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THE beginning of this term was not characterized by the usual opening address. This was dispensed with. Some remarks were made by President Spangler, and after calling the attention of the students to several laws pertaining to deportment, the work of the term was begun.

THIS term of the collegiate year is the one in which probably more solid and thorough work is done than in either of the other terms. One reason of this is the fact that there are no outdoor sports to draw the minds of the students from their studies. Although we possess superior advantages for those who wish to indulge in skating, yet there is seldom enough of it to cause it to become a factor of much power in leading students to neglect their studies. Again the cold wintry atmosphere is most invigorating and conducive to study. The student therefore finds that almost every thing is united at this season in his interest, and hence his work is generally productive of the most good.

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THE new year begins with bright and encouraging prospects for Ursinus College. By the addition of Dr. P. Calvin Mensch to the faculty, a distinct department, that of Biology, has been made in the institution. In a few weeks we will be called upon to welcome another new instructor who comes highly recommended for the line of work to which he will be assigned. Thus, having the already strong and able corps of professors augmented by the above additions, increased advantages are offered to the students in their preparation for the accomplishment of the highest mission of life.

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THE time is approaching when the second annual contest of the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association of this State will be held, but we regret to say that no effort is being made to have Ursinus represented in this association. We were sorry to see the last meeting of this association

held and no request from Ursinus for admittance made, and we fear that the same thing is to occur again this year. It is useless for us to enumerate again the reason why Ursinus should be represented in this association; they were given at length in these columns last winter, and they must be apparent to every thinking person. To be without representation in this association, while all our sister colleges are represented, surely does not speak well for us. In this field of inter-collegiate contests where Ursinus could, we believe, attain greater success, she is unrepresented. We appeal to every loyal son of Ursinus and to every professor to see that this state of affairs is changed.



THE students of the School of Theology are enjoying some fine treats in the way of lectures on subjects, bearing on the practical side of a minister's life. Rev. J. A. Worden, D. D., Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Sunday School Work, Philadelphia, is delivering a course of lectures on the "Sunday School and Its Work." Few, if any, are better able than Dr. Worden to present and treat this subject fully and thoroughly. This has been fully demonstrated by the lectures already given. In addition to this a course on "The Minister in the Sick Room," viewed from a physician's standpoint, is being delivered by Professor C. W. R. Crum, M. D. Dr. Crum has had several years successful practice, and as a Christian physician, his advice and ideas will be of great value to our students. Two other courses will be given before the year closes, one on "Catechization," by Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., pastor of the First Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa.; the other on "Some Points in Civil Law Which a Minister Should Know," by F. G. Hobson, Esq., a man known to almost

every friend and alumnus of Ursinus. The ability of these men is sufficient surety and guarantee that their lectures will be successes and of great value.



IN ORDER that any collegiate paper or journal may be a success, it ought to have the support of all the students, the alumni, faculty and friends of the institution. A recent canvass of the students in general revealed the fact that only a small percentage of them are subscribers of the BULLETIN. Every student should take pride in the publication that concerns him and his fellow students most. Let all the members of the institution give their hearty and earnest support to this journal, so that it may be more successful in representing their interests and advancing their general welfare.



By the time this number of the BULLETIN makes its appearance, the second annual dinner of the Ursinus College Association of Philadelphia will have been held. These occasions are the best means of advertising the college and bringing it into prominence before the public. Such being the case, it has occurred to our mind that it would be well if at least two other such associations were organized: one at York, embracing the Alumni and friends in that part of the State; the other at Pottsville, Tamaqua, Mahanoy City or some other large town in the northeastern part of the State. Thus, nearly all the friends and Alumni could be able to have a hand in bringing Ursinus into prominence in their own communities.



THERE is an idea as erroneous as it is old which frequently holds forth in college journals, in current literature and in public addresses. It is that scholarship, culture and refinement are ends in them-

selves. "Acquire an education, seek to be cultured and refined that you may be able to enjoy the beautiful things of this world; that you may win the plaudits of your fellow men, and that you may attain to the highest social standing." This or something similar is the exhortation that is given to many young men and women as they start out in life. Alas! what folly! Such accomplishments and achievements can never make a life a success. They are only the rungs by which the ladder is ascended; only the stepping stones by which the great river of life is crossed; only the means by which man is the better enabled to fight the battle of his life, to help his fellow beings upward and onward along the pathway of life, and to love and serve his God and Maker with all the intensity of his being. With this, the grand end and purpose of life in view, the true student presses forward, caring not for scholarship, culture and refinement, except as they assist him in equipping himself for attaining that end. And it were well if this sentiment were

engraved in letters of gold upon the heart of every man.



ACCORDING to the calendar for 1893-1894, as found in the catalogue of Ursinus College, no provision has been made for a Senior Vacation prior to Commencement Week. This is a digression from an established custom that has prevailed at all American colleges until a few years ago, when a few of the leading institutions of the land expressed themselves unfavorably toward it by doing away with such a custom. Whatever may be the arguments against a vacation, there are also good reasons for advocating one, but time and space will not permit such a discussion in this column. It is reasonable that the seniors of any college should have a few weeks rest and recuperation before graduation, for having spent four long years of hard and earnest work in the quest of knowledge and mental discipline, they justly merit a vacation of a few weeks, before undertaking the duties incidental to commencement.

THE USE AND ABUSE OF OUR LIBRARY.

Next to our gymnasium there is no more slighted and neglected, no more abused and misused department at Ursinus than our library. It is true that its shelves do not contain many valuable works that are essential and necessary to carry on a thorough course of collateral reading and study incidental to the different courses in our curriculum; though the living authors in fiction and romance are entirely absent or very sparsely represented, yet those which they do hold are good, and, properly used, cannot help being of use and benefit to our students. Though the dusty and pig-skin covered tomes are wanting, yet the ordinary

wants of the ordinary seeker after the truths and facts are met and satisfied.

In all animate creation there is nothing so transcendently beautiful and symbolically suggestive of immortality as the butterfly in the different stages of its metamorphosis. But, again, its habits teach us another great and vital truth—the evil of superficiality. Throughout all the bright and balmy summer day will it fly about through the hazy air, alighting now here, now there and everywhere only long enough to rest its brilliant and gauzy wings; once on the filthy mud-puddle only to be driven away by the hoofs of the horse, then off in a giddy

whirl to the sweet and fragrant rose, hanging there until caprice drives it to seek honey in the humble pumpkin flower hidden away under the potato stalks, then off and away again—who knows where? If they gathered honey and sustenance—a few do—we might liken them to the industrious bees, but since they do not we can only compare them to the sickly and evanescent nineteenth century dandy who stands before his dressing-mirror, a brush in either hand, vainly trying to hide the deficiency in brains by combing the hair over his forehead and stupidly wondering why he is so much handsomer than his father, when, in truth he does not see his own reflection—for he is incapable of projecting one—but that cast by the picture of his father when a boy hanging on the opposite wall. Surely a superficial creature is the butterfly, or both.

But where the analogy? Walk into our library any day after school hours, use your eyes for ten minutes, no more, and you will surely be impressed by the fact that there are also human butterflies. Upon entering the library no more disgusting sight can meet one's eyes than to see men, human beings with brains, deliberately murder precious time in idly leafing through a pictorial history of the United States or "Strange Adventures in Strange Lands;" to see a person bring in two ordinary sized volumes, taken out the day previous, ten pages of either scanned with the remark, "O, they are just excellent, fine, grand!"

and then coolly proceed to fill out two other slips for books with titles something similar to these "Coleridge's Table Talk" or "Emerson's Essays." In one corner of the library stands a group loudly discussing some social or political topic of the day, regardless of the sensitive ears of those reading or studying, and to complete the picture, to see a man standing before a set of the Britannica apparently buried in deep thought, vacantly staring at it, perhaps reading its title, studying its binding and wondering way down in the depths of his soul whether he will ever help to write such a magnificent work. There he stands, like the philosopher of old, trying to solve the problem of the calf's tail, and all for the simple reason that he feels that he should visit the library oftener, but does not know what to read. Of all bad places the library is the worst to go if one does not know what to read, and the most pernicious of habits is the studying of the binding of books and leaving their contents untasted.

The book worm is not a reader, neither is the cool and deliberate searcher of facts one, nor the idle reader of novels who in such reading finds a pleasant and agreeable way of whiling away his otherwise ennuye existence. It is not the number of books that has one's monogram on their pages or the tracings of one's pencil, nor is it the number of "references" made upon "The Mosaic Authorship of the Peta-teuch" that will prove to incredulous persons that one is a reader. H.

DONATIONS TO THE CHEMICAL LABORATORY AND LIBRARY.

In the fitting out of the chemical laboratory during the last term we were fortunate in securing valuable donations from special friends of the college. Dr. A. R.

Thomas, A. M., Dean of the Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., donated a new spectroscope, one of the best of the Societe Genevoise's make. Mr. Joel

Neff, one of the prosperous slate manufacturers of Slatington, Pa., donated about 375 square feet of slate for the tops of the laboratory tables. A valuable distilling apparatus for use in the chemical and biological laboratories was also presented to the college. The value of these several gifts is nearly two hundred dollars. By the help of our friends we have been able to equip our laboratories at no great expense to the college. The library has also received gifts of valuable books.

Dr. A. R. Thomas, in addition to his gift to the laboratory, also gave the following books to the library: People's Encyclopedia of Universal Knowledge (3 vols.), Hill's Divinity, James F. Clarke's Ten Great Religions, Lawrence's Lectures on Man, Hickok's Rational Psychology, Morris's Science and the Bible, Channing's Works, the Correspondence of Alexander von Humboldt, Lives of Blaine and Logan, Muller's Life of Trusty Wayland, Hugh Miller's Testimony of the Rocks, Stevens' The Parables Unfolded, Helper's The Impending Crisis in the South, Hugh Miller's First Impressions of England and Its People, History of the Jews to the Present Time, Life of Silas Wright, by Jenkins; Mrs. Clement's Handbook of Legendary and Mythological Art, Edmund Kirk's My Southern Friends, Parson Brownlow's Book, Diseases of the Pancreas, by A. R. Thomas, M. D.; Evolution of the Earth and Man, by the same author; Genealogical Records and Sketches of the Descendants of William Thomas of Hardwick, Mass., by the same author; Post-mortem Examinations and Morbid Anatomy, by the same author; Biographical Sketch of A. R. Thomas, M. D., The Moravian Church in Philadelphia, by Abraham Ritter; Biography of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence and of Washington and Patrick Henry, Mesmerism and Its Opponents, by the

Rev. Sanby; Memoir of Dr. Payson, Baxter's Saints' Rest, Speeches in Congress, by J. R. Giddings; Sewell's A Glimpse of the World, Bacon's Essays, The Atonement, by Albert Barnes; The Maniac and Other Poems, by George Shepard Burleigh; The Muscovite Empire, The Czar and His People, by Germain de Lagny; Natural History of the Earth, A Discovery of the Origin, Evidences and Early History of Christianity, by the Rev. R. Taylor; Manual of Agriculture, Immortality Triumphant, by John Bovee Dods; Malcolm's Travels (2 vols.), Diary of Christopher Marshall, Relics of Literature, by Stephen Collet; Graydon's Memoirs, very rare and interesting; Whately's Logic, Burke on the Sublime and Beautiful, A Compend of History, by Samuel Whelpley; Adams's Synchronological Chart or Map of History.

Dr. O. H. Fretz, A. M., Quakertown, Pa., member of the House of Representatives, Harrisburg, Pa., presented the following legislative documents and reports: Laws of Pennsylvania, 1893; Penna. Geological Survey, 1892, (2 vols.); School Laws and Decisions, 1892; Reports of the State Board of Agriculture, 1892; Report of the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, 1892; Report of the State Librarian, 1891-1892; Auditor General's Report, 1892; Twentieth Pennsylvania Life Insurance Report, 1892; Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1892; Report of the Attorney General, 1891-92; Annual Report of the Commission of Soldiers' Orphan Schools, 1892; Twentieth Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner, 1892; Report of the State Commissioners of Fisheries, 1889-90-91.

The Hon. Marriott Brosius, LL. D., Lancaster, Pa., member of the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., presented the following: Report of the Com-

missioner of Education, 1888-90, (2 vols.); Reports of the United States Commissioners to the Universal Exposition of 1889 at Paris, (5 vols.); The Growth of Industrial Art, arranged and compiled under the supervision of the Hon. Benjamin Butterworth.

A. D. Fetterolf, Resident Clerk, House of Representatives, Harrisburg, Pa., presented two copies of Smull's Legislative Hand-book.

An interesting and valuable pamphlet on the Pennsylvania Germans in the battle of Long Island, under Col. Peter Kichlein, of Northampton county, was presented by the author, the Rev. Geo. C. Heckman, D. D., LL. D., Reading, Pa.

The Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D., Dean of the School of Theology, contributed: The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography, (4 vols.); Steadman & Hutchinson's Library of American Literature, The Canons of Dort in Latin, Gibbon's

Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, (8 vols.); The Shepherd Psalm, by Rev. F. B. Meyer.

The Olevian Society added the following choice selection of books to its library: The Works of Charlotte, Emily and Anne Bronte, (8 vols.); Frank R. Stockton's Rudder Grange, The Story of Music and Musicians by Lucy C. Lillie, H. R. Haweis's Music and Morals, Potiphar Papers by George William Curtis, Fenelon's Telemachus.

The library needs to be strengthened in works of reference for the various departments of the college and theological seminary, and we should be glad to indicate to any friends who may be in a position to help us what works are specially needed. No greater service can be rendered to students than by placing the best works of reference within their reach in their departments of study.

M. PETERS, Librarian.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Schaff Society.

Mr. W. U. Helffrich, '93, presented the society with a portrait of the Rev. Prof. Philip Schaff, D. D., LL. D., as a likeness of him at the time of his coming into this country. Thanks to Mr. Helffrich for this highly appreciated gift.

Mr. John T. Wagner, an alumnus member of the society, at present a student of law at the University of Michigan, and Mr. James Pennington, a former member of the society, at present taking a course in civil engineering at Lehigh University, were visitors of the society while taking their holiday vacation. We are pleased to welcome old members to our meetings. Come again.

The official staff of the society is as follows: President, L. J. Rohrbaugh;

Vice President, R. C. Leidy; Recording Secretary, J. S. Kratz; Corresponding Secretary, G. W. Zimmerman; Financial Secretary, J. O. Reagle; Treasurer, P. Orr; Civic, H. H. Long; Editor, T. Whittles; Chaplain, L. M. Strayer; Pianist, R. C. Leidy; Librarian, G. A. Stauffer, Auditing Committee, G. W. Shellenberger, H. Longstreth, J. K. McKee; Program Committee, R. C. Leidy, A. L. Shalkop, L. W. Strayer; Trustees, H. H. Harman, G. A. Stauffer, H. H. Owen, G. W. Shellenberger, P. H. Hoover.

The society has added to its library since the opening of the winter term the following books: Life in the Pilot-house, Farm on the Mountains, Julian Mortimer, Tom Temple's Career, Robinson Crusoe, Lost in Africa,

Romances and Adventures, Underground City, Danger, Dick Sands. These books were the gift of Mr. H. Langstroth, a former member. Also *The Beautiful Story* and *The Fountain* were received from an active member, Mr. W. H. Miller. To these persons we extend our sincere thanks and hope that their example may stimulate other members and friends of the society to similar deeds of beneficence.

We are happy to announce to our old members and friends that the society is in a flourishing condition in all respects. Just recently we purchased three antique oak chairs to be used by the President, Recording Secretary and Critic. The President's chair is both revolving and reclining. Also another long-felt need was supplied in the shape of a Critic's desk. These purchases were excelled, however, by that of an upright piano. The piano is one of the celebrated Dyer & Hughes' make, a piano that is used in the best conservatory of music in the country, viz., the Boston Conservatory of Music. It is the best instrument made by that company. The case is of imported fancy walnut. It has the patent music rack and harmony attachment. The piano was used and tested at the anniversary by Professor Hartman of the Thalia Concert Company of Allentown. Professor Hartman pronounced it an instrument of very excellent qualities.

The twenty-third anniversary of the society held on December 15, 1893, was a success, not simply from a literary point of view, but also in its musical program. The college orchestra did itself honor along with the celebrated Thalia Trio from Allentown consisting of Professor Hartman, pianist; Dr. Helffrich, violinist; Professor Buchman, celloist. The music rendered by these gentlemen was of a rare quality and showed that they

are masters of their various instruments. After the invocation by President H. T. Spangler, Mr. H. O. Williams, '96, welcomed the large audience to the exercises of the evening. He also spoke on the subject, "Wealth," pointing out some of its uses and misuses. The first orator, Mr. E. Emert, '96, in a forcible manner showed the advantages that the United States would gain by "The Annexation of Cuba."

"Religious Freedom in Public Schools" was the subject of the next oration delivered by Mr. R. C. Leidy, '94. The speaker said "that there are some who hold that religious instruction should be given only by denominational authority, but far more, hold that it should be embodied in the principles of morality in our public schools, with Jesus Christ as the only and highest example."

Mr. H. H. Owen, '94, then addressed the audience on the subject, "Are Trade Unions Beneficial?" Mr. Owen proved very conclusively in the development of his theme that they are beneficial, "because they seek wages whereby the workingmen and their families may live decently; they ask for shorter days of labor, that the workingman may have some time for his own individual improvement; they seek protection for the members of their own craft and protect themselves against employers who demand more than a fair share of the workingman's labor; they are also beneficial on account of the spirit of benevolence which they manifest in the different institutions for the sick and afflicted of their Union."

The Eulogist, Mr. L. J. Rohrbaugh, '94, in a most touching manner portrayed the life of Dr. Philip Schaff. He spoke of his great literary achievements in the most glowing terms. He especially em-

phasized the spirit of peace and love of Christian union which characterized his whole life.

The Schaff orator was Mr. G. A. Stauffer, '94. The subject of his oration was "American Iconoclasts." In a masterly way he showed how these Iconoclasts, the Anarchist and Nihilist, are an injury to our American institutions, government and religion, and how this injury may be remedied by restricting immigration, as these Iconoclasts are mostly foreigners.

The success of the anniversary is greatly due to the faithful committee of arrangements and committee on music.

Zwinglian Society.

The first meeting of the society for the winter term found all the regular members, with few exceptions, in their respective places and at their posts of duty. Being invigorated during the short vacation of ten days, they were in readiness and in prime condition to take up the great work connected with a literary society.

At an early date of this scholastic term

the society proposes to have a lecture. The lecturer chosen is one of the best on the platform and his subject is a popular one. It will meet the approval of the students and the public, and will be interesting and instructive to all.

The time for holding the anniversary is rapidly drawing near and preparations have been made already for that occasion, which is indicative of the progress of the society and marks a signal event in its history. The regular corps of orators was appointed a few months ago and they are now busily engaged at work on their respective productions.

At the first regular meeting of the society this term, the following persons were elected to serve in the capacity of officers during the next eight weeks: G. William Roger, President; D. Irvin Conkle, Vice President; Francis Kehr, Recording Secretary; C. C. H. Kerlin, Corresponding Secretary; O. B. Wehr, Treasurer; E. M. Scheirer, Chaplain; C. P. Wehr, Editor No. 1; John P. Spatz, Editor No. 2; Ray D. Miller, Musical Director; John D. Hicks, Critic, and E. N. Meck, Janitor.

LOCALS.

Ice,
Mud,
Mist,
Rain,
Hail,
Snow,
Skating,
Influenza,
Sore throat,
Every thing,
In this new year.
Glad to see you back.
Have you had a good time?

How many turkeys did you help to eat?

Some of the Juniors have struck for higher marks.

Any items of interest will be gladly received.

Prep. in Latin: "Super jugum missit," "The supper jug was missing."

This journal is not published for fun, but for fifty cents per year. Subscribe for it.

We would caution some of the occupants of east wing to attend to their

studies more quietly, or they will be interviewed by the "Sanhedrim."

The Freshies are overrun with orders for their class picture. Probably it will appear in the next issues of "Puck" and "Judge."

The Rev. Mr. Houtz, of Orangeville, Columbia county, this State, conducted Chapel services on January 8.

The Mandolin Club furnished the music at the last meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of Trinity Church held in Fenton's Hall.

At a meeting of the Senior class held on January 8, the following officers were elected: President, H. H. Long; Vice President, J. H. Johnson; Recording Secretary, E. M. Fogel; Corresponding Secretary, G. W. Royer; Treasurer, H. H. Owen.

Several new subscribers have been added to our list since the last issue, and yet there is room for more.

To err is human; such, at least is the case with Professor ——.

In giving a brief description of the classes we should say that the Freshmen are the most numerous; the Sophomores, the most boisterous; the Juniors the biggest —— eaters; and the Seniors the handsomest.

Students should consult our advertisers when in need of anything in their line. They patronize us and are deserving of our patronage in return.

The Seniors took up Geology and will shortly take up History of Philosophy. These studies will constitute the greater

part of their advance work during the remainder of their sojourn at Ursinus as collegians.

One of our Freshies while skating was precipitated into the sluggish Perkiomen but his head was so light he had no difficulty in keeping it above water.

One of the Seniors, in speaking about buying his graduating suit, said: "Yes, chum, I think it will pay to get a good suit because I will soon need one for a more important occasion, and if I get a good one now it will do for both."

The turkey that escaped the general slaughter at the holiday season now wears a dejected look; but as he gobbleth up the goodly fare day after day, he consoleth himself with the fact that, like some of our boys, he is pretty tough and will give the cooks a hard time of it on Washington's Birthday. Val turkibus.

WANTED.

Better marks.

The Preps to stay at home at night.

More heat in the chapel on cold mornings.

More punctuality in chapel service.

More of the students to subscribe for the BULLETIN.

The Sophomores to put on a little more style.

Four literal translations for the class in Pindar.

Information concerning the workings of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

The amateur hornblowers delivered into our hands.

COLLEGE CONVENTION IN NEW YORK CITY.

The fifth annual convention of the colleges and preparatory schools of the Mid-

dle States and Maryland was held at Columbia College, New York City, dur-

ing the Thanksgiving recess. A decided step in advance was made by the association when its scope was enlarged so as to include the fitting schools.

Increased attendance and a more youthful enthusiasm marked this year's gathering. One of the preparatory school principals opened his paper with the remark that the opportunity to lecture the college authorities was too good to be frittered away and proceeded at once to point out some of the infelicities in requirements for admission to college as they appear to the overburdened teacher. A committee was appointed to formulate a uniform standard for admission to college.

The subject which elicited the keenest interest was that of English in the preparatory schools and colleges. Papers were read by President Welling, of Columbian University, Washington, D. C.; Professor Hart, of Cornell; Dr. Brooks, superintendent schools, Philadelphia, and Principal Farrand, of the Newark Academy. The whole of Saturday morn-

ing was devoted to the subject, and the evidence was abundant that the educators of the day are realizing the gravity of the omission and the shortcomings in the past method of teaching English. There was an unanimity of sentiment in favor of daily, or at least, semi-weekly exercises in composition under the direction and oversight of a teacher. The principle was also emphasized that instruction in all departments should be made tributary to the formation of habits of correct expression.

At two sessions modern languages were pitted directly and indirectly against the ancient classics. The drift of sentiment was, however, strongly in favor of Latin and Greek as more powerful instruments of culture than any living languages.

The next convention is to be held at Johns Hopkins, Baltimore. Dr. Patton, of Princeton is president for this year.

Ursinus was represented by President Spangler and Professor M. Peters.

URSINUS COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA.

The second annual dinner of this association was held Thursday evening, January 25, 1894, at Hotel Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets, Philadelphia.

Covers were laid for seventy. Jacob A. Strassburger, Esq., of Norristown, president of the association, was toastmaster, and during the course of the dinner speeches were made by Rev. Professor Henry T. Spangler, president of the college; Dr. Samuel Wolf, of the Medico-Chirurgical College; Rev. Dr. John H. Sechler, of the First Reformed Church; Rev. Charles H. Coon, of Trinity Reformed Church; and H. H. Pigott, Esq., Philadelphia; and F. G. Hobson, Esq., Norristown. Recitations were

given by Miss Jesse Royer and Miss Ada Seebeth Williams, and a male quartette consisting of Messrs. Coon, Detrich, Johnson and Weirbach sang several selections.

Before sitting down to dinner a brief business meeting of the association was held at which these officers were elected for one year: President, Dr. James M. Anders; vice president, H. Herbert Pigott; secretary, A. W. Bomberger; treasurer, Rev. Dr. John H. Sechler; Executive Committee, Rev. Charles H. Coon; Henry A. Matthieu, Mayne R. Longstreet, Rev. Ernest R. Cassady.

Others present were Mr. Thomas C. Ath-erholt, Mr. Isaac E. Bliem, Miss Bliem,

Mrs. Augustus W. Bomberger, Mr. Henry A. Bomberger, Hon. Henry K. Boyer, Mrs. Charles H. Coon, Rev. C. U. O. Derr, Rev. J. D. Detrich, Rev. Charles G. Fisher, Mr. Isaiah C. Gerhart, Professor James I. Good, Miss Minerva J. Grater, Mr. Edwin P. Gresh, Mrs. Edwin P. Gresh, Dr. James H. Hamer, Rev. Jerome B. Henry, Dr. Edgar M. Hewish, Rev. E. Clarke Hibshman, Mrs. F. G. Hobson, Mr. Henry M. Housekeeper, Mr. Harry F. Johnson, Miss Clara S. Keeley, Mr. Henry W. Kratz, Mrs. Henry W. Kratz, Mr. A. Lincoln Landis, Mr. Ernest H. Longstreth, Dr. Thom-

as J. Mays, Rev. Silas L. Messinger, Professor M. Peters, Mrs. H. Herbert Pigott, Miss Ella B. Price, Miss Ida Robinson, Mr. Joseph W. Royer, Rev. Mr. Joseph W. Shelley, Miss Nora H. Shuler, Mr. Ephraim F. Slough, Mr. Fred. C. Smith, Rev. George S. Sorber, Mrs. Henry T. Spangler, Mrs. Jacob A. Strassburger, Rev. Jesse H. String, Dr. Louis E. Taubel, Rev. Henry Tesnow, Dr. Amos R. Thomas, Dr. John R. Umstad, Mrs. John R. Umstad, Mr. Henry Varwig, Miss Mary W. Varwig, Mr. Artemus Weiback, Rev. David U. Wolff and Miss Ella Worrall.

PRESIDENT SPANGLER'S ADDRESS.

At Banquet of Ursinus College Association of Philadelphia, January 25, 1894.

MR. PRESIDENT, ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF URSINUS COLLEGE:

Ursinus College is the youngest college in Pennsylvania, save one. Although its history covers more than two decades, Bryn Mawr College for Women is the only institution of higher education in the State that has been chartered since the organization of Ursinus. This fact merits consideration in forming an estimate of the progress and achievements of Ursinus, as well as that other overshadowing reality of the poverty of its birth and the impecuniousness of its history. While the latter condition has hampered its growth, the former secured to the institution comparative freedom from the mediaevalism which has fettered the thought and embarrassed the development of many of the older educational foundations. The college was projected at the time when modern ideas were beginning to gain the ascendancy in the educational thought of America. While in religious and philosophical principles Ursinus is orthodox after the straightest sect, in educational method, in organization and in

aggressiveness it stands second to none among the progressive colleges of the State.

The first prospectus sent forth by the college firmly grasps the issue between the traditional college system and the modern method. The breadth of view and foresight of the founders are indicated by the declaration that

"In its general system of education Ursinus College will endeavor to meet the wants of the age by adopting a wise and healthy medium between the abstract ideal and materialistic utilitarian theories."

Animated by this liberal and progressive spirit, the institution has given a welcome, and a seat of triumph, to every advanced educational idea that would in any way contribute to the success of its efforts to meet the wants of the age and to guide that age to the realization of its own highest ideals. Shall a college provide more than one course of study? Shall elective privileges be accorded to undergraduates? Shall women be admitted to equal privileges with men in the

same institution? Shall the national language hold the first place in the college curriculum? Shall protection be given precedence over free trade in national economy? Shall the scientific method of study be encouraged? Shall college class-rooms be open to optional and special students, thus affording University Extension privileges under the most favorable circumstances? Shall the college authorities give recognition and support to athletics? Shall the boys be allowed to play foot ball?

All these distracting academic problems have been met, solved and affirmatively answered at Ursinus. The realization of some of them has been delayed because of the lack of funds required for their execution, but the most captious critic may be safely challenged to disprove the claim in behalf of the college of pre-eminent hospitality to advanced educational ideas, of a sturdy ambition to keep in touch with the age, and to send forth its graduates with special preparation for the practical duties of professional or of business life.

The erection of Bomberger Memorial Hall, with its elegant chapel, spacious recitation room, library, offices, laboratories, lecture and society halls, the introduction of steam heat, water, gas, and underground drainage, the renovation of the dormitories, and the construction of solid walks and carriage ways throughout the grounds, have created new conditions at Ursinus. While we do not believe that environment creates character, our faculty and students are enjoying the happy experience of consciously realizing its influence in promoting self-respect, self confidence and that pride of home and family which are essential to success. The transformation of the property and the introduction of so many improved

facilities, although these have brought temporary increase of financial burdens, have prepared the way for a transition from the protracted formative period in which the institution struggled for life and recognition into one of conscious development and aggressive activity.

With the outward condition and facilities favorable to thorough and advanced work, it behooves us to withdraw attention from the limitations and drawbacks which the past supplied in sufficient measure to test the faith, conserve the humility and develop the fortitude of the managers and supporters of Ursinus and to concentrate our energies upon the new feature that is dawning auspiciously upon the institution. The first steps have been taken toward the realization of the long-deferred hopes and loftier ambitions of the progressive men of Ursinus. The administrative forces of the institution have been re-organized under a code of laws which give unity and co-ordination to the departments, which fix the responsibilities of the different officers, and insure constant supervision and oversight of officers and students in the discharge of their several duties. The pulsation of a better-regulated and more vigorous life are distinctly felt by professors and students. With the better understanding of the laws, which familiarity with their provisions will impart, and increased facility of enforcement, which will come with practice, the academic life of the college will experience a transformation as complete and encouraging as that of its environment.

The confidence inspired by the noble bequest of Robert Patterson, and the assurance of a stated income which it has created, have encouraged the authorities to carry out immediately the the plans and purposes of the faculty in the direc-

tion of developing the several courses and departments of the college. The absolutely perfect and comprehensive plans of our honored and worthy Professor Peters, his predecessor in the department of chemistry, are materializing into an elegant working laboratory under the direction of the trained and skillful hand of Dr. Mensch. Dr. Mensch's practical mastery of the situation is demonstrated by the fact that though he came on the ground only a month ago, actual work has been commenced in the biological laboratory, a department entirely of his own creation. Several friends have given generous support to the scientific department by valuable special donations and by the loan of instruments. The field is open for the increase of the efficiency of the department by similar favors from other friends, with this to encourage them that their generosity will be not only appreciated but practically useful.

The department of physics is undergoing a process of development, but thus far only in the active brain of Dr. Crum. At least elementary equipment for this department is imperatively demanded. A donation of only \$500 would relieve the limitations under which the work is now being carried forward.

Another encouraging step deserves detailed statement. The faculty has definitely determined to advance the standard of admission to the college, not by exact-

ing an increase in the quantity, but in the quality, of the preparation. No new bars will be put into the gate, but the old ones will be made more difficult to scale. And as the college has been conducting its own preparatory school, the course of study in that department has been elaborated and strengthened to correspond to the new requirements. Hereafter let no alumnus venture to send on a raw recruit with the expectation of his gaining admission to the college with less than three years of Latin, two years of Greek and five hours a week of English throughout his preparatory course. A preliminary examination in the common English branches will also be exacted as a pre requisite to admission to the matriculation examination. The faculty is determined to keep off the roll of alumni men and women whose in-
anition allows them to report that they "haven't did" anything since graduation and who did very little before.

More truthfully than ever, it may be said that the departments of instruction at Ursinus are thoroughly organized and directed by experienced and competent men. The college is in a condition, not only to promise, but to do what you expect of it. Therefore, send on your young men and young women; work for the institution; extend to it in every way possible your patronage, your influence and the help of your means, remembering that the golden age of Ursinus is not behind, but before us.

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.

Student self-government will be tried at Cornell for a year.

The University of Michigan has fifty of its own graduates on its faculty.

The College of South Carolina is soon to be closed for lack of students.

Exeter intends building a dormitory

costing \$65,000 in honor of Dr. Peabody.

One hundred and two members of the House of Representatives are college graduates.

For fifty years no smoker has graduated from Harvard with the honors of his class.

Chicago University has purchased for \$80,000 the library and manuscript of the historian Bancroft.

The Vassar girls take proper pride in the fact that none of their graduates have ever been divorced.

There are 430 colleges in the United States and their libraries contain 4,542,902 bound volumes.

Only 500 of the 1,000 applicants for admission to the new Armour Institute in Chicago can be accommodated.

Harvard has established a meteorological office on top of the volcano of Arquipa, Peru, 18,000 feet above sea level.

According to President Harper, of Chicago University, college presidents receive salaries ranging from \$620 to \$10,000, with an average of \$3,047.

Since 1881 Yale has won eleven championship games in foot ball, Princeton four, and Harvard one. Since 1883 Yale has won 117 games out of a total of 122 played.

Man wants but little here below,
Is a sentiment we love,
And, judging by his conduct here,
He won't get much above.

"How did your son do at college last year, Mrs. Wilkins?"

"Very well, indeed. He did so well, as a Freshman, that he got an encore."

"A what?"

"An encore. The Faculty have requested him to repeat the year."

The main building of the South Dakota State University was destroyed by fire recently, entailing a loss of over \$100,000. The college museum and many valuable articles were lost. The origin of the fire is unknown.

By the will of Martin S. Eichelberger, of York, Pa., Yale recently received a gift of \$85,000. No conditions were

made in regard to the use of the money.

The first woman in the world to receive the degree of electrical engineer is Miss Bertha Lamens, of Springfield, O. She is a graduate of the Ohio State University, where she led her class through the entire course.

Middlebury College, of Middlebury, Vt., will receive from the estate of Charles J. Starr, of New York, the sum of \$150,000. Mr. Starr has given to this institution almost \$250,000 at different times.


Beloit has secured for its museum the Rust archaeological collection worth \$15,000, which has been on exhibition at the World's Fair. It includes some 3,000 specimens of arrow-heads and pottery, gathered by Major H. M. Rust, of California.

The University of Chicago is about to make an attempt to combine the Chicago medical schools into a great medical college which will rival the best European institutions. Preliminary steps in this direction have already been taken.

The University of Chicago has decided to erect the observatory for the great telescope presented by Mr. Yerkes, at Lake Geneva, Wis., about three hours' ride from Chicago, provided a site of forty-five acres and \$100,000 can be secured.

The University of Paris has over 7,000 students, and in this, as well as other universities of France, there are no classes, no athletics, no commencement day, no college periodicals, no glee clubs and no fraternities.

The Freshman class of Yale this year numbers five hundred and eighty.

 This periodical is on file at the editorial rooms of "The University Review," 236 Fifth Avenue, New York, where all college men are given a hearty welcome.