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The chief purposes of the Bulletin are: Statedly to furnish facts concerning the current life and work of Ursinus College; to promote closer fellowship between the college and its friends, and to stimulate zeal for the vital interests which it represents; to supply items of literary and religious news, with special regard to a higher Christian education and the evangelizing work of the church; to afford members and friends of the college a medium for occasional contributions; and to give assuring proof of the fidelity of the institution to the principles and aims for which it was founded, and of its efficiency in their maintenance and pursuit.

Short contributions of items, and articles in harmony with these purposes, are solicited not only from the Alumni, but from all the friends of Ursinus College. They can do much in this way to make it interesting and effective. *Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re.*

**COLLEGE NOTES.**

Although the Spring Term opened (April 6) with wintry weather, and gloomy skies, running far into the month, in other respects the School has presented bright and cheering aspects. With more than a hundred students at the morning roll-call and devotional services, it would do our friends good if they could occasionally look in upon the scene and witness the decorum, and fervor with which all seem to join in the worship. The whole number of students in actual attendance is 110.

The Executive Committee has made final arrangements for exercises during Commencement week. Wednesday June 24th will be Alumni Day. At 2 P.M. annual meeting in the College Chapel; 8 P.M. Alumni Address by the Rev. Abraham B. Markley, A.M. '76 of Millersville, Lancaster County, Penna. Alumni Reunion after the address. For various reasons it is important that as many of the Alumni as possible attend Commencement this year.

**Col. McClure, Esq.,** of Philadelphia, delivered an address in the College Hall, on Wednesday evening April 29, which gave great satisfaction to the large audience assembled. His theme: *Personal Recollections of Abraham Lincoln* was admirably handled, and elicited warm applause. The College and the Community are greatly indebted to him for the favor conferred upon them.

The current Term will close with Commencement-Day, June 25. Please make a special note of this so as to arrange in time to be present.

Mr. Ernest Longstreth of the Sophomore class, has accepted a clerkship in the First National Bank of Norristown.

The College Catalogue for 1884—5 will be ready for distribution about May 23.
THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

The Schaff Literary Society will hold its annual open meeting on Friday evening, May 22. These meetings are open to the public, free of charge, and all are respectfully invited to attend. The music for the occasion will be furnished by the Schaff Quartette, and Orchestra. The following program will be rendered:

Essay—“An Indian’s Lament,” W. A. Korn.
Declamation—“S. A. Bromer.
Music—“Sunset.” Quartette.
Essay—“College Hobbies,” C. E. Wehler.
Declamation—A. S. Bromer.
Music—“Self-Depreciation,” Quartette.
Essay—“Swiss Air,” Orchestra.

In reference to the recent lamented death of an esteemed fellow member, Thomas M. Hutchison, of Northampton County, Pa., (also a member of the Junior class of College), the Society passed a series of Resolutions expressive of their high regard, and their sincere condolence with his bereaved family and friends.

The society, on account of recent additions made to their library, is about to have a handsome, new walnut book-case constructed in their library room. It will be built large enough to contain about 1000 volumes, and will be completed before the end of the term.

The 15th anniversary of the Zwinglian Literary Society held at the close of last term was an occasion of interest to all present. The Cecilian Society of Norristown furnished sweet song, and a trio of the Philadelphia Zither Club awakened many responsive chords with their small, stringed instruments. The young ladies’ Olevian Literary Society of the College for the first time graced an anniversary festival in a body and were handsomely greeted by Thaddeus Krause, of Plumstedville, Bucks Co., who delivered a glowing, vigorous salutatory. Mr. E. E. Neff, of Alexandria, Huntingdon Co., spoke thoughtfully on “Pearls among Pebbles.” Mr. Geo. H. Miller of Weaversville, Northampton Co., drew lessons of wisdom from nature’s steady activity, using as a subject “Haste not, Idle not.” The injury done to society and the individual by “Self-Depreciation,” was justly criticised by Mr. D. C. Murtha, of Philadelphia. Mr. Titus C. Strock, of Springtown, Bucks Co., departed from the usual field of eulogy in speaking the praises of “Alexander Wilson,” an American ornithologist who stood in the forefront of his chosen science. Mr. James B. May, Shenkle’s, Chester Co., brought the program to a fitting close by paying a glowing tribute to “Maternal Affection.”

Nor must the Olevian be overlooked in the bloom of its vernal life. The marked success of the first open meeting of the young Ladies had an inspiring influence shown by an increase in membership, and of earnest zeal in the work of the society. They contemplate the establishment of a special library suited to the tastes and proper culture of young women. Of course they will succeed in their plan. Who can resist their appeal, or refuse to help them?
To be fully convinced of the value of these literary societies, the friends of the School and the students should only see them in operation, and the opportunity they furnish for practical improvement in many important respects. They are worth far more than they cost, and merit liberal encouragement.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.


Miss Minerva Weinberger, A. B. '84 will deliver an original poem, on Memorial Day, May 30th, at the decoration of the soldiers graves in Freeland Cemetery.

The following books have been added to the Alumni Library during the month of April: History of Montgomery County. The official Record of the Centennial Celebration of Montgomery County, Pa. Building for the Children of the South. Circulars of Information of the Bureau of Education. No 7 of '84 and No 1, of '85.

SPECIAL TOPICS.

A VITAL MATTER.

Besides owing the public proper provisions for a good education in the ordinary sense of that term, Colleges, and indeed all educational institutions have a far higher and more important trust committed to them. It is that of the moral and even religious culture of those under their care. Without this, learning acquired by the pupils or students may do greater harm than good. The more young people know the worse it may be for them, for their friends, and for society, unless that knowledge is seasoned with grace, controlled by pure principles, and devoted to the loftiest purposes of life.

Happily this fact is coming not only to be accepted by the majority of those who are personally interested in the work of schools, but to be carefully looked after in their selection of the College or the Academy for their own training or that of their children or wards. It is felt to be a matter of prime importance that young men and women should be taught not only the natural and secular sciences, but, the wisdom that cometh from above. And it is desired that the school should be a place where strong, upright characters are formed, even more than a manufactory of Bohemian vases and burnished gold or silver ware.

And it is pleasant to know that a large number of our Colleges and higher schools not only endorse this view, but have labored earnestly to emphasize and spread it. Many, indeed, have been founded with special reference to it. Hence in their Circulars and Catalogues they give marked prominence to the care bestowed upon the moral and religious training and conduct of
the pupils under their tuition. They frankly avow their sense of responsibility in this respect, and on this ground ask for the confidence of those whose patronage they seek, and whom they offer to aid in the momentous work of educating youth for the noblest ends of life.

All this, furthermore, implies clearly their assuming a most solemn trust. It takes the form and character of a contract or bonded engagement of such schools with their friends and patrons to be faithful in this work of moral and religious culture. All are to feel assured that their sons and daughters will be fairly safe, as to their inner life and the moulding of their character, under the tuition of those to whose nurture and discipline they are so sacredly entrusted; that when they leave the school they will take with them not merely so much more mental knowledge and skill, but consciences rightly quickened, and hearts more solidly rooted in integrity towards God and man, than when they entered the school.

But all this again involves something that reaches still further and deeper. Not only is some sort of moral and religious training required. It is to be of the right kind. There are shams and counterfeits here as in other things. And as in every community there are standards for detecting bad notes and spurious coin, so every community has its special convictions in regard to what constitutes a pure morality and the true religion. The schools know, therefore, what is expected of them in this respect, and virtually promise to comply with those expectations. In other words, every College and school is committed to maintain certain definitely understood principles of morality and religion, and faithfully to instill them into the minds and hearts of its students. It has, most probably, been founded for this purpose, and with such an understanding and bound itself to serve the purpose for which it was established. Those who patronize it do so relying upon its honest devotion to the trust committed to it, and its upright zeal in the execution of the trust. Those who hold offices in the school were elected to this end, and their acceptance of the offices was an avowal and pledge that they would work in full harmony with the design and wishes of the founders and of those who called them to be instructors in the institution.

Men are, as a rule, not elected to be Professors in Colleges that they may have opportunity to invent new and strange systems of virtue and piety, and pervert and poison the minds of their pupils by teaching their own vain conceits for truth. Would the United States allow lessons of sedition and treason against the Republic to be inculcated upon the cadets at West Point? Would a Medical School tolerate a professor who should assail its established theory and system? How much less could any such flagrant violation of established principles be tolerated in a school founded for their maintenance?

A Roman Catholic College or school would not be allowed to teach Evangelical Protestantism. Why should a school professing to be Protestant teach Roman Catholicism? So in regard to other points which might be named to illustrate our subject, and which will readily suggest themselves to thoughtful minds.

If, however, what has been said must be approved as true and right it follows conclusively that great concern
should be felt in regard to the moral and religious principles of our schools. Without exaggerating the importance of the matter it may surely be said that parents and friends of youth should be far more anxious for the right moral and christian training of young people than even for their intellectual improvement. Both should be faithfully attended to, but under no pretence should the former be neglected. And in selecting a school the chief inquiry should be: is it a really christian school in which the pupils will be trained according to established principles, or will be led into the sea of speculation and come away from school with neither fixed habits nor certain knowledge.

This does not by any means imply that the schools shall be narrowly denominational or sectarian. There are certain fundamental truths and principles of christian virtue and piety which all evangelical Christians and Churches hold in common, and always have held. Let the school prove its loyalty to those, and then it may be trusted. But let not our youth be exposed to the perils of a rotten morality and of those "divers and strange teachings," those "cunning fables," which in these times again are seeking to supplant genuine piety and subvert the truth.

In the satanic war which such errors have ever been waging against the Gospel, the Gospel will come off victorious as it has always done. None need have anxious fears about that. But there is cause for solicitude lest, during the conflicts, many will fall victims to the poisoned darts of the skepticism, infidelity and popery (as a combination of both) which are now, as in bygone ages, leagued together in bitter and implacable hostility to a pure evangelical Protestant Christianity.

BOOK NOTICES.


By the courtesy of the author or publisher, or of both, a courtesy duly appreciated, copies of the above essays recently reached us by mail. It is a matter of regret that the BULLETIN can say nothing in praise of either small volume, excepting that their rhetoric is excellent, and that they are pervaded by an insidiously gentle spirit.

The former is nothing more nor less than a restatement, in somewhat modified form, of the Universal-restorationist error, and a defence of that error with sophistry no better than those commonly used in the premises. That he denies this merely shows how far simplicity can be duped by its own delusions. It is one of the perils of the times that teachers of notions subversive of Gospel doctrine artfully retain the names of the doctrines (such for instance as inspiration, atonement, justification) in order thus the more surely to overthrow the doctrine itself. If those did so to whom Paul refers in Galatians 1, it explains and justifies his severe reprobation of them.

Of the other volume, so-called, "Christian Evolution" the BULLETIN can only say: (1.) That Ursinus College regards the term as having a specific Darwinian sense; (2.) in that sense, it is and ever has been unqualifiedly repudiated here; and (3) that there is nothing in the process of Redemption as developed in the Bible to warrant the application of "evolution" to it, in the sense in which the term is likely to be understood. True Christianity cannot teach, and does not owe compromising concessions to materialistic errors.
MONTHLY SUMMARY.

COLLEGIATE.

Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pa., rejoices in a large normal class that has swelled the number of its students to 120.

The Mission House, Sheboygan, Wis., will hold a quarter-centennial jubilee during the last week of June in connection with its Commencement exercises.

The summer session of Mercersburg College opened on April 7th. More students from a distance are said to be in attendance than at any time since the College was revived under Dr. Auchinbaugh.

The annual Register of Franklin Marshall College and Theological Seminary, Lancaster Pa., reports the following attendance of students for the present year: College, Senior Class 27, Junior 28, Sophomore 20, Freshman-17; Seminary, Senior Class 8, Middle 11, Junior 6; Academy, 30; total 147.

In summing up the attendance of students at the various Colleges of the church for the year 1884-85, we feel gratified with the numerical position of Ursinus College, which each reader can ascertain for himself by comparing the figures reported in this column.

The catalogue of Heidelberg College and Theological Seminary for the current year contains 166 names of students, an increase of twelve over last year.

The corner-stone of the new College Building was laid in the presence of a large concourse of people on April 22d in the afternoon. Gen. W. H. Gibson made the principal address, and Dr. Reiter, President of the Board, laid the stone. The building will be 104 x 139 feet, three stories high, and the contract was given at $46,558, thirty-six thousand of which has been secured.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Baltimore, Md., Third Church, C. Clever, is said to have entirely recovered from the confusion caused by the transition of Dr. Gauss to Rome. It now numbers 310 members, two hundred having been added by Mr. Clever. During the six years of his pastorate $21,816 has been contributed for congregational and $3,285 for benevolent purposes.

Chicago, Ill., which already has three German churches, one self-supporting and two missions, is to be favored with a fourth. Property has been purchased for this purpose, a Sunday School organized, and regular preaching services established.

The corner stone of a new church at Woodberry, Md., a suburb of Baltimore, was laid April 19th. Rev. E. E. Deatrich has charge of the enterprise.

Mt. Pleasant Reformed Church, Henrietta, Blair Co., Pa., W. A. Long, which has been erected at a cost of $3,034, was dedicated May 29th, Rev. H. F. Long of Marklesburg preaching the sermon.

The Harbor Mission at New York, established last June by the General Synod's Board, has not been largely sustained by the church and will probably be closed at the end of the year. Experience has also proved that the end had in view can be better accomplished by other methods.

North Carolina Classis reports encouraging progress in its missionary operations. The new chapel at Concord is nearing completion and was occupied for the first time on Easter Sunday. Rev. Dr. Clapp, President of Catawba College recently visited Watanga Mission on the Blue Ridge mountains, and mentions a number of promising points in the western part of the state that invite attention.

In New York city a French Mission is organizing under the care of Rev. A. J. Olinger, of the Reformed church of France, to which seventy heads of families have given their names. Arrangements have been made to hold services every Sunday in the lecture room of the Union Reformed (Dutch) church.

Philadelphia, Pa., St. Paul's German church, 17th and Fitzwater sts., A. Emil Dahlman, which was organized in 1865, now has 369 members and 385 in the S. S. In June last it started a mission school at 31st Street and Gray's Ferry Road which numbers 55 scholars. The congregation is engaged in building a parsonage at the side of the church.

Spring City, Chester Co., Pa., D. W. Ebbert, rejoices in a fine church edifice which was dedicated April 2d, President Bomberger preaching the sermon. The building cost nearly $11,000, which was all provided for by a congregation that started with 47 members in 1882 and now has ninety.

Trinity Christian Church of this place, J. H. Hendricks, is enjoying a series of evangelistic services under the direction of Mr. W. H. Geistweist, an evangelist who has been laboring successfully among the churches of Philadelphia and elsewhere. Bible readings every evening at six o'clock and services at eight. The series closes on the 9th inst.

Zion's Reformed church, Pottstown, Pa., C. S.
Wieand, received its third dedication on March 29th. Sermon by Prof. N. C. Snaefler, of Kutztown.

MINISTERIAL.

Bloom, N. W., removed from N. Lima to Peters burg, Mahoning Co., O.

Bridenbaugh, S. R., has taken charge of Bloomsburg, Pa.

Christman, D. M., removed from Helena to Baltimore, O.

DeGeller, E., resigned Stockton California to become pastor of a Swiss congregation at Dallas, Texas.

Dechant, A. L., Pennsburg, Pa., resumed pastoral labor, after six months rest on account of impaired health.

Donat, W. D., removed to Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa.


Etchen, H., died at Olney, Ill., April 12, '85.

Fricke, Richard, installed at Kiel, Wisconsin.


Hershey, Scott L., Ph. D., removed from Lancaster to Middletown, O.


Kline, A. K., installed at Woodstock, Va.

Kuss, C., address 56 Sweeney St., Buffalo N. Y.


Land, T. S. accepts call to Centre Hall, Center Co., Pa.


Lerch, J. V., removed from Canal Fulton to Columbiana, O.


Marcus, F. W., resigns Crestline, O., on account of ill-health.

Resser, Geo. B., installed at St. John’s, Lebanon, Pa.

Ream, S., removed from Tremont City to Lake, Stark Co., O.

Shuey, D. B., resigns Emporia, Kansas, to devote all his time to trans-Mississippi missionary work.

Simon, Dr., received into Reformed Church from Judaism at Hanover, Germany, justifie his step in “Thoughts of a Jew.”


Sites, I. A., removed from Dakota, Ill., to Ada, O.

Winter, J. F., installed as his fathers successor at Whetstone, O.

BENEVOLENT.

Mrs. Anna K. Uhler, who died at Manheim, Pa., March 12, 1885, made the following benevolent bequests: Home Missions $1000; Foreign Missions $1000; Church Extension $400; Beneficiary Education at Lancaster Seminary $500; Bethany Orphans’ Home Womelsdorf $100; Reformed church Manheim 300, and S. S. $100. The bequests, amounting to $3400, are about one-half the value of Mrs. Uhler’s estate.

St. Paul’s Orphans’ Home at Butler, Pa., Rev. P. C. Prugh Superintendent, enjoyed a refreshing Easter service, at which seven orphans were confirmed. The children had to forego the usual Easter treat, because the hens of the home were not sufficiently active at that season and no friend of the cause was thoughtful enough to furnish the eggs, which were too high in price for the slender state of the treasury. Who will supply St. Paul’s with livelier hens or a barrel of eggs next Easter?

Fifty Indian children have been brought to Juniata Collegiate Institute for mental, moral, and industrial training by the principal, Prof. P. H. Bridenbaugh, for which he receives from the Government the sum of $130 per capita, per annum. Prof. B. reports thrilling experiences in gathering them from the Oneida Reservation, near Green Bay, Wis.

Olivet College, Michigan, has received $50,000, from Mr. Bostwick of Detroit, and $100,000 from Mr. Erwin, of Conn., during the last two months.

BENEVOLENT EDUCATION.

Stone Church, Rev. A. R. Thompson, $24.64

Rev. J. H. Hartman, Lischey’s charge, 10.00

Milton, Pa., Rev. F. C. Yost, 25.00

Landisburg, Pa., Rev. M. H. Groh, 37.00

Rev. F. F. Bahner, Waynesboro, Pa., 12.00

Huntingdon, Pa., per Rev. Rupley, 13.44

Rev. F. A. Guth, Jefferson charge, 75.00

Rev. J. W. Mabry, Cherryville, Pa., 50.00

Rev. F. A. Guth, Jefferson charge, 60.00

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