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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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FOR a period approaching two-score years the village christened Freeland, and more recently known as Collegeville, has been an attractive centre of intellectual training for a large portion of Montgomery county. In that time its influence upon the surrounding country has been felt in a measure entirely out of proportion with its comparative size or the relative number of its citizens. To hundreds of young men thirsting after mental streams, it has furnished fountain-springs of knowledge; it has opened rich graneries of wisdom to hundreds seeking food for hungry minds. Its mission has been quiet and unostentatious, but none the less fruitful in rich reward. As the seat of Freeland Seminary, and

subsequently URSINUS COLLEGE, it has acquired a prominence and reputation in its native county of which it may well be proud. Though humble in external rank, it has held sources of internal force and spiritual strength that, never once failing in their supply through forty years, have made it a Mecca for many a coming school-boy's best ambitions. And now that in these latter days its cherished courts of learning have been thronged with votaries as never before in their history, and young women have been admitted to their elevating privileges on a par with the sturdier seekers after culture and improvement, it has been thought befitting that the village should invite its neighbors far and near, as well as all others who have been interested in the work that has been carried on in its midst, to join with it in commemorating the first foundation of the temple that has lived and flourished so long and well.

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This special celebration, in making mention of which the BULLETIN takes deep pleasure, has been arranged for the Thursday of our approaching Commencement week, and a more detailed announcement of it may be found on another page of this issue. That it will be entered into with hearty cordiality by all friends and former students of Freeland Seminary and URSINUS at home and abroad goes without saying. The incentives for making the occasion a memorable one are of the highest character, and there is every reason for believing that they will accomplish most gratifying and enjoyable results.

According to a report recently published by the superintendent of the Boston public schools there were 18,666 floggings administered to the children under his supervision during the year 1888. This, truly, illustrates to what a beautiful system the science of statistics may be reduced. And then, too, how splendidly the Yankee "bean-eaters" are keeping up a glorious record! While this rate continues there can certainly be no danger of a stagnation in the lumber trade in Massachusetts, or a falling off in her children's clothing industry. As to her educational economy, there seems to be a grim determination among her intellectual pedagogues that it shall not lag either, if birch and muscle have anything to do with helping the matter along.

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The newspapers state that Mr. John J. Blair, whose gifts to Blair Hall, at Blairstown, N. J., already aggregate \$200,000, proposes to erect two new stone buildings with capacity sufficient to accommodate one hundred and fifty additional scholars, and that the cost of the new structures will not be less than \$200,000. This is but one among the scores of instances of unstinted generosity that, within the past few months, have been springing up throughout the county like noble monuments on every side.

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It is rumored about college that there is a possibility of the Junior Class Exercises being omitted from the commencement programme this year. If any such omission has been contemplated it is earnestly hoped that better judgment will prevail, and

that the strongest Junior class the college has had will manfully meet its duty in discharging a highly interesting part in our annual festivities.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

EBRARD CORRESPONDENCE.

The old constitution of the Ebrard Literarische Gesellschaft, which was in many places ambiguous and ungrammatical, is at present undergoing careful revision at the hands of a committee appointed for the purpose, consisting of Messrs. Stauffer, Benner and Meixell. When the committee has completed its work the result of its labor will be submitted to Professor Peters for criticism, after which it will be engrossed in proper form.

At the beginning of the present term the following Ebrard officers were elected:

President, Joseph K. Freed, '90; Vice-President, H. E. Jones, '91; Recording Secretary, H. T. Wagner, '91; Corresponding Secretary, I. F. Wagner, '91; Treasurer, P. E. Heimer, '91; Chaplain, I. C. Fisher, '89; Critic, W. H. Wotring, '89; Editor, S. P. Stauffer, '89; Librarian, Frank H. Fisher, '91.

OLEVIAN OFFICERS.

The following are the officers of the Olevian Literary Society:—

President, Ada E. Schwenk; Vice-President, Lillie Preston; Recording Secretary, Flora S. Rahn; Corresponding Secretary, Lillian B. Gross; Critic, Nellie L. Williams; Editress, Hallie R. Vanderslice; Treasurer, Anna Harley; Chaplain, Sallie C. Hendricks.

SCHAFF OPEN MEETING.

The Schaff Literary Society will hold its annual open meeting in the College Chapel on Friday evening, May 17. A

cordial invitation to the exercises is extended to the public in general. An interesting programme has been arranged for the occasion, while selections by the Quartette and Guitar Club will add to the attractions of the evening.

NEWS ABOUT COLLEGE.

Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION TO NEW STUDENTS.

The reception to new students given by the members of the College Y. M. C. A. on Thursday evening of the second week of the current collegiate term was a highly enjoyable occasion. As usual, the event took place in the college chapel. The success of the evening was such that the chairman of the exercises, Mr. I. Calvin Fisher, '89, merited much praise. The attractive appearance of the chapel and the systematic operation of the various committees were the result of his efforts. The following programme was rendered:—

- Selection, Æolian Orchestra
- Address of Welcome, Rev. Prof. M. Peters
- Soprano Solo,—“Margery,” Miss Cora Wiest
- Select Reading,—“Lilly Servesse’s Ride,”
Miss Hallie Vanderslice
- Vocal Duet,—“Only Thee,”
Miss Bertha Hendricks and Mr. C. E. Wehler
- Piano Solo,—“Evening Prayer,”
Miss Minerva Weinberger
- Humorous Selection,—“The Celestial Messenger,” J. Howard Johnson
- Music, Æolian Orchestra
- Piano Solo,—“Bright Stars of the Night,”
Miss Lillie Preston
- Soprano Solo,—“Dolly’s Revenge,”
Miss Cora Wiest
- Recitation,—“The Drunkard’s Child,”
Miss Laura Kraft
- Piano Solo,—“The Old Oaken Bucket,”
Miss Sallie Hendricks

- Recitation,—“Miss Maloney at the Dentist’s,”
Mr. I. C. Williams
- Selection, Æolian Orchestra

The chapel was pleasantly filled with young folks and friends of the college. Prof. Peters’ words of greeting were brief and hearty. The solos by Miss Cora Wiest were most warmly received by all. At the close of the programme refreshments were served, and for the excellent quality and abundant quantity of these the young ladies and friends of the students have their sincere thanks.

OTHER Y. M. C. A. ITEMS.

The first “Practical Bible Talk” of the term was delivered on Sunday, April 21, by Prof. J. Shelly Weinberger. Most of the students were present. The speaker’s remarks were based on Acts 8: 30. The subject was, “What are you Reading?” Reading is for the purpose of informing, and this information should be the truth. If we seek truth and wish to be guided by it, we must read the Bible regularly and systematically, and blessings will follow often when least expected. Another reason for reading the Bible is that you may know the plan of salvation and tell it to others. Moody says, “Have a pistol in your pocket to kill the evil thoughts and desires when they assault you. Carry the Word with you everywhere.” Are you reading the daily papers? That’s right, unless you read nothing else. Many of the articles of the public press are impure and frequently untrue, therefore, read rather the thoughts of mature minds, the results of life work. Study the Bible. Apply it to yourself first, then to others. Read good books. Don’t sell your

bad ones, but do with them as the people did in Acts 19: 19.

Arrangements have been made with Dr. W. H. Mosteller, of Phoenixville, Pa., to deliver "Practical Talks on Medical Emergencies." The first was given on the 30th of April, in the rooms, on the subject, "The Blood and its Circulation." The meeting was well attended and the speaker awakened an interest among the boys. Notices of subsequent lectures will be posted on the bulletin board.

Messrs. Samuel P. Stauffer and O. H. E. Rauch have been appointed to represent our association at the International Convention to be held in Philadelphia this month. It is hoped that they will bring with them on their return a spirit that will give us an impetus to greater work for the Lord.

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THE INAUGURATION-CENTENNIAL AT THE COLLEGE.

On Tuesday morning, April 30th, special services were held in the chapel in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as the first President of our glorious Republic. The services were opened with the singing of "America" and the reading of a passage of Scripture suitable to the occasion, after which President Bomberger delivered a few highly interesting remarks.

The Doctor stated the reasons for observing the day, and briefly reviewed the last one hundred years. Though laws are easily made but hard to keep, he emphasized the position that our Constitution should be held inviolate.

After referring to the fact that at the time Washington took his seat as President, there were those who were by no means in full accord with this Constitution, even men like Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and other noted patriots being dissatisfied with it, the speaker declared that President Washington, though he, also, no doubt saw the defects of the new law, resolved to stand firmly by it and defend it, believing as he did that it was the best code by which the young republic could be governed. And time has proved his convictions correct, for, with little or no change, this Constitution has stood immovable to the present day.

At the conclusion of the remarks by the president, vice-president Super offered a very appropriate prayer, after which the students repaired to the different recitation-rooms and took up their regular daily duties.

LIBRARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

During the present month, Volume VI of Appleton's "Cyclopedia of American Biography" was received. This completes the valuable biographical set presented by vice-president H. W. Super, D. D., to the college library. On behalf of the students, the BULLETIN would express to Dr. Super its high appreciation of this gift.

SOPHOMORE OFFICERS.

At a recent meeting of the class of '91, the following officers for the present term were elected:—

President, P. E. Heimer; Vice-President, I. F. Wagner; Secretary, H. K. Shumaker; Treasurer, J. M. Mensch; Poet, J. C. Williams; Bulletin Correspondent, I. G. Francis.

MISCELLANEOUS JOTTINGS.

The Theological Department of the College will close on the 17th of the present month.

On Thursday evening, May 2nd, President Bomberger delivered a prohibition address in the college chapel, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. of Collegeville.

Afternoon botanizing excursions are said to be the special attraction at the college this spring.

April visitors to URSINUS included Rev. L. G. Kremer, '75, Rev. Morvin Custer, '83, Dr. George W. Wolfersberger, '83 and Morgan Peters, an ex-member of '89.

The Concordia Choral Society of Collegeville, led by Prof. F. W. Steins, instructor in music at the college, gave a successful cantata entitled "The Song of the Bell" in the chapel on Tuesday evening, April 23rd.

New organizations about college are a Constitutional Amendment Association and a Y. M. C. A. base ball team.

On Monday April 8th, the opening day of the current term, G. H. Meixell, '90, walked from Bethlehem to Collegeville, forty miles, in eight hours and thirty-five minutes. The first twenty-two miles from Bethlehem to Pennsburg, he covered in four hours and twenty-two minutes. It is probable he has made a new "best record" in the world of College Athletics.

The BULLETIN is glad to be able to print the Sketch of Dr. Super's Spring Term Opening Address, which appears in another part of this issue. Among the students the general opinion was

that the speech was one of the most interesting ever heard at URSINUS.

It is reported that a concert will take place at the college in the near future in the interests of a fund for paying the railway fare of students who desire to go home to vote for Prohibition.

Tennis is once more enjoying its old-time popularity among the boys.

THE EIGHTEENTH COMMENCEMENT.

JUNE 23RD—27TH, 1889.

The nineteenth year of academic work at URSINUS is hastening toward its goal, and preparations for its completion are in active progress. To every graduating class the year of its triumph appears the most notable in the annals of the college, and the Seniors of '89 do not form an exception to this rule. When, however, the class of '89 predict that their commencement will surpass all similar occasions that have preceded it, the prophecy can be accepted in its fullest import. The coming commencement will be distinguished by a number of characteristics that promise to excite more than passing interest.

GRADUATES.

The number of graduates from the institution this year is larger than ever before. During the current month nine young men will pass out from the Theological Department into the active duties of the Gospel ministry. On the 27th of June, twelve sturdy fellows will carry off the diplomas from the Department of Arts. Twenty-one

graduates is the record of 1889, the largest number the college has sent forth in a single year. This fact alone will augment the interest and enthusiasm that always attend commencement festivities.

EXERCISES.

The exercises of the week will again be held on the college grounds in a tent erected for the purpose, and more commodious than the one used last year. This feature of the arrangements not only adds to the convenience of the occasion, but intensifies its spirit and life by the concentration of the week's exercises at one place.

MUSIC.

The music, which has always been an attractive feature of the festivities, promises to be of a surpassing character also. The arrangements have not yet been fully consummated, and lest there should be a slip in the matter which would lead to disappointment, we refrain from hinting at what is under contemplation.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDING OF
FREELAND SEMINARY.

The extraordinary event of the week, will be the commemoration of the founding of FREELAND SEMINARY, an institution for the higher education of young men, that was established forty years ago, on the site now occupied by URSINUS COLLEGE, by the Rev. Abraham Hunsicker, a veritable pioneer in the field of education among the "plain people" from which he descended. As the school was merged into the Academic Department of URSINUS COLLEGE, the college is the local successor of the earlier educa-

tional work of this section of the State, and very properly provides for an observance of the 40th anniversary of its inauguration.

The commemoration exercises will be held on the afternoon of Commencement Day and will consist of historical addresses by the former Principal of the school, and an oration by the Hon. Wayne McVeagh, ex-Attorney-General of the United States, who took his first upward step in this high school.

A grand re-union dinner will precede the literary exercises, at which the Alumni of URSINUS COLLEGE will fête the former students of Freeland Seminary. This dinner will take the place of the usual Alumni banquet at night. It is hoped that every Alumnus of the college will be on hand to aid in giving the men of Freeland Seminary, many of whom have risen to honor and distinction, a right royal welcome.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Definite and detailed announcements of the festivities will be made in the June BULLETIN. The programme will then be published in full, and complete information conveyed to the friends who purpose coming, as to railway facilities, boarding accommodations and rates at Collegetville, and other matters published that will help to awaken interest and prepare visitors to enjoy the occasion.

ATHLETICS.

GENERAL NOTES.

— At a recent meeting of the College Athletic Association these officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Henry Tesnow, Jr., '89;

Vice-President, Geo. W. Filbert, '91; Secretary, Wm. H. Knipe, '91; Treasurer, C. D. Yost, '91. Committees on General Athletics, Base-Ball, and Finance were elected as follows: On General Athletics, Mr. Walter Bomberger, Chairman; Messrs. Bromer, '90, Kilmer, '90, Williams, '91. On Base-Ball, Mr. Ed. Wiest, Chairman; Messrs. Royer, '90, Knipe, '91. On Finance, Mr. Geo. W. Filbert, Chairman; Messrs. Jones, '91, and Hensinger, '92. The Manager of the Base-Ball Team is Prof. A. L. Landis, '83.

— The Base-Ball Team has been completed, and it expects to play a number of games on the college grounds during May and June. The team is, Hendricks, '88, c.; Miller, '91, p.; Kalbach, '92, 1b.; Knipe, '91, 2b.; Bomberger, '87, s.s. and captain; Wiest, 3b.; Scholl, '92, l.f.; Hensinger, '92, c.f.; Welsh, r.f. The substitutes are, Yenser, '92, Slingshoff, '90, and Tesnow, '89. Welsh and Wiest is the change battery.

— The Lawn-Tennis Association is distinct from the Athletic Association in its organization. Mr. Thomas E. Kalbach, '92, is its presiding officer, and Mr. H. A. Fetters is Secretary and Treasurer. Some of the members are quite proficient in the game. We hope to see the association represented in some of the tournaments during the coming months in Philadelphia and Norristown.

— The Athletic Association of the Norristown Y. M. C. A. will open its new athletic grounds on the 30th of

May (Decoration Day). The occasion will be celebrated with a "Field Meeting." The events open to outside contestants are: the 100-yards' dash, 220-yards' dash, $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile run, mile run, running broad and high jumps, and putting the shot. The contestants' fee is fifty cents. Gold and silver medals are to be awarded. We should very much like to see several entries from URSINUS.

— Whether or not a "Second Field Meeting of the Ursinus Athletic Association" is to be held during Commencement week must be decided very shortly. The meeting held on Wednesday afternoon of our last year's Commencement week was a success, when we take into consideration the many obstacles in its way, the lack of preparation in training, and the need of properly-prepared places for contest, the rather slim number of entries, and the want of prizes for the successful contestants. A very good-sized audience, however, was present; there were some good contests, and there was not the least lack of enthusiastic cheering. All present enjoyed the occasion. What is needed in order to hold a second, and more successful meeting, is some little encouragement from our professors, a whole-souled endorsement of it by the students, especially by the higher class-men, and substantial evidences of interest from friends and alumni in the shape of offers of prizes. If these things are not vouchsafed a "A Second Field-Meeting of the Athletic Association" must be cancelled from the programme for the Commencement of '89.

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.]

'72. The work of Rev. F. S. Lindaman, of Littlestown, Pa., in the Christ Church charge, is maintaining the high degree of prosperity with which it commenced nearly three years ago. The latest improvement undertaken, and successfully completed, is the enlargement of the Sunday-School room, rendered necessary by the growth of the school. A part of the basement that had never been used has been fitted up as an infant-class room, separated from the main room by a glass partition. Both rooms have been wainscoted, kalsomined, and painted. The pews have been replaced by chairs, making the Sunday-School rooms of Christ Church as convenient and attractive as any in the country. Pastor and people deserve congratulation on the progress of their united labors.

'73. During the next college-year, J. A. Strassburger, Esq., of the Norris-town Bar, will deliver a course of lectures to the Senior Class, on the Constitution of Pennsylvania. The college authorities have established a regular lectureship on the fundamental laws of the Commonwealth, and Mr. Strassburger has been invited first to fill it.

'74. The Rev. Prof. M. Peters not only serves his Alma Mater faithfully as a Professor, but as opportunity offers visits different congregations to exercise the functions of his ministry in the Word. Sunday, April 28, he spent in

Reading, occupying the pulpit of the Rev. L. K. Derr.

'75. The Rev. E. Garver Williams, lately of Bellevue, Ohio, has settled in the New Winchester charge, Crawford County, Ohio. His address is changed accordingly. Mr. Williams' new charge is within the bounds of the Central Synod, and the greater part of his pulpit-work is performed in the German language.

'76. The Rev. A. B. Markley, of Jonestown, Lebanon County, Pa., visited Collegeville on the 11th of April, to tie the matrimonial knot for his brother-in-law, Abraham R. Hunsicker and Miss Hattie G. Fetterolf, second daughter of Capt. H. H. Fetterolf. Both the bride and groom were formerly students of URSINUS, and the BULLETIN, on behalf of their college friends, offers congratulations, wishing them a happy and prosperous voyage through life.

'79. The Rev. L. D. Stambaugh, of the Womelsdorf charge, is pursuing his pastorate with earnestness and success. The results of his work during the past winter are expressed in the addition of many new members to his churches, and large spring communion-offerings. His post-office address is Rehrersburg, Berks County, Pa.

'83. The Rev. Morvin Custer has resigned his charge at Salem, N. J. *En route* to his new field of labor, he visited his home in Lower Providence, and paid his respects to ALMA MATER. The college will be gratified to receive continued proof of his attachment in the shape of new students from the bounds of his present pastorate.

'83. The Rev. F. H. Keller has been doing missionary work in the State of

Kansas since his entrance into the ministry. He is at present taking steps toward the erection of a Reformed Church in the town of Wathena, and his friends in the East should not hesitate to favor him with substantial encouragement when it may be solicited.

'84. The Rev. J. J. Stauffer has removed from East Berlin, Adams County, to Weissport, Carbon County, Pa., thereby exchanging a charge of five congregations for one of two. His present field embraces a congregation in East Manch Chunk, and one at the place of his residence.

'85. Mrs. Sallie L. Wagner (*nee* Kulp) has returned to her native place, Grater's Ford, her husband, Charles A. Wagner, and her sister, having bought out her father's extensive store business.

'85. Miss Mary Wiest, of Freeburg, Snyder County, Pa., is giving evidence of her interest in URSINUS, by sending a student this term, a young man who, it is hoped, will take a regular course of study in one of the departments of the college.

'88. The Rev. J. D. Peters, of the Swamp Church, Montgomery County, has been elected pastor of Trinity charge, Hanover, York County, Pa., the field made vacant by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Hilbish to Myers-town, Pa.

How well the Orthodox Friends attend to educational interests is shown by their report, that of seven hundred and ninety-one children of school age in the yearly meeting, more than six hundred are educated in Friends' schools.

GENERAL TOPICS.

SKETCH OF AN ADDRESS BY PROFESSOR
HENRY W. SUPER, D.D.

[Delivered before the students of URSINUS COLLEGE at the opening of the Spring Session of 1889.]

After tracing the rise of the Papacy from the union of Church and State, and the gradual predominance of the political element, until it became the leading purpose and end of the Hierarchy to rule the nations of the earth in political, as necessary to its rule in ecclesiastical affairs; and showing how subordinate were all other interests compared with the zeal manifested in the centralization of power in a single head; and establishing the proposition that through long centuries the whole power of the church was perverted to the single aim of making the pope independent of the State, by making him more powerful than the State, the Professor made a practical application to our country as follows.

And now the same papacy which produced the intolerance and arrogance of political Romanism, turning from Europe, where it gained its greatest victories, but where its power is on the decline, looks with longing eyes on this free Republic, with fresh hope in the rapid progress it is making, chiefly through the immigration of romanists from Europe. This rapid progress, in fact, has changed the whole demeanor of Romanism in this country. It no longer looks upon itself as tolerated by the generosity of protestants, to whose shores it has been permitted to come, but as having in some places the majority, and in others the prospect of soon gaining it, and entitled therefore

to a bold and defiant attitude, it hopes for the full sway of its ends and purposes in the accomplishment of the grand scheme of hierarchical dominion.

It is difficult to tell the actual Roman Catholic population of this land. Some put it as high as thirty millions. In some of the larger cities they control the elections and vote for candidates most devoted to their church, under the lead of priests well informed and inspired from headquarters to turn these votes to a purpose, and to secure a political end conducive to their own interests.

With a perfect organization, the result of centuries of study, the Romish Church acts as a unit and moves as one body, governed by a single mind. The influence it exerts is vast and politicians know how to estimate the Catholic vote. Nor are they slow in pandering to it when an opportunity offers. They make bids for it. They sacrifice their own and the principles of their party to obtain it. Both the great political parties pay special attention to it and shape their policy to secure it.

Nor do the romanists fail to take advantage of their consolidation by readily following their leaders. They allow no break in their ranks and discourage all independency and liberalism as latent treason. We have a full representation of the hierarchy from priest to cardinal. They march through our streets with their insignia and banners and music. Their bishops and cardinals are honored with special dinners and receptions and treated as princes and ambassadors of a foreign potentate. At a reception given to a cardinal, a few weeks since, in Phila-

delphia, this representative of a foreign government was toasted and cheered at a grand banquet, where the leading editors, statesmen, merchants and bankers delighted to do him honor.

Now remembering that the romanist holds the papal monarchy to be a government instituted by God and ruled by those specially authorized to govern, and that it is not only the best form of government, but obligatory upon him to obey it at the peril of his salvation, what must he infer with reference to his duty toward it? Evidently that it is superior to every other form of government and that an absolute hierarchy is superior to a Republic. In the government of the Romish church the people take no part. They can neither vote nor hold office. They must keep quiet and simply obey the commands of their rulers. The bad effect of this example is evident. It is a standing condemnation and rebuke to Republican government. If a monarchy is the true form of church government it ought to be the best for the State. Here we have a menace which is dangerous to our national stability.

We must not forget that it is in our own day that the papal hierarchy reached its completion and culmination. For long centuries the Popes struggled to place the keystone on the arch, but the authority of a General Council stood in the way. There was at least one check on Papal ambition and a possibility that the church might be reformed through delegates with sufficient national spirit to curb the temporal power and even, if necessary, to dethrone the Pope. But since the decree of Papal Infallibility in 1870, this check has been removed. The Pope no longer fears that any power in his

own church can interfere with the results already gained or oppose any demands he may hereafter make. The edifice has received its cap-stone. This was accomplished by the gratitude of the Jesuits, who in return for the favors received from the Papacy, and in revenge for the opposition made by many governments to their intrigues, determined to rescue the Popes from any further danger from Gallican liberties and governmental influence brought to bear on the bishops.

The most skilfully constructed and well elaborated cathedral of personal government that ever came from the hands of man is complete, at least in its outlines. The edifice of St. Peter at Rome, in which the Pope officiates, is grand in its proportions as a building, and was long years in construction; but compared with the edifice of Papal autocracy it is diminutive. The highest flight of human ambition never soared so high. The perversion of a holy religion to a private end was never so daring and unscrupulous. So enormous and yet so hideous an image was never before set up for the worship of man.

URSINUS feels a deep interest in this question, for the College was established to meet this foe as it was found lurking in a spot where it was supposed it would never dare to enter. Yet it not only entered, but carried away captive a large number of our ministers and laymen. The Reformed Church has always been found in the front rank of the hosts that stood up as a barrier against the further progress of this enemy. But here in this free land and in the headquarters of this Reformed Church the enemy nestled and laid its hand even on the children of our the-

ological professors! In the critical period of her history and in the spring-time of her bloom the worm gnawed at her most vital part. It was then that her loyal sons sprang forward and built a fortress for their own defence and the safety of the church. The hot shot sent from this fortress have in part at least, silenced the guns of the enemy. We have made a peace, which, if it proves to be nothing more than a truce, has done great service in checking further encroachments. This fortress, however, is just as necessary to keep the peace, as it was to make it and to silence the enemy. No! If Romanism conquers in this land, in Heaven's name let it not be by the help of treason in the church of Zwinglius, the martyr, and of Ursinus, the great defender of Protestantism.

THE INAUGURATION CENTENNIAL.

It would, of course, have been more or less gratifying to the BULLETIN and its contributing staff to have received a special invitation, with the proffer of liberal entertainment, to the recent grand memorial festival in the third metropolis of the world. And our journal's representatives, under the potent inspiration of patriotic Zwingli and Ursinus, would, no doubt, have added to the interest and lustre of the great national occasion. But amidst the multitude of more ponderous thoughts and cares, the energetic New York Committee of Arrangements quite overlooked our Collegeville notabilities, and of course missed benefits which might have been otherwise received. However, neither URSINUS nor the BULLETIN will take umbrage at this, and go off sulking with offended

dignity into the bushes. Even his Excellency the President of the United States, the man so worthy of sitting in the chair occupied by his glorious predecessor a century ago, came near being missed at Elizabeth when honored guests were conveyed to the splendid breakfast prepared for them. And most likely some other excellent persons and things were overlooked under the bewildering excitement which seems nearly to have crushed the honorable committee-men in charge of the programme. So no offence, gentlemen, none in the least. And to give the best proof of it, we shall cordially revert to the joyous celebration at this distance from it, and possibly contribute a trifle to its general good effects by "a few remarks" suggested by it from our advantageous point of view.

Considering our national inexperience in the matter of political centennials, and the best ways of celebrating them, it will probably be acknowledged by the grave, gray seniors beyond the waters, that the Young American Masters of Ceremonies displayed commendable taste and skill. In some respects the models set, as the result of several centuries of discipline and practice, may not have been quite equalled. In others, at least on the materialistic side, they were surpassed. As to the pageantry of equipages, for instance, the Presidential train which swept through New Jersey to New York might be safely put in contrast with anything the railroads of Germany, France, or England could exhibit. If the splendid imperial and Napoleonic coaches, preserved for show in the stables of Versailles, were all brought out in an extended retinue,

each drawn by richly caparisoned horses of the noblest breed, the sight would not compare with the palaces on wheels provided for the journey from our National Capital to New York by the Pennsylvania managers. And this is but a single example of the gorgeous preparations made. All the rest seem to have been in impressive harmony with it.

If such things could be done at the first Inauguration Centennial of the United States, what may be hoped for those who may see the second?

Turn, however, to the higher plane of observation. Recall centennial features of the coronation of European kings and emperors. The central and chief point of interest and real importance for any such event would, and should be, the beneficent light and lessons it might reflect and impart to those participating in it and to posterity; the true pleasure and wholesome influences which the commemoration would yield. Try a comparison of our recent celebration by this test: How do the first kings and conquerors of the first nations of Europe compare in all the qualities of noble manhood, in personal virtue, military heroism, political wisdom, private purity of character, unselfish and self-sacrificing devotion to country, with the first President of the United States? There is no need in his case of extravagant panegyric. The best portrait of Washington is that which depicts him most accurately, in every lineament and expression of his face, wrinkles and all. And the best description of his character and life is that which does not hide his faults; which shows him to have been human,

and yet a marvellous specimen of well-nigh faultless humanity. What a picture for Americans to study, young and old; especially what a picture for American statesmen and diplomatists to keep before them, for such as aspire to the chair he once so nobly filled.

One corollary more must be let in. Every schoolboy knows the proverb, "All's well that ends well." But the recent celebration seems to emphasize another which schoolmasters as well as schoolboys should ponder: "Well begun is half done." The Thirteen States made a good beginning with their elective presidency. Let the Forty-Two stick to the high standard set a century ago. Make the virtues and qualities of Washington, as far as they can be found in either party, the supreme condition of choice in selecting candidates for the high and important office—the highest political or civil station in the world. It is due to our own country to do so. We owe it to the nations which are looking to America for a gleam of hope amidst the portentous gloom of gathering storms which threaten their extinction.

GENERAL COLLEGE AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

The sixty-ninth Catalogue of Auburn Theological Seminary shows a faculty of seven, and sixty students.

More than 2,000,000 of the youth of India are to-day receiving an education in the English language.

The endowments of the Leland Stanford, Jr., University, are expected to reach \$2,000,000.

Massachusetts has 24,000 pupils in her evening schools, an increase of fifty per cent. in one year.

Two wealthy ladies of Leipzig have presented the city with the gift of \$150,000, the interest of which is to be spent for the relief of educated families in needy circumstances.

The last Congress appropriated over \$300,000 for twelve new school buildings this year in the District of Columbia.

More than two-thirds of the present population of the United States are now under temperance-education laws. Accepting the admitted estimate that the school population of the country is 18,000,000, two-thirds would be 12,000,000 children for whom law has provided the education in favor of total abstinence that results from learning the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks, and other narcotics.

HAVERFORD LETTER.

Haverford is trying to keep apace with the times in all things which pertain to colleges of her standard. During the year, her courses in Physics and Electricity have been very much extended. In the same period our library has had added to it about 1,400 new books, besides the society libraries which have been assimilated with the general library.

The growth of the college is attested by the fact that there have been about one hundred applications for admission into the various classes next year. This will make it necessary to use another building for dormitory purposes.

In mentioning sports at Haverford, cricket must always receive first place.

With us, all other sports are side issues. The team has been practising very steadily during the winter in the shed, and it hopes to sustain its good name, and, perhaps, win some laurels.

Although base-ball is not looked upon with much favor here, the men are taking considerable interest in it, and they hope to make a fair record by the end of the season. Haverford seems to be almost a paradise for tennis, as there have been counted on the lawn at one time as many as one net for every four students.

EDITORS OF *The Haverfordian*.

SPECIAL CLIPPINGS.

Japan! All hail! Casting off its heathenish traditions as one casts off worn-out garments, and re-clothing itself in the spirit of modernism, it enters the list of civilized countries with a constitution, a parliament, and a complete outfit of government. Religion is henceforth free in Japan; the right of suffrage is extended to males who are above twenty-five years of age, and whose taxes amount to twenty-five dollars; the right of property is inherent and inalienable; naturalization is granted to foreigners who have resided fifteen years in the country, and choice of professions or labor is left to the untrammelled judgment of the individual. The regeneration of Japan is the result of little more than twenty years of agitation, conflict, and a persistence of purpose on the part of the Mikado and the statesmen who have supported him. The touch of the Occidental spirit aroused him! from his reverie, and the people in turn recognized the senility and insufficiency of the customs of

their fathers and the laws of the ages. Strifes, many and serious, mark the passage of the twenty years during which Christianity has rooted itself in the chief cities of the Empire, and political reform has been the war-cry of the throne. Heathendom totters to its fall. China will next wheel into line, and the rusty gates of Africa will soon swing wide open to let the King of glory enter. At such a time, and with such an outlook, who cares to read the pessimisms of Canon Taylor respecting missions?

Mrs. Maria St. John Sheffield, widow of the founder of the Sheffield Scientific School, of Yale University, died on Sunday night, and the school will receive from the estate \$600,000. It is another proof that "to him that hath shall be given."—*Examiner*.

Ex-President White, of Cornell, has sent to President Adams, from Cairo, an Egyptian papyrus containing chapters from the "Book of the Dead," also one hundred and forty large photographs and a collection of the recent books on Egypt.

Mr. John J. Blair, whose gifts to Blair Hall, at Blairstown, N. J., aggregate \$200,000, proposes to erect two new stone buildings, each fifty by one hundred and twenty-five feet and three stories high, with a capacity sufficient to accommodate one hundred and fifty additional scholars. The expense of the new addition complete will not be less than \$200,000.—*New York Observer*.

Unless the legislature can in some way make the university independent of politics and of a political espionage,

which is always demoralizing, though well meant and for some particular occasion seemingly necessary, the university will remain a local institution, incapable of extended influence and usefulness. It will count for nothing to change the head of the university while the system remains unchanged.—*St Louis Republic.*

The school of the future must do more than it has done hitherto in the direction of mental development; must furnish better training for the hand and for the senses; must do more for the cultivation of taste and the love of the beautiful; must kindle in children a stronger appetite for reading and personal cultivation, and, at the same time, bring them into a closer contact with the facts of life, and with the world of realities as well as the world of books.—*Dr J. G. Fitch, London.*

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MONTHLY SUMMARY.

CONGREGATIONAL.

On Sunday, April 14, the new Union Ziegel church in Lehigh county, Pa., was solemnly consecrated to the service of God. The building is of brick, the cost of erection was about \$13,000; on the day of dedication a debt of \$800 remained, which amount was almost covered by the collections at the several services. The formal dedication took place in the afternoon and was conducted by Revs. N. W. Helfrich and O. Leopold, pastors of the Reformed and Lutheran congregations.

MINISTERIAL.

Buser, J. H., address changed from Fort Seneca, Ohio, to Leighton, Iowa.

Dahlman, A. E., accepts call to Emanuel's (German) Reformed church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Erb, George C., of the Senior Theological Class, Lancaster, Pa., commissioned by the Board of Home Missions, to Wilton Junction, Iowa.

Excell, J. J., address changed from Cortland to North Madison, Ohio.

Ketrow, J. A. Salamaria, Ind., accepts call to Tremont City, Ind.

Knappenberger, J. W., resigns Mercersburg, owing to ill health.

Koplin, Russell N., elected pastor at Stroudsburg, Pa.

Lawfer, Frank E., elected pastor of the Salina charge, Westmoreland county, Pa.

Mease, S., D.D., address changed to 61 University Place, Chicago, Ill.

Meyers, E. R. C., address changed from Piqua, to Carrothers, Ohio.

Miller, J. D., accepts call to Duncannon, Pa.

Peters, Jos. D., elected pastor of the Hanover Reformed charge, Hanover, York county, Pa.

Peters, W. J., address changed from Bountiful, Utah, to Modesto, Cal.

Runkle, S. S., address changed to Kingston, Ohio.

Santee, Chas. E., elected pastor at Kansas City, Mo.

Schmidt, Ambrose M., accepts call to Baltimore, Md.

Snyder, W. H. H., Bellefonte, Pa., died at Atlantic City, on the 20th ult., aged 57 years.

Winters, Thos. H., died at Xenia, Ohio, on 12th ult., aged 77 years.

Wissler, Henry, died at Mechanicstown, Md., 13th ult.

Withoff, F. C., address changed from Teegarden to Salem, Ohio.

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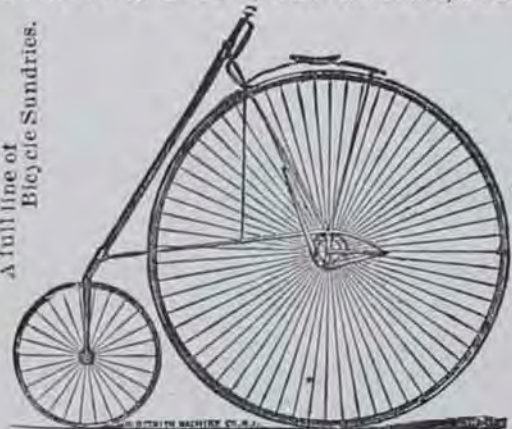
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