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“His words were simple and his soul sincere.”

“This is true glory and renown, when God,
Looking on the earth, with approbation marks
The just man, and divulges him through Heaven
To all his angels, who with true applause
Recount his praises.”

FOR the second time in its history the BULLETIN is called to the hallowed work of a memorial number. Another sterling man whose life was inseparably interwoven with the destiny of URSINUS COLLEGE has passed from the lowly academic fore-courts of earth to the higher university of Heaven. Less than three years ago the final summons went out to the one who made it possible for our Alma Mater to exist; and now it has been heard and answered, also, by him whose broad, unselfish soul first supplied the solid hope that this same Alma Mater shall live for all time to bless and be blessed among future generations.

There came to our lamented President Bomberger at the sharpest crisis of his life one “very good friend.” His name was Robert Patterson. No man ever touched the sympathies and affections of our departed chief more subtly and tenderly than this man. We say this of actual knowledge. It has not, perhaps, been fully understood, except by a very few more intimately informed, how closely the hearts of these two were knit. But there were some who saw and felt the inner as well as the outer union, and its potent influence will always remain with them. Here, indeed, was a faithful Aaron, who in time of conflict hastened gladly to his fainting brother Moses when the battle had reached its height, that he might encourage his drooping spirit and hold up his weary hands; and out of the service thus rendered sprang forth a twin flame of fraternal love, which burned steadily thereafter.

It is but fitting that memories should be linked together where lives were so firmly joined. The cause which entwined President Bomberger and Robert Patterson was dependent upon both. Looking back from the present point of view, the conviction is unavoidable that, lacking either, it would have failed. Each in his own way, but with common honesty of purpose and generosity of soul laid the glorious foundations in which we of to-day and our children of to-morrow shall rejoice. Therefore, URSINUS places these two departed leaders side by side in its history; and the BULLETIN stands at the tomb of Robert Patterson in the spring of eighteen-ninety-three with the same grateful and loving remembrance that filled its columns to the full in the autumn of eighteen-ninety. Now, as then

“The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”

Once more we follow in that light with reverent tread, and new resolves that naught in our lives, as true friends of URSINUS COLLEGE, shall, by the help of God, obscure it.



FUNERAL SERVICES.

ROBERT PATTERSON died at his residence, in Philadelphia, Wednesday, April 19th, 1893, after a brief illness. The funeral services of the deceased were held on the following Saturday, April 22nd. They began at nine o'clock in the morning, at the home, with a prayer by Rev. Charles H. Coon, Mr. Patterson's pastor, and were taken up again a half-hour later in Trinity Reformed Church, Seventh and Oxford Streets, Philadelphia. The services here consisted of the invocation; reading of Scriptures by Rev. A. S. Bromer; the singing of a selection by the church choir, the sermon proper by the pastor, and the reading of the resolutions of respect and sympathy passed by the employees of the Delaware Rolling Mill. About three hundred of these employees were present and viewed the remains with the congregation. At the conclusion of the services they formed in line and preceded the funeral cortege to the Columbia Avenue station of the Reading Railroad, the members of the family, the elders of the church—who acted as pall-bearers, and friends following in carriages. At the station a special train, consisting of three passenger coaches and a Pullman car, was in waiting, to convey the funeral party to Collegeville. The start was made promptly at eleven o'clock A. M., the Mill employees standing in file on the railway platform and reverently baring and bowing their heads as the train moved off.

Collegeville was reached at about twelve-thirty. Here the faculty and students of the College were waiting in a body. All at once proceeded to St. Luke's Church, Trappe, where the concluding services were held in the presence of a large audience—Rev. James I. Good, D. D., leading in prayer, President Henry W. Super, D. D., LL. D., preaching the sermon, and Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., delivering the closing address. The interment was made at St. Luke's Cemetery, near by. The friends and relatives from Philadelphia, returned by the special train at four o'clock. All the arrangements for the sad occasion were conducted in admirable order and with much solemnity. They formed an impressive testimonial to the respect and affection in which the deceased brother and friend was held by all who participated. The sermons delivered by President Super and Mr. Coon, together with Dr. Klopp's address, the memorial action taken on Mr. Patterson's death, and a brief sketch of his life will be found in full in the succeeding pages.



PRESIDENT SUPER'S SERMON AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, TRAPPE.

TEXT:—"THE MEMORY OF THE JUST IS BLESSED."

IT is pleasant to live in the memory of those we love, with whom we have associated, by whom we have been surrounded. It is pleasant to think that after we are gone there will be a remembrance of us among friends, that we have not been forgotten, that a place remains for us in the hearts and affections of loved ones.

Such a memory is like the sweet fragrance of a rose after it has been cut from the bush. And such a memory remains with us to-day as we are about to carry to the grave the body of our dear friend Mr. Robert Patterson.

He was a just man,—just in the wide sense of the term—a good, honest, upright man, reliable in everything he said and did. His word was as good as gold. What he promised he fulfilled. You could always depend upon him to do his share in any work to be done in which he was interested. He was a kind friend. His heart could go out in sympathy with others in a time of need and show that sympathy by, not only words, but deeds. He had a clear head and his judgment was seldom at fault. He could immediately catch the objective point and perceive the intentions and purposes of others. He was a plain man in his manners. He made no show or display; loved simplicity in all his affairs and was unobtrusive and unpretentious. He had business tact and energy. Born on a farm he engaged in manual labor. He took pride, in his later years, in referring to his manual work when he was a plasterer. In his speech, at the breaking of the ground for Bomberger Memorial Hall, as he took the spade for the first shovelful, he said, no doubt for the encouragement of the students, that it was not the first time that he had taken a spade in his hand, and pointing to the College dormitories said that he helped to put on the plastering of those walls and to prove that it was a good job he referred to the excellent condition in which it still remained. He afterward became a teacher in the public schools and there are those in this neighborhood, still remaining, who were his pupils. At this period he, no doubt, began to take that interest in education which followed him in after life and which led him to take part in the work of helping forward the interests of URSINUS COLLEGE. Subsequently he removed to Philadelphia and engaged in various enterprises in bank, trust, and other companies, but notably in the great rolling mills of Hughes & Patterson. Step by step he advanced in wealth and station until he became one of the leading manufacturers of the city of Philadelphia. Still he never changed his plain, simple manners and habits. He loved to return to the scenes of his early life and meet the old friends and neighbors. The wealth pomp and glory of a great city could not seduce him from a plain, straight-forward life which he always led. He was a true nobleman. He was very conscientious in all his business transactions. It is related of him that having sold a valuable property for a large sum of money, but afterward becoming convinced that he had received too much for the property he insisted on returning a portion of the purchase money, many thousand dollars, to the purchaser. How many of his fellow merchants and manufacturers would have had the same conscientious regard for the rights of others as well as for his own?

He was a benevolent man. He did not regard wealth as an end in itself but as a means of doing good to others. He was ready to give of his earthly substance to the needy. The various appeals in behalf of the many charities of the church were answered. The congregation with which he was connected felt his liberal hand. But it was to URSINUS COLLEGE that he gave the largest sums. As soon as the wants of this institution were presented to him by his pastor he immediately gave the subject attention and deliberation. Subsequently he became a director in the Board. He was faithful in his attendance, took great interest in the affairs of the institution and gave as the necessities of the College appealed to him. Altogether, during his life, he gave upwards of fifty thousand dollars to the institution. Had it

not been that a liberal hand was ready to supply, the College would have been found in a crippled condition and sometimes on the verge of collapse. But at the right time God raised up a man and qualified him with a heart and hand ready to come to the help of His cause. The providence of God was round and about the institution to preserve and keep it. We the directors and professors of the College know how to cherish the memory of this good man. We call him blessed and our testimony of regard is engraved upon our hearts.

Mr. Patterson was a christian. Here again there was no show, pomp or display. He did not have any zeal for the externals of the church. He made no loud profession. But he was the regular attendant, the sincere believer, the true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, "immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." When he came to the country on a visit to his friends we found him in his pew on Sunday, worshipping with us in this House of Prayer. His piety was the good, reliable, old fashioned piety of the fathers, full of faith and fruits. His gifts and liberality to this congregation have also been exhibited in various ways, notably in repairs to the grave-yard.

His aims and purposes in life were high. He wanted something more than the accretions of a sordid and miserly life. He wanted to live in the memory of his fellow-men and to leave behind him the example of a pure christian life. Some live in memory but a short time. They are hardly buried before they are forgotten. Others desire to live in the fame which they have made for themselves in life. The warriors, the statesmen—for the havoc, wars and destruction they have caused in the earth. Empedocles threw himself into the burning volcano that his name might be handed down to posterity for a heroic but foolhardy deed. But we think of him only as a suicide. It is related of Lick, the rich Californian, that after he had accumulated his great fortune he desired in some way to make his name live in the memory of his fellow-men. He was not a believer in the gospel, and yet he struggled after an immortality of earth. He at first contemplated the building of a great pyramid, like the pyramids of Egypt; but, learning that the names of the builders of those pyramids were forgotten or in great uncertainty, he ceased from the attempt. He next resolved to build large structures and statues in San Francisco, which might always keep his name before the people. But fearing that in war the city might be bombarded, or an anarchical mob against capitalists might arise and destroy the evidences that he once lived, he changed his mind. He next resolved to build the greatest astronomical observatory in the world and place within it the largest and finest telescope that the ingenuity of man could devise. This he accomplished, and hopes to be remembered for this noble and generous contribution to science. But already a still larger telescope is on the way, and a still larger observatory is in course of construction. Mr. Lick will soon fade away in the light of still greater luminaries who will compete for the praises of his fellow-men. But Mr. Patterson desired a greater immortality than that of earth. He desired the immortality of eternal life. What he gave he gave for the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ. "I am the resurrection and the life." "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." This is the immortality for which he struggled, and this is the immortality which he attained.

Our departed brother will be missed from his home, where he leaves his disconsolate widow, to remain for a time, until they will again be reunited in the home

above. We extend to her our warmest sympathy and condolence in the hour of her sad affliction. He will be missed in the places of business which he frequented, in the Boards and Trusts of which he was a member, by the hundreds of workmen to whom he gave employment and cheered their homes; but in no place will he be more missed than in URSINUS College. We will miss his presence in the Board of Directors, his wise counsel and direction, his interest in all its affairs, his presence on the grounds and in the halls, his presence at our commencements and annual meetings. He is gone! but his memory remains with us, and that memory is blessed.

But now, shall that life and example, so full of instruction, be lost upon his friends and fellow-men? Shall his achievements in character, honor, business success and christian life go for nothing? Shall others pass him by as a shadow that appears and continues not? No! We feel assured that such a life cannot be without its benefit upon others. The memory of the just is blessed—blessed in the light which it sheds upon those whom he guided and directed in his life, and who will remember his counsel now that he is gone; blessed by the christian example which he gave of an unostentatious yet sincere life, and his profession of that faith before many witnesses. His memory will be held in reverence for the good which he did to his fellow-men, for the acts of charity and devotion to churches and colleges. For long years will his name be loved and cherished for the zeal which inspired others and imparted that zeal to those who listened to his counsel.

That memory will be blessed in heaven. There they appreciate character and worth more highly than we can in this sinful world. There they know the struggles, weaknesses, failures of this earthly time in the light of their everlasting importance. There they know the victories obtained over doubt, sordidness, acquisitiveness and indifference, and they prize the value of the heroic efforts of the conquerors. They meet them with loud acclaim. They take them to their hearts and everlasting homes. And they cry, Alleluia! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. When the assembled hosts shall gather about the great White Throne and praise Him who sitteth upon it and the Lamb forever, then shall the memory of the just be revived in brightest lustre, and they shall be blessed for evermore.



REV. DR. KLOPP'S ADDRESS AT ST. LUKE'S.

I COUNT myself singularly happy that in the good providence of God my life has been in a great measure so intimately linked with that of two persons whom I have regarded with special respect from the time I came to know them. One of these was called from the stage of action here not quite three years ago, and entered upon that joyous, active eternal rest promised to God's faithful ones. All of that which is mortal and belonged to the other, with reverent hands and softened hearts we lay tenderly away to-day.

Twenty-seven years ago began a close and ever harmonious acquaintance and fellowship with the sainted Dr. Bomberger, who about twenty-three years ago was

brought, through my humble instrumentality, into fellowship with him whom we mourn to-day, and who afterwards also had much to do in giving direction to the unfolding life of benevolence we are called at this time to note. About twenty-five years ago, in the latter part of the first or early in the second year of my ministry in Philadelphia, I first came to know Robert Patterson personally. He had come with his wife, who about that time united on certificate with the then infant Trinity Reformed congregation, and worshiped with us at Sixth and Girard avenue, and began to help sustain and help forward the interest for which afterwards he did so much, and for which that church will always hold his name in grateful memory. Much has been already said to-day of those peculiar traits which make up that life, which has finished its mortal course in an outward way.

In the few minutes remaining of the time which we still have at our disposal in connection with these services, I feel that I can, perhaps, best add my share in making up a chaplet to lay on his coffin, by giving a single incident in his life as I knew it. In this way also I may best convey some helpful comfort to the sorely bereaved, as well as point a lesson of instruction to all of us gathered here.

As already intimated, in prosecuting the work begun April 1, 1867, and just when the little congregation had begun to worship in the small second story hall at Sixth and Girard avenue, I made the discovery that Mrs. Patterson was a member of the Reformed Church and sought her out. She united with us, and Mr. Patterson attended the services with her. In this way I came to know them personally. During the latter part of the year 1869, or early in the year 1870, after a friendly visit to the family, I asked him to accept a copy of a little book entitled "Union with the Church," by Rev. Dr. Harbaugh. He received it with thanks and said he would read it carefully. A few months afterwards I found that he had evidently done so and that it was working out the effect I desired and prayed for, namely, that he might see it his duty and privilege to unite with God's people and make a public profession of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Saviour of men. At the next communion season I tried to have a special interview with him in regard to the matter, but for some reason, now forgotten, I failed to do so. But when the time for the Easter communion of 1870 came on, I was very strongly impressed to call on him again. This I did on Tuesday, the 15th of April, at such an hour as I felt sure he would be at home. He was just about to join his family at the evening meal. He invited me to join them, but as for certain reasons I did not wish to do this, he excused himself, asking me to wait for him until after tea. It was one of the habits of his life not to inconvenience his family without necessity.

While waiting I overheard the voice of thanksgiving and prayer. This made me feel that God had gone before and already by His grace prepared the way of His ministering servant. Soon a gentleman called, and thinking I had such business with Mr. Patterson as would interfere, he was about to retire, saying he would call next evening. Mrs. Patterson said, "This gentleman will not be in the way, and if you have any business with Mr. Patterson you had better stay, as he has an engagement for to-morrow evening." I now thought that, whatever God was preparing, the time was not come for me to act, and I soon withdrew. But when on the following evening I opened the service I found that Mr. Patterson's engagement was to attend the special ante-communion services. At the close of the service he retired. I had learned to know him well enough to know that he needed to be left largely to

do his own thinking, and I preferred to let God himself do the leading. I was all the more thus inclined, as though no preacher ever had a more attentive and respectful listener, I noticed that he was more than usually absorbed in the subject before us at the time.

On the following evening he was again at the service, and at the close he came forward to the desk and said in a calm and decided way, "Well, Mr. Klopp, I think the time has come for me to take my place openly with God's people." I answered, "I am glad." In reply to this he said, "I cannot tell how it is that I did not do this long ago." A further short conversation took place when we bid each other good-night. On Friday evening, the 17th of April, 1870, with a number of others he gathered at God's altar and pledged his life openly, with all it had, to the Lord. I will not say—if he could appear here, he would be the first to stop me from saying—anything that would unduly exalt him for being specially flawless. How he kept that pledge and grew in that manifestation of true and undefiled religion, of which James speaks, is known to a great extent by those who live to bless his memory, but is fully opened to Him who notes all things.

I watched this seed of God's own planting with continued interest, and have been gladdened by the continued proof—that as we have borne the image of the earthly we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. At the last the earthly robe is laid aside and the heavenly is put on. Our sorrow, and yours who are specially bereft, is not only tempered but brightened by the thought that we shall also soon join him and others who have gone before. And while we wait we may gladly treasure the fragrance of a life which God himself had trained for his special use.



REV. CHARLES H. COON'S SERMON AT TRINITY CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

TEXT:—"AND I HEARD A VOICE FROM HEAVEN, SAYING UNTO ME, 'WRITE, BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD FROM HENCEFORTH: YEA, SAITH THE SPIRIT, THAT THEY MAY REST FROM THEIR LABORS; AND THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM.'"

BY divine direction, we are furnished with an account of what the beloved apostle saw and heard when the vision of heaven and its happy inhabitants was afforded him. With full assurance to all living christians, does this blessed revelation come, teaching them that their death will bring a final period to all the evils of this present life, and usher them into the promised rest. The apostle had a view of the Lamb of God, standing on Mount Zion, and with him an hundred and forty and four thousand, bearing in their foreheads the name of the Father. In the music which ravished his soul were the voices of harpers, harping with their harps, and singing the new song before the throne, which none could learn but the hundred and forty and four thousand, who were redeemed from the earth. It was in full view of this blessed condition of departed saints, that a voice from heaven was heard, saying, "write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:

Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

We are led to ask, therefore, in the light of this blessed declaration, What is implied in dying in the Lord?

I. First it intimates that it is to die in the full belief of the being and perfections of God. The natural propensity in man is to disbelieve the existence of Him who made, controls, and upholds this universe. "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." In this land of light, there are many, who live all their days in a state of practical infidelity. But those who live without faith, must die without hope. "None can die in the Lord who do not awake from their natural stupidity, and realize that there is a great and holy God, who loves righteousness and hates iniquity, and who will reward or punish them in a future state, according to their works." This belief must be prior to and the foundation of all preparation for the service and enjoyment of God. Hence says the apostle, "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

II. Not only is belief in God necessary, but also a dying in the love of God. God must be loved for what He is in Himself, not only to be pleased with His goodness and grace, but with His justice and sovereignty, — to renounce their enmity and become reconciled to Him, and conform to His moral image—*this is required*, not only a *head* knowledge, but a *heart* knowledge—not only to *know* but to *love* God, to accept His providences as the best, and love Him still. Love to Christ is also implied. There is a sense in which love to God is previous to love to Christ. We read Christ's own declaration in the sixth of John, where He says, "Every man that hath heard and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me."

It is only for Christ's sake that God can consistently receive the penitent and broken-hearted. "But when these look to God for forgiveness by faith in Christ, they are justified freely by His grace, and entitled to eternal life."

III. In the next place, to die in the Lord implies dying in a well-begotten hope of His pardoning mercy, and the enjoyment of heaven. God knows how much His children need of light and comfort in the dying hour, and so He often manifests himself unto them as He does not to the world. He opens to their view a joyful prospect of the holiness and happiness of the kingdom of glory. It was this view David had when he said, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness, I shall be satisfied when I awake in thy likeness."

But now may I be permitted to suggest a few thoughts as to why those who die in the Lord are blessed. Nothing can afford so great comfort in the thought of approaching death as a solid foundation upon which to rest, when the hour or moment which tries men's souls comes.

Death is commonly the king of terrors to such as are not prepared to leave the world. The fearful apprehensions of an opening eternity will test the props upon which they lean. How terrible for one unprepared to fall into the hands of the living God! But how happy those who are satisfied with living, reconciled to dying, and longing for admission into the mansions of bliss! How happy were the patriarchs in their last moments, who after finishing their weary pilgrimage died in faith of future and eternal felicity beyond the grave!

The next cause for being blessed in death is found in the fact that they are freed, released from all the sufferings of this mortal life. As is natural for the

sparks to fly upward, so are men born to trouble. Here, they suffered by innumerable pains, infirmities and diseases of the body. Here, they were called upon to fight the fight of faith and overcome manifold obstacles which were thrown in their way, but they shall never suffer nor sigh, nor weep any more. They have arrived at a perfect and perpetual rest.

Lastly, we have the thought that they will be united in their affections and employments. Resting from earthly labors and strife, yet they will be continually employed in holy and devout exercises. The heavenly inhabitants are represented as in a state of constant activity. They rest not day nor night from praising Him who sitteth upon the throne, and Him who died for them and made them kings and priests unto God. Let us remember, my friends, that nothing will prepare men for death but what will prepare them for heaven. The Christian, with sweet composure and serenity of mind, joyfully awaits the coming of that happy moment when he shall join the general assembly and Church of the first-born in heaven, and thus exhibits the most beautiful and instructive spectacle to be witnessed on earth. These brief observations naturally lead us to reflect upon the goodness of God, in so long protracting the life and usefulness of our beloved brother and friend who lies before us in the embrace of death. His was a life of eminent usefulness here—he is blessed now. As he lived, in the knowledge, love and fear of God, shedding a beautiful lustre to his life, so he died. Truly he was a good man. Now that he has gone to his reward we shall reverence his memory. Robert Patterson, though experiencing some of the bodily infirmities which are incident to old age, yet retained so much of his native vigor as to be capable both of enjoying and doing good to the very close of life.

He manifested peculiar mildness and moderation in all his conduct. These amiable qualities, for which he was undoubtedly indebted to the combined influence of nature and grace, rendered him highly acceptable to the multitude of his brethren. It was extremely difficult for any to become his personal enemies, because his calm and placid behavior prevented both prejudice and resentment. His candor was equal to his moderation and mildness. He was as ready to hear as to speak;—as ready to learn as to teach.

He was always open to conviction and disposed to receive information from any who were able to impart it. He was no less judicious than candid. He had a quick discernment to distinguish truth from error, right from wrong, wisdom from cunning, artifice from sincerity. His motto was, *Do what is right*. He could see another man's interest as well as his own, and he felt his obligation to have respect to the welfare of his fellow-men. He was willing to suffer a loss, however severe, rather than defraud any man of a farthing. When he saw that a thing was wrong he did not labor with himself to try to make the wrong appear right, but submitted to the clear decision of his conscience, knowing that it was better to suffer than to sin. He was the very soul of honor. After such a life as Robert Patterson lived in this world, achieving wealth and distinction among men of business, *let no one ever say*, that it is impossible to succeed in business and amass a fortune upon strictly honest principles. His life, his success tells us differently. This large body of strong, sturdy men here this morning, men who have come from the great mills, and for the time ceased their work to pay their tribute of respect to the memory of the departed is an expression of the esteem in which their senior employer was held. Permit me

to say to you, my friends, in the life of that man, you have had an example worthy of imitation. No longer will his smile greet you in the mills, but if you follow him as he followed Christ, you may meet him when the work of life is over. His long association with his partner in business, covering a period of many years, and the testimony of this living partner to-day, as to the integrity and uprightness of the good man who is now still in death, and the fact that during all of that period not an unkind word passed between them, no, not even an unkind thought—tell us plainly who and what Robert Patterson was.

But he has finished his course and fallen asleep in Christ. We shall no longer enjoy the benefits of his living example and guiding influence. We have abundant reason to cry, "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, and the faithful fail from among the children of men."

It certainly becomes this Church to be humble and submissive under the sovereign hand of God, who has diminished their number and weakened their strength by taking away a member and officer, whose service and benefactions they have enjoyed for many years. As this circumstance displays the sovereignty of God, so it lays them under peculiar obligations to look to Him for his special direction in the path of duty. Let it be their heart's desire and prayer to God, that he would repair the breach he has made among them. As an Elder in this Church and the President of its Board for a long period, Brother Patterson was looked up to as a father. His wise counsel was often sought,—his piety never questioned, and his holy reverence for divine things was so marked as to make a lasting impression upon all who knew him. No appeal for worthy objects was unnoticed by him. He gave of his means *liberally* and *cheerfully*.

As long as health permitted he was regularly found in his place on the Lord's Day. At our last communion on Easter day, he stood at this altar and received the emblems of the broken body and shed blood of his Saviour. It was the last time to commune with his brethren here. One week ago last Sabbath he sat in his accustomed place yonder.

I shall always remember his devotional spirit. As from time to time my eye rests upon that pew, I shall call to mind his kindly face and gentle disposition. He engaged as much in the service of that day as his enfeebled health would permit, and sought to follow in the singing of the last hymn. It was his last Sabbath for worship with us in this his spiritual home. Thank God, we may think of him as singing the new song in that home beyond the stars. It was at this altar that he made a public profession of his faith in Jesus Christ, and first united with the Church, in which he became a pillar. He was very free from ambition and contention. He was truly a peacemaker, willing to go any length to avert unpleasant experiences or even an unkind thought. In several religious offices which he sustained, he was so frank, open, undisguised and impartial, that every one placed unreserved confidence in him. Very few men in his rank in life have done more good, have been more esteemed, and have more deserved to be had in long and grateful remembrance by all this people. We have no reason to regret that death has come at last, and relieved him from the peculiar pains and infirmities of age, and conveyed him to that everlasting rest prepared for the people of God. But we have reason to mourn that another righteous man is taken away who once stood in the gap to ward off impending evils.

The character of a man is a bequest to the world. The Church should treasure it in the ark of her testimony as a perpetual memorial. No richer blessing travels down from the past to the present and the future. The name of Robert Patterson is like the perfume of precious ointment. He passed through the world to bless it.

My heart has anticipated the pain of addressing her who has lost the companion of her youth, and the guide and support of her declining years. Permit me, my dear sister, to suggest a few thoughts to your wounded, tender, feeling mind. It is true, indeed, you have cause to mourn; but not to mourn as those who have no hope. You have lost your nearest and dearest friend on earth; but the Lord, whom you and he so long followed, may soon indulge you with a happy meeting in the kingdom of glory, where all tears are wiped from your eyes. And the prospect of this future joyful meeting may well reconcile you to the present painful parting. Your bereaved and mournful situation is a new and pressing motive to follow the Lord still and confide in his faithfulness. Lean hard upon His arm. He can give you strength in weakness, light in darkness, and joy in sorrow. I know that you bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well, and severe though the stroke may be, remember his grace is sufficient.

And so we follow the mortal remains of our brother to-day, back to the place of his early life, where each year it was his custom to go. There, near by the home of his birth, and almost within sight of the enduring monument which his later generosity has caused to be erected in the interest of education, we will commit his body to the tomb, 'till the morning break.



MEMORIAL ACTION ON MR. PATTERSON'S DEATH.

BY THE EMPLOYEES OF THE DELAWARE ROLLING MILL.

At a meeting of the employees of the firm of Hughes & Patterson held on April 21st, 1893, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His all-wise Providence to remove from our midst by death, on April 19th, 1893, after a short illness, at the ripe age of nearly seventy-five years, our honored and esteemed employer, Mr. Robert Patterson:

Resolved, That we bear our united testimony to his constant kindness, his charming geniality, his simple and unostentatious manners and his exemplary christian life, and that we mourn his loss to us as that of a father and friend and one who ever and always cherished our interest, encouraged us in our work and stimulated us to fidelity by the example of his own noble and unselfish life and character:

Resolved, That we tender to his bereaved family the sincere expression of our sympathy in their great affliction and our firm conviction that he, having served his day and generation faithfully, has entered into the heavenly and eternal rest.

Resolved, That as a last mark of our respect and affection we attend his funeral in a body.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be engrossed and presented to his family and published in the Philadelphia papers.

COMMITTEE :

WILLIAM LLOYD, *Chairman*.

WILLIAM CUMMINGS,

GEORGE WAGNER,

DAVID LEWIS,

TIMOTHY LEONARD,

WILLIAM D. EYNON,

FRANCIS P. BRITZ, *Secretary*.

MICHAEL HYNES,

JAMES EYNON,

JOHN SAVORY,

WILLIAM M. DAVIS,

MORGAN REESE,

GEORGE McAVOY.

BY THE FACULTY OF URSINUS COLLEGE.

WHEREAS, Robert Patterson, a member of the Board of Directors of URSINUS COLLEGE, its best friend, its active and liberal patron, its present help in time of need, the reliable citizen, the successful manufacturer, the exemplary Christian, the good and just man has departed from the scene of his active labors on earth to enter upon the rest of the sainted dead,

Therefore, We, the Faculty of URSINUS COLLEGE, assembled in General Faculty Meeting on this 25th day of April, 1893, deploring our loss in his removal, hereby give expression to our feeling of regret at the severance from us of one, wise to direct and unusually liberal in his gifts to the College, yet thankful that God gave us such a man to be with us for the period of fifteen years to work with us, by his direction, counsel and means, at a critical period in our history.

We also express our gratitude to God that he raises up men, useful to the church, to carry forward the interests of His kingdom on earth.

We also express our heartfelt sympathy and condolence with the widow of the deceased who has been deprived of her partner of many years, the kind husband, and tender companion, and commit her to the arms of the Merciful Saviour who has said, "My Grace is sufficient for thee."

We further order that these resolutions be published in the URSINUS COLLEGE BULLETIN, the Church papers and the Providence *Independent*.

SAMUEL VERNON RUBY, *Secretary*.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS, IN TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH,
PHILADELPHIA, ON THE 11TH DAY OF MAY, 1893, THE FOLLOWING
MEMORIAL WAS ADOPTED.

It is said of one in Scripture that he was specially mentioned because of the good which he did during his life. "Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God." In the same spirit we may mention in our report on necrology, the name of an Elder of this Church, in which we are holding our sessions, the name of a Christian brother who was an honor to the Re-

formed Church, and whose "prayers have been heard and whose alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God."

Robert Patterson was born in Upper Providence township, Montgomery County, Pa., May 31, 1818, and rose from humble employment on a farm to be a teacher in the public schools. He here more fully learned the benefit of knowledge, and ever remembered the importance of educational work in helping forward our humanity, especially Christian education as the means to bring back our degenerate race to communion and fellowship with God. Favored by circumstances he rose to opulence and wealth. But these did not, as they so often do, engross and corrupt his heart. He gave his heart to God, and having given his heart, his hand went along with it. His example needs to be held up to the light, not because he acquired wealth, but because having acquired wealth he cultivated the virtue of dispensing it for the glory of God and the welfare of his fellow-men. He presents the most distinguished example that has yet appeared in our denomination, of large sums given during his life to ecclesiastical and educational work, and bequests of large sums to the same interests at his death. With all the opportunity and temptation to spend his wealth in the grandeur and display of the world, he maintained his simplicity and plainness of manner without show or ostentation. In his attachment to the Church he loved the simple and unadorned worship of the House of God, and the customs that have come down from the Fathers. He was a sincere and humble follower of the Lord Jesus, and loved the Gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. His example is an encouragement to every American youth to show what can be attained by enterprise and frugality in this land of freedom. His Christian character shows that no man need sell his honor and integrity in order to gain wealth, nor debase his intellect by the cunning of fraud to gain a name. His praise is in all the churches for his devotion to his God. Especially is the praise of Cornelius his praise, for his alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. He died April 19, 1893.

H. W. SUPER,

H. M. HOUSEKEEPER,

Committee.



ACTION TAKEN BY TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, the Supreme Disposer of all events, to remove from this world our Brother, Robert Patterson, therefore :

Resolved, That we bow with submission to the will of Him with whom are the issues of life and death, whose hand we recognize in this event and whom we believe will overrule all things to His own Glory and the good of all His people.

Resolved, That this Church cherishes a deep sense of the unblemished integrity, the consistent walk, the gentle spirit, and the high Christian character, of this beloved brother, during the twenty-three years in which he was a member of this body ; that it gives thanks to God, from whom all good proceeds, for the faithful and earnest labors of this dear brother for our prosperity as a Church ; that it remembers with gratitude his valuable services, during nearly all this period, as an officer of our Church ; while it preserves the memory of his generous contributions toward the indebtedness upon our present house of worship.

Resolved, That the works of our deceased brother do follow him, in the memory not only of those deeds of public benevolence to which allusion has been made, but also to those numerous acts of private beneficence and kindness which were performed by him in a manner so quiet and void of ostentation.

Resolved, That in our deep sorrow for his departure from earth, we derive consolation from the belief that our great loss is his unspeakable and everlasting gain; and also from the hope that such an example of devoted piety will not fail of a happy influence on those who are left behind.

Resolved, That we tender to the bereaved widow our kindly sympathy in this sad bereavement, and that these resolutions be placed upon the records of the Church, a copy sent to the widow, and also published in the Reformed Church papers.

Resolved, That the Board of Incorporation attend the funeral in a body, and accompany the remains to their last resting place.

W. W. SWEISFORT,
C. D. ALDERFER,
HARRY E. PAISLEY,
REV. CHARLES H. COON,
Committee.



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

ROBERT PATTERSON was born in Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, May 31, 1818, the home of his parents being on the banks of Mingo Creek.

He received part of his education at what is known as Garber's School, being one of the pupils of ex-Judge Dismant. The balance he acquired by his own efforts after he had assumed the active duties of life. He began teaching in his eighteenth year at Hobson's School House, and followed this profession during seventeen winters. Of this time devoted by him to the instruction of the rising generation, two school terms were spent in Bucks County, one in Chester, and the remainder in his native county of Montgomery, partly in Limerick Township, partly at Hobson's School, where the Secretary and Treasurer of the College was one of his pupils, and partly at Bechtel's School House, among his scholars at the latter place being Emanuel Longacre, another member of the Board.

In the Spring of 1854 Mr. Patterson gave up teaching, moved to Bristol, Bucks County, and made a modest beginning in the iron business. He left this place in the summer of 1856 and located in Philadelphia, where he became one of the original proprietors of the Fairhill Forge of that city. In 1867 he withdrew from the Fairhill Forge and opened an establishment for the sale of iron bars; and finally in 1870, he relinquished this also and with Mr. John O. Hughes started the Delaware Rolling Mill at Richmond and Otis streets, which under the energetic management of himself and his partner grew steadily to one of the largest and most successful iron industries in Philadelphia.

Mr. Patterson built up his fortune by close attention to business, prudent management and a broad-minded integrity, which won for him confidence and respect. The foundations of it he laid in his early life, by training himself to habits of economy and unostentatious living, which adorned his later years of prosperity with a grandeur and simplicity, characteristic only of the loftiest natures, which cannot be holden by the ordinary ambitions and ideals of life. He was a typical self-made man who chose perseverant hard work and an unwavering adherence to correct business principles as his two chief stepping stones to a high and honorable position in the world of commerce and finance. At the time of his death Mr. Patterson was a director of the Eighth National Bank, the Northern Savings Fund, Safe Deposit and Trust Company, and the Union Trust Company, of Philadelphia.

In 1878 Mr. Patterson became a member of the Board of Directors of URSINUS COLLEGE, a relation for which he was well fitted by his experience in the school room, his warm interests in his native community, his broad views and sound business judgment. A warm personal attachment soon sprang up between him and President Bomberger, deepening the interest of each in the institution, which will ever stand as a monument of the heroism of its first president and the princely liberality of its financial founder.

On the 26th of March, 1846, the subject of this sketch was married to Henrietta Schrack, also of Upper Providence township, who survives him. To them were born six children, all of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Patterson proved a wise and faithful helpmeet, to whom her husband continually turned for counsel and advice in the management of his affairs, and by whom he was quietly but warmly seconded and supported in the numerous acts of beneficence of his later years. These acts of beneficence were varied and liberal, and many of them were so quietly bestowed as to be known only to the recipients. The donations to URSINUS COLLEGE aggregated \$51,400. By the last will and testament of the deceased an endowment fund of \$150,000 is created, the income of which will be paid annually to the College. In addition Mr. Patterson devises \$10,000 to the College, to be used in the cancellation of encumbrances upon the property. His will also bestows about \$50,000 to other charities.



AN URSINUS STUDENT'S TRIBUTE.

WE CANNOT speak of Robert Patterson as a personal friend could, but during five years of study at URSINUS we had many opportunities for observing his ways and manners, his conversation and deeds, and in all these he showed himself to be the same plain, unostentatious friend, yet withal a man of true dignity. He realized, as few men do, that "he lives most who thinks the best and acts the noblest."

There was one little incident in his life of which we were a witness, and though, perhaps forgotten by the others interested, it is fresh in our memory, and is, we think indicative of the highest christian character.

Immediately after the laying of the corner-stone of Bomberger Memorial Hall, at the close of the Commencement of 1891, Mr. Patterson and another member of the Board started to go toward the old dormitories. On their way thither a mother, stepping up to Mr. Patterson, took him by the hand and said, "Though I am a stranger to you I pray God's blessing upon you in your noble work for the youth of our land."

In reply Mr. Patterson said, "God has blessed me with a portion of this world's goods, and I mean to glorify his name by using it in a good and noble cause." URSINUS will miss him, but his memory will live forever in the minds of the hundreds of young men and women who will enjoy privileges made possible only by his beneficence. To his beloved but bereaved and sorrowing companion and wife the students of the College tender their deepest and heartfelt sympathies. The virtues exemplified in her lamented husband's life cannot fail to inspire men to live for God and humanity, and not for self.

CENTENNIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

AS is generally known, this is Centennial year for the Reformed Church. It should and will no doubt be celebrated by nearly every congregation. It will be interesting to note the progress made during this time; in short, to enumerate the successes and failures which attend organizations as well as individuals. The history of the Reformed Church during these hundred years is something of which in many respects we can be proud. Although URSINUS has been founded within the last quarter of this century, she has exerted directly and indirectly an influence almost as great as that of any other institution of the Reformed Church. As to the causes which led to the founding of URSINUS and as to the nature of the influence exerted by her, we do not wish to speak. They are too well known to the person of average intelligence. But we do wish to speak of the conditions under which this influence was exerted. They were most adverse; indeed they were so much so that it was generally predicted by those hostile to her, that she would not survive the death of her first president, the late, beloved Dr. Bomberger.

During all these years up to the present time, she has been wholly supported by the contributions of her friends, having but a small endowment. But the contributions during the past two years have not been sufficient to meet the increased expenses, hence there remains a debt which must be met. The late Robert Patterson's bequest of \$10,000 toward it, leaves still some \$10,000 or more to be issued. Now that Mr. Patterson has given also \$150,000 for an endowment, it would be an occasion for much rejoicing could URSINUS enter upon the year 1893-94 free from all debt. This we believe is possible if the friends and alumni but make the effort. The first step towards this is that the congregations favorable to URSINUS devote their centennial thank-offerings to the educational work of URSINUS. Fully \$25,000 can be raised in this way if the matter is but presented in the proper manner. There is scarcely a congregation that could not and would not contribute one dollar per member on an average. This should and can be a year of "devout gratitude and holy joy" to the friends of URSINUS, and the way to express this gratitude and joy is by doing something.

TWENTY-SECOND COMMENCEMENT.

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

THE General Committee of Arrangements for the Twenty-second Annual Commencement of the College, consisting of Professors J. Shelley Weinberger, Samuel Vernon Ruby, and M. Peters, and Rev. Joseph H. Hendricks and A. W. Bomberger, Esq., has completed the programme for the coming event.

The Alumni Association and the Literary Societies have also finished their part of the preliminary work.

The Commencement begins this year on Sunday, June 18th, and ends on Thursday, June 22d

Every Alumnus, old student and friend of the institution, from far or near, is cordially invited to attend the festivities.

The following is the full programme for the week :

SUNDAY, JUNE 18.

8 P. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon by President Henry W. Super, D. D., LL. D., Bomberger Memorial Hall.

MONDAY, JUNE 19.

3.30 P. M.—Annual Meeting of the Beneficiary Committee, President's Room.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20.

10 A. M.—Meeting of the Board of Directors, President's Room.

8 P. M.—Address before the Literary Societies, by the Hon. Marriott Brosius, of Lancaster, Congressman from the IX Penna. District.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21.

10 A. M.—Meeting of the Alumni Association, College Chapel.

2 P. M.—Meeting of the Ursinus Union, College Chapel.

3.30 P. M.—Second Annual Re-union of the Schaff Literary Society.

7.30 P. M.—Alumni Oration: "The Progress of Individuality," by P. C. Mensch, A. M., M. D., '87, Baltimore, Md.

9 P. M.—Alumni Reunion.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22.

9.30 A. M.—Commencement. Orations by the Graduating Class. Conferring of Degrees.

2 P. M.—Concert on the College Campus.

8 P. M.—Concert, in Bomberger Memorial Hall, for the Gymnasium Fund.

MUSIC.

Thursday Morning and Afternoon—Breidenbach's Orchestra of Philadelphia, Professor Samuel Breidenbach, Conductor.

RAILWAY ACCOMMODATIONS.

Orders for excursion tickets from all points on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad may be obtained by writing to the Commencement Committee, Collegeville, Pa. On the Perkiomen Railroad excursion tickets will be sold without orders. These tickets will be good from Friday June 16th, to Monday, June 27th, inclusive.

Arrangements have also been made with the Perkiomen Railroad Company by which a special train will leave Collegeville at 6 P. M. on Commencement Day for the accommodation of visitors.

Trains for Collegeville leave :

Philadelphia,	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Market Street,	7.40		1.40	4.32
Harrisburg,	5.10	9.35	1.25	
Columbia,	7.35		12.35	
Reading,	7.15		12.45	3.28
Allentown,	6.30	11.00	2.40	

ENTERTAINMENT.

Entertainment may be obtained at the boarding houses and hotels of the village at \$1.00 and \$1.50 a day. Meals will be furnished at the College dining halls at 35 cents for dinner and 25 cents for supper or breakfast.

COMMENCEMENT DAY MUSIC.

A special effort has been made this year to provide satisfactory music for Commencement Day. The orchestra which has been engaged comes recommended by competent critics as composed of some of the best professional musi-

cians of Philadelphia. It will have a full quota of players. Its leader has submitted the following programme for Commencement morning:

Polonaise—"Presidential,"	- - -	Sousa
Overture—"Morning, Noon and Night,"	Suppe	
Selection—"Fencing Master,"	- - -	DeKoven
Gavotte—"Hildegard,"	- - -	Kimball
Waltz Movement—"Loin du Bal,"	- - -	Gillet
Selection—"Robin Hood,"	- - -	DeKoven
Waltz—Opera of "The Lion Tamer,"	- - -	Stahl
Selection—"Lucrezia Borgia,"	- - -	Donizetti
Overture—"Il Brigadiere,"	- - -	Voelcker
Selection—"Gondoliers,"	- - -	Sullivan
March "Benediction"—"Athalie,"	Mendelssohn	

NEWS ABOUT COLLEGE.

THEOLOGICAL COMMENCEMENT.

THE Third Annual Commencement of the Ursinus School of Theology, which took place May 1st and 2d, was one of the most interesting events of the Academic year. The success which attended it was due largely to the Dean, Prof. James I. Good, D. D., who has brought the school up to its present proud position. The class numbered fifteen and was the first theological class to be graduated in Bomberger Memorial Hall. In his remarks before the class Dr. Good spoke of this fact and touchingly referred to Mr. Patterson as its founder and the financial saviour of URSINUS. It would have been well if every friend and alumnus of URSINUS could have heard his remarks. They were spoken in the Doctor's modest yet impressive way, and could not have failed to touch the heart-strings of all. With this class the theological alumni of URSINUS number ninety-four. Surely there is reason for much thanksgiving and praise for the blessings which have thus far fallen upon URSINUS this year.

The exercises of the Commencement began on Monday evening, May 1st, with the annual sermon before the class by

Rev. J. F. Riggs, D. D., New Brunswick, N. J. Dr. Riggs' text was 2 Cor. 11-16: 11-6:—"Who is sufficient for these things? Our sufficiency is of God."

The Commencement proper took place on Tuesday morning, May 2d. The programme was as follows:

Prayer and hymn; address, "Verbal Inspiration," Edward Franklin Wiest, Sunbury, Pa.; address, "The Permanent Importance of the Old Testament," Charles Pennypacker Kehl, East Greenville, Pa.; music, solo, "The Holy City," Mrs. Emma Kepler-Jones; address, "Christianity the Ideal Religion," Chas. Henry Slinghoff, Red Land, Pa.; address, "Consider the Lillies," Jesse Harmer String, Philadelphia, Pa.; music, solo, "Ave Verum," Miss Cora B. Wiest; address, "Can Apostate Man Be Justified by Works of the Law," Paul Menges Spangler, York, Pa.; address, "The Mission of the Sunday School," Harry Edwin Jones, Easton, Pa.; music, duet, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," Mrs. Emma Kepler-Jones and Mr. Otis Harter; address, "The Ideal Minister," Jacob Calvin Leonard, Lexington, N. C. Dr. Good's address to the graduates (which will be published in the next issue of the BULLETIN, if possible) then followed. The exercises closed with prayer, a hymn and the benediction.

The class included in addition to the above, Frank Hoyer Fisher, Gouglerstown, Pa.; Samuel Franklin Hartzel, Petersburg, Pa.; Peter Ellsworth Heimer, Nazareth, Pa.; Jacob S. Kozower, Cleveland, O.; Marsby James Roth, Rockdale, Pa.; Benjamin Bunn Royer, Tiffin, O.; Emmet Charles Sult, New Salem, O.; Calvin Daniel Yost, McKeesburg, Pa.

Of the graduates the following will go direct to fields of labor: Mr. Hartzel to Fishersville, Pa.; Mr. Jones, McConnells-town, Pa.; Mr. Leonard, Lexington, N. C.; Mr. Roth, Lansford, Pa.; Mr. Roy-

er, Goshen, Ind.; Mr. String, Calvary Mission, Philadelphia; Mr. Wiest, Kimberton, Pa.; Mr. Yost, Minersville, Pa.; Mr. Slinghoff, Marietta, Pa.; Mr. Sult will go to Yale Divinity School for post-graduate work.

The following is the report of the committee before which the final examinations of the class were held

The members of the Visiting Committee to the Theological Seminary of URSINUS COLLEGE, after hearing the examination of the graduating theological class of the Seminary, conducted by the Professors, take pleasure in offering the following report:

Resolved, that we hereby express our satisfaction with the examination, and our approval of the work done by the Seminary as exhibited in this examination.

L. K. DERR,
F. C. YOST,
J. B. HENRY,
CHARLES H. COON,
Committee.

ANNUAL OPEN MEETING.

The annual Open Meeting of the Olevian Literary Society was held in Bomberger Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, May 9th. A large audience greeted the young ladies of URSINUS and gave frequent evidence that the program rendered as follows, was highly acceptable: March, Ida Robison; Invocation, Rev. Charles B. Alspach; Recitation, "A Pauper's Revenge," Anna Shupe; Duet, *Valse Brilliante*, Lillian Gross and Sara Hendricks; Recitation, "A Perfect Wife," Anna Phipps; Vocal Solo, *Happy Birds*, Sara Hendricks; Recitation, "Home, Sweet Home," Ida Hallman; Instrumental Solo, Agnes Hunsicker; Essay, "Taste for Literature," Mira Johnson; Vocal Solo, *A Devoted Apple*, Sara Hendricks; Oration, "A Mother's Influence," Sallie Tyson; Instrumental Solo, Ida Robison; *Olevian Ruby*, Evelyn Bechtel, editor; Duet, *Violettes de Nice*, Agnes Hunsicker and Sara Hendricks.

THE CATALOGUE FOR 1892-93.

The catalogue for the year 1892-93 has appeared—a model of neatness and care in arrangement and printing. There have been a number of changes made, some of which are undoubted improvements. The most radical innovation is that from half and three-quarter hour to hour periods. We presume this change was made by reason of the clamor of the students for it. The first term of the Senior year will be heavier and harder than it has been heretofore. How those students who come after us will pull through it we do not know, but we assure them of our deepest sympathy, for the honest and conscientious student has as much as he can carry under the present arrangement.

The introduction of "special courses preliminary to professional study," for those who may not be candidates for degrees, is commendable. Although the number pursuing such courses is very limited, their studies should be arranged systematically, as that alone will bring the desired results. Everything considered, the catalogue is an improvement over former ones.

BASE BALL GAMES.

The URSINUS Base Ball Team has met with an unusual measure of success this season. Thus far it has achieved six creditable victories and suffered only one defeat. A full list of the games played up to the time of going to press is as follows:

Saturday, April 15th, Ursinus 16; Collegeville, 6.
Saturday, April 22d, Ursinus 7; Phoenixville, 3.
Saturday, April 29th, Ursinus 3; Royersford, 20.
Saturday, May 6th, Ursinus 21; Mont Clare, 2.
Saturday, May 13th, Ursinus 6; Norristown Y. M. C. A., 5.
Saturday, May 20th, Ursinus 9; Penna. Military Academy, Chester Pa., 8.
Saturday, May 27th, Ursinus 13; Spring City 0.

The last three games in particular were brilliantly played by the home team,

both the first two being won in the ninth inning and the other being a whitewash for the opposing team.

THE SENIOR CLASS.

The Seniors have passed their final examinations and are now enjoying the benefit of the usual three weeks vacation before Commencement. The appointments for commencement have been announced as follows: Valedictorian, Whorten A. Kline; salutatorian, James M. S. Isenberg; philosophical oration, C. Edgar Reber; literary oration, Miss Lillian I. Rhoades; oration, Elias S. Noll; oration, W. George Welsh; oration, William U. Helffrich. The remaining members of the class are William H. Erb, Miss Sallie C. Hendricks, George A. Rohn, Miss Nora H. Shuler, Miss Sallie C. Tyson and Harvey A. Welker.

A LIBRARY FEE ESTABLISHED.

By the joint action of the Literary Societies and the general library committee, a fixed library fee has been established at the College. This step is highly commendable. Under the rules existing previous to this action almost any person could make use of the library, but when books were to be bought or rebound all did not share the expense thus incurred. Again, it is principally through the members of the Societies, Alumni, and members of the faculty that the library has been and is being built up. It is therefore no more than right that those who do not contribute toward the expenses and building up of the library, should be required to pay a fee for the use thereof. To this end the societies passed resolutions requesting the general library committee to make a rule that all persons who are not regular alumni or alumnae, or honorary members of the Literary Societies, or who are not members of the Faculty or Board of Directors, shall be required to pay an annual library fee of three dollars. As already

stated the general committee has taken this action and the rule is now in force.

EBRARD SOCIETY.

On Tuesday evening, May 2d, the Ebrard (German) Literary Society rendered the Marburg Controversy to a fair sized audience in the college chapel. The principal characters were as follows: Martin Luther, F. H. L. Witzel; Ulric Zwingli, Joseph Schmalenbach; Prince Philip, E. M. Fogel; Philip Melancthon, W. H. Erb; John Oecolampadius, W. U. Helffrich.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

G. W. Shellenberger, '95, attended the conference of Y. M. C. A. presidents at Carlisle, Pa., the last week in April.

The Cantatta of "Jephthah and his Daughter" was rendered in the chapel on Saturday evening, April 29th. It was under the direction of Rev. E. Clark Hibshman, '86, assisted by a number of prominent vocalists from Philadelphia and this community. It was well patronized and highly successful.

Dr. Good gave a lecture for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A., in Bomberger Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, April 25th. His subject was "The History of the Reformed Church." The lecture proved both interesting and instructive.

Elwood Middleton has left URSINUS for the season, and has already entered upon his work in Philadelphia as a Y. M. C. A. secretary. He expects to hold this position during vacation.

The lectures delivered during the current term before the Senior class on the Constitution of Pennsylvania, by J. A. Strassburger, Esq., A. M., were very well received. They were presented in a manner which showed that the lecturer was master of his subject. The Board did a wise thing when it established this course of lectures, and it is hoped that the day is not far distant when they

can see their way clear to establish courses which will bear upon other subjects untouched by the present curricula.

On Saturday evening, May 13th, the Silver Lake Quartette gave an entertainment in Bomberger Hall. The singing was of a high order of merit, and the address delivered by the Rev. Mr. Mead on "Temperance Work" bristled with good points. At the close of the exercises a silver collection was taken, amounting to \$26.50. A large audience was present.

Rev. James W. Meminger's lecture on "The Art of Conversation," in the College Chapel, on the evening of the 13th ultimo, was much enjoyed, the speaker handling his theme in his usual eloquent style. An appreciative audience was present and a fair amount was realized to swell the treasury of the Athletic Association.

"Mission Work in Japan" was the theme of an address in the Chapel by Rev. J. P. Moore, D. D., of Sendai, Japan, on Wednesday evening, April 12th. At the close of the service a liberal collection was taken for the missionary cause.

The base ball team has been photographed in a group.

Rev. Henry T. Spangler, A. M., professor of psychology, has been appointed a vice president in the Departmental Congress on Rational Psychology at the World's Fair.

During the past year the Zwinglian Society has made material advances. It has furnished its new hall, but has lacked means to supply minor deficiencies which would beautify and perfect its appearance. A new constitution has been printed and adopted and other necessary regulations have been made to help the Society and to meet its demands. The Society feels sorry to lose its Senior members, but is comforted by the old-time expression, "The best of friends must part."

The committee on revision of the Schaff constitution has completed its work and will put the manuscript into the hands of the printer at an early day.

Rev. Professors George W. Williard, D. D., LL. D., and H. T. Spangler, A. M., and F. G. Hobson, Esq., were among the delegates to the triennial sessions of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Reading, Pa.

The weddings of the following alumni have been announced: Harry W. Spare, '89, New York city, to Lillie Preston, '91, Philadelphia; and Harry E. Jones, '91, Easton, Pa., to Emma C. Kepler, of the same place. The BULLETIN extends its hearty congratulations.

CENTRAL INTER-COLLEGIATE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

THE Central Inter-collegiate Press Association met at the Colonnade Hotel, 15th and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, on Saturday, May 20th. The following journals were represented: "The Haverfordian," "College Student," "Lafayette," "Red and Blue," "Dickinsonian," URSINUS COLLEGE BULLETIN, "The Muhlenberg," "Bucknell University Mirror," "The Free Lance" and the "Pennsylvanian."

After routine business had been transacted the following papers were read: "Faculty Censorship of The College Press," Wm. A. Ford, "Dickinsonian;" "The Colleges at the World's Fair," W. F. Gilliman, "Free Lance;" "The Model Editorial Sanctum," J. M. S. Isenberg URSINUS COLLEGE BULLETIN; "Future Usefulness of the Association," Edwin Maxey, "Bucknell Mirror." T. W. Dickert, "College Student," was elected chairman of the executive committee in place of Wm. H. Jeffries, resigned. The next meeting of the Association will be held at Lancaster, Pa.

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.

ONE-SIXTEENTH of the students in American colleges are studying for the ministry.

The annual boat race between Oxford and Cambridge was won by Oxford by one and one-half boat lengths.

One hundred and twenty courses have been arranged for the Extension Department of the University of Chicago.

There are twenty-eight states and seventy-four colleges represented at the Princeton Theological Seminary.

The oldest living college graduate in America is James Hutchens of Philadelphia, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in the class of 1814.

The three men holding the highest standing in military drill at Yale, will receive a certificate equivalent to a diploma from West Point.

The trustees of Columbia have subscribed \$25,000 to the new botanical garden which is projected for New York City.

Professor Barnard, of Lick Observatory, who recently gained world-wide fame by discovering Jupiter's fifth moon, has accepted a call to Chicago University.

The University of Michigan has almost twice as many alumni as any other American educational institution. Harvard is second and Yale third.

A great stir was caused over the announcement that Harvard was to receive between \$2,000,000 and \$4,000,000 from a retired merchant. Further developments are awaited with no little interest.

At the State University of Iowa, the faculty has decided to choose the speakers for commencement on an oratorical basis. All those of the graduating class whose standing is above eighty-five per cent. may be contestants.

Denver University and Buchtel College are now governed by a faculty and senate,

the latter composed of students. This plan would greatly prevent the strife existing at some of our colleges, between instructors and those instructed.

The University of Chicago has decided to open its dormitories for the accommodation of the educational public during the World's Fair. Many institutions are planning to make the University their headquarters.

The Educational Exhibit at the Columbian Exposition will be in the south gallery of the Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building. The space assigned to it amounts to 175,000 square feet. According to the Chicago *Herald*, each state will receive a definite amount of space for its public school exhibit.

At Amherst there have been organized a series of new Bible classes to study the life of Christ chronologically. The members meet by sections, and the heads of all the sections are to be under the instruction of Professor James McConaughy, of Mt. Hermon. A series of daily prayer meetings, also, on the plan so successful at Princeton, was inaugurated with an attendance of sixteen.

Harvard is every day refuting the charge that she is the rich man's college. The majority of her students are of moderate means, and there are more opportunities for aid than at any other university. Now that the money has been given for the statue of Phillips Brooks it is proposed to erect a building for religious and social uses to be situated in the college yard at Cambridge, and to be called Brooks House. The construction of this building will cost \$100,000.

THIS ISSUE OF THE "BULLETIN" HAS BEEN HELD BACK SO THAT THE FULL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR COMMENCEMENT MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN IT. THE JUNE NUMBER WILL NOT APPEAR UNTIL THE LAST WEEK OF THE MONTH AND WILL CONTAIN A COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF THE APPROACHING FESTIVITIES.