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THE ushering in of the approaching Spring Term will mark the beginning of the end of the second decade of the active life of URSINUS COLLEGE. True, its individual existence dates from the fifth day of February, 1869, when the Act of Assembly, incorporating our Alma Mater, was approved by the Governor of the State; and it consequently attained its majority, so to speak, on the first Wednesday of last month. But its distinctive history as a full-fledged "institution of learning, for the purpose of imparting instruction in science, literature,

the liberal arts and learned professions" did not begin until the formal opening of the academic year, 1870-71, when the college faculty was duly commissioned to enter upon its work. The inaugural scholastic year of the institution in its present form commenced with "suitable public exercises" on Tuesday, September 6th, 1870 and ended July 7th, 1871. Our beloved school will therefore have rounded out a full score of years of vigorous youth upon the completion of the coming commencement festivities in July, and have shown itself possessed of the energy and strength of well-developed manhood. The training of its early days has been harsh and rugged, yet the Spartan-like severity of its experience has but toughened its sinews, hardened its muscles, proved its worth and established its capacities and powers. It has passed through the fires of adversity and come forth from them prepared to enter with carefully balanced judgment upon the course of prosperity that seems to open out before it across the vista of the future.

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With the Easter vacation passed and the operations of the final session of the year under way, the preparation of the annual catalogue and the making up of the records for 1889-90 will for a time engross the attention of those in charge of these matters. A review of results thus far attained and prospects still to be verified speaks very encouragingly to the many who are interested in a continuance of the steady

progress URSINUS has been making throughout recent years.

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A brief article in the October number of the current volume of the BULLETIN, containing the views of a leading Philadelphia newspaper on a phase of the subject of College Expenses, gives solid advice that should not be forgotten by all parents desirous of securing for their sons the best instruction, but financially unable to send them to the leading Universities, where, as at Yale, the average expenses for four years have increased to between three and four thousand dollars. It tells all so situated to patronize the young Yales which are springing up throughout our land, and says there "are institutions all over the country where the instruction is of as high a grade and as thorough a mental discipline can be obtained, and for one-third the price, as at the expensive universities."

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OLEVIAN.

MRS. SHOEMAKER'S READINGS.

Mrs. J. W. Shoemaker, of the National School of Elocution and Oratory, Philadelphia, and Miss Cora Wiest of Harrisburg, were greeted on the evening of the sixth of February with a large and kindly disposed audience, that assembled in the College Chapel to hear what proved a very delightful programme of recitation and snog.

The night was marked by clear skies and bright moonlight and everything seemed to favor the efforts of the Olevians, under whose auspices the entertainment was given, to make the occasion a success. The programme in full was as follows:

Music,—“Through the Valley,” . . . Gilder

Select Readings:—

“Daniel Gray,” Holland

“Fall in 1861,” Cable

“Jimmy Brown's Sister's Wedding.”

Music,—“Sunrise,” Wukerlin

Selections:—

“The Dream that Came True,” . . . Ingelow

“The Cow and the Bishop,” . . . Anon

Brevities:—

“On the Stairway.”

“The Usual Way.”

“Out to Old Aunt Mary's.”

Music,—“The Devoted Apple.”

Selections:—

“John and Tibbie's Dispute.”

“Death of the Old Squire.”

“The Day of Judgment.”

Music,—“The Merry Zingara,” . . . Balfe

The musical selections were all vocal solos by Miss Wiest and the balance of the programme was by Mrs. Shoemaker. Miss Lillian Preston occupied the chair during the evening. Financially and otherwise the outcome of the entertainment was highly gratifying. Both the reading and the singing were most cordially received by all.

OPEN-MEETING.

The annual Open-Meeting of the Olevian Society has been fixed for Thursday evening, March 13th, 1890. As usual it will be held in the College Chapel. The ladies are busily engaged with preparations for the event, and cordially invite their friends from far and near to come and hear the results of their labors.

ZWINGLIAN.

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TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The Twentieth Anniversary of the Zwinglian Society of the College, will be held in the College Chapel on Thursday evening March 27th, 1890, at 8 o'clock. Anniversary Day is always looked forward to as a gala time in the life of the society and for several months before its occurrence those who expect to take active part in the exercises by which it is characterized, devote much of their spare time to preliminary work and arrangements. This year finds no exception to the time-honored order of things in this direction at URSINUS.

The musical part of the programme for the occasion will be furnished by the Ursinus College Orchestra, I. C. Williams, '91, Director. The literary part will be as follows:

Invocation:

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

Salutatory, E. G. Small, '92,
Altenwald, Pa.

Oration, Edward F. Wiest,
Collegeville, Pa.

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

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

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

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

Benediction, *

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

The committee of arrangements for the anniversary is composed of the following members: H. E. Kilmer, '90; Frank B. Miller, '91; George W. Reiff, '92; Ira L. Bryner, '92; H. A. Fetters, '92. The Society will be pleased to see the public in general

attend. A full account of the Anniversary may be expected in the future columns of the BULLETIN.

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SCHAFF.

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THE MUSEUM.

The museum of the Schaff Society still flourishes and continues to grow. Since the last report of its condition in the BULLETIN, about two hundred specimens have been added. Of these, W. G. Welsh, '93, contributed about a hundred. His collection includes about twenty-five Indian arrow and spear heads, two large stone axes, and a pestle; a perfectly formed garnet crystal, about one inch in diameter; several pieces of Iceland spar; a number of pieces of slate showing fossilized fern impressions; a trilobite, one of the earliest crustaceans; and about thirty more fossil formations belonging to different ages. It contains also specimens of petrified wood from Arizona; cinnabar, and gold and silver ores from California.

Wm. H. Knipe, '91, has presented a dozen arrow-heads, most of them perfect, and a large piece of jasper; J. M. S. Isenberg, '93, a number of Indian spear-heads; a piece of Indian pottery, and a skinner, an instrument used by the Indians for removing hides from animals. A lichen fifteen inches in diameter, was received from Rev. Abraham Grater, Collegeville, Pa.

The Society, through the BULLETIN, wishes to thank these gentlemen for their donations. Friends who desire to remember the Museum with contributions, should address the Committee in charge of this interest, which consists of Messrs. G. H. Meixell and I. C. Williams.

OFFICERS.

The Schaff officers at present are :

President, C. H. Brandt; Vice President, I. C. Williams; Recording Secretary, Frank Barndt, Corresponding Secretary, H. H. Long; Chaplain, J. M. S. Isenberg; Editor, E. S. Bromer; Critic, G. H. Meixell; Treasurer, H. Ely Myers; Organist, W. G. Welsh; Auditing Committee, J. G. Francis, Wm. H. Erb, and Leander J. Rohrbaugh.

EBRRARD SOCIETY.

A number of new members have been received by this Society during the current term, and the lively interest in its work shows no abatement but is rather on the increase. The regular weekly meetings are now held from three to five o'clock P. M., instead of from four to five as formerly.

The following officers were lately elected by the Society :—

President, Harvey E. Kilmer; Vice President, Thomas E. Kalbach; Recording Secretary, Howard Wiest; Corresponding Secretary, J. Warren Bauman; Treasurer, Leander Rohrbaugh; Critic, William Yenser; Chaplain, Harry E. Jones; Editor, G. H. Meixell; Librarian, William Bassler.

NEWS ABOUT COLLEGE.

LECTURES ON THE CONSTITUTION.

J. A. Strassburger, Esq., A. M., of the Norristown Bar, has delivered two lectures during the present session before the Senior class, upon the Constitution of Pennsylvania. The first, on "The Preamble to the Constitution and the Declaration of Rights," was given on Thursday, January 30th, and the second on "The Legislative, Executive and Judiciary Departments," on Thursday, February 6th. The lectures were listened to with deep interest and abounded with well ex-

pressed instruction in the field of knowledge with which they had to do.

Y. M. C. A. NEWS.

MEETING IN TRINITY CHURCH.

On Sunday evening, February 2d, the members of the College Y. M. C. A. held a special meeting in Trinity Reformed church, Collegeville, Pa. The object of the meeting was the presentation of College Y. M. C. A. work. Mr. H. E. Kilmer conducted the exercises which were opened with singing and prayer. Mr. H. T. Wagner spoke upon "The Origin of the Day of Special Prayer for Colleges;" Mr. H. M. Wright on "The Appeal for Workers;" Mr. J. W. Bell, on "The Purposes and Plans of the College Y. M. C. A.," and Mr. G. H. Meixell, on "The Results to be Accomplished." On account of the inclemency of the weather, the meeting was not as well attended as it might have been, but those present seemed by their close attention to what was said, to appreciate the efforts that were made to give correct ideas of the methods and objects of the Y. M. C. A. in colleges.

BIBLE TALK BY PROF. PETERS.

Professor Peters delivered his first Bible Talk of the term before the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoon, January 26th, choosing as his subject "The Christian's Calling and Hope." The professor spoke of the spiritual race of life; as to how some Christians would become discouraged, because of the thought that they were not getting along as they should. He believed the source of these discouragements was generally to be found in their

associations, literature and habits. The essential thing in the hope of the Christian, he said, was that the object upon which it was founded was a good and worthy one.

He held that every man needed hope because all trials, troubles, and sorrows could be overcome by it, and that the noblest embodiment of this attribute of the soul was the Christian striving after an immortal perfection.

Y. M. C. A. OFFICERS.

At the annual election of officers for the Y. M. C. A. the following persons were chosen:—President, H. T. Wagner; Vice-President, C. D. Yost; Recording Secretary, E. F. Wiest; Corresponding Secretary, H. E. Kilmer; Treasurer, C. H. Slinghoff; Organist, M. L. Fritch.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR COLLEGES.

Thursday, January 30th, the day of prayer for colleges, was observed at URSINUS by special services conducted by President Bomberger in the chapel in the morning, and by prayer-meetings in the Y. M. C. A. room at one, four and seven o'clock P. M.

SENIOR ORATIONS.

Up to the time of writing, Senior orations had been delivered as follows: Tuesday, February 4th, "The Necessity of Study," by C. H. Brandt. Tuesday, February 11th, "The Race Problem," by E. S. Bromer. Tuesday, February 18th, "The Times not Degenerate," by A. H. Eberly, and "Young Men in Politics," by Charles P. Kehl.

BROTHERHOOD OF ANDREW AND
PHILLIP.

On Wednesday evening, February 12th, as per announcement previously made, the students of the college assembled in Prof. Hendricks' recitation room to organize a Brotherhood of Andrew and Phillip. Mr. I. Calvin Fisher was elected temporary chairman and Mr. G. H. Meixell, temporary secretary. Mr. Fisher explained the objects and aims of the Brotherhood, whereupon a motion was made and unanimously carried that a Chapter be organized. Messrs. I. Calvin Fisher, H. E. Kilmer and C. D. Yost were elected to draw up a constitution and present the same at a meeting to be held one week subsequent. This committee performed its work and on February 19th, at the adjourned meeting, reported a constitution which was unanimously adopted by those present, sixteen students signing the same and thus becoming active members of the chapter. Application has been made to the General Council of the B. of A. and P. for a charter.

One feature of the chapter is the holding of religious meetings every alternate Sunday evening from 6.30 to 7.30 o'clock. These meetings will be in charge of a special committee, appointed by the president of the chapter, and have been arranged so as not to interfere with the Y. M. C. A. work that is going on in the college.

The following are the officers of the chapter, chosen to serve for six months: President, I. Calvin Fisher; Vice-Presidents, G. H. Meixell, C. D. Yost; Recording Secretary, Wm. Yenser; Corresponding Secretary, H. E. Kilmer; Treasurer, H. A. I. Benner.

“THE GREAT SEA AND THE GREAT CITY.”

On Tuesday evening, February 25th, Rev. Edwin C. Hibshman, '86, assistant pastor of Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia, spoke under the auspices of the Schaff Literary Society in the college chapel, on the subject, “The Great Sea and the Great City.” His lecture was descriptive of some of the experiences of his recent trip through Europe and the Holy Land, and gave a vivid and graphic picture of the pleasures and hardships of crossing the Atlantic Ocean, and of the many things of interest and note to be learned in the city of London. The address was entertaining and instructive. It contained much valuable information, and abounded in sufficient humor to relieve the sameness of continuous description. It was also well delivered, and as a whole was highly creditable to the speaker and his society. Owing to inclement weather, the audience was not as large as it should have been; but all who were present were well pleased with they heard.

PROHIBITION PARTY LEAGUE.

On Thursday, February 13th, the Young Men's Prohibition Party League of the college sent a large delegation to the Prohibition Party Conference at Spring City. They were entertained royally. There is a movement on foot to organize college leagues in all the institutions of the State. Thus far the URSINUS organization seems to stand alone, but it is hoped that at an early day many other similar associations will be formed.

The present officers of the League are :

President—I. Calvin Fisher.

Vice-President—Wm. H. Kern.

Secretary—H. M. Wright.

Treasurer—F. H. L. Witzel.

Executive Committee—H. E. Kilm
Chairman; H. A. I. Benner, J. W. Bell, a
I. F. Wagner.

A BUSY MONTH FOR OUR PRESIDENT.

President Bomberger has been kept very busy for the past month with engagements outside of his regular college work. He preached for Rev. J. J. Stauffer, '84, of Weissport, Pa., on Sunday, January 19th, and on the following Sabbath he occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church of Trenton, N. J., of which Rev. Dr. Dixon is pastor. On Wednesday, February 12th, he gave the English address at the Centennial Services of St John's Union Church, Hamburg, Pa. Sunday, February 16th, he preached in Calvary Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., and on the following Lord's Day, in the morning, he delivered the discourse at the re-dedication of Pikeland Reformed Church, Chester county, and in the evening preached at Phoenixville. It is evident our honored and venerable president is still actively wearing the noble harness he has born so long and well.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT NOTES.

Mr. A. H. Hibsman, has been appointed regular supply for the Prospectville Congregation, Prospectville, Pa.

Mr. Joseph W. Bell preached for Rev. Jno. A. Mertz, Linfield, Pa., the

early part of last month. Mr. Bell also preached in the Phoenixville Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 23d.

Mr. W. H. Wotring supplied the pulpit of St. John's Reformed Church, Slatington, on January 26th, and that of St. Paul's Reformed church, Cherryville, Pa., February 16th.

Mr. I. Calvin Fisher preached for Rev. S. H. Phillips, Durham, Pa., on Sunday, February 23d.

On the first of April, 1888, Henry Tesnow, Jr., now of the Theological Department, organized what is known as Messiah Mission on Cantrell Street, Philadelphia. This interest he served faithfully and with good success until January 17th last, when on account of impaired health and overwork he was compelled to resign as superintendent. Mr. H. O. Neff, a former student of URSINUS has been elected to succeed Mr. Tesnow. The Mission has been put on a good foundation and deserves the united support of the Reformed congregations of Philadelphia.

URSINUS ATHLETICS.

The base-ball players of the college have lately been devoting much of their spare time to practice. Among the men who are training for places on the regular team are:

Miller, '91; Knipe, '91; Kalbach, '92; Wiest, '93; Welsh, '93; Hunsicker, '92; Slifer, '93; Royer, '90; Francis, '91; Filbert, '91; Slinghoff, '90; Reiff, '92; Yenser, '92; Todd, '92; Isenberg, '93; and Sprangler, '90.

The Athletic Association has elected the following officers: President, Robert G. Magee, '90; vice-president, Frank B. Miller, '91; secretary, Will-

iam H. Knipe, '91; treasurer Calvin D. Yost, '91.

F. B. Miller, '91; G. W. Filbert, '91, W. G. Welsh, '93, constitute the committee appointed for raising funds to defray the necessary expenses of the base-ball team.

CLASS OFFICERS.

Ninety-one: President, Lillian Preston; Vice-President, Frank B. Miller; Recording Secretary, Ada Schwenk; Treasurer, Irvin C. Williams; Poet, William R. Smith; Contributor to the BULLETIN, Geo. W. Filbert.

Ninety-three: President, Robert B. Todd; Vice-President, Charles W. Brey; Secretary, J. Warren Bauman; Treasurer, William W. Helffrich; Prophet, W. G. Welsh; Critic, J. Milton Isenberg; Chaplain, Joseph W. Royer.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Among the visitors at the college since the making up of the last issue of the BULLETIN, have been Rev. Nevin W. A. Helffrich, '79, of Fogelsville, Rev. T. C. Strock, '85, of Erwinna, and Rev. Gideon P. Fisher, '89, of New Hanover.

The college orchestra furnished the music for an entertainment held in Industrial Hall, Schwenksville, during the latter part of January for the benefit of the Reformed Church at that place.

A number of the students have formed a "Bachelors' Club." It is a strictly private body whose membership is limited to eight. Its object is

social improvement. Granville H. Meixell, Edward S. Bromer, Charles P. Kehl, and William H. Ruff, of the Senior class, are among those belonging to this organization.

The Junior class has selected the following members to give the programme of the next Junior Class Exercises: Chairman, William H. Knipe; salutatory, Lillian Preston; scientific oration, J. Manton Mensch; classical oration, Peter E. Heimer; class oration, Irvin F. Wagner; literary oration, Hallie R. Vanderslice; valedictory, Frank H. Fisher. The committee of the class to make arrangements for the event is, J. G. Francis, chairman; J. Manton Mensch, secretary; and Irvin F. Wagner.

P. E. Heimer, '91, who had previously during the term been absent from the college, returned at the beginning of the last week in February.

The Class of '90 has elected the following committee to take charge of the commencement exercises: Chairman, Harvey E. Kilmer; secretary, Charles H. Slinghoff; Albert H. Eberly, Charles H. Brandt and Robert G. Magee.

A petition numerously signed about college has been handed to the Faculty asking for a new gymnasium and repairs to the South campus.

Irvin C. Williams, J. Manton Mensch and Howard M. Wright constitute the Lecture committee of the Schaff society.

The Ursinus College Orchestra has chosen the following officers: President, Paul M. Spangler, '90; vice-president, F. B. Miller, '91; secretary and treasurer, J. Milton Isenberg, '93.

A number of students heard Booth in Macbeth at the Chestnut Street Opera House, Philadelphia, on the evening of the third Saturday of last month.

Mr. I. C. Williams, director of the orchestra, gave a violin solo at a recent entertainment of the Lyceum of the Lutheran church, Trappe.

At the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, at Harrisburg, late in January last, H. W. Kratz, Esq., President of the college Board, read a valuable paper on the subject "Good Roads a Mutual Advantage to Town and Country."

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.]

Rev. J. E. Smith, of Bath, Northampton county, a graduate of the Theological Department, was lately called upon to bear a deep affliction in the death of his wife which occurred about the middle of January last. The warm sympathy of his URSINUS friends goes out to him in his passage through this bitter trial.

'73. Rev. H. T. Spangler, was installed pastor of St. Luke's Church, Trappe, on Tuesday evening, February 4th, by a Committee of Philadelphia Classis.

'75. Rev. D. W. Ebbert, late of Dayton, Ohio, has accepted a call to the charge at Milton, Penna., left vacant by the recent removal of its for-

mer pastor, Rev. F. C. Yost, '76, to Phoenixville.

'76. Rev. A. B. Markley, formerly of Jonestown, Lebanon county, recently accepted a pastoral call to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, South Bethlehem, and entered upon the work in the latter field. The congregation of which he has taken charge is a new but very promising enterprise and during the short time Mr. Markley has been at the head of it, it has made rapid and substantial progress.

'83. Rev. F. H. Keller, who spent the three preceding years in pastoral work in Kansas, with the beginning of 1890 took a long stride back again toward the scenes of his college life, by moving to Fireside, Seneca county, Ohio, having previously accepted a call to Zion's charge of that place. Mr. Keller expects to be on hand to revive old acquaintanceships at the coming commencement in June next.

'84. Rev. John J. Stauffer, pastor of the charge at Weissport, Pennsylvania, was assisted in his work on Sunday, January 19th, Reformation Day, by the President of URSINUS, who found his two congregations, one at Weissport, and the other at Mauch Chunk, in a flourishing condition that should give their pastor much reason to be encouraged in his work.

'84. Rev. Henry A. Bomberger, pastor of Heidelberg Reformed Church, York, Penna., still continues to prosecute his work there with much energy and many good results. At the present time his large congregation is earnestly enlisted in the matter of erecting a new chapel and house of worship. A valuable site in a central part of the city has been purchased

for the purpose, the architect's plans for the new buildings have been completed and work on the chapel will be started at an early day. When finished the proposed edifice promises to be one of the handsomest structures in the town.

'89. Rev. H. A. Frantz, of Tamaqua, Pa., a graduate of the Theological Department, is meeting with much success in his first field of labor. A number of new members were not long since added to his congregation at Tamaqua and the prospects of an increased accession to this branch of his charge in the near future are excellent.

GENERAL TOPICS.

IMPROVEMENT NEEDED IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS.

The larger the increase in the wealth of any nation, the more varied its industries, and the higher its degree of refinement, the greater are the results which its schools are expected to accomplish for the pupils attending them. The public schools of this country have done much to educate the youth of our land, and to-day they are doing more than ever before. But the demand still exceeds the high mark which they have already attained. Some school authorities are almost bewildered in trying to arrange courses of study containing all the new things which, in their opinion, should be taught in the public schools.

The consequence of cramming courses of study is that the leading branches receive too little attention. There is a limit to the quantity of work to be done in the school-room, and the quality of the work generally decreases as the quantity increases. In many

cities the assembling of large numbers of pupils in one school-room or in one building, has brought about certain difficulties in controlling their morals. The number of pupils often increases more rapidly than the furnishing of corresponding accommodations. For these reasons and some others, private schools have become quite numerous in business and religious centres. This is notably the case in Boston.

Education, a leading review of its class, published in Boston, in its December number, says: "Here is the most widely-read journal in New England, laboring through double columns to account for the growth of private and parochial schools in Boston; the reason being, according to its arithmetic, that each pupil in a Boston school gets but one minute of attention a day; hence a rebellion, developing to a revolution. Probably one-fifth of the clergymen of the United States are exciting their parishioners by the assertion that the common school ignores character-training,—is immoral and unreligious at best. Multitudes of 'business men' are just as sure that the schools are nurseries of shiftlessness and practical incapacity."

Even if this statement be greatly exaggerated, the fact still remains that some persons are dissatisfied with the public schools of the American Athens. The legislators and the school authorities must have done something to render the schools inefficient, in the eyes of these men. Some of them doubtless belong to the class of men who call nothing good except that which they themselves control; but the sensible and reasonable men, those who are the pillars of the successful

private schools, are entitled to thoughtful consideration. How to win such men back to the patronage of the public schools again, is not easy to explain. The host of scholars managing the public schools, it would seem, have done everything in their power to make these schools better than they ever were before.

Education suggests that educational associations and teachers at their posts turn their faces, instead of their backs, toward the patrons of the public schools, by giving definite information in regard to the actual work done in the schools and by reproducing actual school-room exercises before the public.

We quote again: "These conventions run more and more to the 'reading of papers' and elaboration of details uninteresting to an intelligent outside audience, and, with rare exceptions, are little more than the assembling of professional clubs." * * * * *

"The teacher of either sex must more and more be competent to place his own work fairly, without technical obstruction, vigorously and persistently, before the public, or it will go hard with the profession in the generation on which we are entering." * * *

"A method open to all is the abolition of our absurd practice of making the school commencement or exhibition a display of crude literary, oratorical, or dramatic power; placing before the people the things which the schools do not even profess to teach,—the author's, orator's, and player's art. No entertainment would be so profitable and popular, in city and country, as an evening, now and then, when the genuine school-work could

be taken out of the school-room and put in a public place where everybody could see just how the children are taught and handled."

Education here sounds a note which every energetic teacher should echo and re-echo until the public exercises of every school cease to shock the literary taste of the well-educated, and no more deceive the uninformed. The more a public school aims at exhibiting the player's art in public, the less its patrons should encourage its public exercises by their presence. The time taken to prepare for such exercises and for performing them in public should be devoted to thorough reviews and successful examinations, a combination of which might be made to delight a public audience on the last day of the term. Both the scholar and the heavy tax-payer ought to find, in such exercises, what the intellectual work of the school is worth.

The courses of study should also contain the smallest number of studies which would be consistent with the most important demands of the times. The development of the mind should be the first thing aimed at and the utilitarian idea should be a secondary matter, even in the high school. Let special and professional schools prepare pupils for such specialties as their talents and preparatory training most clearly indicate.

Better and more far-reaching than high intellectual attainments is the improvement in moral culture. The more stress public-schools put upon forming good character, the more friends they will. The man who swears prefers to send his children to the teacher who does not permit swearing. The bad man unites with the good

man in desiring good moral teaching and good discipline for his children. To this end, school authorities should spare neither money nor labor to avoid crowding school-rooms with pupils, and to arrange school-houses, out-buildings, and play-grounds so as to favor good supervision. Then let teachers give thorough instruction in the performance of duty, and exercise untiring vigilance over the morals of their pupils.

A. R.

CONTRIBUTIONS POETICAL.

VESPER-TIME IN JUNE.

The sun's last golden beam has kissed
The cedar's topmost bough good-night,
And trembled through the silvery mist
That hides the grey sea-eagle's flight.

The vesper sparrow sweetly calls
From uplands where he wanders late;
And as the shroud of darkness falls,
Flits nearer, nearer to his mate.

The turtle-dove's enamoured note
The even's hallowed stillness fills,
And sounds from out his tender throat
Soft as a haut-boy o'er the hills.

The shadows purple and grow deep,
Fast fades the landscape to the sight.
The sweet-voiced singers sink to sleep,
And twilight-tide gives place to night.

W. B.

MORPHEUS.

Morpheus sits with drowsy eye,
His thoughts an unborn symphony.
The god of dreams and son of sleep,
He wonders why we toil and weep.

A magic opiate he decocts,
From dews of night (the tears of Nox).
"Come weary one," he seems to say
"Give o'er the fight, sleep life away."
"Drink of this cup, and thou shalt see
"Elysium opened unto thee".

Beware! The siren voice who hears,
 Shall wake to mourn life's wasted years.
 The visions past, his work is done,
 And there, alas! the setting sun! W. B.

OUR GRAVES.

A mound, a stone and violets,
 A bird song in the air,
 A child that gathers flowers and lets
 The wind play with its hair;
 A field of wheat across the hedge
 Rippled by fairy hands,
 A silver stream that downward runs
 To cheer the lower lands.

No mound, no stone, no violets—
 A blue sea overhead,
 A sobbing wind that ne'er forgets
 Its chanting for the dead.
 Beneath the stars on summer nights
 That deep, blue grave, how fair;
 The while upon the shore the waves
 Beat low as if in prayer.

No mound, no stone, no violets,
 No birds, no waves, no star.
 A spot where memory forgets
 What spring and summer are.
 Deeper it lies than deep sea graves,
 From land and sea apart,
 A grave, so sad and desolate!
 A *grave* within the *heart*! U. C. '92

MORAL MOTIVE-FORCES.

And here *moral* is not used in antithesis to immoral, but in distinction from forces that are merely material or physical, whether organic or inorganic. For it is obvious to all observant experience, that besides the mechanical, chemical and physically organic agencies whose operations press themselves continually upon our notice, and often startle by their great power and amazing effects, there is another class, of an entirely different nature, incessantly at work among men, the phenomena and results of which are far mightier and more stupendous than any merely

material or physical forces ever prove themselves to be, at least in their ordinary manifestations. They are commonly designated moral, and are so called with strict scientific and philosophical propriety. Because their sphere of activity is the moral, or rather ethical, nature and relations of man, and their potent influence and vital effects are exerted and produced within [that sphere and upon those relations.

The fact that such super-physical powers are unceasingly at work in the world will hardly be denied. They assert their presence too constantly and effectively to be utterly ignored. But they do not command the full practical recognition to which they are entitled, and which they should receive in order to turn the significant lessons they teach to beneficent account. And the oversight of them by educational institutions is to be especially deplored.

Earthquakes, floods, blizzards, and the like appeal as physical forces of destructive power; and the ingenuity and art of man are summoned to the most prompt and energetic activity in devising protection against them. But how little heed is given, for the most part, to agencies of evil in that other realm of human life which are incessantly inflicting immensely greater harm, and every year, nay all the year round. Calamities through physical catastrophies are local, limited to comparatively narrow districts, like the Charleston earthquake or Chicago fire. They run their devastating course in a few days or weeks. The other forces spread ruin over whole nations, and never abate. Go where you please, their dreadful ravages confront you, and their tracks cover the earth.

To this there is, happily, a brighter side, of which the evils just noted are but the dark and gloomy shadows. Moral forces of a most beneficent sort are also powerfully operative, and are everywhere exercising influences which prove their supremacy over vicious immoralities, so far as such supremacy can assert itself consistently with man's liberty and responsibility. The gladdening results of this are seen in the achievements of christian philanthropy in the noblest sense during the present century—a century which, in active socially purifying and elevating charities, based upon old principles of Gospel truth, has far outstripped the sixteen that preceded it.

The fact is that the history of past ages confirms the testimony of an authority higher than any furnished by mere human history, that the moral law of the universe has sovereign supremacy over all material physical laws and forces, and makes them tributary to its ends. Before the majesty of that law all the elements and enginery of nature are compelled to render obedience as often as they come in collision with its purposes and plans. Floods of raging hostility lift up their heads against it only to be beaten down into a submissive calm, or to be compelled to carry it the more victoriously on its course.

If these facts but serve to stimulate the reader's thoughts in the direction they point out, the purpose of their statement will be gained. But one reflection shall be added by way of practical inference.

If moral forces have such salutary power as motives to action, it is surely of prime importance that all men, and especially young men pur-

suing Collegiate studies in preparation for their life work, should put themselves under the guiding and controlling influence of the best and purest of such motives. What shall animate and rule them in the prosecution of their studies? Vain selfish ambition? The sordid desire for gold or earthly glory? Or the earnest fixed purpose to fit themselves for the loftiest, holiest service to which beings of their nature and endowments can devote their lives, their fortunes and their sacred all?

EXCHANGE NOTES.

The Dickinson Liberal has a well-timed editorial on the Sunday newspaper. We cordially agree with the writer in his views as to the real need for this intruder on the sanctity of the Sabbath. The sooner it is banished from our country the better it will be for her social and religious welfare. Among other things the *Liberal* says :

“The Sunday newspaper is a blot on human society, a curse of no small magnitude. This is the only legitimate conclusion that can be drawn from a careful, honest consideration of its character. * * * * * Is a mind that is filled with the thoughts that are naturally suggested by the many articles of questionable morality that are frequently found in papers of this class or even with the matters of business which are freely discussed by the Sunday press, in a fit condition for worship? * * * * * In fine the Sunday newspaper fills no real need of the people, but *does* corrupt the minds of its readers and set at naught an ordinance of God.”

From all appearances the motto of the *Mercersburg College Monthly* is

still "onward and upward." The January number is especially interesting. Its literary articles are of a high order, richly rewarding perusal.

The subject of "True Courage" is very ably discussed by A. Y. B. in the *Spectator*. In the development of his theme the following will impress the careful reader:

"He is the greatest man who chooses the right with an invincible resolution, who resists the most flattering temptations, who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully and fearlessly, and who for conscience' sake is willing to sacrifice wealth and honor if it must be. He is possessed of true courage who can go to war with and conquer his own passions despite their almost irresistible allurements to self-indulgence."

The Ottawa Campus of Ottawa University, Kansas, has found its way to our table. Its January number shows it to be well-edited and energetically managed,

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The Salem Reformed Church, twelve miles north of Fort Wayne, Ind., after having been thoroughly repaired, was reopened for worship on Sunday, December 29. The improvements include the papering of the walls, carpets, a new pulpit, new bell, and other renovations.

The Reformed Church at Lindsey, Ohio, was rededicated on Sunday, December 29th. During the time the building was closed the interior was frescoed and a new carpet and a new furnace were added to it. All the money needed for the repairs had been raised before the reopening. Rev. E. R. Williard preached the sermon. Rev. W. A. Miller is the pastor.

The Reformed and Lutheran church, known as St. Stephen's, at Upton, Franklin county, Pa., about five miles east of Mercersburg, was re-dedicated on January 19th, amid suitable solemnities. The original brick edifice, built some thirty-two years ago, was too small and needed extensive repairs. The re-building took place during the last six months, at an expenditure of about two thousand dollars, including the furniture and a bell yet to be placed in position.

MINISTERIAL.

Berkey, A. G., Waynesburg, Ohio, accepts call to Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

De Lyre, T. G., resigns Napa City, Cal., and removes to Lancaster, Pa.

Ebbert, D. W., accepts call to Milton, Pa.

Graeff, J. E., D. D., Harrisburg, Pa., appointed chaplain for the House of the Friendless of that city.

Groh, W. H., Myerstown, Pa., accepts call to the Sulphur Springs charge, near Carlisle, Pa.

Keller, F. H., address changed from Baker, Kansas, to Fireside, Seneca Co., Ohio.

Lahr, L. B. C., resigned as pastor of Canal Winchester charge, Ohio.

Meier, H. A., address changed from Dayton, Ohio, to Franklin, Wisconsin.

Mill, M. H., resigns South Easton charge, Easton, Pa.

Richard, Geo. W., of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, elected Assistant pastor to Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, Allentown, Pa.

Sandoe, W. B., died at Ringtown, Pa., Jan. 28, 1890, aged 75 years.

Schultz, F. M., accepts call to Lisbon, Iowa.

Spangler, H. T., installed pastor of St. Luke's Reformed church, Trappe, Pa.

Stonesifer, J. B., address changed from Glen-coe to Shellsburg, Pa.

Yost, F. C., installed pastor of Phoenixville, Pa.

Webber, A. S., address changed to 2207 Gough St., Baltimore, Md.



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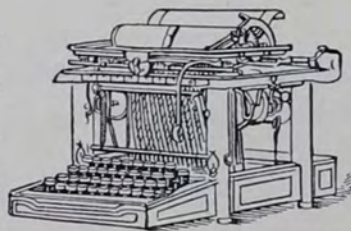
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