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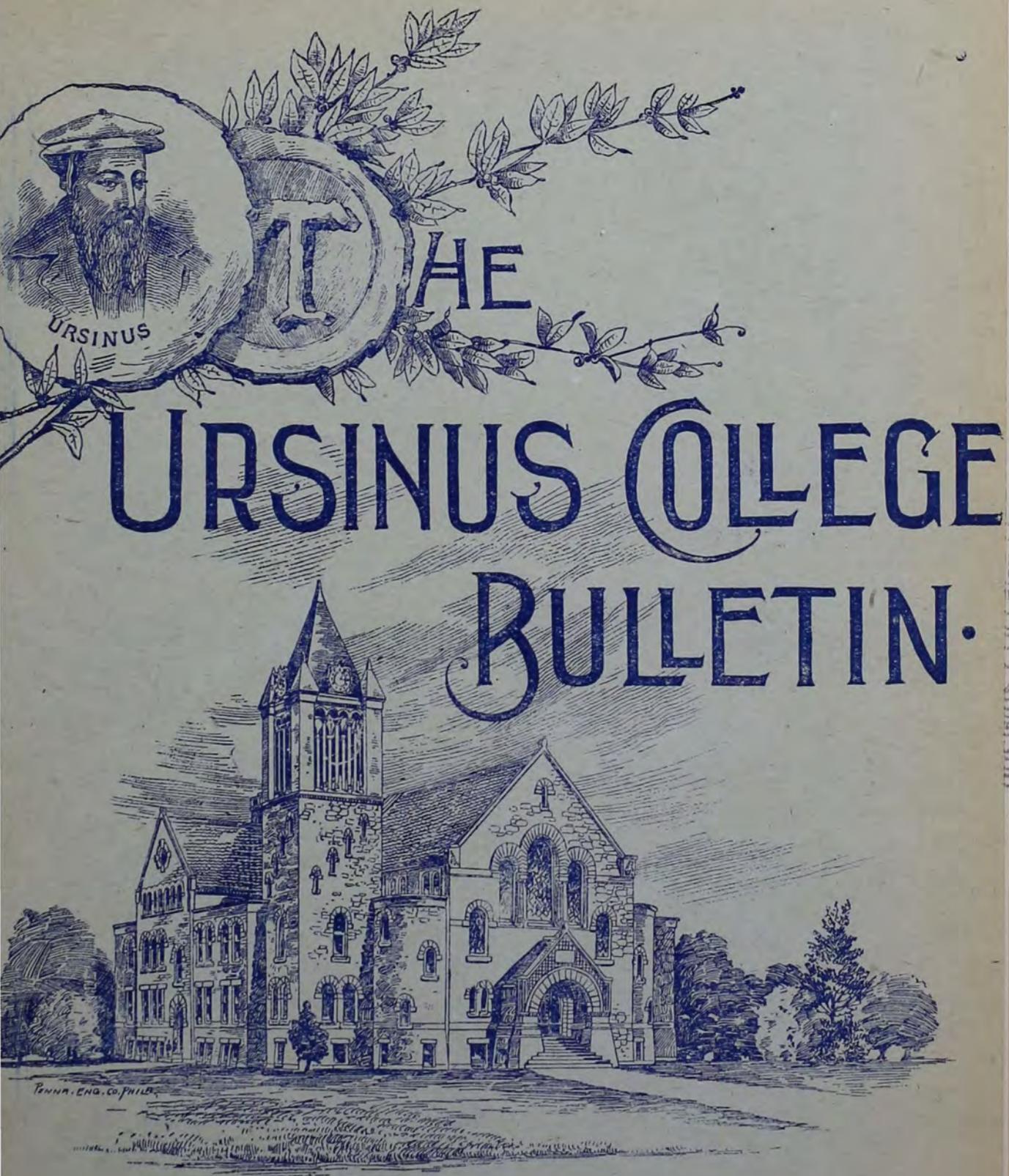
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THE atmosphere that pervades an institution of learning is the outgrowth of the ideals cherished by its Faculty. The men who constitute the Academic staff must hold themselves chiefly responsible for the distinctive tone which characterizes the body of which they are the head. The individuality of the men may be never so pronounced, their peculiarities may in themselves be even objectionable. But if as Professors they are scholarly in habit, courteous in manner, devoted to learning and ideal in their manliness, a spirit of confidence, respect, and determined purpose to strive for the best results will always be awakened among the students with whom they come in contact.

Accurate, painstaking scholarship is to be placed first among the ideals that should permeate an Academic community. Learning without accuracy, literary effort without patient investigation, characterize the pedant and dilettante. A college-bred man should know definitely, study exhaustively, and give forth the products of his research in perfect form. He must learn to recognize these as the marks of genuine scholarship, while a student must be diligently trained to their observance, and enthusiastically adopt them as his guides, if he would ever attain to real excellence in the fields of higher learning.

It is with pleasure that the friends of URSINUS COLLEGE, after enjoying twenty-one years of his labors, have learned that the Rev. Dr. Super is highly esteemed in other quarters, and that honors follow him into his well-earned retirement. At the late meeting of the Synod of Ohio, he was complimented by an election to the professorship of New Testament Exegesis in Heidelberg Theological Seminary, located at Tiffin, Ohio. The bestowal of this distinction by the Synod is a flattering repetition of the action of the Board of Directors of URSINUS in offering Dr. Super a position in the Theological Department after his retirement from his professorship in the College.

"In the midst of life we are in death," has again been sadly realized among us since the last issue of the BULLETIN. As announced in another column, Mrs. Dr. Williard, the wife of the venerable Acting President of URSINUS, passed forth from this life on the night of October 9th. Although she was only in our midst a

short time, and although she was a constant sufferer while here, yet she always manifested an active interest in all the affairs of the College and in all who were connected with it. Even in her severe trials she was a staff and a stay to our President in his labors. The friends and patrons of the College deeply regret their loss, and mourn her departure. The BULLETIN extends its heartfelt sympathy to the husband and family of the deceased, while humbly bowing to the divine will of God.

A very gratifying feature noticeable thus far in the present school year is the energy and zeal which the students in the various departments display in their work. The inspiration which is moving the Faculty and Directors of URSINUS to build up her interests in every possible way, seems to have taken hold of the students as never before. They all appear to realize that URSINUS is on the forward march, and that they can materially help her by paying strict attention to the labors she imposes upon them. The new students who have cast their lot among us, show by their actions that they are here for an education and that they are leaving nothing undone to secure it. The old students who have returned, after enjoying the rest and pleasures of another long vacation, have settled down to work with a determination and interest which is bound to show its wholesome fruits in due course of time. If this earnestness continues throughout the year, the good results will reach unusual limits.

The necessity of physical training going hand in hand with intellectual discipline seems to be gaining favor with college authorities everywhere. Almost every institution of note has a well-equipped gymnasium, where regular periods of exercise are open to the students, under the direction of a competent instructor. In-

stitutions which do not have a gymnasium are awakening to its importance, and making provision to get one. The authorities of URSINUS have done very well for the students as far as outdoor exercise is concerned. They have procured them as fine a field for this purpose as may be found almost anywhere. But in the matter of indoor exercise the students are sadly neglected. Thus far no permanent provision has been made for them in this respect. What shall they do for exercise during the long winter months, when often the weather is so inclement as to preclude the possibility of out-door recreation? Are they to be deprived of that training which is so essential to their health and strength? At no time is the need of a gymnasium felt more keenly than when rain or snow put open-air sports out of the question.

It is hoped, therefore, that the friends and the authorities of URSINUS will continue to realize the importance of this long-felt want; and that when Bomberger Memorial Hall is finished they will immediately provide for a suitable gymnasium. The present chapel which will be of little use after this year, could, without much expense, be turned into a very good one; and thus give the students that which they so imperatively need.

On account of the increased number of students who yearly attend our colleges, the practical value of a collegiate course becomes a question of growing interest. There are some who contend that it is of little value to those simply in pursuit of wealth; but let no one be deterred from his purpose by the selfish reasonings of these vain money seekers. There is something infinitely higher to be reached. Man is not in this world merely for the sake of piling up gold, but has his own happiness, and the progress of his fellows

to seek after. This he can only successfully secure by a thorough training of the mind and heart. Only to the extent that he is informed on the political, social, moral and religious questions of his age, will he be able to grapple with the various problems which constantly confront him in life. It is an acknowledged fact that a man ought always be fitted for more than merely the work he has in hand. So also should a professional or a business man have more knowledge than is necessary merely for his daily pursuits. Otherwise he will become narrow and one-sided in all his actions. No better way to obtain this broad training can be found than by a well-systematized collegiate course. Such a course develops every faculty of the mind, and touches upon every branch of knowledge. That many men have been successful without a collegiate training is no argument against it; for the question may be promptly asked, how much more successful would they have been with such a training? Therefore, let no one be moved by such considerations to abandon a course which will eminently fit him for any vocation he may desire to follow.

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It is curious how careful we are with our language in writing and careless in conversation, paying little or no attention to polish and elegance. Our letters may be composed even to grammatical stiffness, while our sentences in talking are loose and disjointed, and often approach slovenliness and vulgarity. Both our writing and speaking could be materially improved by imparting to the former some of the freedom of the latter, and to the latter some of the care of the former. Students and professional men should pay particular regard to their conversation. The only way many persons have to judge the abilities of a man is by his conversation, and many an able man has been declared an ignoramus because

of his looseness in ordinary speech. Hence, it will be well for everyone to consider carefully his every utterance.

BOMBERGER MEMORIAL HALL.

The progress of the building during the month of October was not equal to that of preceding months. The east and west gables are completed, and it is expected that all the stone work, except the tower, will be finished by the middle of November. The roof will no doubt also be done by that time.

Three payments of \$5,000 each have been made to the contractor. The next will be due when the building is under roof. The Treasurer is awaiting installments from all subscribers to the building fund for this payment, and it is desired that all who have not yet made remittances shall pay at least one-half of their subscriptions.

The Architect is preparing the specifications for the excavating and for laying the drain pipes that shall carry all sewerage, and the water from the roofs of all college buildings, underground, toward the Perkiomen. A perfect system of underground drainage will be a great improvement to the College property, and from a sanitary point of view an inestimable blessing. The purpose is to construct a system of sewerage that shall be adequate for an indefinite time to come, and that shall embrace all the buildings now on the campus, and that may be erected in future years.

The method adopted to secure the funds for the erection of the new building is working satisfactorily, and will prove adequate to the accomplishment of the proposed end. Mr. Patterson's donation of \$25,000 was prompted by his own liberal heart and is an expression of

his interest in the welfare of URSINUS. To raise the second \$25,000 individuals and churches are asked to pay for the cost of one room each, the contribution to be permanently acknowledged by a brass plate in the room, bearing the name of the church or of the individual donor. The rooms are rated at \$1,000, \$1,200, \$1,500, and \$2,000 each, according to size and location.

The list of churches and individuals thus far engaged in this movement, together with the amounts subscribed, is as follows :

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Heidelberg, Philadelphia.....	1832	2000
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St. Luke's, Trappe.....	700	1200
Trinity, Collegeville.....	1100	1500
Ziegel's, Lehigh County.....	1000	1000
Reformed Church, Slatington.....	650	1000
Boehm's, Montgomery County....	600	1500
Rev. H. W. Super, D.D., LL., D.	1000	1000
Mrs. Acker, Miss Brownback, and		
Mrs. Fetters, Chester County...	2000	2000
The Faculty.....	1100	1500
Directors (not included in congregations).....	850	1500
Corner-stone Contributions.....	1200	
Miscellaneous.....	2400	
	\$18,261	\$18,900

Four rooms need to be taken yet by individuals or churches to complete the list. In nearly all the congregations a larger or smaller sum remains unpledged to raise the cost of the rooms allotted to them. This is owing to the fact that the canvass has not been completed in any of them. A little courage, patience, and self-sacrifice on the part of pastors and people will, however, bring the required result in every instance.

Let no local, or other church claims divert a single friend from his purpose, or tempt to withholding from URSINUS COLLEGE what is yet needed to complete the

undertaking so nobly begun. The College *needs* the building; the memory of Dr. Bomberger *deserves* the monument; the friends are *able* to contribute the money needed, a happy combination that will issue in glorious achievement.

NEWS ABOUT COLLEGE.

ATHLETICS AT URSINUS..

Athletics is a subject which is as a far-off dream just now to the minds of most URSINUS students. All our games and sports are conducted on such a small scale as to attract no general interest.

Owing to the lack of unity of purpose, facilities, and other necessary factors, the only game which is followed to any extent is base ball.

Base ball is an American game, pure and simple, yet it cannot be played the whole year. It is a warm weather game, and when the chilly blasts of autumn and winter come tearing through the trees and across the fields the boys have no desire for it.

At this stage new sports should be placed at their disposal, and the hard-worked student should be given the chance to build a sound body as the fit habitation for a sound and well-developed brain. Foot ball, tennis, races and other sports should be introduced and the boys would soon become interested in them.

A good athletic field is the essential feature of all successful games. This it is difficult to procure, yet it is possible. The ground which is now used, although good in itself, is too far distant from the College; and the grounds which are nearer are in no condition for sports. Something should be done to secure suitable grounds nearer the College.

But during the winter there are many days on which no out-door sports can be indulged in. To supply this deficiency a gymnasium should be provided. It should be first of all well ventilated, so that as

nearly as possible it might contain pure air at all times. This can be accomplished. It should be in charge of a competent instructor, so that no evil results result through ignorance.

Some may urge that all these things are not necessary adjuncts to a school. But, all such objections notwithstanding, there is still the fact that at the present time many young men are influenced in their choice of their Alma Mater by the character of her provision for Athletic sports.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

As the year rolls on and the excitement attending the opening of school wears off, the increased interest which was manifested in the Y. M. C. A. does not abate.

The meetings in the chapel have been well attended and the subjects are thoroughly discussed and understood.

The singing has improved and is of the hearty soul-stirring kind.

The Association has lost two good members and workers in the departure of Messrs. Broening and Schall. They were earnest, devoted and true and always ready for work. The vacancies left by them should be promptly filled so that the work will not suffer.

The Garwood Mission is a new departure in the line of Y. M. C. A. work. Services have been held every Sunday evening and the speakers have been greeted by fair audiences. Owing to the departure of Messrs. Broening and Schall there has been some talk of discontinuing the work. This would be a mistake. There is certainly some way by which the difficulties of the case can be overcome. The objections offered are that the walk is too long and that the speakers are not able to hire conveyances. It is possible that the good results accruing from the meetings may be the means

of providing a way to meet the emergency which is presented.

In closing our notes this term it is worthy of mention that about thirty per cent. of the boarding students attend the Y. M. C. A. meeting. But why cannot as many of the members of the higher classes attend, as of those in the lower classes? There are some whose example would be well worth having. Let them all turn out.

THE BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION.

The Third Annual Convention of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip took place in the city of Baltimore, September 25th-27th, 1891. There were delegates present from nearly every Chapter. The statistical report showed that there were fifty-six Chapters with a membership of 1904. These are spread from Massachusetts to Kentucky.

Space will not permit a detailed report of the proceedings but only a brief statement of the more important parts. Before each session of the Convention a devotional meeting of half an hour was held. These meetings were interesting and well attended by the delegates. The greater part of the first session was occupied in hearing reports from the field. In these reports hints were thrown out by different delegates as to how they carried on the work in their Chapters and thus all the delegates became acquainted with the different methods of work.

In the evening of the first day's sessions addresses of welcome were delivered by Revs. J. T. Rossiter, and C. Clever, D. D., pastors of the First and Third Reformed Churches, respectively. These were responded to by Rev Rufus W. Miller, of Reading, Pa. The meetings on the second day of the Convention were held in the Third Reformed Church. In these meetings a number of papers on different phases of Brotherhood work were read and discussed. The principal

ones dealt with the subjects of visitation work, Brotherhood work in the country, social work, the mission of the Executive Council, and the Brotherhood Star. The discussion of these topics called forth remarks from all parts of the field which were of no little interest. At different intervals of the sessions addresses were delivered by Rev. Drs. Rupp and Eschbach, of our own Church, Rev. Dr. J. A. Worden, of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. William Reynolds, Superintendent of Sunday School Organization in the United States.

The third day of the Convention being Sunday, the delegates attended the different churches of the city, many of them delivering platform addresses. At four o'clock on Sunday afternoon a Men's Mass Meeting was held in the Third Reformed Church. Stirring addresses were delivered by Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, of Philadelphia, and Rev. F. C. Yost, of Phoenixville, Pa. The farewell service was held at 8 p. m., in the Academy of Music. This service consisted of songs, prayers, and addresses. Revs. W. J. Johnson, of Baltimore, William S. Kelsey, of Boston, and J. I. Good, D. D., were the speakers. There were no less than fifteen hundred people present, and to many this was the most impressive meeting of the Convention.

It is a gratifying fact to know that, whilst the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip was from the start, and is yet, chiefly an organization of the Reformed Church, it is also spreading in other denominations. It has Chapters in two of the most wide-awake churches in this country, namely Bethany Church, (Presbyterian) Philadelphia, and Berkley Temple, (Congregationalist) Boston.

To the delegates one of the most pleasing features of the Convention was the hospitality with which the Reformed people of Baltimore received them. The receptions and teas given by the ladies of

the different churches were all that could be desired, and probably a little more; for some of the delegates suffered from indulging too freely in deviled-crabs and ice water. All the delicacies of the season were provided, and in the toasts given was exhibited the wit of east, south and west.

On Monday following the Convention an excursion was arranged to Washington, D. C. Some sixty delegates availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the National Capital. They visited the different government buildings and also had the pleasure of a hand-shake with President Harrison.

URSINUS COLLEGE Chapter, No. 27, was represented at the Convention by two delegates, Calvin D. Yost, of the Theological Department, and Andrew J. Walter, of the Academic Department. As representatives from the College, Prof. J. I. Good, D. D., and Rev. H. T. Spangler, were there. The College had also the distinction of having one of its students President of the Convention, Jesse H. String, a student in the Theological Department, and a member of Chapter 6, of Philadelphia.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Paul H. Land filled the pulpit of St. Luke's Reformed Church, Twenty-Sixth and Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, during the month of October, preaching entirely in the German language. Rev. Paul Wienand was the recent pastor of this congregation, and he will be succeeded by Rev. Max F. Dumstrey, of Zelienople, Pa., who will enter upon his duties about November 1st.

Last March Jesse H. String organized Calvary Mission, at Twenty-seventh and Lehigh Avenue, Philadelphia, and has successfully conducted it ever since. He has charge of the Sunday school, which

meets in the afternoon, and he preaches regularly every Sunday evening. The Mission is growing rapidly under his leadership.

C. H. Brandt preached in Trinity Reformed Church, Norristown, Pa., morning and evening, September 27th, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. B. Henry, who was attending the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip Convention, in Baltimore. On October 4th, he assisted Rev. S. M. K. Huber, addressing the annual Children's Day service at Wentz's Reformed Church, near Skippackville, Montgomery county, in the morning, and preaching in the Reformed Church, at Schwenksville, in the afternoon. Mr. Brandt also preached in Schenkel's Reformed Church, Chester county, Pa., Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, pastor, on October 18th and 25th.

Harry E. Jones, on a recent Sabbath, filled the pulpit of Rev. F. C. Yost, in St. John's Reformed Church, Phoenixville, Pa., preaching morning and evening.

Edward F. Wiest preached for Rev. Ernest Clapp, in the Reformed Church, at Royersford, Montgomery county, Pa., on September 27th.

Elwood W. Middleton preached in Calvary Reformed Church, Reading, on October 25th, Rev. James I. Good, D. D., pastor.

BROTHERHOOD OF ANDREW AND PHILIP.

The Brotherhood meets regularly on Sunday afternoon, and has fairly well-attended meetings.

There is, however, a lack of interest shown. We should get rid of this and work for a better attendance. Come to every meeting and bring your Bibles and take part.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Glee Club and Orchestra have reorganized with much improved talent and are ready for engagements.

On the last Saturday of September, a game of base ball was played between the Freshman and the Academic students which resulted in a score of eleven to five in favor of the latter.

I. F. Wagner, Edwin J. Laros and Paul M. Spangler are members of a new orchestra that has been started in Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville.

Rev. Professor George Stibitz spent several days in Bethlehem about the first of October.

Charles P. Kehl, '90, of Yale Divinity School visited the College recently. He was one of the students whose rooms were burned out by the late fire in East Divinity Hall, New Haven.

Acting-President Williard has returned to the College and resumed his classroom duties.

At a meeting of the Ohio Synod held a few weeks ago at Bellevue, Ohio, Rev. H. W. Super, D. D., LL. D., was elected to the chair of New Testament Exegesis in Heidelberg Theological Seminary, Tiffin, Ohio.

Prof. J. I. Good, D. D., attended a meeting of the Executive Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches in Toronto, Canada. The Council is making preparations for the next meeting of the Alliance, which will be held in that city in 1892.

Rev. F. C. Yost, of Phoenixville, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Yost, of Thornville, Ohio, were among the recent callers at the College.

Thomas E. Kalbach, '92, was called home about two weeks ago, by the death of his mother.

E. F. Wiest, of the Theological Department, was confined to his house for some time, this term, on account of sickness.

William M. Schall, '94, has left College to go into business.

The Glee Club, which as stated, has reorganized for active work, is made up

as follows : Leader, Professor N. M. Balliet; first tenors, Edward F. Wiest, James R. Bergey, Ellwood W. Middleton; second tenors, Ira L. Kline, Howard M. Wiest, Frederick Wertz; first basses, Irwin M. Bachman, Paul M. Spangler, Charles Ware; second bases, William G. Welsh, Thomas E. Kalbach, Charles B. Bowman.

J. Howard Johnson, '94, has a very fine entomological collection.

The regular orations by the Senior Class are being delivered this term as usual. A list of speakers and subjects may be expected in the next BULLETIN.

OBITUARY.

MRS. EMMA J. WILLIARD.

Mrs. Emma J. Williard, wife of Rev. George W. Williard, D. D., LL. D., Acting-President of the College, died at her home in Collegeville, on Friday night, October 9th, at 12 o'clock.

Mrs. Williard had been a confirmed invalid for many years, but it was expected she would recover from the ailment that was the immediate cause of her death. As in all such cases, where the one stricken down has been known as a sufferer for a long while, the news of her final departure was more or less a surprise to the community. It was received with deep sorrow and many warm expressions of sympathy for our venerable President and those about him most closely affected by the bereavement.

Brief religious services in honor of the deceased were held at Collegeville, on Saturday afternoon, October 10th, at 3 o'clock, in the Ladies Hall, in the presence of a large assemblage of friends and members of the College. They were conducted by Rev. James I. Good, D. D., Dean of the Theological Department and Rev. Henry W. Super, D. D., LL. D.

Prof. J. Shelly Weinberger, Dr. Geo. Stibitz, Prof. M. Peters, Prof. N. M.

Balliet, Prof A. Reichenbach and Prof. Charles H. Wheeler, of the Faculty of the College, acted as pall-bearers.

At the conclusion of the services the family, accompanied by Dr. Williard's associates in the Faculty, proceeded to Norristown, where a train was taken for Xenia, Ohio, the home of Mrs. Williard's childhood. Here the funeral services proper were held on Monday afternoon, October 12th, they being in charge of Rev. W. A. Hale, D. D., assisted by Rev. J. V. Lerch, Chaplain of the Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Ohio, and Rev. Dr. Pearne, of the M. E. Church, Xenia, Ohio. The pall-bearers at these last sad rites were the nephews of the departed one.

At the time of Mrs. Williard's death, Parker Williard, M. D., of Tiffin, Ohio, and Rev. E. R. Williard, pastor of the Reformed Church in Akron, Ohio, sons of Dr. Williard, were present at her bedside.

Mrs. Williard's confidence in the promises of God sustained her through many years of pain, and did not fail her in the end. She fell asleep sustained by her faith and soothed by the grace of God.

Mrs. Williard was loved and admired by all who knew and understood her controlling traits of character. Although not demonstrative in her religious experiences, she knew full well where her strength lay and what was her refuge.

Her religion was of character not emotion, of loyal purpose, not mere sentiment. She had a clear knowledge of the Scriptures and endeavored to walk worthy of her calling in Christ Jesus.

She was a loyal wife, devoted to her husband. His welfare was her great care and she held it her first duty to promote his calling. It is given to but few women to occupy a station in life so closely identified with the welfare of the church as hers.

She was pre-eminently the friend of

missions. Possessed of means, she gave liberally for their advancement both at home and abroad and often remarked that those who are able, ought to give much and that all should give something. Our religion is—if it is anything—a religion of missions, and this is our first and great duty.

She was a woman of decided character, imparting her spirit to whatever she endorsed, in a strong manner, and opposing with vigor, what she regarded as wrong. Her knowledge of the world extended beyond her home and her keen discernment of human nature was only equalled by her abhorrence of what was depraved and mean. Positive of nature, she was quick to act and persistent in her zeal for what commended itself to her judgment and affection.

There is no doubt but that her ill health greatly lessened the wider range of life to which she aspired; but it also revealed the heroism that was hers during the years of pain that preceded the end. If she showed impatience with less practical people it was because of the intensely practical element in her own character. She was a woman of more than ordinary business capacity, and was her husband's best adviser in the great financial interests in which he has triumphed to the honor of the church.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

At a meeting convened for that purpose, the students of the Theological Department of the College passed the following resolutions of condolence and respect upon Mrs. Williard's death:

WHEREAS, We are again reminded of our mortality by the Angel of Death coming amongst us and calling to her mansion above, that house not made with hands, one who was held in the highest esteem and veneration, the wife of our honored and beloved Professor G. W. Williard, D. D., LL. D., and

WHEREAS, The family has lost a model in all domestic relations; the community, a woman sym-

pathetic and benevolent; the church, a member faithful, able and beloved, therefore be it

Resolved, That we pay a respect to the dead and a condolence to the living—a fitting and deserved tribute to one whose life and character are worthy of all praise. And,

Resolved, That we greatly lament that by God's providence we were not permitted to form a more extensive acquaintance with one whose womanly virtues and Christian life were so worthy of our emulation. And,

Resolved, That we entreat the sweet ministries of grace for the afflicted husband and family, and that in the fullness of time they may be permitted to rejoice again in the companionship of her who has preceded them to the region of the blessed, "the land of the hereafter." And,

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and that they be published in the Reformed Church papers and in the URSINUS COLLEGE BULLETIN.

HARVEY E. KILMER,

CHAS. H. SLINGHOFF,

E. C. SULT,

Committee.

COLLEGEVILLE, PA., Oct. 12, 1891.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

SCHAFF SOCIETY.

In the early part of the present term the Schaff Society appointed a committee to confer with the other societies with reference to establishing a joint course of lectures. This action was taken at the suggestion of several prominent patrons of this instructing form of entertainment.

However, when co-operation could not be secured, the Society instructed its own Lecture Committee to secure a speaker at as early a date as possible. They engaged Will C. Mains, the "Boy Orator," of Brooklyn, who appeared in the College Chapel, on Tuesday evening, October 20th, 1891, before an appreciative audience.

His theme was "Substantial Pleasures" and he handled it in a masterly style. Although it was his first appearance at URSINUS he was greeted with a cordial reception, and his effort was pronounced an unqualified success.

The recently elected officers of the Schaff Society are as follows:

President, J. A. Hunsicker, '92.

Vice-President, W. G. Welsh, '93.

Recording Secretary, G. W. Shellenberger, '95.

Corresponding Secretary, E. M. Fogel, '94.

Chaplain, H. H. Long, '94.

Editor, G. H. Broening, '94.

Critic, J. T. Wagner, '92.

Treasurer, H. H. Hartman, '94.

Organist, R. C. Leidy, '95.

The following speakers will participate in the programme of the Schaff anniversary at the end of this term:

Salutatory, Harry H. Hartman, '94; first oration, William M. Schall, '94; second oration, George H. Broening, '94; third oration, William G. Welsh, '93; eulogy, John T. Wagner, '92; Schaff oration, J. Abner Hunsicker, '92.

ZWINGLIAN SOCIETY.

The Zwinglian Society is in an exceeding prosperous condition. It has added a number of new members to its ranks during the term, and the work of all has been characterized by much zeal and enthusiasm.

One of its latest manifestations of enterprise appears in a handsomely carved bulletin board, which adorns the left wall of the front vestibule of the main building, and is used to announce the Friday evening programmes of the Society.

Those who will speak at the next Zwinglian anniversary have already been selected. They are as follows:

Salutatory, J. Howard Johnson, '94; first oration, J. Hunter Watts, '94; second oration, William U. Hellfrich, '93; third oration, Ira L. Kline, '93; eulogy, William Yenser, '92; Zwinglian oration, Irwin M. Bachman, '92.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

REMINISCENCES OF A FORMER STUDENT.

I am sitting to-night in my study, pastor of a city church. Books to the right of me, books to the left of me, books in front of me rise up in volumes, waiting to speak to me; stretching forth unseen hands to lead me down into human hearts, out into the world's great life along the ways of mystery up to the light.

It is 10 o'clock, a chill October night; the rush of the electric car, the rumble of many wheels, the tramp of the multitude, this comes surging up from below, while above hangs the great silver moon flooding all with a strange light. Far off I hear the beating drum and strains of music. It is a strange kind of night, and turns my mind back into the past, to a picture part of which many readers of the BULLETIN will recognize.

It is Perkiomen Junction; two young men are waiting for the evening train to Collegeville, and of course to URSINUS. One has been there before; the other is going for the first time. A short ride and they are in a beautiful village, a prettier one they have never seen.

Up the village street, up the wide avenue, with its overhanging maples and skirted by beautiful lawns, we walk, receiving our first impressions of the College. We are met by a man who has the bearing of a soldier, but a kindly face and a firm but pleasant and cultured manner.

To students of URSINUS I need not mention his name. I was assigned to my room, and when morning came, the opening of the Fall term, the passing of examinations, the arranging of studies, the work of years, rather the work of life, was begun. The battle was on.

Looking back it all comes vividly before me to-night, and I say with many an alumnus of many a college, would that I could have stood in those opening days

with the knowledge that I now have of the importance of those hours, of the opportunities they offered, of the controlling power they have on all future life. That cannot be. But a line may be helpful to those who are enjoying the same privileges.

Do you ask for reminiscences? Chapters might be filled with the impressions of college days. With every student of URSINUS there are certain names, faces, and events which will never fade nor grow less. We think of our leader; his portrait hangs in a hundred homes and in thousands of hearts in the Reformed Church. The other day I walked into the study of a prominent clergyman in a distant city. The portrait was there, and we felt a common interest in each other.

He is dead; but how often do I see him still and hear or seem to hear the stirring sentences he spoke, the noble truths he uttered, and I wish that the deep sincerity of his great heart might impart itself more and more to those who came in touch with his life. That voice, stirred by the eloquence of a mighty spirit, has sounded in my ears down by the seas and in the silent woods, and in great assemblies. I have longed to see him rise once more. How many of us younger men will improve our opportunities and rise to meet the great question and great duties as he rose to meet them.

Let us remember in justice, however, that alone, he could not have accomplished all that he did. On the heart of every student there are impressed other faces and other men who are inseparably linked with everything that makes URSINUS COLLEGE dear to us. They are still with us. Young men cannot be too faithful to their teachers, for by being true to them they will be true to themselves. The teacher has the student's interest at heart.

I never knew as I know now how much

depends on the faithfulness and earnest application of the student. I remember lessons neglected, days wasted, advice unheeded. Along this line some amusing things occurred. When I failed in German, Professor Van Haagen called me a "horrible Dutchman." When I could not get the location of a point in Calculus, Dr. Super pointed me to the door. When I guessed at my Latin, Professor Weinberger said "I could tell more than I knew."

My first trip to URSINUS was made in a derby hat cracked on one side and injured on the other, and a long linen duster slightly ripped in the back. The other young man who was my companion, now holds a prominent place on a Western paper. But my time has run out, and if the BULLETIN's readers want more of this, they must await it in another chapter.

WILBERT.

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.]

74. The Rev. A. E. Dahlman, A. M., pastor of Emanuel's Reformed Church, Thirty-Eighth and Baring streets, West Philadelphia, is one of the progressive members of the German Synod of the East. He has introduced the English language into his Sunday evening services, and is more frequently called upon to deliver English addresses on public occasions among the Germans than any pastor in the German Synods. He also serves as stated clerk of his Synod.

75. The Rev. D. W. Ebbert, A. M., is actively engaged in finishing the auditorium of his church at Milton, Pa. His congregation has been on the financial rack since the great fire in 1879, which laid their church in ashes together with a large portion of the town. They were

then compelled to build a new church, which in turn had to be taken down in 1887 on account of faulty construction. Only the basement has been in use since the erection of the spacious édifice now occupying the site. Pastor Ebbert has a reputation as a financier, and his skill will enable him to complete what has been well begun.

'75. The Rev. Adam Boley, of the Theological Class of '75, ministers to a small German congregation at Williamsport. His old-time modesty and cheerfulness have not forsaken him, and these enable him to persevere amid difficulties which would drive other men from the field. The flood invaded his sanctuary, and impoverished many of his people. His faithfulness remains unquenched and the good work continues.

'76. The Rev. H. J. Welker, A. M., after serving five large congregations, with an aggregate membership of 1400 persons, for seven years, necessitating him to spend most of his time in his carriage, travelling to preaching services, funerals and in the pursuit of pastoral labors, has had his charge reduced to two congregations, lying six miles apart along the beautiful Lebanon Valley Turnpike. The parsonage stands opposite the old Tulpehocken Church, and has attached to it a farm of twenty acres. Mr. Welker's address is Stouchsburg, Pa.

'76. The Rev. F. C. Yost, A. B., of Phenixville, has developed an admirable booklet, in the form of one hundred questions and answers on the origin, history, and customs of the Reformed Church in the United States, from a series of lessons he was in the habit of using in connection with his instruction in the Catechism. The experience of other pastors has no doubt led them to prepare special help for their private work which would be equally taking and useful if brought into generally serviceable form. Perhaps Mr. Yost's pastorate will afford

him sufficient leisure to give his fellow-workmen the benefit of some of his other ingenious devices.

'81. Mr. E. S. Snively, B. S., has been following a successful business in general merchandising at Shady Grove, Franklin County, Pa., since his graduation. He has lately made an investment, at Sheriff's sale, in the Greencastle Car Shops which, it is predicted, will prove exceedingly profitable. Mr. Snively has the honor of inaugurating the \$10,000 Alumni movement, and his followers may expect to be again startled into activity by a larger challenge from the same source. The BULLETIN wishes the gentleman many opportunities, equal sagacity, and undying faithfulness to his Alma Mater.

'82. The Rev. F. A. Guth has resided at Jefferson, York County, Pa., since his entrance upon the ministry in 1884, and his services in the three congregations to which he ministers are regarded with increased favor. A handsome increase in his salary is the latest manifestation of his people's appreciation of their pastor's faithfulness.

'84. Professor Joseph E. Saylor, A. M., is still pleasantly located in the chair of Mathematics in the Normal College, at Huntingdon, Pa., an institution which is meeting with much success, its present enrollment being fifty per cent. greater than that of a year ago.

'84. Rev. Henry A. Bomberger, A. M., did not reach New York on his return from Europe until Monday, October 19th, his vessel, the "City of Chicago," of the Inman Line, being about three days overdue by reason of the terrific storms she encountered in this voyage. Mr. Bomberger, consequently, did not resume his pulpit in York, Pa., until Sunday, October 25th.

'85. Although the Rev. J. B. May, B. S., relinquished his church at Birdsboro, July 1st, last, he has not been idle since

then. Heidelberg Church, York, was delighted with his acceptable incumbency of the pulpit during the three month's absence of its pastor.

'86. The Rev. G. H. Miller, B. S., serves a pastorate in the pines of Sullivan County, whither New Yorkers journey to enjoy healthful summer breezes, and whence he flees for respite from the cares and trials of home missionary life. During a recent visit to his native county, Northampton, he embraced the opportunity to spend a Sunday with his college friend, the Rev. C. E. Wehler, '87, at Blue Bell, and devoted a day to sightseeing and renewing old acquaintances at URSINUS.

'89. Miss Flora S. Rahn, B. S., is engaged in teaching the Grammar School in her native town, Schwenksville; and Mr. H. M. Slotterer, A. B., of Trappe, is also emulating Thaddeus Stevens in devotion to the common schools. He presides in one of the districts of a neighboring township.

'87. Mr. Walter Bomberger, B. S., returned from his European trip early in October.

'91. Miss Lillie Preston, B. L., of Collegeville, has entered the Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, for a course of training as a professional nurse.

'91. William R. Smith, A. B., passed through a long siege of typhoid fever during the summer vacation. He is spending the Fall term at Prospect Terrace, in his old position, fully regaining his strength, and hopes to enter the Theological Department after the Christmas vacation.

'91. Horace T. Wagner, A. B., has entered Union Theological Seminary, and William H. Knipe, Jefferson Medical College. I. C. Williams holds a Government position at Washington and is also taking a course in law at the Columbian University at Washington. Frank B. Miller and Jay G. Francis are in business.

Frank H. Fisher, Harry E. Jones, P. E. Heimer, Calvin D. Yost, and Irvin F. Wagner are studying theology at URSINUS.

GENERAL TOPICS.

THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

This is an iconoclastic age. Ideal after ideal falls, shattered by Boanergian hammers. Educational problems are attracting unwonted interest. To-day the assault is being directed against the ideals of Christian education. It is for us to see to it that the cause of truth suffers no loss, and to make sure that progress have not a negative value.

We have long cherished the thought that there was room in the wide field of education for all means and all methods; that here all tendencies might well unite, and many theories complement each other; that practical education demanded spiritual influences; and spiritual education practical methods; that the technical school can no more get along without the influence of men who will study the relation of character to character than the theological seminary can get along without practical drill in mathematics and logic.

But the cry has gone forth that everything in this generation is to be determined by the rule of performance. The world is no longer interested in what a man is; it wants to know what he has done.

Our youth are to be educated not to be something, but to do something. It does not make very much difference what they do, so they do something, and do it quickly. Colleges that once gloried in the spiritual influence which they imparted to men's characters, are now pointed out as regenerate because they have substituted manual training for Greek, and pedagogy for metaphysics.

Denominational colleges owe their existence in the past largely to the demand for Godly ministers, but they are but the final term in the series of which the Christian home and the Christian academy are parts. All of these institutions recognize the peculiar necessity of hedging about the life of the young with means calculated to protect from temptation and to establish upright lives. It is not now true, if it ever was true, that the principal aim of these colleges is sectarian. They have been attacked chiefly on sectarian grounds. They have existed in most cases without regard to any sectarian lines. The whole organization has been, in most cases, determined by the broad and universally accepted principles of Christianity, the necessity of reaching every result by influences working from within outward and of recognizing the freedom of the will. They have aimed to educate and train the mind in such way that everyone will desire and choose the highest good and they have kept before the mind of all the fundamental principle that the highest of all good is God's glory.

The question for the future is simply this: Shall this fundamental position be surrendered? Such questions as the selection of teachers, the arrangement of curricula, and the differentiation of courses are comparatively unimportant. The future can only be made what it should be by extending this principle to the utmost limit. It should dominate the academy and control even the great State universities. Especially is it important that these institutions which have been the stronghold of Christian education in the past should be true to their history. This much I am willing to pledge; that Lafayette College shall not be ashamed of its Presbyterianism; that in it we shall aim to reach all truth, but that no truth shall be esteemed of higher value than the system; that though we believe

that evolution and its kindred problems are no more atheistic than theology, we yet believe that there are tendencies which must be checked, and that there are influences which must be stimulated. Our aim, therefore, shall be to be broadly inclusive, but, at the same time, to carefully select for our teaching those departments of learning which shall most effectively prepare the student for his professional and business career; and from first to last, everyone shall be kept alive to his responsibility as a man and his obligations as an immortal being.—*Extracts from President Warfield's Inaugural at Lafayette.*

EXCHANGES.

As was anticipated, a church paper from St. Luke's, Trappe, has found its way to our table in the time that has elapsed since our last issue. It appears under the name of *The Chronicle*. Rev. E. C. Hibshman, '86, pastor of the church, is editor, and W. F. Longacre, '95, is one of the associate editors. Coming from the church that has been the home of many of the students for many years, it will be of especial interest to them. We wish the paper all possible success.

The *College Student* fails to see what good reasons the BULLETIN has for having alumni on its editorial staff. The BULLETIN is a college paper, and not an undergraduate publication. It stands for URSINUS COLLEGE, Board of Directors, Faculty, Alumni, Students, one and all. Were it to exclude any one of these from its columns, it would fail of its purpose.

Among our many exchanges none is more welcome than the *Bates Student*. It presents a fine appearance and is certainly entitled to first place among the journals of our minor colleges. In the October number the article entitled, "The Opportunities Awaiting the Undergraduate," is excellent and worthy of careful perusal.

The *Red and Blue*, of October 10th, contains a poem, "To the Summer Girl," part of which is below the dignity of a college journal. If such a publication should be the exponent of anything, it should be of the physical, intellectual, moral, and spiritual training which the institution it represents imparts.

The *Earlhamite's* exchange editor thinks that because Williams keeps its library open from two until nine, every Sunday afternoon, Earlham should have its reading room, at least, open at that time. We would refer him to the article on "Should the Reading Room be open on Sunday," in the October number of the *College Student*.

The *Dickinson Liberal* contains a good editorial article on "The Matter of Joining a Society." The full-rounded man is he who has not only the theory, but also the practice; and this practice is obtainable only in the society.

The *Swarthmore Phœnix*, for October, publishes a well-executed portrait of its new president, Charles H. DeGarmo, Ph. D., together with a brief sketch of the man and his career, by Dr. Magill. President DeGarmo apparently begins his work at Swarthmore under most encouraging conditions, his associates in the Faculty and the students of the College alike receiving him with fullest confidence and unreserved cordiality.

We also acknowledge *The Journal*, *The College Visitor*, *Mercersburg College Monthly*, *The Hesperus*, *The Campus*, and *The Owl*.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

CONGREGATIONAL.

On Sunday, September, 20th, Zwingli Reformed Church, East Berlin, Pa., was dedicated. The structure is of brick and has a seating capacity of 600. The total cost was nearly \$6000.

On Tuesday evening, September 29th, the dedication services of Hough Avenue Reformed

Church, Cleveland, Ohio, were held. The Rev. Thomas Dowling, D. D., of Albany, New York, preached the sermon. The formal dedication was conducted by Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., President of Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio. The building is of stone, and cost about \$17,000.

The remodelled Reformed and Presbyterian Union Church, at Fayetteville, Pa., was dedicated Sunday, October 4th.

The Reformed congregation at South Bend, Pa., dedicated their new church Sunday, September 27th. The church is free of debt:

MINISTERIAL.

Brunger, H., address is Greenwood, Wis.

Brunnohler, C., address changed to 80 William street, Freeport, Ill.

Burger, I. N., accepts a call to Harrold Charge. Address, Greensburg, Pa.

Christ, J., address changed to Fountain City, Minn.

Dumstrey, W. F., accepts a call to St. Luke's German Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Eichelberg, H., address is 1108 West Pennsylvania street, Evansville, Ind.

Haken, G., address changed to New Holstein, Wis.

House, G. A., address changed to Landisburg, Pa.

Krampe, A., ordained and installed as pastor at Millville, Ohio.

Lackey, R. R., address changed to Dawson, Ohio.

Moore, J. P., address is 547 West Chestnut street, Lancaster, Pa.

Retting, V., address changed to 502 Stryker avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

Schneider, C., address is Kelley's Island, Ohio.

Shoemaker, E. D., address changed to 1850 Van Pelt street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Steckel, L. D., accepts a call to Lykens, Pa.

Teichreib, H., address is Scotland, S. D.

Weber, A. S., address changed to 2434 Baltimore street, Baltimore, Md.

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.

Lafayette's total of attendance is three hundred.

Prof. Roehrig, of Palo Alto University, speaks thirty languages.

Lehigh University students, in mass meeting on October 5th, perpetually

abolished cane rushes. The Freshmen and Sophomore Classes of Cornell University, have taken similar action.

The new chemical laboratory at Princeton is considered to be the finest in the country. It will accommodate eighty students.

Ethelbert D. Warfield, Ph. D., LL. D., was inaugurated president of Lafayette College with fitting ceremony on Tuesday, October 20th. The event was made the occasion for great rejoicing at Easton, and the exercises connected with it were quite impressive. At the inaugural dinner, at which covers were laid for five hundred, Professor Edmund Morris Hyde, of pleasant memory at URSINUS, responded for Lehigh University. Lafayette's new president is a brother of Professor B. B. Warfield, D. D., of Princeton, a warm, personal friend of our lamented President Bomberger. In connection with the installation of its new executive, some interesting figures pertaining to Lafayette were given out. The College has up to date matriculated 3760 students and has sent out 521 clergymen, 621 lawyers, 341 physicians, 252 college professors and teachers, and 509 into the technical profession as engineers, railroad managers, chemists and assayors.

The afternoon recitations at Bucknell have been changed, so as to give the period from four o'clock until six to athletics.

Brown University follows Harvard in opening a side door to women. They may take examinations, and receive "certificates of their attainments."

The Faculty of Wooster has passed a resolution prohibiting the students from taking part in any intercollegiate games. The students are greatly stirred up over the decision.

Some new pieces of apparatus have been added to the equipment of the gym-

nasium at Bryn Mawr College, and a tennis court, for winter use, has been laid out and will soon be completed.

Yale University is taxed this year for the first time, and will pay a tax on \$42,-140 worth of property. According to the law, all property exceeding \$6000 not used by the University is taxed.

Rutgers College opened with a Freshman Class numbering over seventy, the majority of whom have entered the Scientific Department. During the summer several thousand dollars have been expended on new apparatus and material for the different departments.

Commencement exercises seem to be growing out of favor. Williams, Dartmouth, and Columbia College have dispensed with them, and Monmouth limited her commencement exercises, this year, to nine performers. URSINUS curtailed her number of speakers to eight.

Yale University has dropped about twenty-five per cent. of the freshmen in the Scientific Department, making the present size of the class in that department one hundred and ninety-eight. The excuse given is a desire to raise the standard, looking toward a four year's course instead of three which is now in vogue.

At this year's "World's Student Conference," at Northfield, R.E. Speer, one of the brightest young men of the country, a Princeton graduate, if we mistake not, gave utterance to the following significant opinion :

"An inadequate conception of Christian character prevails throughout the colleges of the land. All that men think generally about Christian life in colleges is Christian manliness, which has swept Christian men into athletics. Though I believe in them, they have largely despiritualized the spiritual life of college men. We ought to have been aiming at Christian godliness."

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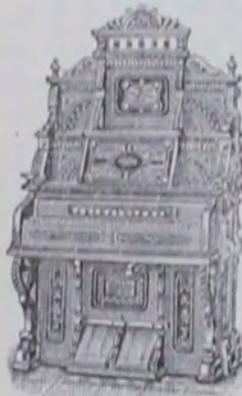
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