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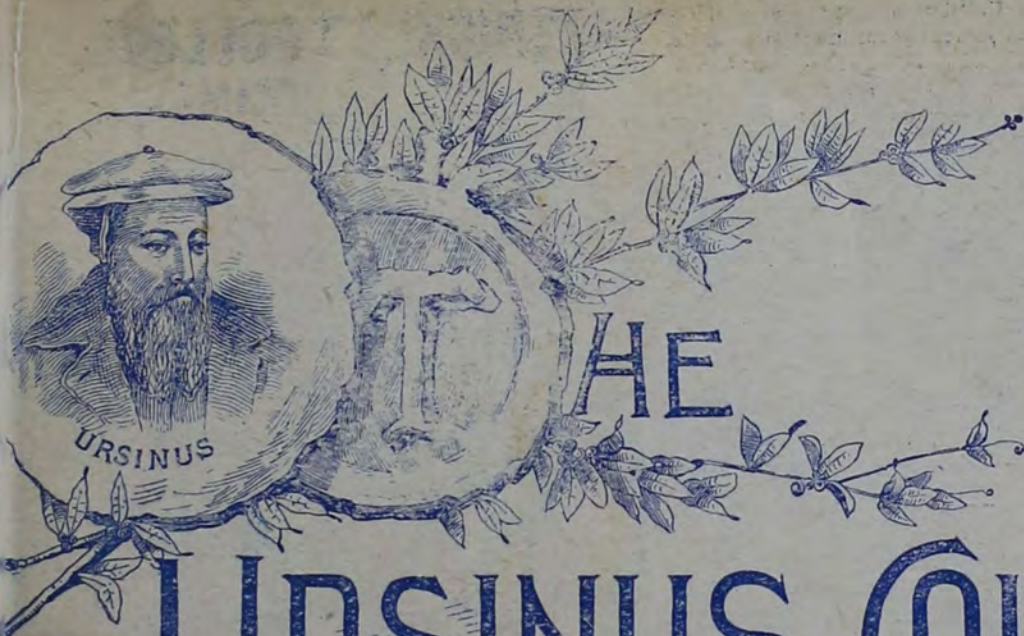
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WITH this number of the BULLETIN another year of its history is ushered in. After two months vacation it is again ready to resume its place among the college journals of the land, and Volume Eight may be expected to be animated with the same earnestness and zeal for the college and the cause it represents that have characterized these columns in former years. At no previous time was it better equipped for solid and effective work. Besides, it is encouraged to go straight forward with renewed energy because of the particularly bright prospects which lie immediately before it. The field of operation for its purposes gives certain promise of broader limits that are already marked out; and as the College thus increases its sphere of activity, the BULLETIN cannot fail to re-

ceive fresh inspiration for its portion of the general undertaking.

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A new departure for the theological and collegiate classes is the special elocutionary training under Professor Robert G. Magee. His system is the same as the one taught by Prof. Mark Baily, of Yale College, and it differs materially from the systems taught in most of our colleges. It is based on the similarity between a word and a phrase or sentence, emphasizing the important word in a sentence just as the important syllable is accented in a word. In accordance with this, ordinary conversation is made the foundation of all reading and speaking. This course of study is obligatory with the theological students, but optional as to the members of the college classes. However, a large number of these latter are availing themselves of the opportunity. Professor Magee will lay special stress on Bible and hymn reading in teaching the seminary students, and the collegians he will teach the plays of Shakespeare. Good work may be expected from this department.

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Grave apprehensions are often manifested in reference to the religious trend of American colleges. But if we give heed to echoes coming from some of our leading institutions of learning, there are no good grounds for such apprehensions. Through a religious awakening at Fiske University last year some thirty students were converted; and it is said that not a year in the history of this institution has passed in which there were not from twelve to seventy conversions within its walls. So also the President of Dartmouth College reports that during the past ten or twelve years not a single student graduated a skeptic. URSINUS in

no respect falls short of this record. There is not a phase of her work to which more attention is paid than the moral and religious training of her students. Christian principles are instilled both by example and precept on the part of the professors in all the departments, and during one whole year the Bible is made a special branch of systematic study. Besides, there is an active Young Men's Christian Association and also a Chapter of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip among the students. An interesting prayer meeting is held every week, and there is not a student in the institution who does not attend these weekly services. With such religious training and surroundings no young man, unless he willfully rejects God and the Scriptures, will leave URSINUS an infidel or skeptic.

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In almost every college there is a tendency on the part of some to get through with their studies as soon as possible. All they see when they enter college is the end, and very often they sacrifice important means provided to reach that end. They seem to think that if they can only say they studied at a certain institution, that is all the world will ask of them. Faculties are continually harassed by students who want to take irregular and partial courses. While there may be circumstances in which a student may be justified in taking such a course, no one should deliberately do so, and no faculty should allow it, unless there is no alternative. Too many intricate problems in life present themselves for a person unnecessarily shorten his course of study while at college. After he is made to face the stern realities of the world he will be sure to see and regret his folly.

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That period of the seasons set for the annual revival and renewal of work in school and college, has many character-

istics which make it more naturally the beginning of the year for almost everything in this country, and others similarly situated, than the midwinter date fixed in the almanacs. Coming immediately after the stagnant inactivity of the summer months, this point where the student resumes his labors is identical with that from which the church and State, commerce and industry, local business and general trade start forth afresh on a new campaign. Distinctive habits and customs have made it with us far more a commencement time than the first of January. The logic of the calendar is beyond a doubt correct from a scientific point of view; but with the merchant, as well as him who traffics in things of the mind that are better than merchandise, it has no power to compel a change of individual methods of procedure. For all such, the present days are the days when another cycle is set in motion. Let collegemen bear this in mind. Now is the time to begin anew. Not some brisk, cold morning in January, or balmy afternoon in April. But at once; *instantly*; right off.

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The current academic round of effort, still in its infancy, has much in store for our Alma Mater. She has achievements before her which will join her more closely than ever to her growing constituency. May she meet them courageously and successfully, that her sons and daughters and friends in general may continue to rejoice in the present bonds of union.

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It is a source of gratification that Bomberger Memorial Hall will, from present prospects, be entirely under roof before winter weather sets in.

THE NEW COLLEGE YEAR.

A SUCCESSFUL START.

The 22d Academic year of URSINUS COLLEGE was opened on Monday, Au-

gust 31st, and bids fair to be the brightest in the history of the institution. The Acting President, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., LL. D., delivered the opening address on Wednesday morning, using for a theme "The True Purpose of a College Education." A number of alumni and other friends added the cheer of their genial presence to the opening days.

The wonderful progress made in the erection of Bomberger Memorial Hall since Commencement greatly surprised the students and visitors. The stately structure is assuming imposing proportions. It spreads out over the eastern side of the Campus and is rearing its head aloft, more than fulfilling the promise of its foundations. The music of the mason's chisel and hammer, of the carpenter's saw and axe, awaken new inspiration and zeal in the hearts of the student workers and of the visiting friends. The former see new class rooms, spacious laboratories, airy society halls, a charming assembly room, and every facility for educational work rapidly moving toward completion. The latter read in these material creations the strength and stability of their Alma Mater.

The additions to the different departments of the institution are now quite encouraging. The entering class in the Theological Department consists of 14 men. The Freshman Class in College numbers 13. There have also been three additions to the Sophomore Class, making the number in that class 17; one has entered the Junior Class and one the Senior.

Prof. C. H. Wheeler, B. Ph., who has charge of the department of Mathematics, is making a very favorable impression on the students. He has thorough command of his subjects, and teaches with ease. He is taking an active interest in the improvements going forward at the College, and has made the surveys for the system of sewerage that is to be introduced this fall yet.

Miss Ethel J. Park, of Boston, has taken charge of Music and Art. She resides in the Ladies' Hall, and will devote all her time to these branches.

NEWS ABOUT COLLEGE.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The College Y. M. C. A. has begun work this term with a vim. Rev. Dr. Williard, who, ever since he has been connected with URSINUS, has taken so much active interest in the Association, had charge of the first regular Wednesday night meeting, when the college chapel contained a goodly number of students. The subject of the evening was "Our Request." Many of the new students are taking an active part in the meetings and it is hoped that the attendance may increase until every student in the college will consider it a duty to attend at least one religious service during the week.

After one of the Wednesday evening services a largely attended meeting of the members was held, the object being to bring before the Association the imperative duty of its taking hold of the Sunday afternoon exercises at the Montgomery County Almshouse. Individual members have gone from time to time and conducted services there. The inmates, to the number of a hundred or more, welcome the students with delight and seem to be "hungering and thirsting" after the word of God. Let the Y. M. C. A. see to it that these services are not neglected.

Harry E. Jones and Edward F. Wiest, of the Theological Department, George H. Broening and E. S. Noll, of the Collegiate Department, conducted the services Sunday, September 13th. They had a large attendance in the chapel and the inmates listened with much attention to all that was said.

On account of the dilapidated condition of the Y. M. C. A. room it has been decided to hold the usual services in the

college chapel. Already there has been increased interest shown and a larger attendance. It is to be hoped that the change will be taken advantage of by all in attendance at the college.

Geo. H. Broening and W. M. Schall, of the Class of '94, have charge of the Sunday evening services at the Garwood School House, near Phoenixville. This is also Y. M. C. A. work.

WEDDING BELLS.

SEIDEL-BALLIET.

Normal Square, Carbon County, Pa., was the scene of a very pretty wedding on the afternoon of August 13th, 1891, the contracting parties being Miss Emma L., the accomplished daughter of Judge and Mrs. E. H. Seidel, and Professor N. M. Balliet, of the Faculty of URSINUS COLLEGE. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents and the event was one not soon to be forgotten. Rev. George W. Williard, D. D., LL. D., Acting President, officiated, assisted by Rev. E. A. Bauer, of Lehigh, and Rev. Prof. George Stibitz. There were nearly 200 guests present, many of whom came from a distance. A sumptuous repast was partaken of by all present.

Prof. and Mrs. Balliet reside in the Ladies' Hall, where a reception was given in their honor on the evening of September 11th.

The BULLETIN extends its hearty congratulations and wishes the happy pair a safe and pleasant journey over the sea of life.

THE THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The work for 1890-91 in the Theological Department has begun under very auspicious circumstances. At no time in the history of the institution were there as many students enrolled.

With a Dean at its head, the Faculty is organized and equipped as it has never

been before. All the studies are arranged with a view to giving the students the most and best time for preparing and reciting their lessons, and exceptionally good work may be expected during the coming year.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Harvey E. Kilmer, of the Senior Theological Class, spent his vacation visiting relatives and friends in Ohio and West Virginia. While in Ohio he called on Rev. A. D. Wolfinger, of Thornville, and on Rev. G. P. Fisher, of Somerset, former students of URSINUS COLLEGE and Seminary. He also preached in Grace Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Rev. S. W. Snyder, pastor, on September 20th; and at East Vincent and Pikeland, Chester County, Pa., Rev. I. Calvin Fisher, pastor, September 27th.

Paul H. Land, of the same class, acted as an assistant to Rev. Dr. J. F. Busche, of New York City, during the vacation. Besides preaching occasionally, his activity lay chiefly in Sunday school and mission work. On the 13th of September, Mr. Land filled the pulpit of Rev. P. H. Dipple, Sixth street and Girard avenue, Philadelphia, preaching morning and evening in the German language.

Frank H. Fisher, of the Junior Class, spent his vacation teaching near his home, Gouglersville, Berks county.

Harry E. Jones and Calvin D. Yost attended the Summer School at URSINUS, studying Hebrew under Prof. Stibitz.

C. H. Brandt preached for Rev. C. E. Wehler, in Boehm's Church, Blue Bell, Montgomery County, September 13th.

On September 20th, Harry E. Jones filled the pulpits of Rev. J. Lewis Fluck, in St. Paul's and St. Matthew's Churches, Chester County.

Among the new theological students are Messrs. Roth, Royer and Sult, all of the Class of '91, of Heidelberg University, Tiffin, O. Jesse H. String, of Philadelphia, is also among the number.

The Rev. Prof. George Stibitz occupied the pulpit of Trinity Reformed Church, Sunday, September 13th, both morning and evening. Both sermons were very interesting and large congregations were in attendance.

At the Children's Day exercises at St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, a pleasing and instructive address was made by Mr. Benjamin Royer, of the Theological Seminary. His remarks were based upon the familiar verse: "The Child Grew." The pulpit platform was beautifully decorated with blooming plants and flowers. An interesting programme was carried out by the school.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Rev. F. C. Yost, '76, of Phoenixville; the Rev. H. Hilbish, of Brownback's, Chester County; the Rev. I. C. Fisher, '89, of Kimberton; the Rev. E. Clapp, '89, of Royersford; the Rev. J. Lewis Fluck, '88, of St. Matthew's; the Rev. Charles E. Wheler, '86, of Blue Bell; Mr. Trucksess, of Lower Providence, and Mr. George Schall, of Philadelphia, were among the visitors to the College at the beginning of the term.

A very neat button, with the college colors and the name "Ursinus" upon it, has been introduced among the students. It is of the latest pattern and was designed by Zothe, the Philadelphia manufacturer. These designs have been adopted in part by Lafayette and Pennsylvania Colleges and by Wesleyan University. It is hoped that before long all students at URSINUS will wear the college button, so that they will be known when they are away from the college. Should we not be proud to wear a button bearing so illustrious a name as that of the renowned Ursinus?

On September 20th, Rev. E. Clark Hibshman, '86, began a series of Sunday evening sermons at St. Luke's, Trappe,

upon the subject "Young Men to Young Men." The first one of the series was upon "A Sight Two Young Men Never Forgot." The Rev. Mr. Hibshman has become quite a popular young preacher and his services are well attended, many students from URSINUS being among the number.

Prof. R. G. Magee, '90, delivered four lectures on the subject of "Elocution," before the City Institute of Reading, Pa., on September 1st and 2d.

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

SCHAFF LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Society began the new year with bright prospects. With the exception of one or two, all the old members are in their places. A goodly number of new men have also cast their lot with the Society. All indications point to a pleasant and profitable year's work.

At the first meeting of the term, the following Board of Trustees was elected: J. T. Wagner, '92; W. F. Longacre, '95; H. M. Wright, '92; W. A. Erb, '93; G. A. Stauffer, '94.

OLEVIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Olevian Literary Society began its fall work with few members, but there is enough interest and zeal manifested to assure one that the work of the coming year will exceed that of past years. Every member feels it a pleasant duty to contribute to the interest of the meetings and the work of the Society. At the first meeting the following officers were elected:

Pres., Lillian I. Rhoades, '93; V. Pres., Evelyn Bechtel, '95; Rec. Sec., Katie Bromer, '95; Cor. Sec., Havilah J. Curdy, '92; Treas., Sallie Hendricks, '93; Critic, Nora Shuler, '93; Editress, Jessie Royer, '92; Chaplain, Ida L. Robison, '93.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

NOTES OF EUROPEAN TRAVEL.

BY WALTER BOMBERGER, '87.

After leaving Coblenz on Saturday, August 15th, at ten-thirty in the morning by boat up the Rhine, we passed some of the most picturesque ruins we have seen thus far, of castles of the Middle Ages, built on precipitous rocks in seemingly impossible positions. We must have gone by a score of them between Coblenz and Mayence. Only one or two of the whole number have been restored, the majority being colored and broken as the rugged rocks on which they are nested. Each one has its many legends; but very probably the history of each is ten times more interesting than the fictions which are told of it.

After a long trip on the boat we arrived at Mayence in a thunder-gust at about six in the evening, and took train immediately for Frankfort-on-the-Main, a branch of the Rhine. Reached there at seven-thirty, expecting to spend Sunday, but the principal hotels were full, and after a tiresome hunt of two hours we found quarters at the "Holland House," which same quarters made us suddenly change our morals and minds, for we took an early Sunday train for Heidelberg. The Dutchman who kept this house was a "Jew," and ran his establishment in the most radical "Solomon Levi" style. I will not go into particulars; but there were some very minute particulars in and about our sleeping apartment.

We got to Heidelberg at ten-thirty Sunday morning, or thereabouts, and were simply delighted with the place. Its situation is entrancing. Every spot is surrounded with historical interest. From the tops of the mountains, encircling the town on all sides, enchanting outlooks over other mountains far and wide, can be had to feast the eyes.

Sunday afternoon we walked to the top

of "Königstuhl" and were amply repaid for an hour's toil and sweat. The mountain by this name is the highest about the town. Its top once attained commands the most magnificent of views. We gathered some flowers at the base of an old tower on its top, and also sprigs of the ivy that covers the walls of the castle.

On Monday morning following we made a thorough inspection of the castle which overlooks the town. It is very wonderful and interesting. "The best ruin in Europe," it is called. We had a guide who was very denunciatory of the French, to whose hands nearly all the ruined castles of the whole of Germany owe their present condition. We also visited the University, which architecturally does not amount to much, but in fame is great.

In comparison with the scenery about them and between them, the towns of Switzerland have little attraction. But their natural situations amply compensate one for short-comings in other directions. They are grand beyond expression. Beautiful lakes and snow-capped mountains belong to all their pictures. We visited Bale, Zurich, Zug, Lucerne, Lausanne, Berne and Geneva. We went over the "Rigi" and the "Bunig," two high mountains, and got among "the eternal Alps" and their snow fields. We also enjoyed delightful rides over several of the lakes.

After leaving Switzerland my course took me first to Turin, one of the largest cities of Italy. While this city is beautifully laid out, it has no attractions in the way of fine buildings, or art collections, and so is seldom given much time by the tourist. I therefore hurried on to my present stopping-place, Milan, reaching the city this morning, Wednesday, August 26th. Will go from here to Verona and Venice, to Rome and Florence, Pisa and Genoa, Nice, Lyons, Marseilles and Paris.

To start to give even a few of the impressions made on my mind by travel

would be difficult in the short space of a letter. The people are certainly far behind America in a great many things. But the poor means for travel—the slow, mean, contemptible trains and their miserable service,—is the most trying thing Americans have to do with. “Every springtime has its skunk-cabbage” and the new pleasure (to a Yankee) of sight-seeing in Europe is marred by this and many other disagreeable things, the “half of which have never been told” by the returned tourist.

The system of “tipping,” in vogue all over the Continent, is an abominable nuisance. For many other reasons the traveller from the United States often wishes himself home in modern America, and occasionally will become a little downtrodden in spirit. A Westminster Abbey, a Cologne or Milan Cathedral, or an inimitable view of some one of the peaks of the Alps, act as stimulants in preparing him for a hundred-mile journey on a sample *fast* express at the appalling rate of *ten* miles an hour!

Art has done nothing for the morality of England and Europe, which is at a very low ebb. The “Salvation Army” is the only thing that can reach it. Sunday is the “grand racket” day in London and the cities of the Continent. Woman has indeed fallen very low. The bartenders are women and they drink with the lowest characters at the bar.

I have still to enjoy Rome and Paris, with their endless array of attractions in art and architecture, but do not expect to give much time to any of the other cities in between these two chief points.

MILAN, ITALY.—AUGUST 26TH.

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, Montgomery County, Pa.]

'73. The Rev. F. F. Bahner, A. M., is in the fourteenth year of his pastorate of the Waynesboro charge, and is regarded with increasing affection by his people. The growth of the man since leaving college is clearly indicated in the address published under “General Topics” in this issue of the BULLETIN.

'73. J. A. Strassburger, Esq., A. M., journeyed from his native State to the wilds of New England early in July for a season of hunting and fishing. His vacation was broken up, however, by a severe attack of illness which overtook him when remote from civilization, but from which he has fully recovered, and he is again devoting himself to his lucrative law practice with his old-time earnestness.

'74. Professor A. M. Tice, A. M., who entered into the book and stationery business at Lebanon, Pa., after he retired from teaching in 1883, has been compelled to abandon the store for the field and mountain on account of failing health. Mr. Tice's many friends hope to hear of his full restoration at an early day, and wish him many years of prosperity in business.

'75. H. H. Pigott, Esq., is a prominent officer of the Fidelity Trust Company, of Philadelphia. His college chums would fain know whether he has been devoting himself to financial law, or to the law of finance, that they too might learn the secret of financial prosperity.

'76. F. G. Hobson, Esq., A. M., enjoyed an extended vacation during the month of August. After attending the annual gathering of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, in whose councils he is becoming a prominent figure, at Gettysburg, and visiting the great battle-field of the civil war, he took a trip to the Catskill and the White Mountains, and wound up his summer pleasures at Asbury Park. Mr. Hobson is Treasurer of the Norristown Title, Trust and Safe Deposit Company, editor of the Montgom-

ery County *Law Reporter*, and enjoys a very successful general law practice.

'77. The Rev. J. W. Mabry, A. M., has been pastor of two congregations in Northampton County for twelve years. His churches have been prospering under his ministry, and his friends recently gave him a splendid testimonial of their appreciation of his courage and faithfulness in the shape of a purse of \$200. The presentation occasion was a complete surprise to the pastor, and its pleasure was heightened by the presence of many friends who are out of his fold, and was participated in by his college friend, the Rev. J. E. Smith, of Bath, Pa.

'77. The Rev. P. Y. Shelley, A. B., is pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of Slatington, Pa. He has become prominent in the community in which he resides because of the general excellence of his work and the outspoken position he has taken against the vice of gambling and associated evils.

'78. Professor S. L. Hertzog, M. S., has changed the field of his educational activity from Somerville to Seven Mile, Butler County, Ohio.

'79. Rev. James B. Umberger, A. B., is pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Chester County, Pa.

'82. A. W. Bomberger, Esq., A. M., has branched out upon broader literary seas than the URSINUS COLLEGE BULLETIN afforded him, by taking charge of the editorial columns of the *Norristown Times*. His first love, the BULLETIN, will no doubt profit by its editor's increased activity and discipline in the field of daily journalism.

'82. Ira W. Kline, Esq., Business Manager of the the *Cleveland Leader*, spent his vacation among his friends in Ohio and Pennsylvania in soliciting funds for the completion of Grace Church, the house of worship of the English Reformed congregation of the city of his adoption. Mr. Kline exhibited the skill

of a specialist in presenting the claims of the cause he represented, and his success in the undertaking was commensurate with his tact and perseverance in prosecuting it.

'84. The Rev. H. A. Bomberger, A. M., pastor of Heidelberg Reformed Church, York, Pa., expects to return from his trip to Europe in time to resume work in his church on Sunday, October 18th.

'85. Rev. T. C. Strock, B. S., has resigned as pastor of Tinicum charge, Bucks County, the resignation to go into effect November 1st, at which time he will have served as pastor three and a half years.

'85. Rev. James B. May, B. S., relinquished the pastorate of the Birdsboro charge in Berks County, on the first Sunday of July last.

'86. Miss Lillie P. Eberly, B. S., and her brother, A. H. Eberly, A. B., '90, have suffered a sore affliction in the death of their mother. Their URSINUS friends deeply sympathize with them in their loss, and commend them to Him who alone can bind up the broken heart.

'87. Thaddens S. Krause, Esq., has been admitted to the Bar of Philadelphia, and is about opening an office for the practice of his profession in that city. Success to him.

'88. Raymond F. Longacre, B. S., M. D., has also located in Philadelphia for active work. His office is at 1626 Vine street. May he have many patients.

'88. James H. Leuba, B. S., has accepted the position of teacher of the French language at St. Mark's School, Southborough, Mass. He will also have charge of a course in Chemistry, which will be given at that school for the first time this year.

'88. Rev. A. S. Bromer, B. S., of Schwenksville, has accepted a call to home missionary work at Scranton, Pa., the place having been visited by a committee of Wyoming Classis which reported in favor of organizing a Reformed

congregation there. The BULLETIN wishes him success in his first field of labor.

'89. Rev. Ernest Clapp, A. B., is actively engaged in the work of the ministry at Royersford, Pa., he having been installed during the summer as pastor of the new charge at that place.

'89. The address of Rev. E. Calvin Rust, a theological alumnus, is at present Orangeville, Illinois.

'89. During the vacation Rev. W. H. Wotring, A. B., was installed pastor of the Dryland charge, in Northampton County, and Rev. H. A. I. Benner, of the Hill charge in Bucks County, Pa.

'89. Rev. O. H. E. Rauch, A. B., who was married to Miss May H. Royer, B. S., '86, in June last, spent the summer with his bride in New York City, where he was the assistant of Dr. Peter Styker, at the Thirty-fourth Reformed Church, preaching there during the Doctor's two-month's trip out West. In that time he also gathered many children for Gotham's Fresh Air Fund.

'89. Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, A. B., is now the regularly installed pastor of Shenkel's Church, Chester County. His efforts are meeting with many good results.

'90. Granville H. Meixell, A. B., is taking a year of post-graduate study in Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., he having been awarded a fellowship in that institution.

'90. William H. Loose, A. B., has entered the Theological Department of URSINUS.

GENERAL TOPICS.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE REFORMED CHURCH TOWARD OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

The Reformed people of Southern Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, are accustomed to hold an annual reunion at Pen-Mar, a beautiful mountain resort

near Waynesboro, Pa., and at this year's gathering the Rev. F. F. Bahner, '73, gave expression to the following sentiments in the course of his address of welcome, beautifully portraying the fraternal spirit of our denomination:

"Having said this much by way of introduction, I proceed to address myself to the three separate and distinct classes of people represented here to-day, viz: those belonging to our own church; those identified with other denominations, and those standing altogether apart from any ecclesiastical connection.

"It is because as Reformed people, in harmony with our well-known liberal spirit, we love the universal brotherhood of man, and in accordance with the Apostolic injunction, desire to do good to all men, as we have opportunity, that I, in the first place, most heartily welcome to this reunion all those here to-day who, although not included in our denominational fellowship, nor yet identified with any other branch of the church, may have accompanied our people from far and near with a view of spending a day of healthful physical recreation and pleasant social enjoyment with us on this mountain. It is to be presumed that quite a number of this class of persons is present. To all such I would say, that whilst the fact of their being here at all may indicate, and probably does show, that they have personal preferences in favor of our branch of the church, what they will hear from this stand to-day will be calculated to impress them more with the necessity of becoming members of Christ than of any particular denomination, in order to their salvation. What we, above all, hope and desire in their case is, such a personal union with our common Lord and Head, as will bring them into the same inner and living fellowship with the one Holy and Apostolic Church of Christ in the world, as that in which we already stand.

"Of course, if as those belonging, first of all, to Christ and His one Holy Church, they should feel most at home in the closer ecclesiastical relationship which as members of the Reformed church we sustain to each other, we would rejoice, not so much, however, in the mere fact that they bore the name Reformed, as because we honestly believed that no other denominational fellowship in the United States was more conducive to the development of the true spiritual life in their souls than that in which we stand.

"In the second place, I extend a hearty greeting to all those here assembled who, although belonging to other branches of the church, have felt themselves disposed to honor this reunion with their presence. I can assure them that they will hear no utterance from this stand to-day that will leave any one under the impression that we claim, as a denomination, to possess about all the truth there is in the world. They will hear much, it is true, of a man, but it will be of the Man Christ Jesus. They will hear much of a church, but it will be of the one Holy, Universal and Apostolic Church of all ages and of all countries, which is broader and greater far than any single section or branch of it. They will hear much of a catechism, but it will be of one so prevalingly free from all narrow and one-sided theological statements; so entirely in harmony in its general trend of thought with the best Christian teaching of the age in which we live; in short, so full of the person and work of the Christ in whom all true believers are one body, that is not difficult to conceive that upon it, as upon no other confessional standard of Reformation times, the great majority of Protestant Christians in the world could unite, as being, in all essential respects, a sufficiently full and clear expression of their most holy faith. Our catechism was not only the ripest product of the development of theological thought in the age to which

it belonged, but contains, in germ at least, if not in a fully wrought out system, that type of theology, the Christocentric, which promises to be regnant in every quarter before the 20th century shall have been very far advanced.

"To this second class of persons, therefore, viz., those who belong to other churches, I can not only say: You are welcome, but I can add that the well-known historical genius and spirit of the church here represented will keep our speakers from saying anything on this occasion savoring of a narrow, exclusive and offensive denominationalism.

"In the third and last place, I speak to you who are not only comprehended in the general household of faith, but belong to the church of the Heidelberg Catechism in the Reformed group of denominations. To you, one and all, as pastors, elders, deacons, Sunday school superintendents, officers and teachers, and members of our charges in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Southern Pennsylvania, I extend a most sincere and heartfelt greeting, and welcome you to all the physical, social, mental and spiritual benefits to be derived from this reunion.

"I can conceive this occasion can be made, in more than one way, to serve the purpose of bringing about a more intimate acquaintance and closer, friendly relations between us as congregations of the Potomac Synod. It must be admitted that we too generally lack that deep, personal interest in each other, which is needful to constitute us a really strong and aggressive denomination. To the absence in our church of an intensely denominational spirit must, undoubtedly, be attributed, in no small degree, our failure to assert ourselves as we might have done, by the side of other, and, in some instances much younger denominations around us. This unsectarian characteristic of our church, which is so Christ-like and beautiful, has, indeed, placed us

at the very head of the present movement looking towards a more general, visible union of all Christians in this country. The fact, however, that we have been so broad in our sympathies, has led us, perhaps, to love the Church universal at the expense of being as devotedly attached to each other as our highest denominational usefulness demanded. Whilst we will never be willing to become any narrower in our Christian views and feelings, we should yet recognize the fact that it may often be better to love the few ardently than the many feebly, and that the more highly we prize our own 'rich heritage,' and the more intimately we are bound together as members of our own communion, in the bonds of brotherly kindness and love, the more deeply will we actually make ourselves felt in the bringing about of the wider, visible and organic union of all Christians for which the Saviour undoubtedly prayed. It is the glory of our church that she has taken her place in this country at the head of the church union movement, in the broader sense; but why should we be so much concerned to have a whole separate denomination merged into one outward body with us, whilst so many of us are far from being of one mind and one heart, and know so little about and care so little for each other?

"Because, therefore, I verily believe that no class of Christians in this country stands more in need than we ourselves of such an occasional reunion as the present one, I personally rejoice in the large attendance of our people here to-day.

"Again, I say: Welcome, thrice welcome to this mountain, than which no other place could be fuller of historic interest for us all, from the fact that at a little distance from its base there stands to-day, unchanged by the hand of time, the old homestead in which the sainted Dr. Harbaugh was born and reared; there flows, either silently through fertile

meadows, or murmuringly over its rocky bed, the little stream along whose banks Henry Harbaugh, the boy, played in childhood's happy days, and near which is still pointed out the spot upon which was built 'S alt schul haus,' in which he recited to an old-time school master his daily lessons; there lies, as of old, in an adjoining field, the family burying ground, towards which Dr. Harbaugh, in one of his Pennsylvania German poems, represents his father as wistfully looking from a seat on the old porch; and there still stands the little country church in which the Harbaugh's and their descendants of several generations have stately attended divine worship, and which now, ever and anon, resounds with the strains of Dr. Harbaugh's familiar and beautiful hymn, 'Jesus I live to Thee, the loveliest and best.'

"May we not believe that from beyond the loftiest peak of High Rock, upon which he so often gazed, and to which he made frequent pilgrimages, in earlier and after life, even from the heavenly hills, his spirit looks down upon us to-day, and that, unheard by mortal ears, his voice unites with mine in this friendly greeting to you all, as members and friends of the church he loved so well?"

BOMBERGER MEMORIAL HALL.

GENERAL POINTS.

The erection of a new building on the campus of URSINUS COLLEGE forms an epoch in the history of the institution. It is not only a fitting culmination of twenty years of struggle and a noble monument of the heroic leader whose faith and courage compelled the success of his heaven-inspired mission; but its consummation opens a new era of assured prosperity and provides the best possible facilities for the highest class of educational effort.

We are standing midway between the old and the new. Shall we regret the

displacement of the old by the new? The first period in the development of the institution is closed. Its completion took away from us the man who embodied in himself the principles and ideals on which the college is founded. The incidents of the transition prompted his coadjutor to withdraw from the field. The second stadium of growth is suddenly emerging from this mists of the future. What cause for gratitude that Providence is giving us a monumental link to connect the two! Bomberger Memorial Hall is to be prized because it is the embodiment of the past, because it is the prophet and efficient agent of the future; but above all because it is the life of the present, to divert our grief over what is gone and to inspire hope for the time to come.

Shall we say that changes are fraught with peril? Ah! yes, the life rises to the surface when the tree puts on new strength in the spring time. It is then more sensitive to the touch of frost or rude shock of foe. But with what abounding fulness that life responds in leaf, and bud and blossom, and finally in richest fruitage, if it is nourished and cultured at this tender period. The success of its emergence from the wintry days depends largely upon the vigor and richness with which that life is sent through every limb and branch.

Will the Alumni and friends of URSINUS COLLEGE read the lesson of the times? Shall the future be made rich and strong by the faithfulness of the present? Then, let us be up and doing. God has given us but one work to do at a time. He expects us to do well what is begun. What will that require of us?

First. That every Alumnus and every friend be true and loyal in heart and hand to his Alma Mater. Not to any man, or for the sake of any man; but to the institution which God has called into being for a purpose, and which is to

accomplish that purpose through zeal and faithfulness.

Second. That those who are pastors, or have influence in the control of churches, shall open their fields and shall themselves make earnest effort to raise the money needed, (a) to pay for Bomberger Memorial Hall, (b) to meet the current expenses of the college, (c) to support the young men studying at URSINUS as beneficiaries.

Third. That the \$10,000 Alumni fund, for the liquidation of the mortgage debt on the property, be completed. To accomplish this end, forty members must yet be added to the list. Many more than that number, who are as able to raise \$100 as those who have pledged themselves, are not yet enrolled. Loyalty to the cause demands that every one should respond without delay or hesitation.

Fourth. Chiefest of all the duties laid upon us is that all who have given the work the encouragement of their subscriptions shall favor the Treasurer with the much-needed cash. He gives twice who gives quickly. Pay what you have promised to give, because it is needed now, and thereby secure a double blessing upon yourself, that of Him "whose reward is with him," and of His agent, our Treasurer.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The urgency that is upon the college for hard cold cash cannot be appreciated by the friends who are not on the ground, to see the rapidity with which the new building is rising toward completion. Although it will require several weeks yet to finish the wall, the rafters and sheeting for one half of the roof are in place and ready to receive the slate.

The terms of the contract with Mr. Evans, the builder, require that payments of \$5,000 be made when the joists of the first, second and third floors respectively

are laid, when the roof is on, when the plastering is finished, when the building is completed, and the balance three months after its acceptance. Three payments have been made on the contract, and the roof will soon require to be capped with another \$5,000. Mr. Patterson has paid \$15,000 of his subscription, and his next payment will not be due until January '92. Surely the time is at hand when the friends who are to pay for the other half of the building should send in at least one half of their subscriptions.

As referred to another column, on a recent Saturday Professor Charles H. Wheeler, B. Ph., took the lay of the ground for the underground drainage system that is to be constructed before winter sets in. The sectional map prepared by him showing the topography and distances, will enable the committee to secure bids for the excavations, laying of pipes and other details.

EXCHANGES.

Within a twelve-month the BULLETIN'S exchange list has assumed one new aspect that is noted with especial pleasure. The number of those exchanges that come from fields of work over which the ministerial Alumni of URSINUS preside, has increased so materially as to form a good-sized group by itself.

These church papers that reach our sanctum with the names of old students at the head of their columns are always particularly welcome, and if there are any others whose acquaintance we have not yet made, we cordially bid them come and see us. Those we have received and read are without exception neat in appearance and earnest in principle. They betoken an activity in congregational life that is ever productive of good results, and it is well that the publication of them is gaining in popularity.

Among those now on our list none is

more readable or fuller of bright, snappy editorial wit than the *Monthly Call*, from Bridgewater, Virginia, the centre of the charge of which Rev. A. R. Thompson, '79, is pastor.

Others in the list are *Boehm's Review*, Blue Bell, Montgomery County, with Rev. Charles E. Wehler, '87, as editor; *Our Banner*, from St. Matthew's charge, Chester County, of which Rev. J. Lewis Fluck, '88, is pastor; and *Grace Church Quarterly*, from Columbiana, Ohio, conducted by Rev. John H. Bomberger, '77.

In the same fold should perhaps be included also the *Trinity Herald*, a new publication which began its career in May last, in Trinity Church, Colledgeville, Rev. Prof. George Stibitz, '81, and F. G. Hobson, Esq., '76, taking an active part in editing and issuing it.

It is understood that St. Luke's Church, Trappe, Rev. E. C. Hibshman, pastor, is about to issue a paper of this kind and that other places with which our Alumni are identified contemplate the same thing. It is a good work and all who enter on it with the right purposes will succeed in it. Whenever they start let them not forget the vacant place which awaits them on our exchange table.

The Muhlenberg is one of the first among our college exchanges to reach us for the new academic year. It is one year older than the BULLETIN, beginning volume nine with its September number. An extremely tasteful title page gives it at once a bright, cheerful appearance to every one who picks it up for perusal.

The Journal, from Heidelberg University, Ohio, publishes in full in its August number the excellent address of Rev. John A. Peters, D. D., on the occasion of his inauguration as President of the Classical Department of that institution.

The Temple College News, Philadelphia, gives students the following sug-

gestions for vacation time which apply just as forcibly in term as out of it:

Cultivate college friendships. Do not allow half the vacation to pass away before calling on your college friends, or sending some kindly greeting. A word of encouragement and sympathy, now and then, will help receiver and giver.

Keep up the study habit. Do not work harder than in term time, unless the vacation is your only opportunity for hard work; but, by all means, do not drop all study. This habit will soon slip away, if entirely neglected, and you cannot afford to lose it, even though you have not yet acquired much. The weaker the habit, the greater the necessity for keeping it up. Clinch what you have learned by reviewing occasionally; and test your powers on some new ground without the help of a teacher. Self-dependence is half of an education—it is hard, persistent work that gives it; and that makes up the other half as well.

Take care of your health. "A sound mind in a sound body," was one of the maxims of Locke; and it is a question whether a sound mind can exist without soundness of body. Mental acquirements can certainly be of little value, without the physical strength to use them. Therefore, remember that a meagre supply of food or of sleep is never true economy.

Take as much recreation as you can, providing you do not carry your pleasures so far that they become dissipations. Let the vacation be the special time for getting and keeping in sound, vigorous condition.

THE 'COLLEGE YEAR.

The colleges and universities are opening. Young men are flocking thither in multitudes, many of them to commence, more to continue courses of liberal education. The beginning of an academic year must be to all manly young men within collegiate halls a season of retrospect and prospect, of some serious thoughts and some anxious questions. *The Press*, entering heartily into sympathy with student life, ventures to throw out these hints for whatever they may be worth:

Study people as well as print. Faces are facts. There is science in society. Classmates are as much a part of college education as the classics. Human nature is a part of natural philosophy. "The

proper study of mankind is man." Do not be a hermit. Of course it is possible to waste time in social dissipation, but it is equally possible to waste it in solitary isolation.

There is no more perfect democracy than a genuine American college, so far, at any rate, as the life of students among themselves is concerned. There liberty, equality and fraternity exist to a marked degree. The son of a mechanic has an equal chance with the son of a millionaire. Brains count for more than birth. The class room, the lyceum hall, the ball field, the rowing regatta, the campus, the dining club, the association of "chums" make or mar reputations, friendships, and determine academic honors, with little or no regard to many things that exercise a controlling influence in the world outside. It ought to be so. It is cause for regret that there have come, especially within recent years, attempts to change this.

There are a few institutions of learning where an element is creeping in that would, if it could, set up a false standard, making lavish expenditure, bohemian manners and shoddy aristocracy tests by which to judge students and assign their places in the undergraduate world.

The Press appeals to all its student readers to frown down such attempts. They are un-American and unscholarly. They tend to defeat the end for which colleges exist. They have their inspiration in the fact that in our days more than formerly education is considered by a certain class of people as an ornament, like a diamond pin or a tandem team, to be displayed by each heavy swell.

College sophomores should bear in mind that vandalism is not fun. Hazing is out of date. The college rowdy is no longer respected and will not be much longer tolerated. It is not manly to raise a false alarm of fire in order to bring the engines pell mell to the college yard; and, besides, it is open to objection because

firemen are learning to turn the hose on students whose overdeveloped sense of fun leads to the playing of pranks with the department. It is not worth while to blow up the building of a rival Greek letter society with gunpowder. Fastening a suckling calf in the chapel belfry before morning prayers is a piece of humor that has lost its original merits. For various reasons it is now a first-rate idea for sophomores to be gentlemen—provided, of course, they are not ladies.

The big, non-collegiate world, especially so much thereof as has friends in college, will be wise not to believe all it hears about "the fast set" at Harvard or elsewhere. It exists, but it is neither so numerous nor so influential as it would like to have people think. About 95 per cent. of the members of our American institutions of liberal learning are gentlemanly, sober, studious. The remaining 5 per cent. is responsible for 99 per cent. of the bad names that students get outside.—*New York Press.*

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

CONGREGATIONAL.

On Sunday, August 30, 1891, the beautiful edifice of the Reformed Church, at Terre Haute, Ind., was dedicated. The pastor, Rev. F. R. Swedes, was assisted by Revs. Horstmeier, of St. Louis, Mo., Kreter, of Poland, Ind., and Kent, of Linton, Ind. From an architectural standpoint the new church is a beautiful structure. The interior is finished with massive pillars of masonry and arched in the centre. The seats are arranged in a semi-circle. The seating capacity is about 1000. The cost of erection was \$25,000.

The will of James Heyser, late of Colledgeville, Pa., bequeaths \$1000 to St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe. Under the stipulations of the will the money is to be invested in a real estate mortgage at 5 per cent. and the income applied to the support of said church.

MINISTERIAL.

Alt, S. A., accepts a professorship in Wichita University, Wichita, Kan.

Aszman, R. G., resigns Grace Church, Hazleton, Pa.

Bohler, Jacob, accepts a call to Prairie City, Mo.
Brown, F. W., accepts a call to the Nittany Valley charge, Walker, Pa.

Firor, M. L., installed pastor at Union Bridge, Md.

Hartman, J. S., accepts a call to Second Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

Hartzell, G. P., address changed from Orangeville, Ill., to Apple Creek, Ohio.

Lewis, J. R., accepts a call to the Sabillasville charge, Md.

O'Boyle, R., installed pastor at Shenandoah, Pa.
Snyder, H. E., ordained and installed pastor at Butler, Pa.

Strock, T. C., resigns Tincum charge, Pa., to take effect November 1, 1891.

Wagner, C. E., resigns as assistant pastor of St. John's Church, Allentown, Pa.

Warnich, W., died at Pulaski, Ohio.

Wienand, P. H., accepts a call to St. John's (German) Church, Baltimore, Md.

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.

By a recent act of the Arkansas Legislature, girls are excluded from the State University.

The new Lick telescope increases the brightness of light about two thousand fold to the eye.

The attendance at German Universities during the summer term was 28,625 against 29,317 in 1890.

Columbia College will listen to a course of lectures on "Evidences of Christianity," by Dr. Wm. Alexander, Bishop of Derry.

Rev. Dr. T. Cook, of Louisville, President of the University of the Pacific, is the seventh clergyman from the Fall City occupying a place of this sort.

The library of the Chicago University contains 40,000 volumes, valued at \$150,000. It is especially noted for its unsurpassed collection of biblical literature.

Miss Mary E. Holmes' munificent gift

of \$100,000 for the purpose of establishing a seminary for colored women in the South, is a long step in the direction of a solution of the race problem. It is through education alone that the race problem can be solved.—*Ex.*

At the opening of Amherst College, a large number of students were in attendance. Applications for admission to the freshman class number over 100.

The freshman class of Union College, comprises seventy-five members. It is the largest class that has entered in twenty-five years.

Dickinson College opened with a large increase both of male and female students over last year.

President Warfield, of Lafayette College, although in charge of the college, will not be installed until some time this month.

Fiske University, Nashville, Tenn., will this year add a theological seminary to its college departments. For this purpose a hall has been erected at a cost of over \$25,000. It will soon be ready for occupation. It is intended that the course of study shall be thorough and comprehensive. The requirements for admission are placed high. Instruction is to be free.

The inauguration of W. O. Thompson, D. D., as President of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, took place September 15th. Chancellor H. M. McCracken, of the University of New York, an alumnus of the institution, delivered an able address on "The College of To-day." The inaugural address of President Thompson was scholarly and logical. The new laboratory building which is due largely to the liberality of Senator Brice, who has given in the last few years over \$24,000 to this college—his Alma Mater—has been named "The Brice Science Hall." The coming year promises to be a very

successful one, a large number of students having already enrolled.

The first of October brings with it a most radical innovation in the educational policy of France, namely the secularization of the boy's schools. The law of 1885 decrees that within five years from October, 1886, this must be accomplished. Steady efforts have been made in this direction all along, and in 1890 of 52,000 teachers in the schools only 1,213 were of the clerical orders. The law of 1886 decrees that a similar change must be made in the girl's schools as soon as a sufficient number of secular lady teachers can be secured to take the place of the sisters.

As yet of the 44,000 lady teachers in France 11,000 are sisters.

AMERICAN COLLEGES.

Colleges are undoubtedly just as good as a country will support. They mark the highest advance a people has made in culture and intelligence. If American colleges have turned out a smaller proportion of thoroughly disciplined scholars than European institutions, it can be ascribed to the same causes that have lent a crudeness to many things American. These are the newness of the country, the material obstacles to be overcome, the allurements business life offered over a scholastic life, and the inadequate endowment of American colleges. These advantages are disappearing year by year as the country grows richer, the people more refined, and the equipment of colleges and universities become more satisfactory.

The growth of the spirit of athletics, the greater freedom given to students in marking out their own course of study, and the closer sympathy into which faculties and students are now drawn, are all evidences that college authorities are acquiring broader ideas of the scope of a college training.

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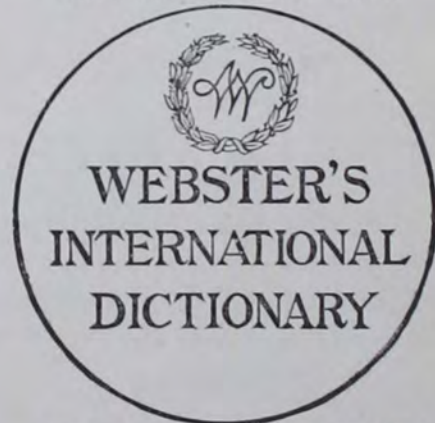
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