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"State aid for higher education," was the theme of an exceedingly spirited discussion at the dinner of the Alumni of the University of Pennsylvania, held in Philadelphia, last month. Several leading citizens, well-known and respected for their comprehensive grasp of the leading educational problems of the day, took part in it; and their remarks have attracted much comment in public and private ever since. They were of a kind to stir up and mould popular sentiment for definite action and fix the starting-point of a reform. One of the speakers, urging the propriety of increasing the endowment funds of universities and colleges by appropriations from the general funds of the Commonwealth, summed up the intrinsic benefits of higher education in a sentence that deserves to become historic.

He declared that the time was near at hand when the world would understand that "to train up one surgeon like Lister is to do more than to build a hundred hospitals; that to supply the technical training which may bring forth a Bessemer is to revolutionize the conditions of production as well as of transportation throughout the world; that to educate the teacher who shall guide the country in the paths of sound economy is to render every man's property more secure, and that to diffuse a love of pure and wholesome literature is not merely to give the student himself what he will find the surest solace and most enduring delight of his life, but to best overcome and destroy the influence of that literature which is set on fire of hell."

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Granting that he might have been even more forcible by proceeding one step further in this statement of the case, it cannot be denied that he went far enough to point the moral of his argument most convincingly. If it pays a state to spend millions of dollars annually for lower education, it will be edifying to know by just what arbitrary considerations of short-sighted economy it has justified the withholding of the smallest farthing from the support, and encouragement of that higher Christian training of intellect and development of soul which have lifted humanity from barbarism in the past and are the hope of the ages for the future.

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Were the reasons sustaining the entire propriety of an early and radical revision of Pennsylvania's present policy in this matter not so numerous and varied it would be far less difficult to refer to them in the limited space lined off for editorial matter in this issue of the Bul-
Let us consider the public schools as absolutely indispensable in their own sphere. The commonplace saying that they are the bulwarks of a nation has long since passed beyond the possibility of dispute by force of their direct results at every point in the history of the nineteenth century. Their mission being universal in scope and fundamental in importance deserves indeed far more liberal recognition than has been accorded it, even in our own enlightened and progressive Commonwealth. And the tendencies which have gained the upper hand among our lawgivers within the past few years, looking to a more vigorous promotion of their work, through the moving power of increased pecuniary aid and better educational methods, have been regarded, very properly as affording legitimate grounds for rejoicing and congratulation among the friends of good government.

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But all these things, when seen in their true light, will simply quicken the public conscience of this State as to the vital demands of that other, closely-allied duty which it has so persistently and unreasonably neglected from the very beginning of its existence down to the present time. As the sphere of usefulness occupied by universities and colleges is broader and more far-reaching in its purposes and aims than that of the public schools, so the necessity of lending these higher institutions the same powerful helping-hand, which the general treasury of the Commonwealth extends to all charitable enterprises organized to supply the essential needs of the community, becomes peculiarly urgent and impressive. The State should open its eyes to the wisdom of so re-adjusting its policy in this particular that lower and higher education may directly complement each other. That there may be a college or university near enough to every public school to be able to reach forth and lay hold of each boy or girl coming out of it who is fitted for more advanced knowledge and desires it, and draw them up to the plane where they may receive at the lowest possible cost that to which their capacities entitle them.

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In these times no one but the ignoramus has the hardihood to contend that the advantages of the best things in education should not be made just as accessible as possible to everybody. The thousands of men and women who are actively engaged in the good cause of higher learning to-day, are all striving might and main to throw its doors wide open to every class of society, so that the rich and the poor alike, of every grade, may be placed on an equal footing for partaking of its benefits. And their struggles for democracy pure and simple in the noblest privileges of enlightened citizenship cry out most eloquently for the simple justice that this State and the nation have thus far withheld.

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Hitherto private generosity has been more prompt to hear the appeal than the public tribunals which should have regarded it as coming to their ears first. But the near future gives promise of witnessing at least a partial change of front along this line. Colleges and universities cannot be brought to the level of the people without adequate permanent endowments. And Pennsylvania will find it impossible to discover a better investment for her public funds than that which exists right here.

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Ursinus has good reason to rejoice in the earnest, aggressive work to which its Young Men's Christian Association has devoted itself with quiet, untriring faithfulness during the past few years, not only within the college, but also outside of its immediate limits. Labors such as
it has performed in this period possess a subtle influence that cannot be accurately measured and understood until the mind is confronted with the actual results which are its natural fruitage in the ordinary course of events. Our own Alma Mater is now beginning to see very plainly some of these substantial benefits which have been secured for her through this agency. Having brought together the various elements of the academic spirit, it has succeeded in crystallizing them and shaping them into a definite form that is truly representative of the distinctive principles of the institution, and therefore worthy of respect. People who are within the field of work which the college occupies are beginning to perceive more distinctly those great things for which Ursinus stands. Members of the Association who go out into neighboring towns and villages, bear this spiritual stamp with them, and, using it, leave an impress behind their visits that is felt and approved of, because it is clear-cut in every outline and strong in its individuality. Let this good work of the Association go on. It is telling surely and appreciably for the fuller realization of those great purposes which first brought our beloved institution into being.

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The history of the world has borne out the truth of the Divine declaration that it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. But on the other hand the current tendencies of the present generation have thrown a white light on the peculiar blessedness of him who does actually overcome the natural variance between righteousness and riches and is able to win for himself a place both here and hereafter among those who have served God and humanity honestly and well. The Gospel of Wealth seems to have reserved the unfolding of its brightest beauties and noblest possibilities for the closing hours of the nineteenth century. An eager spirit of rivalry to be among the first to harness up their gold and silver in behalf of the common welfare, seems to have taken possession of the millionaires of the world. The joy of spending great sums of money for the substantial good they will do is thawing out the hearts of those who are within reach of the greatest opportunities for exercising this virtue. Men and women advanced scarcely beyond the prime of life are making themselves their own executors and administrators; and the millennium of the social reformer who longs to see all the wealth spread out on the level plane of the people seems to be drawing nearer, by the spontaneous operation of voluntary benevolence. These are cheering signs of the coming of a better era and America may rejoice that within her bounds the cause of education is the first to profit by them.

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First preliminary arrangements for another commencement season, and the dedication of Bomberger Memorial Hall which will make it of unusual moment with us, will soon be in order. It is highly desirable that the special details of this event may be in full keeping with its importance. Consequently it is well that all the preparations for it should be started in good time.

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**BOMBERGER MEMORIAL HALL.**

Since the issue of the February Bulletin, the College has enjoyed an encouraging verification of the statement made in that number, that the nearer friends of the institution might, by a little effort, interest in its present aggressive activities many persons who in the past stood in some close relation or asso-
association to them personally, or to the College.

The zealous pastor of Trinity Church, Collegeville, the Rev. Joseph H. Hendricks, known for thirty-five years to the students of Freeland Seminary and of Ursinus College, who is a director of the College and a member of its Executive Committee, some time ago wrote to an intimate friend, now a prosperous business man in a distant State, who was a student at Freeland Seminary, and later in Ursinus College, asking for a contribution to the new building. Mr. Hendricks was soon favored with a reply, in which the gentleman said:

"I am glad that Ursinus College is making such progress, and I hope I may soon be able to add a mite to her resources. I regard myself under obligations to this and other institutions from which I have derived many advantages."

A second letter, under date of February 13, 1892, brought the fulfilment of the promise, accompanied with the following appreciative statement:

"Herewith please find check for $100 to your order. I owe the College more than this: as the assistance rendered me years ago in financial matters has been of great value, while the benefit derived from discipline and instruction cannot be estimated."

Well done, generous friend. The institutions which fostered thee in days of weakness and set thy feet in the upward path accept with gratitude the offering of devotion and manly strength. May the favor of heaven rest upon thy heart and hand, to increase thy power to bless the world with thy blessings.

Are there not a hundred nearer friends of Ursinus College, each of whom has knowledge of at least one man whose relations to the College, or to Freeland Seminary, or to President Bomberger, or to themselves, were, or are, such that a request from them for co-operation in the present magnificent undertakings of the College would bring responses as gratifying as that evoked by the Rev. Mr. Hendricks? Friendship wields influence and power; and friends can interest other friends, when business agencies fail. A little time, a little thought, and prayer, and effort, will accomplish wonders in a cause that is favored with the good wishes, tender associations, and kindly sympathy that cluster about Freeland Seminary, Ursinus College, and the men who toiled for her in the past, and are doing the noble work of the present.

The great work of the present is to complete Bomberger Memorial Hall, and to pay for it as soon as completed. The contractor is carrying forward the building so satisfactorily that there is no doubt of its being ready for occupancy by commencement. The financial part of the undertaking is so far advanced that earnest and united effort during the next four months will bring it to the same happy consummation.

NEWS ABOUT COLLEGE.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

Among the members of the theological classes there is a number who have no employment for their summer vacation. These would gladly assist pastors or supply charges during this time. Hence, if there are any pastors or charges in need of help, let them apply to Rev. James I. Good, D. D., Dean of the Seminary, or to Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., LL. D., Acting-President of the College, and a suitable man may be secured.

INTER-SEMINARY MISSIONARY ALLIANCE.

The Central District of the American Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance held its fifth annual convention in Brux Memorial Chapel, Gettysburg, Pa., on February 17th and 18th. Twelve of the
theological institutions in the limits of the Central District sent delegates. Three were present from Ursinus, Messrs. B. B. Royer, C. D. Yost, and E. C. Sult. Although it was the first time our institution was represented at the Alliance, our delegates were called upon to take an active part in the convention, one being the presiding officer at one of its sessions, another assistant secretary of the convention, and the third was engaged in committee work.

The different sessions of the convention were of an interesting character. Each session was opened with devotional services lasting half an hour. A hearty welcome was given the convention by President Valentine, of the Gettysburg Theological Seminary.

Among the subjects discussed at the first day's session were the following: "How Can We Increase the Missionary Interest in Our Churches?" by F. S. Miller, of Union Theological Seminary; "Borneo as a Mission Field," by G. J. Schilling, of Drew Theological Seminary; "The Liquor Traffic in Africa," by G. B. Peabody, of Lincoln University; "The Seminary as a Centre of Missionary Spirit," by A. P. Davis, of Yale Divinity School. Rev. H. G. Underwood, a returned missionary, delivered a spirited address on "The Missionary Work in Korea." On the evening of the first day, Rev. E. H. Delk delivered an address on "The Genius of Missions."

On the second day of the convention, W. D. Kerswil, of Princeton Theological Seminary, read a paper on "Roman Catholic Opposition in the Foreign Field—Its Danger, and How to Meet It"; C. E. Creity, of Lancaster Theological Seminary, read a paper on "The Claims of the West on Our Seminary Graduates"; Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D., United States General Agent of Education for Alaska, discussed "Mission Work in Alaska"; and Captain R. H. Pratt, of the Indian Industrial School, at Carlisle, discussed the "Indian Question." In the evening Rev. J. L. Nevin, D. D., of China, delivered an address, after which followed the farewell meeting.

The students of Gettysburg Seminary had made arrangements to take the delegates over the famous battlefield on the day following the convention, so on Friday morning they all started out for a trip over these historic grounds. The place in itself is of great interest to every American, and the hundreds of monuments marking the spots where the different officers, regiments, and companies did effective service, make the trip still more impressive. There is no battlefield in the world that is so bedecked with monuments as that of Gettysburg.

On Friday afternoon the delegates left, well pleased with the delightful and profitable time which they had passed, and especially grateful for the genial hospitality shown them during their stay.

In addition to this convention the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance has provided for missionary visitations among the different theological seminaries lying within its bounds. The object of these visitations is to discuss missionary questions, and to arouse a missionary spirit among theological students. In accordance with this arrangement Ursinus will be visited some time during the month of April by C. G. Langford and William Courson, of Crozier Theological Seminary; and Harvey E. Kilmer and Harry E. Jones, from Ursinus, will visit the Lancaster Theological Seminary.

THEOLOGICAL COMMENCEMENT.

In accordance with the custom begun last year, the Faculty and the Senior Class have decided to hold a commencement this year again. The sermon before the class will be delivered on Thurs-
day evening, May 5th, and the commencement proper will be held on Friday morning, May 6th. The exercises will be conducted in Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville. Due notice of further arrangements will be given.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Drs. Good and Williard visited Princeton College, on Wednesday, February 24th, and were royally entertained by Dr. Warfield.

W. H. Loose preached at Rahn’s Station, Sunday, January 31st, Rev. J. H. Hendricks, pastor.

H. E. Jones filled the pulpit of Rev. L. Calvin Fisher, in the East Vincent and Pikeland Churches, Chester County, Pa., February 6th.

MATRIMONIAL.

Henry W. Kratz, Esq., President of the Board of Directors of Ursinus College, and Miss Emily Todd, of Philadelphia, were married at the residence of the groom, in Norristown, on Wednesday morning, February 17th, at 11 o’clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. Clarke Hibshman, ’86, pastor of St. Luke’s Church, Trappe, only a few members of the immediate families of the contracting parties being present. Since their return from a week’s wedding trip to Washington and other points, Mr. and Mrs. Kratz have been kept busy at their comfortable home receiving the warm congratulations of a large circle of friends, to which the Bulletin takes much pleasure in adding its own in behalf of the College.

LOCAL ATHLETICS.

At recent business meetings of the Athletic Association of the College, the following officers and committees were elected or appointed:

President, Ira L. Bryner, ’92; Vice-President, W. A. Kline, ’93; Secretary, H. M. Wiest, ’92; Treasurer, W. G. Welsh, ’94.

Manager of Base-Ball Team, E. G. Small, ’92.

Captain, T. E. Kalbach, ’92.

Committee on Grounds, Messrs. Edward F. Wiest, Todd and Laros.

Committee on Suits, Messrs. Kalbach, Weist and Small.

Committee on Finance, Messrs. Bryner, Hunsicker and Venser.

Orders have already been placed for new uniforms. Gray and garnet will be the predominating colors. Manager Small is a very busy man. The arrangement of the schedule of games entails no small amount of correspondence, which all devolves on him. But Mr. Small is an enthusiastic worker in this line and Ursinus may feel assured that she will have by far the strongest team this year ever known or thought of in her history. A considerable amount of very readable news for every friend of the College may therefore be expected in the April issue of the Bulletin, as the result of Mr. Small’s energetic efforts.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BENEFIT.

On the evening of Friday, March 11th, a concert was given in the college chapel for the benefit of the Athletic Association. It was well attended and successful in every way. The committee in charge was composed of Middleton, ’92, Reber, ’93, and Isenberg, ’92.

“Base-Ball” proffers many thanks for assistance to those whose names appear in the following program, which was rendered during the evening:

PART I.

Orchestra; Glee Club; Guitar Solo, Mr. Hellrich; Laros Family; Vocal Solo, Miss Rhoades; Piano Duet, Mr. Bowman and Miss Gross; Violin Solo, Mr. Bachman.

PART II.

Orchestra; Glee Club; Flute Solo, Mr. Wertz; Laros Family; Piano Solo, Miss S. Ida Wagner; Glee Club, Philadelphia Conservatory; Finale.
THE GLEE CLUB AND ORCHESTRA.

The latter part of February was a very busy season for the musical talent of Ursinus. On the morning of the 19th, the Glee Club and Orchestra left Collegeville on a special car for Lehighton, giving a concert at that place in the evening, which drew a crowded house of enthusiastic listeners. On the 20th they continued their journey to Slatington, where they gave another entertainment that night.

After a Sunday's rest at Slatington, they celebrated Washington's Birthday with a most successful concert in the Opera House, Allentown. At this latter place the Orchestra did not take part, but the Glee Club had the valuable assistance of the well-known Dr. J. A. Helffrich, whose marvelous powers as a master of the violin are known to every friend of Ursinus. The applause of the audience was so generous during the whole entertainment that the program was lengthened, by encore, from fourteen announced numbers to fully thirty. General criticism has declared this concert to have been nearer to perfection than any ever rendered by any Ursinus musical organization.

On the evening of February 26th, another concert was given in Industrial Hall, Schwenksville, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Reformed Church, which also proved a success in every way.

Both organizations are now busy preparing for the Zwinglian anniversary.

The program rendered at the Allen town concert was as follows:

PART I.

“ We Meet Again To-Night, Boys”; “George Washington”; Tenor Solo, “Sleep, Baby, Sleep,” Mr. E. Wiest; Violin Solo, “Eligie,” Ernst, Dr. J. A. Helffrich; “Ursinus Bill of Fare”; Bass Solo, “Song of the Sea,” Mr. Welsh; “The Raven.”

PART II.


MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Miss Park has started a musical organization among the ladies of the College which promises to do very creditable work before many weeks have passed.

Hon. Hiram C. Hoover, one of the directors of Ursinus, is President of the Montgomery County Historical Society.

The College should take a deep interest in the well-timed movement for better roads in Upper Providence Township. It would be certain to receive direct and lasting benefit from the proposed improvement.

George W. Filbert, Jr., and Frank B. Miller, both graduates of ’91, visited Collegeville and inspected Memorial Hall on Sunday, March 6th.

Charles R. Peter counts one in the Freshman Class of Muhlenberg College, Allentown. During the Glee Club’s recent concert there he renewed acquaintance with his former associates.

Appropriate services were held at Ursinus on the Day of Prayer for Colleges. In the morning addresses were made by Acting-President Williard and Professors Peters and Stibitz. Rev. James I. Good, D. D., and Rev. Dr. Worden, of Philadelphia, spoke in the evening.

T. E. Kalbach, ’92, is recovering slowly from an attack of rheumatism, at his home in Lebanon.

At the Sanatoga “free-for-all spelling bee,” held Saturday evening, February 6th, John T. Wagner, of the Senior
Class of the college captured third prize with much eclat.

An Educational Convention was held in the charge of Rev. Charles B. Alspach, '90, at Chalfont, Bucks County, on the first Saturday and Sunday of last month. Acting-President Williard, Rev. H. T. Spangler, '73, and Rev. I. Calvin Fisher, '89, took part in the exercises. The object of the convention was to awaken a deeper interest in the work of the College, and, as with other similar gatherings that have preceded it, it was entirely successful in this aim.

William L. Bassler has been called to suffer the loss of a sister and father since leaving the Ursinus' Freshman Class last Fall.

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THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

ZWINGLIAN.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM.

The Zwinglian Literary Society of the College, will celebrate its twenty-second anniversary in the College Chapel, on the evening of Thursday, March 24th. The speakers for the occasion are as follows:

Salutatory—J. Howard Johnson, '94.
Oration—J. Hunter Watts, '94.
Oration—Whorton A. Kline, '93.
Eulogy—William Venser, '92.
Zwinglian Oration—L. M. Bachman, '92.

The Glee Club and Orchestra will furnish the music for the evening. Ira L. Bryner, '92, is chairman of the committee of arrangements.

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COMMENCEMENT ORATOR.

Hon. Robert E. Wright, of Allentown, late Democratic candidate for Auditor-General of Pennsylvania, has accepted an invitation to deliver the annual address before the literary societies of the College during the next commencement week in June.

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THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

PERSONALS.

[Alumni and others can render a service by sending items of interest for this column. All such items, to receive prompt attention, must be addressed to Ursinus College Bulletin, Collegeville, Montgomery County, Pa.]

'73. Rev. Prof. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., is Secretary and Acting-Treasurer of Catawba College, Newton, N. C., has charge of the buildings, supplied three churches with monthly sermons during the year, in addition to his duties as Professor of Mathematics and Natural Science in the College. Mr. Foil gave early proof of his ability to do several things at one time, and to do them well, by graduating from college, getting married, and securing license to preach, within a week. The best wishes of Ursinus attend him in his manifold labors, and she takes pride in his achievements.

'76. The Rev. M. H. Mishler has just completed a pastorate of five years in the First Reformed Church, Pottsville, and Bellemans Church, Berks County, Pa., with abundant success in both churches. During this time depressing debts have been paid, numerous and costly improvements made to the church properties, the contributions to benevolence have been increased five-fold, and the communicant membership has risen from 210 to 440.

'76. Mr. John A. Keyser, A. B., is engaged in public school work at Alburts, Lehigh County, Pa.

'77. The Rev. A. B. Stoner, A. B., has taken up his abode at Kalamazoo, Michigan, and will resume active ministerial labors in the Neriah charge near by. Mr. Stoner has contributed two-hundred dollars to Ursinus out of his own funds within the last three years, and gave great assistance in raising more than a thousand dollars in the charge he last served in Pennsylvania; for all of which he will be held in grateful remem-
brance by the financial officers of his theological Alma Mater.

77. The Rev. J. H. Bomberger, A. M., has been pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Columbiana, Ohio, since September, 1878, with two interruptions of 18 months and 10 months each, when a sojourner in Florida for health and pleasure. A local paper speaks of a recent service in his church as follows:

"Rev. Mr. Bomberger officiated Sunday morning, when forty-three new members were received into the church—sixteen by baptism, fourteen by confirmation and thirteen by re-profession and certificate. Four others were added during previous months, making an accession of forty-seven since September last. The baptismal, confirmation and communion services were very interesting and impressive. The audience was very large, and over 300 partook of the Lord's Supper. It was an occasion long to be remembered—one to rejoice the heart of the faithful and devoted pastor and the people of his charge. The offering amounted to $85. ($5.00 more than the pastor asked for,) and this was subsequently increased to $70."

78. H. A. Mathieu, Esq., of Philadelphia, is devoting his energies to business and his leisure to law, and gives every evidence of enjoying the frugality of one as much as the promise of the other.

79. The Rev. L. D. Stambaugh celebrated the 8th anniversary of his pastorate of the Womelsdorf charge, located in Berks County, Pa., last month. The statistics of these years of faithful effort are: 213 confirmations, 215 baptisms, 181 funerals, 58 marriages. Mr. Stambaugh's address is Rehersburg, Pa.

80. The Rev. B. Frank Davis, A. B., has taken up his residence in the city of Dayton, Ohio, and will serve the "Valley charge," two congregations located south of the city.

85. The Rev. T. C. Strock has removed from Tincum, Bucks County, his native county, to Markleysburg, Huntington County, where he will have charge of four churches. The post-office address of his new home is James Creek, Pa.

86. The Rev. J. O. Lindaman, pastor of Christ Reformed Church, Bath, Pa., recently enjoyed a genuine old-fashioned "Donation" at the hands of his people. There was very little form about the affair, but plenty of substance: "Thirty bushels of oats, twenty bushels of corn, twelve bushels of potatoes, lard, meat, sausage, coffee, sugar, muslin, linen, sheeting, towels, stockings, a fine lap-robe, a purse containing $78.80, and many other valuable articles."

Mr. Lindaman has had charge of the church for six years, and the relations between him and his people are such as to promise many years of united usefulness.

91. The Rev. Henry Tesnow is making active efforts to raise sufficient funds for the erection of a chapel for Messiah Mission, Eighth and Cantrell streets, Philadelphia, this spring, with every promise of success.

GENERAL TOPICS.

URSIUS COLLEGE: ITS PAST AND FUTURE.

URSIUS College having passed its twenty-first year and reached the period of majority, deserves some special recognition, not hitherto accorded it, and can with propriety claim its rights and privileges alongside of the other colleges of the day. The time is past for it to be spoken of disparagingly, in view of the vigorous growth it has had, and the noble work it has done in the cause of Christian education. Any one who will carefully examine the curricula in its several departments, the Collegiate, Theological and Academic, will find that it offers in each and all of these depart-
ments, the advantages of a thorough and liberal education. Nor has it been deficient to any great extent in this respect during the period of its minority. The presence of Dr. Bomberger at its head for twenty years, until death severed his connection with it, a man well fitted for the position, assisted by such experienced teachers as Dr. Super, and Professors Weinberger, Ruby and VanHaagen, was a sufficient guarantee to its friends that the discipline, culture and instruction given would be such as would insure good scholarship and preparation on the part of the students for the work and business of life. As a further proof of this we need only follow its graduates into the different vocations they are filling, and we will see that they are doing the work assigned them not only with credit to themselves, but also in a manner that will compare favorably with the graduates of other institutions. Ursinus is proud of its one hundred and forty graduates, nearly one-half of whom are in the ministry of the Reformed Church, and is willing that its claims to a generous patronage shall be tested by what it has thus far done, as seen in the lives and work of its Alumni.

That those who have stood connected with Ursinus and had to do the teaching and meet all the diversified demands that were made upon them, especially Dr. Bomberger upon whom the chief burden rested, labored under many disadvantages for the want of proper accommodations, apparatus and other necessary things, is readily admitted. But what was wanting in this respect was largely made up by the diligence and devotion of the Professors, accompanied with the studiousness and close application of the students, all working together in the greatest harmony, patiently accommodating themselves to the existing state of things, and yet determined to do the best they could under the circumstances. Looking at it as we now do, the wonder is that so much was done, and well done in the face of the many difficulties that had to be encountered.

Owing to the many demands that were often made upon a depleted treasury for the funds necessary to meet current expenses, the Professors were required to exercise great self-denial and patience in the hope of a brighter and better day in the near future. It is, perhaps, not saying too much to affirm that the Professors in none of the existing colleges around us have been required to make as great sacrifices as the men who have been connected with Ursinus. And yet they did it patiently and uncomplainingly, showing their devotion to the principles upon which the college was founded in connection with the interest they had in the work it was expected to do in the maintenance of the time-honored doctrines and culture of the Reformed Church, which was very dear to them, and for which they deserve to be held in grateful remembrance by those who come after them.

And yet, although the College was often sorely oppressed and hampered in its work by financial embarrassments and many other things equally trying, it has gone on in the even tenor of its way, without any break, God, in the meantime, raising up friends and helpers for it in every time of need, so that its work has been steadily advancing and its friends multiplying until it now, having reached majority, feels its strength and importance and is more deeply impressed than ever with the conviction that its establishment was a necessity in the existing state of things in the church, and that it has come to stay.

There is here one thing to which we desire to refer, as of special importance in connection with Ursinus, which is its peculiar religious tone and character, making the education imparted within its walls
eminently Christian. Located as it is, comparatively free from the vices and temptations of the larger cities, in a community where there is much to strengthen the principles of piety, it may be expected, other things being equal, to be favorable to the highest type of a noble manhood and womanhood, which, after all, is of paramount importance, as the highest culture and refinement without it are of but little value.

Scholarship, while greatly to be admired and sought after in this age of general enlightenment and progress, unless sanctified and used properly, will, as has often been the case, be a dangerous weapon in the hands of those who possess it. For knowledge, as we have often been told, and know from our own observation, may be a power for evil as well as for good. No arithmetic can estimate the evil that has been done by the baneful teaching of such men as Voltaire, Payne, Strauss, Renan and Byron, with many of the later physicists and scientists, who have used their vast erudition to underrate and discredit the Bible and Christianity, and have in this way indirectly, if not openly, assailed the strong pillars of the Church and State so essential to the well-being of society: from which we may infer that the education imparted in our colleges is of importance only in so far as it is permeated by the spirit and power of the Gospel of Christ. And as Ursinus, during all its history, has emphasized this feature in the culture and discipline it has sought to impart, it may safely be regarded as a school in which the young men and women of the day may secure the training that will fit them for the special work they are expected to perform.

Having remained true to its original purpose which was to "establish an institution upon the basis of Christianity and with such ends as would be in harmony with Evangelical Protestant principles," it has steadily grown in favor with the community at large and increased the number of its friends, who have come to its help in every time of need. And in this respect again its history is peculiar in that it has maintained itself for nearly twenty-two years without any endowment to fall back upon. And was recently induced by the generous offer of $25,000 from Mr. Robert Patterson, of Philadelphia, to proceed to the erection of a building of sufficient dimensions to afford ample accommodations for the enlarged work before it. This building now stands on the Campus, nearing completion, and will, no preventing Providence, be dedicated to the special purpose for which it is being built, at the coming commencement in June. Encouraged by the princely gift of Mr. Patterson, the friends of the College and of education have come forward with commendable zeal and liberality, and are making an earnest effort to secure an amount equal to that which he has given, so that the dedication may take place without any encumbrance resting upon the building.

With the new building standing on the Campus in its architectural beauty with the inscription, in letters large enough to be read by all who may chance to pass by "Bomberger Memorial Hall," and with all there is in the last twenty years of its history to inspire its friends to renewed efforts and liberality, what may we not expect the future of Ursinus to be, entering as it does upon the work before it in the strength and vigor of its manhood. If it accomplished what it did during its infancy and minority, what may we not expect it to do in the next twenty-one years, with all that is now in its favor. The age in which we live is one of great energy and push. The world is moving on with greater strides than ever before. Only let the friends of Ursinus exert themselves to advance its
interests in all its departments with the same enthusiasm with which the world is building cities, railroads and factories, and pushing its other enterprises, and it must follow as surely as the night follows the day, that its future will be all its friends can hope for.

But what, some one may ask, can or are we expected to do? In reply to this we would say, give it your moral support. Speak favorably of it to your friends and neighbors. Remember it in your prayers, and ask God to prosper it, and raise up friends and helpers for it in every time of need. Inform yourself in reference to it so that you can speak intelligently about it. If you have children talk to them and tell them the advantage a good education will be to them, and how it will help them to work their way through the world. Encourage them to go to college, and let them know that you will cheerfully pay what it may cost if they will only study diligently and improve their time in trying to make something of themselves. And do not stop with your own children but try to talk it up to others, and interest them in it. Especially should ministers do this as they pass from house to house on their pastoral visits. Try it and you will be astonished at the result, for it will do your own heart good in trying to help others. It is a great wrong done to the young men and women of the day that so few of them get an education beyond that of the public schools. There are many congregations and communities from which there is not a single young gentleman or lady away at college, the result of which is there is a vast amount of buried talent. This ought not to be. The mind and heart are two precious to lie dormant and unpolished like the marble in the quarry. We need a great awakening in this respect.

Then in addition to your moral support give something regularly to the College. If you cannot give much, give what you can. Do not wait to be called upon, but lay something by according as God has prospered you, and if no one calls for it, give it to your pastor, or send it directly to the Treasurer, or President of the College. Ursinus will need much help the coming year to meet all its demands, and must expect its friends to give liberally. We look to the Alumni to take the lead in this matter. Nearly the one-half of them are ministers, and have many opportunities of helping the College. Or, that we could only induce each one to lay this matter to heart as we wish they would. The institutions of the church occupy a central position and should not be crippled in their work for the want of a proper support. Make them strong and efficient, and all else will feel the moral effect. Especially should those whom God has blessed with an abundance of this world's goods contribute largely and freely to the support of the institutions of the church. If you have no children make the College or Theological Seminary your heir. The examples of Bibighaus, of blessed memory, and of Patterson, still with us, are noble and inspiring. Long will their names live in the church and be held in grateful remembrance for what they did for Ursinus in the time of its need. Why may not others do likewise? What better disposition can you make of at least a part of the means God has placed at your disposal? Do something, if possible, in your lifetime so as to see with your own eyes the results of your liberality. It must be, and is, a great satisfaction to our friend Patterson to see the new building erected in memory of Dr. Bomberger standing on the Campus, knowing how much it will add in years to come to the efficiency of the College and make the work so much more pleasant for all concerned. We are glad to say for the encouragement of others, that five persons have
each given one thousand dollars during the last year. What a help and inspiration this is to the College and its friends. We trust we may have the pleasure of recording an equal number for the same amount during the next twelve months. Let us come forward in our strength and with the full purpose of wiping out every dollar of indebtedness that may be hindering us, and make the future of Ursinus a power for still greater good for the Reformed Church and Evangelical Christianity.

G. W. W.

POETICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE BLUET.

For the Bulletin.
A little lady Quaker,
('Twas in the month of May)
Down by the brook's bright margin,
Happened across my way.

The even's first faint shadow,
Had just begun to fall
O'er woodland slope and meadow,
O'er brawling brook and all.

A thousand new blown flowers
Flung lavish scents abroad;
A thousand glad birds caroled
The praises of their God.

I looked at her—and surely
You'll guess my case aright—
My wayward heart was purely
Love-stricken at first sight.

Such fresh and fair young features,
Such bashful, sky-blue eyes,
They seemed to fear to meet yours,
But constant sought the skies.

Then spoke the voice of duty,
I could not from her part;
So plucked the simple beauty,
And wore her near my heart.

She taught me this grave lesson,
So Quaker-like all through;
So often have men heard it,
Scarce need I tell it you.

The whole world's wealth of glory,
The pride and pomp of power;
How fade the themes of story,
Like this, God's plainest flower.

—Anon.

THE BROOK AND THE SEA.

For the Bulletin.
The staid, salt sea,
Is calling to thee,

Hurry, brook, hurry.
From the far distant main,
Sounds the murmuring voice;
Strive to linger in vain,
This alone is thy choice.

Hurry, brook, hurry; afar, afar,
The thirsty sea waits, by its silver bar.

The staid, salt sea,
Is calling to thee,

Hurry, brook, hurry.
Shout thine Alders good-bye,
Waving free on thy brink;
Kiss each rose with a sigh,
As it stoops low to drink.

Hurry, brook, hurry; afar, afar,
The thirsty sea waits, by its silver bar.

The staid, salt sea,
Is calling to thee,

Hurry, brook, hurry.
Babble on 'neath the moon,
Sing thy song to the night;
Guide the wing of the Loon,
In his nocturnal flight.

Hurry, brook, hurry; afar, afar,
The thirsty sea waits, by its silver bar.

—Anon.

"WERE THE HEART A HARP OF GOLD"

For the Bulletin.
Were the heart a harp of gold,
And a virtuoso nigh,
With his magic to unfold,
All the symphony and song
Which, unknown, to it belong;
O! what harmony untold,
Where dwelt silence, then would sigh;
Were the heart a harp of gold,
And a master player by.

Cold lips sing whilst hearts are dumb,
And the music dwelling there
Is so muffled like a drum,
That the Angels only hear,
As they softly hovering near,
Bend a sympathetic ear.
But to mortals, hearts are dumb,
Only heard like beaten drum.

When untrammled by the tongue,
All their tender lute strings strung,
With a new created throng
Hearts shall sing their long lost song;
When the glory songs awake,
What an anthem forth shall break;
When the world's redeemed, forgiven
Pass the jasper gates of Heaven!

---Anon.

EXCHANGES.

The past month brought several new exchanges to our table. Though our number at present is large and it requires much time to examine them, we welcome all, and willingly send the Bulletin in return.

Among the new exchanges are two from Leland Stanford Junior University. One, The Sequoia, is published bi-weekly; the other, The Polo Alto, is published monthly. Both are gotten up well, and will, no doubt, in course of time be among our best exchanges. We trust their visits will be regular.

The Oracle, from Hamline University, is found again in its old place. Its editor gives vent to his political sentiments. It were better to leave politics out of a college journal, especially out of its editorial department.

The editors of The Lafayette have decided to adopt reformed spelling to a certain extent in its columns. The intention is to bring the whole paper under reformed spelling as soon as the editors become "more ready in reading proof according to the new method." Were all our colleges to do likewise, this much needed reform would soon be accomplished.

The Dickinsonian contains an excellent description of that familiar personage around college known as the dude. What a blessing it would be if these "nothings" would become "somethings."

The article in The Muhlenberg on "The Fraternity's Place in College Society," is, we think, a very conclusive argument in favor of the expulsion of such organizations from our colleges. The writer says its place is "in the museum of historical relics."

We are in receipt of The Woman's Journal, a monthly periodical devoted to the interests of the women of the Reformed Church. It is well conducted and contains excellent articles. It should be in every Reformed family, and not only be there, but be read and heeded, that the highest type of Christian womanhood may be developed. It seems that woman must take the lead in every good work, and we are glad to see that the opposition to her doing so is fast dying out in our church.

The first issue of the Annulet, the new publication issued by the students of the West Chester State Normal School contains the following:

"Some time ago the question, 'What is our main duty to our country to-day?' was put to the post-graduates. Their answers were at once written upon slips of paper and handed to the teacher in charge of the class. So varied and interesting were the replies that we are disposed to present them to our readers. They were as follows:

"'To educate its children so that they may become true and intelligent citizens and voters, men and women.'

"'To relieve its millions of people from that bondage of slavery, drink, by prohibiting the liquor traffic.'

"'To give the strength of our talents and lives to inculcate in the hearts of our countrymen a spirit less selfish, more thoughtful, and loyal to truth.'

"'The duty to our country which we should all hold highest is the preservation of our government, and such insti-
tutions as are a benefit to the country either as a whole or as an association of individuals working together for the common welfare.'

"The foremost duty of the American people with reference to their country is not only to maintain their present prosperous condition but ever to strive to elevate themselves. Education, protection to home industry, country devotion, and an intense feeling of national pride are the essential things to occupy our minds."

"The foremost duty of an American is to fit and qualify himself to become an intelligent, useful, law-sustaining, independent thinking and acting citizen."

"To study up the vital questions of Political Economy, and zealously to espouse such."

"To put in office the best men, regardless of party."

"To take decided precautions against becoming cosmopolitan and thus ceasing to be Americans, with all the characteristics of Americans."

"The duty of the American people to their country is to make it a permanent government; rather to prohibit those actions which tend to weaken government; and especially to restrict the great influx of foreigners."

"To make politics purer by allowing women to vote."

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**GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.**

The Y. M. C. A. of the Pennsylvania State College is maturing plans for the erection of a building on the campus of that institution.

Bucknell University has followed the same course as Ursinus in the consolidation of its libraries, the books of its two literary societies and Y. M. C. A., all having been placed recently with the general collection.

The Senior Class of Delaware College has decided to return this year to the custom of holding class-day exercises during commencement week.

The public funeral services over the remains of ex-President Noah Porter, of Yale College, were held on Monday, March 7th, in Battell Chapel, which was crowded with distinguished alumni and New Haven people. President Dwight delivered an address of eulogy and was assisted in the services by Rev. Theodore T. Munger, of New Haven; Rev. J. E. Twitchell, of Hartford, and Rev. George P. Day, of the Yale Divinity School.

The annual register of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary for the year 1892 has just been issued. The total number of students enrolled during the year has been: College, 126; Seminary, 58; Academy, 74, a total of 258, a decided increase over the previous year. The students come from nine States in the Union. Two changes have occurred in the Board of Trustees, Walter M. Franklin, of Lancaster, and George N. Forney, of Hanover, succeeding Hon. J. B. Wickersham and Henry Wirt deceased.

Swarthmore is meeting with much success in raising funds for a girls' gymnasium.

Ex-President McCosh, though nearly 81 years of age, is still engaged in writing. He is revising his work on psychology, and will soon publish a book entitled "Our Moral Nature; a Brief System of Ethics."

Dr. William G. Anderson, director of the Brooklyn Normal School of Physical Education, and instructor of gymnastics in the Adelphi Academy, has been appointed physical director at Yale, the position offered to Stagg, who was engaged at the Chicago University.

It is understood that the law department of the University of Pennsylvania will have a very complete post-graduate course by next year.
Princeton expects to have a large delegation at the Northfield Conference for college students, to be held at Northfield, Mass., in June.

The Faculty, students and friends of Rutgers College are awaiting with anxiety the decision of the Supreme Court in reference to the case made against the city by the College Athletic Association in the matter of athletics, an ordinance having been passed by Council stopping athletic games, circuses, and so forth, within 400 feet of any residence without the owner's permission.

Ex-President Cleveland was recently invited by the Yale Union to lecture before the University. He was compelled to decline, but in his letter said: "I beg you to be assured that if I felt it possible to visit any college for the purpose you suggest there is no place I would sooner visit than New Haven and Yale College."


MONTHLY SUMMARY.

MINISTERIAL.

Bacher, T. J., address changed to Lexington, Ky.

Barringer, P., address changed to Concord, N. C.

Davis, B. F., address changed to 996 Washington Street, Dayton, O.

Delong, J. E., address changed to Bethlehem, Pa.

Conser, A., settled at Myerstown, Pa., March 3d.

Stonesifer, J. B., address changed to Winchester, Va.

Snyder, S. U., declines a call to Fostoria, O.

Weaver, R. C., address changed to 15 Centre Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The First Church, Lancaster, Pa., was re-dedicated, Sunday, February 21st. The improvements cost about $3,000. The pastor, J. M. Titzell, D. D., was assisted by Prof. Dubbs, and Revs. J. W. Mem-inger, Whitemer, Litchliter and Musser.

Sunday, January 17th, the Reformed Church, at Ringtown, Pa., was dedicated. The structure is of frame and will seat 500. The total cost of erection was $4,600, of which $1,200 remains unpaid. Rev. H. A. Frantz, Tamaqua, Pa., preached the dedication sermon. Rev. N. W. Schleicher is pastor.

St. John's Reformed Church, Ellottrsburg, Perry County, Pa., was re-opened on Sunday, February 21st, after undergoing repairs and improvements, which make it exceedingly pleasing to the eye and comfortable to the worshipper. Rev. H. T. Spang-ler, '73; a former pastor of the charge, preached the sermon on the occasion.

THE PEDA DOGUE'S WOONING.

The pedagogue among his pupils had
A maiden fair.
He loved her; who would not? Her eyes were
soft,
And turned to his with saucy glance full oft;
And when her tiresome Latin put her out,
Her pretty lips were all too prone to pout;
He longed to kiss them,—love had made him mad,
But did not dare.

One morn he met her on the way to school;
The hour was late;
But wait he would not, could not. Thus he
sighed:
"Sweet maid, I prithee, be my beauteous bride;
Already hast thou marked, nor need I tell
That I have loved thee long and passing well;
Nor time nor absence can my passion cool,
Let's conjugate!"

"Ah!" with arch modesty replied the fair,
"That would be fine;"
But 'tis impossible; for, as thou know'st,
Small stock of learning can thy pupil boast,
The first declension now absorbs my thought;
The verb I have not yet at all been taught,
I cannot conjugate; all I may dare
Is to decline."

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