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PARTICULAR attention is called to the fact that the seven leading departments of instruction in the College are each in charge of a specialist, viz.: Philosophy, Mathematics, Greek, Latin, English, Hebrew, and Modern Languages. It is such specialization of instruction that yields the highest results in Collegiate training.

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REV. Henry W. Super, D.D., Vice President; Mathematics, Physics, Church History, and Homiletics.
J. Shelly Weinberger, A.M., (Yale), Greek Language and Literature.
Samuel Vernon Ruby, Esq., A. M., English Language and Literature, Aesthetics and Social Science.
REV. Francis Hendricks, A. M., (Union), Hebrew, History, and Biblical Archaeology.
REV. M. Peters, A. M., B. D., Modern Languages, Chemistry, and Natural History.
REV. George W. Stibitz, A. M., Ph.D., (Yale), Latin Language and Literature and Biblical Antiquities.
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CHRISTMAS holidays breed unrest within college walls, as elsewhere, long before their actual arrival. And beside being affected by the general unsettling of things common everywhere during the joyous season’s near approach, student-life is at the same time always additionally disturbed by the exciting influence of anticipated re-unions after weeks and months of necessary absence from home. With college men as a rule, the text-book seems most prone to grow monotonous during the last few weeks of the Fall term. Its pages then some-
times appear to have become entirely devoid of attraction and powerless to rivet the attention, and the temptation to brush them aside for the indulgence of delightful, day-dreaming expectations of “Yule-tide and the fireside,” is often well nigh irresistible.

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But right now, in this season of ennui for the student, is the time when perseverance pays. Every unrelaxing mental effort at the present moment will be amply rewarded, as well by gratifying additions to the toiler’s store of knowledge, as by the greater joy that follows anticipated pleasures when they have been preceded by tireless hard work. Therefore, stick at it. To the diligent student, time, indeed, flies fast.

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Another college foot-ball season has been brought to a close, and once again has the game written its unanswerable indictment in the record of a year. It is high time the faculties of some of our large and ostensibly cultured institutions of learning met this matter squarely in the face and took hold of it with an iron hand. Every dominant tendency of the sport, as now carried on in the academic world, is in many respects brutalizing and degrading. That an amusement so characterized is smilingly tolerated in what should be the best and most refined spheres of life in our enlightened day is marvelous indeed. The college foot-ball of the present time is but a revival of many of the disgusting features of
the public games of a half civilized age. A great mass of evidence could be gathered from the foot-ball "events" of the season just past that would conclusively substantiate this statement. But the details are unworthy the gleaning, and for present purposes a bare reference to them will suffice.

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The reports of recent "matches" that for several months have crowded the columns of newspapers, eager to pander to every popular fancy however deformed and harmful it may be, have been conspicuously marked by ill-suppressed accounts of painful accidents and shameful ruffianism. A history of the season's "great games" would be, in part, simply a deplorable account of broken and dislocated bones, maimings and injuries for life, and the lowest kinds of "prize-ring slugging." A foot-ball contest between the University of Pennsylvania and Lafayette College, at Easton, early in November, would have stirred with wild delight the barbarous instincts of spectators who, in a happily long distant age, were wont to crowd to gladiatorial contests in the amphitheatre at Rome. Eye-witnesses of that game said that the players "fought, and choked, and throttled" each other in the most disgraceful manner imaginable. When a man was thrown down he would frequently be "jumped upon and deliberately kicked in the face" and one player's "eye was terribly mutilated and gouged by a seal-ring that his opponent in the game wore for this very purpose." We doubt not that many persons who read the description of this "contest" were filled with wonder to know why the police authorities of Easton did not interfere and arrest every member of both elevens for rowdynam. In the return game at Philadelphia, between the students of these two institutions there was "plenty of fighting," "one member of the Lafayette team had his nose broken" and it was deemed necessary by the police authorities of the City to have fifty reserve officers at the grounds, "ready to rush upon the field" in case of the actual occurrence of an anticipated riot.

After the game between the Lehigh and Lafayette teams, about the middle of the same month, three members of the former organization were taken to St. Luke's Hospital, badly injured, one indeed, it was feared seriously and for life. In a "rough match" between Yale and Cornell, on November 9th, the New Haven "men used their fists frequently and slugged unreasonably" (!) and as the result, three of the Ithaca players were badly "disabled." At Carlisle, on October 30th, the Press says "the Franklin and Marshall College team met the Dickinson College eleven and were defeated by a score of 10 to 0. The only accidents were a dislocated knee and a broken nose on the part of the Lancasterians."* Other equally deplorable incidents of contests in which Princeton and other colleges, also, figured, might be cited by the score, but we desist. Those given fully prove the character and tendency of the game. And yet they exhibit only one phase of the harm it is doing in many of our lead-

* The cheerful nonchalance of this report is among foot-ball men a highly-prized indication of a gloriously intrepid spirit under adverse circumstances!
ing schools of learning. The vast influence it has of late exerted in distracting the student's attention from his proper and legitimate work, condemns it just as strongly. In this direction as in the other, its benefits are as nothing when compared with its evils; and these latter have become so obtrusive and apparent within the last few months that there is no longer any excuse for those in authority who shall continue to look upon them with cool indifference.

A circular letter recently sent out in the interests of the Bulletin's subscription list has met with a most gratifying response. Answers to it have been received by the score, and with but few exceptions they have been accompanied by remittances. A number of friends have made the letter the occasion for testifying to their entire confidence in the permanent establishment of Ursinus, by paying their subscriptions several years in advance, one in the list being credited to July, 1898. And, then, in a manner more welcome even than the remittances, have been the many warm words of interest and encouragement that have come with them from all sides. One esteemed reader expresses his approval of the fact that the Bulletin continues to "talk Excelsior"; another after referring to the pride he feels in its progress and improvement, says that to him it "reads very much like a letter from home"; another states he peruses it "with great pleasure" and that it does him "much good to hear from the college and those connected with it;" another writes strong words of assurance of his high "appreciation of our magazine;" and many more send similar letters full of sincere appreciation and good will. Such spontaneous expressions do not fail of good effect. On the contrary they are earnest spurs to renewed energy and effort in the line of improvement.

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In selecting a suitable weapon for effective work in an intellectual onslaught, the careful critic should always eye with distrust a proposition that is sharp at both ends and bent in the middle. Instruments of mental warfare modeled on this plan, may when used suddenly develop all the treacherous qualities of a two-edged boomerang, an article whose most unpleasant characteristic lies just here, that if by chance it misses the mark it is apt to hit the marksman. Writers of foresight have consequently found all propositions fashioned in this way better adapted to the quiet repose of the waste-basket than the restless activity of the newspaper column. Others who have been less cautious, still live to repent the folly of their indiscretion. Therefore, the moral: Never try to Shoot an Obnoxious Crow until you Know of a Surety which End of your Gun is Loaded.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

EBRARD.

SECOND YAHRESFEST.

On Friday evening, November 22d, Die Ebrard Literarische Gesellschaft held its second Yahresfest in the College Chapel. Although the weather was quite unfavorable, a very fair audience assembled by the time for opening the exercises.
To the music of a march by the orchestra, the Faculty, speakers and societies entered in a body. The evening's programme in detail was as follows:

**Vorsitz**

Calvin D. Yost, '91, McKeansburg, Pa.

**Musik**

"Adventure March." Hoch

**Gebet**


**Musik**

"Emma Waltzes," Boyer

**Grussrede**


**Festrede**

Peter Ellsworth Heimer, '91, Nazareth, Pa.

"Die Gleichgueltigkeit unseres Zeitalters."

**Musik**

Carl "Cardinal March."

**Gedachtnissrede**

C. P. Kehl, '90, East Greenville, Pa.

"Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse."

**Musik**

Ferrazzi "Floral Schottische."

**Ebrard-Rede**

Granville H. Meixell, '90, Bethlehem, Pa.

"Die Eitelkeit des menschlichen Vorhabens."

**Musik**

"On Deck." Sailor

**Segen**

Ehrw. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D., LL.D.

The entire literary programme was given, as announced, in the German language. All the orations were of high order, and the speakers did great credit to the society represented as well, at the same time, as to the German department of the College. Many were surprised at the accuracy and fluency with which the performers used the German tongue, and should the future celebrations of the Society be of the same standard as the first and second, its friends and those interested in the cultivation of the German language at Ursinus can always look forward to each year's Yahresfest with pride and pleasure.

The music which was furnished by the College orchestra, of which Mr. I. C. Williams is now director, was also highly appreciated. The musicians all seemed in perfect trim, and their excellent rendition of their part of the programme drew forth several hearty encores. It may be truthfully said that there never was an orchestra composed of the students of Ursinus better qualified for successful work in instrumental music.

**SCHAFF.**

**NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMME.**

The Nineteenth Anniversary of the Schaff Literary Society will take place on Thursday evening, December 19th. Owing to the large attendance usual on such occasions and the limited seating capacity of the college chapel, the exercises this year will be held in Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville. Many preparations are under way toward making the occasion a notable one. Dreka, of Philadelphia, is preparing the invitations. Music will be furnished by the Ursinus College Orchestra, led by Mr. Williams. The speakers, who are now earnestly engaged on their orations, will appear as follows:

**Spatutory**

J. Manton Mensch, '91

**First Oration**

William R. Smith, '91

**Second Oration**

Horace T. Wagner, '91

**Third Oration**

Jay G. Francis, '91

**Eulogy**

Robert G. Magee, '90

**Schaff Oration**

Edward S. Bromer, '90

All the friends of the society and the college are cordially requested to be present. A full report of the event may be expected in the future columns of the Bulletin.
ZWINGLIAN.

COLONEL BAIN'S LECTURE.

According to the announcement in our last issue, Col. Geo. W. Bain, of Lexington, Kentucky, delivered his lecture entitled, "Among the Masses," on Tuesday evening, November 12th, in the college chapel under the auspices of the Zwinglian Society.

After an instrumental solo by Mr. Martin Fritsch, Colonel Bain was introduced to a large and eager audience by Mr. Frank B. Miller, '91, chairman of the evening. The speaker captivated his hearers at the very beginning of his lecture, and held their unwavering attention to its close. The substance of his address was highly instructive and entertaining, sparkling with bright sallies of wit and humor; his style was clear and concise; and his delivery was pleasing. To be brief, the occasion was a success in every respect, and the Zwinglian members may well congratulate themselves on its outcome. We feel confident that every one who heard Colonel Bain was well pleased and satisfied, and would come to hear him again should an opportunity be presented. He was declared one of the very best of lecturers by those who have heard many of the ablest speakers on the platform and who are highly capable of passing correct judgment in the matter. In reporting the lecture our esteemed exchange, the Independent, said: "Col. Bain has a big heart and it seems to beat in unison with all that is good in humankind from serf to king, with all that is noble in man and woman. Col. Bain, like a true philosopher, sees greatness where many shallow thinkers in the shape of popular orators are unable to see it at all. In all that inspires goodness, the appreciation of the beautiful in life and Nature, and in all that tends to elevate mortals to higher grounds of thought and action, charity and wisdom, Col. Bain stands head and shoulders above any lecturer we have ever heard."

ZWINGLIAN OFFICERS.

At a recent meeting of this Society the following officers were elected: President, Frank B. Miller; Vice-President, L. F. Wagner; Recording Secretary, G. W. Royer; Corresponding Secretary, Wm. Yenser; Treasurer, W. H. Kern; Critic, H. E. Jones; Editor, T. E. Kalbach; Chaplain, H. J. Welker; Curator, H. S. Morganthal; Marshal, W. L. Bassler.

OLEVIAN NEWS.

The Olevian Literary Society is making arrangements for an Elocutionary Entertainment some time in February, 1890. The time will be stated more definitely later on.

The officers of the Society are as follows: President, Miss Preston; Vice-President, Miss Williams; Recording Secretary, Miss Hendricks; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Shuler; Treasurer, Miss Bechtel; Editor, Miss Ada Schwenk; Critic, Miss VanderSlice; Chaplain, Miss Curdy.

Vice-President Super filled St. Luke's pulpit on Sunday, November 17th, and also preached the Thanksgiving day sermon in Trinity church at the union services of the Trappe and Collegeville Reformed congregations.
NEWS ABOUT COLLEGE.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The Y. M. C. A. “Week of Prayer” for colleges (November 11th to 16th), was observed in the usual way at Ursinus. President Bomberger opened the services on Monday evening, choosing as his subject “Courage better than Numbers.” On Tuesday night Colonel Bain gave his lecture “Among the Masses,” which, though not under the auspices of the college Y. M. C. A., proved a proper thing in the right place. The special services were resumed on Wednesday evening by Dr. Stibitz, who spoke on “True Christianity;” Thursday night Rev. Henry T. Spangler spoke on “True Friendship;” Friday evening Rev. Charles H. Coon, of Philadelphia, on “Is it Nothing to You;” and Saturday evening, Rev. Mr. Kretschmann, of Trappe, on “Prayer.”

The meetings were well attended and were filled with much pleasurable profit. The students generally showed no lack of interest in them. If their zeal in the cause of the Y. M. C. A. may be measured by the regularity of their presence at the services of the “Week of Prayer,” Ursinus will find no reason to complain of poor work in this direction.

MEDICAL TALK.

Dr. Mosteller continues to give his talks to the students for the imparting of useful medical information. His recent topics were, “Food and its Assimilation,” and “The Excretions of the Body.” His practical methods of treating his subjects add interest and instruction to what he has to say.

1890’S ELOQUENCE.

The Seniors are still engaged in “spreading themselves,” oratorically. Since our last issue the following themes have been discussed by them: “Influence of Faith on Character,” Charles H. Slinghoff; “Be what You should Be,” Paul M. Spangler; “Evils of American Society,” C. H. Brandt; “Our National Thanksgiving,” H. E. Kilmer; “The Financial Progress of our Country,” W. F. Ruff; “Love of Country,” W. H. Loose, and “The Importance of Little Things,” Ralph Royer. Several members of the class were excused from speaking because of their work as performers on the anniversary programmes of the Ebrard and Schaff societies.

BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY.

Thus far during the current term thirty-two volumes have been added to the Schaff branch of the college library. Twelve of them were purchased by the society, and the balance was presented by Rev. J. H. Shuford, ’74, of Middlebrook, Va. The books bought by the society are:—

Epictetus; The Intellectual Life, by Hamberton; Geike’s Life and Words of Christ; Zenobia, or the Fall of Palmyra; Rebekah, Historical Novel, by Jones; McCarthy’s Short History of Ireland; Wandering Jew; Talmage’s Life and Sermons; Utopia, by More; Land of the Pueblos, by Mrs. Wallace; Curious Myths, by Baring-Gould; and De Quincy’s Confessions of an Opium Eater.

Those presented by Mr. Shuford, are:—

Schaff-Lange Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles; Owen’s Works, three volumes; Shakespeare’s Works; The Brooklyn Tabernacle Sermons by Talmage; McIlvain’s Evidence of Christianity; Kirkland’s History of France; Hershey’s Infidelity a Failure; Mos-
henn's Church History, two volumes; The National Preacher, three volumes; Neander's Life of Christ; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation, four volumes; and Horne's Introduction to the Holy Scriptures.

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SERMONS BY THEOLOGUES.

Mr. Joseph W. Bell and N. W. Sechler both filled pulpits on Sunday, October 20th, the former preaching at the Phoenixville Mission and the latter at Limerick Square. The Sabbath following, Mr. A. H. Hibshman supplied St. Luke's congregation at Trappe, and W. H. Wotring the charge at Durham, Pa. On the first Lord's day in November, Mr. C. B. Alspach preached in Trinity Reformed church, Norristown, and on November 10th the same pulpit was occupied by Mr. A. H. Hibshman. Mr. H. A. I. Benner preached at Skippackville, Pa., on the evening of Tuesday, November 5th.

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PROF. WEINBERGER'S NEW HOME.

During the last week in October Prof. J. Shelly Weinberger and family moved from their old home, known so long in college circles as "Glen Farm," into the elegant modern house on the main street of Collegeville, that during several months previous had undergone a very thorough course of preparation for their coming. The residence is now one of the handsomest and best appointed in town. That this attractive habitation may shelter its new occupants for many long and happy years, is the cordial wish of their numerous Ursinus friends.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Prof. Peters gave his second "Bible Talk" of the term in the Y. M. C. A. Room, on Sunday, November 3d. His subject was, "The Bible an Interesting Book for Young Men."

On October 27th, President Bomberger preached the dedicatory sermon of St. John's Reformed church, Slat­ington, Pa.

Messrs. H. A. I. Benner, Henry Tesnow, H. E. Kilmer, and J. Howard Johnson were the delegates elected by the Young Men's Prohibition League of Ursinus to the State Convention of Prohibition Clubs, held in Association Hall, Philadelphia, on November 1st.

The College Orchestra supplied the music at the anniversary of the Penn Literary Society of Schwenksville on the evening of Saturday, the 2d ult.

Prof. Stibitz preached in Trinity church, Collegeville, on the second Sabbath of last month.

The County Institute at Norristown, held the latter part of October, drew quite a large number of students to that place at different times during the week it was in session.

I. F. Wagner, '91, was called home recently, to attend the funeral of his aunt.

W. H. Loose, '90, spent a few days not long since at Reading and his home in Myerstown.

'77. Rev. Charles H. Coon, who for some time previous had been serving very acceptably as assistant to Rev. Dr. Klopp, late of Trinity Reformed church, Philadelphia, was recently elected to the full pastorate of that congregation, made vacant by the Doctor's recent acceptance of the call to Lebanon.
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, Montg. Co., Pa.]

'73. The Financial Agent of the College, Rev. Henry T. Spangler, has consented to take charge of St. Luke's Reformed church, Trappe. He was pastor of this congregation when called to the special work for the College in which he has been engaged for three years. It is gratifying to know that the consistory of the church has agreed in advance to grant him sufficient time off his pastoral labors to keep the college finances in a healthy and thrifty condition.

'76. Rev. A. B. Markley, who has been engaged in the work of the Lutheran ministry for several years past at Jonestown, Lebanon County, Pa., has accepted a call from St. Mark's Lutheran church of Bethlehem.

'76. Rev. F. C. Yost, has settled with his family in his new field of labor at Phoenixville, Pa. On Tuesday evening, October 15th, just before Mr. Yost took his departure from his old charge at Milton, the members of the congregation there gave the pastor and his family a very happy and gratifying testimonial of their affection in the form of a gathering at the parsonage, for farewell greeting, at which many strong evidences of warm good feeling were displayed. The pastorate of seven years thus pleasantly closed was attended with much bright success. During these years a divided people became united; a membership of 140 steadily grew until it reached its present enrollment of 340; a new and beautiful church was erected, with the congregation, so far as it has gone in the work, free of indebtedness; and, above all, the spiritual life of the people was quickened and strengthened.

'78. Henry A. Mathieu, Esq., and Miss Melvina L. Wischman, both of Philadelphia, entered into the bonds of marriage on Tuesday evening, October 29th. The bride is a most estimable lady. Her father, Mr. Herman Wischman, is a prosperous and highly respected Philadelphia business man, being Secretary and Treasurer of the Integrity Title Insurance, Trust and Safe Deposit Company of that city. The groom, who will be kindly remembered by many students of Ursinus, is a member of the Philadelphia Bar, and is also engaged in successful commercial pursuits. The newly-wedded couple have the cordial congratulations of the BULLETIN and its earnest desires that their voyage through life may be a long and pleasant passage over pleasant seas, under bright and smiling skies. The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Mathieu is No. 2418 Marshall Street, Philadelphia.

'78. Mr. M. M. Lenhart has become a well-established and substantial business man in his native town of Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

'79. Rev. D. M. Christman, formerly of Baltimore, Ohio, has been duly elected and installed in the Mt. Eaton charge in the same State.

'85. Rev. Joseph L. Murphy, of Maiden, North Carolina, has led an unusually busy pastoral life since he left Ursinus, and his diligence has been rewarded by many gratifying
results. From the time he began work in his present field of labor to the present a church and a parsonage have been built within his charge, and his people are now remodeling a second house of worship and preparing to build a third. Throughout this period of assiduous labor he has lost none of his lively interest in the welfare of his Alma Mater. May prosperity continue to attend his efforts.

'85-'86. Rev. Samuel H. Phillips, '85, and Rev. E. C. Hibshman, '86, have returned to their congregations from their journey to the Holy Land, both in excellent health and spirits, and enthusiastic over the great pleasure and profit they derived from their pilgrimage. They were absent but a few days short of three months.


'89. Rev. Samuel A. Hitner, a graduate of the theological department of the college, is meeting with encouraging success as pastor of the Bangor (Penna.) charge. The church in Bangor after undergoing thorough renovations that included the frescoing of the walls in beautiful, chaste style, was re-opened with suitable services on November 24th, President Bomberger preaching morning and evening. The attendance was large, and the congregation gave evidence of hearty interest in their work. The other congregation of the charge, Flicksville, about two miles west of Bangor, where services were held in the afternoon, gave similar proof of prosperity.

GENERAL TOPICS.

TEN REASONS FOR A COLLEGE THANKSGIVING.

More than ten. Just ten might, of course, be given; but if those assigned be good ones they will be enough "for practical purposes," and if poor, the number might be advantageously reduced. From among the many offering, such shall be naturally selected as seem to apply best to our own Ursinus, and may prove most suggestive of gratefully stimulating sentiments to its friends and its Alumni in facto as well as to those in futuro.

And though this year's "Thanksgiving" will have passed by the time this number of the Bulletin reaches its favoring—and favored (?)—patrons, our ex post facto plea may still be admitted to a hearing in court, either in justification of our observance of the day, or as suggesting suitable afterthoughts for future use.

For a College of the Teutonic name and affinities of Ursinus the annual American Thanksgiving is a most congenial institution in its concept, aim and celebration. Love for the main purpose and matter of it has been not only historically but cordially inherited from our "German Pilgrim Fathers." In substance and spirit they had and kept the day before the noble New England or Puritan Pilgrim Fathers were born. Mostly they called it by another name—Ernste-Fest,—but the Thanksgiving idea was ever combined with it, and, generally ex-
pressed, always emphasized it in their appropriate religious services.

The time of its observance was some two or three months earlier than that of our American festival. This was because their staple year's harvest came earlier. Their chief thought and mode in observing it differed from those of our National Thanksgiving in being more strictly spiritual or, perhaps, ecclesiastical, and less ruled and animated by the domestic, social element. Besides, the Germans made much less account of gastronomically joyous family feasting on the happy day. It was not a day of sumptuous dinners with savory roasts of turkeys or ducks, or russet dishes of baked pork and beans fringed with fresh pumpkin pies and plates of nicely cracked American shell-barks.

In these respects the American institution would be no doubt voted by a large majority of both old and young folks (especially the latter) as an improvement. The Bulletin don't demur; indeed, in this case, rather goes with the majority,—not so much for the dinner's sake, as because it heartily approves of the religious prominence given to the domestic joyous aspect and aim of the festival. At the same time, however, the Bulletin thinks that a harmonious union of both modes, with due but cheerful predominance of the devout, would make our Thanksgivings as perfect as human things on earth are ever likely to be. There is always danger of savory dinners and social cheer running down devotion.

But,—pardon friends,—the Bulletin has not forgotten about that half-score of promised reasons. You shall have them now, though in somewhat abbreviated form after the above spontaneously extended prologue.

Our College, then, including all who unite in calling it ours, had reason to heartily join in the Thanksgiving spirit and sentiments, because:

I. Its founders were moved to engage in the work by the most worthy considerations and under the constraint of strong convictions of Christian duty. It was no sudden impulse that seized them—simply to start another college, for the reputation they might thus gain; no secular local interest that prompted them to improve their neighborhood, increase the value of real estate, or otherwise secure some temporal advantage for themselves and their posterity.

Neither were they instigated by any mere partisan feelings, in the narrower, selfish sense, inspired by zeal for a scheme, or philosophy, or novel notions of their own of any sort. Their faith was no new creed of their own device, but simply that of the Gospel found a solution, by their fathers. That faith they felt summoned to vindicate and maintain by proper educational means against measures which were undermining and so imperilling it.

A faithful honestly written history of the times and circumstances in and under which the Founders of Ursinus College began their work would fully confirm these assertions. This is not the place or occasion for presenting the facts of such a history, though it will probably some day be given as an exact transcript of actual events, and not as a Tallyrandic word-picture intended to conceal and travesty the truth. For this the boys of Ursi-
have good reason to join their Fathers as often as Thanksgivings call them to services of gratitude and praise.

II. As a natural consequence of the preceding fact, the College entered upon its work with clearly defined principles which served as powerful incentives and safe guides in the prosecution of its mission. Though it started in a storm it built on a rock. And although often harassed in its work, the impetus of a firm intelligent faith in its old tried principles prevailed, under Providence, against the devices and violence of opposition. By the remembrance of this marked feature and fixed character in the establishment and history of Ursinus, its friends and all who have shared or are enjoying the moral advantages involved, should feel prompted to rejoice at each successive Thanksgiving. It is one of the elements essential to proper vitality and vigor in any college, consciously to possess in true and worthy principles a fee-simple deed and a charter-right to be and to do, which no challenge or denunciation can annul.

III. A further reason favoring our plea is furnished by the successful progress made by the College since its foundation. The real extent and significance of this progress can, of course, be discerned by comparative measurement with more closely related surroundings. The peculiarly adverse influences encountered, and their temporary effect, financial and academic, must also be taken into account. In the history of the Reformed Church at least they were, to put it softly, extraordinary. This should be remembered, that all who have part in the cheering results thus far may let their hearts pour forth appropriate grateful praise to Him who has so greatly blessed the school. His favor shown is not only an endorsement of its principles and aims, but a powerful incentive to fidelity to those aims and principles.

IV. The light of that favor not only served to guide and encourage in the past. It projects its rays into the future, so as to illumine the way for further advancement. Ursinus College, with all who are glad to be represented by the escutcheon bearing that honored name, has ever believed in progress and fostered the spirit of development. Only it has been insisted that this must be in line with the true past and real advancement.

Much of the stir and ado of the present day is either a Dervish dance in circles, or the Shaking Quaker exercises of parties arranged in parallel ranks, facing and bowing to each other, or of galvanized repristinations. Things and thoughts and theories are not new because they utter strange noises or put on old Greek or Roman gaits and airs. Ursinus means by progress—"forward march,"—not backward, and this under the command and lead of the Captain of the Salvation, not of modern pantheising philosophies and the wild hyper-criticism to which Dr. Farrar and others would command all less learned Christians deferentially to bow. That our College planted itself on this theory of progress and seeks to develop it, supplies occasion for thanksgiving.

V. For the good the College has been instrumental in doing, and is continuing to do, especially through
the efficient labors of those whom it educationally equipped for their life-work in the ministry of the Gospel and other worthy callings, there is great cause for gratitude. Such not only are true to the highest ends of being and benefactors of their race, but by their loving and loyal fidelity to the school for the sake of its principles and work, reflect honor upon it, and do their part towards augmenting its influence for good by causing others to recognize and honor it. So here is another cause for thankfulness.

And yet but half the reasons pledged and promised have been given, and the allotted space for them is exhausted. What shall be done with the other five? Only two ways of disposing of them seem to offer. They may be put under and between the lines already written (by an invisible fluid), after the subsoil fashion of some nineteenth century philosophies and hermeneutics. Or they may be laid over for future use.

The latter method is more to the Bulletin’s mind.

EDUCATION AND FAITH.

The college rolls show no growing tendency to infidelity in the coming generation of educated men, however it may be with the uneducated masses. In Princeton College over one-half of the students are communicants in some church; in Yale, nearly one-half; in Williams, over one-half; in Amherst, about two-thirds. If those trained to think give character to their times, the outlook for the coming generation is exceedingly hopeful.—Exchange.

PHILLIPS BROOKS AND THE EPISCOPAL PRAYER-BOOK.

Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks, the noted Boston preacher, in a recent sermon delivered in that city on the work of the late Episcopal Convention in New York, “created quite a stir in his audience by advocating prayer meetings in this denomination, in which the worshippers could speak from the experience of the heart without being confined to their Prayer-books. He called attention to the changes in social life and thought that had sprung up since the present Episcopal Prayer-book was conceived and formulated, and argued that the Church had lost ground in not recognizing that fact.”

“Things which were acceptable to the mother Church in England,” said he, “are unsuitable to the growing Church in America. There have been things put into the Prayer-book whose application grows less clear in our day than in the past, and there are things in it that never would have been put there if subjected to the judgment and religious inspiration growing out of the present time and existing aims. The conditions and growth of this country should be considered in this connection, for America is greater than other lands not only in material development and resources, but in prospective moral and intellectual advance. We should be bound by no narrow construction of the past in construing the rights and obligations of the great Church life of the present.”

“We need to have more flexibility in our Prayer-book. There should be in the Church more extemporaneous utterances, and the religious express-
ions adapted to special occasions should be wholly fitting ones rather than some that are selected from the Prayer-book mainly because they are the nearest that can be found there to apply to these occasions. The Church should be liturgical, but not wholly liturgical. By relying too constantly on the formulated expressions in the Prayer-book we are in danger of losing wholly the power of spontaneous expression. Nothing would be more edifying than a prayer-meeting in which those present should pour out their religious thoughts and emotions in extemporaneous and unstudied utterances.”

Small wonder is it that utterances like these, coming from such a source, created a stir among all who heard them. Nor would it be a remarkable thing were it discovered that the speaker’s words caused many an intellectual shock in numerous other “audiences,” larger or smaller, that since then have mentally listened to their clear and resonant echo. Gloriously strange things, in truth, are transpiring in these latter days.

C. I. C. P. A.

The fourth annual convention of the Central Inter-Collegiate Press Association was held at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, on Saturday, November 2d. A goodly number of delegates were in attendance at the meeting and much interesting business was transacted. Several entertaining papers on various topics relating to college journalism were read and discussed and an enjoyable banquet was partaken of. It was decided to hold hereafter two conventions each year, on the first Saturday of the months of October and March. The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, Josiah H. Penniman; Vice-President, R. W. Illingworth; Secretary and Treasurer, J. S. Van Cleve; Executive Committee, W. C. Sproul, Chairman; D. M. Jones, E. M. Angell, J. M. Walker and the President, ex-officio.

EXCHANGE NOTES.

The Swarthmore Phoenix has just sustained a great loss in the death of its able Editor-in-chief, Edgar Allen Brown.

The Pennsylvania College Monthly puts in a somewhat tardy appearance, but is characterized by an abundance of good reading. A contribution in its pages on “The Genius of Bunyan” contains the following striking sentences: “His fancy was quick to catch resemblances, glittering like a spiral electric chain about the outer circle of the thought, illuminating, yet never piercing. His imagination was full of an angel gladness, often catching the ‘still small voice’ from the twilight hills softly singing of brighter lands beyond the skies.”

The Roanoke Collegian is the organ of Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia. It maintains by intrinsic merit its high rank among its associates. It publishes numerous well written articles, and we shall be pleased to include it in our exchange list.

We are highly gratified to note that the Wooster Collegian came to resurrection with vigor renewed for its rest, and trust it will meet its pledges faithfully. The October number gives strong assurance that the paper will fulfill its promises in a very satisfactory manner.
The University Mirror comes to us in a new robe, which, while quite unique, is a very model of neatness. We are pleased to see that hazing is a thing of the past also at Bucknell, and that "this prehistoric custom has been put under ban" by the students of that institution.

Right welcome to our sanctum is Salmagundi, the bright and entertaining journal of the students of The Philadelphia Seminary on Broad street, that city.

"Many a man adheres to a political party not because of any special principles which it maintains, but simply because his ancestors belonged to it. To question the intelligence of such men would not change the fact, or convince them of their error. Therefore we forbear. But it is proper to affirm that a slave to party belittles himself by looking at his party as a real object that deserves his devotion whereas it is merely an instrument for promoting the best interests of himself and of society at large. Party is nothing, principle is everything."—Dickinson Liberal.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

CONGREGATIONAL.

On September 15th, the bell of the church at Lewistown, Schuylkill County, Pa., was dedicated. The Reformed pastor, Rev. H. A. Frantz, of Tamaqua, and the Lutheran pastor were assisted by Rev. H. T. Spangler, who made appropriate remarks. The church was erected a few years ago and is a fine building.

The corner-stone of the new Reformed church at Chicago Junction, Ohio, was duly laid on September 21st.

The corner-stone of the new Reformed church at Bucyrus, Ohio, was laid on Sunday, October 14th. The services were conducted and the stone laid by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Rettig, assisted by several other ministers. The new church is to take the place of the old one which was demolished.

The new church of the Reformed German congregation at South Kaukauna, Wisconsin, was dedicated on Sunday, October 20th. The church is 36 x 60 feet in size with a steeple 102 feet high.

Emanuel's Reformed church of the Bluffton charge, Indiana, was re-dedicated on Sunday, October 20th, after having been thoroughly repaired and beautified at a cost of $500. Rev. W. H. Xanders, is the pastor.

On Sunday, October 20th, St. John's Reformed church at Chambersburg, was dedicated. On Thursday and Friday evenings before the dedication, Rev. C. Clever, D.D., of Baltimore preached, and on Saturday evening the pulpit was occupied by Rev. W. C. Cremer, of Zion's Reformed church, Chambersburg. On Sunday, sermons in English and German were preached by Rev. J. B. Shontz, stated that the cost of the church was $6,970, all of which was raised by pledges and a collection before the ceremony of dedication was performed.

The corner-stone of the new Grace Reformed church, at the corner of Eleventh and Huntington streets, Philadelphia, was laid Sunday, October 20th. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Bomberger, Dr. Jas. I. Good, and Rev. J. H. Schelker. The services were conducted by the pastor of the congregation, Rev. S. U. Snyder. The congregation under the pasteurship of Mr. Snyder, has developed into a very prosperous religious body. The new building will have a front of 68½ feet on Huntington street, and will extend 80 feet South along Eleventh. The proposition is to complete only the first story for the present. On this floor will be the Sunday-school and class-rooms, which can be used for congregational purposes. The upper portion will be used as the main auditorium, with a seating capacity of 750. The cost of the entire structure, which will be brick with brown-stone trimmings, is placed at $25,000.

A very neat and comfortable new church, 32 x 45 feet in size, was consecrated on Sunday,
November 3d, free of debt, at Fisher's Hill, Va., Rev. A. C. Snyder, pastor.

The cornerstone of St. Paul's Reformed and Lutheran church at Slatedale, Lehigh County, Pa., was laid with appropriate services on Sunday, November 3d, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Among the ministers in attendance was the Reformed pastor, Rev. N. F. Peters, of Slaton. The church will be of brick, 40 x 70 feet in size.

SYNDICAL.

The Eastern Synod met in Zion's Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., October 16-22d, with Rev. J. M. Titzel, D. D., Lancaster, Pa., as President. The following are the statistics of the Synod:—Ministers, 236; congregations, 405; members, 84,216; unconfirmed members, 46,655; baptisms—infant, 5,876, adult 512; number confirmed, 4,453; received by certificate, 2,015; communed, 67,593; dismissed, 1,006; excommunicated, 3; erased, 783; deaths, 2,424; Sunday-schools, 556; teachers and officers, 1,120; scholars, 56,647; students for the ministry, 108; contributed for benevolent purposes, $71,433; congregational purposes, $314,683.

The statistics of the Pittsburgh Synod are as follows:—Classes, 5; ministers, 64; congregations, 131; members, 14,092; unconfirmed members, 8,514; baptisms—infant, 789; adult, 52; confirmed, 657; received by certificate, 472; communed, 11,072; dismissed, 347; excommunicated, 3; erasures, 111; deaths, 234; Sunday-schools, 111; Sunday-school scholars, 8,587; students for the ministry, 14; contributions for benevolent purposes, $10,711; for home purposes, $66,003.

The Synod of the Interior met in Forrestd, Ills. Rev. D. B. Shuey, Emporia, Kan., was elected President. The statistics of the Synod are:—Classes, 4; ministers, 36; congregations, 66; members, 2,793; unconfirmed members, 1,703; baptisms—infant, 151; adults, 84; additions—confirmed, 166; by certificate and reprofession, 149; number confirmed, 2,661; dismissed, 71; erased, 70; deaths, 31; Sunday-schools, 57; officers and teachers, (partially reported) 288; Sunday-school scholars, 2,776; students for the ministry, 6; benevolent contributions, $27,120.66; congregational contributions, $18,621.10.

MINISTERIAL.


Coon, Charles H., elected pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Diehm, W., resigned the Storm Lake charge, Iowa.

Dietz, Tilghman K., address changed from New Berlin, Pa., to Shippensburg, Cumberland County, Pa.

Engleman, G. Hilbert, elected pastor at Rising Sun, Indiana.

Everhart, George, accepts call to Shepherdstown, W. Va.

Hahn, F. B., Cleveland, Ohio, accepts call to St. Paul's Reformed Church, Kutztown, Pa.

Hassler, Edgar S., address changed from Braddock, Pa., to Turtle Creek, Allegheny County, Pa.

Kessler, Tobias, Allentown, Pa., elected pastor of the Rittersville Congregation, served by the late Dr. Loos.

Meier, H. A., Dayton, Ohio, elected Professor of Theology in the Mission House, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Reiter, D. H., address changed from Manchester, Mich., to Vicksburg, Kalamazoo County, Mich.

Schwarz, L., address changed from Boston, to Corey Hill, Brookline, Mass.


Strassner, F., resigns Orrville charge, Ohio, and accepts call to German Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Toensmeier, A., address changed from Ironton, to Toledo, Ohio.

Vollmar, Phillip, of the Presbyterian Church accepts call to St. Paul's (German) Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Wiener, Herman, Licentiate, elected pastor at Glassboro, N. J.
BOOK AND LITERARY NOTICES.

[In noticing Books the Bulletin is not limited to such only as are received for that purpose from the publishers. For sufficient reasons others may be mentioned favorably or unfavorably, according to the Bulletin’s estimate of their merits.]

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