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A TOTAL attendance of one hundred and sixty-two students is the record of Ursinus for the academic year 1887-'88, after deducting all names repeated in the annual enrollment. The figures form an eloquent commentary on the work of this period of college life. They tell of a new high-water mark reached and firmly set along the current of progress on which we move; of a wider appreciation of our Alma Mater's aims, a broader field for her future efforts and a consequent increase and development in her influence. Nor does the mere statement of numerical results,—though the most satisfactory in our history,—fully convey a clear idea of the encouraging conditions of the year. Whether numbers be few or many, "in union there is strength"; but when the army is not only large but deeply imbued with the earnest enthusiasm born of a common interest in the well-fixed ends of a worthy cause, then in union there are all the unmistakable elements of that effective power which is the sure precursor of permanent success. Should this proposition appear to need demonstration it can be referred to one hundred and fifty college men now in Ursinus' halls ready and willing to prove its entire correctness and force. The logic of practical illustration is irresistible. A simple fact may save a world of argument. We believe in wise economy, and therefore choose the less expensive medium of establishing what we say.  

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The Seventeenth Commencement, now but a month distant, will give further proof of the unprecedented spirit of energy, harmony and vigor that pervades the College. Preparations for the occasion are well under way. The arrangements will be more thorough and complete than ever before, and the programme for
the week be thus made specially attractive and entertaining. It will be opened on Sunday evening, June 24th, with the Baccalaureate sermon, in St. Luke’s Reformed Church, Trappe, and this will be followed on Monday night by the annual Junior Class exercises, in Trinity Church, Collegeville. The twelve members of ’89 have evidently resolved to acquit themselves on this occasion with honor and credit. With that end in view they have enlisted in their behalf the services of Prof. E. Lehman Ruhe, of Allentown, Pa., who, with an augmented force of musicians from the Eureka Orchestra, will be on hand to give them telling aid. The Annual Address before the Literary Societies will be delivered on Tuesday evening, June 26th, by the Hon. Robert E. James, of Easton, Pa., a prominent lawyer and statesman and an eloquent orator. Rev. George S. Sorber, A. M., ’76, of McEwensville, Pa., will give the Alumni Oration, on the night of Wednesday, the 27th, and on Thursday, the 28th, the Commencement exercises proper will be held. There are fifteen graduates from the Institution this year,—ten from the college and five from the theological department. More definite announcements relating to the festivities, and giving complete information for the benefit of friends who purpose being present, may be looked for in the next number of the Bulletin, which will be in the hands of subscribers early in June. The programme will there appear in full, and details as to railway accommodations, boarding facilities and rates at Collegeville, and other matters, will also be published. In the meantime, between the regular duties of the academic routine, the work of preparation will actively go on.

Another catalogue of the college has just been duly issued in the enlarged form and improved style inaugurated last year. It merits in full measure the same commendatory criticism which was accorded its predecessor. Thanks to the painstaking energy of Professor Ruby and the skill of the Herald printing house, the high standard set up in ’87 has been well maintained. In truth, we are warranted in going further than this, and saying that the copy of the current edition now before us shows a number of innovations and changes displaying such excellent judgment as really to entitle it to the distinction of being on the whole the best annual publication that has thus far gone forth from Ursinus. The arrangement of its pages is better and more complete than ever before, and the new features which have been added are all in the line of wisely regulated advancement. Among them a full synopsis of study is given for the three years’ literary course for ladies,—but recently introduced,—which will meet with unqualified approval on all sides. The catalogue is remarkably free from typographical errors, and seems in every respect to be entirely in keeping with the
prosperous *regime* that rules within our walls.

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The *Century Magazine* for May publishes an "open letter" headed "The Garth Fund," which contains assertions that the writer will find it was easier to make than it will be to substantiate. The communication in question purports to disclose the fact that a crying need exists throughout the United States, particularly the West and South, for a larger number of good preparatory schools, and suggests to our liberal men of means that here is to be found an object with special claims upon their bounty. It further states that we have in this country "perhaps three colleges to one good preparatory school," and from this it assumes that "we don't need any more colleges." But, fortunately, official statistics, to which the contributor seems, strangely enough, to have had no access, plainly show the premises on which the article is based to be entirely false, while common sense makes it just as apparent to all intelligent readers that whether the premises be good or bad, the conclusion that is drawn from them is emphatically unwarranted and unquestionably incorrect.

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The truth of the matter is that whereas in 1885,—the last year to which the figures are compiled,—there were but 65,728 students in our 365 universities and colleges, we find 265,000 pupils receiving secondary instruction,—with which as a general rule, "preparatory instruction" is practically synonymous,—in the 2000 or more institutions established exclusively or in part for that purpose in our land. And aside from this, it is patent to the minds of any who give the matter a moment's thought, that 65,000 college students, out of a mighty nation of sixty million souls,—moving along on its glorious way as the van-guard of the world in the boasted intellectual light of the nineteenth century;—(the ratio is about *one-thousandth* of the entire population) —is but a miserable approximation to what should be the figures in the case; and that consequently, whether or not we have an adequate number of preparatory schools, the assertion that "we don't need any more colleges,"—in other words that the country's facilities in this line are ample,—is manifestly absurd. Were our space not so extremely limited, we could advance many more arguments and facts in support of our position and to refute the fallacies cited in the letter at issue. If what we have given serve but to direct the discriminating attention of any who may have hastily read the article to the errors with which it abounds, we shall, however, be satisfied with the effort here made.

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We quote a couplet from Pope which should strike a responsive chord in the heart of every plagiarist:

"Next o'er his books his eyes began to roll
In pleasing memory of all he stole."
There is of course no one who will fail to appreciate the situation here so vividly pictured.

The Spring term of '88 at Ursinus will always remain memorable in the minds of our students because of the two happy variations in the ordinary round of college customs and duties with which it has been marked. We refer to the exceedingly pleasant welcoming reception to new students given in April under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and the mock political convention so successfully held this month.

The attendance of students for the period of '87-'88 in the three leading institutions of the Reformed Church in the United States has been remarkably good, Heidelberg leading the list with a total of 270, Ursinus following next with 162, and Franklin and Marshall coming in a good third with 159. The figures are full of encouragement for all concerned.

Our college colors have been wisely chosen. Now what is needed before commencement is a handsome flag-pole, flag and streamer to display them in proper style.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

OLEVIAN.

ANNUAL OPEN MEETING.

On Friday evening, April 20th, the College Chapel was filled to overflowing with students and friends who assembled to see the young ladies of the Olevian Society make their customary annual public appearance. The audience on the occasion crowded the aisles and vestibule and many who came were obliged to return home without hearing the programme. Flora K. Schwenk, '91, occupied the chair during the evening and Lilian B. Gross, '91, acted as secretary.

The exercises were opened with a piano selection from "Faust" by Miss Gross, and the offering of prayer by Vice-President H. W. Super, D. D. After the roll had been called, Minerva Grater and Sallie Kulp, '85, sang a piece entitled "Moonlight, Love and Flowers," Emma L. Dismant gave a recitation, subject, "The Lips that Touch Liquor Shall Never Touch Mine," and Lillie Preston and Sallie C. Hendricks rendered an instrumental duet, "The Witch's Flight." Hallie R. Vanderslice, '91, then recited "The Martyred Mother," and Miss Gross followed with an essay on "Rome was not Built in a Day," and Miss Grater with a vocal solo called "Waiting."

Next on the programme were a recitation entitled "Where's Annette?" by Miss Schwenk, and a piano trio, "Woodland Pleasures," by Misses Schwenk, Vanderslice and Gross of the Freshman class.

These efforts were succeeded by a pointedly practical oration on "Northern Slavery" by Flora S. Rahn, '89, in which a strong comparison was drawn between the condition of the negroes in the South
before the late war and the deplorable situation of the thousands of victims at present in the North enslaved by the relentless mastery of intemperance. The reading of the "Olevian Ruby" by its editor Mary A. Schlichter, and the singing of a duet entitled "Joys of Spring," by Misses Grater and Kulp, brought the exercises to a close.

The programme was well rendered and the meeting proved an unquestioned success for which the Olevians deserved and received much credit.

SOCIETY OFFICERS.

The Schaff officers at present are:
President, Mayne R. Longstreth; Vice-President, Henry W. Spare; Recording Secretary, Horace P. Keely; Corresponding Secretary, W. F. Ruff; Treasurer, J. Manton Mensch; Critic, S. P. Stauffer; Editor, John T. Wagner; Chaplain, J. K. Freed; Organist, P. E. Heimer.

Those at the head of the Olevian Society just now are:
President, Flora K. Schwenk; Vice-President, Lillie Preston; Recording Secretary, Lilian B. Gross; Corresponding Secretary, Sallie C. Hendricks; Treasurer, Grace Dambly; Editor, Emma L. Dismant; Critic, Hallie R. Vanderslice; Chaplain, Flora S. Rahm.

NOTES.

The Olevians had the pleasure of welcoming fourteen new members into their ranks this Term.

The total financial receipts of the Schaff Society from March 1, 1887, to the same date in 1888, were $205.87. The disbursements during this period amounted to $190.56.

The members selected to perform at the coming Schaff Open Meeting in the College Chapel are busily preparing for that event. The music will be furnished by the College Orchestra, conducted by E. C. Hibshman, '86, and the Schaff Chorus, under the leadership of Chas. E. Wehler, '87. The date of the meeting is Friday evening, June 8th, and the public is cordially invited to be present.

NEWS ABOUT COLLEGE.

THE SPRING TERM RECEPTION AND SOCIABLE.

The entertainment given on Saturday evening, April 14th, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., for the special purpose of welcoming at Ursinus the new students of the Spring Term and the general end of promoting good-fellowship and sociability among all who might be present, proved in every respect one of the pleasantest events of the current academic year. It occurred in the College Chapel. The room was brilliantly lighted and tastefully beautified with a wise appreciation of the proper means of reaching the particular objects the occasion had in view. Arrangements,—all happily consummated,—were in charge of three committees, headed respectively by H. E. Jones, '91, Miss Katie M. Williard, and Edwin C. Hibshman, '86. So entirely successful was the meeting from every standpoint that it was unanimously agreed by those in attendance that it established a precedent well worthy of observance through future years. The attendance of students and friends
was large and the social enjoyment of all was plainly heightened by the remarkable cordiality and freedom from reserve which characterized the proceedings.

During the evening the following literary and musical programme was rendered:

**PART ONE.**

Piano Selection—"Perles et Diamants,"
Miss Mary T. Kratz.

Address of Welcome, ... Prof. E. M. Hyde.

Flute Solo—Arranged from "Norma,"
Ralph Royer, '90.

Baritone Solo—"Anchored,"
A. W. Bomberger, '82.

Select Reading—"The Trials of a Minister's Wife,"
Miss Katie M. Williard.

Flute and Clarinet Duet—"La Verganella,"
E. C. Hibshman, '86, and Mr. Royer.

Piano Selection—"Fantasie" from Leybach, Miss Kratz.

Select Reading—"A New Cure for Rheumatism,"
Robert M. Fry, '91.

**PART TWO.**

Vocal Duet—Selected,
Miss Kratz and O. H. E. Rauch, '89.

Violoncello Solo—"Rigoletto,"
Henry E. Kratz, '90.

Select Reading—"The Chariot Race" from "Ben Hur," ... Mr. Bomberger.

Soprano Solo—"Marguerite,"
Miss Bertha Hendricks, '84.

Duet, with Quartet Chorus—Selected,
Miss Kratz, Mr. Rauch, Mr. Hibshman, and Prof. Hyde.

Select Reading—"Mrs. Ranger's Husbands,"
Mr. Fry.

Vocal Solo—"Ehren on the Rhine,"
A. H. Hendricks, '88.

Piano Solo—"Her Bright Smile Haunts Me Still,"
Miss Lillie Preston.

At the conclusion of this programme refreshments, generously provided by the ladies, were bountifully served. The fragments of the feast were subsequently made to bring in rich financial returns through the efforts of Mr. Fry, who, in acting as their auctioneer, displayed business capacities of a high order. When finally the crier had become exhausted, and the sale was consequently brought to an end, bidders and spectators quietly dispersed to their rooms or homes, altogether satisfied with the outcome of the first Y. M. C. A. reception.

**"A TRIP THROUGH PALESTINE."**

On Friday evening, May 4th, Rev. James I. Good, D. D., of Philadelphia, gave a very interesting talk in the Chapel descriptive of his travels in the Holy Land. The lecture was provided by the members of the Y. M. C. A., and the proceeds of it were devoted to one of the various good causes in which they are concerned. Dr. Good's abilities as a public speaker are so well known in Collegeville that it is hardly necessary to state that all he said at the time referred to was warmly received by the appreciative audience present. His remarks were interspersed with a large number of beautifully colored stereopticon illustrations, which were not only pleasant to the eye but also highly instructive. During the evening appropriate vocal music was given by a quartette composed of Messrs. O. H. E. Rauch, Charles E. Wehler, Harry E. Kratz and E. C. Hibshman.

**MISSIONARY BLESSING.**

Since the "Volunteer" movement was started at Mt. Hermon during the meeting of the delegates from
the different colleges of the United States and Canada in the summer of '86, there has been an uprising of young men and women all over the land for enlistment in the foreign missionary cause, in institutions of every denomination, until the number has been swelled to 2,400.

On May 14th the students of Ursinus had the pleasure of having with them Mr. J. P. Stoops, of Union Theological Seminary, who is a student volunteer missionary. He addressed the ladies and gentlemen of the college in the Chapel and impressed them with the earnestness with which the call of Matt. 28:19, 20, comes to all in these times when every country on the face of the globe is ready to receive the Glad Tidings and anxious to see the light of Christianity dawning upon the darkness of many centuries. The meeting was well attended and the results were such as to indicate that the missionary spirit which was aroused was stirred by a Divine Power and will, also, be continued by "showers of blessing" poured upon the twelve young men and women who gave their lives, God permitting, to Foreign Mission work.

This little band of volunteers asks for your prayers in their behalf and the progress of the movement so that much good may be accomplished for Jesus, the Great and First Foreign Missionary.

A VOLUNTEER.

BLACK, OLD-GOLD AND RED.

The question of selecting appropriate colors for the College has been finally settled. At a mass meeting of the students held on Tuesday, May 8th, it was resolved after some discussion that a suitable combination of black, old-gold and red should be adopted as the distinctive insignia of our Alma Mater. It has since been discovered that these colors predominate in the coat-of-arms generally attributed to the Heidelberg Catechism, and the choice is accordingly regarded as an exceedingly happy one.

The night after the colors were fixed a brain-racked prep., tossing in troubled slumber, was heard to mutter between his dreams the following stanza:

“Then, hurrah! Long live Ursinus,
By her sons to triumph led!
May her cords of love entwine us,
May her principles combine us
And to noble deeds incline us
For the black, old-gold and red.”

ATHLETICS.

In the last two months the game of Lawn Tennis has become very popular at the College. The students devoted to this sport have organized a club, which is already quite large. Two fine courts have been laid out on the campus and at the noon intermission and after school hours they are rarely vacant.

A strong Base Ball nine has also been recently formed, while bicycle riding has again come into general favor. In view of this lively interest that has sprung up in the out-door branch of academic life it has been suggested that a properly regulated exhibition of games might be made
to furnish a very attractive diversion for an afternoon of the coming commencement week. The idea is a good one and it should receive due consideration.

CLASS ITEMS.

The officers of the class of '89 are:
President, Flora S. Rahn; Vice-President, Ernest Clapp; Recording Secretary, S. P. Stauffer; Treasurer, I. Calvin Fisher; Historian, M. R. Longstreth; Prophet, Wallace H. Wotring; Poet, O. H. E. Rauch.

At a late meeting of the class of '90 the following officers were elected:
President, G. H. Meixell; Vice-President, W. F. Ruff; Secretary, C. H. Brandt; Treasurer, E. S. Bromer; Poet, C. P. Kehl; Historian, G. H. Meixell.

The members of this class have chosen Edward S. Bromer to respond to the "Banner Oration" at the Junior Class exercises on Monday evening of commencement week.

THE COLLEGE ORCHESTRA.

Under the efficient leadership of E. C. Hibshman, '86, the Ursinus Orchestra is meeting with much success and an increasing demand for its services. On Thursday evening, April 26th, it furnished the instrumental music at the first anniversary of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union of Norristown. The published reports of this occasion were full of praise for our amateur artists and they themselves give glowing accounts of the graceful cordiality with which they were received by the ladies in charge of the exercises. Since then they have filled several engagements with entire satisfaction. The present members of the orchestra are: E. C. Hibshman, A. H. Eberly, H. E. Kratz, Ralph Royer, I. C. Williams, A. P. Hibshman, O. H. E. Rauch, R. F. Longacre, J. M. S. Isenberg and H. R. Steinruck.

NOTE.

The success of the Music Department has entirely justified its introduction.

Rev. Dr. Jas. I. Good, of the Visiting Committee, sails for Europe in the steamship "Umbria," of the Cunard Line, on May 26th.

Rev. Evan M. Landis, A. M., of Kansas, last year's Professor of Hebrew and History, and Miss Emilie D. Hamer, were married at Collegeville, on Monday, April 30th. The BULLETIN offers them its warm congratulations.

Professor Hendricks will deliver the address at the Anniversary of the Young People's Association of St. Luke's Church in June.

URSINUS now has pupils representing six states of the Union.

Robert M. Fry, '91, has for some time been home in ill health. His fellow students tender him their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

During the past year our Alma Mater has had Alumni teaching in five colleges, and ranking from instructor to President.

There is talk about college of holding a "Book Reception" in the near future.

J. D. Peters, of the Theological Department, recently purchased a
horse and carriage, and John E. Keen, of the Academy, a new Star bicycle. They may now be frequently seen traversing the country in the most approved style these several methods of locomotion afford.

E. C. Hibshman, a theologue, spoke at length in support of Prohibition at the Anniversary of the Y. W. C. T. U. of Norristown, referred to in another column.

THE COLLEGE LIBRARY.

LISTS OF NEW BOOKS RECEIVED.

The work of fitting up the new library room has been completed and the students are rejoicing in the enlarged and improved accommodations it affords. The friends of the college and the members of the literary societies alike are coming forward nobly in aid of the library movement. It is trusted that all who can will assist in giving the young men and ladies studying at Ursinus the best possible tools in the several departments of instruction. The librarian acknowledges the following additions to the general library since the last issue of the Bulletin:

Various public documents, 11 vols.
Lebens-Erfahrungen, 1 vol., gift of Rev. P. Vits, Cleveland, O.
Classical and other works, 59 vols., gift of Prof. J. S. Weinberger.
Various pamphlets and documents relating to local history, Mrs. Dr. Super.
Various pamphlets and documents relating to local history, Mrs. J. S. Weinberger.

The Zwingian Literary Society has received the following:


Social Problems and Kings of Capital, 2 vols., from Mr. H. E. Jones.

Schiller's Poems, from Mr. W. H. Wotring.

Macaulay's Essays, 3 vols., from Mr. E. W. Lentz.

Thrilling Adventures, Modern Women and Remarkable Events, from Mr. O. B. Hensing.

Bunyan's Holy War, from Mr. Chas. E. Peter.

Swedenborg's Works, 17 vols.

The Schaff Literary Society has added the following:
Eighty volumes purchased since the last issue of the Bulletin, among which are:
The complete works of Charles Reade, 7 vols.,
Thackeray, 10 vols., and George Eliot, 8 vols.
The poetical works of Owen Meredith, Saxe, Bryant, and Pope, 2 vols.
Metrical Translations of Virgil (Conington) and Dante.

The works of Charles Lamb are also included. Some volumes of theological bent appear, as Drummond's Natural Law in the Spiritual World, and Owen on Forgiveness. Sartor Resartus, Lessons in Life, and Our Country fall: under more miscellaneous books. Fiction is represented by:

Ben Hur, Ramona, Les Miserables, Count of Monte Christo, Days of Bruce, Ten Nights in a Bar-room, Uncle Tom's Cabin, That Lass o' Lowries', Charles O'Malley, John Halifax,

Besides these, others are, History of the Mormons, Centennial Sketches of Noted Pennsylvanians, Creasy’s Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World.

Thirty one volumes have been contributed by members of the society, the titles being as follows:


The following gifts from honorary members are also acknowledged:

- What Can a Woman Do? from Prof. A. L. Landis.
- An Idyl of the War, from Prof. E. L. Kemp, of Kutztown.
- Thaddeus of Warsaw, Scottish Chiefs and Swiss Family Robinson (3 vols.), from Mr. Kleins, of Philadelphia.
- Twenty-nine volumes of public documents, from Senator Cameron.
- Three volumes of documents, from the Secretary of War.
- Four volumes of documents, from the Hon. Samuel J. Randall, including the Geological Survey for 1884-5.

It will thus be seen that in little more than a month two hundred and seventy-three volumes have been added to the various collections contained in the general library.

Several subscription lists in aid of this good cause, which are in circulation through the College and among friends, have been so liberally responded to that they have already reached large amounts. Further gratifying announcements as to books received and purchased may accordingly be looked for in the June Bulletin. The ladies of the Olevian Society who are quietly doing good work in this line will then in all probability be heard from. Those interested in Ursinus are again kindly reminded that anything they can do to help the movement in the shape of books or contributions will be warmly appreciated. To friends who propose attending the approaching Commencement it is suggested that any volumes for which they may decide to act as donors or express agents will be gladly received in the library room.

**MOCK POLITICAL CONVENTION.**

**THE “YOUNG AMERICA” REFORM PARTY NOMINATES CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES—STRONG PLATFORM ADOPTED.**

**THE PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL.**

At a meeting of the students of Ursinus held early this Term, it was decided that they should temporarily constitute themselves the “Young America” Reform Party and give a mock political convention at the College. Those desiring to take an active part in it were requested to
enter their names as delegates. One hundred and seven out of the hundred and fifty students now enrolled responded to the invitation, and Friday, the 11th of May, was set for the occasion.

At eight o'clock in the evening of the day mentioned, the convention assembled, was called to order by Calvin U. O. Derr, '88, and proceeded to organize by electing Freeland G. Hobson, Esq., '76, permanent chairman. Mr. Hobson upon taking the position very gracefully thanked the delegates for the honor conferred upon him, and wittily described the importance of the formation of the party which they represented, assuring them that the eloquent speeches to be delivered upon the occasion would no doubt transcend all past oratorical efforts, as models for the youth of America.

The organization was completed by the election of A. W. Bomberger, Esq., '82, Prof. E. M. Hyde, Prof. A. L. Landis, '83, Walter Bomberger, '87, and A. H. Hendricks, '88, as vice-presidents, and I. C. Fisher, '89, as secretary; Edward S. Bromer, '90, Jos. W. Bell, '88, M. R. Longstreth, '89, and John T. Wagner, '90, being assistant secretaries. Mr. H. E. Jones, '91, was chosen telegraph operator.


A selection of patriotic music followed rendered by the College orchestra, conducted by E. C. Hibshman, '86, Mr. A. P. Hibshman, of Philadelphia, ably leading the violins.

The committee on Credentials reported that one hundred and seven persons were entitled to vote, and that consequently fifty-four votes would be required to nominate.

The committee appointed to draft a platform presented the following as the result of their labors:—

"The 'Young America' Reform Party, in convention assembled, recognizes that, though as the nation grows older, new issues are born of time and progress and old controversies perish, the fundamental principles of right, approved by the united voice of the people, ever remain the best and only security for the continuance of free government.

"We believe that the overthrow of existing evils, and the establishment of institutions designed to promote the highest interests of a free people, can be best accomplished by a hearty cooperation of both sexes. We rejoice that in the working out of recent reforms woman has been so important a factor, and to the end that she may be enabled to achieve still greater results, we pronounce in favor of such legislation as will tend to the full recognition of the rights of her sex and the consequent welfare of humanity at large.

"The Tariff question is at present among the leading subjects for the consideration of the legislators of the nation, but we decline to treat it as the most important one. Partisan politicians make it a source of agitation while they neglect to deliberate upon matters that concern the vital interests of the country to a far greater degree. We regard the retention of the war taxes as an evil calling for speedy reform, and we favor such a reduction in them as will succor those whom they oppress without being detrimental to the industries of the land.

"The bad results consequent upon the vast accumulation of money in the United States Treasury are apparent to all, and, as a relief to the coffers of "Uncle Sam," we recommend the appropriation of $5,000,000 for the permanent endowment of Ursinus College, $7,000,000 for public buildings in Collegeville, and $500,000 for a new railway station at the same place.

"As it is evident throughout the country that wealth is continually falling into the hands of a
few, who, instead of using it for the good of their fellow-men, expend it for their own immoral gain in bribing legislators, we express the opinion that every unnecessary advantage granted to such individuals or corporations should be annulled, and we denounce all laws that tend to make the rich man richer and the poor man poorer.

"Believing the laboring classes to be the bulwarks of the nation's strength, we unqualifiedly approve all efforts put forth for the betterment of their condition, and impress the importance of inculcating sobriety and intelligence among them.

"Realizing the truth that upon the purity of the ballot-box depend the future maintenance of our government and its institutions, we recommend the restriction of the immigration and naturalization of the outcasts of foreign countries, while we extend the hand of welcome to all strangers landing on our shores who assent to the principles of our Constitution and desire to become honest, loyal, law-abiding citizens.

"We oppose all such evils as tend to lower the standard of morality, and we hail with joy the day when intemperance and polygamy shall be forever banished from our borders."

The platform was adopted with great applause, and the convention proceeded to sing, to the accompaniment of the orchestra, the Ursinus song, "Queen of the Valley," published on another page of this issue of the Bulletin.

The chair then announced that nominations for candidates for the office of President of the United States were in order. Thereupon Mr. Meixell presented the name of Raymond F. Longacre in a neat speech of eulogy, in the course of which he held up to the admiration of all the virtues of his friend. John F. Wagner ably seconded his choice. Mr. Wotring then followed with the name of Edwin C. Hibshman, and left no doubts in the minds of his audience as to his estimate of this nominee. He was seconded by P. E. Heimer, '91. W. H. Wotring's name was in turn gracefully introduced by Ernest Clapp, supported by H. E. Jones. Subsequently J. L. Fluck, '88, arose and in well chosen language and flowing periods asked to add E. S. Bromer to the list of candidates. C. U. O. Derr joined in this request, after which the last nomination was made by Mr. E. W. Lentz, '89, who, with the aid of C. D. Yost, '91, urged the claims of J. L. Fluck upon the convention.

It was then resolved that the nominations be closed, and after another selection by the orchestra, the first ballot was taken amid great excitement. It resulted as follows: Longacre, 37; Fluck, 26; Wotring, 17; Hibshman, 13; Bromer, 10; no choice. After a motion had been carried that all candidates be dropped except the two highest on the list the second ballot was proceeded with. When it was completed it was found that Longacre had received 65 votes and Fluck 36. The former was accordingly declared the duly chosen nominee of the party. He was called upon for a speech and responded in a manner that met with the warm approbation of his hearers.

The orchestra having added fresh fuel to the patriotic fire of the delegates by playing "Yankee Doodle" and "Marching thro' Georgia," the presentation of candidates for the Vice-Presidency was taken up. Three names were brought forward: Ernest Clapp, '89, by Mr. S. P. Stauffer, '89, seconded by Ira L. Bryner; S. P. Stauffer by H. O. Neff, with E. G. Small as seconder; and lastly T. C. Strock, '86, by C. E. Wehler, '87, and R. G. Magee, '90.
Another stirring instrumental selection was then rendered, the ballots were cast, and Stauffer having received 53 votes to 24 for Strock and 18 for Clapp, was declared the nominee for Vice-President. His address of thanks called forth great enthusiasm. The convention forthwith made both nominations unanimous and after some more excellent music adjourned sine die. Thus ended a very enjoyable and long-to-be-remembered evening.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

URSINUS SONG.

QUEEN OF THE VALLEY.

I.
For Alma Mater let us cheer,
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!
URSINUS, Alma Mater, dear,
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!
She reigns supreme without a peer,
Where Perkiomen flows so clear,
Queen over all the valley, here,
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!

II.
Queen of the valley, hail to thee,
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!
Still true to thee thy youth shall be,
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!
Alumni and alumnae, see,
Oh may they shine with lustre free,
Thy jeweled crown of victory,
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!

III.
Thy honor yet without a stain,
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!
Shout, loyal subjects of her train!
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!
Nor sigh for Fortune's smile in vain,
For each increase of her domain
Shall make her potent powers more plain,
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!

IV.
Forever reign, oh, valley queen,
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!
No cruel foe dares intervene,
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!
Thy loyal youth, with ardor keen,
In thy defense are ever seen,
Then reign forever, valley queen,
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!

MINERVA WEINBERGER, '84.

ALUMNI PERSONALS.

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

'77. Rev. A. B. Stoner, Mechanicstown, Md., a graduate of the Theological Department, has accepted a call to the Landisburg charge, Perry county, Pa., lately vacated by Rev. M. H. Groh, '74. He has already entered this new field of labor.

'84. Rev. Henry A. Bomberger has assumed the pastorate of Heidelberg Reformed Church, York, Pa., and his address is consequently changed to that place.

'85. A. J. Kern, of Slatington, Pa., is now a full-fledged M. D., having graduated with honor from the University of Pennsylvania on May 1st.

'85. Rev. Silas L. Messinger, of Blain, Perry county, Pa., received sixteen persons into the church during the recent Easter season,—one by certificate and fifteen by confirmation. At the same time special collections were taken for beneficiary education and the money raised amounted to about $45.

'86. Miss May Royer returned to her home at Trappe several weeks ago in restored health.

'87. Thaddeus S. Krause, Plumsteadville, Pa., has begun the study
of Law in Philadelphia in the office of J. Quincy Hunsicker, Esq.

'87. Gideon P. Fisher, of the Junior Theological Class, has been absent from college teaching since the close of the Winter Term.

GENERAL TOPICS.

NOW AND HERE.

[An address delivered at the opening of the Spring Term of Ursinus College, Tuesday, April 10th, 1888, by Rev. Professor Francis Hendricks, A. M. Published in full by special request of the students of the College.]

Young Ladies and Young Gentlemen, students of Ursinus College:

As I regard the benevolent intentions of the generous founders of this College, the large company of hopeful young minds before me, and the motives which have prompted you in leaving your pleasant homes to engage in the duties and labors of another term of study, I cannot but express my concurrence in the opinion recently advanced by an intelligent traveler on his return from a journey around the world, viz:

That no land under the sun, in all that favors and stimulates the development of a high-toned, manly character, can for a moment stand in favorable comparison with our own. Now, making all due allowance for a rather emphatic style of "putting things," this statement still contains more than a modicum of plain substantial truth.

With this view, it will be permitted us for the present to relegate to the study and the class-room those subjects which will engage your attention and tax your time and energies during this term.

We will assume that your presence here to-day, indicates your estimate of the issues of the present time, and your laudable ambition to share the responsibilities and honorably discharge the duties which the age may impose upon the educated men and women of this land.

From the standpoint of to-day, it is enough then that you bound your horizon of vision by the geographical limits of our own national domain, and that you confine your outlook to the present century.

You will find enough here to account in large measure for that spirit of unrest so characteristic of our people, and so often misinterpreted as marking only impatience under the restraints of law. But interpret it as you may, it is nevertheless patent to the plainest understanding:

I.—THAT THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PRESENT MARK IT AS DISTINCT FROM ANY FORMER AGE.

Distinct as to prevalent ideas, aims and pursuits in life, as to domestic and social customs, and as to civil polity.

We are of this age. We bear its impress as visibly, not to say necessarily, as the current coin fresh from the mint bears the impress of the die. We would not have it otherwise if we could. We would in all laudable enterprises be fully abreast of the times. So also in our ideas and customs. Few young ladies, and perhaps fewer young men, have the courage to resist public opinion and public customs, even where moral integrity and conscience forbid conformity.
Now it is no mark of manly independence to court a reputation for singularity. Snow has sometimes fallen in June, wild-flowers sometimes bloom in December, but in our latitude these phenomena are not in accordance with the "eternal fitness of things."

Time with us, at least, means change in all things material, but change in the direction of progress.

The history and experience of a Christian civilization, in the on-going of the ages, have not repeated themselves. The revolutions of the planets about the central sun may be accounted one unending monotonous round, but revolutions in the world of mind never go backward.

"We are not the same things our fathers have been,
We see not the same sights our fathers have seen."

The past is fixed, the future one of possibilities, the present one of living issues.

As students we shall not promote the interests of the latter by ignoring the former.

True scholarship, in whatever field it may become distinguished, is conservative in the best sense of the term. But its conservatism will not be vindicated from the unjust reproach, "That like a certain reptile it looks very wise and hops very slow" "that its devotees are amiable hermits" by the counter charge of radicalism against the spirit of our times, which discards old world ideas, social, industrial and political, coming down to us through the ages.

We may extol the virtues and reverence the memories of our fathers, while we preserve as relics the Conestoga wagon, the lumbering stage coach and the canal boat. Even the disciples of Penn are not "to every good work reprobate," though they do discard the broad brims of their fathers since they are not of the times of George Fox. Now human learning is much vaster in its sphere than in former ages and is continually widening. New departments are pressing in their practical bearings upon the old. Many other causes are at work to dethrone the ancient classics from the position they have held in the leading universities of the world almost from the days of Alfred the Great. We would not circumscribe our college curricula by the utmost limitation of the human capacities and human life. Breadth of scholarship may indeed be secured but at the expense of depth.

The effect upon the progress of sound learning, of the prevalent tendency in modern colleges to substitute in their curricula, base-ball and boating under the guise of physical culture, and relegating Latin and Greek to the domain of the elective and optional, must be made apparent in the near future. Now, at this point, we plead conservatism, and in view of the decadence of classical studies we feel justified in our position, by the fact that those professions or callings which demand thorough training in the ancient classics are those which even now maintain and
which must raise still higher the standard of education among us, whether in the professor's chair, through the standard issues of the press, on the platform, in the pulpit or through whatever agencies, the means of a higher intellectual culture are to be brought home to the general public.

Conservatism in this sense is not of the dead past. Chronology and geography do not circumscribe the limits or determine the vitality of ideas. These are imponderable, expansive as the air we breathe. As commodities they bear transportation without detriment to their quality, unlike the English officer who a few years since bartered his citizenship and his religion, such as it was, for the emoluments and title of a Pasha, in the service of the Sultan, and after all became only a bogus Turk while he was the meaner Englishman. While still in an important sense we stand intimately related to other climes and other ages, we would emphasize the here and the now.

Your birthright is American; your ideas, your spirit, your physiognomy are American. In whatever lands, among whatever people you may in the future sojourn, your nationality will be marked not simply by race distinctions, as of the Malay and the Mongolian, but ethnologically you never can be confounded with the swarthy Turk or the diminutive Lap.

There is a mutual adaptation of the world within to the world without, of the individual man to his environment. It is of the ordering of infinite wisdom.

The indolent, filthy savage of the tropics is the spoiled child of a too bountiful, indulgent nature, while the toiling, self-denying Icelander sings,

"The land that gave me birth
Is the sweetest, wildest land on earth."

Not less marked is the Divine Purpose in our surroundings to-day. Even here our wants, whether material or intellectual, imaginary or real, demand personal exertion. We hold their gratification to be a chief good and an end to be secured.

Now it is of Divine arrangement that no substantial, lasting good has ever been secured for the individual or the race save at the price of toil, self sacrifice, by somebody, somewhere. This law is without exception and unrepeatable.

The circumstances or events which have made the names and fortunes of certain individuals, families and nations possible, were not of mere times and places. An event or a life is noble, historic, not as men estimate it, but as God purposes. Abraham offered the sacrifice of faith upon a lonely mountain. Leonidas and his three hundred Spartans have made the narrow Pass of Thermopyle conspicuous in the annals of all time —examples of the truth that the eternal consequences of fidelity to convictions of right and duty can be determined by the Divine Mind alone.

In accordance with the same law, the savage, no less than the martyr,
becomes the real hero. He welcomes toil, pain, and even death, not for their own sake, but because through them a remuneration in better things is confidently expected. This expectation sweetens labor, stimulates exertion, gives endurance, soothes pain; but devotion to science for its own sake offers you security of reward without collaterals. It presents as its vouchers a blind mathematician Sanderson and a deaf pauper Kitto.

Beings of spiritual attributes, like yourselves, hold a central position. They seek for soul satisfaction, in things above, in grandeur of soul; or in things below, in the grossness of sense; and each gets just about what he bargains for, either in celestial fruits or in Dead Sea apples, with the possibilities greatly in favor of the latter.

Regard, now, the force which performs a great and daily part in human affairs—the main chance,—an idea most diligently inculcated in our homes, our schools, in the busy streets of our great money centres—i.e., how most effectually to make the spiritual and intellectual man do bond service to the material. What though the busy world may not from the house-tops proclaim this to be the principle which controls its movements, as it is formulated by the Wise Man: "There is nothing better for a man than that he should eat and drink and make his soul enjoy good in his labors," etc. What other moving force finds expression in the restless activities and varying excitements of to-day?

Accept this view as you may, the idea itself has perhaps already taken full possession of most of you. You have a work to do and you mean to do it. In the enthusiasm of youth you are impatient for the fray. You will not sit idly looking on while the stream of time flows by. "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood leads on to fortune."

On such a full sea are you now afloat, and you must take the current as it passes or lose your ventures.

You, at least, in the parlance of the day, mean business. An alternative is open before you. As merchants you may write Truth, Conscience, Honor in your ledger, under the head of Capital; or in the hurried pursuits of gain, with "business is business" as your watch-word, Truth, Honor and Virtue may be wholly exiled.

In the varied pursuits of life you may bend all your energies, center all your thoughts upon this one chief end, the acquisition of wealth. A kind providence may prosper your endeavors beyond your most sanguine expectations. It may thus be within your power and at your own option to become a benefactor of the toiling millions, the patron of the earnest, ambitious student and take your place in the ranks of the Peabodys, the Packers, the Pardees and Cornells of the age, or you may make wealth the panderer to an idle manhood, the fosterer of pride, the petrifier of the heart, the slave of dissipation,—all the evils of Pandora's box concentrated in one.
Or should you seek to adorn literature you may do so, by strengthening the progressive forces of civilization; or with the Diderots and Rousseaus of a past age, you may kindle in the youthful mind the demon fires which blaze from the eye of precocious wantonness and hang around the chambers of the soul the whole imagery of moral pollution and vice.

As the disciples of the Man of Nazareth, as His under shepherds, the chosen instructors and guides of some of his little flocks, you may be living examples, “doing justly, loving mercy, walking humbly with your God”; or leagued with His enemies you may, Pilate-like, take water and wash your hands before them, when about to consummate a deed of wickedness, which will defile your soul and blacken your character forever. The past has its lessons. The future is one of possibilities.

The much used and much abused sentiment, “Man is the architect of his own fortune,” contains but a small modicum of truth. “There is a divinity that shapes our ends.” Save it be by the grace of Christ in the cultivation of those virtues which in harmonious union, make up a pure and noble manhood and womanhood, your pursuit of any end a youthful ambition may set before you will encounter ten thousand hindrances. Unforeseen obstacles will interpose; disappointments and failures will be experienced. Past history gives assurance that the lights and shades of your futures will be no less varied than those of the generations preceding.

Since the star which went before the Magi and the proclamation to the shepherds of Bethlehem, “Peace on earth, good will to men,” no century of the world’s history can come into comparison with this.

The light, intellectual and spiritual, through the evolutions of time and the labors and experiences of all past generations, now reflects upon you. A rich legacy has thus come down to you, one which you are bound to transmit unimpaired to the generation following.

We are reminded on every hand that another cycle in the world’s history is nearing its limit. One more remarkable for what has already entered into the life-history of humanity than the wildest enthusiast of any previous century could have imagined.

“We would not enter in where angels fear to tread” by presuming to predict anything as to the possible history of the coming quarter or half century. We may, however, suggest that in the course of nature, by a kind Providence, most of you, with the dawn of a new century, will be proving the importance of disciplined minds and established characters as a preparation for the trials to which you will be subjected and the active pursuits in which, in the full maturity of your powers, you will be engaged.

[Concluded in next number.]
NEWS LETTERS.

PRINCETON.

The principal subject of interest to all Princeton men at present is our chances this year in base ball. Our team has returned from its customary vacation trip, and though it was pretty effectually snowed under in Washington and Baltimore, this was expected. The college at large is very well satisfied with the work done by the nine. The chief fault last year was in batting; the fielding was very fair, and the team play good. This year the men are batting well, better we think than for a number of seasons past. The field play is a little careless, but this, more out-door practice will remedy. On the whole, our chances are much better than last year, and our nine is certainly stronger.

The Minstrel Club gave a very successful performance on March 14th, netting a large sum to the Base-ball Association, for whose benefit it was undertaken. The Dramatic Association, also, will shortly bring out Gilbert's "Engaged."

The Nassau Lit. and the Princetonian have elected their new boards of editors and are now issued under the new managements.

Tennis is advancing in popularity at Princeton. About thirty men are practicing Lacrosse daily. Dr. Patton the President-elect will be inaugurated in June. Dr. McCosh continues in office until that time and will sign the diplomas of the present Senior class. He will still hold his chair in Philosophy after his withdrawal from the presidency.

Princeton, N. J.,
April 21, 1888.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE.

Target practice at the college has begun with spirit, the cadets keeping in view the $300 in prizes to be given by Capt. Roberts, of West Chester. The condition of sports is not as vigorous as is desirable. The cause of this is that our grounds have been appropriated for the location of the new Chemical and Physical Laboratory.

The new Botanical Building is reared but not finished. The new Chemical and Physical Laboratory has progressed as yet only as far as the foundation walls. The new Drill and Assembly Hall has been staked off and the excavating is being done. The institution in all its departments pulses with vigorous life and prosperity.

Seven contestants were chosen by the Junior class at the beginning of this term for the Oratorical contest in June. At the same time a department in Pedagogics was established. President Atherton is abroad in Europe with the double object of obtaining much-needed rest and investigating the continental systems of industrial education, having been appointed for the work by Governor Beaver. The Washington Literary Society gave a reception on February 22d, which was the most noteworthy affair of this kind during the winter.

The Cresson Society lately assembled in Republican National Convention, and nominated John Sherman for the Presidency and Chauncey M. Depew for the Vice Presidency. The Y. M. C. A. has greatly increased during the recent months in size and influence. The Free Lance, only a year old, is but firmly established. We hope through the efficiency of our business manager to improve it in size and appearance within the period of a few issues.

State College, Pa.,
April 20, 1888.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

THEOLOGICAL.

The anniversary of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., took place on Thursday evening, May 10th. Eight graduates. Heidelberg Seminary, at Tiffin, O., closed its work on Tuesday evening, May 1st.

COLLEGIATE.

The Register of Franklin and Marshall College for 1887–88 has been issued in the usual style. The total number of students in college, seminary and academy, is reported as 162, from which, however, three names that are repeated must be deducted, leaving a net total of 159.

The catalogue of Heidelberg College for the same period has also appeared. It is published in an enlarged and improved form. It shows a total attendance of 9 students in the Theological Department, 51 in the College, 126 in the Academy, and 64 in the Musical Department,—a grand total of 270 after deducting all names repeated.

CONGREGATIONAL.

St. John's church, Phoenixville, Rev. S. P. Mauer pastor, has been handsomely improved by
the frescoing of its audience and Sunday school rooms. The cost was immediately provided for, although $500 had been paid during the year on the debt resting on the mission church.

Zion's church, Allentown, Rev. E. A. Germant pastor, erected a new house of worship during the past two years that is claimed to be the handsomest in the Reformed church. The following extract from a lengthy account of the occasion gives an idea of the style of the dedication services:

"The consecration proper took place in the afternoon at two o'clock, when the building was again filled to overflowing. An elaborate service, in pamphlet form, was distributed. The exercises opened with the pastor and eleven other clergymen walking up the main aisle reciting selections from the Psalms, the congregation standing. The pastor and assisting clergymen having taken their places within the chancel, the chairman of the building committee, Mr. W. H. Kress, presented the keys of the church to the pastor as follows: 'Inasmuch as by the grace and with the help of Almighty God, we have been permitted to carry forward the erection of this church to its successful completion, we now formally deliver the keys thereof into your hands, as also this building to the use and disposal of the congregation under whose instructions we have hitherto labored.'

"The pastor having received the keys, Elder Joseph Hecker said: 'Reverend Sir—It is the desire of the congregation of Zion's Reformed Church that this building, which hath now been given over to their use, shall be consecrated and sanctified to the worship and glory of the Triune God.' To this the pastor responded: 'The Lord grant unto you your desire. And may God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you.'

"After a responsive reading and prayer the hymn, 'Christ is made the Sure Foundation,' was sung, which was followed by the reading of a scripture lesson, 1 Kings, 8th chapter, by Rev. Dr. Wagner. The Psalmody was next recited antiphonally by the pastor and other clergymen, the congregation standing.

"The formal consecration then took place, and was performed impressively by the pastor, with responses by the other clergy. After prayer and the singing of the 'Te Deum' by the congregation, Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, President of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, delivered an English sermon, taking as his text the second verse of the 87th Psalm, 'The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.'"
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