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THE first year of the second quarter century of the career of Ursinus College has been brought to a successful close. From every point of view the year has been marked by substantial advances in the life and work of the college. There were more students enrolled and more in attendance at one time than in any previous year. The standard of scholarship exacted from the students was higher and the work done by them better in every respect. The completion of the physical laboratory has placed this department on an equal footing with the other Natural Science departments, and Ursinus is now provided with the best of facilities for undergraduate work in Chemistry, Physics and Biology.

THE exercises of Commencement week were marked by a high degree of enjoyment on the part of the friends and visitors present. "This has been the most pleasant commencement I have yet attended" was frequently heard from the lips of annual visitors, and those who visited Collegeville for the first time were equally outspoken in their expressions of satisfaction and delight. The natural beauties of the place, the bright sunshine and cool atmosphere, the brevity, variety, and high order of merit of the program, together with the elegant music, conspired to make the day one of unalloyed pleasure to Faculty, students and visitors. Commencements at Ursinus have a charm of their own and must be enjoyed to be appreciated.

THE members of the class of '76 are certainly to be commended for their generous action in erecting a stately flag pole on the campus and in presenting to the college a large and beautiful United States flag in connection with their reunion on Commencement day. The floating of the national colors on our campus bears with it an important significance. It is an outward evidence of the patriotic sentiment of the inner life of the college—a sentiment that is well worth cultivating to a greater degree. The subjects of Civics and Political Economy are embodied

in nearly every college curriculum, but we doubt if the spirit of true patriotism is fostered to the extent that it should be. There are not enough college men taking an active interest in the vital political issues of the day, and yet the crying need of the nation is for greater intelligence and higher morality in her politics.

Let the stars and stripes as they wave over URSINUS be a constant reminder to her sons and daughters of their obligations to the state and a means of inspiring them to a more devoted interest in the nation's welfare.

LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

SO GEHTS.

CANTO IV.

The nights and days of summer come and go,
And slowly drag mankind, both friend and foe,
On, on to certain stakes of this life's course,
Which silent thought or wish has set with force
Deep in the world of longing. And when reached,
Man's hurried to another, help beseeched
From mortal man and from Almighty God.
From stake to stake, until beneath the sod
He calmly sleeps, he's borne in joy and pain.
Though many stakes are reached, yet some remain,
And will remain untouched by man fore'er.
To plant a stake and then to hasten there
With eager beaming eyes and beating heart,
And linger round the spot and then depart,
Is Nature's simple plan to sweeten life
With all diversities of joy and strife.

A stake is set and driven rather deep
By John and Sara's love and vows to keep
That love. The love-wreathed unseen stake is firm
And steadfast in their path; but like a worm
The days of summer wriggle in the light;
The shortest night, too, lingers in its flight.
These snail-like summer seconds crawl so slow—
Yet hurry thousand sinning souls to woe—
And slowly bear these two to wedded joy,
When John will cease to be a farmer's boy.

At last the joyful nuptial day draws nigh
And bids farewell, though blushing, to the sky,

Then leaps upon the mountain with a smile,
There in the mountain beams to dance awhile;
Then in the blooming vale where daisies watch,
And where the perfumed belles of Nature lodge,
This happy day is gamboling like a sheep,
Awaking million dewdrops from their sleep;
In every silent meadow a quaff she takes
From painted cups filled by a thousand lakes;
As many miles away; along the streams
The bride of night trips smiling in the beams
Of early morning; by and by she peeps
Into the cozy chamber where she sleeps—
The bride of John clad in the beams of morn,
And natal charms the dreaming maid adorn.
Without a blush she smiles upon her bed,
Her soft, fair arms above her curly head,
As this bright day of June smiles in her room.
The snow-white bed refuses in the gloom
To trace the features of the sleeping bride.

The day now hies to John but to confide
What she has seen to make him smile and think
And all his thoughts to past and future link
Of courting days and wedded joys and home,
Where he and Sara arm in arm will roam
'Mid blooming roses; but where roses bloom
And fill the summer air with sweet perfume,
There, too, the thorns by right of nature grow
And to the fragrant odor add their woe.

But love sees dimly, if it sees at all,
The cares that in the married life befall,
And bitter fleeting hours to sweeten years.
The smoothest path of love has smiles and tears,
As has the glorious spring its variate days
Of sunshine and of rain.

John's sunburnt face
Reveals the bright and joyous heart beneath,
Decked with a fragrant nuptial rosy wreath.

The harnessed horse, impatient, restive, prances,
With life and joy the wedding waltz he dances.
He gallops down the land, along the road,
And carries John fast to his bride's abode.

Who's that that stands among the fragrant roses,
Where bees sip honey and where God discloses
Dame Nature's sweetest treasures?

His own bride.

Her smiles have with the blushing roses vied,
While waiting—which is wedded life's first duty—
To be the victor crowned of Nature's beauty.
To John she is the queen of beauty, a rose,
That sweetly blooms for life and truly knows
For whom she smiles; whose simple charms increase
And fade not though old age and dread disease
Cast withering glances at the mutual love,
But with each year and pain the charms improve.
Along the fragrant fields where farmers swing
And stop to whet their scythes and loudly sing
The rustic mowers' ditty,

"The whet is good, the whet is good,
The last one has the jug in his hood,"

They fly along;

Hear but themselves and not the mowers' song.
The farmers stand and gaze, but still beat time
In concert with the whetstones to the rhyme,
While John and Sara drive along the fields,
And every passion to its utmost yields
The pleasures of anticipated joys.
The row of swinging mowers and the boys
Behind to turn the vernal scented grass,
The loving two see not as on they pass
Unto the parson's cottage.

There it stands,

A cozy home where many silken bands
Of true and untrue love are gravely tied.
And when at last the saintly parson knows
Their wish is God's and Nature's will, he shows
His readiness to tie the sacred knot.

The solemn words he reads, but they hear not
The promises to which they say, "I will;"
True love does yet its sacred vow fulfil.

They listen to the parson's kind advice;
Excited still, John tries to pay him twice.
Then home they go more quickly than they came,
Along the pleasant fields no more the same,
For now in sacredness they're man and wife,
And arm in arm must enter joy and strife
And work and fight together. Too, the sun
Stands higher to reveal the work undone,
Has chased the mist, dried up the glistening dew,
Has made the thousand vapory pleasures few.
The sun of understanding rises so,
As onward in this changing life they go;

And, too, reveals the necessary work
That 'neath the sparkling dew of pleasure lurk.

When nearing home, the farmers knowing John
Lay down their scythes, sit on the fence for fun.
As up the hill the wedded lovers drive,
The sportive rustics smiling—four or five—
Step out into the road and stop the horse
And make John pay a quarter each, of course,
For Sara. Joking there a little while
In somewhat rude yet honest rustic style,
They homeward quickly go.

And thus befriended

By all they meet, their courting days are ended.
The poetry of love, the romance of wooing
Now changes into prose and days of doing
The earnest tasks of real life's demand
To keep the home and till the fertile land.

The woes and pains, the thorns and thistles
spring,

Yet youthful eyes see but the robins swing
And daisies smiling innocence, grow there
Where fragrant violets seem not to spare
Their richest perfume, and the painted flowers
Secure for mortals pleasant days and hours
Of endless joy. The hand that's soft and fair
Will soon be callous by life's arduous care;
The beaming ray will meet its darkened cloud
And cast a dismal gloom of grief about.
The smile will change into a heavy sigh;
And bitter tears will e'en come by and by.
So gets with John in days of joy and strife;
So gets with Sara in her wedded life;
So gets in life, these variate days do come;
So gets in every Pennsylvanian home.

WM. HARVEY ERB.

Lansford, Pa.

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INFLUENCE OF ENVIRONMENT.

Valedictory Oration by Horace Oscar Williams.

Natural phenomena, or the forces of nature, manifest their power when disturbed; spiritual phenomena, or the forces of intellect, morality, and religion are likewise cognizable. But whether quiescent or turbulent, their work never ceases. Ever on the alert to take advantage of a departure from equilibrium, these two classes of forces sway hither and thither that dependent creature, man. This vital part

lies concealed within, but its color and character can be known and determined by the preponderance of forces, or the influence of environment. Within him lies the principle of life, but in his surroundings are its conditions. Let us consider, therefore, what this influence is, or what it is, that constitutes the environment of man.

The pages of history reveal to us the exploits of renowned and illustrious men who, by perseverance, have reached what is deemed the topmost pinnacle of fame, who have been bright and guiding stars in the affairs of nations. Biography, also, leads us in this direction, pointing even more critically and in detail, to acts and deeds performed. It does even more. It leads us to see the causes, the incentives, the influences which have prevailed to make the man, and among these influences there is none that can eclipse or surpass that of the home. There it is that the foundation of character is laid; there it is that the seeds of perseverance are sown; and there it is that the first lessons of self-control are taught. Within the home the mind is directed either toward that which is good or toward that which is evil. It is there where the loving touch of the mother or the kind word of the father makes its lasting impression, and "Home, Sweet Home" will be cherished within that soul whence other sentiments have long since ceased to spring.

But we would not attribute too much to the home. The silent transforming powers of environment are elsewhere at work. Man must go into the world to fight the battles of life. The choice of surroundings becomes less restricted; all comers must be met. Here exist satanic forces struggling against divine hosts. The most cherished friend may prove

the worst enemy. Thousands have fallen, thousands have perished who received at the hands of supposed friends the cup in the depth of which lurked untold misery and woe. Beside the good and the noble on the one hand are liars and thieves on the other; and while contact with the latter is contamination, with the former 'tis pleasure and gain.

Climate in conjunction with laws and customs has a wonderful influence in the formation of the characters of men. Let us transport citizens of all nations to our own land. A few generations will develop a marked transformation. Their language will change to our language; their customs, to our customs; their features will also be modified. Inter-marriage will bring about a religious and social revolution.

What gave to the Greeks their physical beauty, their imaginative minds, their gracefulness in art and architecture? What was it but climate, soil, atmosphere? Living as they did in the midst of beauty, protected by mountains crowned with eternal snow or draped with clouds of purple and gold; walking mid ever-blooming flowers, steeped in dew; looking out upon beautiful seas and bays studded with islands of every form; gazing at the blue waters which broke into wavelets and ripples of silver; and these all over-arched with a sky of deepest azure, flecked at times with fleecy clouds as though a troop of angels had left their mantles floating in mid air—because of these the Greeks naturally became imaginative, artistic, poetic.

Under the shadow of Jove's hill stands one of the most ancient of European cities. Sixty generations have witnessed her walls, her edifices. Her temple, arch, pyramid, still remain; and though state-

ly spires still pierce the morning mists and the setting sun still envelops the whole city in its bright and mellow rays, Rome is not what she was. Surrounded, engulfed with wealth, the worm of lust and greed ate away her heart's core, and left her as a hollow reed to be swayed by passion as by a mocking breeze.

In the environment of man Christianity is a powerful factor. It has been profound in its working. It enlightened the world; rescued society from corruption; restored to us a better civilization. Through it, woman has been raised to her high standing; the laboring classes have been improved; while the poor and needy receive alms and benefactions.

But though our very lives are determined by our environment, to us is given the power of choosing our surroundings. Could the horizon have lifted and revealed to the drunkard a wretched home, a sorrowing wife, a lost manhood, his first cup would have been dashed to the earth. To every one there is a time when he is summoned to choose between truth and falsehood, between honor and dishonor, between purity and corruption. As he doubts or hesitates, as he attempts to rise or permits himself to fall, is there in the whole universe a spectacle of higher sublimity or of deeper pathos? Within him are the desires of the brute or the qualities of an angel. Shall he now stoop to embrace the low ambitions of the world or rise to grasp the higher, the nobler aims of life? Because he must provide for himself or his family shall he sever the bonds of humanity? Shall he crush all charitable desire or thrust aside all promptings of benevolence? God forbid! But may he, however, select that environment whose ever-guiding principles, elaborating, eliminating, developing all from

the first of time; conducting all things from millenium to millenium with an unaltering aim and an unflinching means, lead on to redemption's dawn.

THE AMERICAN SCHOLAR.

Second Prize Oration by Ralph Linwood Johnson.

Sixty years ago there lived in America six men of mark. Only one ever held a high place in the nation's councils, but not for that distinction is he known and loved. None had been in battle; none had armies at his command; they have not amassed great fortunes, nor have great industries waited on their movements. All were born on American soil, one of them never saw any other; they were nurtured on American ideas. Bryant, Lowell, and Longfellow needed no imported themes; Emerson, Holmes, and Whittier needed no foreign muse. If we turn from that Americanism which is the mere appropriation of the nearest good to that Americanism which partakes of the spiritual and the ideal, we embrace Hawthorne, Irving, and Cooper. These nine American scholars have been the consummate flower of American life.

The scholar finds his genius in nature and society. His inspiration is in the interpretation of intelligence. He learns that the secret of his own mind embodies the secret of all minds and having solved his own private mystery, he has mastered the whole race to that extent. He must know at a glance and dare to be outspoken: Firm to certify that this is truth and that is falsehood. "The world is his who can see through its pretension."

That America represents the future sentiment of mankind is proved by the vast

immigration here. As these people come to escape unnatural constitutions the American scholar must teach them to exchange—as they do the lily and the lion for the spangled banner—the charter of rights for the bill of human duties. These freedmen must be made freemen by love and self-denial. The highest ideal of human government worked out by the thought and experience of the race is realized in the American Republic. Sixty centuries were necessary to establish and maintain such a government. It required an unyoked continent for its theatre and a sylvan sergeant for its star. The American scholar can get that political culture which will emancipate from party thralldom nowhere abroad. American liberty did spring forth from the heart of Daniel Manin, but not being indigenous to Venice, drowned in her streets. It is the dower of no dominion save his own.

The useful scholar cannot be a recluse—a man as unfit for any public service as a pen-knife for an axe. The monastery is the place for the recluse, an institution often founded by repentant reprobates, whose earlier sins often bore richer harvest than their later virtues. The bookworm is snarled at by the practical fellow; men of profession are accosted as children. Action possesses the acumen of ancestry. Action is the “raw material out of which the intellect moulds her splendid products—a strange process this by which experience is converted into thought as a mulberry-leaf is converted into satin.” If he would be an author he too like Chaillu must find the midnight-sun and dig up the Viking Craft. Can he have a harvest-time of character who has not had a seed-time of thought?

The American scholar must contemplate American society and spread the alarm of present European influences. Our manners are French; our hotels European. Such has been the demand of the foreign upon our senses and mental powers—the imagination and the reason—that our own triumphs are wanting, so much so, as to produce a partial atrophy. Hence no great artist flourishes among us; we boast no sphinx; our philosophy is an exotic and our ethics imported. The LL. D. knows that the Old World need never again construct the New World's studio. The man should be a citizen of his own country before he becomes naturalized into the world.

Mr. Carlyle asks scornfully, what have the Americans done? Let the American scholar answer—they have abolished Monarchy; they have abolished hereditary Oligarchy; they have sundered church and state; they have instituted a nation under whose guardianship the cabined and straightened of the old world find enlargement and prosperity. If this is not enough we will match any country's heroes of field or flood for the last centuries.

While we believe we are a unit as to law and learning, and could exist without neighbors, we do not advocate a non-intercourse policy like that of the Chinese Empire, although it alone of all the nations of antiquity has survived other than in history. If we lay aside all foreign “fads” and acquire an American dignity it will be as useful to us as a standing army. An American character will be worth as much to the American destiny as was the personal character of Montaigne to his friends and family—a might fortress.

We know the mighty tomes of time are venerable, but the deeds of Rittenhouse, Franklin and Lincoln prove them not necessary. As each sinner must

work out his own salvation so each nation must achieve its own destiny. The less we are foreign the more we are American.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.

One of the most interesting commencements at Ursinus has just been enjoyed by her many friends. The exercises were all very entertaining and instructive. Large audiences were present at all the exercises and expressed themselves as being well pleased.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

The exercises of Commencement week were inaugurated on Sunday evening, June 14, with the Baccalaureate sermon by President Henry T. Spangler, D. D. Special music was rendered by the Trinity choir, led by Prof. A. J. Harbaugh. Dr. Spangler's text was Acts 26: 19: "Wherefore . . . I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision," from which he preached a strong sermon on the proper use of ideals. In conclusion Dr. Spangler said: "There are three leading attitudes which men cherish with reference to ideals. Of these the poorest use of an ideal is to make it an object of dreamy, passive enjoyment, and yet this is one of the commonest uses of an ideal. As some one has said, 'Building castles in the air is one of the most unremunerative of real estate speculations.' A better use of ideals is to hold them as sources of inspiration and power, to feed upon them until the soul is permeated with the vision. Their highest use is to make them

incentives to the attainment of noble character. The reproduction of the ideal is the end of its creation."

JUNIOR CONTEST.

The third annual Junior Oratorical Contest was held on Monday evening. There were ten contestants, who acquitted themselves with credit. A very large and appreciative audience assembled to hear the following program rendered:

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

MUSIC.

PRAYER.

ORATION: Distinctions in Society.

MINNIE SHEPARD BROMER, Schwenksville, Pa.

ORATION: Our Nation's Duty to Our Oppressed Neighbors.

CYRUS EDWARD LERCH GRESH, Milton, Pa.

ORATION: The American Scholar.

RALPH LINWOOD JOHNSON, Collegeville, Pa.

MUSIC.

ORATION: What Americanism Means.

FRANK PHAON LAROS, Collegeville, Pa.

ORATION: The Highway a Factor of Civilization.

JOHN OSWALD REAGLE, Mount Bethel, Pa.

ORATION: Sunken Graves.

HERMANN STONEROD SHELLY, Manheim, Pa.

ORATION: The Higher Aims of Statesmanship.

RALPH HUSTON SPANGLER, Collegeville, Pa.

MUSIC.

ORATION: The Need of Reform in Our Divorce Laws.

JOHN POTTS SPATZ, Boyertown, Pa.

ORATION: The Value of the Classics.

MAURICE NEVIN WEHLER, Littlestown, Pa.

ORATION: Historic Ground.

ROBERT MEARNES YERKES, Grenoble, Pa.

MUSIC.
AWARDING OF THE MEDALS.
MUSIC.
BENEDICTION.

Two gold medals were offered. The first by F. G. Hobson, Esq., A. M., '76; the second by the Rev. J. W. Meminger, A. B., '84. The Judges, Rev. J. D. Hunter, Norristown, Neville D. Tyson, Esq., Norristown, and Prof. J. K. Harley, Girard College, Philadelphia, awarded the first prize to Ralph Huston Spangler; the second to Ralph Linwood Johnson; and gave honorable mention to John Oswald Reagle and Minnie Shepard Bromer.

The music for the evening was furnished by the Norristown orchestra, led by Mr. Walter Geller.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16.

On Tuesday, at 10 A. M., the Board of Directors met in annual session in the President's rooms with the following members present: Hon. Henry W. Kratz, Norristown; Hon. Lewis Royer, M. D., Trappe; Hon. Hiram C. Hoover, Hooverton; Rev. Aaron Spangler, York; Rev. Wm. S. Anders, Fairview; Rev. N. W. Helffrich, Allentown; A. H. Fetterolf, L.L. D., James M. Anders, Ph., D., of Philadelphia; and Frank M. Hobson, President Spangler, J. W. Sunderland, L.L. D., Rev. J. H. Hendricks, and F. G. Hobson, Esq., of Collegeville.

The President reported the work of the College as in a prosperous condition, with 198 students enrolled for the year. Upon the recommendation of the Faculty William C. Mains, A. M., of Brooklyn, N. Y., was elected to fill the vacancy in the Faculty caused by the death of Professor Ruby. The Field Secretary, the

Rev. H. E. Jones, reported Subscriptions on Alumni Professorship, \$4178; on Church History Professorship, \$1375; for other purposes, \$1571; besides cash to the amount of \$1636.

At 2 P. M. the field athletic exercises were held. Mention of these will be found elsewhere.

At 8 P. M. the address before the Literary Societies was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Paden, of Philadelphia. U. S. District Attorney James M. Beck had been engaged to deliver the address, but on account of sickness he was unable to be present. Dr. Paden at a late hour very kindly consented to make the address. His subject was, "Paris in the Nineteenth Century." He said that the life and history of a nation's chief cities gives the key to the nation's history. Many things in French life are wrong, but you can also find much that is good. The French have no idea of personal responsibility, and from this we are able to explain their frequent changes of government.

The music for the evening was furnished by the Choral class.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17.

At 10 A. M. the Alumni Association held its regular business meeting.

In the absence of the Rev. C. U. O. Derr, Rev. S. M. Hench, '77, of Frederick City, Md., was called to the chair.

The association appropriated seventy-five dollars to the library to be spent by the librarian in the purchasing of such literature as he may see fit. A. H. Hendricks, Esq., '88, of Pottstown, was elected president for the ensuing year. A. W. Bomberger, Esq., '82, of Norristown, was chosen to deliver the Alumni oration

next year and Professor Ira L. Bryner, '92, of Shippensburg was appointed alternate.

At 2 P. M. a large audience assembled in Bomberger Hall to hear the Class Day Exercises. All enjoyed the program and the hope was generally expressed that future classes would follow the example set them by '96. Following is the program :

- PIANO DUET, *Il Trovatore.*
MISSSES HENDRICKS AND HUNSICKER.
- CLASS HISTORY,
EDWIN J. LAROS.
- CLASS POEM,
HORACE OSCAR WILLIAMS.
- VOCAL SOLO,
MRS. H. E. JONES.
- CLASS ORATION,
ALBERT N. STUBBLEBINE.
- SELECTION,
CHORAL CLASS.
- PRESENTATION SPEECHES,
GEORGE F. LONGACRE,
ARTHUR C. THOMPSON.
- PIANO SOLO,
MISS SOPHIE CASSELBERRY.
- CLASS PROPHECY,
GEORGE W. ZIMMERMAN.

At 4 P. M. the Alumni banqueted at Prospect Terrace. Sixty persons surrounded the tables and the following persons responded to the toasts proposed by the Master of Ceremonies, F. G. Hobson, Esq., A. M., '76: "College Memories," Rev. E. C. Hibshman, '86; "The Baby of the Board," Rev. J. W. Meminger, A. B., '84. Mr. Meminger simply acknowledged the compliment of his nomination as a Director by the Alumni, and introduced his colleague in church work in the city of Lancaster, the Rev. Dr. J. M. Titzel, to speak in his behalf. The youngest member of the Faculty, Professor C. A. Saunders, Ph. D., responded to the toast "The Faculty." Dr. Weinberger, who has been elected to the office of burgess in the recently created borough

of Collegeville, spoke on the subject of "Municipal Progress," and President Spangler represented "The College."

THURSDAY, JUNE 18.

Although the weather was unfavorable in the morning, a large number of friends thronged to Memorial Hall to enjoy a pleasant and happy Commencement day. The music in the morning was furnished by Klingler's Orchestra, Allentown; in the afternoon, by the Allentown Band. The music was excellent.

Following is the program of the morning.

- 9.30-10, Music by Orchestra.
10.00 o'clock.
- MUSIC : March—The Directorate. *Sousa.*
- PRAYER.
REV. DR. TITZEL, Lancaster, Pa.
- SALUTATORY : The Secret of a Strong Life.
EDWARD MILLER SCHEIRER, Roxborough, Pa.
- MUSIC : Overture—Zampa. *Herold.*
- LITERARY ORATION : The Art of Shakespeare.
ELIZABETH RUBY TITZEL, Collegeville, Pa.
- MUSIC : Waltz—Southern Roses. *Strauss.*
- VALEDICTORY : Influence of Environment.
HORACE OSCAR WILLIAMS, Yerkes, Pa.
- MUSIC : Piece de Salon—The Trout. *Eilenberg.*
- CONFERRING OF DEGREES.
- COMMENCEMENT ORATION by the HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, LL. D., of Philadelphia.
- MUSIC : Gavotte—Martha Washington. *R. Aronson.*
- BENEDICTION.

DEGREES IN COURSE.

A. B.—Edwin Jesse Laros, Collegeville, Pa. ; George Force Longacre, Yerkes, Pa. ; Charles Snell Rahn, Schwenksville, Pa. ; Edward Miller Scheirer, Roxborough, Pa. ; Albert Newton Stubblebine, Philadelphia, Pa. ; Arthur Clarence Thompson, Collegeville, Pa. ; Horace Oscar Williams, Yerkes, Pa. ; George Washington Zimmerman, Collegeville, Pa.

B. L.—Elizabeth Ruby Titzel, Collegeville, Pa.

B. D.—William Harvey Erb, A. B., Summit Hill, Pa. ; William Ursinus Helffrich, A. B., Dillsburg, Pa. ; James Milton Sangree Isenberg, A. B., Durham, Pa. ; Whorten Albert Kline, A. B., Sell's Station, Pa. ; Rev. Wallace H. Wotring, A. M., Nazareth, Pa.

A. M.—Whorten Albert Kline, A. B., Sell's Station, Pa.

HONORARY DEGREES.

A. M.—James H. Lambert of the *Press*, Philadelphia.

D. D.—Rev. Joseph Newton Hallock, A. M., Editor of the *Christian Work*, New York City ; Rev. Daniel H. Martin, A. B., Pastor of the Clinton Avenue Reformed (Dutch) Church, Newark, N. J. ; Rev. Henry Albert Meier, Professor of Historical Theology, Mission House Theological Seminary, Franklin, Wisconsin ; Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, A. M., Pastor of Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia.

LL. D.—Prof. James M. Anders, M. D., Ph. D., Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia.

The oration by Judge Ashman was

most highly appreciated by the audience. He emphasized the need in college and after college life, of honor, honesty, and high ideals, and spoke with the fervor of deep conviction and the charm of magnetic oratory.

At 1.30 P. M. there was an open air concert by the Allentown Band.

The class of '76 presented the college with a beautiful flag at 2.30 P. M. The class rendered the following program in connection with the presentation of the flag :

OPENING REMARKS,

REV. F. C. VOST, York, Pa.

HISTORY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS,

REV. GEO. S. SORBER, Watsontown, Pa.

ORATION : The Flag and What it Symbolizes,

REV. GEO. A. SCHEER, Philadelphia.

RECEPTION OF THE FLAG by

HON. H. W. KRATZ, President of the

Board of Directors.

The friends were entertained on the baseball field at 3.00 P. M. Report of this will be given under athletic news.

At 8 P. M. the President's reception was given at the President's residence. A large number of friends met and enjoyed a pleasant evening in social intercourse. Refreshments were served to the guests. A pleasant feature was the impromptu music and literary entertainment by several of the guests.

COLLEGE NEWS.

ZWINGLIAN SOCIETY.

During this happy year of scholastic life the Zwinglian Literary Society has increased in number and strength. The meetings have been instructive and encouraging.

The weekly associations have been free from envy, jealousy and hatred. The pleasure of the many has peacefully dictated the actions of all. At no time did the forensic practice wound the feelings of any one. Sympathy and good-will have prevailed. A more kindly spirit of

brotherly love can not pervade an organization of any kind. To exult in the consciousness of a socially successful year is pardonable pride.

This has been a year of progress in the literary work. A faithful performance of duty has left its effect upon the society. All the members have been on various duties. The offices have been held by different members. Every one has had an opportunity of gratifying his literary desires. Some of the new members have made marked progress in public speaking. The rendition of wisely selected and well prepared programs has been instructive to the performer and to the hearer.

The most laudable characteristic of a literary society is its power of encouragement. This feature has been prominent in the society. The efforts of all have been appreciated and the merits of none disregarded. Words of cheer and congratulation have done much toward the welfare of the student. The work is left in a prosperous condition. The prospects of continued success are encouraging.

SCHAFF SOCIETY.

Another year has been added to our history. The work done by the society this year surpasses that of any preceding year. The society is larger than it has ever been before, having sixty-one members on the roll. During the year we received twenty-five men into active membership. The society is in a very prosperous and thrifty condition.

On Wednesday evening of Commencement week, after the Alumni oration, the society held its annual reunion. A very interesting program was rendered, the features of which were the vocal solos of Mrs. Helen Boice Hunsicker and the

singing of Mr. H. A. Hunsicker. Addresses were made by the following alumni: Spangler, Hobson, Yost, Stauffer, Hibshman, Hunsicker, Ruff, Isenberg and Royer. The evening was very enjoyably spent. The visitors were pleased with the advances the society has made since they were active members, and spoke many words of encouragement to those who are now carrying on the work.

PROFESSOR RUBY'S SUCCESSOR.

The BULLETIN takes pleasure in presenting to its readers the record of William C. Mains, A. M., of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has been elected to fill the vacancy in the Faculty of Ursinus caused by the death of Professor Samuel Vernon Ruby.

William C. Mains was prepared for college at Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn, N. Y., completing the entire course of six years in that school. In 1888 he entered the University of the city of New York, from which institution he received his A. B. degree in 1892. He was graduated second in his class and was awarded the Butler Classical Fellowship. During his undergraduate course he had begun to specialize in the direction of English, and this line of study he continued for one year in the graduate school of his Alma Mater, receiving for it the degree of A. M. The year 1893-'94 Mr. Mains spent at the University of Denver in charge of the chair of History and Political Science. Desiring to broaden his preparation for his life work, he decided on a course of foreign study, and has worked since the fall of 1894 in the Universities of Halle and Berlin. He expects to receive his Ph. D. degree from Halle in the early

summer. The principal men with whom he has studied and who will conduct his examinations are Professors Conrad in Economics, Erdmann in Logic, Psychology and History of Philosophy, and Droysen in Modern History.

Mr. Mains expects to return from Europe by September 1st and to begin his work at Ursinus at the opening of the term, September 16.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ATHLETIC COMMITTEE.

URSINUS COLLEGE,

Collegeville, Pa., June 22, 1896.

The Treasurer of the Athletic Committee submits the following report of receipts and expenses for the football season of 1894 and for the baseball and football seasons of 1895. The report does not cover the baseball season of 1896. The manager, Mr. E. J. Laros, had sole charge of all receipts and expenses for the season of 1896.

The amount of receipts from all sources was \$1102.41 and of expenses \$1083.84, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$18.57.

In this total are included the following special contributions: H. H. Pigott, Esq., \$115.00; Dr. James M. Anders, \$60.00; H. K. Boyer, Esq., \$60.00; Prof. M. Peters, \$60.00; F. G. Hobson, Esq., \$40.00; President H. T. Spangler, \$29.50; Rev. H. E. Jones, \$27.00; E. H. Longstreth, Esq., \$15.00; Rev. J. W. Meminger, \$10.00; M. R. Longstreth, Esq., \$10.00; Prof. J. Horace Landis, \$5.00; Frank M. Hobson, \$2.00; Dr. S. Wolff, \$2.00.

Respectfully submitted,

M. PETERS,

Treasurer Athletic Committee.

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the same correct.

P. CALVIN MENSCH,
F. G. HOBSON,
Auditing Committee.

LOCALS.

Hay.

More hay.

Rake wheels.

Strawberry festivals.

Too many handicaps.

The common question—"Have you passed?"

An unknown quantity—the Juniors' profits on "The Ruby."

"Stubby" will likely be Alumni orator at the next commencement.

It is said that the Faculty almost had a case of "wheels" over that hay rake.

The boys have gone to their homes, some, perhaps, never to return to Ursinus.

It is said that the morning "Georgia" left, Charley bought two tickets for Camden.

The Faculty met day after Commencement and "fixed" the marks of the students.

The Summer School opened June 22d under the management of Prof. Harbaugh.

The Freshies expect to study Mathematics for summer amusement during vacation.

Now the boys are in their element. No physics and no mathematics on the approach.

What would the Summer School do without Buchanan? He has been at-

tending for four years and we think he should soon have his diploma.

Mrs. Ruby and Miss Titzel, '96, have moved to their former home in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Give us Klingler's Orchestra every time for Commencement week. We appreciate good music.

Prof. Kavanagh, a former member of the Faculty, visited his son Calvin at Ursinus last month.

E. J. Laros, '96, our pitcher, is playing with the Milton team of the Central Pennsylvania League.

A number of the Faculty and students of the college attended the Frantz-Alderfer wedding on June 11.

Miss Nan Haig of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mr. A. N. Stubblebine, A. B., during Commencement week.

Leap year seems to be an off year for our students, considering the number that "flunked" in the final examinations.

Oberholtzer, '99, won the first prize for the Running High Jump in the Field Sports conducted by the A. A. U. at Phoenixville, June 20.

Omwake, '98, Reimert, '98, Kerstetter, '98, and Stick, '99, have been in attendance at the Y. M. C. A. Student's Conference at Northfield, Mass.

From the appearance of the term reports we think some generous hearted friend should increase the endowment

sufficiently to keep a bottle of new *black* ink in the Dean's office.

Mr. E. F. Bickel of Mercersberg College visited friends at Ursinus in June.

Spangler, '97, expects to spend much of his vacation in Bridgeton, N. J.

Prayers were said and tears were shed,

On Friday after Commencement day.

Kisses exchanged and vows were feigned,

When the boys saw their sweet-hearts away.

The opening of the hay making season was duly celebrated by the city students. The farmer boys knew that the sun must shine to make hay. The moon won't do, fellows.

A number of the boys attended a strawberry festival at Eagleville some nights ago. Gilds, Waltman and Spatz will relate their adventures in the *August* number of the BULLETIN.

The Republican Club paraded through the town Wednesday evening of Commencement week. "McKinley for President and Weinberger for Burgess" was displayed on one of their banners.

Among the students at the Summer School are Messrs E. O. Batt, of East Stroudsburg, J. N. Blatt, Mohrsville, Pa., and Professor J. J. Unger, Principal of the East Stroudsburg Public Schools.

One night recently the Sophs raised their colors on the new flag pole. They floated defiantly over the revengeful Freshmen for a whole forenoon, when the '98 boys took them down again without interference.

ALUMNI NOTES.

'89. On Friday evening, June 19, the Rev. O. H. E. Rauch, '89, and his wife, Mrs. May Royer Rauch, '86, of Royersford,

celebrated their wooden wedding. Their pleasant home was crowded by their many friends and members of his con-

gregation. Mr. and Mrs. Rauch were the recipients of many useful presents.

The BULLETIN congratulates.

'89. It seemed like old times to see the Rev. Wallace H. Wotring, A. M., B. D., on the campus. Time has dealt leniently with Mr. Wotring. He is not looking much older than when a student at college. He was accompanied by his wife.

'90. Ralph Royer, A. B., '90, is at home with his father, Dr. J. W. Royer. Mr. Royer has been on the stage for the last few years filling important engagements with strong companies. At the last college reception Mr. Royer, assisted by other members of the Royer family, rendered the program.

'91. William Ruff, A. B., M. D., left his practice long enough to attend Commencement exercises. Dr. Ruff has been elected the surgeon for the Union Traction Company of Philadelphia. We congratulate the doctor.

'93. H. A. Welker, A. B., '93, who recently graduated from Auburn Theological Seminary, New York, attended Commencement. Mr. Welker has been supplying the Parryville Charge.

'93. The friends of the Rev. E. S. Noll, A. B., '93, were all glad to see him at Ursinus again. It reminded us of the time when he was the champion of the Gridiron. Bro. Noll has grown stouter, indi-

cating that his stream of life is running smoothly. He has been very successful but says he is becoming lonely and expects to bring his life's partner to next Commencement.

'96. Geo. W. Zimmerman, A. B., '96, will enter the law office of Hallman and Place, Norristown, about July 1. We wish George abundant success.

Rev. H. E. Jones, Field Secretary, who is raising an endowment for the chair of Church History among the churches, and another to be known as the Alumni professorship among the Alumni, is meeting with success. This is right, the Alumni must work together. The friends of the college have been faithful in the past, and promise to be more so in the future, but in order to show our friends that Ursinus is really the "good thing" that she has been cracked up to be, her sons and daughters must come forward and support her. Members of the Alumni, let us rise up as one in this movement. Those of us whom the Secretary has not yet seen, let us determine not to wait until he does see us, but write to him for his plans. I believe that if the Alumni will enter this movement whole-hearted our friends will become so interested that before another Commencement, we shall have a Library building and a gymnasium in addition to the endowments. Let the Alumni work together.

ATHLETICS.

The second annual field games of Ursinus were held on Tuesday, June 16, 1896. It rained during the forenoon and the field was in poor condition for doing good work.

In the events of this day five records were broken. In the 100 yards dash, Fogleman, '98, lowered the record of 11 seconds to 10 3-5 seconds. In the pole vault Waltman, '99, broke the record of

8 ft., 6 in., vaulting 8 ft., 9½. In the broad jump, Fogleman broke the record of 17 ft., 2 in., jumping 19 ft., 7½ in. In putting the 16-pound shot Fogleman also beat the record of 30 ft., 8 in. by putting it 31 ft., ½ in. In the three-legged race the record was lowered from 17 seconds to 15 seconds by Waltman, '99, and Whittock, '99. The different events resulted as follows:

100 Yards Dash.

1. Fogleman, '98, 10 3-5 sec.
2. Heiges, '98.

Putting Shot.

1. Fogleman, '98, 31 ft., ½ in.
2. Rahn, '98.

Running High Jump.

1. Oberholtzer, '99, 4 ft., 10½ in.
2. Heiges.

Running Broad Jump.

1. Fogleman, '98, 19 ft., 7½ in.
2. Rahn, '95.

Pole Vault.

1. Waltman, '99, 8 ft., 9½ in.
2. Fidler.

Running Hop, Step and Jump.

1. Fogleman, '98, 33 ft., 2 in.
2. Heiges.

Throwing Baseball.

1. Rhodes, '99, 283 ft.
2. Rahn.

Sack Race, 50 Yards.

1. Kugler, '99, 13 2-5
2. Rhodes, '99.

Slow Bicycle Race.

1. Deppen, A., 3 min.; 2 sec.
2. Oberholtzer, '99.

Three-legged Race.

1. Waltman and Whittock, 15 sec.
2. Heiges and Rhodes.

The Tennis Tournament closed June 16, and resulted as follows:

	Spangler.	Scheirer.	Paist.	Horst.	Rahn.	Gresh.	Krause.	Casselberry.	Won.
Spangler,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Scheirer,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Paist,			1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Horst,				1	*	1	1	1	3
Rahn,						1	1	1	2
Gresh,							1	1	2
Krause,								1	1
Casselberry									1
Lost,	0	1	2	3	3	5	6	6	

*Did not play.

At New Brunswick, N. J., June 16, Ursinus crossed bats at baseball with Rutgers and won by the score of 11 to 9. The game throughout was interesting. Rutgers' defeat was due to their inability to locate Laros's curves. This is the second defeat that Ursinus has administered to them this season. The feature of the game was the batting of Rahn and the fielding of Spangler, Heiges, Henson, Pool and Runyon.

The score.

URSINUS.

	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Henson, ss.,	2	2	2	3	0
Davis, 1b.,	1	1	8	1	0
Cadwallader, 2b.,	1	1	2	0	0
Rahn, c.,	2	4	10	2	0
Zimmerman, 3b.,	2	2	0	0	1
Heiges, l. f.,	1	1	2	0	0
Reagle, r. f.,	1	0	1	0	0
Spangler, c. f.,	1	0	0	2	0
Laros, p.,	0	1	0	3	1
Total,	11	12	27	9	2

RUTGERS.

	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Parrot, ss.,	2	2	1	2	1
Pool, 3b.,	0	3	1	4	1
Scudder, p.,	0	0	1	0	0
Mason, l. f.,	2	1	0	0	1
Runyon, 2b.,	1	0	3	3	0
VanDyke, c.,	1	0	6	0	0
Strickland, r. f.,	1	1	1	0	1
Corbin, c. f.,	0	0	0	0	0
Vorhees, 1b.,	2	0	11	0	1
Total,	9	7	24	9	5

Earned runs: Ursinus, 4; Rutgers 2. Two base hits, Rahn (2). Bases stolen, Ursinus, 1; Rutgers, 9. Double play, Davis to Rahn. Hit by pitched

ball: Henson, Vorhees. Struck out by Scudder, 5; by Laros, 7. Umpire, Cox. Time, 1 hr., 45 min.

The Commencement game, June 18, was largely attended. It was not as interesting as it would have been had not so many of the regular players been absent. The team composed of the Alumni of the College played a fine game. Miller did excellent work in the box. The final score was 12 to 5 in favor of the Alumni.

URSINUS.

	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Zimmerman, ss.,	0	1	3	5	2
Kugler, 3b.,	1	2	5	2	0
Rahn, c.,	0	0	6	2	1
Heiges, 1b.,	0	0	7	0	2
Spangler, 2b.,	2	0	2	2	1
Ensminger, l. f.,	1	1	1	0	1
Farringer, c. f.,	0	1	0	0	3
McCune, r. f.,	1	0	0	0	1
Laros, p.,	0	0	0	2	1
Totals,	5	5	24	13	12

ALUMNI.

	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Davis, c.,	3	1	5	3	0
Hicks, c. f.,	1	1	0	0	0
Hendricks, 1b.,	2	1	12	0	0
Miller, p.,	2	0	0	6	1
Koons, ss.,	1	3	1	0	0
Krause, 2b.,	1	0	2	4	1
Bomberger, r. f.,	1	0	0	0	0
Wiest, 3b.,	1	0	4	2	1
Knipe, l. f.,	0	0	3	1	0
Totals,	12	6	27	17	3

Struck out by Miller, 5; by Laros, 3. Two base hits, Koons (3). Bases on balls off Laros, 1; off Miller, 2. Double play, Knipe to Wiest.

The baseball season was opened April 10 by a game on the home grounds with Dickinson. The work in the fore part of the season was not as good as it was toward the close. This was due in part to some changes which the team underwent. Spangler, who played third base, resigned. Zimmerman was transferred from second to third and Stubblebine was brought in from the field to fill the place made vacant. After playing a few games he resigned. Second base has since been

filled very creditably by Cadwallader. A few days before starting on the trip to the interior of the state, Trook had his hand severely hurt. This again caused a change in the position of the players and weakened the team at the bat for a time.

Since that trip our boys have been doing excellent work, having won four games out of six, two of which were with Rutgers.

The management, which was in the hands of Mr. E. J. Laros, has been conducted most satisfactorily. There were more and better games played on the home grounds than during any previous season. There have been played in all seventeen games. Procuring the necessary funds for eight good games on the home grounds required a great deal of hard work on the part of the manager. Well may he feel proud of his work, and our thanks are due him for the time and labor expended in raising the standard of our athletics. Let us all labor to the end that the sports at Ursinus during the coming year may surpass all previous records.

OUR attention has been called to a few typographical errors which were allowed to occur in the Ruby memorial edition of the BULLETIN. In justice to the authors we deem it our duty to correct them even at this late day. In the tribute by Dr. Weinberger the word "firesides" should be "fires," and in that by Prof. Meixell of Midland College, the word "student" should be inserted after the adjective "individual" in the first paragraph, and the word *intension* should be substituted for the word "*intention*" in the second paragraph.