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A NEW feature in the line of Church services has been instituted. A series of monthly college sermons has been arranged. These services are held at 2.30 on Sunday afternoon. They will no doubt be exceedingly interesting and profitable. The first of the series was delivered by President Spangler, October 1. The second was delivered by Rev. Dr. Good, Dean of the School of Theology. Emi-

nent divines of the Reformed and allied Churches will be chosen to complete the series. It is proposed to make the music a leading feature of these services.



WE regret exceedingly the delay in the appearance of the October number of the BULLETIN. The various changes made in the form and typography were partly a cause of delay. The other causes were beyond the control of the editors. It is our intention to have each number appear about the tenth of the month.



LAST Winter and Spring terms the Zwinglian and Schaff Societies revised their constitutions. A large number of changes and additions were made, but so far as we have been able to learn general satisfaction has followed, and the work of the societies has been moving along very harmoniously and successfully. The only change made that concerns the general public is that affecting the time of holding the Schaff anniversary. Heretofore the Schaff and Zwinglian societies have held their anniversaries on the last Thursday evening of the Fall and Winter terms respectively, but the new constitution of the Schaff Society says that the society shall hold its anniversary on the Friday evening preceding the last week of the Fall term. Two considerations prompted to such action. First, the members of the program will thus be permitted to give their undivided attention to the term examinations; and, in the second place, a larger audience of students will be secured. Whether these reasons carry with them weight enough to give permanence to the change remains to be seen. To us an anniversary seems

to be a most fitting event to mark the close of a term, just as much so as commencement appropriately marks the close of the collegiate year.



WE are glad to know that nearly all of the new students have joined one or other of the literary societies. This speaks well for the societies and for the institution. It is difficult to estimate the value of the training received in the society hall. Especially is this so in the case of the student whose life work is to be such as demands as the primary requisite for success, the ability to read and speak properly, to advance and refute arguments, or to defend and execute parliamentary law. But such training is valuable to any student no matter what may be his calling in after life. URSIUS takes pride in pointing to the success to which her alumni are attaining, and we believe that we can say, without fear of successful contradiction, that the training of the literary society contributes to that success as much as any other factor. We are, therefore, glad to note that the interest in society work is not abating, but is rather increasing. We hope it may ever continue to be so.



UNDER the new regulations adopted by the Library Committee at the opening of the term, the library is now open practically all day. The wisdom of this cannot be doubted, and the number of students who are taking advantage of the opportunities thus afforded demonstrates that it was a step in the right direction. A library is for use, and hence ought to be so regulated that students may have access thereto at their own convenience. Every college organization, association or body that tries to compel the students to conform to its convenience must from the

nature of the case fall short of its true object and hence be an abortion. So it is only by conforming the regulations of the library to the convenience of the students that the true end and purpose of its existence can be attained.



A COMMENDABLE feature of this term's work is the good conduct on the part of the student body in and about the college halls and on the athletic field. The writer was most strikingly and favorably impressed with the fact that Hallow-e'en passed away so uneventfully at URSIUS, as this is an evening of the year when all the young and many of the older persons in America and some European countries become hilarious and commit many devilish tricks of which they afterwards feel ashamed.



THE foot-ball craze has struck URSIUS and the enthusiasm aroused is by no means on the decline. Nor do we think it is likely to abate. Few of our students had ever seen a game played, but from reports gleaned from the daily papers their conception of the game was that it partook very much of the nature of a slugging match. Nor did the efforts of those who had seen foot-ball played avail anything in persuading them that they had formed misconceptions. That this was the case, almost all are now ready to admit, since they have had the opportunity of witnessing the practice and the several games played on the home grounds. Now, instead of prejudice against the game, almost unanimous support is being given to it, and we predict that not many seasons will pass by before URSIUS will have a foot-ball team which will meet with as much success as did her base ball team of last season. Of course, it cannot be expected that this year's

team will be able to accomplish much so far as winning games is concerned, but it will develop material, and when next season comes around we shall have some experienced players for the team and not all fresh ones, as was the case this year, with but one exception.

In order to distinguish the members of the classes in the School of Theology and of the Academy from those in the College, in giving the class the initials S. T. for School of Theology and A. for Academy, hereafter will be placed after the year, as each case may demand.

## THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

### Its Educational Advantages.

We are taught in geology that every great age is brought to a close and another introduced by a mighty convulsion; so the nineteenth century is being brought to a close and the twentieth introduced. The demand therefor is felt, inasmuch as scepticism in France and America, higher criticism and rationalism in Germany and the United States, idealism, sensationalism and immorality in current literature—and especially the latter—all have a marked tendency to give to the mind of the masses false opinions of human nature, and thereby lead them to become disciples of pessimism, anarchism nihilism, ending in communism.

Where the antidote?

The poet has said, "Westward, the course of empire takes its way." So Eastern Americans and representatives of all the nations of Europe and the Orient wended their way westward to the great White City, there to behold the wonders that human agency has wrought, to see that humanity is progressing.

History will tell you that there have been fairs before the present one, the first recorded instance of one being the meeting of Adam and Eve after their having sinned. The next instance of one recorded in Bible history is the confusion of tongues. Searching profane history you will find that there were held assemblings, foremost among which, among the ancients, were the Olympic games and those of the Campus Martius; and

then, at more or less regular intervals, from the year 1761 to the present time.

Man is an active agent, and therefore progressively active. In no field is this demonstrated more clearly than in science. Since America has held her first national exposition science has made wonderful progress both at home and abroad. Man has changed from the old way of traveling which Nature afforded, to transporting himself, not in wooden shoes but in trains of cars capable of traveling at the rate of one hundred miles an hour; from the one-storied clay-built buildings of the ancients to the magnificent Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building and the twenty-three storied Masonic Temple; from the tallow candle of the ancients to the electric search-light capable of reflecting its rays of light a distance of one hundred miles; from the mode of ancient warfare by means of ballistar and pila to the torpedo-hurling ship and the monstrous cannon sending forth from its huge mouth at a distance of fifteen miles the death-dealing messenger of dynamite and steel. The Ferris wheel, the modern war vessels, the transatlantic passenger steamship, the machine capable of giving off an electric spark of sixty-four inches, yea almost myriads of achievements make it as onerous a task to enumerate the miracles of science as to count the quills on the porcupine's back.

It is evident that where two hundred thousand persons are daily congregated

there are represented a great many nationalities, and therefore you come into contact with representatives from the four corners of the earth; and also that only the better classes can go there. It is also evident that they go there for a purpose, be what it may. If there were no educational advantages why should so many thousands throng thither daily? There you will find intelligence in homely garb. It would seem that where so many persons are daily congregated there would be present a great many mean, ill-natured, vicious, intemperate persons, but let it suffice to be said that neither is there seen a drunken man, nor is anyone heard using profane language.

Of all wonderful things the Midway Plaisance is the most wonderful. Here,

the Javanese, Japanese, Chinese, Icelander, Egyptian, Irish, Soudanese and the Forty Beauties, having their abode side by side, offer advantages which thousands of dollars would not pay and years of travel could not afford, were one to go to their own native countries. The most impressive of all, however, is the Dahomeyan village in all its barbarism, and yet its attitude to the multitude is a civilized one.

Sitting along the peristyle some afternoons seeing the guards ranging for roll call; the sun shedding its last beams on the statue of the Republic, bathing it in a shower of golden sunlight; hearing the multitude, one is impressed with the great educational advantages in the White City. E. M. FOGEL, '94.

### LITERARY SOCIETIES.

#### ZWINGLIAN SOCIETY.

The number of additions to the Society this term, though comparatively small, is nevertheless encouraging. For the new members have already realized the object and value of being connected with a literary body and have heartily entered into the spirit and workings of the society.

A few weeks ago the members of the society and a number of the society's friends enjoyed a royal treat given by one of our number, the genial Mr. A. N. Stubblebine, who exhibited the workings of that wonderful machine, the Edison phonograph, one of the greatest and most marvelous pieces of mechanism of the 19th century.

At the first regular meeting in November the following persons were elected as officers for the next eight weeks: President, J. Howard Johnson, '94; Vice President, Osville B. Wehr, '95; Recording Secretary, F. W. Shulenberger, A; Cor-

responding Secretary, Andrew L. Horst, A; Treasurer, D. Irvin Conkle, '95; Chaplain, W. T. Buchannan, A; Musical Director, A. N. Stubblebine, '96; Editor No. 1., Charles Daniel Lerch, '95; Editor No. 2., Osville R. Frantz, '95; Critic, Fred H. L. Witzel, '94; and Janitor, Fred P. Steckel, '96.

Another great event in the history of the Zwinglian Literary Society has taken place, and it marks an epoch of progress and steady growth toward a higher development of its members. It was a gala day for the Zwinglians when, with strong arms and cheerful hearts, they raised by means of a rope and pulley, a beautiful piano from the ground to a third-story window of the Museum in Bomberger Memorial Hall and conveyed it thence to their elegantly furnished hall. This handsome instrument is of the Krakauer Brothers' make, a well-known and reliable manufacturing establishment of New York city. It is noted for its good workman-

ship, exquisite finish, fine touch and excellent tone, and is used by a large number of the leading pianists of America. It is a thing of beauty and will be a joy forever to the Zwinglians and a valuable heirloom to their successors.

#### SCHAFF SOCIETY.

The revised edition of the constitution has gone to press, and is expected to be out in several days. Thompson Bros., of Collegeville, do the printing.

Col. George W. Bain, of Lexington, Ky., delivered a lecture in the chapel of Bomberger Memorial Hall, on the evening of the 9th of November, on "Boys and Girls, Nice and Naughty."

This term has added to the roll more names than the last two terms combined. The society is in a very flourishing condition.

At the last regular meeting the following officers were elected: President, Owen, '94; Vice President, Wicks, '96, S. T.; Critic, Fogel, '94; Recording Secretary, Williams, '96; Corresponding Secretary, Strayer, A.; Financial Secretary, Hartman, '94; Treasurer, Miller, '97; Editor, Zimmerman, '96; Chaplain, Shalkop, A.

Since the new constitution has gone into effect, a number of radical changes have been made in the society's work, most notably in the order of exercises. Heretofore the exercises consisted of debates and miscellaneous exercises. Under the new constitution a number of varied programs have been added, chief among which are moot courts, impromptu speeches, quasi-synods, etc.

#### Resolutions by the Schaff Literary Society.

The committee appointed to draw up resolutions of respect to the memory of Philip Schaff, D. D., LL. D., the namesake of this society, presented the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Rev. Prof. Philip Schaff, D. D., LL. D., the broad and liberal Christian scholar, the conscientious writer and author, the trustworthy church historian, the bold and fearless advocate of Church union, has been called from the scenes of this earthly life to those of a better life; therefore,

*Resolved*, that we, the members of this society, which bears his name and of which he was a liberal benefactor, do hereby express our grief and sorrow at the loss sustained by his demise, while we bow with humble submission to the will of Him who "doeth all things well."

*Resolved*, That our heartfelt sympathy be extended to the bereaved family and friends and that we commend them to the One who can soothe and comfort every sorrowing heart.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this society, a copy be sent to the family of the deceased, and that they be published in the URSINUS COLLEGE BULLETIN.

H. HERBERT LONG, '94  
 GEORGE SHELLENBERGER, '95.  
 GEORGE ZIMMERMAN, '96.  
 JOHN GILLS, '97.  
 LUTHER M. STRAYER, A.

Committee.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted by the society October 27th, 1893.

H. U. OWEN, '94, President.  
 H. O. WILLIAMS, '96, Secretary.

#### Y. M. C. A.

C. D. Lerch and O. B. Wehr, both of the class of '95, attended the State convention held at Wilkesbarre, October 20 and 21. They brought back good reports and many suggestions as to how we may increase the interest in our meetings, and how we may do better work.

The meetings so far this term have been full of interest. The leaders have been always at their posts, and the members have taken a very active part. The average attendance has been about thirty-four, but there are many who stay away, and we should like to see their faces in our midst before long.

One draw-back has been the lack of a musical instrument. This is at last overcome, and a very satisfactory instrument has been secured.

The week of prayer for young men, be-

ginning November 12, was enthusiastically observed by the students. The following were the speakers: Monday evening, Rev. Mr. Hill, of Germantown; Tuesday evening, Dr. James I. Good; Wednesday evening, Mr. W. Smith, secretary of the Northwest branch of the Y. M. C. A., of Philadelphia; Thursday evening, Rev. E. T. Kretchman, of Trappe; Friday evening, Rev. C. U. O. Derr, of Spring City; Saturday evening, Prof. M. N. Frantz.

### LOCALS.

Prof. M. Peters was compelled to take several weeks rest, owing to nervous prostration. He is again back at his work.

Dr. Good, Dean of the School of Theology, attended the meeting of the executive committee of the Pan-Presbyterian Council at Cincinnati, Ohio, October 20 and 21.

President Spangler attended some of the sessions of the Eastern Synod at its recent annual meeting in St. John's Church, Lebanon, Pa. He was one of the speakers at the Montgomery County Teachers' Institute, which was held at Pottstown, October 23 to 28. He spoke on "The Relation of the High School to the College," and was well received.

Prof. Schade removed from Collegeville first week of November to Williamsport, Pa., where he has taken charge of the First (German) Reformed Church. The best wishes of the BULLETIN will attend him in his new field of labor.

The college is greatly indebted to Dr. E. M. Hyde, of Lehigh University, for a course of six lectures on "Life in Ancient Cities." Two have already been given, one on ancient Rome, Thursday evening, November 2, in the chapel of

Bomberger Memorial Hall, and the other on the ancient Roman house, Friday afternoon, November 3.

The second of the series of college sermons to be delivered once a month during the current year was preached Sunday afternoon, October 29, by Dr. James I. Good, Dean of the School of Theology, to a large and appreciative audience composed of students of the institution and persons from the immediate neighborhood. The third will be delivered November 19, by Rev. J. H. Sechler, D. D., pastor of First Reformed Church, Philadelphia.

A gymnastic class has been formed and has taken possession of the gymnasium which is located in the basement of the east wing. The class meets every evening of the week, except Saturday and Sunday, from 6.30 to 7.00 o'clock. Mr. Elwood W. Middleton, of the School of Theology, is the physical director.

A large number of our students attended the illustrated lecture on Japan, by J. Howard Breed, of Philadelphia, at St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Pa., Saturday evening, October 29.

J. Hunter Watts, '94, and J. D. Hicks, '95, attended the State Convention of the

Y. P. S. C. E., held at Reading, October 12 and 13.

Early in the month a party of fourteen went to Norristown to hear J. H. Breed lecture on the National Christian Endeavor Convention, held at Montreal. The party consisted of Miss Nettie Gorbett, Miss Laura Koons, J. D. Hicks, G.

W. Shellenberger, S. Heberlig, F. Kehr, F. Shulenberger, J. H. Watts, E. M. Scheirer, C. Gresh, T. Whittles, C. D. Lerch, A. Held and Rev. E. C. Hibshman.

Twenty-six of the students attended the Christian Endeavor Convention of the Schuylkill Valley Union held at Norristown, Thursday, October 19.

### ATHLETICS.

W. G. Welsh, '95, S. T.

This phase of our college life, notwithstanding the fact that the "gym" is not fully equipped, has received a new turn during the months of this Fall term.

Foot-ball has made such rapid strides toward popular favor that even a breath of its fame has reached URSINUS and animated to a certain degree the students of all classes.

A foot-ball team has been in the dreams of all the enthusiastic athletes of the college for years. But it was nothing but mist until now.

Under the present circumstances nothing much can be expected. But the boys are working, and, as with everything else that has been attempted, they will reach in a few years a good eminence.

There have been no coaches since none of the Alumni have played foot-ball and there is no money to hire one.

Suits have been procured and paid for. A schedule has been arranged, and we are now taking lessons in the art of playing foot-ball.

We received our first lesson at the hands of the Melrose Athletic Association, second eleven. They were much below us in weight and stature, but had the advantage of having seen a number of games. This may not seem to be of much account, but it is, when we say that

only five of our eleven had ever seen a game of foot-ball played.

The lesson was easy and we surpassed our teacher, as the score shows. It was played on our grounds and the Melrose boys were beaten 20-0.

This game was a clean game, not characterized by any slugging or dirty playing.

Referee, Kaufman, '92, Bucknell; Umpire, Stubblebine, '95, URSINUS.

We found that we lacked several points and learned during the next week what we had seen.

On the 4th of October we met Phoenixville A. A. on their grounds and were defeated. Score 10-0.

The defeat would not have been so bitter had it not been for the fact that there was sufficient evidence that their captain and players back of the line either did not know or did not want to know anything about the rules.

It was a case of winning a game at all hazards. The Phoenix rush line was composed of the heaviest material obtainable. It averaged between 170 and 180 pounds. The men on the line, however, were gentlemen in their play, there being no rough work done by them. But the men behind the line, in utter disregard to all rules of foot-ball or society, slugged, throttled, tripped and cajoled the referee, and bull-



dozed the umpire. They played a game similar to the games played twenty years ago, when brute strength was the important factor, and not science, which is the characteristic of to-day's game. Our team left the field at the end of the first half, but on promise of better treatment went back. But the second half was worse than the first.

However, everything may have some good in it if we but look for it. This game taught us as novices a few new points and we took advantage of them. So on the 21st, when we lined up at Pottstown Hill School we were conceited enough to think that we knew something about football. But we did not. What we knew, we knew well, but we did not know enough. Our opening wedge knocked all opposition to pieces, and 15 yards were made. We lost the ball on three downs after ten yards were gained, and then we were dazed by a sudden movement on the part of our antagonists. For then began an exhibition of fine interference. In fact we have seen few games played by larger colleges where the interference equalled this. When the Hill boys held the ball it was only a question as to how long it required them to run from the point where it was down to our goal. Their goal kicking needs brightening up, as a number were missed. Their line could not do much with our line and only two centre rushes were tried, neither being successful. All their gains were made around the ends. We made all ours through the centre, which proved their weak spot. But our halves never reached the line in going around the end. We were out-classed in discipline and interference, but not in line work. They were gentlemen in their play. Our team was complimented by their trainer on our work.

The best individual plays were made

by Scheirer, Royer, Heffner, Steckel and Welsh. At the end of the first half Owen gave way to Rahn, which was a serious loss, because Welsh had to be taken out of his position to play Owen's place. Kirlin took Isenberg's place.

We did not score, though it is thought that in the first half a goal should have been kicked from the field, as we were on their 25 yard line. The score might have been smaller had the captain not been desirous to get all the points he could on interference. The last three touchdowns were followed by kick offs instead of wedges, and each kick off resulted in a run and touchdown for the Hill school. The score was Hill 62, Ursinus 0. Every day we learn a little.

The team is composed of the following:

Right end.....	Hartman, '94
Right tackle.....	Isenberg, '96, S. T.
Right guard.....	Witzel, '94
Centre.....	Heffner, A.
Left guard.....	Rahn, '96
Left tackle.....	Welsh, '95, S. T.
Left end.....	Royer, '94
Quarter back.....	Zimmerman, '96
Right half.....	Whittles, '97
Left half.....	Scheirer, '96
Full back.....	(Captain) Steckel, '96

The substitutes are Noll, '95, S. T.; Johnson, '97; Kirlin, A.; Owen, '94.

A second team has been organized with R. Miller, A., as captain.

Both teams are doing faithful practice, and when the season is over we shall have some good material from which we can expect to form a winning team for next season.

#### P. M. C. vs. Ursinus.

Saturday, October 28, the foot-ball team drove to Norristown, and after eating a hearty dinner at the Veranda House, took a train for Chester, where it was to line up against the team of Pennsylvania Military College. The destination was reached about 1.30 o'clock.

The day was bright and fair and just cool enough for good playing. After some delay the teams lined up at 3.20. Inasmuch as URSINUS had beaten P. M. C. in base ball last spring, she was expecting to meet just as strong a foot-ball team as had been our base ball team of last season and she prepared well.

Our team was nearly the same as the one which had met Pottstown Hill School the week before, but notwithstanding the week's practice, it was just as weak as then. Especially back of the line the weakness showed itself in the slow running, poor interference and slow passes.

The P. M. C. team was much heavier and though their interference was not equal to that of the Pottstown Hill School, it made up the deficiency by its weight.

There was little rough playing, although three or four plain violations of the rules were connived at by their umpire. The mistake of giving the opponents the umpire on strange grounds will not occur again.

At the end of the first half the score was 26 to 0 in favor of P. M. C. In the second half this was increased by 36 points, thus making the final score: P. M. C., 62; URSINUS, 0.

The halves were thirty minutes.

Baker.....	right end.....	Hartman
Linden.....	right tackle.....	{ Isenberg Kirlin

E. Willard.....	right guard.....	Noll
Mougey.....	centre.....	Hefner
B. Shanely.....	left guard.....	Rahn
Smith.....	left tackle.....	Welsh
J. Shanley.....	left end.....	Royer
Ring.....	quarter back.....	Zimmerman
Willard.....	right half.....	Whittles
Bloomington.....	left half.....	Scheirer
Wooster.....	full back.....	(captain) Steckel

Referee, Stubblebine, '96, Ursinus. Umpire, Mr. Price, Crozier Seminary.

The games yet to be played are the following: North End A. A., Philadelphia, Collegeville, November 4; Norristown High School, Collegeville, November 11; Tioga A. A., Philadelphia, Collegeville, November 18.

The bath-rooms should be completed at the earliest opportunity. This is an invaluable adjunct to all athletic sports. Shower baths would be the least expensive and the most useful at the present time.

Any contributions should be sent to the Athletic Committee, of which J. M. S. Isenberg is the collegiate member, and the object for which it is given should be stated.

Our gymnasium is of little use to the students in its present state. A few ten dollar bills would effect a great change in its appearance and usefulness. Dollar bills will make ten dollar amounts if not ten dollar bills.

**THE DIRECTORS AND THE FACULTY.**

**Dr. Mensch, '87, added to the Faculty.**

The promptness of the Directors of the College in meeting the growing wants of the institution has again been demonstrated in their appointment of Prof. P. Calvin Mensch, A. M., M. D., Ph. D., '87, now at Claremont College, N. C., to the departments of Biology and Chemistry. The great advance made in recent years

in the biological sciences and their relation to health and sanitation as well as other considerations demand that a first-class college should allot the time and attention of one man at least to these subjects.

Dr. Mensch is eminently qualified to take charge of the department. After his graduation from URSINUS he entered

the Medical College of Bellevue Hospital, New York city, doing under-graduate and post-graduate work. From Bellevue he received his degree of M. D. After his graduation in medicine he located in Nashville, Tenn., and at once took up a course of post-graduate studies in Grant University, for which he received from that institution the degree of Ph. D. Last year he spent at John Hopkins University, Baltimore, doing special work in his favorite department, gathering materials and preparing for just such work as he has been called to by his Alma Mater.

Dr. Mensch has also had several years experience in collegiate instruction at New Windsor College, Md., and at Claremont, N. C. At both schools he has won for himself enthusiastic praise from his students. President J. L. Murphy, '85, of Claremont, writes: "Dr. Mensch is deservedly popular among our students."

#### **The Chemical Laboratory.**

Owing to the impaired health of Prof. Peters, the fitting up of the chemical laboratory has been delayed. With the coming of Prof. Mensch at the end of this term, the work so admirably commenced by Prof. Peters will be pushed to a speedy conclusion, so as to have the laboratory ready for the students by the second week of the winter term. Under the personal supervision of Prof. Peters very fine hard wood tables have been placed in the room, fitted up with drawers, basins, and every device used in the best laboratories of the country. The tables are exact duplicates of those in use at Bryn Mawr College, and all the special features of the Harvard chemical laboratory, in which Prof. Peters spent three summers, have been introduced. Like all the new equipment provided by the Board, the facilities of this department will stand second to none when completed.

The instruction in chemistry will be taken charge of for the present by Dr. Mensch, who has had three years of laboratory experience.

#### **A Biological Laboratory.**

Immediate steps will be taken by Dr. Mensch to fit up a biological laboratory. The room adjoining the chemical recitation room will be used for the purpose. He has been gathering material several years past for the purpose. While the equipment will not be as elaborate as that provided for chemistry, there will be genuine work done in more than an elementary way.

#### **The Academy.**

Following the example of the University of Chicago, which makes the Dean of its academy and one of the instructors members of the University Council, "giving the academy a position of honor as well as one of influence," URSINUS is determined to lift its academy out of the atmosphere which usually envelopes college preparatory schools.

Recognizing that the business of education is in effect one, no matter at what stage of advancement the work may be done, the first attention is being paid in the Academy to the development of manliness in character and conduct on the part of the students. Some adverse circumstances are rendering the effort difficult, but the hinderances may be made stepping-stones to a higher success than could be possible in other surroundings, and into this relation every obstacle must be reduced. In a future number of the BULLETIN detailed information will be given as to the steps that are being taken to accomplish the desired result.

#### **Faculty Discussions.**

The General Faculty has entered upon a new departure which promises great

good to the institution. Once a month the members spend one evening together in the free discussion of the subjects growing out of the practical interests and work of the several departments. At the last meeting the subject of irregular, special, and optional students was considered, and the conclusions reached may be briefly summarized as follows:

1. College courses should be open to students who are not candidates for degrees when they are prepared to do their work without interfering with the classes to which they are admitted.

2. No student ought to be admitted into any of the collegiate classes, who has not completed the requirements for Admission to the course from which he desires to select his subjects.

3. A special student should not be allowed to take a subject without having completed the subjects that form a necessary preparation in information and discipline for its study and mastery.

#### **Abram Feters, Deceased.**

The Autumn meeting of the Board of Directors on September 5th, was saddened by the announcement of the death, on August 30th, of one of its most active and honored members.

Mr. Feters had become a member of the Board only three years ago, but from his first meeting with the Directors to the last he took an active part in their discussions and in the management of the affairs of the college. His long experience in the school room, extending over more than forty years, his active temperament, practical ideas, and superior judgment and executive ability fitted him admirably for the duties of Director of an educational institution. In the few years

of his connection with the Board he won the confidence and esteem of all the members, and the expression of his opinions carried weight in forming the conclusions of the Directors.

But Mr. Feters will be missed not only on account of his personal worth and activity. He was the representative in the Board of a circle whose home has been for years a very Bethany to the present President of the college. Three sisters dwell there whose names adorn the rolls of honor in the financial achievements of URSINUS. Mrs. Feters endowed the John B. Feters' memorial scholarship, as a loving tribute to a noble son who died in September, 1885, within a week after entering URSINUS as a student. Her sisters, Mrs. Melinda M. Acker and Miss Mary M. Brownback endowed the John Brownback memorial scholarship, in honor of their father. But these scholarships of \$1,000 each do not represent one-third of the gifts to URSINUS of this consecrated household. The two sisters paid for one of the best rooms in Bomberger Memorial Hall, \$2,000. On another occasion they contributed \$1,000 to the general expenses of the college. Other branches of church work have been enriched by their beneficence. Mr. Feters was the counsellor and friend of these stewards of the Lord, and served as the dispenser of their charities.

Another link that bound Mr. Feters to URSINUS was his son, Horace A. Feters, who graduated from the college in June, 1892. The memory of his father will abide as that of a faithful Director. May URSINUS COLLEGE remain worthy of the confidence and support of these noble friends.

#### **THE ALUMNI.**

'74. Rev. A. E. Dahlman, A. M., of Philadelphia, has accepted a call to the

First Reformed church, Buffalo, N. Y. This is the largest (German) Reformed congregation in the United States.

'75. Rev. D. U. Wolff, A. M., Myers-town, Pa., is now engaged in pastoral work at Blue Bell, Pa. On account of physical inability he was not for some time actively engaged in the ministry.

'76. Rev. C. H. Coon, pastor of Trinity Reformed church at Seventh and Oxford streets, Philadelphia, is quite as prominent in evangelistic work as in his pastorate. The decorations at his recent harvest home service were pronounced the finest in the city.

'76. F. G. Hobson, Esq., A. M., Collegeville, Pa., was recently elected president of the State Camp of the P. O. S. of A.

'79. Rev. A. R. Thompson, Collegeville, Pa., is still in a critical condition.

'84. Rev. J. J. Stauffer, A. B., Elizabethville, Pa., is taking a few months vacation to recover former health. His pulpit is supplied by members of the senior class of URSINUS School of Theology.

'85. Rev. S. H. Phillips, A. M., Durham, Pa., delivered an address before the annual convention of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip in New York City, November 2. His subject was "The Brotherhood in the Country Church."

'86. Rev. E. Clark Hibshman, A. B., Trappe, Pa., was elected president of the Schuylkill Vally Union, Y. P. S. C. E., at its recent annual convention held at Norristown, Pa.

'86. Rev. George H. Miller, B. S., has been at work in the pastorate of Shenkel's Church, Chester county.

'90. Rev. C. B. Alspach, A. M., has accepted a call to Danville, Pa.

'90. E. S. Bromer, A. B., Schwenks-

ville, Pa., is taking the fourth year in theology at Yale Divinity School.

'90. Prof. Granville H. Meixell, M. A., delivered the opening address of the Fall term at Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio.

'90. William F. Ruff, A. B., M. D., has opened an office at No. 715 North Fortieth street, Philadelphia.

'91. J. G. Francis, A. B., has entered Mt. Morris College, Mt. Morris, Ill. He will prepare for the ministry of the Dunkard Church.

'91. F. B. Miller, B. S., Philadelphia, has relinquished his study in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania to engage in business.

'91. W. R. Smith, A. B., did not return to continue his theological studies, but has engaged in the real estate business in Philadelphia.

'91. H. T. Wagner, A. B., is completing his course in theology at Union Theological Seminary, New York, and is attending medical lectures to fit himself especially for the foreign mission field.

'91. I. C. Williams is completing his law course at University of Pennsylvania.

'92. Havilah J. Curdy, A. B., is principal of Cape Charles Seminary, Cape Charles, Va.

'92. Thomas E. Kalbach, A. B., is reading law at his home, Lebanon, Pa.

'92. J. Abner Hunsicker, A. B., has resumed his studies at Union Theological Seminary.

'92. Thomas Medd, A. B., is completing his course of theology at Princeton Theological Seminary.

'92. John T. Wagner, A. B., has returned to the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., to resume the study of law.

'92. Elmer G. Small, A. B., is principal of a night school in San Francisco, Cal.

'92. Ira L. Bryner, A. B., professor of Latin and Greek at Shippensburg State Normal School, is doing non-resident postgraduate work at the University of Chicago.

'92. Howard M. Weist, A. B., is doing non-resident postgraduate work at Syracuse University.

'93. Wm. H. Erb, Wm. U. Helffrich, J. M. S. Isenberg, W. A. Kline, E. S. Noll and W. George Welsh have returned to study theology. Sarah C. Hendricks, Norah H. Shuler and Sara C. Tyson are at their respective homes. Lillian I. Rhoades is taking music and a library course at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia. C. Edgar Reber is professor of Latin and Greek at Greensburg Seminary, Greensburg, Pa. George A. Rohn is reading law with his uncle at Tiffin, Ohio. H. A. Welker has entered Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

'93. The members of last year's theological class are located as follows:

Rev. Frank H. Fisher, A. B., ..... Mausdale, Pa.  
Rev. Samuel F. Hartzel, ..... Fishersville, Pa.

Rev. P. E. Heimer, A. B., ..... New Oxford, Pa.  
Rev. H. E. Jones, A. B., ..... McConnellstown, Pa.  
Rev. C. P. Kehl, A. B., B. D., ..... Overton, Pa.  
Rev. J. S. Kozower, A. B., ..... New Philadelphia, O.  
Rev. J. C. Leonard, A. B., B. D., ..... Lexington, N. C.  
Rev. M. J. Roth, A. B., ..... Lansford, Pa.  
Rev. B. B. Royer, A. B., ..... Goshen, Ind.  
Rev. C. H. Slinghoff, A. B., B. D., ..... Marietta, Pa.  
Rev. P. M. Spangler, A. B., B. D., ..... York, Pa.  
Rev. J. H. String, ..... Philadelphia, Pa.  
Rev. E. F. Weist, ..... Kimberton, Pa.

E. C. Sult and C. D. Yost are taking a postgraduate course in theology at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.

#### ALUMNI WEDDINGS.

During the past few months several of our Alumni have taken unto themselves wives. Those that have come under our notice are the following: Rev. J. W. Bell, '90, Newburg, Pa., to Miss Maude L. McCaughlin, Carlisle, Pa.; Rev. C. P. Kehl, '90, East Greenville, Pa., to Miss Ada Schwenk, '91, Royersford, Pa.; Rev. P. E. Heimer, '91, Nazareth, Pa., to Miss Lizzie Achenbaugh, of the same place; Rev. B. B. Royer, '93, Tiffin, Ohio, to Miss Celia Frank, Cincinnati, Ohio. To all these the BULLETIN extends congratulations and wishes many happy and prosperous years of married life.

#### EXCHANGES.

President Schurman, of Cornell, recently made an eloquent address to the Freshman class, calling upon them to produce a crew that would be a credit to Cornell. Would that there were more professors in the college world like President Schurman, who can recognize the value of student life to the University he represents, and who lives among his students, not above them.—University Courier.

The University of Chicago has the largest library of any American college; it contains over 225,000 volumes. Yale

has 200,000 volumes, and Columbia, third in size, has 140,000.—Exchange.

Harvard has graduated fourteen Cabinet officers.—Red and Blue.

A young colored lady took the first prize for the best entrance examination to Chicago University.—College Forum.

The Ohio senate has passed a bill making hazing and branding misdemeanors; the former punishable by a fine of from \$100 to \$300, and from six months' to two years' imprisonment, and for the latter a term in the penitentiary.

In England one man in 5,000 attends college; in Scotland, one in 615; in Germany, one in 213; in the United States, one in 2,000.

"My boy, you look weary and wan;  
You are working too hard with your Greek,  
To try, from constructions obscure,  
Some plausible meaning to seek."

"No, no," he wearily said,  
"The meaning I plainly can see,  
But I'm worn out trying to make  
The text and the pony agree."—*College Index.*

This year, Johns Hopkins, for the first time in its history, conferred the degree of Ph. D. upon a woman. Miss Florence Bascom is the one thus honored.

## POETRY.

### The Old Home.

How well I remember the cottage  
That stood at the end of the lane;  
'Twas there that I spent my boyhood—  
O could I—the wish is in vain.

The house was not grand or imposing,  
Not fitted for kings and for queens;  
But here were my home and my parents  
And here I was proud in my jeans.

The eaves could be touched without effort,  
The tiles were covered with moss;  
And here with my young little brother  
The ball to and fro would I toss.

The ivy climbed up to the cornice  
As if to hold down the red tiles,  
Peeped in at the small gable window  
And smiled at our innocent smiles.

A grapevine o'er-shadowed the doorway  
And shaded the path to the well,  
And there hung an old oak-bucket  
Until from my young hands it fell.

Each rock and each tree is connected  
With some of my boyhood events—  
For here I killed a huge rattler  
And there I fell over the fence.

The cottage may still be existing,  
The roses may bloom at the door;  
But mother will never sit watching  
Her boys while at play on the floor.

And she will ne'er stoop o'er my pillow  
And press a warm kiss on my brow;  
Her mission on earth has been ended,  
In heaven she waits for us now.

Dear father returns not at twilight  
With sweated bare arms and bare breast;  
His toils and his carings are ended,  
His bread-winning axe is at rest.

The smoke may yet curl from the chimney,  
The dog may yet bark at the gate,  
The cottage to me is a hovel  
Since what has been done by cold fate.

WM. HARVEY ERB, '96, S. T.

### After the Ball.

Tune—"After the Ball."

A little Freshman sought the foot-ball field,  
Saw now to glory the way revealed;  
Asked why they ran so, why scatter round,  
Why yonder man lay flat on the ground.  
Wise ones informed him "That's in the game,"  
And though its great sport some will go lame.  
Come, watch the running, see every fall;  
You'll know the reason, they're after the ball.

### CHORUS.

After the ball is started,  
After the sign is given,  
After the charge is ended,  
After the lines are riven,  
Many the shins are aching,  
If we could see them all;  
Many a head is broken  
After the ball.

List to the signal, ten, two, X Y Z,  
That means the full-back's hands will be free.  
Skirting the end, now see how they go  
Piercing the line like shafts from a bow;  
But there is a speedy man in the rear,  
His feet on the turf our men do not hear.  
Excellent tackle! Pravo! Well thrown!  
Down goes the ball there. It still is our own.—CHO.

The game grows warmer, see how they strain;  
There at the end, boy, blows fall like rain.  
That's dirty playing! hear how they call,  
For they forget they're after the ball.  
Back flies his foot. The full-back's too slow.  
There lies the ball, its flight was too low.  
Now we have lost it, for you're aware  
The ball should be sailing far through the air.—CHO.

Why, they've surprised us, down the field they rush  
Through ends and tackles, see how they brush,  
Like frightened doves hunted by hound.  
Back of the goal post, they run around.  
Now comes the mourning, shedding of tears  
The score by sixties raises our fears.  
Sore and defeated the field we leave,  
For nought but goose eggs has been our yield.—CHO.

W. G. WELSH, '95, S. T.