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THE bright, warm summer months have gone. During this time we were wandering perhaps amid some mountain scenery or along old ocean's shores. We sought health, strength, zeal, and inspiration for the work of the year. No doubt we all found them, and were made to look forward with as much pleasure to the September meeting as we did to the June vacation. The pleasure of this meeting, the greeting of old and new friends, is past and we are now fairly settled down to our year's work. As the editing and publishing of the BULLETIN is a part of that work, we wish to remind the students,

Alumni and Faculty of their duty to the BULLETIN. It is your paper and its success depends upon you. Give us, then, your hearty co-operation. As editors, we shall try to represent you in the college world and among the friends and patrons of URSINUS. Your friendly criticism as well as your literary articles of merit will be very acceptable. And as we need financial support, please renew your own subscription and assist us in getting others. You will thus give us the encouragement and support which we ought to have and must have, if the BULLETIN is to be a continued success.

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It is encouraging to note the religious activity that is being manifested by the students of all departments. The attendance at Y. M. C. A. meetings has increased forty per cent., notwithstanding the fact that the Seminarians are now holding their own meetings. Not only do the students attend these meetings, but they also exercise great freedom in participating in them. Then, again, students belong to the Young Peoples' Societies of C. E. at St. Luke's and Trinity, and take an active part there. We believe the cause of this activity to be due to a great extent to the encouragement and co-operation given by the Faculty.

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The action of the Board of Directors in making all studies in English obligatory is certainly commendable. Such action is proof that the Board is cognizant of the trend of American colleges on the question of the English language in their curricula. As Americans we are

an essentially English speaking people, and, since our leaders in thought and action are college-bred men, it is very evident that our colleges should not lag in a matter that will do so much toward unity in our national life.

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Hebrew is now one of the Senior electives, and all those having the ministry in view, eight in number, have chosen it. It is no less important than Greek, and if it is desirable to be able to read Greek intelligently before entering the Seminary, it is certainly as desirable to be at least well grounded in the principles of the Hebrew language. No thoughtful person will doubt this, because the man who enters the Seminary should be able to enter at once upon the exegesis of the Old, as well as the New Testament. We can all heartily welcome our Alma Mater's advance in this respect.

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There is one thing that every URSINUS man should seek to foster, and that is, true college spirit. We now have fine buildings, a beautiful campus, and a good corps of instructors, but there is a lack of interest on the part of many students as to the welfare of the college. They take a great interest in their class or society, but when it comes to the College itself they are not concerned—that is something altogether foreign to them. They overlook the fact that the College is above class or society, and that its success means corresponding success for class and society. Let us then subject class and society spirit to College spirit, and assist in its development by taking an active interest in all organizations representing the student body.

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A very prevalent error among students, and indeed we may say among all persons, is that of giving incorrect definitions. Invariably we begin to define a thing by

giving a synonym or a negative of its opposites, and very often its own negative. Such defining amounts to nothing. That definition alone is correct which gives the essential marks and embraces neither more or less than the thing it seeks to explain. This power of correct definition can be acquired only by a thorough study of words, whereby we become free from common and meaningless expressions, and are able to use fresh and forcible terms with fine discrimination. Several consultations held daily, and even hourly, with Noah Webster will bring the desired result.

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NEWS ABOUT COLLEGE.

OPENING OF THE FALL TERM.

The Fall term was inaugurated in the new Bomberger Memorial Hall on September 5th. The improvement over the former contracted quarters was so evident that a smile of satisfaction lit up every countenance as we took our places. The spacious recitation rooms are indeed more than we need at present, but we hope to grow. Our youth is upon us and we are looking to manhood. Like every good mother we make the garments a little larger than required in order to give

more room for the future. The number of new faces was also cheering and the additions to the several departments upwards of forty. The Theological Department has the largest number on its roll of any time in its history. The building is now fully completed, with boiler house in the rear and stand-pipe for the water arrangements in good working order.

The grounds around the building are undergoing a delightful transformation, and are a pleasure to behold. The campus will be scarcely recognized by the old students of former years who have not yet paid us a visit. The old buildings will be used for the Academy and dormitories. The north wing will be given to the theologians, the east wing to the collegians and the main building to the academics. While taking pride in our new surroundings we do not intend to forget the old recitation rooms where we tugged and wrestled with problems and principles for twenty years. We did faithful work in those rooms, and the men who went from them are making as good marks upon the world as ever they made upon the blackboards. If the future generations of our boys and girls do as well as those who have already gone forth we ought to be satisfied. It is not the fine building nor the reputation of great names in the Faculty that make a college. It is the hard-working, faithful student who prepares himself for work in life and sheds lustre upon the college that sends him forth.

But with the inspiration derived from pleasant surroundings, and these always have some effect, we ought to rise to a higher plane of culture and educational progress. Let us see and follow the kind hand that waves to us to follow, and to reach the hills of higher aspirations and greater progress.

NEW PROFESSORS AND TEACHERS.

Some additions have been made to the

Faculty this year. The place of Prof. Balliet as Principal of the Academic Department is taken by the Rev. C. B. Alspach, of Chalfont, Pa. He has had experience as a teacher, and was a successful preacher and pastor. The place of Prof. Wheeler, who goes to a desirable position in Drexel Institute, is given to Prof. S. H. Phillips, of Durham, Pa. Both of these are young men, just starting in their career as teachers, and both with bright prospects before them. Prof. Phillips is a graduate of URSINUS, of the class of 1885. He was first honor man, and in mathematics took all the optional studies. He was also a tutor for a while. In honoring our own men we honor the college, and encourage those that remain. Prof. Schade is a German, well educated, and was elected by the Board to the Professorship of History and Cognate Branches. He is, at present, teaching also some Latin. His daughter, Miss Gertrude Schade, has charge of the Art Department. Miss Mary Wiest, who takes the place of Miss Park in music, is also a graduate of URSINUS, taking her degree in 1885. She is an accomplished musician, and cannot fail to give satisfaction to her pupils, infusing her own enthusiasm and fine musical taste into those under her tuition. These are all at work with the exception of Prof. Alspach, who is ill. His studies are distributed among the professors and teachers until his return in the near future. In full blast, may we have a prosperous and pleasant term.

Y. M. C. A. NEWS.

THE RECEPTION.

On Saturday evening, September 24th, the Y. M. C. A. of the College gave a reception in the Chapel to the new students of the Fall term. This was the first reception held in Bomberger Memorial Hall by the Y. M. C. A. The weather

being fair a large number of students and friends were present.

The following programme was rendered:

PART I.

Selection,	- - -	Laros Family
Address of Welcome,	- - -	Prof. H. T. Spangler
Piano Solo,	- - -	Miss Mary Wiest
Recitation,	- - -	Miss Grace Gristock

PART II.

Vocal Solo,	- - -	Miss Lillian Rhoades
Recitation,	- - -	Miss Sallie Tyson
Piano Duet, {	- - -	Miss Sallie Hendricks
	- - -	Miss Ida Robison

QUARTETTE.

Mr. E. F. Wiest,	Mr. F. R. Wertz
Mr. J. H. Watts,	Mr. W. G. Welsh

After the rendition of the programme all were invited to repair to the Examination Hall.

The chairs and benches were tastefully arranged in groups in different parts of the room. Refreshments were now served by the Committee, assisted by the members of the Olevian Literary Society:

The reception was a success, and the Association feels grateful to those who took part in the programme, as well as to those who assisted in other ways to make the event a pleasant one.

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OTHER ITEMS.

During the summer vacation the old college chapel underwent a great change. One-half of it was cut up into rooms for the use of students, the other half was divided into two apartments for the use of the Y. M. C. A. Of these latter the smaller one will be used as a reading room, in which will be found religious periodicals, scientific journals, daily papers, and a reference library.

Mr. Gilbert A. Beaver, one of the Secretaries of the State Y. M. C. A., paid URSINUS a pleasant visit on the 29th of September. He was looking up the

interests of the College Association, and wished it to send a large delegation to the State Convention, which will be held at Germantown in October.

The weekly prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening.

There has been a remarkable increase in attendance, which is doubtless due to the large accession of new students.

SEMINARY NOTES.

Every Friday evening the Seminarians hold a prayer meeting in the Y. M. C. A. room. The new movement is generally thought to be a good one. Messrs Kehl, Yost and Medd constitute the Executive Committee, whose business it is to appoint a leader for each meeting.

During the last few Sundays the following Seminarians were called upon to fill pulpits:

Mr. H. E. Jones, Sunday, September 11th and 25th, St. Paul's Reformed Church, Freeland, Pa.

Mr. B. B. Royer, Sunday evening September 18th, St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Pa., and Sunday, September 25th, Calvary Reformed Church, Reading, Pa.

Mr. P. E. Heimer, Sunday, September 18th, St. Mark's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa.

Mr. E. C. Sult, Sunday, September 18th, Reformed Church, Prospectville, Pa.

Mr. Marsby Roth, Sunday, September 25th, St. Mark's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa.

Mr. Frank H. Fisher, Sunday, September 25th, Bethany Chapel, Reading, Pa.

Mr. Edward F. Wiest, Sunday evening, September 25th, assisted in the Children's Day exercises at Reformed Church, Skippack, Pa.

Messrs Bleiler and Wiest are conducting services at the Almshouse every Sunday afternoon.

Mr. I. F. Wagner is assisting Mr. Jesse String in Calvary Mission, Philadelphia.

LOCAL ATHLETICS.

As the leaves begin to fall and the frost hardens the ground, the boys of URSINUS draw themselves into their rooms as the turtles, and stay there until the Spring calls them forth again.

Base-ball is the only sport in which a large number of the boys engage. It is a warm weather game and therefore stops as soon as winter sets in.

If there was a gymnasium attached to the College the boys could, by judicious and light exercise, keep their muscles hardened and trained during the winter, so that the spring would find them with a true eye and a strong arm for our national game.

But as practice makes perfect and training makes athletes, so the absence of these conditions brings about the opposite of perfection.

We are advised not to indulge in violent exercise.

As walking is the only form of exercise we have which is not violent, we must confine ourselves to that or throw away the advice.

A sound mind in a sound body ensures a good student, and steps should be taken to make each man at URSINUS the happy possessor of both from September 1st to June 25th.

THE BOARDING CLUBS.

The boarding clubs of last year are still in existence, and in a flourishing condition.

They are under the same managers as during '91-'92.

Mr. Bleiler, T. D., is steering the "Perkiomen," while Welsh, '93, is manager for the "Ursinus" Club.

The Perkiomen Club is limited as to numbers, and therefore has but sixteen members as heretofore.

The Ursinus Club has larger facilities, and therefore can accommodate more. It has thirty-three members at present, and room for others.

The rate of board in the Perkiomen Club has remained about the same, while that of the Ursinus Club has decreased.

Mrs. Koons has been re-engaged to cook for the Perkiomen Club, while Mrs. Kennedy officiates in the Ursinus kitchen.

Long live the boarding clubs.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Two subscriptions of \$1000 each toward the liquidation of the debt remaining on Bomberger Memorial Hall came just in time to add to the enthusiasm with which the new college year was inaugurated. Mrs. Keely and Mrs. Acker, both of Chester county, and both among the warmest and most generous friends of URSINUS for some years, were responsible for these liberal contributions. They have set a noble example for the imitation of others throughout '92-'93.

Professor Charles H. Wheeler will be followed by many kindly recollections in his new work at the Drexel Institute, Philadelphia. URSINUS loses a good man in him and the great Quaker City charity gains one.

Three students of URSINUS—Harry Fogleman, Fred Smith and R. B. Rodgers—recently walked from Collegeville to Norristown in one hour and twenty minutes and returned in one hour and fifteen minutes—a total distance of fifteen miles in two hours and thirty-five minutes.

A very close and interesting game of base ball was played on Saturday afternoon, September 17th on the college base ball grounds, between the Collegeville nine and a picked nine from URSINUS. The game ended in favor of URSINUS with a score of 5 to 4.

Rev. E. M. Landis, a former member of the Faculty, now of Lynden, Michigan, visited Collegeville during the summer with his wife, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Hamer. It was their first trip East for four years. Mr. Landis has a flourishing charge at Lynden.

Rev. James I. Good, D. D. and Rev. George W. Williard, D. D., LL. D., of URSINUS were included in the list of delegates to the recent Reformed Alliance at Toronto Canada. The late President Bomberger was also in the list. His place was taken by Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., of Lancaster.

Rev. J. C. Leonard, of Lexington, N. C., has entered the third-year class of the Theological Department.

The lady members of the Junior Class spent part of their vacation in company at Atlantic City.

Miss Ida Robinson, formerly of '93, visited her class during September.

Davis, '90, Girard College, was the guest of Hicks, '95, recently.

Horter, T. D., Rohrbaugh, '94, and Long, '94, have been elected to the Glee Club.

Mayne R. Longstreth, Esq., '90, attended the Y. M. C. A. reception.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

ZWINGLIAN.

The Zwinglian Society is in a prosperous condition. It has moved into its new quarters on the west side of Bomberger Memorial Hall, which affords ample room for oratorical display. The hall has been partly furnished according to modern taste and comfort, and with the help of ex-members and friends it can be made pleasant and home-like.

SCHAFF.

The Schaff Literary Society began the work of the year under very bright prospects. A large number of new members

were initiated, and much zeal and interest is being manifested by all. The debates have been excellent, and the miscellaneous exercises very fair. The attendance has been prompt, regular, and full.

The new hall is being fitted up and by the time this issue of the BULLETIN is out all will be in order.

G. A. Stauffer, '94, was elected Junior member of the Library Committee.

J. M. S. Isenberg, '93, W. F. Longacre, '95, A. J. Walter, '96, H. H. Hartman, '94, and G. A. Stauffer, '94, were elected Trustees.

OLEVIAN.

The present officers of the Olevian Society are as follows, viz:—President, Evelyn Bechtel; Vice President, Ida Hallman; Recording Secretary, Lillian Rhoades; Corresponding Secretary, Anna Phipps; Editress, Nora Schuler; Treasurer, Sallie Hendricks; Chaplain, Sallie Tyson; Critic, Anna Shupe.

Although the membership of the Society is small during the Fall term of the College, yet the meetings are kept up regularly and with considerable interest every Thursday afternoon. Two new members have been elected, Mira Johnson and Miss Ida Hallman, Class of '96.

Miss Havilah J. Curdy, Class of '92, recently gave up a Secretaryship which she held in New York, in order to accept the Professorship of English in St. Paul's Normal College, at Lawrenceville, Virginia, a position more in keeping with her tastes, and for which she is specially fitted.

Miss Anna Bechtel, one of the most active members of the Society, will leave us for a time, as she has accepted the position of teacher of one of our county public schools. We have reason to believe Miss Bechtel will succeed admirably in her chosen profession.

Miss Lillie Preston, class of '91 is in the second year of special training as a professional nurse in the Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, and seems to be enjoying her studies and work. No doubt when she shall have completed her course she will command honorable and remunerative work.

GENERAL TOPICS.

ON THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW YEAR.

[The opening address of the Fall term 1892-'93, delivered before the Faculty and students of URSINUS COLLEGE by President Henry W. Super, D. D., LL. D., Thursday, September 6th, 1892.]

Professor Peters was designated to deliver the opening address for this term. Owing to illness he was unable to prepare it, and I take advantage of the occasion to offer some remarks.

We congratulate professors and students on their safe return to the work of the College. The ranks of the Faculty are now full, with the exception of Prof. Alspach, who has been detained by illness. We extend to him our warm sympathy and prayer for his recovery and appearance at his post. We welcome the new professors, Reverends Schade and Phillips, who come well recommended and equipped for their work, and will lend their valuable aid and presence to the institution. We heartily welcome the large accession of new students, who make their appearance for the first time, and urge you to feel at home with us, and to feel great pleasure in your studies and surroundings.

We begin our work, for the first time, in our new and splendid Hall. Here we have far superior accommodations to those we had in the old buildings. The recitation rooms are large and ample. The furniture new and superior. The building is heated by steam and lighted by gas. We have the best college building in the church.

With these facilities we ought to do good work. What is good work for a student? We must have diligence and application. The student must feel that he has a high and honorable work to do. He must take pride in the fact that he is a member of the College; that he enjoys unusual privileges, and is charged with important duties; that he is fitting and qualifying himself for life's work, and that on the manner in which he works will depend the whole of his future life, his character and standing among his fellow students, in society, in the profession or occupation to which he gives himself. This consideration should lead him to devote his whole time to his studies; to rise early and get at his books; to study late, but not too late at night. Some can do their best work in the evening; others in the morning. Let each select the best hours and give as many as possible to study. You are here only for a comparatively short time. Make the best of it, and make it tell upon your progress and mental discipline. Lay out your plans for the future. Make your aims high. Devote your lives to noble ends and holy purposes, and make the result equal to your efforts.

Cultivate a cheerful temper and pleasant demeanor. There are many things to try the patience and provoke the mind of the student. He has his trials and vexations like other people. He meets with provocations and tricks that try his temper. The best way to meet these is not by retaliation and revenge, but to meet them with complacency and smiles. Go ahead with your work and attend to your duties, and these annoyances will vanish like mist before the gentle breeze. Let every one treat his fellow-students with courtesy and respect. Let a spirit of brotherhood and good-fellowship prevail among our students as engaged in a good work and a common cause, and in this way your intercourse will be

pleasant and your residence agreeable and profitable.

Let a religious spirit prevail among our students. Not only is the intellect to be drilled and strengthened by discipline. The moral and religious affections are not less to be cultivated and improved. Look around you. Who are the most prosperous men; the most successful men; the happiest men; the most useful men? They are also the religious men who have perfected a well balanced character by the aid of divine grace. Let each work for his own salvation and the salvation of others. Improve your opportunities by regular attendance upon church and Bible class. You have noticed the fine quarters that have been fitted up for the Y. M. C. A. Here you cannot fail to feel comfortable and take new interest in the work. Draw others along with you, and water others as you draw from the streams. Let the new students unite with one of the Literary Societies of the College. You will find not only pleasant social converse, but literary exercises that develop the taste and promote mental culture.

Take *gentle* exercise. We emphasize the word *gentle*. Much of the exercise taken by students is too violent. When it overstrains the muscles and overheats the body it does more harm than good. Some of the games are so violent that they often result in broken limbs and permanent disease. While athletics are beneficial, when practiced with moderation, as usually pursued they endanger life and limb, and by violent contrast between heat and excitement on one hand and exposure to draught and damp ground on the other, destroy the proper equilibrium of the circulation, leaving colds and lung complaints in their track. Intercollegiate and foreign matches, in our opinion, are not advisable. They consume valuable time; waste money; produce violent commotion; rouse the passions; lead to

disputing, swearing, and sometimes to fighting. Let your games be of that gentle character which will develop the muscles, but not destroy the calmness and placidity of the mind. The proper intent of exercise is health. Games for rivalry and ambition lose sight of health, tear the mind with distraction and the muscles with violence.

Be systematic in the arrangement of your study hours, books and recreations. Be punctual in your appointments. The student who has learned to be punctual has learned one of the most important lessons. "Punctum" to the point. Keep to the point in speed, engagements, duties of every kind. Give attention to reading. You have books in the library on all topics, use them to be well informed in general knowledge. Use your spare hours for acquiring useful information.

Be courteous and refined in your manners. Education must not be confined to books. The great interests of society must assert their claims. Be gentlemen in your intercourse with the busy world. Study human nature and win the hearts of others by a pleasing address. Avoid everything which is vulgar and disorderly, as unworthy of yourselves and the institution.

Be obedient to your teachers. They are placed in authority over you. They know more than you know. They are fitted by their learning and experience to be your guides. Come to us for advice and counsel. We desire to have your confidence. We are here to help you and do for you what we can. We are your friends. We are not here to exercise domination with sour looks and arbitrary acts. We desire to make your residence here as pleasant and comfortable as possible. We come near and invite your inquiries in every time of trouble and perplexity.

Persevere in your work. Do not ex-

pect too much in a short time. The hill is long and steep. Take step by step. See yonder locomotive moving up the grade. It puffs and blows. It seems ready to give up and stop. But it gathers up a fresh supply of steam. It strains its iron muscles. Its wheels revolve, and the long train with its valuable freight moves steadily on. It is not on the down grade with flying colors. It is doing its hard but best work. Presently it reaches the summit, and with screaming whistle it proclaims its work finished. As your day so your strength will be. Work while the day is beaming.

A TENDENCY OF THE TIMES.

The number of students who wear glasses is increasing. A large percentage of the pupils in the public schools are appearing on the streets with their books in their bags, and spectacles on their noses. The same holds true of the students in our colleges. They are hardly in the Freshman class before the inevitable glasses must be resorted to in order to discern the writing on the blackboards. The chief and common complaint in this case is myopy or short-sightedness. This disease is largely produced by overstudy at night. Gas, electricity and oil are by no means equal to sunlight for the eye. The natural and proper light for the eye is daylight. Why should students lose the bright and joyful rays of the morning and substitute for these the dim imperfect light of the study lamp requiring a constant strain of the eye upon the page to see the print. This is particularly the case when there are figures and diagrams as in mathematics. Here the hard thinking required leads the student, unconsciously to himself, to pour over the figures with a constrained stare which exhausts the nervous power of the eye and produces the weakness which invites disease. The hard strain and con-

stant use of the eye over a book shortens the focal distance to that in which a book is usually held until that distance becomes fixed and unchanged. Let students be children of the day, using as much as they can of the glorious light of the sun, and returning at a reasonable hour to give repose to their weary eyes and to fit and qualify them for the work of the coming day. Above all save them from the ugly spectacles which disfigure the face and are lost at the time you want them.

FROM GRACE TO SILENCE.

"O hour of all hours, the most blessed upon earth,
Blessed hour of our dinners!"

If we may believe anything that the versatile French philosophers have said, we may believe this, that the perfection of man and his species depends upon attention to diet, and that we live not by what we eat but by what we digest. This may be taken in two different ways. While the articles of diet we put into our mouths nourish our physical being, the ideas which we at the same time, put into our minds, sustain the mental life. Thus there is a close relation between the two, the true value of which is not often considered.

In every college where the boarding department is connected with the school, the dining room in all its relations, is of more interest than the Students' Parlor, and the table talk is more of a social educator than the "social" conversations themselves. Here one shows himself for what he is, whether he is generous or selfish, cultured or uncultured, cheerful or morose. It is a good place to grind the rough corners off one's conversational abilities, and to smooth out the wrinkles induced by obstinate geometrical figures or the irregularities of French or German verbs.

One of the greatest aids to good digestion, as well as to a successful meal, is cheerful conversation. This might be easy to attain if every one possessed an even temper, and the surroundings were always of the most congenial, but it is difficult to arrange this in a company of two or three hundred students, for there are many types to be considered. There are the lively and gay, as well as the sedate and serious, the one who talks much and says little, as well as the one who talks little and says much. There is the one who hectors the entire table, until even the dishes look apologetic, and on the other hand the one who is so pious that he seems to ask pardon of the food for taking the liberty of eating it. With such diversified surroundings, the first thing to cultivate is a charitable disposition, a willingness to be listener as well as talker, to take every one at his best and to encourage the interesting in each, whether he be a Prep. or a magnificent Senior.

Students should conduct themselves as guests rather than boarders. Even in institutions where table courtesy ranks very high there may always be found some things arising from the routine of the table life that can be profitably considered with a view to improvement. For instance, the irrisistance with which the bill of fare intrudes itself as the sole topic of conversation, looks like the total depravity of inanimate things. One can scarcely form a correct idea of the unlimited resources of conversation, wise and otherwise, that lie concealed in an innocent looking platter of hash or in a mince-pie. From "silence" to tooth-picks the articles of diet are not only literally but conversationally torn into fragments. They are thoroughly dissected in every manner possible. Complimented, reviled, laughed at, sneered at, joked with, until no matter how palatable or appetizing a meal may be, or how large a prospective

appreciation one may bring to the table, before he reaches the desert he is entirely persuaded that the menu is a delusion and a snare, and that college living is altogether a vanity and vexation, not the less of spirit than of digestive organisms.

The absurdity of all this abuse treading so closely on the heels of "grace" seems never to occur to any one. With a long face and a pious air each bows his head, but no sooner is the "for these and all His mercies let us be thankful," out of his mind, if indeed it was ever there, than he proceeds with more wit than reverence to place these same mercies in a category where they are not usually found.

Then we may say, that it is not so much the quality of the food as the circumstances under which one eats it, that makes him happy; that an enjoyable meal does not depend so much on the bill of fare as on one's own disposition. Therefore be cheerful and gay, kind-hearted and charitable. Cultivate a receptiveness of the ideas of others, rather than a desire to air your own opinions, and above all be profoundly thankful for "such gifts as the Gods provide."—*Earlhamite.*

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

PERSONALS.

[Alumni and others can render a service by sending items of interest for this column. All such items, to receive prompt attention, must be addressed to URSINUS COLLEGE BULLETIN, Collegeville, Montgomery County, Pa.]

76. Rev. George S. Sorber, of Watsontown, Pennsylvania, joined with his people in a pleasant celebration during the past summer. The occasion was the twenty-fifth anniversary of Trinity Church at Watsontown, and it was highly successful in every particular. Rev. James I. Good, D.D., and Mr. J. Hunter Watts, '94, of URSINUS, together with Rev. D. W. Ebbert, '75, participated

in the exercises, which began July 21st and ended on the 24th.

'76. Rev. H. J. Welker, of the Tulpehocken charge, Berks county, has changed his post-office address from Stouchsburg to Cocena, Pa.

'77. Rev. John H. Bomberger, of Columbiana, Ohio, delivered one of the leading addresses at the Fourth Annual Convention of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in September.

'84. Rev. Henry A. Bomberger, of Heidelberg Reformed Church, York, Pennsylvania, recently received and declined a call to Grace Reformed Church, Tiffin, Ohio.

'84. Rev. James W. Meminger's congregation at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is honored with this year's sessions of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

'85. Rev. S. L. Messinger, of the Blain charge, Perry county, relinquished his duties at that place during the summer and located in the Pleasantville charge, Bucks county, where he follows Rev. Charles B. Alspach, '90, of URSINUS. Mr. Messinger's pastorate at Blain covered a period of five and one-half years and was rich in good results. A summary of what was done by him in this time is as follows:—Sermons preached (not including funeral discourses) 715; new members 216; baptisms 203; marriages 38; funerals 91; catechetical lectures 240.

'85. Rev. James B. May, formerly of Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, was installed pastor of the Bangor charge, Pennsylvania, consisting of two congregations, about the middle of June last.

'85. Rev. Joseph L. Murphy, of Hickory, North Carolina, was honored with the election to the Presidency of Claremont College in that state several months ago. A local paper speaking of this institution says:

“An efficient and complete faculty will be employed, and the school will continue to be run as a high grade institution of learning for young ladies.”

'86. Rev. E. Clark Hibshman, of Trappe, attended the sessions of the Reformed Alliance at Toronto, Canada, making the trip the occasion for a somewhat extended vacation tour of many points of interest in the Dominion.

'87. Rev. William A. Korn, of Longswamp, Berks county, has accepted a call to the Bridgewater charge, Virginia, made vacant by the prolonged illness of Rev. A. R. Thompson, '79. He has already begun his labors in this promising field.

'87. Thaddeus S. Krause, Esq., of Philadelphia, was bereaved during September by the death of his father, a leading physician of Buck county.

'87. Walter Bomberger has been engaged in business in Philadelphia for several months.

'88. Rev. Albert S. Bromer, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, having received an urgent call to Grace Church, Philadelphia, has accepted and taken up his duties in the Quaker City.

'89. Rev. Wilson Delaney, of Bethel Reformed Church, Philadelphia, paid a short visit to Ireland, his native country, during the past summer.

'89. Rev. O. H. E. Rauch has been pastor of the First Reformed Church at Royersford, Pennsylvania, since June last and in the intervening time, under his untiring efforts this infant congregation has given excellent evidences of substantial progress. On Saturday, September 18th, it laid the corner-stone of what promises to be a neat and attractive house of worship.

'89. Rev. H. A. I. Benner has resigned the pastorate of the Hill charge, Berks county, and accepted a call to Freeland, Luzerne county, where he will be the successor of Rev. E. A. Miller,

'89. Rev. Samuel P. Stauffer, late of Union Seminary, visited friends at URSINUS recently.

'90. Rev. Harvey E. Kilmer, of Myerstown, Pennsylvania, begins the work of his chosen calling in the Mt. Olivet charge, Ohio, his address being North Lima in that State. During the summer Mr. Kilmer took a course in elocution at Martyn College, Washington, D. C.

'90. Granville H. Meixell, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, who holds the degree of M. A. for post-graduate work at Vanderbilt University, Tennessee, is now Acting-Professor of Belles Lettres and History and German in Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio.

'91. Rev. Henry Tesnow is laboring actively and successfully in Messiah Mission, 9th street and Snyder avenue, Philadelphia, which organized late in the spring with thirty-three members, and has been growing encouragingly since then. The Sunday-school now numbers over 200. Mr. Tesnow was formally installed in the the field on Thursday evening, July 7th, by a committee of Philadelphia classis consisting of Rev. J. H. Sechler, D. D., Rev. J. Crawford, D. D., and Prof. G. Stibitz, Ph. D., the last named member preaching the sermon.

'92. Ira L. Bryner is instructor in Latin and Greek at the Shippensburg State Normal School. John T. Wagner is among this year's list of students at the Law School of Michigan University. Miss Havilah J. Curdy (as referred to in another column) is Professor of the English Language and Literature and History in St. Paul's Normal College, Virginia.

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.

Eleven Presidents of the United States were college graduates.

Washington College in Virginia, has educated 37 Governors, 8 United States Senators and 31 College Presidents.

One hundred and twenty-five scholarships, yielding a total of \$28,000 are annually going to needy students at Harvard.

Of the three thousand students enrolled at the University of Berlin, eight hundred are Americans.

The average expenses of the class of '92 at Yale for the course were \$1000 a year.

There will be a convention of the classes of '93 from all American colleges at the World's Fair at Chicago.

About 4000 of the 65,000 students in American colleges are preparing for the ministry.

The University of Pennsylvania has students enrolled from every State and territory in the Union, and from twenty-eight foreign countries.

At John Hopkins an examination in gymnastics is required of the undergraduates before a degree is conferred.

The best endowed college in this country is Columbia, with \$9,000,000; Harvard is second, with a fund of \$8,000,000.

It is said that Senator Stanford has made his will leaving \$120,000,000 to the Stanford University.

The post-graduate courses at Yale leading to the degree of Ph. D., will be opened to all students next year, without distinction of sex. In making this movement Yale takes the lead of the great universities of this country.

Dickinson's Law School opened this year with an attendance of forty.

Through the munificence of a friend a fund of \$20,000, yielding an income of \$1200 a year has been placed at the disposal of the library of Haverford College. This addition will enable the Faculty of the college to spend about \$4000 a year on this department.

The new Mechanical Arts Laboratory

of the Pennsylvania State College will cost over \$200,000.

The Pittsburg Synod of the Reformed Church has elected Rev. William Ruff, D. D., pastor of the Reformed Church at Myersdale, Pa., to fill the chair in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, which is being endowed by that body. The new professor will probably not begin his work until next fall.

“Foot-ball is the all-absorbing topic at Princeton just now. Every student who has any self-respect is to be found every day, rain or shine, on the Varsity grounds when the team practices at noon. The rest of the day, between lectures and in their rooms at night, the men discuss the playing, criticise the work done and build hopes for the future. And yet, in spite of the engrossing nature of this subject, the students find time to interest themselves in other things.”—*Ex.* (May we be permitted to assume that the “other things” here referred to include some small portion of the Princeton curricula?—*ED.*)

Harvard has 402 in this year's Freshman class. There is a large increase in students in all departments of the University, so that the number reaches 3000.

Dr. Magill, of Swarthmore was in Paris all summer in behalf of the department of French in that college.

Dr. Edmund Morris Hyde, Professor of Latin and Greek at Lehigh was also abroad during the long vacation, returning in time to resume his work at the opening of the new college year.

The following table shows the different State Universities with the dates and the order of their founding :

Pennsylvania	1775	Delaware	1834
North Carolina	1789	Michigan	1837
Vermont	1791	Missouri	1839
Tennessee	1794	Iowa	1847
Georgia	1801	Mississippi	1848
South Carolina	1801	Wisconsin	1848
Ohio	1804	Louisiana	1853
Virginia	1825	Kentucky	1858
Indiana	1828	Kansas	1861
Alabama	1831	West Virginia	1867

Illinois	1868	Colorado	1875
Arkansas	1868	Oregon	1876
Minnesota	1868	Texas	1881
California	1869	Florida	1883
Nebraska	1869	Dakota	1883
Nevada	1874	Montana	1884

EXCHANGES.

The newly-elected Exchange Editor will assume his duties with an unbiased and friendly feeling toward all institutions of learning. He will also endeavor to make the Exchange Department interesting and instructive, without giving offense to anyone.

To accomplish this requires the best judgment and the keenest discrimination; hence no energy on the editor's part shall be spared to discharge these weighty responsibilities. He shall represent facts as they are and give due respect to all. In offering criticisms and comments, he shall present something that needs recognition. Insignificant and hypothetical statements will not be recognized.

The chief aim of this department shall be to strengthen the fellowship and good will which now exists between the BULLETIN and its many exchanges and thus to prepare the way for a close union and warmer friendship. So, “with charity for all and malice toward none,” the editor will take his chair to write for the next issue.

The Commencement Herald appeared later than was intended, through unavoidable causes, but it has everywhere received commendations and flattering notices. The Christian World in its issue of August 13th, says of it:

“We have received a copy of the Ursinus Commencement Herald for 1892. This is an elegant number with cover printed in gold and colors. It contains the addresses on the dedication of Bomberger Memorial Hall. Besides the interesting reading matter it also contains

excellent portraits of President Super, Dr. Williard, Dr. Bomberger and Robert Patterson, together with a fine cut of the Memorial Hall. It is by far the best commencement herald we have ever seen.

MISCELLANEOUS CLIPPINGS.

MANLY MEN.

If there was ever a time in the history of the world when the peculiar condition of affairs made necessary the practice of manly virtues that time is to-day. It is a source of congratulation that this need is so widely recognized, and that so many manly men are to be found everywhere, doing the work they can and ought to do for the world, as well as for themselves. All communities that have many such examples of clean men are enviable; all that lack them suffer loss, in one way and another.

Young men, especially, ought to give heed to the demand their age makes upon them for the help to be derived from the exercise of principles of probity and purity. In a college community, where there is a gathering of the good, bad, and indifferent, a man cannot afford to descend to babyish actions, or to express contemptible sentiments, or to play the sneak and coward.

And this, not for his own sake alone, but for the sake of all his associates and fellows. Nothing is ever gained, in the regard and esteem of undergraduates, Faculty, or Alumni, by the display of a spirit of low, unmanly spite, that vents itself in the use of methods that are fit only for the most debased of scoundrelly human beings. There is no support possible for such deeds. The American college is not the place for the exhibition of any such feelings,—for the presence of such caricatures on manly men. The counterfeits in character and manhood cannot disguise the lack of the real article

by any outward show of brilliant classroom work, or society attainments. The sooner such fellows find their level the better will it be for all about them, and there will be possible doubt as to the proper classification of these questionable human somethings, either in the National Census Bureau, or in any other locality! The occasional exhibitions of a most contemptible spirit in any college community are not an unmixed evil, perhaps, if they serve to brand indelibly the possessors thereof, so that speedy measures may be taken to prevent further outbreak. Let us have manly men in every College.—*Ec.*

COLLEGE AFFABILITY.

There is hardly anything that will bind the students of a college more closely together in friendship than a readiness of conversing with and entertaining those whom they daily meet in the class room, the college halls, or on the campus. Such courtesy will not only tend to make the four years which the majority of them spend in study, perhaps the most pleasant period of their lives, but it may also be very profitable as well.

By going to college students certainly have to sacrifice something in being deprived of the pleasure of living with their parents, and of associating among relatives and friends. It is therefore very desirable that they treat each other in the most pleasing manner in order to offset those pleasures which they are obliged to sacrifice while pursuing their studies. On the other hand a sneer or an insolent expression to a fellow student is not only liable to cause disruption of a temporary friendship, but at the same time it may be an obstacle in the way of securing a desired position at some future day, and even dollars and cents may be involved in the case.

It is a generally admitted fact that col-

lege graduates as a rule exert a great influence in their respective localities. Consequently their course and relations towards each other may be the deciding point whether they shall rise to prominence and great usefulness, be moderately successful, or dwindle down to obscurity. It may happen that in their journey through life a recommendation from a friend will be of paramount importance to them in furthering their own interests. They therefore cannot afford to incur the prejudice of anyone on account of some trivial affair.—*Ex.*

SPECIALIZATION.

If we take into our hands any daily paper and study it carefully, examining rather the nature of the individual mentioned than news presented, we will doubtless find and become cognizant of the fact that the whole trend of the present day, as regards the pursuit of knowledge and the study of the sciences, is towards specialization.

The reason for this is easily found. Investigation and the accurate preservation of all discoveries have accumulated such a vast amount of learning and data upon any one general subject, that the human mind is almost powerless to grasp it all, and thus divisions and subdivisions are made.

The surgeon and the barber have long since separated and gone entirely different paths, but now even the surgeon is forced to divide his labors and when we read of any very difficult surgical feat being performed, we are generally informed by the facts stated that the operator has made a particular study of that part of surgery, or pathology. Thus in every profession the same state of affairs may be said to exist.

With the onward progress of the world it is being realized that thoroughness is essential for a proper develop-

ment, in all departments of learning. The person whose knowledge is merely encyclopedic and not exact, superficial and not profound, has scarcely any place among the ranks of modern thinkers. The character of the age demands that when any person desires to become an authority upon any subject, his knowledge of the points involved be precise and voluminous. Such knowledge of course, can only be acquired by diligent research and study, yet without it he will not be able to hold a place of honor among professional men.—*The Muhlberg.*

THE POET'S CORNER.

"AD ARISTIUM FUSCUM."

(HORACE, BOOK I, ODE XXII.)

He whose spirit knows no guile,
He whose life is free from sin,
Does not need the bended bow
Nor the Moorish javelin,
Nor the burdened quiver's load,
Winged shaft with venom'd dart;
He has weapons better far—
Upright life and spotless heart.

He, unguarded, safe can tread
Desert wastes of burning sand;
He can dauntless face the gloom
Of the cheerless mountain-land;
Storied realms of ancient lore,
Where the famed Hydaspes flows,
He can traverse, fearing not
Dread attacks of hidden foes.

Singing of my Lalage,
Wand'ring in the Sabine wood,
Lo! before me in the path,
There a threaten'g monster stood;
Such a wolf as never sprang
From Apulia's forests wide,
Or from Africa's arid strand,
Where the crouching lions hide.

All unarmed and far from aid,
I had been an easy prey;
But the monster filled with dread,
Swiftly turned and fled away!
Place me on the frozen plains,

Where the south winds never blow,
Where the clouds and stormy sky
Chill the land with hail and snow ;

Place me where the glowing Sun
Wheels too low his chariot's path,—
Land where mortals cannot dwell,
Neath the Sun-god's scorching wrath ;
Still my heart will be at ease
To recall her artless wiles,—
Lalage, who sweetly speaks,
Lalage, who sweetly smiles.

—*Penna. College Monthly.*

A FALL EVENING.

Jack Frost nippin' all the leaves
Whitenin' all the harvest sheaves ;
Mo' n shine lookin' cold and chilly,
Nigh wind whisperin' soft and stilly—

Chillun gatherin' round the fire
Roastin' nuts an' apples by 'er
Roarin' blaze that paints their noses
An' little heads as bright as roses.

—*Exchange.*

AUTUMN GLORY.

As one who watches from an aisle,
Cathedral windows rare,
I stand before the forest trees
And trace the splendors there.

The robes of flame apostles wear ;
The glory round the head ;
The light so strange to those on earth,
Which shines about our dead ;

The staff of gold, the palm of green,
The crook with blood-like stains—
All these I see as when the sun
Lights up cathedral panes.

And yet with fairer face is One
Who 'mid apostles stands,
With crimson on his flowing robes,
And crimson on His hands,

Ah ! dearest Lord, where'er I go,
Upon the land or sea,
All beauty hints of loveliness
That finds its crown in Thee.

—*Exchange.*

HE GOT THEM.

They had a quarrel and she sent
His letters back next day ;
His ring and all his presents went
To him without delay.

“ Pray send my kisses back to me.”
He wrote, “ Could you forget them ?”
She answered speedily that he
Must come himself and get them.

—*Bordoin Orient.*

SITTING OUT UPON THE CAMPUS.

I sit upon the Campus,
And breathe the evening air ;
I sit upon the Campus,
Because I have no chair.

A sweet girl sits beside me,
The reason is implied,
A sweet girl sits beside me,
Because I'm by her side.

I ask her if she loves me,
Dearest of all her beaux ;
I ask her if she loves me,
Because I know she knows.

She says she will not tell me,
And, and as I start to go,
She says she will not tell me
Because she knows I know.

Now leave us softly, stranger,
Don't hesitate or pause,
But leave us softly, stranger,
Because you know the cause.

—*Exchange.*

WILL, NOT LUCK.

There is no chance, no destiny ; no fate
Can circumvent, can hinder, or control
The firm resolve of a determined soul.
Gifts count for nothing ; will alone is great ;
All things give way before it, soon or late.

What obstacle can stay the mighty force
Of the sea seeking river in its course,
Or cause the ascending orb of day to wait ?

Each well-born soul must win what it deserves,—
Let the fool prate of luck. The fortunate
Is he whose earnest purpose never swerves,
Whose slightest action or inaction serves
The one great aim. Why, even death stands still,
And waits an hour sometimes for such a will.

—*Exchange.*