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letters that cannot be hid. I have risen up within these classic surroundings to help in the perfect preservation of sacred truths; to offer permanent shelter and defense to purest principles, which he, whose name I bear, battled successfully to keep inviolate. Within my gates is consecrated ground, and only consecrated purposes may enter here to dwell. True, unselfish devotion alone—high-minded, earnest and energetic in the same great cause to which I am joined—shall make these precincts their habitation, with my consenting welcome."

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This is the ultimatum the new building may be heard to issue, by those whose mental ear drums are in good order. And every worthy son and daughter of Ursinus will be quick to acknowledge the soundness of its logic. The stately edifice which has been reared on the campus since last commencement has a conclusive right to demand that those for whose use it is designed shall be willing to put themselves on a level with it. Its splendid facilities are far in advance of anything the college has ever known before; and it is not unreasonable to believe that all those directly affected by them, will find it necessary to specially exert themselves not a little, in order to get up to the higher lines which these broader and more advanced opportunities for work will establish.

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Every member of the college community should be glad to view these matters in this light. Other ways of looking at them contain but a doubtful prospect for the future. Bomberger Memorial Hall will inaugurate a new era for our Alma Mater upon a single condition—that its leavening influence is able to work out
substantial results in the lives that must be lived within it. If it cannot do this, it will fall so far short of its purpose as to force the conviction that its erection was worse than labor wasted.

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Of what value is a magnificent residence to the man who has neither the power nor ambition to rise beyond the semi-barbarous habits of a log-cabin? If he has none of that genius which quickly accommodates itself to an improved environment—not only from an impulsive desire for better things, but from an inherent sense of duty as well—the new surroundings will simply embarrass him and detract still further from his modicum of usefulness.

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Consequently, if the perfection of the new quarters, soon to be set aside for us, brings out defects in our methods, and habits and motives, by contrast, let us not run away from the disagreeable and humilitating vision, but proceed promptly to clear out the chaff and get the wheat in order. If any of us should discover we do not fit into the more dignified apartments, let us not be blind to the incongruity,—but try a process of internal and external transformation. It is a good thing to put new wine into new bottles, and nobler resolves are within the creative power of every man. Does the increased room for work which the new building affords, lay bare any narrowness which may have cramped us in our past exertions; let us commit ourselves to greater liberality. In brief, let this Memorial Hall make us worthier all around; stronger spiritually and morally, more cultured and refined, fairer in judgment, brighter, more systematic, less careless and slovenly, more on the alert for progress, livelier in aspiration, less uncertain in tone, closer up to date. The building is a pledge to our constituency that we will strive in the future for just these things. That pledge means added responsibility. But if we are unwilling to bear the burden we are not entitled to the gift that comes with it.

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One of the many pleasant details of this year's catalogue is its record of a new one-thousand dollar scholarship, provided for under the terms of the will of Miss Clementina R. Stewart of Myers-town. This latest addition stands number thirteen in the growing list of these foundations the College has published in the last few years. It gives further positive evidence of the encouraging circumstance that friends of Ursinus still keep in mind the peculiar value of the excellent mode of testifying to a zeal for higher education of which it is an illustration. To endow a scholarship which may help a deserving young man or woman through college is to aid the cause of pure knowledge by the most direct method possible. Furthermore, it is sure to become a perpetual memorial of the donor's generosity.

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Mr. Patterson's letter with reference to the new building—published in another column—is characteristic in its frank expression of sincere satisfaction over the success of this grand enterprise. It is plain from it that this friend's loyal devotion to the institution is as warm as ever, and it will be gratifying to all his acquaintances to find that the results which have been realized elicit from him such entire approval.

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There will be no lack of good speeches or stirring music on commencement day this year. The names on Thursday's programme, and the well-known skill of the orchestra which has been engaged for it, place this beyond a doubt. Those who are fortunate enough to be present will
be both richly instructed and enjoyably entertained.

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Once again the ambitious senior racks his brain over his graduating oration, with pictures of a crowded audience, spell-bound by his eloquence, passing to and fro in his imagination and lending inspiration to his labors. All this is well. But a more or less extended acquaintance with such speeches has convinced the BULLETIN that they are too frequently devoid of the fixed purpose to accomplish some definite thing in the mind of the hearer, which is the soul and life of every successful public deliverance. If in preparing themselves for a commencement occasion, students would rid themselves of a mere desire to put together stilted sentences and nicely rounded periods that will sound well when delivered, and permit themselves, instead, to be guided by the other, more worthy aim, they would find some real pleasure in what is now an irksome task to many. Beside this they would be honored with a more attentive audience on graduation day.

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Mr. Patterson is the prince of givers in the Reformed Church, not only because the aggregate of his benefactions to our Alma Mater (nearly $45,000) exceeds the total gifts received by any institution of the church from an individual donor, but because he has given in his lifetime. "He gives twice who gives quickly."

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Let alumni, old students and friends return en masse to Collegeville on June twenty-third, and bring with them the spirit of a good, old-style house-warming.

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The certain prospect that the presidential chair of the college will be permanently filled before the opening of another academic year in September next, will be regarded with general satisfaction by all who are in any way concerned in the welfare of our Alma Mater. The unavoidable postponement of this duty in 1890, and again in 1891, invested it with a certain haze of uncertainty which has to some extent interfered with the steady progress the school has been making in the last decade. And that this will now be cleared up furnishes cause for rejoicing. May the man who is chosen be thoroughly equipped for the work, in mind and body, and take it up with a soul aflame with love for it.

**Bomberger Memorial Hall.**

The building about completed—Grading the grounds—a letter from Mr. Patterson.

Dedication on commencement day.

With the glow of joyous anticipation we enter upon the last month's effort in behalf of Bomberger Memorial Hall. The consummation of all our hopes and toil is almost reached. Although there are many "last things" that need yet to be done, the building is practically completed. A little painting and patching and carving here and there cause a few of the workmen to linger on the job as if they were loath to leave it. But these finishing touches are being put on rapidly by the contractor, and he will probably hand over the building to the college authorities before the June Bulletin reaches its readers.

The grading of the grounds around the building has been commenced and will be pushed with all possible speed. An elegant design for this improvement has been prepared by an expert landscape engineer of Philadelphia, and its execution has been intrusted to a foreman, who has had an ample force of men at work since May 24th. The place will be laid
out so as to set off the building to the best advantage.

Mr. M. O. Roberts, of Collegeville, who has the contract for the erection of the boiler-house, standpipe, etc., has put in place the steam pumping machinery at the artesian well. The well is 240 feet deep, and was found to be in excellent condition. The steam pump at once began to do effectual work, showing a capacity under moderate pressure of sixty gallons per minute. The indications are that the well will furnish an abundant supply of pure water. The endurance of the stream from which it is fed will be tested at a later date. Thus far every step in advance gives new proof of the perfect success of the water supply and service which are being provided for the collegiate grounds and buildings.

While the erection of the building and the construction of all the collateral improvements have been progressing to the entire satisfaction of the committee in charge of them, it is gratifying to know that the work is meeting the approbation of all friends whose good opinion is of any value to the College. Expressions of approval have been given to the local committee by many staunch supporters of the College and competent judges of the work. None is more highly prized than the following:

Office of the
DELAWARE ROLLING MILL,
Richmond and Otis Streets.
Philadelphia, May 24, 1892.

REV. H. T. SP Ang ler,
Collegeville,
Montgomery County, Pa.

Dear Sir and Brother:

On my last visit to Collegeville I made a careful inspection of the new building. I was very much gratified to see the progress that has been made in its erection, and trust it will be ready for dedication at commencement.

My great desire is now that all the friends of the College turn out on the occasion and help secure its full payment. It was a pleasure to me to pay off my installments as they became due. Indeed, I never paid any money more cheerfully and willingly than the $25,000 to Bomberger Memorial Hall.

I was born and raised in Upper Providence Township, Montgomery county, and lived there until the thirty-seventh year of my age. I have always had a desire to contribute of my means to so worthy an object as the educational work of URSINUS COLLEGE, and I trust rising generations may be benefited thereby.

The local building committee deserve great credit for the faithful attention they have given to the undertaking, and all friends may feel well satisfied with what has been done.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT PATTERSON.

Coming from so modest and undemonstrative a man as Mr. Patterson, the above expressions of satisfaction imply more than the words convey. In the first place, every friend of the College may feel assured that Mr. Patterson is in hearty accord with the present efforts to develop the educational facilities and equipment of URSINUS COLLEGE until the institution shall stand second to none in the State. In the second place, Mr. Patterson is entirely satisfied with the way in which the work has thus far been carried forward. In the third place, Mr. Patterson will give his earnest support to every effort to advance the interests of URSINUS which the future may demand. He has given his heart to URSINUS, and his hand will not cease to bless her until her coronation be complete.

Mr. Patterson’s devotion and liberality are a direct challenge to all who look with favor and kindly interest upon the work
of Ursinus. It is now incumbent upon them to demonstrate that his generosity and steadfast zeal are fully appreciated. The coming commencement will afford the opportunity for such a demonstration; first, by the attendance of all friends upon the exercises of the Commencement and the dedication of the Hall; secondly, by each one’s bringing a gift for the building fund that the whole cost of the building may immediately be provided for.

The noble spirit in which the appeal to the Sunday schools for a contribution to the building is received is beautifully exhibited in the following note received from the pastor of a mission church:

“Your appeal of May 5th received and the matter brought before our Sunday school on the 8th. Yesterday some of the classes reported, and others will report next Sunday. I think you can safely count on $— from us. It is not much, but you know our circumstances. The will is here but not the means; nevertheless it gives us pleasure to do what we can. It gives us a share, however small, in your college.

Yours very truly,

Another encouraging letter, freighted with warmest sympathy and good will, has been received from a pastor whose field of labor lies hundreds of miles distant from the College. It may encourage other pastors similarly situated to remember the College with a personal gift, and, therefore, we publish it also:

“Your circular received. Although many of us are in deep sympathy with the noble work you have undertaken, yet, owing to the fact that our congregation and Sunday school are making strenuous efforts to raise a large sum of money for a local object, it is not practicable for them to respond to your appeal.

“But allow me, please, to make a small personal offering toward the erection of the building which is to stand in memory of that truly great man—the late Dr. Bomberger.

“Praying for your successful completion of the work, I remain, with the very kindest and highest regards,

“Sincerely yours always,”

Concert and readings for the Bomberger Memorial Hall Fund, Thursday evening, June 23, 1892, at 8 o’clock. A programme of rare excellence will be rendered by the following: Miss Ellen Macre Fielding, Soprano; Miss Ada Seebeth Williams, Reader; Mr. Michael J. Kegrise, Piano; Signor Giovani Setaro, Harp; Dr. John Helfrich, Violin; Mr. Henry A. Bomberger, Baritone.

Box sheet open Thursday afternoon at 1 o’clock, in the Library-room of the hall, for the selection of reserved seats.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

SCHAFF SOCIETY.

ANNUAL OPEN MEETING.

The annual open meeting of the Schaff Society was held in the chapel on Friday evening, May 20. Owing to the unfavorable weather only a fair-sized audience was in attendance. However, those present enjoyed a rare treat, as the programme was one of the best rendered before a Collegeville audience. Although the members who took part were preparatorians and lower classmen, all acquitted themselves well and did credit to the society. The musical part of the exercises was also a leading feature. The following is the programme in full:
March—"High School Cadets,"
   Welsh, ’93.
Calling to Order by President Isenberg, ’93.
Calling the Roll by Secretary Stouffer, ’94.
Devotional Exercises,
   Chaplain Wright, ’92.
Essay—"The Effects of the Civil War on the South,"
   Miller, ’96.
"Kathleen Mavourneen," . . . Mixed Quartette
Misses Hendricks and Tyson, ’93; Messrs. Welsh, ’92, and Bergey, ’91.
Declaration—"The Convict’s Story,"
   Williams, ’96.
"The Lorelei" . . . . . . . Male Quartette
Messrs. Bergey, ’91; Isenberg, ’93; Long and Rohrbaugh, ’94.
Essay—"Electricity,"
   Schellenberger, ’95.
"Still is the Night,"—Bass Solo,
   Welsh, ’93.
Declaration—"The Sneezing Boy,"
   Zimmerman, ’96.
"Where Would I Be?" . . . . Male Quartette
Essay—"Ambition,"
   Barndt, ’94.
Oration—"National Perils and Their Remedy,"
   Long, ’94.
Mandolin Solo,
   Mr. Hunter, Phoenixville, Pa.
Schaff Gazette,
   Welsh, ’93.
"Belfry Tower," . . . . . . Mixed Quartette
Doxology.
Adjournment.

SCHAFF MUSEUM.

During the present term a number of very fine specimens have been presented to the society. These will be labelled and arranged properly before Commencement week. The society is indebted to Williams, ’91, for bringing the Museum up to its present standard.

Zwinglian Society.

A SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

The musicale given at the College under Zwinglian auspices, Wednesday evening, May 25th, proved a very enjoyable occasion. The programme for the evening was well arranged, and smoothly rendered, and the audience present was good in numbers and cordial in appreciation.

Among the selections were two by the Zwinglian Octette and an opening overture by the orchestra. J. Warren Bauman played a piano selection, and the Laros Family displayed their usual skill in several attractive numbers. A vocal duet by Howard M. Wiest and Miss Mary Wiest, ’84, was a pleasant feature of the evening. R. Frederick Wertz and George Egolf appeared respectively in flute and piccolo solos and did themselves credit. A duet for mandolin and guitar and a cornet solo were also received with applause.

Between part one and part two of the programme Prof. Robert G. Magee and J. Howard Johnson gave a scene from Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde in a style both attractive and effective. All through, the entertainment moved on a very high level that fully met the best expectations in which those who came to hear it had indulged. The society, therefore, earned the thanks of the community for arranging it.

NEWS ABOUT COLLEGE.

REORGANIZATION AND CHANGES IN THE FACULTY.

Sometime ago Prof. Balliet resigned the Principalship of the Academic Department, to go into effect at the end of the present collegiate year. Thereupon the Executive Committee decided upon a redistribution of the work with the view of increasing the efficiency of the Department. Hereafter the Principal will devote his chief attention to the academy, will reside in the building with his students and seek to make it a home for the boys and young men under his care.

To carry out the proposed changes Professors Balliet and Custer handed in their resignations as professors in the
institution; and as the re-allotment of studies would give him some work that he had not done during the last two years, Prof. Stibilz also resigned. On account of difference of opinion in the Faculty as to the subject matter and methods of collegiate education and as to discipline, Dr. Stibilz had for some time contemplated severing his connection with the college, and the changes in this work only became the occasion of carrying out his intention.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on May 31st, the resignations were accepted, and committees appointed to seek out suitable men to fill the vacancies.

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**SENIOR HONORS.**

The graduating class of ninety-two completed its work Thursday, May 26th, when the honors were announced by acting-President Williard, as follows: Valedictory, Howard M. Wiest, Freeburg, Pa.; Salutatory, Ira L. Bryner, Cisna’s Run, Pa.; Philosophic Oration, William Yensler, Lehighton, Pa.; Scientific Oration, Horace A. Fetters, Uwchland, Pa.; Literary Oration, Jessie Royer, Trappe, Pa.; Honor Orations, Elmer G. Small, Altenwald, Pa., and Havilah J. Curdy, Evansburg, Pa.

The class consists of twelve members.

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**Y. M. C. A. ITEMS.**

The Y. M. C. A. is progressing well. The work is bearing good fruit in several directions, and shows that earnest efforts will bring good results. The meetings are not so well attended because of the absence from school of the Theological and Senior classes.

The President attended the meetings at Lancaster of the General College Association of Y. M. C. A. Presidents.

The new constitution has been adopted. Copies of it have been procured and given to many of the members.

The association will lose an earnest, active member this year in the person of Howard M. Wright, who leaves school to attend Princeton Theological Seminary. While his work has not been appreciated by all, yet he showed by his actions and words that he was following the Master very closely. We regret his loss and will hope that some one will be found to fill his place.

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**LOCAL ATHLETICS.**

Athletics is the heading but it can all be summed up in the word “Base-ball”.

The out-door activity of the students is confined mainly to this sport. We have fair grounds and good material and are trying to play good ball. With a record of three victories and two creditable defeats we can feel satisfied.

But there are some things which are not so creditable. The manager has tried to get good games at home at a small cost so that the boys need not spend so much for a game.

But the most ardent supporters of the team forget the date or hour of the games and therefore do not contribute.

Then the games away have been generally cancelled for no assignable reason by those promising to meet Ursinus, showing a lack of courtesy and a weakness of managing ability, or even of honor on their part. One college which has always claimed superiority in all branches of study as well as athletics, scheduled a game at home and then through fear of defeat declined to play, when too it was too late to arrange another.

The Rutgers game was cancelled through pressure of circumstances that could not be avoided.

It is expected two games will take place commencement week. In that case friends and supporters will be shown that
the home team has tried to do its part by practicing faithfully.

Tennis and croquet occupy the time of some of the students, but this a small part.

Saturday afternoon, May 28th, the Ursinus nine had a contest with the Keystone club of Phoenixville, on the grounds of the former. Ursinus won. Score: 10 to 4.

TIDINGS OF FORMER STUDENTS.

Foster Frutchey, M. D., is resident physician at the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, Philadelphia.

Joseph K. Freed is at present in charge of a Presbyterian mission at El Reno, Oklahoma Territory.

Rev. J. C. Lenhart has been pastor of the Presbyterian church at White Sulphur Springs, Montana, since June, 1891.

B. H. Sprankle is the senior member of one of the most prosperous firms of the city of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Henry M. Brownback is District-Attorney of Montgomery County.

Urbane C. Wanner is thriving in the grocery business in Philadelphia.

Charles A. Wagner is one of the proprietors of the large general store at Graters Ford, Pa.

Carl Royer is a rising clerk in the banking department of the Fidelity Insurance, Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Philadelphia.

Andrew W. Warren is auditor of the largest wholesale grocery firm of New York City.

Horace G. Fetterolf is Assistant Treasurer of the J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia.

Harry H. Cassell is building up for himself a profitable wholesale grain business in Norristown.

Harry E. Kratz is employed in the main office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Fourth street, Philadelphia.

Edward E. Long is a successful practitioner at the Norristown bar.

E. E. Neff, of Alexandria, Pennsylvania, was in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad Company for five or six years after leaving Ursinus, during which time he travelled extensively in California and the other Pacific states.

Miles W. Baney is in business in Newark, New Jersey.

Rev. Lewis F. Brown is a Presbyterian minister at Washingtonville, Montour County.

H. H. Drake, M. D., has met with unusual success in his profession in Norristown, and is perhaps the busiest physician in that place.

Dr. Adam Fogleman is a druggist in Myerstown.

E. P. Gresh is the travelling member of the large and growing cigar manufacturing firm of W. K. Gresh & Sons, Norristown.

Dr. S. Leslie Lecon is a dentist in Waynesboro, Penna.

Dr. Erwin T. Johnson is one of Buck’s County’s reliable physicians.

Horace H. Landis was recently elected principal of the public schools of Conshohocken.

Alonzo W. Shunk holds a position in the Surgeon General’s Office at Washington.

H. A. K. Thomas, formerly of Tylersport, is in the shoe business in Norristown.

Mary A. Schlichter is now Mrs. U. S. Grant Finkbiner, of Royersford, her husband being cashier of the bank in that borough.

Joseph Robinson has been in the employ of the iron firm of James Hooven & Sons, Norristown, for some years.

J. Ross Myers has been in business in Baltimore since leaving college.
Harry Lenhart, Esq., is a Philadelphia attorney.

Allen P. Hibshman is in business in New York City.

Minerva J. Grater holds a position in the office of Guest, Grater & Company, the large lumber and planing mill firm of Norristown.

Katie M. Williard is the wife of Mr. William Bromer, proprietor of the thriving wholesale clothing establishment at Schwenksville, Penna.

William E. Hughes, M. D., was a member of the Peary Expedition to the Arctic regions last summer.

BOARDING CLUBS.

The Perkomenen B. C. is in a good, healthy condition. It is under the same popular management. Mr. Bleiler and the boys claim the best table in the town.

The membership of the Ursinus Club has dwindled to eighteen. This is due to the departure of the theological students and the seniors.

This club, the Ursinus, will have charge of the dinner on Commencement day, and will try to give satisfaction to the many friends who will have to be provided for at that time. The club will be able to accommodate as many as have been supplied formerly.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

The summer school of the College will open on Monday, June 27th, and will continue five weeks. It will be in charge of five of the collegiate professors, as follows: Hebrew and Greek, Professor Stibitz; German and French, Professor Reichenbach; Mathematics Professor Wheeler; Latin and Greek, Professor Balliet; Elocution and English Literature, Professor Magee. Programmes of the courses offered may be obtained from Professor C. H. Wheeler, Ph. B., Secretary.

The school has issued well-prepared circulars. It is entitled to the same full measure of success it achieved last year. It offers great attractions to school teachers particularly, as well as to those preparing for college.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Hicks, '95, was home over Decoration Day.

String, T. D., will act as agent in securing situations for the students for the summer.

Many of the students will canvass the country with a new receipt book, or "The Christy Knife," during July and August. If you can use either, give them a lift.

It is said that three of the out-going Senior Class will study law.

Acting-President Williard gave a pleasant reception to the class of '92 on Tuesday evening, May 24th, at "Maple Lawn."

E. Middleton, '94, the lacrosse expert, has been engaged to coach a leading Philadelphia lacrosse team and has left college.

Dr. George W. Stibitz, historian of the Alumni Association, is engaged in gathering facts and data for completing records of all graduates of the college.

Mr. Nathan Stouffer, of Phoenixville, visited college May 28th.

Mr. John Hunter, of Phoenixville, was among us on May 20th.

Miss Ada Buckwalter, of the same place, recently visited the new building.

The Quaker City Cycle Club played a game of ball on the College grounds on Decoration Day.
TWENTY-FIRST COMMENCEMENT.

ALL ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE.

All the preliminary work of preparation for the Twenty-first Annual Commencement of the College, Sunday, June 19th to Thursday, June 23d, inclusive, has been completed and Ursinus stands ready to give her guests a cordial welcome.

Let every friend of the institution, old and new, consider himself specially invited to be present during the week to join in with the festivities. All things indicate that they will be unusually entertaining and enjoyable.

The dedication of the new building will be an event of absorbing interest to those who have followed the sturdy progress of our Alma Mater. Besides, as it will mark a very important point in the educational advancement of Montgomery County and southeastern Pennsylvania, it will naturally draw to itself also, the attraction of public-spirited citizens in this portion of the state. To these, therefore, the College extends an equally hearty invitation to come and see, to their own edification and profit as well as to her honor and satisfaction.

THE GRADUATING CLASS.

The Graduating Class this year consists of twelve members as follows:


RAILWAY ACCOMMODATIONS.

Orders for excursion tickets from all points on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad may be obtained by writing to the Commencement Committee, Collegeville, Pa. On the Perkiomen Railroad excursion tickets will be sold without orders. These tickets will be good from Friday, June 17th, to Monday, June 27th, inclusive.

Collegeville is situated on the Perkiomen Railroad, a branch of the Philadelphia and Reading, 6 miles above Perkiomen Junction, where the branch connects with the main line. The Perkiomen road also connects with the Reading System at Allentown.

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ENTERTAINMENT.

Entertainment may be obtained at the boarding houses and hotels of the village at $1.00 and $1.50 a day. Meals will be furnished at the College dining halls at 35 cents for dinner and 25 cents for supper or breakfast.

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19.

8 P. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. George W. Williard, D. D., LL. D., Bomberger Memorial Hall.
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.]

'74. The Rev. J. G. Neff, A. M., is actively engaged in business at Bangor, Pa. His leisure time he devotes to study and research in the field of history and social science.

'75. The Rev. D. W. Ebbert, A. M., is enjoying a prosperous pastorate at Milton, Pa. On the occasion of his recent visit to Spring City, Chester County, he made a flying visit to Collegeville to take a look at Bomberger Memorial Hall, and to call on a few friends. Mr. Ebbert is a wide-awake and energetic worker, and is pleased with the many evidences of progress at Ursinus.

'76. The Rev. J. F. Butler, A. B., of Imogene, Iowa, was one of the three pastors who constituted the body of Iowa Classis during most of its business sessions. The meeting of the Classis was held in his church, and not even his native modesty would allow him to take any other but a prominent part in the proceedings. It would be a pleasure to Mr. Butler's college-mates to see him take part in the dedication of the new building at the coming Commencement, to witness his pleasure over the superiority of the new halls to those over which he presided many years.

'78. The Rev. J. J. Fisher, A. B., is in his first pastorate at Tamaqua, Pa. He has been performing a large amount of pure labor of love in supplying weak congregations in the neighborhood with regular services. His ministry has borne rich fruit in Christian character and life among a people devoted to their pastor and to the best interests of the Church at large.
'79. The Rev. W. H. Stauffer, B. S., is in charge of a congregation of the Evangelical Association in the city of Easton, Pa. His church work has been successful in all the churches to which he has ministered since leaving College.

'81. The Rev. Prof. George Stibitz, A. M., Ph. D., whose retirement from the Faculty of Ursinus is noted at another place, cherishes a first love for the pastorate, to which he hopes to return at the end of the collegiate year. His postgraduate study and his activity in Christian Endeavor and other Church work will give him greatly increased skill and power in the leadership of a congregation. The Bulletin wishes him many years of usefulness and success in whatever line of labor he may choose.

'84. The Rev. H. A. Bomberger, A. M., pastor of Heidelberg Reformed Church, York, Pa., enjoyed a happy day with his people on Sunday, May 8th, in the exercises of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the congregation. At the morning service a sermon was preached by Rev. H. T. Spangler, and an anniversary address delivered by the Rev. James I. Good, D. D., who was pastor of the church from 1875-77. Mr. Bomberger gave a historical sketch, in which he stated that the number of communicant members received during his pastorate of four years was 142; members enrolled May 1, 1892, 370; Sunday-school scholars, 412. Of the members received, 66 were added during the last year. In the afternoon a Sunday-school rally was held, at which more scholars were present than at any session of the school in its whole history. At the evening services about 800 people were present, of whom many found only standing room.

'84. The Rev. J. J. Stauffer, A. B., of Elizabethville, Dauphin County, paid a visit to his Alma Mater during the month of May, which greatly rejoiced the heart of the treasurer of the College. And better to tell, he promises to come back Commencement week with more spoils and trophies of economy and faithful interest. Mr. Stauffer speaks with hopefulness and encouragement of his work in Lykens Valley.

'84. Mrs. Bertha (Hendricks) Wehler, M. S., spent several weeks very pleasantly with her parents and friends at Collegeville in connection with her husband’s attendance upon the meeting of Philadelphia Classis at St. Luke’s Church, Trappe. The parsonage over which she presides at Blue Bell is not only architecturally handsome, but a model of neatness and comfort, and ministerial hospitality.

'84. The Rev. J. A. Keiper, A. B., is pastor of a church of the United Brethren in Christ, at Lykens, Dauphin County, Pa. Before his removal to Lykens, he administered to the church of the same faith at Tower City, and to several other churches in the upper end of his native county.

'85. Miss Mary Wiest, M. S., of Freeburg, Snyder County, Pa., spent the last week of May at Collegeville, and expects to sojourn in the city of Philadelphia until the joys and festivities of Commencement shall bring her back to the halls of Alma Mater. She will again contribute her talent to the musical attractions of the week.

'85. Rev. O. P. Shellhamer, B. S., has given five years of unremitting toil to Zion’s Reformed Church, of York, Pa., which have borne rich fruit in large additions to his church, in large attendance upon the services, and the general prosperity of the congregation. At the late annual meeting of Zion’s Classis, Mr. Shellhamer was elected president for the current year.

'87-'88. The Revs. A. D. Wolfinger and G. P. Fisher, who are serving adjoining charges in Perry County, Ohio,
the former at Thornville and the latter at Somerset, have both sent their wives among their friends in Pennsylvania to enjoy extended visits. It is hoped that these additional attractions will bring these brethren east in time to attend the greatest Commencement that Ursinus has yet enjoyed.

188. The Rev. Calvin Derr, B. D., and his people of the First Reformed Church of Spring City, Pa., celebrated the tenth anniversary of the organization of the congregation on Sunday, May 22d. The Rev. D. W. Ebbert, who organized the church, preached on the occasion, and the pastor gave a historical sketch. Mr. Derr has been prospered in his first year's work among this zealous people. A new parsonage and a salary of $1,000 augur well for a long and useful ministry.

188. The Rev. J. L. Fluck, B. D., of the St. Matthew's charge, Chester County, was fortunate in falling upon a pastorate that would early bring him an opportunity to do literary work that reflects credit upon his well-known ability, and that will be of enduring value to the Reformed churches of the county. Captain A. Fetters, a Director of Ursinus, who is one of the most active members of St. Matthew's Church, has for years indulged his literary tastes by writing up the history of these churches. He kindly placed his historical accumulations at the disposal of his young pastor, who has wrought out and supplemented the material in admirable form, and these joint labors are now issued in a handsome book from the press of the Herald Publishing Company, of Norristown.

188. R. F. Longacre, B. S., M. D., is established in the practice of his profession, on Vine Street, near Logan Square, Philadelphia. He has been honored with several elective positions by his professional confreres, is doing successful work as quiz master at the Medico-Chirurgical College, and in other ways gives early promise of a prosperous career in the practice of medicine.

189. The Rev. H. A. I. Benner, B. S., who serves two churches in the eastern end of Berks County, spent several hours at Bomberger Memorial Hall, in the company of his delegated Elder to Classis, on May 26th. He is anxious to make his people acquainted with his Alma Mater, and has already had the pleasure of seeing some of the fruit of the information which he is giving them. Mr. Benner's address is Bechtelsville, Berks County, Pa.


189. Licentiate O. H. E. Rauch, A. B., has been elected pastor of the Reformed Church at Royersford, Pa. Mr. Rauch held the position of assistant pastor of a large Dutch Reformed Church in New York city during the last year of his course at Union Seminary, which gave him ample opportunity to improve his splendid gifts, so that he is now better equipped for practical work than most young men when they enter the pastorate.

189. The Rev. Wilson Delaney, of Bethel Reformed Church, Twenty-first and Tasker Streets, Philadelphia, is engaged in raising funds for the erection of a church building on the vacant corner of his church lot. The rapid development of that section of the city makes larger accommodations for his church work an imperative necessity. It is a noble tribute to the character and influence of Mr. Delaney that people of every denomination, and of no church affiliations, all respond to his appeals, and there is prospect of his raising the greater portion of the money needed in the immediate neighborhood.
The Rev. S. A. Hitner has removed from Bangor, Pa., to the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. His parish consists of four congregations, and his post-office address is Lantz's Mills.

Mayne R. Longstreth, Esq., again reflected honor on his Alma Mater in the conclusion of his law studies at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating fifth in rank in a class of forty. He has just been admitted to the Philadelphia Bar, and has opened an office at No. 608 Chestnut Street, with his preceptor, Hon. Henry K. Boyer.

The Rev. A. H. Hibshman, A. B., brought to Classis at its recent meeting an encouraging report of his year's work at Prospectville, Montgomery County. His church is a proof of the possibility of successful missionary work in outlying districts in the country. Perhaps the missionary himself is the key to the solution of the problem in such cases, as in nearly all others.

Mr. C. H. Brandt, A. B., of York, was married to an estimable young lady of his native city in the month of April; was licensed to preach in May, and has gone to take charge of a church in the month of roses. The Bulletin wishes this brother more than the ordinary meed of happiness in his home and in his work. During his College and Seminary course he was one of the most faithful and competent contributors to its pages, and his labors in this direction shall not go into history unacknowledged. Mr. Brandt's address will be Burkittsville, Md.

Mr. Edward S. Bromer, A. B., of the late Middle class in Yale Divinity School, preached in St. Luke's Church on the morning of May 29th.

Mr. H. E. Kilmer, A. B., of Myerstown, has been licensed by Lebanon Classis. He is spending some time in the city of Washington before entering upon pastoral duties.

**GENERAL TOPICS.**

**THE FARIBAULT PROBLEM.**

Among the educational questions of the day stands the attempt made by Archbishop Ireland, of Minnesota, to reconcile the parochial system of the Roman Church with the public schools of the United States. It is evident that the parochial schools of the Roman Church are a heavy expense to that denomination, and after they are established it is difficult for them to successfully compete with the public schools. A bishop has declared that upwards of a million Romanists have been lost to that church by their attendance upon the public schools. It has been found necessary therefore to keep their children from these schools or suffer a heavy loss. The Fathers of the Third Council of Baltimore, facing this difficulty, enacted strenuous measures to establish schools of their own and to enjoin parents to send their children to these parochial schools on pain of excommunication. The great majority of the Catholic clergy have of late acted upon the decrees of the council favorably and the pope has approved the action of that council. In the full blast of the parochial system comes an ingeniously contrived method of turning the public schools into the service of the Roman Church by asking support from the State for their parochial schools and allowing the Catholic teachers to remain and to give doctrinal instruction at outside hours. This plan leaves the parochial schools as much under the dominion of the priests as before while it compels the State to pay the expense. The only change made is in lengthening the hours of teaching. This brings forward the whole question of denominational schools. An attempt was made not long since in several western States to compel all children to attend the public schools. The question entered into the elections and came to a vote when the compulsory
attendance was defeated. Undoubtedly all denominations ought to have the right of educating their own children in their own way if not detrimental to the State. But they should not ask the whole community to pay the expense. In a country which prides itself upon a complete separation of Church and State: which protects all and favors none, we cannot safely allow this Faribault system to take firm hold of the public or it will become an entering wedge to allowing any district which has a majority of Romanists to take possession of the schools of that district and use them for denominational purposes. The problem is in its incipient stage. The Romanists are not themselves fully agreed. The pope, however, has given his decree tolerating the plan of Archbishop Ireland: “While firmly maintaining in force the decrees of the Council of Baltimore regarding parochial schools, the convention concluded by the Rev. Father John Ireland relating to the schools of Faribault and Stillwater, can, taking all circumstances well into consideration, be tolerated.” Thus the Pope’s decree very cautiously modifies the action heretofore taken by the Roman Church. This caution is evidently produced by the fear that the majority might change in Faribault and other districts which are now Romanistic into a Protestant majority. Who, then, would appoint the teachers of those schools? Evidently they would not be Romanists, and they would lose their parochial schools altogether. This they will guard by holding on to the title to the school property and return to the parochial method. The advantages are thus entirely with the Romanists, and they are safe in making the arrangement. Will the Protestants consent, however, to place the schools in the hands of denominational teachers? This would abandon the schools to Romanist control and give up the present public school system. To meet the danger here presented it is proposed to amend the Constitution of the United States by forbidding Congress or any State to contribute in any way to any institution or religious society wholly or in part under sectarian or ecclesiastical control. The Presbyterian General Assembly puts this amendment in the following form: “Neither Congress nor any State shall pass any law respecting any establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or use its property and credit, or any money raised by taxation, or authorize either to be used, for the purpose of founding, maintaining, or aiding by appropriation, payment for services, expenses, or otherwise, any church, religious denomination, religious society, or any institution, society or undertaking which is wholly or in part under sectarian or ecclesiastical control.” The Constitution already has an amendment forbidding “the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,” but it does not prevent any State from doing it, and the amendment above will prohibit the Mormons, Romanists, or any other sect, when they get control of the ballot box, from turning the State into an instrument for their own purposes.

H. W. S.

POETICAL.

THE TREE.

I know not why
They hate the tree
As years go by,
’Tis strange to me.
For to its shade,
Both cool and green,
Our fathers strayed
For rest, I ween.
Their forms so long
Laid in the ground,
Stalwart and strong,
Far from its sound
Of swaying stem
And leaf so bright—
It pleased all them,
So grand a sight.
But foes have come;  
The tree must go,  
The workman’s hum  
Tells us ‘tis so.  
And crashing sound  
And crackling twig  
Spread all around  
The truth, that big  
And mighty sires  
Of leafy grove  
And stately spires,  
With treasure trove,  
From earth and air  
Are fallen low.  
Then spare, I pray,  
Whene’er you can  
The tree so gray,  
So great of span.  
For you and I  
May see the day,  
When loud the cry  
And hot the ray,  
When pleading eye  
And parching lip  
Sees naught but sky  
And clouds that slip  
Through heated air.  
And sim’ring earth  
Brings woe and care  
And widespread dearth;  
That numerous trees  
And shady boughs,  
Save us from these  
And draw our vows  
To God above,  
Whose power to bless  
Demands our love  
And thankfulness.  

Brown University supports a missionary in Africa on the Congo.
Cornell will offer a course in the Russian language and literature next year.
The Seniors of Pennsylvania State College have decided to appear in cap and gown on graduation day.
At Dickinson this year both first and second prizes for excellence in entrance were taken by ladies.
Of the $7,000,000 and more capital represented by Harvard, about $3,000,000 is invested in Boston real estate.
The State University of Illinois expects to expend $9,000 in making an exhibit at the Chicago World’s Fair.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

CONGREGATIONAL.
The beautiful new Heidelberg Church, Schwenksville, Pa., was dedicated Sunday, May 15th. Drs. Gerhart, Williard and Weiser preached on the occasion. Three services were held on that day. The structure is Gothic in architecture, and was erected of granite quarried in the neighborhood. The cost was about $25,000. Rev. S. M. K. Huber is pastor.

MINISTERIAL.
Brandt, Lie., C. H., accepts call to Burkittsville, Md.
Graunn, H., address is 504 Hancock street, Sandusky, Ohio.
Kershner, L. M., elected pastor of Towamensing charge, Carbon County, Pa.
Miller, E. D., resigns Freeland, Pa., and accepts a call to West Manheim charge, York County, Pa.
Reily, W. M., Ph. D., accepts a call to Wyoming charge, Wyoming, Del.
Snyder, N. Z., resigns South Bethlehem, Pa.
Snyder, S. U., resigns Grace, Philadelphia, and accepts a call to Buffalo, Ind.
Steckel, O. P., resigns St. Mark’s, Lebanon, Pa.
Stein, J. R., accepts a call to St. Thomas’, Reading, Pa.
Weaver, C. B., accepts a call to Nockamixon, Bucks County, Pa.
Winter, J., address is Crestline, Ohio.
Zartman, Lic., P. E., accepts Sioux City, Iowa, Mission.

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.
Bible study is compulsory for Seniors and Freshmen at Rutgers.
Hamilton College has adopted the plan of having Monday as a holiday instead of Saturday.
The total number of Chautauqua graduates is now 29,020. The class of ’92 contains 3,459.
Twenty-seven students were expelled recently from DePauw University for playing billiards.