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Another year's work has been begun. Everything presents a bright side. The work has been entered upon with very auspicious signs. The enrollment exceeds that of previous years. A large number of new students greet us and we hope their stay at Ursinus will be pleasant and profitable to all. With this large influx we are again reminded of the fact that Ursinus has come to stay. Notwithstanding the fact that some connected with our sister institution have been trying to belittle the efforts and prospects of Ursinus, she has fully demonstrated that all such efforts are of no avail. During the past few years her fame has been spread farther and farther and every year adds to the list of her supporters and friends. This has only been accomplished by perseverance and continued efforts and we will be able to enhance the interests of our beloved Alma Mater by following up the work that has been begun.

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We cordially welcome to our midst the new students—those who have come to us for the first time. A new life is opening up to you and as you have entered into the work, may you make the most of the opportunities that present themselves. Neglecting to use every moment to the best advantage will tell in after life. How often do we hear those who have finished their course at an institution of learning regret that they did not apply themselves more closely while they were taking their course. It rests with each one to a great degree to say what his future shall be and only by

steadily following the chosen path can all the benefits be received.

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One of the necessary things for a student and one which is so often slighted is the taking of regular exercise. At the present season of the year nothing is more invigorating than to take part in the out-door sports. The foot-ball field is open to all who wish to take part and more should take part in these exercises. Tennis and other out-door sports can also be used. The lack of interest in this is manifested in the difficulty which has been experienced in getting men to aid in developing the foot-ball team. The gymnasium is another place for development. More classes should be in operation there. If we would retain health and strength of body as well as mind we

must not forget while exercising the mind to also exercise the body.

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EDITOR BULLETIN :

The F. and M. Weekly seems to keep up the reputation of its friends when it finds fault with Ursinus for having a better notice in the Philadelphia papers. Reference is also made to the last commencement. But when we remember that Ursinus had nearly two thousand people at her commencement while F. and M. had less than four hundred, we can readily understand the difference.

A few cranks in the Reformed Church have been trying to persuade themselves to believe during the last ten years that Ursinus was either a "less prominent institution" or that it did not exist, but they fail miserably in all such undertakings.

ALUMNUS OF URSINUS.

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

### THE QUERY OF THE AGES.

Does death end all?  
 Does earth complete the story?  
 Is there no sequel to life's broken tale?  
 Sounds there no call,  
 Fraught with the hope of glory,  
 From out the gloomy shadows of the vale?

Lives there no seer  
 Whose eye has pierced the gloaming,  
 And wrung from it, reluctant, tidings bright?  
 Can we but fear,  
 That after weary roaming,  
 Death has no recompence? the tomb but night?

The countless host,  
 For which death's gates keep swinging;  
 The loved ones, for whom other loved ones weep;  
 Are these all lost?  
 And is affection clinging  
 To friends embraced in an eternal sleep?

If this is all—  
 If when the heart stops throbbing,  
 And all the wheels of being cease to roll—  
 If this is all,  
 And life ends with earth's sobbing,  
 And "dust to dust" was "spoken of the soul,"

Then must we loathe  
 The powers that make known  
 The soul's capacity for higher joy?  
 Then must we loathe  
 The heart's affections sown  
 But for the frosts of winter to destroy.

No!—death is life,  
 And parting is but meeting  
 Beyond the cloudland shadowing the grave.  
 No!—death is life,  
 And, as earth's years are fleeting,  
 We grasp the immortality we crave.

The empty tomb—  
 Blest prophecy of glory—

Is vanquished by the great all-conquering One ;  
 Its scattered gloom  
 Confirms inspired story ;  
 Time sees the gem of being just begun.

B.

### GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCES.

Address delivered at the Opening Exercises, Thursday  
 Morning, September 12, 1895, by the Dean, J. Shelly  
 Weinberger, LL. D.

In the class room we are accustomed to relate the retreat of the ten thousand Greeks under Xenophon ; to admire the moral philosophy of Socrates ; to dilate on the dialects of Homer ; to appreciate the history of Herodotus ; to discuss the orations of Demosthenes ; to study the trial of the most distinguished philosopher in the ancient world ; to analyze the Agamemnon of Æschylus, the Macbeth of Shakespeare ; to have our minds excited by the brilliant exploits of Alexander in his march into the East ; to lift ourselves up by the lofty strains of Pindar ; to distinguish accent and meter ; to mark the different dialects of Grecian literature ; and to reflect upon the morals of the ancient drama.

To students of the Greek language a critical discussion on any of these subjects is of profound interest. To the student body, however, the dialects of Greece and the laws of Greek accentuation are not of equal importance. To some the Greek language is a sealed letter, an unknown tongue. We shall be pardoned, therefore, if we speak in a language that all can understand, and treat on subjects in which all can take a common interest. It is better to speak five words with the understanding to teach others than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

At the Quarto-Centennial of Ursinus College an appropriate and condensed history of the College was read by President Spangler. On a less formal occasion it is not out of place to speak more freely and more fully of its inner life by referring to incidents and reminiscences connected with the precursor of Ursinus College as well as to those associated with its own history.

A teacher of common schools, a teacher of Freeland Seminary, a professor of Ursinus College, altogether a period of forty years, will be excused, it is hoped, if he present to you the grateful remembrances he cherishes during this period while in the service of these schools.

I am grateful that I was born and that I have lived in an age of schools, freedom, toleration and progress in government, science, literature and religion. In 1833, there were two universities, 8 colleges, and 50 academies in the state, all of which have been aided by it. The whole amount of appropriations bestowed chiefly upon corporate bodies reached nearly \$300,000 at that time, and the policy of the legislature seemed to be, to establish, first, academies, colleges, and universities. Forty years elapsed from the time of the organization of the state government, 1790, to the adoption of the common school system.

Article X. of the Constitution of 1873 declares that the general assembly shall provide an efficient system of common schools, for all children above six years of age, and shall appropriate at least \$1,000,000 for its support.

By successive legislatures this appropriation for its support has been largely increased to \$5,500,000. To-day there are in the state 35 colleges and universities, almost a dozen medical schools,

5 schools of science, and 15 theological schools.

In 1859 the first normal school was opened and to-day there is one in every normal school district, thirteen in all. Up to 1874 there were but twelve districts. About that date a thirteenth district was formed out of several districts in the northwestern part of the state. Clarion Normal is the Normal in the new district.

Most of the academies in existence thirty-five years ago have vanished out of sight, or have assumed some other form.

The establishment of the normal schools by the state was a death blow to the academies, and the policy of the state was reversed by refusing all appropriations for the support of universities, colleges and academies, and by sustaining only those schools of its own creation. Before the normal schools were established it was the province of the academy to instruct men to become teachers, to prepare them for college, to afford them a preliminary education for the study of law, medicine, and theology, and to fit them for book-keeping and business. The business college was unknown.

During this period of academies Free-land Seminary was founded by the Rev. Abraham Hunsicker in 1848, and was in successful operation for a period of twenty-two years until it was absorbed in Ursinus College in 1870. Mr. Hunsicker was a man of strong religious convictions and greatly felt the need of higher education among his Mennonite brethren and expected to receive his chief support from them. But they soon became offended and called him proud and finally excommunicated him from the Mennonite Church. While he received the anathemas from his

brethren he grew in favor with other denominations and with men of liberal ideas. A non-sectarian school was opened under the principalship of Rev. Henry A. Hunsicker, a son of the founder, and Prof. James Warren Sunderland, LL. D., as his head teacher. No school in Eastern Pennsylvania was more prosperous and more popular. Students from all denominations of English and German communities between the Susquehanna and the Delaware, parts of New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware flocked here to the popular boarding school. Here Lucretia Mott, the Quaker preacher, lecturers on the abolition of slavery, temperance reformers, and anti-tobacconists found congenial spirits.

The Hon. Wayne MacVeagh, President Garfield's Attorney General, twice Foreign Minister; the Hon. A. S. Swartz, President Judge of Montgomery county; President Fetterolf of Girard College; the Rev. Francis T. Hoover, the author of "Enemies in the Rear;" the Hon. Henry K. Boyer, author of the distinguished Tax Bill, once State Treasurer, and twice Speaker of the House of Representatives; Charles Marseilles, "a journalist by profession, an acute and able politician by natural instinct, The Thurlow Weed of New Hampshire;" Milton G. Urner, Ex-Congressman, Maryland; Ex-Congressman Brunner, Reading; our own townsman A. D. Fetterolf, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives; our local pastor, the Rev. Joseph H. Hendricks; Rev. Dr. F. R. S. Hunsicker; the late William L. Williamson, teacher, journalist and banker; Dr. Oberholtzer, an honored citizen of Phoenixville; Dr. Rothrock, botanist and forestry agitator; and a host of others prominent in business and professional life all received

their preliminary education at Freeland Seminary.

While a student at this popular Academy preparing for college it was my lot to be beset with many difficulties such as are the lot of many of you now before me, but the gradual success of overcoming them and the aspirations to achieve grander results and to prepare myself to become a professional teacher have made the memories of those earlier days both pleasant and agreeable.

While pursuing a four years' course of study in the City of Elms I deemed myself happy to be recognized by such college mates as William Walter Phelps, a millionaire, afterwards a member of Congress for many years, Minister to Germany and Judge in his state, and Chauncy M. Depew, a born orator and a peer to Charles Emory Smith who lifted us to the skies by his eloquence while delivering his oration on the occasion of the Quarto-Centennial.

I never hated a college professor while at College. On the contrary I have ever cherished profound respect for President Woolsey; Noah Porter, author of the Human Intellect; Silliman, the physicist; Dana, the Christian geologist; Olmstead, the natural philosopher; Hadley, the Greek analyst; Thatcher, the Latin linguist; Whitney, the Sanscrit scholar, the Max Muller of America, all of whom have gone to their reward; Fisher, the church historian, and Newton, the mathematician who still survive.

In 1859 one of my old preceptors, William L. Williamson at Freeland Seminary was arranging to enter upon journalism and his place became vacant in October. In anticipation of this change I was called to my old friends in dear old Freeland. On Monday following my

graduation I took my place in Freeland Seminary and after Mr. Williamson entered upon his new profession I became teacher of Latin, Greek, German, French and Higher English.

In this year the Normal School at Millersville was opened up and year by year others came to the front, all of which were superior competitors with the Academies as the former had the aid of the state. The outlook was unfavorable. Meanwhile county superintendents were holding institutes in the counties. The only defence was to face about and try to do what the superintendents and normal schools did. In this Freeland Seminary was reasonably successful. We bought books on normal methods, taught the best methods of teaching, held institutes in the school, which became popular, and the school continued to be a teacher of teachers and thus survived. Molasses pies, meanwhile, appeased the appetites of incipient Epicures.

At one time it was thought the wisest plan to save the school would be to establish a normal school in the district, to be located at Freeland.

Pennsylvania Female College was at that time in a prosperous condition, and when it became manifest that the design was to take in Freeland Seminary and let Pennsylvania Female College shift for itself it raised a volley of indignation, and the proprietor did all in his power to demolish the enterprise and he was successful.

Freeland Seminary always was a paying institution. The principal made clear of expenses on an average, a thousand dollars a year. A school in those days was under much less expense and the charges for tuition and boarding were higher than now. There was not the

competition there is at present and the old associations continued a long time.

Meetings were held to take initiatory steps to form a normal school and stock was solicited with a promise of profits which should accrue from the school. The great opposer of the measure wrote to the principals of the normal schools then in existence and all replied that no profits accrued and were not intended to accrue. This knocked the zeal out of projectors and the scheme finally collapsed.

The greatest enemy to the schools in the North was the Rebellion. Many female schools depending largely on Southern patronage were soon wound up.

The firing on Fort Sumter only fired the patriotism of Freeland Seminary. No institution was ever more loyal. Anti-slavery agitators were always welcomed before and during the Rebellion. The very name, *Freeland*, tells its own story.

But when the draft was put into execution, twenty-six students left for their homes in one day. The school was fearfully decimated and more or less demoralized. The order was to draft the men where they would be found. These men preferred if drafted to be accredited to the districts from which they had come. The principal docked the salaries of his teachers without their consent and there were found a few rebellious spirits without any redress.

The invasion of the Keystone State was threatened and the training of home guards became the order of the day. There rose up a lively trade in books treating on military tactics. Teachers studied this new science more eagerly than classics and mathematics, and a West Point military academy was right in our little village. I for one used to

enjoy these military manœuverings hugely. Right about face, left about face, forward, march, were words in the mouth of the youngest student. These drills were more inspiring to me than any base or football.

These were trying times and they tried men's souls. Every citizen can now rejoice that the greatest blot on modern civilization is forever removed and that the Republic commands the respect of the civilized world.

F. R. S. Hunsicker and Joseph H. Hendricks were successful teachers at Freeland before they entered the ministry. Mr. Hendricks was always a conspicuous character among the boys while a student, was an agile athlete and a favorite among the students while a teacher.

During Mr. Fetterolf's principalship from 1865 to 1870 the aim was to keep a school superior to that of former days. The school was successful and half the number of students remained when Ursinus commenced.

The school had many unruly boys from the towns and severe chastisement was regarded a defense of virtue in those days. Four strokes of the razor-strop on the bare back was a cure for truancy; for tearing down the limbs of cherry trees to procure cherries the switching of the offender with the limbs he had broken until all were in splinters in the presence of the whole school was a reminder that this offence must not be repeated; and for private offences the student was taken to that Gehenna where now the sewerage collects to be flogged until he cried for mercy and promised to do better. To put an unruly student out of the classroom by physical force was no uncommon occurrence.

The teachers during Mr. Fetterolf's

administration were the Principal, J. S. Weinberger, Jared T. Preston and Alexander McElrath.

Before Ursinus College was in operation a report spread that Ursinus was going to be a school to prepare ministers. A controversy was raging in the Church and the management of the school was more or less affected by this spirit and it was soon manifest that for the nucleus of the school we must depend on another class of patronage. Some of the old patrons were offended, saying that the school was not what it used to be. There remained a remnant of the dear old Xi Rho Delta Society which had three degrees based on the Grecian mysteries. This society became inane, and the Schaff Literary Society succeeded it. The patronage increased and in the second year the east wing was built at a cost of \$8,000, to supply the demand for more dormitories. President J. H. A. Bomberger, Vice-President H. W. Super, J. S. Weinberger, John VanHaagen, W. H. Snyder, and J. W. Sunderland were the first members of the Faculty. We all worked hard, but the president did the work of three men. He was president of the college, taught in the college and theological department, was pastor of St. Luke's church, Trappe, editor of the Church Monthly, acting treasurer of the College for several years, and carried on an immense correspondence. He has been styled "the Grand Old Man," and so he was. In the third year, Samuel Vernon Ruby was added to the Faculty, who has given his energies to build up the department of English.

Of the twenty years of President Bomberger's administration many pleasant and interesting reminiscences might be related if time and space would allow;

suffice it to say that we shared many a tilt with him on school matters and both of us always parted as good friends as before. He enjoyed discussions on any subject, was good at repartee, and his wonderful vocabulary never seemed to fail him even when he was outargued on matters which he had never investigated. His sincere and fervent prayers in chapel were the most distinguished services rendered by him. They were fresh and new every morning and rarely equaled by any man.

The associations for a period of twenty years made Dr. Super's presidency no less agreeable to me than that of his predecessor. Dr. Williard while acting president treated me with all due deference and I must admire him as a man of wonderful energy. Dr. Spangler is a president of our own home production. He has disappointed us only in that his success exceeds our expectation, and the only regret we have is that he is not a millionaire to be equal in all respects to President Low and Provost Harrison.

The most pleasing and interesting associations I have had for the last thirty-six years have been those with Robert Patterson in the erection of Bomberger Memorial Hall. Before the erection of this building he was a comparative stranger to me. As Chairman of the Building Committee and donor of half the cost he was never dictatorial, but always kind and deferential. It was my privilege as a member of the committee to learn to know him as few men knew him. He always did more than he promised.

The local committee was criticised for extravagance by some of our good friends who did not fully know the mind of Patterson. He wanted everything the best, maintaining that the dearest was the



cheapest. He wanted the drives and walks, the steam-heat, the gas and drainage. He used to say that he would pay the half and the brethren ought to raise the other half. He was reasonable. He cherished a pet scheme to erect at his own expense a fence in front of the campus at a cost of \$5,000. A fine draft of it is still in the hands of the president. When the payments came in slowly to close up the subscription account, it was clear to the local committee that \$5,000 to pay mechanics would be more serviceable than a fence at the estimated cost. How to meet him and not offend him was the question. The undertaking proved to be very easy. It was suggested that the member of the committee living nearest the station should confer with him on the change of plan. He invited him to his house to take a rest, presented the case to him, and when it was shown him that the mechanics needed money, he said at once: "I think you are right, we can delay building the fence and put it up later on." He died in the following year forever to be remembered.

Ubi gentium? Where in the world are we? Are we going backward or are we going forward? We are enjoying the benefits of peace and life is not as serious as it was thirty or thirty-five years ago, when the question was not how to live, but how to do. It is said that the American people are celebrating great deeds instead of doing them, that college students are known chiefly as baseball or football players, that the principal interest in politics is an easy way to pay debts, and that the public officials are capitalists instead of statesmen.

Is this a real proof of decadence, or is

it inseparable from a long career of peace? In my opinion it is no real proof of decadence. There are many latent virtues in the people which man-stirring strife alone can call forth, and if we are living in an age of mediocrity, progress is made in all the departments, but in none is any one conspicuous. I believe "that this is an age of refinement, and what was forged the last generation the people are now polishing." In no period of the history of the world has such an enormous amount of money been spent for education and religion. In the church and the college is the hope of the nation. "The college represents the things that are essentially the highest and best. It stands for the sovereignty of mind. Honorable rank in scholarship in our leading colleges never stood for higher loyalty to the things of the mind than to-day. From a moral as well as from an intellectual point of view never before has such rank been so hard to gain and to hold. Because athletics and other forms of recreation are so general and so constant a theme of conversation, it is no proof that weightier matters in college life are without place in the student's interest. A man who does a worthy thing is admired and respected. Nowhere among men to-day is right action more quickly recognized and more warmly appreciated than among college men."

I believe that the athletic field is a good place for the development of true character. Every faculty and power of the man, physical and intellectual, is energized with the spirit of the contest. Students learn to bear defeat as well as to gain a victory. They must submit to order and discipline and in that way become better prepared for the great battle of life.

In this country we are not governed by others. We govern ourselves. To apply the art of self-government involves an educational effort of the highest order. This we should learn early. Next after the family the college is the place to practice self-government. In proportion as students learn this discipline finds no place. The strongest college government is shown when students govern themselves. Students must be left to their own sense of honor in many points and must be treated as men and women and not as rogues. They are the children of the household and will have a father's protection. The literary societies and religious organizations are good fields for the training school of self-government, and every student in the college must belong to one of the literary societies, or have additional tasks assigned him.

The college aims to have a well-governed household. Your advisers whom you will consult will show a father's kindness. Government will only be felt when it is resisted. The percentage of those who become subject to discipline is continually growing less. At the close of the last scholastic year five students only in Ursinus College had any marks at all, and a little care and self-government would have avoided these. I can see no reason why a student should have any marks standing against him at all.

Twenty-four students have registered for the Freshman class and four have entered the institution with a view to make up the deficiencies for advanced standing. The Academy and School of Theology have received large accessions.

We give you all a hearty welcome. You have come here to study, and let nothing dampen your zeal. There is no

room for idlers here. They are only temporary denizens soon to be deported to more congenial spirits, the drones of society.

Here you find an "ideal place for study," and here you will get more than the worth of your money. Nowhere in the state or elsewhere will you find rates so cheap. Nowhere do students pay what it costs to educate them. Students pay a small percentage of the cost of running the institution. The special fees you pay are not sufficient to meet the expenses of the accommodations. The incidentals do not begin to pay for heating recitation rooms, the cost of janitors, crayon, etc.

It is a source of great satisfaction to be able to know that students are learning the spirit of the institution better from year to year. Years ago they used to think they must do damage to take out incidentals. Now they know that incidentals are for a higher purpose. When damage is done now, as a rule the perpetrator steps forward as a man to repair the loss or offers to make it good. The conduct of the students in general is greatly improving. The gymnasium and the athletic field have become the safety-valve for the escape of superabundant energies.

The schedules for study and athletics are, however, separate and distinct. That for study takes precedence, and recitations are conducted on schedule time. No student will be favored to slight his recitations to prepare for or attend the ball ground. The two exercises have nothing in common. The discipline of the school will be carried out without regard to play. Excellence on the field does not count for scholarship in the classroom. On this the American colleges are agreed. At the last commence-

ment at Yale five football players of the Senior class failed to get their diplomas because they failed on their final examinations.

Many students are too previous in their efforts. The unrest experienced by students arises from a misapprehension of every-day duty. It is incongruous to see a sub-Freshman in the Library studying a treatise on astronomy, or Porter's Human Intellect. Attend to your daily tasks, read at your leisure what your minds are able to take in, and your college life will be a success. It is a big mistake for a student to think that the work in the Academy is not of equal importance with that of the college. As no wall can stand without a foundation, so no collegiate education can stand without academic preparation. The Academy is a school by itself, and many men high in position to-day graduated in no other school before they entered into the training-school of the world. The haste of entering college defeats its own object. A student ought to try to learn where he is best classified, and if time and means become exhausted, let him stop and build on the foundation which he has really laid. An academic education well acquired is worth more than a collegiate education gained perfunctorily by means of shams and stilts.

The true student is he who relies largely upon himself in the performance of his tasks. He is the gainer day by day. The unpolished original translations in the class room help the student not only in the study of language, but in every other study. The mind that does not train itself in original thought becomes distorted and warped. Teachers can tell you much and give you abundant literary food, but they cannot digest

for you. Scholarship comes only by hard study. A man may gain much knowledge by reading, but scholars are not made in that way. There is little difference between the teacher and student. Both are learners, and both are under discipline. Each has his rights and privileges. Each may learn from the other. When the one does not do the right thing at the right time in the right place, the other is apt to discover it and draw his attention to it. The disciple, however, is not above his master.

Let us quit ourselves like men. Let us ask no favors and shrink from no responsibilities. Let us lift up our heads and walk in the fear of the Lord, putting our confidence in Him and not in princes. If we discharge our duties faithfully we shall have all the friends we need and shall receive more honor than we deserve.

The man who finds nothing to live for is a wretch indeed. There are a few croakers in the world who think everybody is wrong because they are wrong themselves.

The world is better governed to-day than ever before. Wonderful strides have been made in granting greater freedom to all classes of society. There are better surroundings everywhere which have a tendency to improve and refine.

Your fathers, some of whom I had the honor to instruct many years ago, never had such advantages as you are now enjoying in this palatial building.

I am grateful that we have an intelligent Board of Directors both of an older and of a younger generation, the latter of which it has been my privilege to instruct and with the former I have shared many of its great enterprises. I am thankful that we have a congenial Faculty not less harmonious than the Board

of Directors. I rejoice in seeing the morning who are the hope of the country. young men and women before me this try.

## COLLEGE NEWS.

### ZWINGLIAN SOCIETY.

Tho many of the faces which were with us last year are not here now, the loss numerically has been more than made up. Fifteen new men have been elected active members of the society: J. A. F. Bunn, A., Philadelphia; C. A. Butz, '99, Shamrock, Pa.; J. G. Diehl, A., Philadelphia; W. Garrett, '99, Lebanon, Pa.; J. S. Heiges, '98, Dillsburg, Pa.; P. Hunsicker, '98, Jordan, Pa.; John Lentz, A., Lebanon, Pa.; J. McAllister, '99, Barlow, Pa.; M. L. Meminger, A., Saville, Pa.; G. L. Omwake, '98, Greencastle, Pa.; W. M. Rife, '98, Good Hope, Pa.; E. T. Rhodes, '99, Glenville, Pa.; R. Ensminger, A., Carlisle, Pa.; W. H. Sexton, A., Philadelphia, Pa.; J. Kelker, A., Harrisburg, Pa.

The society settled down to solid work at the very beginning. One result of the labor is the lecture by Robert J. Burdette, October 15, on the subject "Good Medicine."

The following officers were elected at the first meeting: President, E. M. Scheirer, '96; Vice-President, M. N. Wehler, '97; Recording Secretary, J. P. Alden, '99; Corresponding Secretary, A. L. Horst, '99; Treasurer, H. H. Shenk, '99; Critic, R. L. Johnson, '97; Chaplain, C. Petri, A.; Musical Director, W. Garrett, '99; Editors, L. A. Williamson and H. W. Schwartz; Janitor, Mr. Bartholomew.

### SCHAFF SOCIETY.

Much interest is being manifested by the members in the meetings. The attendance has been very good. All the chairs have been filled so as to necessitate the securing of more.

The following have been elected active members of the society: S. I. Cadwallader, '99, Milton, Pa.; Chas. E. Lerch, A., Wernersville, Pa.; Frederick Knorr, A., Prospectville, Pa.; J. M. Stick, '99, Glenville, Pa.; Geo. W. Johns, A., Philadelphia; Geo. Henson, '99, Philadelphia; J. Tomlinson, A., Philadelphia; E. Shulzer Fidler, A., Womelsdorf, Pa.; Raymond DeLong, A., Slatington, Pa.; Chas. B. Heinley, A., Albany Pa.; J. Fred. Wagner, A., Ironbridge, Pa.; A. L. Copper, '99, Collegeville, Pa.; Wm. Hause, A., Norristown, Pa.; John Alexander, A., Red Lion, Pa.; A. Frank Krouse, '99, Milton, Pa.

### Y. M. C. A.

The first meeting was very well attended; the second, not so well. Let us increase rather than decrease the attendance.

Sixteen young men have united with the Y. M. C. A., but there should be many more.

We need money to run the Y. M. C. A. successfully. In order to get some,

in the near future a lecture will be given by Dr. Good on his recent European trip. Be prepared when the time comes.

The annual Y. M. C. A. reception was held Saturday evening, September 21. The program rendered in the chapel was as follows: Invocation, Prof. M. Peters; Singing, "Blest be the Tie that Binds;" Address of welcome, E. M. Scheirer; Recitation, Miss Grace Gristock; Vocal Duett, Mrs. Fetterolf and Miss Hendricks; Recitation, E. M. Scheirer, Vocal Duett, Mrs. Fetterolf and Miss Hendricks, After the program, the audience adjourned to Dr. Good's room, when the new students were introduced to each other and to the people of the town. The old fashion of seeing a group of boys standing here and there was very conspicuous by its absence. Refreshments were served, and then all had exercise in writing their names on the little wooden platters which had been handed around. Many also kept the paper napkins as souvenirs of the evening. On the whole, it was the most successful reception held for a long time.

#### LIBRARY NOTES.

The earliest edition of Zwingli's works in Latin (1544) which was purchased by Dr. Good in Switzerland this summer was presented by him to the Library. Five volumes of Dwight's Theology, five volumes of Gieseler's Church History, VanOosterzee's New Testament Theology, Henry VanDyke's Poetry of Tennyson and Helffenstein's Theology are also contributions by Dr. Good. Two finely illustrated volumes, "Memories of Gospel Triumphs among the Jews during the Victorian Era," were received from the author, the Rev. John Dunlop, of London. The Library is also greatly indebted to

D. C. Murtha, an esteemed alumnus of Ursinus, for supplying the reading room with the following valuable journals: The Journal of Morphology, Zoologischer Anzeiger Centralblatt, Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science, and Science.

M. PETERS, Librarian.

#### LOCALS.

Vacation is over.

Don't study too hard.

Keep up your muscular exercise.

Don't become mathematical or linguistic experts in handling horses or ponies.

Plenty of dust, warm weather, frosty mornings and scarcity of water are the existing conditions at Collegeville.

The Board of Directors, Faculty, and former students are very much gratified and encouraged in their work by the increase of new students at this the opening of another year of collegiate work. We extend to each new student a hearty welcome, and may success crown all your efforts.

Remember there is an educational journal published in the interests of Ursinus College called the URSINUS COLLEGE BULLETIN. It may well be designated the best visitor to the room of each student. The greatest favor each student can confer upon himself or herself is to let this visitor have a hearty reception ten months of the year.

If you are in need of syllogisms or wish to know whether your reasoning is correct go to the Juniors. They are authority as they are masters of logic and know whether your propositions are true or false, and can give you the canons governing the same.

The opening address delivered by Prof. J. Shelly Weinberger, LL. D., at the

beginning of our collegiate year, was one of advice that may well be cherished by every person who was fortunate enough to hear it, or as well by those who have the opportunity of reading it. This address was a master-piece in the interests of higher education in this our grand old Keystone State. The wish of many friends is that the venerable Dr. Weinberger may be spared many more years of usefulness in the cause he has so nobly sustained.

The foot-ball team has been reorganized with a zeal and earnestness that is promising success at every turn, under the efficient leadership of H. H. Hartman as captain and G. W. Royer as manager. The team has also improved under the guidance of Mr. John B. Cressinger of the University of Pennsylvania, who served them as coacher for a short time.

Hundreds of our schools and colleges have opened their doors this year to the largest Freshman class in their history. This month will always be a turning point to thousands of young men and women in their earthly pilgrimage. The years between the Freshman and Senior classes mark a period of the greatest change both mental and moral. Remember that education is a means, not an end, and that a broad, intelligent, sympathetic humanity is the best diploma you can gain.

### PERSONALS.

E. M. Scheirer, '96, and H. H. Hartman, S. T. '97, spent their summer vacation in employment as clerks at Preston's Sunny Side, Wernersville, Pennsylvania. They report having had a pleasant and

profitable time at that noted summer resort.

Oswille R. Frantz, G. W. Shellenberger, Oswille B. Wehr, Calvin Wehr, and C. D. Lerch, of the class of '95, returned to Ursinus College, and entered the Seminary at the opening of the Fall Term.

H. H. Long, S. T. '97, has again resumed his studies, after having successfully supplied the Durham charge, located in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, in which a vacancy was caused by the death of Rev. S. H. Phillips, one of the brilliant pulpit orators of the Reformed Church.

J. H. Watts, S. T. '97, canvassed for the Reformed Church Record, in Union, Northumberland, and Columbia counties, and he was quite successful. He also preached at different Reformed churches in said counties.

H. F. Witzel, S. T. '97, was successful in obtaining employment as clerk at one of the extensive establishments of the Lehigh Valley Navigation Company located at Hazleton. He also preached several times at that place.

William Tœnnis, S. T. '97, set sail for Germany about the first of May, 1895, to visit his friends and relatives in the Fatherland whom he had not seen for eight years. Having spent his summer vacation pleasantly in the land of his nativity, he again set sail, accompanied by a small sister, about September 1, 1895. They safely reached American soil in the harbor at New York City, from thence they travelled by rail to Collegetown, Pennsylvania.

Ross F. Wicks, S. T. '96, familiarly known as "The Boy Orator," set sail some time in May for Ireland, where he was cordially received upon his arrival. He delivered his lectures at different

places and everywhere made a lasting impression. He has returned and is finishing his Theological studies at Ursinus.

President Spangler was taken ill on Friday night, September 13. He seemed better Saturday but on Sunday became worse when Dr. Mays of Philadelphia, was telegraphed for, who on his arrival held a consultation with the attending physicians, Drs. Royer, Krusen and Mensch who diagnosed the ailment as a case of appendicitis and decided that an operation was necessary. The operation was performed Monday afternoon, September 16, by Dr. John Deaver of the University of Pennsylvania and was successful. Dr. Spangler is gradually recovering his wonted health and we hope to see him in his accustomed place in a short time.

### THE ALUMNI.

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'85. Rev. Samuel Hilton Phillips was a son of Geo. W. and Mary Phillips and was born June 3, 1863. He was baptized August 16, 1863, and confirmed a member of the Reformed Church by the Rev. Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, April 19, 1878. He entered Ursinus Academy in 1880, becoming a Freshman in 1881, and was graduated in 1885. He took his seminary course also at Ursinus and was graduated in 1887. He was licensed by East Pennsylvania Classis in 1887 and in the latter part of the same year was called to the pastorate of the Durham charge in Bucks county and was ordained by Tohickon Classis. This was his only charge. He served his people with earnest solicitude to the time of his death. In 1892 he was invited to take the chair of math-

ematics at Ursinus, but the duties of pastor were more suited to his preference and so he determined to remain a pastor.

Thro what seemed to be a trifling accident, whereby a pin was driven into the flesh, blood-poisoning set in and he decided to go to St. Luke's Hospital, South Bethlehem, for treatment, hoping to be soon restored to health. Such, however, was not God's will and he gradually sank in strength, and after two weeks of unconsciousness a severe surgical operation was performed as a last resort, but without avail. He died July 9, aged 32 years, 1 month and 6 days. The funeral services were held July 13, at Stone Church, Upper Mount Bethel township, Northampton county, Pa. Short services were held at the house and at the church a large congregation had assembled to do honor to his memory. Rev. S. P. Mauer of Stone Church preached an appropriate and eloquent sermon on the value and meaning of the example of a true minister, basing his remarks on Daniel 12:3. Memorial services were held in the Durham charge, Sunday, July 21, and were conducted by Rev. Dr. Super and President Spangler. Mr. Phillips was never married. He leaves his mother, a sister and two brothers to mourn his death. The BULLETIN tenders its sincerest sympathy to the bereaved in this their sore affliction.

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'89. Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, A. B., Formally opened the new church edifice of Calvary Reformed Church at Scranton, Pa., July 10-14 with appropriate services. The building is 41x70 and was erected at a cost of \$7500.

'88 S. T. Rev. Joseph D. Peters, has resigned the pastorate of Trinity Re-

formed Church, Hanover, Pa., to take effect November 1. The congregation desired him to withdraw his resignation offering an increase of salary, but he declined urging the acceptance of the resignation.

'90. Rev. W. H. Loose, A. M., has been elected pastor of the Mausdale charge near Danville, Pa. He has accepted and will enter upon his duties at an early date.

'91. Rev. Henry Tesnow has been obliged to resign the pastorate of Messiah Mission, Philadelphia, on account of the health of his wife which necessitates his removal to Colorado. He has been doing a good work in Philadelphia, and we hope that the health of his wife will improve with a change of climate.

Rev. Frank H. Fisher, A. B., has resigned as pastor of the Mausdale charge to accept a call from the Board of Home Missions to go as missionary to Hiawatha, Kansas. He entered upon the work in his new field, September 1.

'92. Rev. I. M. Bachman, A. B., is being very successful as pastor of the First Reformed church of East Mauch Chunk, Pa. He dedicated a new church, Sunday, September 29. Special services were held morning, afternoon, and evening.

'93. Rev. Elias S. Noll, A. B., was elected pastor of the Overton charge, Sullivan county, Pa. He was ordained and installed September 15. The installation and ordination services were conducted in the forenoon, Rev. Chas. B. Alspach of Danville preaching the sermon and Rev. Geo. S. Sorber of Watsonstown conducting the other services. In the afternoon the cornerstone of the new church building was laid.

## MARRIAGES.

'90. Rev. Harvey E. Kilmer, A. M., and Miss Blanche A. Whitmore were married Thursday, September 5, at Annville, Pa. Rev. Kilmer is pastor of the Reformed Church at North Lima, Ohio.

'91. Rev. Horace T. Wagner, A. B., was married on September 17, to Miss Della M. McCord at El Paso, Texas. Rev. Wagner is engaged in mission work at Ciudad Guerrero, E. de Chihuahua, Mexico.

'95 S. T. Rev. Fred. W. Kratz, A. B., pastor of Bethlehem German Reformed Church, Philadelphia, was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Pretzer, of Cleveland, Ohio, on August 6.

The BULLETIN extends heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the happy couples.

## ATHLETICS.

The candidates for the foot-ball team of '95 have undergone a marked improvement over previous years under the guiding hand of coach Cressinger of U. of P. He has shown his ability as coach in the earnest way in which he has accepted his duties and the general satisfaction of those interested in athletics. For the first two weeks the men took cross-country runs of about five miles at 6 a. m., and indulged in general foot-ball tactics at 4 p. m. of each day. The candidates have been put on special diet and made to conform to strict rules of living.

The make up of the team will be vastly different from the team of '94. Many of last year's team either have not returned or will not play. To fill their places are many good men who have



been enrolled in the several departments of the college.

McKee will take Heffner's place at centre and promises to play his position well. A little quicker movement in breaking through will make him a strong man. Heffner and Rahn are very strong men for guards but are slow as yet, but they play hard and make good games.

Kopenhaver, Witzel, Meminger, and Most are working hard for tackles with the honors in favor of the first two. Witzel has the making of a good tackle and is learning his position well.

Shelly, Zimmerman, and Waltman are three good men for ends, altho the first two are pretty sure of a place. Waltman is a good man and tackles as well as either of the others but does not thoroughly understand his position. Zimmerman gets off quickly and follows his interference well; while Shelly can always be depended upon as he is old in the business. A good trio are trying for quarter. Gresh of last year's team is again a candidate for that position and and if nothing unforeseen occurs he will be found at quarter. Carmany and Keller will be kept for an emergency. Captain Hartman and Cadwallader, a new man, will take care of the backs, with Scheirer, half-back of '94, at full. In the line up against the scrubs the first team showed good team work, good interference. There is yet room for much improvement and only by following out the directions of the coach can anything be accomplished.

Ursinus will play according to U. of P., Harvard and Cornell rules. A second team has been organized to give the first good practice.

Games have been arranged with Hill School, Temple College, Swarthmore,

Norristown Wheelmen, and efforts are being made to arrange games with Franklin and Marshall, Haverford, and Lafayette.

There is need of more classes from the college in gymnastic exercise, they need it as much as the students of the academy. All can not play foot ball.

#### CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF PROF. FRANCIS A. MARCH, LL. D.

Lafayette College will hold a celebration on October 24 in honor of Prof. Francis A. March, L. H. D., LL. D., the distinguished philologist, who this Fall completes his seventieth year and forty years of service in the College. The exercises will begin at 11 a. m. in the auditorium of Pardee Hall, Ex-President Wm. C. Cattell, D. D., LL. D., presiding, and will consist of an address by Prof. Wm. B. Owen on Dr. March and his work for Lafayette, and several addresses by Dr. March's fellow laborers in the field of English Language and Philology, Dr. Wm. T. Harris, U. S. Commissioner of Education, Prof. T. R. Lounsbury of Yale, Prof. J. W. Bright of Johns Hopkins, and Prof. Thomas R. Price of Columbia. A dinner in the Gymnasium will follow, with speeches by Dr. March's former students, on various phases of his work. The speakers will be Dr. John Fox of Brooklyn, Dr. John R. Davies of New York, Dr. James C. MacKenzie of Lawrenceville, N. J., Dr. Stephen G. Barnes of Mass., and Dr. Samuel A. Martin, President of Wilson College. It is also hoped that a representative of Amherst College will speak for Dr. March's Alma Mater, this year being the jubilee of his graduation.