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URSINUS COLLEGE.

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

BECAUSE a knowledge of the general principles which underlie educational work is necessary to a wise choice of an educational institution, the BULLETIN herewith submits a few of the more important to the consideration of its readers.

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the scholar be thus equipped with sound ideas as to his relative position, we believe that it is the common experience that he time and again turns to the consideration of a problem which persistently confronts him in academic life,—how to make his efforts permanently effective and what methods to pursue in order to secure for himself a fixed and certain tenure of the countless facts and truths that are the essentials of a substantial education.

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It is frequently the case that the very person who seems to have the least trouble in acquiring a lesson is the one who encounters the most trying embarrassments in endeavoring to retain it. And, in fact, all students to a greater or less extent will oftentimes be forced unto the disheartening realization that it is far easier to obtain the first, unreliable mastery over a subject than to hold fast to the acquisition after the initial victory is won.

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Just when a college man is in this somewhat trying frame of mind he feels the most urgent need of encouragement and displays the greatest eagerness for assistance; and as a possible help to anyone so situated we advocate the systematic trial of one plan especially among the many to be followed. It is simply that while out of the recitation room he indulge in frequent, discreetly - conducted, conversational discussions concerning his studies, with his fellows of the same class or those more advanced in the course. There is nothing which so quickens the indi-

EARNEST seekers after knowledge should always be on the alert for suggestions which may tend to aid or enlighten them in their labors. A willingness, not only to give ear to well-meant advice, but also, in case it is found to be expedient and judicious, to appropriate its subject-matter and employ it as a factor in the working out of practical results, betokens in the student a mind possessed as well of a wise appreciation of the difficulties and obstacles which oppose its intellectual progress as a correct estimate of the full measure of strength it can summon to combat them. Now whether or not

vidual and strengthens his mental grip as earnest, sensible debate. Its friction stirs up the sluggish memory, sharpens the intellectual insight and polishes the rusty powers of thought. The information and improvement to be derived from this associating and comparing of ideas are invaluable.

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Of course it is absolutely essential to the worth of our argument that any such habitual talking of the salient points that appear in a text-book as you advance through its pages should be carried on solely for the good results it will accomplish. To be successful it must be kept entirely free from the trivial, partisan impulse, born of pride, to adopt the custom merely to uphold preconceived individual notions as to matters in hand. But with a careful avoidance of this danger point any well-devised project that contemplates a regular interchange of the opinions and views that students have acquired from the lessons of the day, will be found of incomparable benefit in resolving doubts, clearing up mists, riveting facts and thus adding to the general store of permanent, reliable knowledge.

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We would strongly recommend this aid to study to any who may not have tried it in the precise form here outlined. Let those who are specially intimate, as the result of membership in the same class or society or from other causes, arrange among themselves certain definite times for these "lesson-talks" for mutual profit, to take the place of the hour passed each day in listless dreaming over an uncongenial book. It will require but a brief ob-

servance of the new rule to bring forth some of the gratifying fruits which are certain to attend its adoption.

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Daniel Hand (were his middle name "Helping" it would certainly be very appropriate), a wealthy resident of Connecticut, has lately given the sum of one million dollars for the education of poor colored people in the old slave States of the South. This splendid instance of thoughtful, well-timed liberality should act as a powerful exemplar to the miserly government which, though its coffers are continually overflowing with boundless wealth, shamelessly professes to cherish the utterly senseless idea that it knows of no worthy cause to which the stagnant treasure can be profitably devoted. Thank Heaven, our country has some generous, whole-souled citizens who know what to do with surplus revenue even though the nation through its rulers does not!

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The versatile compiler of "Jottings from Ursinus" in the *Providence Independent* in a recent contribution to that valued contemporary, after referring to the October number of the BULLETIN as being "robed in an elegant new fall dress which adds to the paper's grace and beauty," states that "it still maintains its position among the best of American college journals and has won a welcome seat in the affections of every student." For all of which we make our appreciative obeisance.

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The death of Rev. Dr. Consistorial-rath Ebrard on the twenty-third of July last in Erlangen, Germany, was a

lamented event which for many reasons the BULLETIN cannot allow to pass without a merited tribute to the memory of the departed one. As a Christian scholar and theologian he held a place in the front rank of the learned men of Germany. And what is still more to his praise, he ever kept his head high above the turmoil and confusion of the wild rationalistic and skeptical contentions of the times. His heart seemed to be always fixed, and his mind clear and positive in his convictions, and he had the faith and courage to maintain those convictions whatever temporal loss it might entail. A fuller account of his personal characteristics and work may be expected in our December issue.

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Beginning with the present number the "Monthly Summary"—from the start an important department in our columns—will be made up by Mr. I. Calvin Fisher, of the class of '89.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

SCHAFF SOCIETY.

LECTURE BY REV. DR. DOWLING.

The Schaff contributor who authorized the announcement in our last issue of a lecture, to be given under the auspices of this society on the evening of October 18th, regrets that by reason of the failure of the committee in charge to secure a speaker in time, the promised entertainment did not take place.

He is now, however, glad to be able to state with certainty that it has finally been the good fortune of the committee to engage the services of one whose fame as an eloquent orator has preceded him,—the Rev. George Thomas

Dowling, D. D., of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Although a comparative stranger in this community, he, nevertheless, comes to our midst highly recommended both by the public press and different lecture committees.

The entertainment will be held in the college chapel, on Friday evening, November 16. The speaker's theme will be "The Good Old Times." A general admission fee of 35 cents will be charged; reserved seats 40 cents. The occasion will certainly be one of great intellectual enjoyment and all should avail themselves of it. Let the members of the college and their friends turn out in full force to hear this eminent man.

The Schaff officers at present are as follows:—

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ZWINGLIAN SOCIETY.

THE NEW MUSEUM.

Since the publication of the last report the Curator has received upwards of two hundred additional natural curiosities, making a grand total of over one thousand specimens now on the museum shelves. Among the number may be seen rare objects of interest from China, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, England, Ireland, Scotland, Mexico and our own country. They include Indian tomahawks, ax-heads, arrow-heads and scalping knife; also

gold, iron and copper ores, a large number of fossils, agates, crystals, old coins, books from 130 to 245 years old and so on to the end of the long and varied list.

The society desires to offer through the columns of the BULLETIN its unanimous thanks to the following persons for valuable contributions received during the last eight weeks: Messrs. Walter Bomberger, Collegeville, Pa.; William Gilbert, East Hanover, Pa.; Frank Kilmer, Sheridan, Pa.; Jacob and Reuben Sheirer, Schnecksville Pa.; Robert Wotring, Northampton, Pa.; Prof. John M. Leisse, Robesonia, Pa., and the Misses Phipps, Evansburg, Pa. The members of the society who made donations are, Messrs. Jos. W. Bell, Horace A. Fetters, H. E. Jones, H. E. Kilmer, H. E. Kratz, E. W. Lentz, W. H. Loose, Charles E. Peter, O. H. E. Rauch, I. N. Scholl, E. G. Small, Henry Tesnow, Robert Todd and Mr. Wiest.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Ebrard correspondent, reports that this society continues to give evidence of being firmly established. The college classes are all represented on its roll of membership. Professor Peters speaks in high terms of the results that are attained by those who attend its regular Thursday afternoon meetings and engage in the practical, conversational use of the German language. It has recently been formally decided to hold an Ebrard Anniversary on the Friday evening of the fourth week of the coming Winter Term.

The following are the officers of the Olevian Society:—

President Lillie Preston; Vice-President, Laura Kraft; Recording Secretary, Ada

Schwenk; Corresponding Secretary, Anna Harley; Treasurer, Hallie Vanderslice; Critic, Lillie Gross; Editress, Sallie Hendricks; Chaplain, Flora Rahn.

NEWS ABOUT COLLEGE.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

At the twenty-first annual Pennsylvania State Convention of the Y. M. C. A., held at Allentown, October 11th-14th, 1888, the URSINUS Association was worthily represented by delegates J. K. Freed, '90, Harvey E. Kilmer, '90, O. H. E. Rauch, '89, S. P. Stauffer, '89, Horace T. Wagner, '91, and C. D. Yost, '91. During the Wednesday evening session of the convention the delegates rendered interesting reports on the different phases of the work discussed. The key-note of the ideas expressed was struck in the mention of the words "total consecration, earnest prayer and more Bible-love." It is hoped that each returned delegate, as well as every member of the Association and student of the College, will be "a burning and shining light," with the words of John the Baptist (St. John 5: 30.) directing his entire being.

PROFESSOR WEINBERGER'S BIBLE TALKS.

On Sunday afternoon October 6th, Prof. J. Shelly Weinberger gave his second Bible Talk before the Y. M. C. A. In treating the subject of "Practical Humility" the speaker set forth very clearly and forcibly the dangers connected with the love of praise and popularity, resulting in vanity, the source of personal laudation, self confidence, which makes light of evil influences and that species of pride which delights to be in authority over others. He then explained the bless-

ings and comforts accruing to the soul which renders God all the honor and glory of its service and prefers to be good rather than distinguished, to follow in the footsteps of Christ, the best example, rather than those of shortsighted humanity with its perverted desires.

The next Talk is fixed for Sunday, November 4th, on the theme, "Work for Jesus in Vacation." The remaining subjects of the series are as follows: "Practical Religion," "How to Spend the Sabbath," "Serving God," "Trifles and their Importance," "What are You Reading?" "Which Company is Most to my Taste?" and "What Will You Reap?" President Bomberger will close the course some Sunday during the last term of the current academic year, with afternoon remarks on "The Lord's Prayer."

Active preparations are being made by the Association for the coming Week of Prayer, November 11th-17th. Services will be held in the College Chapel and the churches of the vicinity. The help of prominent evangelists will be secured for the evening meetings. The members ask the pastors and Christian people of the community for their prayers, that our College along with the others may have "showers of blessing."

IN MEMORIAM. MRS. HENRY W. KRATZ.

For the second time within less than a twelve-month death has invaded the inner circle of our college life and laid its hand upon another who, for a long period of years, was in many ways identified with URSINUS and her interests. On Wednesday morning, Octo-

ber 17th, 1888, Elmira, wife of Henry W. Kratz, Esq., of Trappe, President of the Board of Directors of the College, after an extremely painful illness was called to the soul's eternal rest. Her funeral occurred on the afternoon of Monday, the 22nd ultimo, in St. Luke's Reformed Church, which was thronged to overflowing with friends from far and near, who had gathered out of sympathy for the family and respect to the memory of the departed one. All the regular routine work of the College was suspended, the Faculty attending the ceremonies of the solemn occasion in a body. The Trustees and a large number of students were also present. Rev. Dr. J. B. Shumaker delivered a sermon full of eloquent feeling and consolation. President Bomberger assisted in the services, closing them with a beautifully expressed address that abounded in touching reference to several leading characteristics of the deceased. The interment took place in the cemetery connected with St. Luke's.

Mrs. Kratz will ever be warmly remembered not only by a majority of those who at present make up the college community but also by many Alumni of the Institution down even to its earliest classes, as well as by numerous undergraduate students of years long past. Her special talents as a vocalist were combined with a warm love of music inherent in her nature and, as a result, the services in this sphere of culture which for more than three decades she freely rendered to St. Luke's and the vicinity were untiring and invaluable. In this respect, as well as others, it will be as difficult to replace her loss as it was grievous to sustain it.

THE COLLEGE ORCHESTRA.

The constant need of instrumental music at URSINUS and the large number of unemployed amateur performers that were found to be within her borders this term, recently prompted a united effort among the students to revive the College orchestra. The undertaking was remarkably successful and an excellent organization has been formed on a well-established basis.

At present it is made up as follows: First Violins, Prof. F. W. Steins, I. C. Williams, '91, and Howard Johnson, '92; Second Violins, Irvin F. Wagner, '91, and P. E. Heimer, '91; Flute, Ralph Royer, '90; Violoncello, Harry E. Kratz, '90; First Cornet, Henry R. Steinruck, '92; Second Cornet, J. M. S. Isenberg, '92; Clarinet, Albert H. Eberly, '90; Bass, P. M. Spangler, '90; Drum, G. H. Meixell, '90, and Piano, Miss Lillie Preston. O. H. E. Rauch, '89, who is director of the orchestra, reports that it observes stated times for practice and is much encouraged in its endeavors to master harmony and time. It is preparing to supply the music at the next Society Anniversary. It will make its first appearance at the special services to be held during the approaching week of prayer.

JUNIOR CLASS BANQUET.

On Saturday evening, October 20th, at the famous Welden House by the banks of the Perkiomen near Zieglersville, the sturdy Class of '90 celebrated its satisfactory settlement in the realms of Juniordom with a long-to-be-remembered banquet. All who participated in the event speak of it in glowing terms. The *menu* was sumptuous and elegant and the coming

Alumni of 1890, with their fair companions, did ample justice to its many tempting dishes. At the conclusion of their successful attack upon the varied viands of the supper, they signaled the victory by a brilliant intellectual feast, in the course of which the following toasts were proposed and responded to: "The Ladies," Granville H. Meixell; "Our President," Harvey E. Kilmer; "Our Class," John T. Wagner; "Our College," Edward S. Bromer; "Our Banquet," Charles P. Kehl. The remarks gave evidence that the men of '90, besides being considerably the largest body of Juniors the College has had, are at the same time earnestly possessed of at least as full a measure of true, zealous, patriotic URSINUS spirit as was ever exhibited by any class in our *Alma Mater's* past history.

SENIOR ORATIONS.

Since our last issue orations have been delivered by members of the senior class as follows: Flora S. Rahn, subject, "Literary Dissipation;" Ernest H. Longstreth, subject, "Our Foreign Immigration;" Mayne R. Longstreth, subject, "A Study of Politics;" Oswil H. E. Rauch, subject, "The Coming Man;" Henry W. Spare, subject, "The Labor Question." By mistake we stated in October that the number of speeches now required of each member of the class during the year was five. The figure should have been *four*.

A HALLOWEEN PARTY.

At a Halloween party given recently by Mrs. Prof. J. Shelly Weinberger at "Glen Farm" URSINUS was well represented by students and graduates.

The evening was passed in enjoyable and in many respects quite unique methods of entertainment. The beautiful lawn about the Professor's mansion was brilliantly illuminated with numerous Jack O'Lanterns. A number of original games, specially arranged for the occasion in imitation of the quaint customs and sports of Halloween, were indulged in to the great delight of all. Chestnut-roasting, the deciding of one's fate by bowls of colored water, the reading of destinies from the wise sayings of the spirits and other similar diversions were among the amusements provided. Upon the refreshment table each guest found a present indicative of his particular traits of character and calling on him for some easily rendered service. After a happy introduction to the "ghost," the visitors dispersed at eleven o'clock much pleased with the cordial and well-planned hospitality shown them.

MATRIMONIAL.

Three weddings of former undergraduate students of the college have occurred within the past few weeks. Mr. Robert M. Fry, of Tamaqua, an ex-member of the class of '91, was the first of this number to enter the boundaries of hymenial bliss. His bride was Miss Mary Perry of Minersville. He was followed by Miss Andora F. Tyson, of Grater's Ford, of the Freshman class of '85-'86, who was married to Mr. Elmer Stauffer, of Boyertown, a fraternal relative of two esteemed Alumni of the class of '79. Subsequently Miss Katie M. Williard of Trappe, who will be remembered as among the Freshmen of '82-'83, was married to Mr. William

Bromer of Schwenksville, whose brother graduated with honor in last year's class. The BULLETIN's sincere good wishes attend these happy events.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Rev. George Wolff, D. D., a member of the Board of Directors who has ever been warmly attached to the college and zealously devoted to its welfare, is lying critically ill at his home in Myerstown. The heartfelt prayers of many friends are with him in his affliction.

On Sunday morning and evening, October 14th, Mr. Charles E. Wehler, of the Senior Theological class, preached in the Centennial Presbyterian Church at Jeffersonville, this county.

Quite a number of students attended several of the meetings of the Annual Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States which recently convened at Norristown, Pa.

By unintentional mistake, the BULLETIN in its last number called the college political organization which is modelled on Jeffersonian principles, and is known as the "Cleveland and Thurman Democratic Society," a "Cleveland and Thurman Club." It acknowledges the error and cheerfully makes the correction.

The thanks of the college are due to Mr. Samuel H. Bibighaus, of Philadelphia, for a handsome bunting flag, and flag-pole, recently presented to it by that gentleman.

Mr. Edwin P. Gresh, of Norristown, an old student who still keeps alive his interest in the institution, has acquired the exceedingly pleasant habit of re-

membering the BULLETIN with an annual five dollar subscription about commencement time.

The Western Reformed Church Almanac for 1889, just issued, devotes a full page to the publication of a brief sketch of URSINUS that is headed with fairly good wood-engravings of our worthy President and Vice-President.

COLLEGE CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE POETRY OF SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE.

“What think you of our friend Coleridge as a preacher,” was asked of a famous *litterateur* by a Londoner. “I have never thought of him as anything else,” answered the celebrity, complimenting himself with the idea that this invidious criticism which had slipped through his lips was of value. The two had been to hear the poet hold forth the gospel in an out-of-town parish.

Now what there is of the prosy and tiresome preacher of his time in Coleridge's poetry we acknowledge ourselves unable to find, and can only therefore account the reply to the fact that the critic of public note had been for too long a time without his sup and provender, and for want of this stimulus was in ill humor. There is severe and stately thought and intellectual retrospection evidenced in the poetry of his later years, but naught of that frigid solemnity and dry austerity with which the pulpit of that day was often wont to surround the exposition of Bible truths.

The student of Coleridge, the poet, is astonished at the varieties of style and manner in which his master writes. Odes, tragedies, epigrams, expres-

sions of love, of patriotism, of superstition, and the highest degree of intellectuality,—all abound in profusion.

The odes are highly passionate and elevated in conception. The one on France deserves particular notice, being exceedingly rich in the writer's peculiar style. It was considered by Shelly to be the finest ode of modern times. The Hymn on Chamouni is equal to it in loftiness and brilliancy.

Coleridge was deficient in that energy and special strength of passion necessary to tragedy. The poetical beauty of certain passages would not, on the stage, atone for the paucity of action and want of interest in his two plays; though, as works of genius, they vastly excel those of a more recent date which prove highly successful in representation. In his love-poetry Coleridge is, undoubtedly, at his best. His Genevieve is pure and exquisite, without that gorgeous diffuseness which stands out so prominently in the odes, yet more carefully and chastely finished, abounding in the most delicate and subtle traits of his wonderful imagination. It is the best sample of this class of his writings.

In the unfinished “Christabel” Coleridge illustrates his theory of the connection between the spiritual and material world. The effort is a romantic, supernatural tale, filled with the wildest imagery and a remarkably fine but peculiar modulation of verse. “Khubla Khan” is a fragment written from recollections of a dream. In it the pleasure derived from the metrical harmony and melodious rhythm overcomes our disgust at the absurd conceptions.

“A damsel with a dulcimer,
In a vision once I saw.

It was an Abyssinian Maid,
And on her dulcimer she played,
Singing of Mount Abora."

Here follows something from "Christabel" in which the irregular symphony is to be noted.

"Hush, beating heart of Christabel!
Jesu Maria shield her well!
She foldeth her arms beneath her cloak,
And stole to the other side of the oak,
What sees she there?
There she sees a damsel bright,
Dressed in silken robe of white."

"The Ancient Mariner" is the most original and striking of his productions. It is a narrative full of energetic description and touches of exquisite tenderness;—vivid and original flights of the imagination. Its faults are its arbitrary versification and unnatural action.

It is of interest to note some of the remarks and criticisms made on Coleridge's Poetry at the time of its first appearance. When the "Ancient Mariner" was published with a number of ballads, Southey spoke of it as a "poor, Dutch effort." "The New Monthly" thought it "the strangest cock and bull story that ever they saw." Lamb, with a judgment in advance of his age, admired it much. The reading public as a whole received it coldly, almost contemptuously. A fairy could be tolerated, but the "Ancient Mariner" was neither fish, flesh, nor fowl."

His shorter productions were received with more favor, but none with enthusiasm. "Christabel," being a pure fairy tale, was liked by many who regarded the "Ancient Mariner" a failure. And so we might go on citing criticisms which sound absurd to our enlightened age of careful disparagement. As a *finale* let us say

that, recalling the weaknesses, physical and otherwise, from which Coleridge suffered so much, and the amount of prose he has written, we can hardly form too high an estimate of his poetry. We give a few selections by way of "kindly remembrance."

He prayeth best, who loveth best,
All things both great and small.
From *Ancient Mariner*.

Whispering tongues can poison truth.—
To be wroth with one we love,
Doth work like madness in the blood.
From *Christabel*.

Twice wretched he who hath been doubly blest.—
Oh, worse than all! oh, pang all pangs above,
Is kindness counterfeiting absent love.
From *The Pang more Sharp than All*.
An Allegory.

A mother is a mother still,
The holiest thing alive.
From *The Three Graves*.
E. GELLOC.

ODE TO A CLOUD.

Lightly and airily,
Brightly and fairly,
Sweeping triumphant the sky so blue;
Who does not envy thee,
Hastening merrily,
On in the heaven so deep and so true?

Led by the dawn's first flush,
Wed by Aurora's blush,
Golden apparel'd and king of the air;
Climb now the dizzy height,
Gem-crown'd, with grace bedight,
Vision of beauty so wondrously fair.

Till at the zenith's crest,
Still, with thy fleecy breast,
Poise on thy pinions and calmly survey
Forest and glancing stream,
Bright as a lover's dream,
Then, at the evening's call, hie thee away.

Soft is the sunset glow,
Oft as Apollo, low,
Hovers embracing the radiant verge.
Sleep in his love-lit nest,
Till, with the morrow blest,
Thou to our ravish'd gaze beauteous emerge.

E. M. HYDE.

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 Collegeville, Montg. Co., Pa.]

'75. The Rev. E. Garver Williams is extensively engaged in the translation of German works into the English language, and we trust that the rich stores of early Reformed history and theology, which have afforded him the highest pleasure and profit, may speedily be made accessible to the English portion of the church by their publication in an English dress.

'76. Rev. H. J. Welker, pastor of the Tulpehocken charge, Stouchsburg, Pa., in company with his family, spent a week recently in visiting friends and relatives in Montgomery, Lehigh and Bucks counties. While stopping in Montgomery, he preached for Revs. C. Z. Weiser, D. D., and A. L. Dechant.

'76. Mr. John Keyser, of Alburdis, Lehigh Co., Pa., whose faithfulness as a student will be remembered by the college men of his day, has abandoned all professional aspirations and settled down to manual labor for a livelihood. May John hoe his row well and find the reward of faithfulness at its end.

'76. The Rev. G. A. Scheer, of Philadelphia, spent a day with the Synod of the United States, convened at Norristown, October 10th to 17th, and not only made affectionate inquiry after *Alma Mater*, but volunteered a promise to grace the next commencement with his genial presence. Mr. Scheer has enjoyed a successful pastorate in his native city.

'77. E. F. Slough, Esq., of the Norristown bar, recently had an encounter with an impostor, whom he routed by a short, sharp and incisive cross-examination. There is no parleying with fraud in the Penn street law office, and we would recommend all who desire deliverance from sharpers to Mr. Slough.

'77. The Rev. J. E. Smith, of Bath, Pa., was present at the Norristown Synod to witness the success of the cause of a number of members of Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, which he conducted before East Pennsylvania Classis last Spring. The Synod sustained the action of the Classis, and thus a second stamp of approval was placed upon the claims advocated by Mr. Smith before the lower judicatory.

'78. Rev. J. J. Fisher, of Tamaqua, Pa., was one of the faithful delegates to the Synod at Norristown who remained to the close of the protracted sessions. By close attention to his work and a sincere devotion to his people Mr. Fisher has enjoyed a prosperous pastorate in the Tamaqua charge.

'79. The Rev. N. W. Helffrich, of Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., accompanied by his wife, traveled overland to the Norristown Synod, and embraced the opportunity to visit, on the way, his friend, the Rev. O. P. Smith, of Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe, and to look in upon the scenes of his early college life at URSINUS. Mr. Helffrich drives a fleet span of horses, "Gold Dust" and "Black Hawk," and on his return home covered the distance from Norristown to Fogelsville, forty-five miles, in five hours.

'81. The Rev. G. W. Stibitz is in his second year of post-graduate study

at Yale Divinity School and, according to the testimony of Dr. Harper, the Professor of Sanskrit, is showing himself to be using to the highest advantage the extended opportunities for mental culture which he there enjoys.

'83. A. Bond Warner, B. S., is engaged in the shoe business at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., and, although not devoted to literary work, he has lost none of his interest in education and the welfare of his *Alma Mater*.

'84. Rev. John A. Keiper, merchant of Elizabethtown, Dauphin Co., was married to Miss Gertrude V. Barr, in the United Brethren Church of his native place on October 17th, by the Rev. Mr. Gable, pastor in charge. Messrs. C. M. Barr and W. P. Barr, brothers of the bride, were the groomsmen; Miss Annie Keiper, sister of the groom, and Miss Laura Schwab served as bridesmaids. The ushers were Messrs. Aaron Hoke and Harry Bender. After the services the bridal party repaired to the residence of the bride's parents, where a reception was held. The BULLETIN extends to the bride and groom congratulations and best wishes for a prosperous voyage through life.

'84. Mr. H. Alvin Hunsicker of Philadelphia, has accepted the Eastern agency of the firm of R. L. Henry & Co., wholesale lumber dealers of Chicago, Ill. His central office is Room 13, Kemble Building, 15 Whitehall Street, New York City.

'84. Rev. Henry A. Bomberger is manifesting much energy and activity in his pastoral work in Heidelberg Reformed Church, York, Pa. From Monday, October 15th, to Saturday, the

20th, he joined with his congregation in daily evening evangelistic services, at each of which Rev. James I. Good, D. D., of Philadelphia, preached an earnest, effective sermon. The meetings were very successful in that they were attended with special spiritual instruction and profit.

'85. The new Memorial Reformed Church at Maiden, N. C., of which Rev. Joseph L. Murphy is pastor, was consecrated to God's service on Sunday, September 16th. Rev. Dr. G. W. Welker preached the dedication sermon, and Rev. Dr. J. C. Clapp delivered a short address. The building is plain but neat and substantial. It is entirely free of debt.

'86. Licentiate George H. Miller spent the summer at his home in Northampton County, preaching for different pastors, and visiting friends. He was one of the numerous visitors to the Synod at Norristown.

'88. It is the happy privilege of the BULLETIN to note the wedding of another of the loyal sons of URSINUS. The Rev. A. D. Wolfinger of Brownback's charge, Chester County, was married to Miss Mary Lizzie Sheeliegh, of Pottstown, on Thursday, October 18th, at 1.30 P. M., in the church of which the groom is pastor. The ceremony was performed by President Bomberger, assisted by the Rev. G. S. Sorber, '76, a former pastor of the charge. The bridesmaids were Miss Annie Sheeliegh, sister of the bride; Miss Ida Beeler and Miss Maggie Holloway, of Pottstown. The groomsmen were Mr. O. H. E. Rauch, '89, Mr. I. Calvin Fisher, '89, and Mr. R. F. Longacre, '88. The ushers were Mr. O. E. Shuler, of Pottstown, and Mr.

H. E. Jones, '90. The participation of the President, two alumni, and three undergraduates of URSINUS almost made it a college wedding. A reception was held at the parsonage adjoining the church, immediately after the ceremony, when congratulations were offered the happy couple by hosts of members and friends, and choice refreshments served to the numerous guests. May long life and fullness of joy be the portion of the young pastor and his wife.

'88. Mr. John Lerch, A. B., has deferred professional study for a year and is seeking to replenish his exchequer by teaching a public school in his native township in Northampton County.

'88. Mr. F. Longacre, B. S., whose choice of the profession of medicine was announced in the October BULLETIN, has wisely reconsidered his first conclusion and is now a student in the Theological Department of URSINUS. Sober second thought has brought Mr. Longacre to a decision for the profession to which his talents are eminently adapted and for which "Pauline" preparation will preeminently fit him.

'87-'88. Mr. W. Albert Korn, '87, formerly Adjunct Professor of Mathematics in Palatinate College, Myers-town, and Messrs. J. Lewis Fluck and C. U. O. Derr, of the Class of '88, entered Yale Divinity School this Fall.

GENERAL TOPICS.

RELIGION FOR STUDENTS.

The following pointedly expressed views of a leading college president of this country on the above theme are well worth the earnest consideration of every seeker after true intellectual

culture and correct higher education. They start from the premises that a college community is emphatically an isolated community, more completely separated and farther removed than almost any other from the ordinary and almost universally pervading influences of family and social life. It is like a ship at sea. It needs within itself all that is necessary to healthy life.

When parents send their sons away to school they expect, if they do not require, that they shall be taught such things as a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health. It is felt that devotional exercises and attendance at public worship should be required for the religious endowment of human nature. There is no school which seeks to commend itself by advertising its rejection of this department of educational work. And yet many of our higher institutions of learning claim favor because they have excluded religious instruction from their curricula and do not require attendance at public worship. It will require but a brief consideration of the place which the college holds in our educational system to show that it would be better for the young men if these things were retained.

The work of the college is that of liberal education. It is done between the time of a boy's leaving the elementary school and his entering the professional or technical school, or active business life. It is emphatically the period when personal character is formed and fixed, and the work of the college is directed not simply to gaining knowledge which may be turned to pecuniary gain, but to the development and strengthening of mind, to

deepening the understanding, to cultivating the faculties, to extending the mental vision, to elevating thought and broadening the being into manhood; to the acquisition of self-control, and the regulation of life on fixed principles; briefly, to the transformation of a boy into a well rounded man. There must, therefore, be the kind of study which affords a knowledge of the basis of our science, civilization and social life, and a variety of occupations which may strengthen the many-sided and widely extended activities of the thinking faculties.

For this work a costly equipment is required. The course of study must be wide and far-reaching. There must be many instructors, each specially accomplished in his own department of learning, with ready sympathies, and keenly alive to the fact that he is engaged in the noblest of occupations—the production of men of a good quality. There must be a great outlay for apparatus in science and letters; great collections of books for reading and reference; the creation of a community for the origination and elaboration of thought, where men live in a lettered atmosphere, and where a learned and refined intercourse shall by its subtle power produce the tones of culture in the mind.

But this is not all. A high moral standard must be established and maintained; it must ever be kept before all, and conformity to it must be expected until the effort to observe its requirements shall become a disposition and unconsciously control the activities of the soul and order the conduct on the principles of truth, honor and Godliness. Of this, religious faith is recognized as the only sure basis.

What is wrought into the fibre of being when character is forming and settling will remain; and any element then omitted or left undeveloped can never have the place and power which it ought to have.

Secular colleges are doing well the work which they set out to do. They have an excellent equipment, able professors, and they give instruction in what they undertake as good as the best. But as avowed Christians, who believe that religion should preside over the whole life, we think they do not in all respects furnish the most complete education. There are those who desire for their sons certain influences of a moral and religious character which aim avowedly to produce, not gentlemen and scholars merely, but Christian gentlemen and Christian scholars. Colleges where students may prepare for life's work, whether it is to be in the public service, in the courts, in hospitals, in factories, in the counting house, in the pulpit, in literature or in social life, and whence they may go forth strong not only in body and mind, but also in spiritual power to overcome the wicked one.

The drift away from the teachings and methods of the past, and the slight and precarious connection of religion with the higher education of the day in a constantly increasing number of American colleges cannot be observed by thinking men without alarm, and in view of this fact, it is plain that our church institutions are called upon to take a more prominent position as conservators of religion and learning than they have heretofore occupied.

A CLIPPING.

APPROPRIATE TO THE SEASON.

The flowers are dead that made a Summer
splendor

By wayside nooks and on the sunny hill,
And with regret, these hearts of ours grow
tender,

As sometimes all hearts will.

We loved the blossoms, for they helped to
brighten

The lives so dark with wearying toil and
care;

As hopes and dreams forever help to lighten
The heavy loads we bear.

How like the flowers, whose transient life is
ended,

The hopes and dreams are, that, for one brief
hour,

Make the glad heart a garden bright and
splendid

About love's latticed bower.

One little hour of almost perfect pleasure,

A foretaste of the happiness to come,

Then sudden frost—the garden yields its treas-
ure,

And stands in sorrow, dumb.

O, listen, heart! The flower may lose its
glory

Beneath the touch of frost, but does not die

In Spring it will repeat the old, sweet story

Of God's dear by-and-by.

In Heaven, if never here, the hopes we cher-
ish—

The flowers of human lives we count as lost,

Will live again. Such beauty cannot perish;

And Heaven has no frost.

THE CENTRAL INTER-COLLEGI-
ATE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday morning, November 3,
in parlor C, of the Continental Hotel,
Philadelphia, was held the third annual
convention of the Central Inter-collegi-
ate Press Association. The meeting

was called to order at half past eleven
o'clock and the following delegates
were found to be in attendance: A.
G. Cummins, Jr., Ralph Stone and
George Masters, of the Swarthmore
Phoenix; R. W. Illingworth, of the
Dickinsonian; E. M. Angell, W. H.
Fite and S. P. Ravenel of the Haver-
fordian; E. W. Mumford, S. M. Lind-
say and C. P. B. Jefferys, Jr., of the
Pennsylvanian, University of Pennsyl-
vania; J. W. Horine, G. S. Kleckner
and J. J. Yingling, of the Muhlenberg;
Leonard W. Ely, of the Columbia Spec-
tator, Columbia College, New York;
A. B. Bauman and I. W. Hendricks,
of the College Student, Franklin and
Marshall College; and O. H. E. Rauch,
I. Calvin Fisher and A. W. Bomberger,
of URSINUS COLLEGE BULLETIN.

In the absence of the President, Mr.
Hodge, of Princeton, organization was
effected by the election of Mr. Mum-
ford as temporary chairman, Mr. Stone
being the regular Secretary. The Co-
lumbia Spectator, of Columbia College,
New York City and the Pennsylvanian
of the University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, made application for
membership in the association and were
unanimously received. The election
of officers for the ensuing year resulted
as follows: President, Leonard W.
Ely; Vice-President, A. G. Cummins,
Jr.; Secretary-Treasurer, E. M. Angell;
Executive Committee, R. W. Illing-
worth, C. P. B. Jeffreys, Jr., G. S.
Kleckner, A. B. Bauman and Leonard
W. Ely, *ex-officio*. Mr. Illingworth
was subsequently chosen chairman of
the committee.

The minutes of the meetings of 1886
and 1887 were read and adopted. In-
teresting discussions of general meth-
ods of work were then participated

in by a majority of the delegates present, the remarks of Messrs. Illingworth, Mumford, Stone and Cummins being specially pointed and well-put. The question as to the advisability of endorsing the Collegian, a proposed Monthly Magazine, of about 125 pages, to be published under the direction of the New England Inter-collegiate Press Association, at West Wakefield, Mass., in the interests of the American under-graduate was considered at great length. The first issue of this new periodical will appear January 1st, 1888. Its columns, which will be open only to the students of the colleges of this country, will consist of essays, stories, poems, editorials, a rostrum, preparatory school and eclectic departments, general college news, Foreign university correspondence, and book reviews. It offers to all undergraduates a number of prizes for literary work, among them being two of \$50 each for the best essay and story respectively, and one of \$15 for the best poem. After a thorough expression of views on the aims of the journal and its probable effect on the general college press, the Association with one voice resolved to give it their endorsement and help.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to transmit to the New England Association the fraternal greetings and good wishes of the college press of the Central States. It was also decided to hold a banquet immediately after the next annual business meeting of the Association, and the Executive Committee was authorized to make the necessary arrangements for it. The Convention adjourned shortly before two o'clock, P. M., to assemble again on the first Saturday of November, 1889.

The meeting though rather quiet and without any great amount of energy, definite purpose or enthusiasm, was nevertheless characterized by warm, good feeling and cordiality that cannot fail to be productive of good result.

NEWS LETTERS.

DICKINSON.

With the close of last year came the news that our honored President, Dr. McCauley, had resigned, and our hearts were filled with apprehensions for the future; but this year opened with brighter prospects than ever. Dr. Himes, who is widely known in scientific circles, is our acting President, and, under his wise direction, the crisis has been avoided.

'92 has about forty men, and '91 has about the same number. There is much good material among the newcomers both in scholarship and athletics. Our preparatory school is also large.

Our boys had a recent athletic contest with the members of the Indian school. We took the 100 yards dash, running broad jump, running high jump, hurdle race and throwing the hammer, while the Indians took the mile run, putting the shot and tug of war. Lawn tennis has become very popular during the last year.

EDITORS OF "DICKINSONIAN."

Carlisle, Pa.

SWARTHMORE.

The effect of beginning the year with the additional large endowment of \$120,000 is felt in every department, and everything seems to have received a new impetus.

On account of the inclement weather, the Fall Tennis Tournament was not as much of a success as those of former years. But many promising players were conspicuous among the new men.

Enthusiasm in foot-ball is at high-water mark. At the opening of the season our team was very strong, and our chances for the State championship were excellent; but unfortunately two of the best and oldest players on the team, Cummins and Harvey, half-back and centre-rush, were compelled to stop playing on account of injuries. This irreparable loss has greatly weakened the team, and likewise our chances for the championship.

"Pearl and Maroon" have been abolished, and Garnet has taken their place as Swarthmore colors.

ED'S OF "SWARTHMORE PHOENIX."
Swarthmore, Pa.

MUHLENBERG.

The opening exercises of the year were held Thursday, September 6th. There were more students in attendance than at any other time in the history of the college. The Freshman class numbers twenty-two; the Sophomore the same; the Junior, twenty-six, and the Senior eight.

A strong interest is manifested in athletics. The gymnasium has been renovated and improvements made. The tennis court monopolizes the attention of many of the boys, and some have developed into very skillful players. Cricket is, as yet, an experiment, but bids fair to become popular. The base-ball team has received excellent accessions.

Steam heat has been introduced into the building. Our college paper,

known from its infancy as the "Muhlenberg Monthly," now appears under the new title, the "Muhlenberg." Before the expiration of their term of office, the management hope to enlarge and beautify it.

ED'S OF THE "MUHLENBERG."
Allentown, Pa.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

"Franklin and Marshall" sends greeting to her sister college.

The Fall term has opened under very favorable circumstances. The number of new students is larger than usual. French and History have been added to the college curriculum. The Goetheans have had their hall refrescoed. The Diagnothian hall which was refrescoed several years ago was painted on the outside and now makes a fine appearance.

It being the year after the centennial of the college there were not very many alumni present during last commencement week, but the exercises were well attended by the people of Lancaster. At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees Dr. Apple tendered his resignation as President of the college. The resignation was not accepted and he was asked to fill the position for at least one year more. A committee was appointed by the board to make arrangements for the erection of a gymnasium. Base-ball and tennis are flourishing.

Prof. Schiedt, who was lately married, was serenaded in a royal manner early in the term. The Y. M. C. A. held its annual reception on September 14. Dr. Apple returned home from Europe on September 15. He was a delegate to the Presbyterian Alliance which met in London last June. At

the depot he was met by the faculty and students. Headed by a band and a four-horse barouche, containing the President and his wife, they marched to the campus, where an address of welcome was delivered and a display of fireworks, and college songs were given.

ED'S "COLLEGE STUDENT."

Lancaster, Pa.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The Union Reformed and Lutheran Church at Amityville, Berks Co., Pa., after having been thoroughly repaired, was re-opened on Sunday October 7th. The services were conducted by the pastors, Revs. John H. Leinbach and Uriah P. Heilman, assisted by Revs. O. H. Strunck of Schuylkill Haven and J. E. Freeman, of Boyertown, Pa.

The Reformed people of Shannondale, Clarion Co., Pa., dedicated their handsome new building on the 7th ult. Rev. Prof. W. Wilberforce Deatrick, President of Clarion Collegiate Institute, Rimersburg, Pa., preached the dedicatory sermon (John iv, 21). After the sermon an effort was made to cancel the remaining indebtedness of \$700; this was easily done to the great satisfaction of all. The church is a neat edifice, 50 by 32 feet, substantially built and tastefully finished and furnished. Rev. R. F. Gass is the pastor.

The corner-stone of a Reformed church was laid at Millheim, Pa. Rev. M. A. Smith, Nazareth, Pa., preached the sermon. Rev. Zwingli A. Yearick is the pastor.

The preliminary arrangements for a handsome new Reformed church at Schwenksville, Pa., are about completed and the work of building will be inaugurated early next spring. At a recent congregational meeting a committee, of which Mr. Albert Bromer is chairman, was appointed to supervise the erection of the proposed edifice.

COLLEGIATE.

Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, has found a liberal donor in the person of Elder A. H. Baughman of Xenia, Ohio, who quite recently

donated the sum of \$16,000 for the endowment of the chair of Latin and Biblical Instruction in that institution.

Messrs. Moser and Keck of East Allentown, who favored Muhlenberg College with a large donation some time ago, recently gave \$1000 to Allentown Female College.

SYNODICAL.

The 142d annual meeting of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened on Wednesday evening, October 10th, in the Reformed Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa. The retiring president, Rev. D. Ernest Klopp, D. D., preached the opening sermon. Rev. A. B. Koplun, D. D., of Hellertown, Pa., was elected president.

The nineteenth yearly session of Pittsburgh Synod was held in Trinity Reformed Church, Myersdale, Pa., September 26 to October 1. The opening discourse was delivered by the retiring president, Rev. Dr. S. Z. Beam, text—Matt. xxii, 42, after which Rev. H. King, of Somerset, Pa., was chosen president.

The Ohio Synod met in the First Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, October 4th. The retiring president, Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., delivered the synodical sermon, based on 1 Cor. 16; 13, 14. The Synod was organized by the election to the chair of Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D. Professor of Greek in Heidelberg College.

The Potomac Synod assembled on the 9th ult., in the Reformed Church at Woodstock, Va. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick. Rev. W. R. H. Deatrick, New Bloomfield, Pa., was elected president for the ensuing year.

MINISTERIAL.

Davis, P. S., D. D., removed from 921 N, 16th St., Philadelphia, Pa., to Plainfield, N. J.

Gantenbein, John, D. D., resigned Portland, Oregon.

House, G. A., removed from Helena, Ohio, to Navarre, Stark Co., Ohio.

Huber, T. A., from Danielsville to Weissport, Carbon Co., Pa.

Kemp, E. L., from Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa., to Wichita, Kan.

Lackey, R. R., from Wilton Junction, Iowa, to Bloomfield, Davis Co., Iowa.

Noll, Aaron, ordained and installed at Hazleton, Pa.

Peightel, I. N., removed from Yellow Creek Bedford Co., Pa., to York, Pa.

Robb, Lewis, Vice-president of Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pa., declines call to Myersdale, Somerset Co., Pa.

Sontag, Charles F., resigns Grace Mission, Washington, D. C., to take effect June 1, 1889.

Steckel, Lewis D., Mifflinburg, Pa., withdraws his resignation.

Zartman, R. C., removed from Wooster, Ohio, to Akron, Ohio.

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.]

The following books have been received from the *Presbyterian Board of Publication*, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia;—

"Who Wins?" A Story for Boys. By Belle V. Chisholm. This is a story of ordinary country life. It has no brilliant doings in it, no geniuses of any kind, no startling scenes, no marvelous piety. The story presents both types of life, from boy to manhood. One sets out with many disadvantages of position and circumstances, but with true moral principle. The other starts with many advantages and opportunities, but lacking uprightness. The former's plans are thwarted but he grows nobler through all discouragements. The latter is prospered in worldly ways but his character remains the same or deteriorates. The book is intended to show the value of sturdy moral right in a boy and the blessings to which it leads, and the course and end of the opposite character. 16mo, illustrated, pp. 314. Price, \$1.15.

SAVED BY GRACE; or, the Last Week in the Life of Davis Johnson, Jr. By John D. Wells, D. D. This is an interesting biographical sketch of a young man early called to his reward, but not until he had made deep impression for Christ upon those who knew him.

The narrative should perpetuate this impression and lead other young people to devote their lives to Christ. 16mo, pp. 201. Price, 60 cts.

THE Y'S AND THEIR WORK. By Margaret E. Winslow, author of "Rescued from the Street;" "West Beach Boys," etc. This story has been written in the interest of Christian temperance, with the hope of arousing the young women of the land to still more earnest thought as to their duty and responsibility in the matter. The evils of the drinking customs are shown as they exist in much fashionable "society." The work of the "Y's," that is, of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union, is well delineated. The book ought to do good, in inspiring Christian young women everywhere to more earnest efforts in behalf of the cause of temperance. 16mc, pp. 316; illustrated. Price, \$1.15.

PRESBYTERIAN LAW AND USAGE. Compiled by B. F. Bittinger, D. D., from various authorities in the Presbyterian Church. It will prove a manual of great value to all under its jurisdiction, and especially to those who hold official places. But it possesses interest also, for those of other churches, because of the many useful suggestions it offers in regard to matters affecting their proper government and life. Price, 75 cents.

From the *Reformed Publishing Co.*, Dayton, Ohio, comes an interesting little pamphlet entitled THE CHRISTIAN WORLD. It is a brief, readable sketch of the establishment and history of one of our leading church newspapers.

Mr. C. Powell Carr, a graduate of School of Mines, Columbia College, has in preparation a Manual of American Colleges, which proposes to give in classified form all the leading colleges, universities, technical and professional schools, their requirements for admission, courses of study, cost of tuition and living expenses, and, in a word, a systematic resume of all the information needed by parents, guardians and students to enable them to decide intelligently what college or institution of learning it is best to attend. It is to be issued from the press of William T. Comstock, New York.

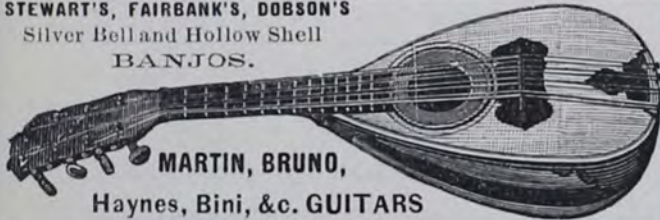
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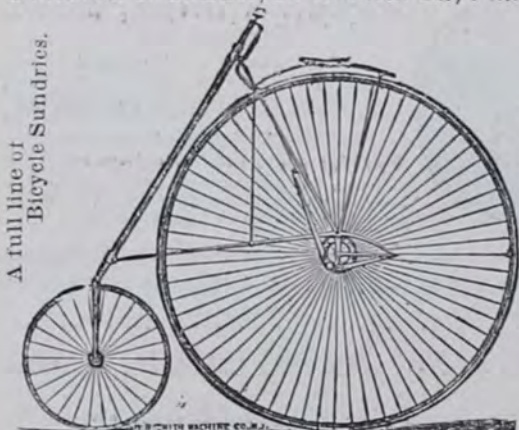
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