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The rule, "subscriptions cash in advance," will commend itself as a necessary one. Let all comply with it from the start. Any who may have found it inconvenient to comply with it, can do so at the coming Commencement. It would also be a good time for the friends of the Bulletin to bring with them additional names to the subscription list. By a little special effort the circulation of the periodical could be largely increased and its usefulness correspondingly extended. The Bulletin will be sent to friends until they request its discontinuance, and it is expected that they will pay the subscription for the year.

**COLLEGE NOTES.**

The total attendance of students at the College for the current term is 113.

The final examination of the Senior Theological Class took place on Friday, May 29th, in presence of the Visiting Committee, a number of whom were on hand and took part in the examination.

Thursday, June 25th, is the day fixed for Commencement this year. It is hoped that all will carefully mark the day and the date, and make arrangements in time to favor the occasion with their presence.

As usual arrangements will be made for excursion R. R. rates and those who expect to attend the exercises of the week can avail themselves of this advantage by procuring orders for excursion tickets from Dr. Bomberger. Send for them at once. The usual provision for entertainment at moderate rates will be made at Prospect Terrace.

The Annual Catalogue of the College for the current year is out. It cannot fail to cheer all the friends of Ursinus, and of the positive evangelical principles which the School represents. The roll of students, gradually growing for some years, has now reached 131, an increase of 15 over last year. In other respects the comparison of the present with the past is equally significant and encouraging. Some of the noteworthy lessons it suggests are indicated in the leading article of the present issue under Special Topics.
COMENCEMENT PROGRAMME.

Sunday Evening, June 21st,
BACCALAUREATE SERMON BY THE PRESIDENT.

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Monday, June 22d,
7 P. M.,
Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

8 P. M.,
ADDRESS BEFORE THE LITERARY SOCIETIES,
"The Hereafter, Is it a Myth."

Tuesday, June 23d, 8 p. m.
JUNIOR CONTEST FOR PRIZES OFFERED BY THE CLASS OF '77.

Wednesday, June 24th,
10 A. M.,
Meeting of the Board of Directors.

2 P. M.,
Meeting of the Alumni Association.

3.30 P. M.,
Meeting of the Ursinus Union.

8 P. M.,
ADDRESS BEFORE THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION,

9.30 P. M.,
Re-Union of the Alumni, at Prospect Terrace.

Thursday, June 25th,
10 A. M.,
COMMENCEMENT,
In Trinity Christian Church.

Salutatory..........................S. L. Messinger,

Oration............................O. P. Schellhamer,

Oration............................James B. May,
Shenkels, Chester Co., Pa.

Oration............................Alvin J. Kern,
Slatington, Pa.

Oration............................Miss Mary Wiest,
Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa.

Oration............................Miss Sallie Kulp,

Scientific Oration..................T. C. Strock,
Springtown, Bucks Co., Pa.

Philosophic Oration.................Joseph L. Murphy,
Thomasville, N. C.

Valedictory..........................S. H. Phillips,

3 P. M.,
REUNION OF THE GUESTS AND FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE.

8 P. M.,
RECEPTION AT THE PRESIDENT’S HOUSE.

Music furnished by Eureka Orchestra, under the direction of E. Lehman Ruhe, Allentown, Pa.

THE COMING COMMENCEMENT.

To excite a proper interest among our friends in the approaching Commencement of the College, let us carefully analyze the programme published in the preceding column. Beginning with the Baccalaureate sermon, which the President will preach in St. Luke’s church, Trappe, on Sunday, every day of the week will have its own exercises of interest. On Monday night Dr. Weiser will deliver the address before the literary societies. His subject will not only awaken attention among the students, but will draw persons from abroad to the institution early in the week. On Tuesday evening the Junior oratorical contest will take place. There will be three ladies and three gentlemen in the list of contestants, and an exciting time may be expected. The prize is offered by the Class of ’77 and consists of twenty-five dollars in gold, fifteen to be given to the person speaking the best oration and ten to the second.

Wednesday will be business day. The Board of Directors will meet at 10 A. M. A number of items of special importance will claim the attention of the Board, and every member should be in his place. At 2 P. M. the Alumni Association will hold its meeting, and at 8 P. M. the address will be delivered by Rev. A. B. Markley, A. B. His subject is hieroglyphic in appearance, as may be seen by turning to the alumni column of this BULLETIN, and the oration will no doubt be striking and entertaining. The Committee has secured the spacious dining rooms at Prospect Terrace for the re-union following the address.

It is proposed this year also to hold a business meeting of the Ursinus Union on Wednesday at 3.30 P. M. The Union of late years has not given suf-
efficient time or attention to its important work, and by this arrangement it can have several hours for uninterrupted consideration of the interests intrusted to it. All friends from a distance can reach Collegeville by 3.13, in time for this meeting.

The graduating class consists of two ladies and seven gentlemen. They will furnish entertainment for Thursday morning, and the friends of each one will no doubt be on hand to give proper eclat to the occasion.

To all who have learned by experience how enjoyable Commencement week is at Ursinus College, and to all who may at any time have had a thought of seeing for themselves, we say, come and enjoy this year's festivities with us.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

The auditing committee of the Zwingleian Literary Society has examined the account of their treasurer, and find that during his term of office, beginning January 15 and ending May 29, 1885, he has received $158.12. Paid out $114.12.

The Olevian Society has added a handsome three-lamp chandelier to the furniture of Dr. Bomberger's room in which they hold their weekly meetings, for which the President makes due acknowledgements. The young ladies have also sufficient money on hand to make an investment in a library.

The open meeting of the Schaff Literary Society, as announced in our last issue, was held on the evening of the 22d of May. Notwithstanding the dark and rainy night, the college chapel was well filled. The essays and declamations were well written and well delivered. The oration, by Mr. S. H. Phillips, on America's Future, merited special comment. The paper, "The Schaff Gazette," was one of the best. The music of the evening was furnished by the Schaff Quartette. "Shall we meet beyond the river," was rendered with excellent effect.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

PERSONAL.

Rev. John H. Bomberger A. M., '77 is at present sojourning in Florida. His address is Twin Lakes, Sanford P. O., Orange Co., Florida.

Rev. J. E. Smith, Bath, Pa., a Theological Alumni of the class of '77, was elected president of East Pennsylvania Classis at its late annual sessions in Arndt's church, near Easton, Pa.

Rev. A. B. Markley, A. B., '76, Pastor of the Lutheran Church of Millersville, Pa., for the last five years, has resigned his charge to take effect the present month. He has had several calls, but, as yet, has accepted none.

Rev. F. F. Bahner, class '73, has been pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Waynesboro, Pa., for eight years, and in that time has canceled all the indebtedness of the charge, met every classical and synodical apportionment, and doubled the membership. He proposed to repaint and beautify his church building in the near future.

The subject of Mr. Markley's Address before the Alumni Association on the 24th inst. will be "Points, ; ; !? — ."

The ninth volume of the tenth Census of the United States, giving a full report of the Forest Trees, with sixteen maps, has been added to the Alumni Library.
Apart from the general interest which may be taken in the Catalogue of the College for 1884-5 it suggests some special lessons worthy of emphasis and consideration. Such annual reports of the work and condition of the school possess a value beyond the facts and figures taken as mere statements. They naturally challenge a comparison of present figures and facts with those of previous catalogues, and an explanation of any differences, plus or minus, which may appear. And this not only to gratify curiosity, but as a means of making discoveries which may be of practical service in judging of the past, or in providing for the future. This will become manifest in noting a few of the lessons suggested in the present case, by the increased number of students on the College roll for the current classical year. As the increase named cannot be put to the credit of any "drumming in" process, or other like methods sometimes employed, there must be a different way of accounting for it.

And one is that the growth of the College in this respect must be attributed in good measure to the confidence felt in the permanence of Ursinus as a school, and in its power as an educational institution. Much had been done a few years ago to undermine this confidence. Different false and foolish rumors of a sinister spirit and tendency were circulated to the effect that the school was about to be closed, or so merged in some other as virtually to stop its distinctive work. Such rumors of course caused trouble, and proved injurious, and, to many friends, very disheartening. Others, however, urged to patient perseverance, feeling assured that if this was done in the right spirit the darkness would soon be past, and the perils of the hour safely escaped. And now the happy issue justifies that perseverance, and teaches the important lesson of faithful endurance of trials in reliance upon Him who can control them for His own end, and the weakness of allowing occasional difficulties, however formidable they may seem to be, to cause the abandoning of a good cause in weak despair.

Another lesson to be gathered from the facts set forth in the catalogue is, that the College is acting wisely in seeking to accommodate its educational provisions to the wants and circumstances of that part of the State in which the School is located. At least this policy is followed as far as it can be in harmony with well established principles. New England Colleges were founded for the latitude and longitude of the Eastern States, and suitably adapted to the character of their people. Pennsylvania colleges should be similarly suited to Pennsylvania, and especially to the American-German portions of the State. The views and ways, tastes and temper of the people are as much entitled to consideration as those of their yankee friends. So at least Ursinus thinks, and holds, accordingly, that Eastern Pennsylvania has as good a right to have a fully equipped college so managed as to suit its own wants, as Massachusetts has to Amherst or Connecticut to Yale. And so our good people in these parts seem to think more firmly every year.

One more lesson must suffice for this time,—and in some respects it may be thought the most significant of the three. It is, that the frankly and unequivocally avowed and defined religious
principles of Ursinus College are coming to be more warmly appreciated as the people better understand them. As a rule the more earnest and thoughtful people of our day are not as unsettled in their opinions of Christianity and its leading facts and doctrines as they are sometimes said to be. Nor are they as eager or anxious for changes and novelties. They are far less so than one might suppose they would be, considering the persistent efforts made for some years past to unsettle their minds and hearts, and to tempt them to try new notions and strange ways. The comparative failure of those efforts, though made and pressed by men who have mutually trumpeted each other’s praise so that they might carry their schemes on the tide of reputation thus raised, proves clearly that the people generally have no sympathy with such novelties. They do not like their high-sounding phrases; their fraudulent pretences to be something else than they are, and their artful concealment of their real character. The restive changeful character of those novelties, showing that those who advocate them are not sure of being right nine days at a time, and therefore are nervously searching for what they have failed so far to find since they broke away from the old tried foundations, all this makes the people shy of them, and averse to trusting them.

In matters affecting the interests of time and earth only, men feel they may risk trying experiments, and playing Blind-man’s buff with theories and schemes. To do so in matters which involve higher and deeper interests is too perilous. Life is not to be wasted or endangered in vain speculations and crazy dreams; in seeing how far up slippery steeps may be climbed without losing the feet, or how far down into dark depths a man may descend without being forever lost in despair.

When the safe and solid road is made so plain that any one may find it, why should any one let himself be enticed into bogs and mire only for the fun or fame of being more bold and venturous than most men are?

What serious and sensible people chiefly desire, and need, in the matter of education is something they can depend upon as tried and true, as fixed in principle upon a sure basis, and to be relied upon. This has been found in Ursinus College. Its principles are known to be settled. It holds to living truth, livingly maintained, and ever freshly taught. But is not in search of the treasure. It is not a school of experiments upon different systems in order, if possible, perchance to discover the best one. Progress, growth are not despised. But it feels persuaded that true growth and progress are to be secured only in the line of the old Gospel rule of the faith whereunto it has already attained.

Those who think the world has been kept in the darkness of error, or the dim twilight of half-truth until this latter half of the nineteenth century brought them upon the stage of action must have higher notions of their own wit and importance than of God’s wisdom, love and controlling Providence.

A CHALLENGE.—The Bishop of Liverpool, in a sermon recently delivered in that city, said that it is cheap and easy to sneer at dogmas, and to declare that no one really believes in the Bible, in inspiration or the atonement. “But,” he added, “I challenge those who sneer at dogmas to show us a more excellent
way, to show us anything that does more good in the world than the old, old story of Christ dying for our sins, and rising again for our justification. The man of science may say: "Come with me and look through my microscope and telescope, and I will show you things which Moses, David and St. Paul never dreamed of. Do you expect me to believe what was written by ignorant fellows like them? But can this man of science show us anything through his microscope or telescope which will minister to a mind diseased, bind up the wounds of a broken heart, satisfy the wants of an aching conscience, supply comfort to the mourner over a lost husband, wife, or child?"

**EVOLUTION AND MAN.—Dr. F. L. Patton,** of the Princeton Theological Seminary, puts in a nutshell the unanswerable argument against the theory of Evolution as applied to man thus: "It is hard to see how the facts of Scripture in regard to the creation of woman, the descent of the human family from a single pair, the original righteousness of our first parents, their fall and that of their posterity through a single act of disobedience, the subsequent provisions of the economy of grace, in which Adam's representative character is presupposed, can be accounted for, except by believing in the special creation of Adam and Eve; it would be farther than we have any right to go, to say that these facts can never be harmonized with Evolution. We do not see how they can. And we see no reason for going in quest of any theory that will effect this reconciliation, inasmuch as there is not the slightest evidence that contravenes the doctrine that man was an immediate creation of God."

**MONTHLY SUMMARY.**

**COLLEGIATE.**

*Palatinate College,* Myerstown, Pa., holds its closing exercises on Thursday June 25th.

The annual commencement of *Franklin and Marshall College,* Lancaster, Pa., takes place on the 18th inst. The order of exercises embraces Baccalaureate Sermon, Concert by Sophomore Class, Junior Oratorical Contest, Alumni meeting, Dinner and Address by A. S. Gerhard, M. D., Society Reunions, and one session of Commencement Orations.

Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., of *Heidelberg College,* Tiffin, O., sailed for Europe on the 21st ult. His address until the middle of August will be 124 High Holborn, London, England.

The Commencement of Heidelberg will be held on the 18th of June. The Commencement of the Theological Seminary took place on May 20th, in the first Reformed Church, Tiffin. Eight young men graduated.

**EDUCATIONAL.**

Rev. W. E. Krebs, A. M., formerly Principal of Allentown Female College, has opened a private school in his new residence at Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa., under the name of *Edgeville Family School.*

The new buildings of the *Mt. Herman Boys' School* at Gill, Mass., organized by Mr. Moody, were occupied on the 20th ult.

*Clarion Collegiate Institute* at Rimersburg, Pa., commenced its Summer term with sixty students. Since Rev. W. W. Deatrich, A. M., has charge of it, the buildings and grounds have been improved and a reading-room, library and a mineralogical and botanical cabinet added to its facilities.

On Friday evening, May 8th, the *Goethean Literary Society* of Franklin & Marshall College held its semi-centennial anniversary, and the *Diagnothian Society* of the same College marked its fiftieth milestone on the 15th of May.

**ECCLESIASTICAL.**

A new Synod will be organized at Dakota, Ill., on the 18th inst., consisting of Kansas, Iowa, N. Illinois, and Shelby Classes, which have been dismissed for the purpose from the Synod of Ohio.

At the annual meeting of Goshenhoppen Classis so much of its territory in or near Limerick Station as may be needed for organizing a congregation was unanimously ceded to the Classis of Philadelphia.
Cincinnati, Ohio, Salem's church, H. I. Stern, is developing a strong missionary spirit which has grown out of a boys' Mission Band organized in the Sunday school two years ago. Since then a girls' Band has been started and an adult society composed of both sexes.

At Lancaster, Pa., a new mission Sunday School has been organized in the northern part of the city under the care of St. Paul's church, Dr. Shumaker, pastor. Mr. Rufus W. Miller, of the Middle Class in the Seminary, is superintendent.

The First Church, Philadelphia, D. Van Horne, D. D., celebrated its 79th Sunday School anniversary in April. The school was opened in 1806, and at the beginning was conducted after the manner of week-day schools. On Friday evening, April 24th, the Young Men's Association of Christian Endeavor, connected with the church, held its first anniversary.

A movement has also been started to raise $5000 for a girl's school building for the use of the mission, in amounts of $50 from Sunday Schools, Churches and individuals. Twenty responses have been received.

The University of Strasburg, founded in 1567, was reorganized in 1871, and is thus, in a certain sense, a monument of the new political conditions. Since the reorganization over $3,500,000 has been expended for new buildings, etc., and there is an annual appropriation of nearly $250,000 for its support. Its new edifices are a series of magnificent palaces, and its library contains 500,000 volumes. No other institution in Europe has so rich a provision for higher education. It now has seventy-three ordinary and nineteen extraordinary professors. Last year there were 858 students.

The First Church, Lebanon, Miss Bowman, who has been there for more than twenty-five years, was reorganized in 1871, and is thus, in a certain sense, a monument of the new political conditions. Since the reorganization over $3,500,000 has been expended for new buildings, etc., and there is an annual appropriation of nearly $250,000 for its support. Its new edifices are a series of magnificent palaces, and its library contains 500,000 volumes. No other institution in Europe has so rich a provision for higher education. It now has seventy-three ordinary and nineteen extraordinary professors. Last year there were 858 students.

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