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URSINUS has already found in the new year a kind and gracious friend. The happy promises with which a month ago on the threshold of its course it responded to the Bulletin's greeting, have since, in part, resolved themselves into happier realities. The Winter Term of the College,—now rapidly approaching its half-way mile-stone, opened very auspiciously with an accession of students larger even than was anticipated. The moral impetus that always accompanies a favorable outcome of expectations and plans has again been felt throughout the institution, and an increasing energy and zeal in studies and the divers other interests of academic life are at present strongly manifested. May the amicable disposition of the new year, with the substantial fruits it bears, continue undiminished and unvarying to its end, that the propitious augury of our Alma Mater's final record for '88, which results so far achieved give forth, may prove correct and establish anew in our minds the reasonableness of the popular belief that work "well begun is half done."

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Nothing is more intolerable in this land of equal rights to every man than the unreasonable withholding by a power that should represent a certain class or division of society in its entirety, of the privileges and claims of a part to bestow them exclusively on the remainder. Favoritism, public partiality, and all unjust and unreasonable discrimination against the many for the benefit of the few are ever especially distasteful to the high-strung spirit of the American character, and they will always be strongly resisted and repudiated by it.

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The attention of our Seniors is called to the second offer by the American Protective Tariff League
of prizes for the best essays on an interesting subject in the political economy of our national life. We think that Ursinus should by all means be heard from in this praise-worthy competition. Her sons have the ability requisite in the case, and with earnest study on the subject on which the essays are requested, they stand an excellent chance of sending productions that will rank with the best efforts of the undergraduate minds of other institutions.

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We a second time express the opinion that our students should select college colors, in order that Ursinus may have a distinguishing badge to be worn at Commencements and other public occasions. While such things can hardly be called important, they all help to show the loyalty and devotion of the student to his Alma Mater. Few colleges are without a proper symbol of this kind to-day. One cannot walk the streets of Cambridge or New Haven without meeting young men on whose hat-bands the crimson or the blue proclaim their college allegiance.

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The recent convention of the Central Inter-Collegiate Press Association, which we attended, and which is reported in another column, was a pleasant success. We, however, failed to see at this meeting representatives from many leading Colleges within the district covered by the organization, who would have found enjoyment and profit in being present.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

OLEVIAN.

On Thursday evening, February 2nd, the young ladies of the Olevian Literary Society provided an exceedingly attractive literary and musical entertainment in the College Chapel, and a large audience availed themselves of the opportunity it afforded for an interval of pleasant diversion and profit. The programme arranged for the occasion was made up of readings by Miss Maggie E. Dotts; a graduate of the National School of Oratory, Philadelphia, and violin solos by Master Bertie Shelly. The exercises were received throughout with warm appreciation. Miss Dotts, who has but recently appeared in public as an elocutionist, displays the good taste, intelligence and power of expression in her work, which, as the unmistakable evidences of true merit, are certain to meet with approval and ensure for her success. She read during the evening "An Order for a Picture," "Aunt Sophrona Tabor at the Opera," "Mona's Waters," "Bobolink," "Simon's Wife's Mother Lay Sick with a Fever," "Jamie," "Aunt Jemina's Courtship," and a short selection given in response to an encore.

Violinist Shelly's handling of his fiddle and the beautiful musical soliloquies therefrom resulting were entirely beyond our criticism,—in other words, from our stand-point they were faultless. Five or six selections were rendered by this talented young master of harmony, and as one succeeded the other the melo-
In Memoriam.
Mrs. Julia W. Bomberger.
OBITUARY.

Early on the morning of Saturday, February 11th, 1888, Julia Wight, wife of Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., LL.D., President of Ursinus College, entered into rest at her home in Collegeville, Pa., after nearly a year's prostration from heart disease. With only a brief respite from suffering during a sojourn at the seashore last summer, the tide of life, after many an ebb and flow, at last stranded her frail bark on the shore of the eternal sea.

Mrs. Bomberger was born in New York city of Scotch parents, who were connected with the Reformed Church of America. Her father, Andrew Wight, was a prosperous merchant. The family removed to Philadelphia about 1840, and united with the church at Tenth and Filbert, of which Rev. Dr. Bethune then had charge. In this church Julia Wight served her Master with singular devotion. She was among the foremost in carrying the gospel of peace and practical charity to the homes and hearts of all classes in the community, especially the neglected poor.

After her marriage, in October, 1863, to the Rev. Dr. Bomberger, then pastor of the First Reformed Church in the United States, on Race street below Fourth, the energies of this active church worker were devoted to her husband and family. Later years again gave her freedom for doing good beyond her own home, and now she resorted chiefly to the use of the pen. By extensive correspondence, for which she was endowed with special gifts and power, she sought to convey cheer and blessing to distant hearts and to gather food for the culture of her own soul.

In manner Mrs. Bomberger was cordial and vivacious; in conversation, intelligent and animated;—evidences of a keen intellect and a warm heart. Her home was a center of attraction for young and old. The students of the College, visitors at Commencement, and strangers who turned their steps thither, alike found the President's mansion pervaded by the glow of a cultivated woman's life, which gave the charm of perfection to the generous hospitality of a large-hearted host. Her dignified bearing and beaming countenance will be missed in the College circles and social reunions of friends of Ursinus, which she so well knew how to make occasions of enjoyment for all.
OBSEQUIES.

The funeral services,—in charge of Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., of St. Luke's Reformed Church, and Rev. J. H. Hendricks, of Trinity Christian Church,—were held on the 15th. At the church the Scriptures were read by Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D., of East Greenville, Pa. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., of the First Church, Philadelphia. The Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., of Trinity Church, Philadelphia, delivered the address. He cited the life of the departed as an illustration of how the grace of God carries the timid, trembling soul through life's conflicts to final triumph over all tribulation. Dr. J. I. Good, of Heidelberg Church, spoke of the rest vouchsafed to weary laborers. Rev. W. H. Geistweit, of Camden, N. J., portrayed the characteristics of her life as indicated by the words unselfishness, self-abnegation, and remembrance of others. The concluding prayer was offered by the Rev. George Wolff, D. D., of Myerstown, Pa.

The interment took place in the family lot at Laurel Hill, Philadelphia. The Rev. J. M. Crowell, D. D., her pastor and the officiating clergyman at her marriage, committed the remains to their final rest with an impressively devout prayer.

The pall-bearers were Rev. Dr. H. W. Super and Prof. J. S. Weinberger of the Faculty, H. W. Kratz, Esq., and F. M. Hobson, Esq., of the Board of Directors, and Rev. Drs. Van Horne and Good, of Philadelphia.

Down to the shore of death's dark flowing stream there came
A weary, trembling Soul,
That,—faint with mortal weakness,—feared
To cross the cold, black waters;
And looked with dread upon their wild,
Discordant surging;
And,—looking,—lingered and held back,
With soft but anguished pleading:
When,—Lo!—upon the angry tide there fell
A wondrous, holy calm;
And swift across the drear expanse there spread
A flood of golden light;
And forth from out the light in pitying love
There swept
The Saviour's pierced Hands and the Almighty arms!
—And,—ere she knew it,—she was safe
In Heaven.
Resolutions of Respect and Sympathy.

At a meeting of the Faculty of Ursinus College, held Monday, the 13th of February, 1888, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we have heard with great sorrow of the death of Mrs. Julia Wight Bomberger, the wife of the President of this College, and hereby extend our sympathy and condolence to the doctor and family in their severe affliction, and pray for the sustaining grace of God to support them in this trial.

Resolved, That we will attend the funeral in a body, together with the students, on Wednesday, February 15, 1888.

H. W. Super, Chairman.

Immediately following the announcement of the death of Mrs. President Bomberger, the students of Ursinus College, in meeting assembled, adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, It has pleased Him who doeth all things well to call from this life to her reward on high the wife of our honored and beloved President; and

Whereas, By her transparent life and character, her courteous demeanor, her active kindness and her deep interest in their welfare she has endeared herself to all the students; therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we mourn her departure from our midst, we bear testimony to the power of that grace which uses the adversities as well as the joys of life in the ripening of Christian character and in preparing the soul for its reward on high.

Resolved, That we would express our heartfelt sympathy with those upon whom this affliction falls, and especially with him who for the second time has been called to drink the bitter cup, and would commend them for consolation to Him who is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and delivereth them out of all their afflictions.

J. Lewis Fluck,  
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Calvin D. Yost,

Committee.

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dies that swelled from the instrument, touched by the magic of his art, seemed to grow in sweetness and force. Those assembled heartily applauded his efforts. Miss Flora S. Rahn, '89, presided over the exercises, which were entirely successful, pleasing greatly both those who spread the feast and those who partook of its bounty.

The Olevian officers now are:
President, Flora S. Rahn; Vice-President, Emma Dismant; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Lillie Gross; Critic, Florence Schwenk; Editorress, Ada Schwenk; Treasurer, Debbie Phipps.

ZWINGLIAN.

The date of issue of this number of the Bulletin renders it useless to announce and impossible to report in it the free lecture on Japan by Rev. Ambrose D. Gring in the College Chapel on Friday evening, February 10th, under the auspices of the Zwinglian Society. Mr. Gring, who is the first missionary sent to Japan by the Reformed Church in the United States, is a pleasant speaker, thoroughly well acquainted with the needs of the country to which he has devoted his life-work. A full account of his lecture—should the arrangements at present writing be successfully carried out—may be expected in our March number.

EBRARD.

Die Ebrard Literarische Gesellschaft held its first meeting this year on Thursday afternoon, January 26th. There seem to be good prospects for the sure foundation of this Society. It has had to labor under a great number of difficulties, but now all these are apparently surmounted. It meets regularly every Thursday afternoon. The officers elected for the current term are as follows:

- President, W. H. Wotring
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SCHAFF.

The Schaff Literary Society was recently very agreeably surprised by a valuable contribution to its library, made by Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff,—of Union Theological Seminary,—whose name the Society proudly bears. The gift consists of a copy of the Doctor's Bible Dictionary,—a book of 1000 pages,—and a set of his “History of the Christian Church,” made up of four large octavo volumes, the first treating of Apostolic Christianity, A. D. 1-100; the second of Ante-Nicene Christianity, A. D. 100-325; the third of Nicene and Post-Nicene Christianity, A. D. 311-600; and the fourth of Mediæval Christianity, A. D. 590-1073.

The Society also gratefully acknowledges the receipt from Dr. G. M. Philips, Principal of the West Chester State Normal School, of an octavo volume entitled “The Light of the Nations,” by Dr. Charles F. Seems. Under the care of a library
committee the Schaff Library is undergoing extensive improvements. Sixty old volumes are being rebound, and it is expected that a number of new books will be purchased in the near future.

**COLLEGE ITEMS.**

**THE WINTER TERM.**

On January 9, 1888, the second term of the current academic year of the College opened with new students in the Theological, Collegiate and Academic Departments. The total attendance of pupils for the year is now one hundred and fourteen, with the Spring Term—which has always heretofore been far in advance of the others in the way of additions,—yet to hear from before the annual catalogue is published. The prospects therefore are excellent that all previous high-water marks in the matter of attendance will again be reached and possibly passed.

**COLLEGE DAY OF PRAYER.**

The day of prayer for colleges,—Thursday, January 26th,—was appropriately observed at Ursinus. At a service which was held in the chapel, the exercises were opened with singing by the students and prayer by Vice-President Super. President Bomberger then delivered an earnest address in which among many other things he impressed upon his hearers the fact that the fear of God was a necessary element in all pure and true patriotism as well as in every correct system of higher education. At the close of his remarks Professor Weinberger offered prayer, “Take the Name of Jesus with You” was sung and the students were dismissed with the benediction.

**FORESTRY MEETING.**

The Montgomery County Branch of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, gave a meeting at the College on Friday evening, February 3d. Addresses dealing with the statistics, growth, sanitary uses, commercial value and rapid destruction of forest trees in the United States, were delivered by Drs. Henry M. Fisher and J. M. Anders, of Philadelphia, and brief remarks in the same general line were made by Dr. Samuel Wolfe, of Skippackville, Penna. The meeting, which was well attended, was presided over by Professor Weinberger, who favored those present with a number of very happy little speeches, full of genuine humor which drew forth much applause. During the evening Messrs. Chas. E. Wehler, O. H. E. Rauch, E. C. Hibshman and H. E. Kratz rendered several selections of vocal music in good style. At the conclusion of the programme a number of persons availed themselves of an opportunity that was offered of joining the Association.

At a recent meeting of the Class of ’90 the following officers were elected:

President, J. K. Freed; Vice-President, W. H. Loose; Secretary, H. E. Kratz; Treasurer, Charles H. Slinghoff; Poet, Charles P. Kehl; Historian, G. H. Meixell.
At a convention of the Philadelphia District of the Y. M. C. A., which occurred at Chester, Penna., January 27th-29th, Messrs. O. H. E. Rauch, H. E. Jones, Ernest Clapp and H. E. Killmer were delegates representing the Ursinus Association.

The usual opening address this term, which was to have been delivered by Professor Hendricks, was omitted on account of the temporary sickness of that gentleman. We are glad to be able to state, however, that the Professor has now entirely recovered from his indisposition and is regularly attending to his duties.

Rev. James I. Good, D. D., of Philadelphia, a member of the Visitor Committee of the Board of Directors of Ursinus, has decided to decline the call to the chair of Dogmatic Theology in Heidelberg Theological Seminary, Tiffin, Ohio, and will continue his successful pastoral work in his present field.

The elegantly carved walnut pulpit which graces the chancel of the beautified interior of St. Luke's Church at Trappe, was the gift of the resident students and professors of the College.

The Arion Glee Club sang at the closing session of the Local Teacher's Institute in Eagle Hall, Iron-Bridge, on Saturday evening, January 28th.

During the very cold weather of the latter part of January, the ice on the Perkiomen was in fine condition for skating, and a large number of the students made good use of the many opportunities that were presented for indulging in this most exhilarating sport.

Dr. Hyde's new optional of Latin sight-reading has brought together a large class that is earnestly engaged in this branch of classical study.

PERSONAL.

Rev. E. M. Landis, A. M., last year's professor of Hebrew and History, has changed the field of his ministerial labors from Poncho Springs, Colorado, to Neodesiba, Kansas.

C. U. O. Derr and J. L. Fluck, '88, spent part of the Christmas vacation in Lebanon county, as guests of I. C. Fisher and E. W. Lentz, '89, and W. H. Loose and H. E. Killmer, '90. On Thursday evening, January 5th, Messrs. Derr and Fluck addressed the C. L. S. C., at Stouchsburg. The addresses were well prepared, well delivered and consequently very well received.

Edw. S. Bromer, '90, passed several days of the holiday season in Northampton county with his classmate G. H. Meixell. Bath, Chapman Ferries, Moorestown, Nazareth, Lafayette College at Easton, and Lehigh University at Bethlehem, were some of the places of interest visited by the "boys."

Alfred Hughes, of the Academic Department, was recently called home to his residence in Chester county by the death of his father,
Rev. Caleb Hughes, a clergyman of the Methodist Church. His fellow-students deeply sympathize with him in his affliction.

Elmer E. Neff, a student of the class of '87, who did not complete the course, is at present living in Southern California.

Urbane C. Wanner, a former student whom many will remember, was married in Philadelphia on February 1st.

COLLEGE CONTRIBUTIONS.

URSINUS SONG.

Rejoice and carol our Alma Mater’s praise.
The home where learning’s glowing light
Doth shed abroad her beam, so bright.

URSINUS, we would sing of thee
With hearts so gay and voices free,
In soul-inspiring harmony;

Oh, Alma Mater, hail!
We greet thee on our onward way,
The hand-maid of the coming day.

Hurrah! hurrah!
Oh, most loving mother!
Truth most mighty lives in thee.
Live forever, failing never in prosperity.

Here thy care unfailing,
Bids our fears and doubts depart.
Live in honor, reign in splendor, queen of ev’ry heart!

Yes, reign in splendor, queen of ev’ry faithful heart.

Rejoice and carol our Alma Mater’s praise.
As twines the ivy’s pliant vine,
So clings our love to thee and thine.
The years may come, the years may go,
With radiant joy or gloomy wo,
No change our love for thee shall know;

Oh, Alma Mater, hail!
As runs the sun its flaming course,
So travel thou, our bounteous source!

Hurrah! hurrah!
Oh, most loving mother!
Climb the starry way sublime;
Crowns of glory, rich in story, wait thy hour divine.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

LIBERALITY IN JUDGMENT.

Every age has its own characteristics, which distinguish it from its forerunners, and will be equally unlike those of the centuries to come. The various degrees of advancement in the world’s progress are thus crystallized in the form of intellectual and moral types, which are so real and tangible that it requires a very sympathetic nature to be able to place oneself in a position where one can rightly estimate the social and moral forces which were dominating a former time. Unless we are able to do this, we find ourselves constantly imputing false motives to ancient worthies or condemning them in unmeasured terms, when really they
were just as liberal and as high-minded for the culture of their age as any of us.

It is strange how seldom we find this charity and adaptability in our great historians. Great as Macaulay was, and beautiful as is the English in which he clothes his thoughts, we cannot accept his judgment as trustworthy. Or, to use another illustration, how many are able to do justice to the religious leaders of the past? In this land of toleration the idea of the persecutions so ruthlessly carried on in Europe seems utterly revolting. We have learned that forced conversions are worthless, and that a faith to have value must come from the heart. Let us not misrepresent the sturdy Puritan who could not endure the Quaker or the Baptist in his colony in the new world, founded as it was to teach the truth as he accepted it. He at least had the courage to do what he believed right. We, too, show intolerance very often where it should least appear.

We have one lesson to learn from those whom we would condemn by our standards of to-day, i. e., that we need to believe with all earnestness and then, without bitterness, recognize the right of others to hold their own conscientious opinions, so long as they adhere to the principles of morality.

In no direction does the tendency to be unfair show itself more actively than in the domain of politics. It is to be hoped that, in the political campaign about to open, men will be more willing to hear the truth about opponents and spare the storm of filth that disgraced our last Presidential contest. We have, or ought to have, real principles underlying our political creeds. Why cannot we be content to present these to the world, and convert it by such means, and not endeavor to touch all the chords of hate and prejudice which we can set in vibration. Bodily suffering and persecution are not so terrible as the torture which an upright soul may be made to feel under the lash of false accusation. The rack might have mangled the poor form but it left the spirit free. The lie can eat to the quick, embitter all joy, and turn all the sweetness of life into gall and wormwood.

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YOUTHFUL OPPORTUNITIES.

Every period of life has its own pleasures and its own duties. These are so balanced that the individual who is passing thro' them can find sufficient material either for enjoyment or employment. The child in gleeful play flits like the bee from field to field. To him life is one long play-day. As, however, he approaches the ripeness of manhood and becomes a student, he experiences a new delight. Strong in his youth and in the feeling of mighty possibilities lying within his own nature which have not yet been put forth, he strives after knowledge. He sees flower after flower spring up and blossom in the garden of his soul. He feels new powers develop-
ing within him and longs for an arena where he may use them. He is like a giant awakening from sleep, who puts forth first one arm and then another, as tho' recognizing for the first time that he possessed these mighty limbs.

This delicious sense of strength, both physical and mental, is one of the joys of the youth. From this spring many of the ambitions, efforts, or even imprudent and sinful excesses of the young. It is the fledgling of the eagle trying his wings to see how far he can soar. And if he but look at the sun and constantly strive to reach it, leaving the earth behind, he will attain to the highest measure of his powers and will mount where man's eye cannot spy him out.

If the rising generation did but appreciate more fully the possibilities which college gives them, and the splendid field which it presents for self-improvement, we would see a higher moral, mental and physical level reached by the young men of America. There is a growing time for our intellects and our hearts as well as for our bodies, and if we neglect the pure, the true, the earnest and the elevating, we may be mere dwarfs and fail utterly to reach the ideal which the Creator has set for us. When this period of development is passed we often remain stationary. The coin with its stamp once indelibly impressed changes not in size, in weight, or in the amount of pure gold which it contains. Contact with the world can add impurities and defilements, but it can never give back youthful opportunities that have been lost.

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ANOTHER GIFT TO THE LIBRARY.

Through the kindness of Mr. George Barrie, the prominent art publisher of Philadelphia, the Alumni library has just been honored with a contribution of very valuable books. Mr. Barrie's gift consists of the Works of Shakespeare in seven volumes, edited by William George Clark, M. A., and William Alidis Wright, M. A.; four volumes of the Works of Schiller, and four volumes of the Works of Goethe,—the latter to be completed by a fifth volume not yet published,—with biographical introductions by Hjalmar H. Boyesen, Ph. D.; and "The Life of Jesus Christ for the Young," in one volume, by Richard Newton, D. D.

The brief mention of these books that is here given can convey no idea of their intrinsic worth. The volumes of Schiller and Goethe are quartos, splendidly printed and superbly illustrated. The Shakespeare, which was published for private distribution, is gotten up in elegant style on Japanese paper and contains nearly two hundred engravings on steel after the Boydell illustrations. The Life of Christ, another quarto, is also a very handsome work, embellished with 500 engravings. The Alumni Association owes Mr. Barrie its warm thanks for his generous recognition of its efforts to build up for its Alma Mater and her
students a library that shall fully meet their demands.

THREE GREAT MISTAKES.

BY ATMAR.

Doubtless every college student knows that Plato's definition of a man was—"a biped without feathers," which led that take-life-easy, "get-out-of-my-sunlight" old philosopher Diogenes to pluck all the feathers off a live goose and throw the poor bird into the midst of the Academia, where Plato was discoursing to his disciples, with a placard on its back inscribed "Behold Plato's man!"

Nor would it appear (ourselv and reader of course excepted) that the turn which this old follower of the tub gave to the Platonic definition, although indeed a pun clothed in sarcasm, were wholly without its show of truth. Not that we would by any means assert that all men are geese; but that, using the familiar argumentum ad hominem of our well-beloved Atwater, we feel like saying, —not in a Midsummer Night's Dream,—but when in full possession of all our senses: "What fools these mortals be."

As our mind runs in this introductory line of illustration we recall an anecdote related by a distinguished divine, of a clergyman who read and emphasized the 27th verse of the 13th chapter of 1 Kings, as follows: "And he spake unto his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him." Now this was only a rhetorical mistake on the part of the sacred orator. Judging human nature, however, by some of its works we may easily see how that the mistake attributed to the sons of the prophet by the English divine through misplaced emphasis, might have been a mistake de facto.

There; we have insinuated, if we have not asserted, that mankind is made up of geese, fools, asses. And perhaps by this time you regard us as sort of a Summum Genus. Well, be it so. And the fact still remains that by his acts man proves himself to be a very short-sighted, fallible creature. It is human to err.

Man is ever making mistakes—great and most serious mistakes. Mistakes which vitally concern his own best interests as well as those of the community. Nor need we go to history for illustrations of the fact. We are not compelled to fall back upon the ante-deluvian period, the ancient world, the middle ages, for want of material whereby to maintain the position we have assumed. Neither are we forced to disentomb a cruel Pharo, a blood-thirsty Nero, or a despotic Napoleon. We need in this nineteenth century—this age of marvellous progress in every line of thought and activity, this era of boasted civilization—but to open our eyes and behold mistakes all around us.

The greatness of an error is not to be judged alone by its external character, or by the outward demonstrations or circumstances which may be attendant upon it, but by its results. He who slips on an Arctic ice field and breaks his neck makes
no greater mistake, so to speak, than he who does likewise on a misplaced banana peel. A wild and furious Niagara does far less mischief than the more silent flow of a Hoang-ho deluge. An ill-advised clause in our national constitution, if allowed to stand, might prove just as disastrous to the nation as a thirty years’ war; and things equal to the same thing are equal to each other.

To make a complete catalogue of modern mistakes would be an almost endless task. A consideration of only those that might be gathered from one sphere of human activity alone would take up a volume. The mistakes for instance of our student life. How many, how great, how serious! We only realize this when in after years we look back and behold wasted moments, neglected opportunities, unappreciated privileges.

But this is not within the scope of our essay. We propose to consider very briefly what we fain would call The Three Great Mistakes of our day. The subject is no new one indeed, but it is by no means so old as to be worn out. As long as the lion is at large “eternal vigilance” is the word. The errors are still deeply rooted in thousands of minds and hearts in this beloved land of ours, and their tendency is to ruin the individual, body and soul, to destroy the community and to overthrow the nation. The young men and youth of the country cannot understand these things too thoroughly, for at no distant day the important trust will be committed to their hands and the weighty responsibility placed upon their shoulders of preserving our union in its integrity, of defending the laws which uphold it and of establishing truth, justice and right.

First in order we would mention the so-called cause of

“PERSONAL LIBERTY.”

It is all a mistake, wrong from beginning to end. Founded upon error, pinnacled with delusion. Just as if there could be such a thing in this world of ours! But how significant the name! Personal Liberty! And personal comes from the Latin persona, which literally means a mask; and this in turn comes from an Arabic word meaning buffoonery, or anything ridiculous. What an unfortunate selection on the part of its devotees, yet how truthful! Furthermore a mask is a disguise and a subterfuge. Well! How does that look,—disguised liberty; or in plain terms, liberty in a false face. Still further a mask is a lie, and so is what they distinctively mis-name “personal liberty.”

According to Webster, liberty is the “ability to do as one pleases.” This definition was written for intelligent men and not for fools. The former persons know that in our world they do not have this ability—unless they please to do as the law directs—and yet they would regard it the height of folly to say that they do not have liberty. But the latter persons say, Yes, that is true liberty and we are bound to have it! Then they cry out, We discard and defy all law! Do you? Well then
for the sake of those around you please discard and defy the law of gravitation and jump to the moon from whence your insane notions must have come. But alas! poor slaves! they are chained down to earth by a power against which their puny strength can avail nothing.

Law and liberty are inseparable. They establish, maintain, promote each other. They rise or fall together. Behold the eagle, our glorious bird of freedom, as it soars from crag to crag and from peak to peak. What liberty it enjoys! And yet the eagle that would in some frenzy pluck out its wings, discarding them as its appointed means of motion, would certainly perish. So when fools cry for "personal liberty," we answer, You have made a great mistake; you cannot have it, in your sense, on this earth. When right-minded men ask for it we say, Yes, here it is in abundance.

But JAM SATUS for this time.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

ALUMNI PERSONALS.

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

'73. Rev. J. H. Hunsberger has resigned Christ's Church charge, Fayette, Seneca county, N. Y., after a pastorate of six years.

'75. While Rev. D. U. Wolff, of Myerstown, Penna., was driving to meet a train recently, his horse took fright, he was thrown from the sleigh in which he was riding, and in the fall one of his limbs was fractured below the knee.

'76. Rev. J. F. Butler has removed from Altamont, Ill., to Imogene, Fremont county, Iowa, he having accepted a call to take charge of Pleasant Valley Mission at the latter place.

'76. Rev. H. J. Welker, of Stouchsburg, Berks county, Pa., lately reopened Kimmerling's Church, located in his field. The interior walls of the building had been previously handsomely frescoed, the woodwork repainted and a new pulpit added. The edifice is now one of the finest of its kind in Lebanon county. This is the third church that has been either built or remodeled in the Tulpehocken charge since the beginning of Mr. Welker's pastorate.

'77. Rev. Charles H. Coon, a graduate of the Theological Department, who for six or seven years has had charge of the Y. M. C. A. work in the Charlestown District, Boston, Mass., has been associated with Rev. B. Fay Mills, the Evangelist, for the last four months in New England and several places in New York State. They lately closed a series of meetings in Philadelphia, held in a union of ten churches: three Presbyterian, one Baptist, two Methodist Episcopal, Christ Reformed Church, the Central Congregational Church, and one Lutheran Church,—all west of Broad and north of Spring Garden,—and Dr. Harper's Church at Broad and Green streets. The meetings were a great success in about seven hundred professed conversions that resulted from them,
and above all the quickening of these churches into new zeal and activity. To this end we are pleased to learn Mr. Coon contributed very largely by his conduct of the singing as well as his skill in the inquiry room. He has returned to Charlestown to close up the Y. M. C. A. work there, and thinks of entering a pastoral or evangelistic field.

'79. Rev. A. R. Thompson, a Theological Alumnus, having resigned the Stone Church charge, Northampton county, Pa., has accepted a call to the North River pastorate, Virginia, and has entered upon his duties there. His new P. O. address is, Meyerhöffer's Store, Rockingham county, Va.

'80. L. D. Bechtel, Esq., if our information is correct, is at present sojourning in California.

'83. George W. Wolfersberger has charge of the laboratory in one of the leading drug stores of Tiffin, Ohio.

'84. Rev. J. W. Meminger, of Lancaster, Penna., was substantially remembered by his congregation during the past Christmas season in the gift of a handsome gold watch, presented to him at the annual Sunday School Festival of his church.

'85. Rev. O. P. Schellhamer, pastor of Zion's Reformed Church, York, Pa., and Miss Annie R. Heinly, daughter of William Heinly, Esq., of Albany, Berks county, Pa., were united in marriage at the home of the bride, on Thursday morning, January 5, 1888. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large number of relatives and guests, by Rev. N. W. A. Helffrich, an Ursinus Theological Alumnus of '79, assisted by Rev. O. D. Miller.

Elaborate floral decorations, a sumptuous banquet and a large display of costly wedding presents were the pleasant accessories of this joyous event. The Bulletin bears to the happy pair the warm congratulations of many friends at Ursinus and Collegeville.

'86. We are glad to be able to state that Miss May Royer, who was reported seriously ill in our last issue, is at last slowly convalescing.

'86. Miss Ella B. Price, of Norristown, Pa., visited Ursinus at the opening of the present term.

GENERAL TOPICS.

The Value of Christian Colleges.

We remember that a minister of the Gospel, now passed away, said very emphatically that if he had money to invest he would invest it in men, meaning in properly educating them. Dr. Adoniram Judson once said to a friend as they were passing Madison University:—"If I had a thousand dollars, do you know what I would do with it?" "Yes," said his companion, "you would give it to Foreign Missions." Said Judson:—"I would give it to a Christian college like that." "Planting such colleges," said the missionary, "and filling them with religious students is raising seed corn for the world." While he was a most devoted missionary and gave largely of his means for the spread of the
Gospel among Jews and the heathen, he still had that rare breadth of vision which enabled him to see that there must be schools of higher learning in order that the supply of needed laborers might be adequate to the demand. The value of the Christian college to the cause of Christ is beyond our power to estimate.—*Exchange.*

WHERE OUR MEN OF LETTERS WERE EDUCATED.

With the aid of several manuals of modern literature we are able to give some statistics relating to the part taken by our universities and colleges in the education of the leaders in the American field of letters, which cannot but prove of interest to students as well as other readers. Of five hundred and fifty names of those who have created a distinctive American literature the large majority were college graduates. On examination we find that the great portion of this majority,—naturally indeed,—comes from the oldest institutions. Harvard has given the bachelor's degree to 111; Yale to 99; Princeton to 58; Dartmouth to 21; Brown to 21; Union to 20; King's (afterward Columbia) to 20; University of Pennsylvania to 19; Bowdoin to 16; Amherst to 16; Williams to 11, and Middlebury to 10.

Of our poets and novelists, Payne, Lowell, Adams, Holmes, Paine and Hale, took their degrees at Harvard; Willis, Percival, Hillhouse, Trumbull and Mitchell at Yale; Boker and Freneau at Princeton; Longfellow, Hawthorne and the Abbotts at Bowdoin; while Drake, Poe, Haleck, Morris, Whittier, Bryant, Read, Aldrich, Street, Whitman, Bret Harte, Holland, Howells, T. S. Arthur, Eggleston and Adams, were never graduated.

Among historians, biographers and essayists, Harvard prides herself on Sparks, Palfrey, Motley, Prescott, Bancroft, Ticknor, Thoreau and Emerson; leaving Marshall and Irving without college colors. With the lexicographers, legal authors, philosophers and theologians, Harvard does not fare so well, taking only Judge Story and Peabody. Yale's men under this head are, Webster, Worcester, Kent, Dwight, Edwards, Woolsey, Porter and Bushnell; Princeton's,—Wallace, Green, Barnes, the Alexanders, Cuyler and the Hodges; Williams',—Hopkins, Bascom and Chadbourne; Wesleyan,—Haven; and Bowdoin,—Smith.

REV. JEREMIAH H. GOOD, D. D.

By the death of the Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., Professor of Theology in the Reformed Seminary in Tiffin, Ohio, on January 25th,—of which many of our readers have learned through other sources,—not only the Synod he more directly served, but the entire church has suffered a serious loss. He had been so long connected with the Theological school located in Tiffin, and so ably filled its principal chair, that the two seemed to belong together. With a clear sense of his
great responsibilities as a leading trainer and educator of those who were to preach the Gospel of the grace and truth of God, and in full harmony with the evangelical standards of the church, it was his great aim to be faithful to the trust committed to him. In his private lectures and his numerous contributions to the periodicals of the church his loyalty to the faith he was pledged to teach and maintain was never doubtful or obscure. And now that he has been summoned by the Lord to rest from his labors on earth, his brethren will miss a brave and zealous fellow-workman, and lament their loss. We join them in deploring that loss, and in the prayer that the Lord may speedily direct them to another man as firm and bold in the good cause as our lamented departed brother and comrade in the "fight of faith."

THE CENTRAL INTER-COLLEGIATE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The second annual convention of the Central Inter-Collegiate Press Association was held in Parlor C of the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, on Saturday afternoon, January 28, 1888. President Carroll H. Sudler, of the Swarthmore Phainix, called the meeting to order and in the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer, the editor of the Ogontz Mosaic, Mr. Kemper Fullerton, of the Nassau Literary Magazine, acted as temporary Secretary.

The following delegates were found to be in attendance:—Messrs. Daniels and Fullerton of the Nassau Literary Magazine, of Princeton, Messrs. Hodge and Price of the Princetonian, Messrs. Sudler, Hayes and Stone of the Swarthmore Phainix, Messrs. Gebert and Ulrich of the Muhlenberg Monthly, Mr. England of the Haverfordian, Messrs. Musselman and Rupley of the College Student, of Franklin and Marshall, and Messrs. Bomberger and Derr of the Ursinus College Bulletin.

The Dickinsonian, the Philadelphian of Princeton, the Free Lance of Pennsylvania State College, and the Bulletin, were on application duly admitted to membership in the Association.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. Hodge; Vice-President, Mr. Gebert; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Stone; Executive Committee, Mr. Sudler, Chairman; Messrs. Fullerton, England, Musselman, and Hodge, ex-officio.

Mr. Musselman then read a paper on "The Editorial Department," and Mr. Stone followed with an essay on "The Local Department." General discussions ensued on each of these papers, as well as on a number of other subjects pertaining to college journalism, including "The Selection of Editors," "The Alumni Column," "College Wit" and "The Exchange Table." The remarks on the last named topic by Mr. Daniels, a Princeton delegate, were especially pointed and sensible. At the close of the speech-making, resolutions were adopted empowering the Secretary to transmit to the New England
College Press Association the fraternal greeting and best wishes of the convention, and also instructing him to send a copy of the Constitution to every college in the Central States. An amendment to the Constitution was then adopted, fixing the first Saturday in November as the time for future annual conventions, and the meeting on motion adjourned.

In furtherance of one of the objects of the Association, whose late annual convention is above reported, it is required that each college paper represented in the membership, shall, on dates fixed by the Executive Committee, send to every other journal in the Association a brief news letter, containing items of interest for publication concerning the institution from which the journal mailing the letter is issued. The BULLETIN acknowledges the receipt of the schedule of dates for these news letters, as prepared by the committee. Following it, we expect to hear from Haverford and Franklin and Marshall on February 20th.

The delay in the issuing of this number of the BULLETIN was occasioned by the death of Mrs. Bomberger, wife of the president of the College, an account of which is published in the supplementary pages.

EXCHANGES.

A number of our exchanges for December appeared in exceedingly attractive holiday garb. The design of the cover page of the Tavianian was especially tasteful and neat, and the appearance made by the Signal, the Crescent and the Pennsylvanian, thoroughly in keeping with the season and very pleasant to the eye. The contents of these issues of the publications named were also very appropriate and even more than ordinarily readable.

The College Visitor, from Catawba College (N. C.), completed its first volume with the December 1887 number. We congratulate it on the success it has achieved and wish it increased prosperity for the future.

We throw out the suggestion to the College Student, of Franklin and Marshall, that the make-up of its columns, good as it is, could be considerably improved by changing the position of its editorial department from the middle of each number to the opening pages. Were this done it would be found unnecessary to refer to the very poor expedient of dividing long articles into two parts,—inserting one on a front page, and the other back,—as was done with the contribution on “Angels” in the December issue,—in order to avoid the difficulty occasioned by matter that intrudes on the fixed place given to the editorials.

The Nassau Literary Magazine, the leading undergraduate publication at Princeton, has made its appearance on our exchange table. The December issue, with which it introduced itself, contained much that was interesting and entertaining, the Baird Prize Poem, on the theme “Paulinus,” meriting especial praise because of its correct metre and excellent thought. An editorial on “Examinations,” though right in the reform which it advocates, contains a paragraph with the sentiment of which we doubt whether many Princeton men will concur. It is as follows:

“It may be urged that a man should conscientiously keep pace with his required work and not give way to the habit of procrastination. There is some force in the objection, but then we must take human nature as it is. As long as it is possible to loaf during the term a large majority of the fellows will avail themselves of the privilege.”

From our knowledge of the unsurpassed reputation that Princeton deservedly holds in the educational world, we do not believe that her students are given the privilege of loafing during a term, nor, further, that the great majority of them would take advantage of such a license even were it offered them.
The Free Lance, from the Pennsylvania State College, is another of the new exchanges lately received. It is a spicy journal, well edited, well printed, and, from a financial statement that it published not long ago, prosperously managed.

We also acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of additional "new college exchanges," as follows:—The Dickinsonian, from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.; The Pharetra, from Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa.; Latell Leaves, from Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, Mass.; and Ogontz Mosaic, from the Ogontz School for Young Ladies, at Ogontz, Pa.

Circumstances again render it impossible for us to insert other exchange notices which we intended to publish in this issue.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

CONGREGATIONAL.

A new congregation of forty-five members has been organized at Saxton, Bedford county, Pa., Rev. I. N. Peightel pastor.

At Rushville, Fairfield county, O., a new church costing $5,000 was dedicated on January 8th. Almost the whole cost was paid by Elder J. J. Winegardner and wife. The congregation was organized a few years ago through their effort.

St. Paul's Church, at Reading, Rev. B. Baum- man, D. D., pastor, has raised $157,000 in fifteen years for congregational and benevolent purposes. During 1887 $10,500 was contributed toward the debt still resting on its church building, which cost $90,000.

The German church at Lima, O., dedicated free of debt a new house of worship on January 8th, which had been erected at a cost of $13,000. Rev. J. H. Stepler is pastor.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Pa., of which Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., is pastor, has undergone extensive renovation and improvement. The fresco is done in chaste colors and attractive designs. Semi-circular pews of ash, with walnut trimmings, have taken the place of the old, stiff back-breakers. The entire floor is covered with a bright ingrain carpet of small figure. The windows are shaded by inside blinds. A new chancel railing and pulpit, with other necessary appurtenances, make the plain sanc-
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