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URSINUS COLLEGE
Collegeville, Montgomery County, Pa.


Location. Collegeville, the place where URSINUS COLLEGE is located, is 31 miles, by rail, northwest of Philadelphia, 39 miles east of Reading, and 37 miles south of Allentown, on the Perkiomen R. R., a branch of the Philadelphia and Reading. The post-office and railroad station were named Collegeville because a boys' Seminary and a female College flourished many years in the place, and because URSINUS COLLEGE, which has since superseded both the other schools, was to be established there. The village, of about 600 inhabitants, is situated on the old Philadelphia and Reading turnpike, has a number of fine private residences in it, such places of business as are needed, and a large summer boarding house adjoining the College grounds. The College is located in the center of a beautiful, shady campus of about eight acres, and consists of a main building with two wings containing the chapel, recitation rooms, rooms for about 80 boarders, dining-hall and kitchen. There is a Christian church in the town, nearly opposite the College, a Reformed and a Lutheran church in the neighboring village of Trappe, two-thirds of a mile distant. The community is intelligent, and takes a lively interest in education. Indeed, every influence about the place, physical, social, and religious, is favorable to study and the preservation of health and morals.

Foundation. URSINUS COLLEGE was founded in 1869 to prepare ministers for the Reformed church, and to give opportunity for education in the higher branches of learning upon the basis of Christianity, and with chief regard to religious ends. The College is under the control of a board of directors, of whom three-fourths must be members of the Reformed church, and eight of whom are ministers. Its relation to the Synod is similar to that of Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, and in all respects it acknowledges itself amenable to the jurisdiction of the Reformed church in the United States. Since 1882 it has been open to both sexes.

Courses of Study. The Theological Department affords a full course of study for young men desiring to prepare for the ministry. In the Collegiate Department two courses are offered, the Classical and the Scientific, both of which, after the present year, will cover four years of study. The Academic Department is in charge of an experienced professor, who thoroughly studied educational methods in Switzerland and Germany. In it are offered the Elementary English course, which affords thorough training in the elements; the Preparatory course, which furnishes preparation for business or any ordinary pursuit in life, and, with the languages included, covers the work necessary for admission to College; the Normal course, which includes the branches required by law in the State Normal Schools, and gives opportunity to observe and practice teaching.

Faculty. The Faculty of the College consists of six regular professors, one adjunct professor, two instructors, and two teachers. Additional professors will be elected from time to time as the improving financial condition of the College will allow.

Government. In its scholastic work the College combines the system of marks with that of examinations, and parents are regularly informed as to the standing of the students. All young men from a distance room in the College buildings, but may go out for their meals to places approved by the Faculty. Young women are furnished boarding in private families.

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The Spring Term opened April 4, 1887. The Catalogue for 1886-87 has just been issued in improved form. For it and further information address the President.
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A. B., Marshall College, 1837, and A. M.; D. D., Franklin and Marshall College, 1853; LL. D., Heidelberg College, 1886; Tutor Marshall College, 1886-88; Principal Lewistown Academy, 1888-90; Pastor, 1889-70; Ursinus College, 1870.

REV. HENRY W. SUPER, D. D., Vice-President, and Professor of Mathematics, Physics, Church History, and Homiletics.

A. B., Marshall College, 1849, and A. M., 1852; D. D., Heidelberg College, 1874; Principal of Male Department Cumberland Valley Institute, 1854; Professor of Mathematics in the Keystone State Normal School, 1867-70; Ursinus College, 1870.

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A. B., Yale College, 1859, and A. M.; Professor of Ancient Languages in Freeland Seminary, 1859-70; Ursinus College, 1870.

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A. B., Franklin and Marshall College, 1853, and A. M., 1857; admitted to the Practice of Law at Carlisle, Pa., 1858; Professor of Ancient Languages and Belles Lettres in Palatinate College, 1868-72; Ursinus College, 1872.

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A. B., Princeton College, 1883, and A. M., 1886; Ursinus College, 1886.

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Schoole of Bohemia; Mission House, Sheboygan, Wis.; Pastor, 1879; Ursinus College, 1886.

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A. B., Trinity College, Hartford, 1873, and A. M., 1876; Ph. D., Yale College, 1882; Instructor in Episcopal Academy of Connecticut, at Cheshire, 1877-80 and 1885-86; Instructor in Pennsylvania Military Academy at Chester, 1881-84; studied at University of Leipzig, 1884-85; Ursinus College, 1887.

ALCIDE REICHENBACH, A. M., Principal of the Academic Department, and Instructor in the Science and Art of Teaching.

Western Reserve College; A. B., National Normal University, 1872, and A. M., 1875; study of French and Pedagogy abroad, and Swiss and German Normal Schools, 1872-73; Founder of Valley Normal School, Va., and Principal of same, 1873-77; Principal of Cumberland (Md.) High School and Alleghany County Normal School, 1877-79; Ursinus College, 1884.

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Millersville State Normal School; B. S., Ursinus College, 1883, and M. S., 1886; Ursinus College, 1883.

JOHN A. MERTZ, A. M., Instructor in Latin.

A. B., Heidelberg College, 1883, and A. M., 1886.

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THE Sixteenth Commencement season of the College is close at hand, and the BULLETIN heralds its approach with much well-grounded pleasure. The exercises this year give promise of being marked in many respects by more than ordinary interest. Though the present is a period when centennial anniversaries would seem to lay exclusive claim to the privilege of occasions of special rejoicing, URSINUS,—in the vigor of her youth, successfully completing another round of energetic effort, with hopes for the future brightened by hopes of the past fulfilled,—cannot but look forward to the coming celebration with eager anticipation and unusual gladness. If a record of imperilled principles vigilantly maintained and untiringly defended, of paths of duty unswervingly followed, of dangers and difficulties met and vanquished, can create aught of honest satisfaction or the pleasant consciousness of work well done, then, truly, URSINUS may be permitted to allow these associated rewards of right action to heighten the enjoyment of the commencement festivities in which she is about to engage.

Arrangements for the week are being urged to completion with lively activity. The Junior Class, after some hesitation, wisely decided not to withdraw from participation in the programme, and, as the result, the Junior exhibition will be entered into with a spirit that ensures for it success. The Annual Address before the Literary Societies by the Honorable Henry K. Boyer,—a native of the vicinity and a former student in the halls of URSINUS, who has risen to a high eminence in affairs of State,—will attract a large audience. Rev. Milton H. Groh, '74, the Alumni Orator of 1887, possesses the well-merited reputation of being one of the best public speakers the College has sent out, a sufficient guarantee,—were any necessary,—for the enjoyment of Alumni night. Commencement Day will be filled with the usual festivities, differing in nothing from those of the past. save that special excellence will be attained in the musical portion of the exercises. All that remains to raise the Commencement to a place of high prominence in the his-
tory of the College will be the presence and hearty co-operation of every Alumnus and friend of the Institution. Let the celebration of the Sixteenth Graduation week lose the character of an ordinary, merely routine event, and be made a grand muster-time for all to whose hearts the welfare of Ursinus is dear, the occasion for a spontaneous exhibition of the zeal and warm desire for her lasting prosperity, which may be found on every side.

The Catalogue of the College for 1886-87 issues almost simultaneously with this number of the Bulletin. In comparing it with similar publications of former years, to say that it is a step in advance of them falls short of giving a correct idea of the great progress toward perfection which it displays. It takes a broad leap forward. The mechanical skill and taste of the printer have made it a model of typographical excellence. It forms a pamphlet of sixty pages, printed in handsome, well-arranged type on heavy, toned paper, and enclosed in rich antique covers of blue or gray. The make-up and orderly disposition of its contents merit even stronger commendation. The good arrangement shown in the pages containing the almanac, calendar, Board of Directors, Faculty and Students, the clearness and fidelity to detail exhibited in setting forth the studies and courses of instruction of the several departments, the explicit statements in General College Orders of the regulations and expenses, the concise recital of the history and principles of the Institution, the index, and many other noticeable improvements, give evidence of the care and good judgment bestowed in the preparation of this worthy publication. The extended description of the studies and courses of instruction, occupying twenty-three pages, is the new feature which is deserving of the highest praise. This innovation supplies a long-felt deficiency and increases beyond measure the intrinsic value of a catalogue which is in every way a great credit to Ursinus College and will not fail to be productive of much good.

Now that the time of the long Summer vacation is drawing near, the Bulletin takes opportunity to call the earnest attention of the students of Ursinus to a matter worthy of their consideration. Each one holds a power for furthering the welfare of his chosen academic Institution, and to no object more praise-worthy can this influence of the individual be directed than to recruiting new pupils for her halls. Young men and women about to enter on a course of higher instruction can be found everywhere, and our students possess many cogent arguments which can be used for bending the footsteps of such toward Ursinus. Let these arguments be applied with good judgment by each one during the many leisure hours that the coming vacation will bring, and we predict with confidence that the next Fall term will number a larger attendance of pupils than that of the last Fall term, and thus surpass all previous records.

We share in the opinion of several contemporaries that among college papers generally a great mistake is made in devoting little or no space in their columns to items of interest and information concerning former regularly matriculated students who, for various reasons, may have failed to graduate. With
many institutions the number of such ex-students is very large, often exceeding the list of Alumni, while they frequently take a deeper interest in the affairs of their Alma Mater than many of her graduates. There is no good reason why they should not be accorded full recognition in the official organ of every college. In application of these views we shall open in our next issue a column headed "Students of Former Days," which we purpose regularly to maintain. Items of news for it are kindly requested.

The recent quiet graduation and departure from the College of the Senior Theological students prompt us to suggest the advisability of adopting at Ursinus some form of commencement exercises for the future classes of this department. The observance of a commencement-night by those completing the theological course, would be in accord with a custom so generally followed and upheld at similar institutions that its merit can hardly be questioned.

The Bulletin has fixed for itself an ideal of excellence, and it does not propose to rest satisfied until that ideal is pretty closely approximated. A change, again, will appear in the cover of the present number. These frequent alterations, we claim, are not the result of instability, but the natural outgrowth of progress, and we trust that our readers will so adjudge them.

We designedly go to press unusually late this month in order to publish in full the programme and arrangements for Commencement week. The Bulletin for June will not appear until the latter part of that month.

A large number of complimentary notices on the improvements inaugurated with the April issue appeared throughout our exchanges. They were of course warmly appreciated.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

SCHAFF OPEN MEETING.

The Schaff Literary Society held its annual Open Meeting on Friday evening, the 20th inst. It was well attended by the public, and all went away apparently much pleased with the entertainment given. The music for the occasion was furnished by a quartette composed of Misses H. Anne Rittenhouse and Mame T. Kratz and Messrs. A. W. Bomberger and Chas. E. Wehler, Miss Kratz at the same time acting as accompanist.

After the meeting had been called to order by the president, J. R. Myers, and the devotional exercises conducted by the chaplain, S. P. Stauffer, the quartette opened the programme proper with a selection entitled, "Welcome To-night." C. P. Kehl then read an essay on "Good Breeding," H. W. Spare rendered a declamation on "Charity," and the quartette sang "Come and Join the Merry Dance." An essay followed by W. F. Ruff on "Working with a Purpose" and the "Seminole's Defiance" was declaimed by A. H. Eberly. Misses Rittenhouse and Kratz next sang, with entire satisfaction, a duet called "Murmuring Sea." "Negative Quantities in Society" was the subject of an essay read by Jos. K. Freed, and this was succeeded by the reciting of "Thanatopsis" by E. S. Bromer. "Birds in Dreamland Sleep" was the title of a very melodious solo, by Miss Rittenhouse, which was heartily encored. The oration of the even-
ing, on "Evil Effects of Avarice" was delivered by C. H. Brandt. The speaker's manner was direct and forcible and the matter of his speech was good.

After a quartette selection, "Come Where the Wild Flowers Bloom," the "Schaaff Gazette" was read by the editor, G. H. Meixell. The exercises closed with the singing of the "Moonlight Dance" by the quartette.

The literary portion of the programme was given entirely by the members of the Society who are in the Freshman class and it reflected considerable credit upon their energy and ability.

C. E. W.

DIE EBRARD LITERARISCHE GESSELLSCHAFT

In the April number of the BULLETIN it was stated that the Ebrard society would observe an anniversary on the evening of May 26th. This date was selected a little hastily without taking into consideration the various entertainments occurring during the present term. As the literary attractions of the fall term are usually not so numerous the society has concluded to change the date of its anniversary to Friday evening of the eighth week in that term. A full programme will in due time appear in the BULLETIN.

This society, yet in its infancy, is doing a good work and is making fair progress. A number of excellent German publications, to which all members of the society have free access, are regularly received by it.

I. C. F.

OLEVIAN SOCIETY.

The Olevian Society is still in a flourishing condition. Although it will not come before the public this session, it may be a pleasure to those interested in its welfare to know that, the exercises of its weekly meetings are well prepared and interesting. A recent programme consisted of, recitations by Minnie Casselberry and Hallie Vanderslice, an oration by Flora Rahn, readings by Lillie Gross and Ernie Wanner, and the "Observer" by Flora Schwenk.

The officers of the society are: Pres., Mary Schleichter; Vice Pres., Flora Schwenk; Rec. Sec., Lizzie Alderfer; Cor. Sec., Minnie Casselberry; Critic, Flora Rahn; Treasurer, Hallie Vanderslice; Editress, Lillie Gross.

F. R.

THE SHOEMAKER READINGS.

The evening of select readings, given April 29th in the College Chapel by Mrs. J. W. Shoemaker, under the auspices of the Zwinglian Society, proved an exceedingly enjoyable occasion. The rendition of a well-arranged programme by Mrs. Shoemaker, in the chaste and correct elocutionary methods that have achieved for herself and the National School of Oratory of Philadelphia, with which she is connected, a wide-spread reputation, combined with the performance of a good variety of vocal and instrumental music, in which Miss Kratz, Messrs. O. G. Boehm and H. E. Kratz and Rev. H. A. Bomberger participated, made the entertainment one to be remembered with much pleasure and profit.

COLLEGE ITEMS.

The final examination of the Senior Theological Class was held at the College on Friday, the 13th inst., before the Visiting Committee. The members of the Committee present were: Rev. David Van Horn, D. D., and Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., of Philadelphia, Rev. D. W. Ebbert of Spring City, and Rev. S. P. Mauger of Phoenixville. The
class consisted of James B. May, Silas L. Messinger, Samuel H. Phillips, O. P. Schellhamer and John A. Mertz. They all gave satisfactory evidence of proficiency in their studies, were awarded certificates of honorable dismissal and commended to their respective Classes as candidates for licensure. Since then they have severally gone forth from Ursinus, followed to their different fields of Christian work with the best wishes of their professors and fellow-students.

The invitation cards of the Class of '87, which have just been entrusted to the tender care of the U. S. Mail service, exhibit a fine specimen of delicately designed engraving, on the securing of which the class deserves to be highly complimented.

Prof. Hyde has accepted an invitation to deliver the address before the Young People's Association of St. Luke's Church at its anniversary on Thursday evening, June 2d.

A farewell supper to the graduating theologues was given at the President's house on Wednesday evening, the 27th ult. It was an event characterized by special social enjoyment.

The Senior class in college, as usual, completed its labors during the closing days of May.

On Saturday, the 21st inst., the Ursinus College base ball nine defeated the Active club of Norristown in a seven inning game by a score of 11 to 6.

The class of '87 at Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa., numbers twenty-eight young colored men.

Imagination is an act or process of the mind which consists in collecting and combining parts of our conceptions, so as to present them in forms and images more select, more striking, more delightful or more terrible, than those of an ordinary nature. In itself it does not possess the power of creating images, but furnishes an agency through which we may draw conceptions from the memory and present them in newly-formed combinations. As a faculty of the human soul, it stands out prominently among the grandest and most useful. Not only does it give us a means of anticipating the future, of entering into the thoughts and feelings of others, but it is by its agency that we are enabled to rise above surroundings and be transported to scenes more grandly beautiful than earth can show. Reason may conduct us into the inmost recesses of nature; philosophy may unfold to us her mysterious works; science and wisdom may throw open the portals of truth and guide us to a knowledge of those with whom we stand related; but imagination soars above all these and surveys the vast range of possibility; thus furnishing man with a knowledge of the magic power and the vast scope of the human mind.
The practical uses of the imagination are many and varied, and, as they so prominently serve to cheer and strengthen man in his daily struggles and conflicts, to create for him ideal standards of what life ought to be, and thus make him better, happier and more contented with his lot, are deserving of our highest consideration. No one is willing to part with the pleasures which a well disciplined imagination affords. When the perplexities and highly wrought excitements of this engrossing real world fall upon man with such powerful severity as to discourage and dishearten him in the prosecution of his work, imagination comes and delights to show him rest and relief in the world of fancy by creating ideal objects more fascinating, and emotions more delightfully satisfactory, than the experience of reality can awaken. When pressed by poverty to a threadbare garment and a scanty meal, imagination finds solace and consolation in the hope that some day these lowly walls and these narrow precincts shall be transformed into a stately palace or a pillared hall. Chains, dungeons, and prison-walls can but alacrify its spirit. John Bunyan, for more than twelve years a prisoner in Bedford jail, spoke, through divine imagination, living truths to past ages; he speaks to the present, and will continue to speak to future ages. Though entirely excluded from the outside world, and, in a large measure, denied the privileges and advantages of intercourse with his fellow men, his very loneliness seems to have favored the workings of his ardent imagination to the production of a work which has been declared to be the “only one of its kind.” And yet, are his lessons less pertinent or practicable because they are the work of imagination? No; for the fictions of genius are often, and in this case especially, the vehicles of the sublimest verities. Its flashes open new regions of thought and throw new light upon the mysteries of our being.

Eminent scientific activity and achievement are, in a large measure, dependent upon the aid of the imagination. Were it not for the important assistance rendered by this faculty, invention and discovery would be necessarily slow. The greatest inventors and discoverers were those who could most readily take suggestive hints by observing things around them, and by the aid of the imagination, proceed to found new ideas upon these observations. It was the swinging of a censer in the Cathedral at Pisa that suggested to Galileo the idea of a pendulum; the steaming of a tea kettle which suggested to Watt the idea of a steam engine. A spider’s web which he saw hanging from the bushes on a dewy morning, suggested to Sir Samuel Brown the idea of a suspension bridge. Brunnel is said to have taken his first lessons in the boring of the Thames tunnel, from a little shipworm which he observed cutting his way through a hard piece of wood.

We learn, then, that imagination as the basis of art creates an unreal, yet powerful and beautiful world. For in every variety of life in which it enters its great tendency and purpose is to carry the mind beyond the beaten, dusty, weary walks of life; to lift it into a purer element, and, through the brightness of its prophetic visions, to help faith lay hold more vigorously upon the future life.
My Dear Editor:

It gave me much pleasure to receive both your letter and the two copies of the Ursinus College Bulletin. While glancing over them, there appeared many a familiar name and many a note of information concerning my old schoolmates. My calling took me so entirely away from former friends that I had lost almost all traces of them. Though far removed from my Alma Mater, yet the years spent at Ursinus are still counted by me as among the most happy of my life.

There, I had many a hard day's work to go through with, but the results of my labor have more than repaid me. There, subjects for study were presented in which, at the time, I could see no benefit, but now their value is clearly apparent to me, and I wish only that I had applied myself still more closely to the merely routine work, as it seemed then.

The peculiarity of my call gives me opportunity to experience the full advantages of a thorough elementary training. A one-sided man may succeed in a certain measure at home, where he may choose some particular profession and not concern himself about anything else. This is, however, not the case here. In this country well educated persons are comparatively few, and so there is always a special demand for a broad, fully-equipped man. He ought to be a farmer, mechanic, engineer, teacher, doctor, and, above all, a thorough preacher and pastor. It happens frequently that young men at College want to cut off a year or more of their course in order to save money. I say that such a saving is foolish in the full sense of the word. Far better would it be to add another year.

But I am forgetting myself and am running into an uncalled-for subject. I deem it, however, one worthy of consideration.

You doubtless know when I left America. It was on October 17, 1882. For three months I was on my journey, and for 59 days on the ocean. Some parts of my voyage were exceedingly rough. The good Lord brought me safely here and has likewise preserved me thus far. For more than four years I here enjoy (?) the heat of India. We have three seasons: the hot, the rainy, and the cool; or, as some say, the warm, the hot, and the very hot. Since I have been here I have not seen the thermometer lower than 59° F., and as high as 106° in the shade, or 140° in the sun.

The hottest period is from March 21st to June 21st; the rainy season from June 21st to November; and from then until March again the cool or pleasant season. Even during the coolest days in January it is not safe for a European to be out after eleven a.m. without a good umbrella or a pith hat. During the hot season no European exposes himself to the sun's rays after eight or nine a.m., unless necessity compels him. No fire is needed in any house all the year, round.

However much a person's attention may be drawn, on his arrival in a heathen country, to its curious customs, yet nothing seems so entirely foreign as its religion, if it may be called by that name. There are many at home who mock at Christianity, yea, even at God. Since I have seen what man becomes under a false religion,—which, never-
theless, is far better than none at all,—I pronounce such infidels and atheists the most ignorant of all people. If you ask why, I answer, because to know God as our Father, Christ as our Saviour and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter, is the knowledge, and in proportion as we are ignorant of these, are we ignorant indeed. Men of this stamp do not know what the world would be without Christianity. They preach morality as being sufficient. Let them deprive themselves of all that Christianity has given them and then behold what is left.

In a country like this, villages may be found even yet where Christianity has not shed its sweet Gospel light. Let us see the condition in which these are. Imagine about forty or fifty huts crowded together into a space about fifty yards square, the entire furniture of each hut valued at about one or two dollars, the family consisting perhaps of a father and mother and five or six children, the clothes of all of them worth about fifty cents,—for the children never enjoy the pleasure of owning a hand-breadth of cloth. Such a family lives on one to two dollars a month, and the carcass of a cow, ox, goat or pig may form a feast now and then enjoyed by them. The politest terms used in their social circles are such as it would shock you to hear. Drinking and cursing seem to be their highest acquisitions; for you may visit a dozen or more of these villages and find not a single individual knowing how to write or read a letter. A man found guilty of a crime such as adultery, murder, etc., expiates it by paying a dollar or so for liquor, all get drunk, and the law-suit is over.

Such, I say, is the condition of affairs in a village where Christianity is yet unknown. In a country like America we cannot imagine what society would become without a God, without the Gospel. What crimes do not come to view even under the very shadow Christianity! Renounce it entirely and let loose the passions of man unchecked by Christian laws, and then, and not until then, let infidels boast, and speak against the religion of Christ. Let them point to Greece and Rome, the nations highest among those who have not enjoyed fully the divine light. The really preserving principles in their laws were but embodiments of ideas taken from the Hebrew writings.

"The glory of this people Israel and the Light of the Gentiles." There is nothing so beautiful as these lines. To bring these glad tidings to the Gentiles is the work of my calling. Many have taken up this work, but many more are needed. "The harvest indeed is plentiful, but the reapers are few." May many young men resolve to become missionaries in one or the other of the heathen lands yet to be enlightened, and let those who remain at home supply the necessary means to carry on the work, not only now, but continually. This is the great command of our Lord. We must not stop to build up what has been wrested from the Prince of Darkness, but must continue the conquest. This is our duty, as Christian individuals, as a Christian nation, and above all as a holy Christian church.

This letter has grown far beyond what it was intended to be. At some other time I shall give more about my work.

Yours sincerely,

F. S. DIETRICH. ('79.)
PERSONAL.

[Alumni and others can render a service by sending items of interest for this column.]

'72. Rev. F. S. Lindaman, of Littlestown, Adams county, Pa., has added one hundred persons to his charge at that place during his brief pastorate in it of ten months.

'73. Rev. F. F. Bahner, of Waynesboro, Pa., has added fifty-eight members to his charge during the last classical year. This is the tenth year of his pastorate and it gives promise of being marked, before its termination, by the enlarging and remodelling of one of his churches and the improving and beautifying of another. A new organ purchased for the use of his Waynesboro congregation was appropriately dedicated on the third Sunday in March. At a late meeting, the joint consistory of the charge increased their pastor's salary and voted him a vacation of six weeks during the coming summer. Mr. Bahner is one of the delegates of Mercersburg Classis to the coming General Synod at Akron, O.

'73. Rev. J. H. Hunsberger, of Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y., was called home to Collegeville in the early part of April by a deep family affliction, and before returning to his field of labor, was compelled to perform the sad duty of burying his father.

'75. Rev. D. W. Ebbert, of Spring City, Pa., by special invitation, recently journeyed to Dayton, O., and preached for the congregation newly organized at that place. We learn that he has since been unanimously chosen as its pastor.

'77. Rev. J. H. Bomberger, of Columbiana, O., was elected president of the Eastern Ohio Classis at its annual sessions in Carrollton, on April 14th.

'77. Rev. P. Y. Shelly, of Sanford, Florida, visited Collegeville on the 15th ultimo. At this year’s meeting of the Schuylkill Classis, held at Shehandoah, Pa., May 5-9, that body emphatically repudiated the maliciously false charges of misappropriation of missionary monies, which were made against Mr. Shelly during its annual sessions a year ago, and by official resolution it vindicated in the most positive manner his strict integrity in the case.

'79. Attention is called to the interesting letter from Rev. F. S. Dietrich—a missionary in far-distant India—which appears in another column of this number.

'80. Rev. J. Perry Beaver is pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of Canaan-Four-Corners, a village in Columbia Co., N. Y., on the Boston and Albany railroad, about three miles from the Massachusetts state line.

'82. Louis E. Taube}, M. D., of Philadelphia, by energy and close attention to the duties of his profession, is establishing for himself a large practice in his native city.

'85. Rev. Silas L. Messinger, licentiate, one of this year's theological graduates, has received and accepted a call to the Blain charge, Perry Co., Pa. He left Ursinus for this his first field on the 24th instant.

Princeton graduated fifty-seven theological students on May 10th.

The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania lately filled vacancies in the law department by electing C. Stuart Patterson, Esq., Professor of Real Estate and Conveyancing, and A. Sydney Biddle, Professor of Pleading, Practice and Evidence at Law, and of Criminal Law.
COLLEGE NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

PROGRAMME OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH.
8 p. m., Baccalaureate Sermon to the Graduates in St. Luke's Reformed Church, by President Bomberger, D. D., LL. D.

MONDAY, JUNE 20TH.
Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, and of the Standing and Special Committees of the Ursinus Union.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21ST.
8 p. m., Annual Address before the Literary Societies by Honorable Henry K. Boyer, of Philadelphia, Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22ND.
10 a. m., Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. 1.30 p. m., Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association. 3.30 p. m., Annual Meeting of the Ursinus Union. 8 p. m., Annual Oration before the Alumni Association in the College Chapel, by Rev. M. H. Groh, A. B., ’74, of Landsburg, Perry Co., Pa. Subject: "Triumphs of Christianity." 9.30 p. m., Alumni Banquet.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23RD.
10 a. m., COMMENCEMENT, in Trinity Christian Church, at which the customary order of exercises will be followed; consisting of Orations by the members of the Graduating Class, the Confering of Degrees and the rendition of selections of instrumental music by a full Orchestra. The graduates are, W. Albert Korn, Charles E. Wehler, Gideon P. Fisher, P. Calvin Mensch, Walter Bomberger and Thaddeus S. Krause.
3 p. m., General Meeting of the Ursinus Union and of the Guests and Friends of the College.
8 p. m., President's Reception.

A cordial invitation to be present is extended to all friends of URSINUS COLLEGE.

RAILWAY ACCOMMODATIONS.

Arrangements for railway excursion rates over the approaching Commencement week have been satisfactorily completed. The Philadelphia and Reading and Lehigh Valley Railroad companies have issued printed orders on which excursion tickets can be purchased from June 17th to 23d inclusive, good to return until the 25th. The Lehigh Valley excursion tickets will be sold to East Penn Junction, the northern terminus of the Perkiomen Railroad. The Reading orders will entitle those presenting them to excursion tickets, good as above mentioned, through to Collegeville from all stations on that road at which through excursion tickets are sold; from all other stations it will be impossible to obtain the special tickets further than to Perkiomen Junction. Friends will not fail to note this fact and first ask Reading agents for through tickets, which save trouble and some little expense and can be purchased at all the more important stations. The Perkiomen Railroad Company has granted corresponding accommodations, and between the dates above mentioned it will sell excursion tickets, good until June 25th, from all its stations to Collegeville, to parties en route to URSINUS. At Perkiomen and East Penn Junctions persons arriving on the Reading or Lehigh Valley roads without through tickets, will be allowed sufficient time to purchase the Perkiomen tickets for the remainder of the way. The Lehigh Valley or Reading orders can be obtained by making immediate application, stating the number desired, to the URSINUS COLLEGE BULLETIN, Collegeville, Pa.

The Catalogue of the College for the current year is now ready for distribution. Those wishing it should address the President of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.
GENERAL TOPICS.

PREISVERTHEILUNGSFEIERLICHKEIT

May seem to most readers of the Bulletin an outrageously polysyllabic term for the English Commencement; but it has the merit which the English term cannot claim of explaining itself, as it draws out its fluent length to all, at least, who have any fair knowledge of German. For such an easy Auseinandersetzung (analysis) of what may at first look like an appalling compound, can soon be resolved into “the festival or celebration of the distribution of academic prizes or awards.” And surely a language which can weld all these several concepts into one euphonious word, can put the Greek of Pindar or of Plato to the blush. But this is exactly what the term does express, and so forestalls the puzzle which “Commencement,” as applied to the closing exercises of the College year, involves for most persons. For the main feature of the occasion is the formal graduation of such as have completed their college course, and upon whom diplomas, setting forth their respective degrees, are officially conferred by the proper authorities of the college.

Allowing the reader therefore to take in a full breath and once more repeat to himself the graceful longitude of our title word (for which, by the way, there is the highest classical authority of no less a name than Hegel’s*), let it suggest a few thoughts regarding a college commencement appropriate to the present issue of the Bulletin.

After the many delightful experiences of the past fifteen commencement festivities of Ursinus College, it would be quite superfluous to write of the pleasures, literary and social, of those memorable occasions. It is most gratifying indeed to know that each one in its turn not only fully realized but surpassed the expectations of all who participated in the celebrations. Many friends who came from a distance, and found themselves landed in a retired country village, whilst delighted with the rural attractions of the place, were amazed to discover that Ursinus College “out here” could get up quite as crowded an audience, and the inspiring accessories common to such occasions, as any they had ever witnessed in more pretentious cities. Everything went on, even to the floral offerings and costly gifts to graduates, with all the taste and decorum displayed at older colleges and in larger towns.

But at present, instead of dwelling on these merely pleasant things, somewhat graver matters may properly claim attention. A Commencement should be more for a College than simply a day of social and scholastic enjoyment. And it may easily be made more without the least interruption of the pleasures of the gala-day. Nay, its joys may be enhanced and heightened by being made tributary to results more laudable and lasting than the transient delights of the hour.

Many of the grand banquets given in honor of renowned Statesmen and Generals, or of distinguished foreign visitors and guests, are made occasions for the discussion of the weightiest topics of the day, relating to politics, philosophy, and even theology. Nor is there felt to be anything incongruous in such discussions. The most popular daily papers are glad to give full reports of the learned and elaborate speeches made at such dinners or suppers, and justly

*And it is a fair specimen of his lucid simplicity!
reckon that their readers are laid under special obligations for the opportunity of perusing addresses they had not the privilege of hearing.

It is surely not out of place, therefore, to lift the ordinary delights of a Preisvertheilungsfeierlichkeit up to the loftier level of such select banquets. And this especially, as the festivity is regarded by the more thoughtful friends of the College as designed to promote its permanent prosperity. How this higher end may be secured will readily suggest itself by considering the occasion in some of its leading aspects.

First of all, the annual meeting of the Board of Directors is an important feature of the events of the week. This Board is composed of gentlemen who not only have general charge and control of the Institution, but take deep personal interest in its success. The work of the Academic year passes under their revision. They receive and consider the reports of the several standing committees, chief among which is the Executive Committee. From these they learn the condition of the College in regard to its educational, disciplinary, and financial operations. In this form they are furnished with an explicit and detailed exhibit of what has been accomplished, of what still requires to be done, and of the demand for their prudent counsel and zeal in meeting the requirements of the case. Although their duties may be quietly performed, so as to attract no public attention, the very life of the College and its efficiency must largely depend upon what the Board does or provides for being done. Their deliberations and acts, the measures, ways and means they considerately devise and set in motion, may give new energy and fresh impulse to all the activities of the year.

In years past such fresh impulse and vigor have been imparted to the Institution by the discreet and courageous counsel and determination of the Directors in times of peril. They have shown themselves equal to menacing emergencies, and both intelligently capable and ready to help it over the reefs. But the glow of a Commencement celebration seemed necessary to kindle the fire requisite to such special efforts. By being summoned to its festivities they were afforded the opportunity of meeting, deliberating upon the affairs of the school, becoming better acquainted with its merits and claims, and of having their hearts drawn more warmly to it. And the more surely to secure this state of mind and feeling it is obviously desirable that every member of the Board cherish a lively interest in the College, esteem it a privilege to share the work and responsibilities of maintaining it and promoting its prosperity, and bring to the Commencement his warmest concern for its welfare and a spirit of cheerful hope and cheering confidence in regard to its future and permanent success. Difficulties and trials will of course present themselves. They have beset the path of every good cause. Instead, however, of permitting these to intimidate or tempt to an abandonment of the cause, true hearts will only turn them into stimulants for more resolute progress. The history of the most successful Colleges in the land has been one of obstacles surmounted, under divine favor, by brave and good men entrusted with their care; of men who blasted the rocky hindrances and from them obtained stones for foundations and walls, which stand to-day as monuments of honor to those whose undaunted courage and perseverance rear-
ed them as staunch college homes for students of later generations.

Next to being such a season of opportunity for the Board of Directors, the Commencement affords the growing band of the Alumni an equally favorable occasion for the display of their love for the dear Alma Mater—none the less dear for the Mater bearing in this case, as in most others, the Pater’s name. Besides the mutual greetings of their re-union in her pleasant groves, and felicitations over their personal progressive experiences \((a+b=\text{See}!)\),—they need no algebraic methods to convince them that Mater (i.e. Mrs.) Ursinus can point to more (and brighter?) jewels, and these ever accumulating, than the old Roman matron. Instead of meeting now by twos or tens they gather in scores. An arithmetical progression process is in operation. And to any joyous pride which this fact may justly inspire are added incitement to correspondingly warmer zeal for the College, and strong encouragement to redoubled endeavors to hasten on its successful work. They are strengthened also in any purpose formed to this intent by the clear evidence furnished that in its course of prosperity Ursinus College firmly adheres to the principles avowed at its establishment, in spite of the materialistic and other false though splendid tendencies of the times, and the transient popularity which attends some self-applauding modern speculations.

All this should, and doubtless will, make the coming Commencement a time for deliberation among the Alumni on matters pertaining to the best interests of the College and for devising liberal measures looking to the enlarged activity and solid advancement of the Institution in the future. And the more surely to secure such a prosperous future it will very naturally be found wisest and best not to waste time or ingenuity in planning novel methods, but to lay hold more vigorously and push more determinedly those which have thus far been found serviceable and fairly effective. What is needed in its important work is a more cordial use of moral muscle than playing logic with ingenious experiments.

Still another, and by no means less important, opportunity for furthering our cause on the occasion, is opened by its attraction of so large a number of friends, old and new, who favor the festival, and gratify themselves by attending it. They add greatly by their presence to the inspirations of the season, and it is hoped there will be more of them at the approaching Commencement than ever before. It is desired that the friends of Ursinus should see it: work with their own eyes, so as to testify more warmly of it to others. But as this article has already exceeded allowable limits, what else might be said on this point must be deferred until all meet at the appointed time.

EXCHANGES.

Since our April number went forth the following college periodicals have made their first venture across the threshold of our editorial sanctum. They have all been received with a hearty and appreciative welcome. They are, *The York Collegian*, Carletonia, *The Dickinson Liberal*, *The Campus*, *The Cadet*, *The University Student*, *The Alabama University Monthly*, *The Sunbeam*, and *The Adelphi*. *The York Collegian* is published by the Athenian Oratorical Association of York College, Nebraska. It contains two articles, one on “Idle Women” and one on “America’s Mistakes,” which merit careful perusal.

Carleton College, of Northfield, Minn., issues a unique and attractive journal called *Carle-
tonia. We question whether its position on the cheapening of higher education is an impregnable one.

We count it a pleasure to speak in complimentary terms of exchanges when there is reason for so doing. Such a model of compact neatness as is presented in The Dickinson Liberal cannot but elicit our admiration. In many respects we regard this paper as among the best on our list.

The Campus, of Allegheny College, Meadville, is both interesting and sprightly. We suggest that the addition of an exchange column would be a marked improvement in it.

The Cadet, published by the students of Selwyn Hall, Reading, Pa., though of a military character, no doubt creditably fills its sphere of usefulness in the world of college publications.

Little Rock (Ark.) University sends us The University Student, an unpretending little journal, which admits of some bettering in quality or considerable reduction in price.

From Tuscaloosa, Ala., comes The Alabama University Monthly. Its general make-up has some very commendable features. The article "O for a Little Consistency!" is, however, in many respects, trivial and silly. The slandering calumniations of other papers,—appearing in the garb of criticism,—by which its exchange columns are characterized, lead one to conclude that its editor is either suffering from a severe mental malady or that he is temporarily given to the belief, that everybody is imposing upon him. To call such expressions of slang and vulgarity, criticism, is the height of pretentious absurdity.

We are glad to include among our new friends The Sunbeam, a bright (as its title would, indeed, indicate), well-edited sheet published by the Ontario Ladies' College, of Whitby, Ontario. The opportunity which it furnishes us of becoming acquainted with Canadian colleges and their work will be thankfully improved.

And just before we go to press comes The Adelphian, from Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn, N. Y. The design of its cover, the quality of the paper on which it is printed, together with its clear typography, render it very attractive in appearance. There may be found in its pages an article descriptive of Williamstown, Williams College and surroundings, which is exceedingly readable.

A learned, though somewhat rambling disquisition on the Bulletin in a late issue of the Central High School Mirror, discloses the fact that the valued contemporary in question does not know the difference between a complimentary and a professional title,—a very pardonable ignorance, however, compared with certain other of its failings.

J. L. F.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.
(To May 20, 1887.)

COLLEGIATE.

The annual commencement of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., took place on Thursday evening, May 12th. Five graduates read essays. On Wednesday evening previous Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, of Union Theological Seminary, New York city, delivered a lecture on "Reminiscences of Travel in Bible Lands."

Clarion Collegiate Institute reports a larger attendance of pupils than for some years past.

The Commencement exercises at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O., will begin with the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, June 12th, and will close on Thursday, June 16th. There are thirteen students in the graduating class.

The following is the programme for the Centennial Celebration and annual Commencement of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.:

Sunday, June 12th.
10.30 A. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon, by the President.

Monday, June 13th.
8 P. M.—Junior Oratorical Contest, in the College Chapel.

Tuesday, June 14th.
2 P. M.—Meeting of the Board of Trustees, in the First Reformed Church.

Wednesday, June 15th.
8.30 A. M.—Society Reunions. 10.00 A. M. Alumni Meeting. 12.30 P. M.—Alumni Dinner.
8 P. M.—Centennial Oration, by Hon. L. H. Steiner, M. D., Librarian of the Enoch Pratt

Thursday, June 16th.

9 A. M.—Commencement. One Session.
8 P. M.—Reception and Concert, on the College Campus.

The graduating class numbers sixteen members.

The annual register of *Franklin and Marshall* appears this year combined with a general register of the institution, published as a contribution to the centennial celebration of Franklin and the semi-centennial of Marshall College, about to be observed. The annual register reports the attendance of students for the year 1886-87 as follows: In the College, 17 Seniors, 19 Juniors, 31 Sophomores, 16 Freshmen, total 83; in the Academy, 19; in the Theological Seminary, 32; grand total, 134.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The audience room of Heidelberg Reformed Church, northeast corner of Nineteenth and Oxford streets, Philadelphia, Rev. James I. Good, pastor, was dedicated on Sunday, May 15th. In the morning Rev. Dr. D. E. Klopp preached the sermon. In the afternoon a Sunday school gathering was held, at which addresses were made by Rev. William R. Taylor, Rev. R. A. Edwards, Major William Lambert and District Attorney George S. Graham, all of Philadelphia. At the evening service the sermon was preached by the pastor. The congregation was a very large one upon each occasion. The church as completed is one of the handsomest in the city. The lot on which the structure stands is 98 by 100 feet and the dimensions of the building are 98 by 77 feet. The audience room is 66 by 70 feet, and, including the gallery on the south, has a seating capacity for nine hundred persons. It is finished in quarter oak. In the rear of the audience room are three parlors and a reception room. The walls are frescoed in light colors. The church contains thirteen handsome stained glass windows, most of them memorials. The total cost of the building and furniture was about $60,000. The church has a membership of six hundred and there are in the Sunday school between eight hundred and nine hundred scholars.

Martha Memorial Reformed Church, on Fifty-second street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, New York city, Rev. F. Fox pastor, was dedicated May 15th. The services were conducted by the pastor. Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, of York, Pa., preached the dedication sermon, and Rev. J. B. Kniest, of Philadelphia and Pastor Fox spoke in the German language. This is a mission congregation with strong claims on the Church at large for aid. Those prompted to send memorial offerings for its support should address Rev. F. Fox, No. 409 W. Forty-seventh street, Postal Station G, New York.

The corner-stone of the new church at Somerset, Pa., Rev. Hiram King pastor, was laid April 19th, Rev. J. M. Schick preaching the sermon.

On Sunday morning, March 27th, the Reformed church at Hickory, N. C., with all its furniture and contents, was entirely destroyed by fire.

The church at Lisbon, Ia., has been beautified by interior improvements at a cost of $350.

The Sunday school of the Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa., Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, is having its room handsomely frescoed, painted and refurnished.

Smyrna Reformed Church, in Catawba county, N. C., Rev. Dr. J. C. Clapp, was dedicated April 3d. The congregation had for years been worshipping in an old church built of huge logs, not ceiled except overhead. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Ingold. Rev. J. L. Murphy, of Ursinus, class of '85, was one of those assisting in the services.

Jerusalem Church, Schuylkill Haven, Pa., Rev. W. Donat, after having been beautified by the skill of an experienced artist, was reopened on March 27th.

Fifty-four members were added to Zion's Reformed Church, Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. Dr. Diekmann pastor, on April 3d.

The address of the Reformed Emigrant Mission is changed from No. 25 State street to No. 15 State street, New York city.

SYNODICAL.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States will meet in triennial sessions in Grace Reformed Church, at Akron, Summit county, Ohio, on Wednesday, June 1, 1887, at 7:30 p. m.

MINISTERIAL.

Albright, D. B., address changed from Womelsdorf to Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, Pa.
Beck, E. M., accepted call to Germatown, O., and address changed to that place.
Delorme, Erdman, installed pastor of Salem charge, Magley, Adams county, Ind.
Faber, W. F., elected pastor of Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa.
Fritch, M. L., resigned pastorate of the Infirmary in Berks county, Pa., and F. W. Dechant elected his successor.
Grether, William, address changed from Elkhart to Rhine, Wis.
Geary, A. C., accepted call to Fairfield charge, Adams county, Pa., succeeding H. H. Sangree.
Gunter, A., of Crestline, O., settled at Cumberland, Md.
Groshuesch, Tillman, died March 30th, at Timothy, Wis., aged 68 years.
Heller, A. J., of Adamstown, Md., accepted call to Zion's charge, Berlin, Somerset county, Pa., and address changed to latter place.
Lake, O. E., of Mound City, Kan., received into Eastern Association of the Congregational Church of Kansas.
Ludwick, W. E., address changed from Three Rivers, Mich., to Greenville, Darke county, O.
Myer, J. W., licentiate of Virginia Classis, accepted call to Sabillasville charge, and post office address changed to that place.
Mackley, J. F., address changed from Emlenton to Lamartine, Pa.
Mase, S. B., from Masillon, O., to Greensburg, Pa.
Schwedes, Francis R., of Cumberland, Md., accepted call to Terre Haute, Ind. Address changed to 420 S. Fourth street, Terre Haute.
Schlappich, J. H., address changed from Kresgerville, to Weissport, Carbon county, Pa.
Wolbach, John, from Troutville to Nazareth, Pa.
Wolbach, Joshua, from Forreston, Ill., to Alamont, Ill.

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Arrive: Collegeville, 7.17, 9.14 a. m., 3.11, 6.47 p. m.; Allentown, 8.35, 10.50 a. m., 5.20, 8.25 p. m.

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