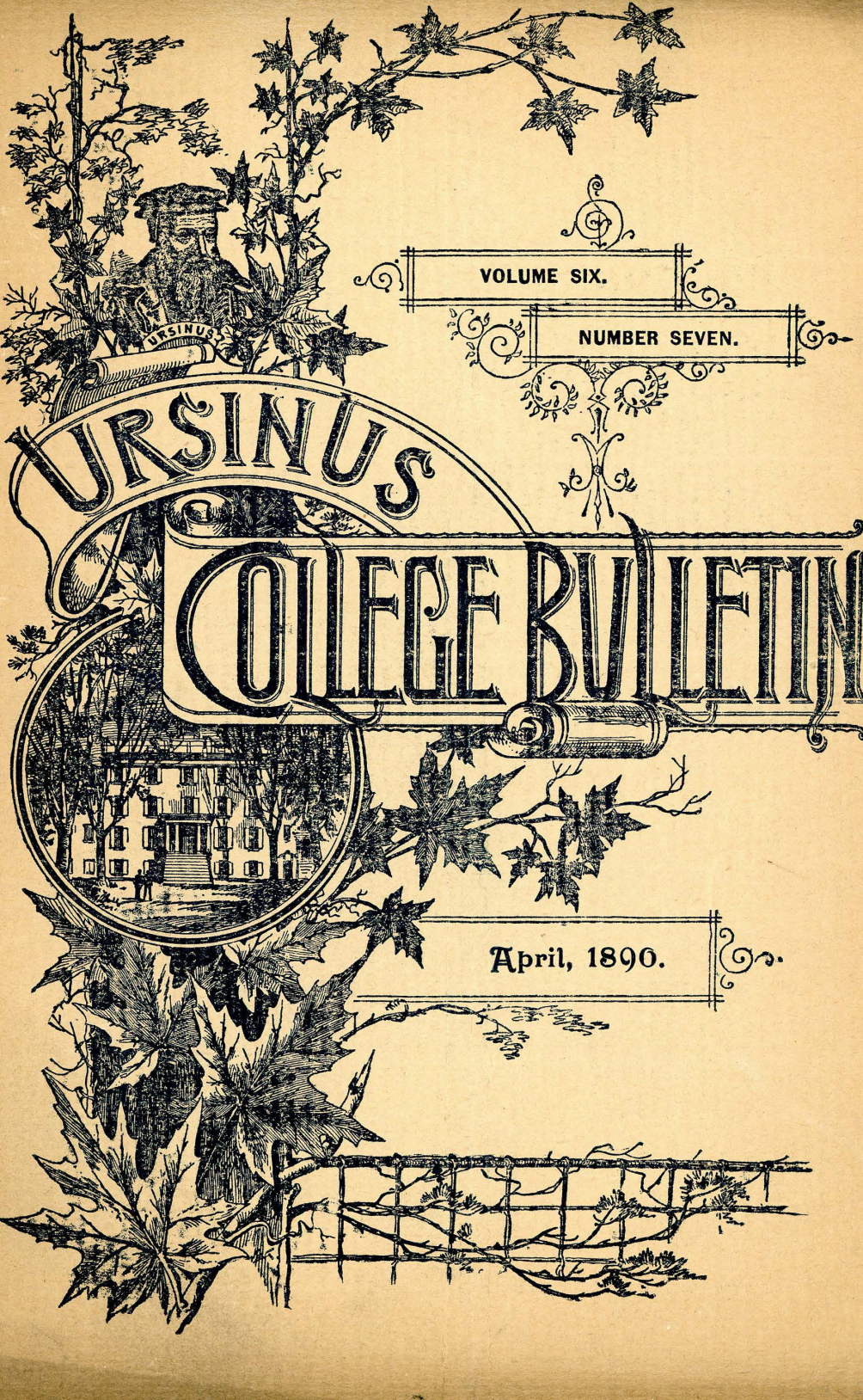
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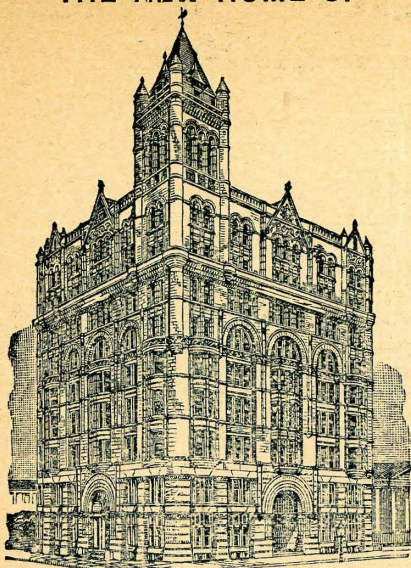
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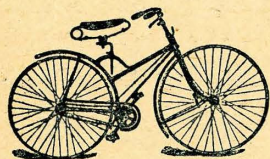


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STUDENTS of an observant turn of mind, in every institution of learning fortunate enough to be located amid rural surroundings, will find much genuine pleasure at this season of the year in looking beneath the surface panorama of the grand transformations in nature now again going on about them, and reading many lessons of surpassing interest, ordinarily overlooked. Wise is the seeker after knowledge who grasps every opportunity for acquiring the wondrous truths that are writ between the lines of Spring-tide history. To him

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Not long since, the faculty of Bates College, Maine, prohibited the holding of Inter-collegiate Field-Day Contests this year at that institution. Bates is a leading college in the country and for that reason alone the arguments the faculty presented in support of its action would be of interest everywhere. But the arguments themselves are so clear and convincing in their logic as to furnish a still stronger reason for their publication. The professors say that the purpose of their school is "to bring a college education within the reach of every young man and woman

of limited means. That they regard diligence and faithfulness in the prescribed courses of study as the first and chief requisites, but desire that the training of the body shall not be neglected, and have made ample provision that it may not. They desire that the students shall engage in all necessary and healthful sports, so long as these are not carried to such extent as to take the time and attention which must necessarily be given to study, if the best results are attained. They feel that the great effort that would be certain to be put forth in preparing for the contests proposed, could not fail to absorb more time, attention, and means than the best interests of the college can afford."

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This concise presentation of the case has the conclusive merit of conservative common-sense. The faculty recognizes the fact that the danger lies, not in the games themselves, which really afford an excellent and highly necessary field for the proper exercise of the student's physical powers, and are therefore to be commended, but in the *inter-collegiate* feature of them; and right here URSINUS agrees with her sister institution of Maine and congratulates her on the stand she has taken.

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A publication, new to our Alma Mater's experience thus far will make its appearance at the college about commencement time, thanks to the enterprise of our worthy class of '90. The Seniors are devoting much time and energetic effort toward making the venture a success; and a success we firmly believe it will be. A more de-

finite description of that whereof we speak, may be found in the columns of the BULLETIN next month.

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The Athletic Association made a happy move when they secured the lease of the new grounds for the baseball team. The location of the grounds is excellent and they are well adapted to the purpose for which they are to be used. The south campus never met the demands of good playing, and any changes that could have been made in its topography would never have fully done away with its defects in this line. It is to be regretted that this step in the right direction was not taken several years ago, as several changes, by which the appearance of the campus was somewhat marred, would then have been rendered unnecessary.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

ZWINGLIAN.

ANNIVERSARY REPORT.

Thursday evening, March 27th, brought to an end the work of another winter term at URSINUS. For twenty consecutive years the Zwinglian Literary Society of the college has at this period celebrated an anniversary in its existence. This day is always a memorable one in the experience of every member of the society. It is the occasion above all others looked forward to as one of festivity in Zwinglian history, when the society's best efforts are centered upon making what is said and done as interesting and entertaining as possible. At each recurring anniversary many plans are devised and carried out, by which the present event

may far outshine all previously celebrated.

At its Twentieth Anniversary the society again acquitted itself admirably, fully maintaining, if not indeed surpassing, the record of former occasions. Recollections of the event, therefore, can well be full of satisfaction and pleasure. Though the weather was rather unfavorable, the audience filled the chapel, and the exercises were full of entertainment, nothing occurring to mar their proper rendition.

At 8 o'clock the orchestra took up the strains of the opening march, and ranks of the Olevians, Schaffs and Zwinglians, headed by the faculty of the college and the speakers of the evening, were ushered in and assigned to their respective places. The following programme was then given, H. E. Kilmer, '90, Myerstown, Pa., being chairman of the evening :—

March—"The Detroit." . . . Albert.

Invocation—

Rev. Geo. W. Stibitz, Ph. D., '81, Collegeville, Pa.

Music—"Pomona Galop," . . . Leutner.

Salutatory—

Wm. Yenser, '92, Lehighton, Pa.

Music—"The Sibyl,"

"Polka Mazurka," . . . Laurentant

Oration—"The Evil Influences of Wealth,"

E. F. Weist, '93, Sunbury, Pa.

Violin Solo—"When the Leaves Begin to Fade,"

I. C. Williams, '91.

Oration—"Footprints on the Sands of Time,"

Frank H. Fisher, '91, Gouglersville, Pa.

Music—"Among the Roses," . . . Willson.

Oration— . . . "Modern Slavery,"

Irvin F. Wagner, '91, Mahanoy City, Pa.

Music—"Ristori Mazurka, . . . Ferrazzi.

Eulogy—

"Rev. Franklin William Kremer, D. D."

Harry E. Jones, '91, Easton, Pa.

Piccolo Solo— . . . "Canary Polka,"

A. H. Hibshman.

Zwinglyan Oration—"Feudalism in America,"

William H. Loose, '90, Myerstown, Pa.

Music—"Colwell Waltzes," . . . Chattaway.

Benediction—

Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., LL. D.

The entire programme was given in a manner that fairly entitled it to the hearty applause with which it was received. The orations were well written and delivered, and elicited much warm praise. The musical part of the programme also deserves cordial mention. It was furnished by the Ursinus College Orchestra, which, under the directorship of Mr. I. C. Williams, '91, has acquired great proficiency. The selections played by them were of a high order of merit and were listened to with great pleasure. In every way the Anniversary was a grand success, an honor to URSINUS, and one of the happiest achievements of the society.

LECTURE BY COL. SANFORD.

The services of Col. J. P. Sanford, the celebrated platform orator, have been secured by the Zwinglyan Society for Tuesday evening, the 29th of April, when he is expected at this writing to speak on "Old Times and New," in the chapel. Col. Sanford appeared before the friends and students of URSINUS in the year 1886, when he spoke on the subject, "Travels in Rome," and established his reputation as being one of the most entertaining and instructive talkers ever heard in the community. There is, accordingly, no room for any doubt but that the promised lecture will be fully up to the standard of those heard at the college in the past. It is hoped that all will avail themselves of this opportunity for the enjoyment of a rare "feast of reason and flow of wit."

ZWINGLIAN OFFICERS.

The officers of the society at present are as follows:—President, Frank H. Fisher; Vice-President, H. E. Jones; Recording Secretary, E. F. Weist; Corresponding Secretary, Fred. H. Witzel; Treasurer, M. L. Fritch; Critic, W. H. Loose; Editor, C. D. Yost; Marshal, I. L. Bryner; Chaplain, Wm. Yenser; Curator, H. E. Kilmer.

 OLEVIAN.

 ANNUAL OPEN-MEETING.

The exercises of the annual Open-Meeting of the Olevian Literary Societies, held in the college chapel on Thursday evening, March 13th, were very well attended, notwithstanding the weather, which was anything but pleasant. The programme of the evening was arranged in excellent taste, and successfully rendered, to the great enjoyment of all present. While the ladies entered the room, Miss Ida Robison played the opening march, and after they had been ushered to their seats Rev. E. T. Kretshmann, of the Lutheran Church, Trappe, began the exercises proper with prayer. The roll-call of members was then gone over by Miss Sallie Tyson, the society's secretary.

A recitation, subject, "How Jane Conquest Rang the Bell," by Miss Nora Schuler, and one entitled "How He Saved St. Michael's," by Miss Nellie Williams, occupied first place on the programme. These numbers were followed by an instrumental solo by Miss Robison, an essay on "Hope," by Miss Lillie Preston, a recitation, "How Cushing Destroyed the Albatross," by Miss Jessie Royer, and an instrumental trio by Misses Sallie Hen-

dricks, Lillie Gross and Jessie Royer. Next in order, Miss Curdy gave an oration on the theme "Ambition," Miss Preston rendered a selection for the piano, and the "Olevian Ruby" was read by Miss Ada Schwenk. The meeting closed with a piano duet, by Miss Gross and Miss Hendricks. Miss Hallie Vanderslice presided over the exercises. The audience was warmly appreciative of the efforts of those of the society who participated in the programme. A beautiful floral design by florist Rimby, of Collegeville, representing an artistically arranged combination of the letters "O. L. S.," lent additional attraction to the appearance of the stage.

 OFFICERS ELECTED.

At one of its closing meetings of last term the Olevian Society elected the following officers: President, Miss Williams; Vice-President, Miss Robison; Recording Secretary, Miss Shuler; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Vanderslice; Treasurer, Miss Schwenk; Editress, Miss Bechtel; Chaplain, Miss Royer; Critic, Miss Preston.

 SCHAFF.

 THE YEARLY OPEN-MEETING.

According to custom long followed, the Schaff Literary Society of the college will hold an open-meeting in the chapel on Friday Evening, May 23d, 1890. The main object of these meetings is to give the younger members of the organization an opportunity to appear before the public, and, therefore, the main portion of the program is as a rule given by students from the lower college and academic classes.

The appointments for this year's meeting are :—

First Essayist,	W. H. Erb.
Second Essayist,	H. Ely Myers.
Third Essayist,	J. M. S. Isenberg.
First Declaimer,	A. L. Stouffer.
Second Declaimer,	J. W. Royer.
Third Declaimer,	W. G. Welsh.
Orator,	J. A. Hunsicker.
Editor,	W. F. Ruff.

This selection of performers is an excellent one, justifying the expectation that the literary part of the programme will be well worth hearing. Earnest efforts will be used to make other portions of the exercises equally as good. The public may therefore confidently look forward to an evening of pleasure and profit. Further notice relating to the meeting will be given elsewhere in due time. The society will be glad to see all its friends present on the occasion.

SCHAFF ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

The Schaff Society branch of the College Library still continues its growth. During the recent Winter Term it was increased by twenty-two volumes. Among them are a number of scientific works, in which the library is greatly lacking.

The books received are as follows : From Fredrick Aldinger, York, Pa., "The Boy Slave in Bokhara." From Clara Aldinger, York, Pa., "Strickland's Ancient History." From Arthur G. Ziegler, York, Pa., "In the Days of My Youth," by Amelia B. Edwards; "Tupper's Poetical Works;" and "Live Coals," by Talmage. From Miss Mollie Moore, Felton, York county, Pa., "Adam Bede," by George Elliot; "In Peril of his Life," by Gavorian; "Valentine the Countess,"

by Carl Detlen; "East Lynne," by Mrs. Wood; and "Lucile," by Owen Meredith. And from Rev. J. H. Shuford, Middlebrook, Va., "Hodge's Systematic Theology," four volumes; and three volumes of the "Homiletic Review." The volumes purchased by the society are: "Dana's System of Mineralogy;" "Ragnarok;" "The Age of Fire and Gravel," Ignatius Donnelly; "The American Naturalist," Vol. V; "The Law of Nations," by Hosack; and "Bascom's Sociology."

SCHAFF OFFICERS.

The present officers of the Schaff Society are: President, C. H. Brandt; Vice-President, P. E. Heimer; Recording Secretary, H. H. Hartman; Corresponding Secretary, J. W. Bauman; Chaplain, W. G. Welsh; Editor, W. H. Erb; Critic, J. M. Mensch; Treasurer, T. K. Leidy; Organist, Frank Barndt.

NEWS ABOUT COLLEGE.

THE OLD TERM AND NEW.

On March 27th last, with the celebration of the Zwinglian Anniversary reported on another page, the work of the Winter Term of '89-'90 at URSINUS came to a close. The record of the session is a good one. Its progress was quiet and even, unbroken by anything that might stay the steadily rising prosperity of the institution; and its results are all entirely satisfactory.

The Spring Term opened on Monday, April 7th. A large number of new names have already been added to the college rolls; the old faces of the students of the preceding term, brightened and revived by the joys of the Easter vacation, have almost

without exception reappeared upon the campus and in the recitation rooms, and at present writing the concluding twelve weeks of the academic year promise to furnish an entirely worthy and fitting completion for the bright annual cycle which URSINUS will soon work out.

The Opening Address of the term by Rev. Francis Hendricks, A. M., professor of Hebrew and History, was delivered on Friday, April 11th, instead of the second day of the term as fixed by the college calendar. It met with a warm reception from all who heard it. With the machinery of the school once again actively in motion, the editing of the catalogue has been taken up and something in the way of a summary of numbers and plans may accordingly be expected in our next issue.

SENIOR ORATIONS.

The class of '90 finished up its stated series of orations before the faculty and students of the college during the closing days of the session just passed. On February 25th, H. E. Kilmer spoke on "Prohibition, or the Necessity of a Third Party," and R. G. Magee on "The American Press." Orations were given on March 4th by Ralph Rover, subject, "A Vital Issue," and by C. H. Slinghoff, subject, "The Mission of Poetry." The last oration of the series was given by Granville H. Meixell, on March 18th, his theme being the life of "General George B. McClellan."

DR. GOOD TO THE STUDENTS.

Rev. James I. Good, D. D., of Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia, gave a number of short talks

to the students late in February last and early in March, by request of the members of the college Y. M. C. A. On February 26th he discoursed upon "Conversion." On the following day the theme was, "Opening the Eyes of the Young Man." February 28th he spoke about the "Temptations of College Life"; on March 1st, in the morning, on "The Gospel Ministry," and in the afternoon, on "My Mother's Bible." The meetings were well attended and instrumental in doing much good. They seemed to put new life into the religious work of the institution. Young men who have for a long time been in doubt as to whether or not they should study for the Gospel Ministry, have apparently made up their minds finally to follow Christ's noble work. The Y. M. C. A. especially feels his sojourn in an increase in its attendance, and is eagerly looking forward to another visit from him, in the hope that those hearts that have not already been touched by the truths he brings to bear upon them, may speedily yield to their influence.

MR. STRASSBURGER ON THE CONSTITUTION.

The third in order of the lectures on the Constitution of Pennsylvania, by J. A. Strassburger, Esq., of Norristown, was delivered Thursday, March 13th. The lecturer treated the subjects of "Impeachment and Removal from Office," the "Oath of Office," "Suffrages and Elections," and other kindred themes. His remarks, like those previously given, were full of information highly useful to young men soon to assume the active duties of citizenship.

SPRING RECEPTION.

An account of the usual Spring Reception to new students given by the Y. M. C. A., which occurred this year on Saturday evening, April 12th, may be looked for in our next issue. The following committee had charge of the arrangements for the occasion: H. E. Kilmer, '90; H. E. Jones, '91; I. F. Wagner, '91; J. M. S. Isenberg, '93; and T. K. Leidy, '93.

BIBLE-TALK.

On Sunday afternoon, March 2nd, the last Bible-talk to the Y. M. C. A., for the recent term was delivered by Professor Peters on the subject, "Ought the Christian to be Discouraged." The professor prefaced his remarks by citing examples of the many disheartening experiences with which the Christian meets. Continuing, he said that all these impediments to progress should be overcome by diligent work for God. He believed work for God to be the panacea for all ills. He said that everyone must expect discouragements and referred to the bitter persecutions of the early reformers and to their blessed rewards in an everlasting life. In concluding, the professor held up before his hearers the beauties of Christianity, with its power to elevate man's moral standard and bring him to trust in a higher power sincerely and fervently, and thus manfully bear and conquer the trials in his way.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT NOTES.

On Sunday, March 2d, Mr. Jos. W. Bell preached at Prospectville, Montgomery county, Pa.; Mr. Chas. B. Allspach at Pleasantville, Bucks county;

Henry Tesnow at Delanco, N. J. and I. Calvin Fisher supplied Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Pa.

On Sunday, March 9th, Mr. N. W. Sechler preached at St. James' Reformed Church, Limerick Square and St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Pottstown.

W. H. Wotring filled the pulpit of Frieden's Church, Lehigh county, Pa., in the charge of Rev. J. W. Mabry, '77, on Sunday, March 16th.

On Sunday, March 23d, Mr. N. W. Sechler supplied the Prospectville congregation and Mr. A. H. Hibshman the congregation of Calvary Reformed Church, Reading.

President Bomberger preached at Pleasantville the third Sabbath of March; at Lebanon for Rev. Dr. Klopp, the first Sabbath of April; and in the evening of the following Lord's Day he took active part in the celebration of the eighty-fourth anniversary of the Sunday School of the First Reformed Church, Philadelphia.

THE NORRISTOWN CONVENTION.

The following members of the college association represented URSINUS at the District Convention of the Y. M. C. A., held at Norristown, about the middle of last month:—P. E. Heimer, '91; H. T. Wagner, '91; J. G. Francis, '91; J. M. S. Isenberg, '93; C. L. Hench, H. H. Hartman and W. L. Bassler.

COMMENCEMENT ORATOR.

The literary societies of the college have selected J. Freeman Hendricks, Esq., of Doylestown, Pa., to deliver the annual address before them during

the coming commencement week. Mr. Hendricks is a honored member of the Bucks county bar. He is a polished speaker and a man of broad culture and fine attainments.

LOCAL ATHLETICS.

The physical, out-of-door phase of our local college life has shown much activity with the approach of Spring. Base-ball interests especially have been energetically presented and more enthusiasm has been recently displayed among the students in this sport than at any time before for many years past. The request of the petition of the Athletic Association to the Faculty of the institution for the privilege of making such changes in the topography of a portion of the campus as would be necessary to bring it to the requirements of a good base-ball field, was for excellent reasons denied.

Undiscouraged by its failure in this direction, however, the Association cast around for another location and finally secured a lease from Dr. James Hamer of a level piece of land in the near neighborhood of the college, and on this ground the games of the coming season will take place.

The opening contest of the season is fixed for Saturday, April 26th, and the team secured to oppose the college nine on this occasion is the Keystone Club of Phoenixville.

Several mistakes, arising from the copying of an incorrect report, occurred in the list of officers of the Athletic Association that appeared in our March number. Its vice-president is Thomas E. Kalbach and its treasurer, W. G. Welsh; G. H. Meixell is manager, and Frank B. Miller, captain of the base-ball team.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Rev. George S. Sorber, '76, of Watsontown, Pa., was among the visitors at URSINUS at the opening of the current term.

Vice-president Super was confined to his home by sickness during the eleventh week of last session, but recovered in time to attend the final examinations of his classes the week following.

On Wednesday, March 5th, Dr. Mosteller of Phoenixville, lectured to the Y. M. C. A. on "The Evil Effects of Tobacco."

A concert for the benefit of the Athletic Association is at the the time we go to press booked for Thursday evening, April 17th, in the college chapel. It will be reported in our next issue.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

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 URSINUS COLLEGE BULLETIN, Colledgeville, Montg. Co., Pa.]

'75. Rev. E Garver Williams, of New Winchester, Ohio, is meeting with success in his new field. His charge belongs to the German Synod and his transfer to that body was made chiefly because of his proficiency in the German language, which he uses with equal facility with his vernacular tongue, the English. The charge consists of two congregations.

'85. Rev. Jas. B. May, of Birdsboro, Pa., is State Chaplain of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and recently delivered a sermon to the members of

the Order in Reading in the Second Reformed church of that city.

'87. Thaddeus S. Krause, of Plumsteadville, Bucks Co., who is about completing the second year of his legal studies in Philadelphia, has since last fall had as his preceptor ex-Attorney General Wayne MacVeagh.

'88. Howard T. Boyer, of Norristown, has quitted newspaper work, having severed his connection with the *Daily Times*, and has gone into the life insurance business with one of the leading companies having a branch office in Montgomery county's capital.

Rev. Joseph D. Peters, of Hanover, Pa., a graduate of the Theological Department, is pursuing his labors with highly gratifying results, a large number of new members having been received into his charge since the beginning of his pastorate.

GENERAL TOPICS.

A NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Who shall control a national university at Washington? The Roman Catholics want it, and have begun one, under the very best auspices which the church can command. They might have put it in connection with the fine grounds and buildings of their Georgetown College, but they rejected the proposition, because that would give its control to the Jesuits, and narrow its scope. Of course the Catholics have no university in Washington yet, only a good theological seminary, but they mean to have the best equipped university in the United States, and one that would be worthy to be called national if it were not sectarian.

And now comes the report of plans for another national university at Washington, to be under Methodist auspices. Equally with the Catholics the Methodists are able to establish a university, superior in its equipments to anything we now have. All that would be needed is ten or twenty million dollars. But would that be any more a national university than the Catholic one which aspires to the honor?

And then there is the plan defended by ex-President White and President Adams, of Cornell University. They would have a really national university at Washington, national in that it should be supported and controlled by the United States Government. It would require a very large endowment or a large annual appropriation. There are now several universities which have property of six or eight million dollars, and yet they are quite unable to do the work they wish to do. Were a private individual to endow such an institution as is required, with the diminishing rates of interest, the sum of ten millions would be meager; and that sum can hardly be expected, although there are several men in the country who might do it if they would. We doubt very much if Congress, which is now refusing to pass much more important bills for public education, would easily be persuaded to vote ten millions outright; and then perhaps half a million additional annually, to make up the loss from free tuition.

Besides this, the political question is a very serious one. It is not easy to keep the patronage of a State University out of politics. And suppose that ex-President White's most elaborate scheme should be adopted for a

Board of Trustees, nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate, this Board to elect a Chancellor by secret ballot, the Chancellor to nominate and the Board confirm the first five professors, the later professors to be nominated by the Chancellor and confirmed by the faculty, with power of veto by the trustees, all to be by secret ballot—we say, were all this done, yet we have not yet got so far as to keep the first step, nomination by the President and confirmation by the Senate, out of politics. And if President and Senate could rise above politics, like good university men, who should teach political economy, a Democrat or a Republican, a protectionist or a free-trader? There would be a snag at the first turn of the paddle-wheel.

We can see no escape from the scramble of private schemes, Catholic, Methodist and Baptist—for there is also a Baptist scheme—each with its call for ten millions, with no possibility of uniting their forces, rivals to each other, and with the Baptists a little ahead in the matter of possible money. There is no doubt that Washington is the best place in the United States for a great university worthy to be called National; but do we want half a dozen to divide the students and waste the money? Is there not here a chance for the Christian fraternity we hear of? We do not expect a National University supported by the nation. Cannot the scheme be so enlarged that there shall be affiliation in labor and endowment? Can there not be separation, for example, in theological instruction and union in national science, philology and economics?—*Independent.*

FAMILIAR PHENOMENA.

Every day there are happening around us phenomena so familiar that they do not attract our special attention. They fail to create in us surprise and admiration simply because they so commonly occur. This is but natural. Does the sailor ever think of the cause of the ebbing and flooding of the tides? Does he ever think of the causes of the winds and ocean currents? Does the farmer ever think of the mystery sealed in his growing corn? Do we, while gazing at the sky, think why the blue above us blends into the grayish blue of the horizon? Do we think, while warming ourselves around a fire of coal of the phenomena of combustion, or that we are enjoying the sunshine which favored this earth many ages ago? But above all, do we ever think of our own insignificance and ignorance, that bound to this earth by gravitation strange, we are whirled at an incomprehensible rate through space, wholly ignorant of our origin, our mission or our destiny?

We adore beauty in all its forms, and music has its charms, but how seldom we think, while admiring the one and enjoying the other, that the varied shades of coloring, the delicate tints of the flowers and the inimitable hues of sunset, are all in the eye and that in the midst of the noisiest of tumults there is no noise save where there is a listening ear, and that, perhaps, the sweetest and most melodious of sounds cannot be heard by man. It is evident that we cannot fully appreciate that which surrounds us until we are perfect and that, of course, will never be. Notwithstanding the fact that we are the most perfect of living things, we

shall probably never be able to see as the eagle or smell as the hound.

How wonderful the senses! How delicately susceptible the ear of a musician! Strange that we may forget the face of a friend but after many years recognize his voice! Somewhat neglected have been the senses of smell and taste. How convenient it would be if we had names for the different odors as we have for colors. Although we may entertain the gravest doubts as to whether the senses of hearing, tasting, smelling and feeling will ever be aided as sight has been, yet we should be all the more grateful to those who have perfected the microscope, which has revolutionized thought, successfully wrestled with mystery and superstition, revealed a wonderful world of living things, and explained many phenomena which were, until comparatively recently, deemed beyond the power of man and supposed to have been supernaturally occasioned.

Of course the world has to thank the senses for the knowledge which it now possesses since it has all been acquired through them as a medium. They form a bridge spanned from the mind to the things around us. By them we accumulate the simplest of facts. This is observation. By reflection this chaotic pile of facts becomes systematized and simple. Observation and reflection then, are the two important faculties and where is there a better for them than in the study of living things? For there not even the Alexander of Science sighs for more worlds to conquer. The field widens until he learns that he knows nothing and says, "the arena is open, the spectators many, the contestants few and the grim

mystery is as yet not vanquished."—
Swarthmore Phœnix.

SONG.

The robin still lingers,
When the leaves are all shed,
And other sweet singers,
Are scattered and fled.

His song is forgotten,
Yet he cannot depart,
From scenes once so dear to
His sad little heart.

And so do we linger,
Where in youth's by-gone day,
Some voice now departed,
Sang sorrow away.

W. B.

EXCHANGE NOTES.

The literary department of the *Spectator*, Columbus, Ohio, is especially worthy of notice, all its articles being of a high order. The appearance of the journal would be materially improved, however, if it was printed on a better quality of paper.

The *Pennsylvania College Monthly*, ever in the front rank of college journals, is particularly interesting in its March issue.

The unique covers of the *Ogontz Mosaic* enclose an abundance of timely reading, refreshingly original and well-arranged.

The *Roanoke Collegian* displays its greatest strength in its editorial pages, in this respect as well as others comparing favorably with any exchange coming to our sanctum.

For the first time we welcome the *Delaware College Journal* representing Delaware College, Newark, Del. "Del-

aware's place in the Revolution," richly repays perusal.

"Art in America," is a well written contribution to the February number of *Salmagundi*. We make the following clipping from it :

"Yes, we can rejoice, for American painting as well as sculpture has been recognized abroad. Half a century ago it was the fashion in Europe to decry anything American ; pray, how could a country without any historical association, any culture, any taste for the beautiful, expect to compete with the old world ? Our practical life would kill any spark of genius. Ah ! but it is not these elements which make the genius. The true artist is born the artist, whether born under the German, English or American skies, the same anywhere, a child of nature to whom 'a thing of beauty is a joy forever.'"

"Yes ; America, land of the free, we have every reason to believe thou wilt become the world of nations, and 'talent' will be thy rank."

Another paper has appeared in Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa. It is the *Dickinson Seminary Journal*, edited and published by the Gamma Epsilon Society of that institution. Its youth seems to be very vigorous. May it thrive and grow up and become a power in the world of college journalism.

GENERAL COLLEGE AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

Harvard College has one hundred and fifty-eight more students this year than in any year before under President Eliot's administration.

Davidson College, N. C., has enrolled ninety-eight students, of whom

thirty-six are candidates for the ministry, and all but thirteen are church members.

The University of Minnesota, at Minneapolis, has an attendance of 1001 students, and its property is valued at more than a million and a half dollars.

The universities of Italy are in a very bad condition. They are poorly equipped and miserably managed. Many professors in them draw their salaries without delivering even a single course of lectures during the year, an evil that is probably accounted for by the fact that the professors are compelled to engage in other pursuits to earn their bread and butter.

Miss Susanna Warfield, of Maryland, died recently and left all her property, amounting in value to \$100,000 to found an Episcopal college, which is to be named after her.

The University of Dorpat, the stronghold of Protestantism in the German Baltic provinces of the Czar, and one of the most ancient and renowned schools of Europe, is being made the direct object of the pan-Russian policy that is now prevailing in this despotic realm, and its ultimate destruction seems inevitable.

For the first time for many years the total attendance at the German Universities during the past winter term shows a decrease in numbers.

A new Methodist college, to be known as the University of the North-West, is to be erected at Sioux City, Iowa, with an endowment of \$300,000.

Prof. Wm. H. Appleton has permanently succeeded Dr. Magill as President of Swarthmore College.

The City Council of Milan recently solicited the votes of the parents sending children to the public schools as to whether or not they wished to have them receive religious instruction. Out of a total school attendance of 27,515 such instruction was requested for 25,380.

A proposition to establish a National Methodist University at Washington, is arousing much interest all over the country. At a public meeting recently held in the capital of the nation the project was discussed with much enthusiasm.

The Greek government has extended the time of payment for the privilege of excavating at Delphi, in which so many American colleges are interested, to June, 1890. The necessary \$76,000, it is believed, can be raised by that time.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The rededication of the Pikeland Reformed church, Chester Co., Pa., took place on February 23d. For many years the building was owned jointly by the Reformed and Lutheran congregations. About a year ago the Reformed interest bought out that of the Lutherans and since then the entire edifice has been remodeled and beautified. A partition in the rear of the room now forms a convenient vestibule. The high pulpit has been lowered, the walls frescoed, new, comfortable pews have taken the place of the old ones, new carpet has been placed on the floor, and all the wood work neatly painted. President Bomberger of URSINUS, preached the rededication sermon. Rev. F. C. Yost is pastor of the congregation.

On February 27th the corner-stone of a new Reformed church, to be called St. Peter's, was laid in the village of Centreville, Frederick Co., Md. The ceremony was performed by Rev.

A. Shulenberger, of Mt. Pleasant charge, to which the congregation belongs.

On Sunday, March 2d, the corner-stone of the new Zion's Reformed church, in Detroit was laid. The site of the edifice is on Cherry street, in the midst of the German settlement.

Trinity Reformed chapel, which was erected at the corner of Poplar and Linden street, Allentown, by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ruhe in memory of their late son, Robert J. Ruhe, was dedicated on Sunday afternoon and evening, March 9th. The consecration sermon was preached in the afternoon by Rev. E. A. Gernant, pastor of Zion's Reformed church.

The basement of the new building of St. Paul's Reformed church, in Bethlehem, Pa., was dedicated on Sunday, March 16th. Dr. W. M. Reilly, of Allentown, and Dr. D. F. Brendle, of Bethlehem, preached on the occasion. Mr. A. Lobach, the pastor elect, was also present and took part in the services.

MINISTERIAL.

Groh, M. H., address 571 East Main street, Columbus, Ohio.

Groh, W. H., installed pastor of the Sulphur Springs charge, Carlisle, Pa.

Hendricks, Irvin W., elected pastor of St. John's Reformed church, Wyoming, Del.

Metzger, B. S., address, Springfield, Ohio.

Schnatz, Paul A., called from Atlantic City to Martha Memorial church, New York city.

Schultz, F. M., installed pastor at Lisbon, Iowa.

Shuford, J. H., installed pastor of the Middlebrook charge, Virginia.

Siegel, C. W. E., installed pastor of the Armstrong Valley charge, Penna.

Stofflet, S. E., elected pastor of St. Paul's Reformed church, Waynesboro, Pa.

Strassner, F., address changed from Orrville to 30 Lawrence Avenue, Canton, Ohio.

Thomas, S., removed from Harbine, Neb., to Bunker Hill, Kansas.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Womelsdorf Charge, Rev. L. D. Stambaugh,	\$12 59
Missionary Society, First Church, Philadelphia, Rev. J. H. Sechler,	10 00
Rev. H. W. Super, D. D.	10 00
Spring City, Chester Co., Rev. L. G. Kremer,	9 59
Blain Charge, Perry Co., Rev. S. L. Messinger,	40 96

St. Vincent, Chester Co., Rev. J. A. Mertz,	12 25
Jordan Charge, Lehigh Co., Rev. E. J. Fogel,	25 00
St. John's, Milton, Rev. F. C. Yost,	12 00
Zion's, York, Rev. O. P. Shellhamer,	25 00
Glade, Maryland, Rev. S. M. Hench,	25 00
Christ Church, Adams Co., Rev. F. S. Lindaman,	41 25
Jefferson Charge, York Co., Rev. F. A. Guth,	22 00
Trinity Charge, York Co., Rev. A. Spangler,	66 27
Falconer Swamp, Montgomery Co., Rev. G. P. Fisher,	20 10
Uniontown Charge, Northumberland Co., Elder D. J. Keen,	15 00
Blain Charge, Perry Co., Rev. S. L. Messinger,	86 44
Christ Church, Adams Co., Rev. F. S. Lindaman,	23 25
First Church, Philadelphia, Rev. J. H. Sechler,	11 37
E. Vincent, Chester Co., Rev. L. G. Kremer,	6 00
Spring City, Chester Co., Rev. L. G. Kremer,	11 90
Overton, Bradford Co., Rev. G. H. Miller,	7 04
Grindstone-hill, Franklin Co., Rev. P. A. Long,	3 86
St. Paul's, Lancaster, Rev. J. W. Meminger,	50 00

BOOK AND LITERARY NOTICES.

[In noticing Books the BULLETIN is not limited to such only as are received for that purpose from the publishers. For sufficient reasons others may be mentioned favorably or unfavorably, according to the BULLETIN's estimate of their merits.]

From *A. S. Barnes & Co.*, New York, the following Text-book has been received, which it gives us pleasure favorably to mention as possessing great intrinsic merit.

ELEMENTS OF MORALS, by Paul Janet, translated by Mrs. C. R. Corson.

As a contribution to practical Ethics this volume deserves high commendation. In the treatment of his subject the author writes in a clear, lucid style. This is evidently the result of his having definite views of the topics discussed. He believes what he teaches and knows how to state his convictions. No ordinarily intelligent student can fail to understand

his meaning, even when he deals with the most intricate and perplexing ethical problems. The method of the book is excellent and serves greatly to aid in the apprehension of the subject. It abounds, also, in really pertinent and elucidative illustrations. But above all other merits, the author's frank and unhesitating recognition of Religion, and that the Christian Religion, as the fundamental basis of ethics is worthy of warm praise. This peculiarity of the volume is more distinctive of Janet's ethics, in comparison with most other books on the subject, than ought to be the case. The work offers an admirable complement, at least, to the text-books in common use, and its introduction would greatly promote ethical culture.

From *B. F. Johnson & Co.*, Richmond, Va. :

HEROES OF THE DARK CONTINENT, by J. W. Buel.

In this excellent volume is set forth, in most beautiful language a history of Africa's supposed former greatness, its subsequent degeneracy, its present condition and its prospects of rising from its barbarous state to that of one of the most powerful nations of the earth. Full accounts are given of exploring expeditions such as led by Captains Speke and Grant, Sir Samuel Baker, David Livingstone, Henry M. Stanley and others. About two hundred and fifty pages are expressly devoted to Mr. Stanley's last journey, thus making it a most interesting volume. The book is embellished with about 300 fine illustrations. Large 8vo. Price \$3 50.

From *Charles L. Webster & Co.*, 3 East 14th Street, New York :

A CONNECTICUT YANKEE IN KING ARTHUR'S COURT, by Mark Twain; square octavo, 576 p p. Cloth. Price \$3. 00.

In this volume Mr. Clemens seems to be especially free so far as his personal opinions and ideas are concerned. His fertile imagination is given full vent on such subjects as the rights of kings, free-trade and protection. In glowing language he tries to instil into the minds of his readers that although we are living in this glorious nineteenth century we must nevertheless be on our guard so as not to fall into such a condition of things as existed during King Arthur's reign. The hero of the story is a Connecticut Yankee. He gets into difficulty with one of his employees and finally finds himself in the same plight as did those of the sixth century. Here we find him introducing modern ideas and inventions. He strikes at Knight Errantry with a severe blow. The book should find its way to every employer's home. A general reading of it would perhaps convert some of Labor's despots to decency and right.



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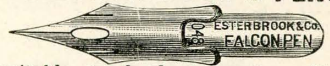
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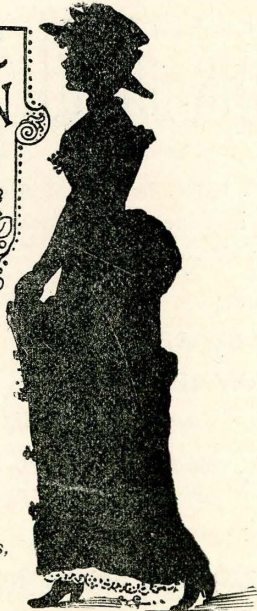
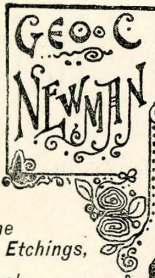
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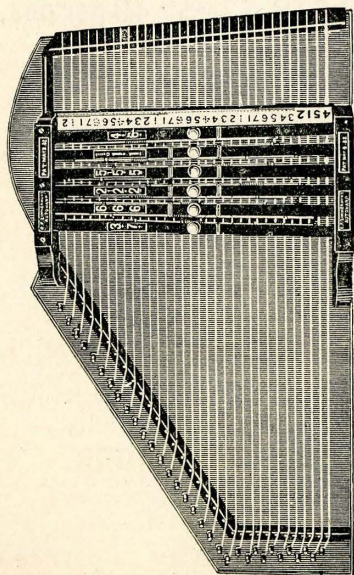
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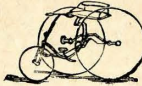
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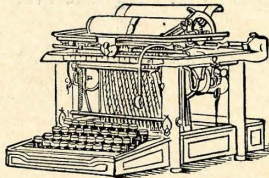
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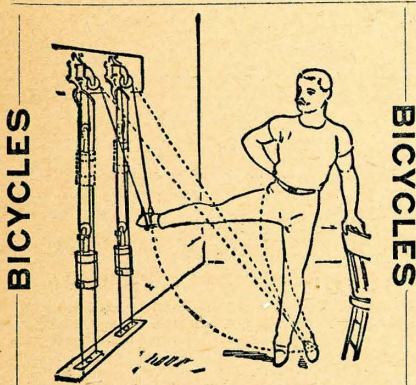
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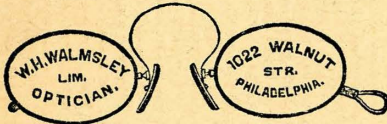
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