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A NOther Fall term will soon have passed into the annals of Ursinus, and our students are already looking forward with pleasure to one more Christmas vacation. The present session contained peculiar interest for all about the College, such as was never before enjoyed in the history of our Alma Mater, Bomberger Memorial Hall being in course of construction, much of the time of the students and professors, between study and recitation hours, was spent in watching its progress. Besides, the many strange faces which from time to time appeared on the campus, both of visitors and workingmen, furnished additional sources of interest, and it has been a daily occurrence to see students in lively conversation with these strangers.

And it may be accepted that no small measure of value has resulted from the lessons thus learned by this contact with these practical men of the active, outside world. Yet, although many leisure moments were passed in this manner, our students, as a rule this term, have not neglected many of their college duties. In fact their surroundings seem to have been the greatest incentives to earnest application; and all the professors express themselves as highly gratified with the results attained. When the final examinations are over, each student can go home rejoicing in the confident feeling that he has spent a pleasant and profitable four months of labor.

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Many students enter our institutions of learning with a wrong notion as to what their conduct should be. One of their first impressions is that they are expected by their fellows to lay plans for all the fun possible, no matter at whose expense they secure it. And with this mistaken idea they indulge systematically in petty and cowardly tricks upon associates among the students or upon professors, in order to annoy and worry them, thinking they are thus doing a great thing, for which they merit applause. Whatever may be the excitement attending such trivial diversions, there can be no real pleasure in them.

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For, in the first place, the persons engaging in them are never at entire liberty to reveal them to others because of the danger that what they have done may come to the knowledge of the Faculty, and in the second place they will sooner or later be suspected and discovered by some students, who, although they will not give their names to the authorities, will, nevertheless, treat them in such a
manner as to bring discredit upon them and their ways of doing things. Hence, there can be no real enjoyment in conduct, the direct consequences of which a person must constantly dread, and which will ultimately alienate his best friends from him. Again, no one, if he has spent much of his time in playing tricks while at college, when he gets out into life can look back with pleasure upon his school days. Many of these things will from time to time come up in his mind; and if he never regretted them before, he will do soon then. It is, therefore, to be hoped that any who have inclinations in this direction may take a second thought over the matter and save themselves much mortification, both in college and in after life.

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Ursinus can be proud of her record in this respect. With the steady habits and the genial manners of her students, very little to be regretted has come from this source; and whenever an undesirable tendency in this direction has shown itself, it has been mildly suppressed by the decisive and judicious action of the Faculty.

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In every college there is to a greater or less degree some manifestation of class spirit and class rivalry. While there may be some dangers and disadvantages connected with such a spirit, yet it should not be altogether discouraged. Perhaps, no better evidence of the loyalty to an institution of its students can be found than this spirit of legitimate pride which each one cherishes for his own class. Invariably when a student cares little or nothing about his class or classmates, he has very little or no regard for his Alma Mater. True, there are certain limits which must be observed in the cultivation of this spirit. Care must be taken that it does not run out into bitter hatred and enmity, which may not only make life in college unpleasant and troublesome, but may often be carried out into the world and in many cases be even continued indefinitely. Consequently both the individual and the institution must necessarily suffer. This, however, can all be avoided; for while you are maintaining the dignity and honor of your own class, it is still possible to show a friendly feeling to the members of the other classes, and pay due respect to their rights and claims.

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If such a spirit pervaded the institutions where class rivalry is carried to extremes, much, if not all, of the friction between the different classes would soon disappear. In the Universities and the larger colleges, where class organizations are not formed until the senior year, where different courses of studies are pursued, where well organized fraternities exist, and where the classes are so large that many members of the same class have only a passing acquaintance with one another, class spirit does not show itself to any great degree. It cannot, because the students have too many other things to engage their attention. Nor is it necessary, for these institutions are so large and have gained such a standing that the loss of a student, or the lack of interest on the part of some, does not materially effect the others. But in any institution where the number of students is not large and where many incentives to activity are wanting, class rivalry under proper control is very wholesome and beneficial.

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One of the most important duties of a student while at college is to connect himself with one of the literary societies, and become an active worker in the same. The literary societies properly conducted are the life of an institution of learning. Any student who goes through college
without making use of the advantages of a literary society, is only half educated. The work in the class-room must go hand in hand with the work in the society. The class-room furnishes the theory; and the society, the practice. In fact no better opportunity is given the student to become fluent and ready in public speech than that offered by the debates, discussions, and other exercises of the literary societies. Besides this he is continually receiving practical training in parliamentary rules and practice, which training will be invaluable to him when he enters upon the active duties of life, and which alone will more than repay him for the time and money he expends in furthering the society interests.

Most men who have had a collegiate training, and who have made their mark as public speakers, or as apt parliamentarians in our legislative halls, were active and ardent workers in the literary societies of their college or town; and much of their success may be traced to this early practical application. In every college there are some who fail to see the advantage thus offered them, and they wilfully or ignorantly neglect it; but after they are compelled to face the realities of life, and are called upon to deliver speeches and addresses, or to take part in public meetings or assemblies, they will certainly regret the opportunities thus allowed to slip by unimproved. Therefore, let every student act wisely in this respect and not disregard a thing of such intrinsic worth to him.

Another thing to which a student's attention should be constantly called is the use of libraries established in colleges. These libraries are not formed merely as an advertisement for the college, but for the benefit and use of the students. In them are found books on every subject. To these the students should have continual recourse. Books are the tools with which he must labor. The greater his familiarity with them, the broader and more extended will be his field of knowledge; and the more capable will he be to grapple with the great problems which ever confront him. Not that he is to become a mere bookworm, reading and studying without a definite object in view; but he should assimilate the knowledge he thus obtains so as to have it ready for use whenever it is needed. Books are the most valuable and reliable friends a man can have, and no one is worthy to be called college-bred unless he keeps himself on intimate terms with as many of them as possible.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

SCHAFF SOCIETY.

TWO cravings ANNIVERSARY.

The Twenty-first Anniversary of the Schaff Literary Society will be held in the College Chapel, on Thursday evening, December 17, 1891. The literary part of the programme will be as follows: Salutatory, W. F. Longaker, '95; Oration, H. H. Hartman, '94; G. A. Stauffer, '94; W. G. Welsh, '93; Eulogy, J. T. Wagner, '92; Schaff Oration, J. A. Hunsicker, '92.

The music will be furnished by the College Glee Club and Orchestra. All indications point to a most successful anniversary, and the public in general is cordially invited to attend the exercises.

ZWINGLIA SOCIETY.

The Zwinglian Literary Society has departed from the regular custom heretofore observed by the societies, and voted not to give a lecture during the Fall term. There has always been considerable labor connected with the working up of the lectures, and the financial returns derived from them have never been commensur-
ate with the amount of effort put forth to make them a success; or in other words, the end has never justified the means.

The members of the Society are anxiously looking forward to the time when they shall hold their meetings in their new hall, which is rapidly nearing completion in Bomberger Memorial Hall. This thought has given an inspiration to all Zwings, and is urging them on to more persistent and greater efforts in literary work.

The Society recently elected the following officers: President, William Yenser; Vice President, Charles H. Reber; Recording Secretary, O. B. Wehr; Corresponding Secretary, J. D. Hicks; Treasurer, I. M. Bachman; Chaplain, J. H. Watts; Editor, G. E. Deppen; Critic, Ira L. Bryner; Marshall, F. H. L. Witzel.

**Oleavian Society.**

The past month has been a very encouraging one for the Oleavian Literary Society. The interest in its meetings is steadily increasing, all the members being "up and doing." Four new names have been enrolled, and with an increase of members there is an increase of strength. A committee has been appointed to secure the services of a reader for the first part of the Winter term.

The Society has, for several years, held its anniversary in March, and has invariably had inclement weather upon that occasion. It was, therefore, decided to change the time for holding the anniversary to the fourth week of the Spring term.

At the first meeting held in November the following officers were elected: President, Sallie C. Hendricks, '93; Vice President, Alice Gross, '95; Recording Secretary, Evelyn Bechtel, '95; Corresponding Secretary, Sallie Tyson, '93; Treasurer, Havilah J. Curdy, '92; Critic, Lillian J. Rhoades, '93; Editress, Nora H. Shuler, '93; Chaplain, Kate Bromer, '95.

The Society is at present considering four interesting questions and it would like the Bulletin to answer them. They are as follows:

Ample provision has been made in Bomberger Memorial Hall for two society halls, and these halls are to be used by the Schaff and Zwinglian Societies respectively. Therefore the first question, "Will the Oleavian Literary Society have no hall?"

Second: "Will the Oleavian Literary Society receive no benefit from Bomberger Memorial Hall?"

Third: "Will it be a benefit to Ursinus College, to deprive the ladies' society of the advantages which it gives to the societies of the other sex?"

Fourth: "Will it be impossible to give the Oleavian Literary Society a room in Bomberger Memorial Hall?"

**News about College.**

**Senior Orations.**


Of these speeches the shortest one contained six hundred words, and the longest a
thousand. The average rate of speaking for the class was about one hundred and twenty-five words to the minute. All the orations showed great care in preparation, and were delivered with oratorical grace and effect.

Hallowe’en.

Hallowe’en was observed by the boys in good old-fashioned style. All who were in town that night, with very few exceptions, were engaged in the traditional sports with which it is made attractive, some being very fancifully costumed and presenting a comical sight.

The usual routine of work was gone through with, carrying off gates, frightening inquisitive ladies and then gallantly taking them home out of danger, carrying ash-bins from their humble haunts to more conspicuous positions, and many more pranks too numerous to mention. No serious damage was done and no one injured.

It is supposed that some slow student in English wished to use the night to take revenge, for Professor R’s sanctum has been haunted with an unpleasant visitor ever since the Hallowe’en festivities. It may be imagination but, nevertheless, its life continues.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The work of the Y. M. C. A. has not lagged this month. The week of prayer was properly observed and all feel satisfied that it will produce good fruit. Meetings were held at the College during the week at 7 o’clock, and lasted for one hour. The singing was good and all seemed to enjoy it and take part in it. The meetings were led by Drs. J. I. Good, President Williard, Prof. Peters, Rev. Calvin U. Derr, ’88, and Rev. F. C. Yost, ’76. All the subjects presented were live and interesting.

During the month the Association received a visit from Gilbert Beaver, son of Ex-Governor Beaver, who is engaged in active work among collegiate Y. M. C. A’s. He met a number of the members and organized a Bible class which meets at stated times in the room of one of the members.

The work at the Almshouse is progressing. Meetings are held every Sunday and different students take turns in leading them. Truly this is bringing in the maimed and the halt, and the poor and the blind to the feast of the Lord.

In the first part of the present term several important changes of Y. M. C. A. officers were made. The following is the corrected list: President, J. M. S. Isenberg, ’93; Vice President, F. N. Bleiler, ’93; Recording Secretary, J. H. Watts, ’94; Corresponding Secretary, J. D. Hicks, ’95; Treasurer, G. A. Stauffer, ’94; Organist, F. Barndt, ’94; Bulletin Correspondent, W. G. Welsh, ’93.

The Glee Club and Orchestra.

The Ursinus musical organizations are still on the rise in their career. At the opening of the year there seemed to be difficulties before the Glee Club which would be almost insurmountable, but they have either been removed or the Club has gotten above them.

The Club filled its first engagement of the year at Phoenixville. The audience was of good size and warmly appreciative of the efforts made.

There is room for improvement in many directions, and the boys know it, and receive criticism with good will and with thanks.

The Orchestra was reorganized and is under the leadership of Elwood Middleton. It consists of nine pieces and the members are learning some very pretty music.

One new feature in the Club is the forming of a quartette for special work. This consists of Bergy, ’92, Wiest, ’92, Baughman, ’92, and Welsh, ’93.

The Club gave a concert in the College Chapel, on November 20. This was a grand success. The following programme was rendered:

**PART I.**

- *All in a Garden Fair,* Orchestra
- *We Meet Again To-night, Boys,* Glee Club
- *Once Upon a Tyme,* Glee Club
- Ocarina Solo—Medley, Mr. Middleton
- *Church in the Wildwood,* Glee Club Quartette
- *Old Cabin Home,* Glee Club
- Baritone Solo—*Ching-a-ling,* Mr. Bachman
- Tenor Solo—*Go Way, Old Man,* Mr. Middleton

**PART II.**

- *Electric March,* Orchestra
- Selection—*Scotchman,* Glee Club
- Bass Solo—*Bedowin Love Song,* Mr. Welsh
- *Evening Bells,* Glee Club
- Tenor Solo—*Sleep, Baby, Sleep,* Mr. Wiest
- *Haunting Eyes,* Orchestra
- *A Home By the Sea,* Glee Club
- Selection—*Polly Wally Doodle,* Ocarina Club
- Selection—*Bohunkus,* Glee Club
- *Good Night,* Glee Club

They will not appear again at home until the Schaff anniversary, December 17th.

The organization expects to make a tour through the coal regions at an early date.

The officers of the organization are:

- President, Paul M. Spangler, ’90
- Secretary, J. M. S. Isenberg, ’93
- Treasurer, E. Middleton
- Managers, W. U. Helffrich, ’93, and C. B. Bowman, ’95
- Leader, Professor N. M. Balliet
- Assistant Leader, James R. Bergey
- Leader of Orchestra, Elwood Middleton

There were but two new members elected this year. They are: Bowman, ’95, and Wertz, ’94.

**THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.**

**PERSONAL ITEMS.**

Harvey E. Kilmer preached in Trinity Reformed Church, Norristown, Pa., Rev. J. B. Henry, pastor, on October 25th.

B. B. Royer filled the pulpit of St. Luke’s Reformed Church, Trappe, Pa., on October 25th, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. Clark Hibshman, preaching morning and evening.

P. E. Heimer spent October 25th in Rev. S. A. Hitner’s charge, preaching morning and evening at Bangor, and afternoon at Flicksville, Pa.


Irvin F. Wagner and W. H. Loose filled the pulpit of Rev. Ernest Clapp, in the Reformed Church at Royersford, Pa., November 15th, the former preaching in the morning, and the latter in the evening.

C. H. Brandt spent November 8th with Rev. S. H. Phillips, Durham, Bucks County, Pa., preaching at Springtown in the afternoon, and addressing the first anniversary of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip at Durham, in the evening. He also preached for Rev. S. M. K. Huber, in Wentz’s and Towamencin Churches near Skippackville, on November 22d.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.**

Acting-President Williard and Professor Good attended the recent meeting of the Eastern Synod, at Harrisburg.

Professor Stibitz delivered the address at the late anniversary of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip of St. Paul’s Reformed Church, Mahanoy City, Pa.

J. D. Hicks, ’95, was compelled to leave College for his home last month because of a weakness of the eyes.

At present writing R. E. Goff is lying
sick at the Convent. He is troubled with nervous dyspepsia, and the doctor fears that he cannot return to his studies.

The illustrated lecture given by Mr. J. Howard Johnson, of Ursinus College, in Fernwood school-house, Friday evening, November 13th, was largely attended. About 140 views were shown. Mr. Johnson also gave several recitations which were well rendered and well received.—Providence Independent.

The Rev. Dr. Titzel, of Lancaster, who attended the Reformed Constitutional Committee meeting at Norristown, last month, paid a visit to the College. He was shown the buildings and class rooms by Professor Ruby, and expressed himself as pleased with what he saw, and said he would come again. Welcome.

At this year's Union Thanksgiving services of St. Luke's Church, Trappe, and Trinity Church, Collegeville, held at the latter place, Rev. E. C. Hibshman, '86, of the former congregation, preached the sermon.

There were no recitations or lectures at the College from Thursday, November 26th, to Monday the 30th. Consequently many students celebrated Thanksgiving at their homes.

BOMBERGER MEMORIAL HALL.

The recitation rooms in the new building will be found its chief working attraction. Nearly all of them are located along the northern side of the transverse corridor, affording the finest of light, and with the arrangements contemplated for heating and ventilating, they will be found ideal, not only in size (20x30), but in all the elements that constitute a perfect room for class-room work.

The sub-contractor who has charge of the stone work expects to complete the tower before Christmas. The gas fitters are pushing the piping of the building.

All the floors are laid. Several rooms are lathed, ready to receive the plaster. The excavations have been made for the drain-pipes, the trench being twelve feet deep at its greatest depth. The foundations for the main entrance porch and for the outside basement entrance are being put in. Treasurer Hobson, superintendent in charge for the Building Committee, has commenced grading around the building, and several more apple trees and a few pines, standing too close to the building, are being removed.

The oft repeated questions asked of those who have that branch of work in charge by all who are interested in Ursinus are: "How is the money coming in?" "Will you be able to pay for the building?" As these questions touch the vital element in building enterprises, they are pertinent, and cannot be asked too often. The Financial Agent and the Treasurer find pleasure in hearing such inquiries. When honestly made they imply that the questioner desires not only to know how much money may yet be needed, but that he intends to contribute, or that he has contributed and is anxious that other friends shall not lag in doing their part. Those who are giving have a right to know what are the probabilities of ultimate success. Those who have not yet assumed a share of the burden ought to be informed of what their portion is. What answer do the facts in the case warrant?

In the first place it is gratifying to know that the twenty thousand already expended on the building leave a balance of about four thousand dollars in the building fund. In other words, the Treasurer has received $24,000 for Bomberger Memorial Hall, and has paid out only $20,000 for this purpose. Toward the remaining $26,000 there is subscribed eighteen thousand dollars.
"Will all these subscriptions be paid?" The answer to that question must be sought in the heart and conscience of the subscribers. They are all presumably honest. Certainly they are not lacking in willingness or they should not have subscribed. If here or there there should be an imagined lack of ability, let such a one remember that "where there is a will there is a way."

"But how about the seven thousand dollars not yet subscribed? Where shall that come from?" The key to the solution of this problem will be found in the general scheme under which all the money for the building is being secured. Individuals or churches are asked each to pay the cost of one room. Taking the rooms pledged in the order in which they are given in the last number of the Bulletin, the figures stand as follows:

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Four thousand dollars will come from the churches that have undertaken to raise the cost of a room. In each case the amount lacking is not so large as to cause the friends to hesitate or halt in their endeavor. The remaining three thousand will come from two churches, not yet canvassed, each of which is as able, as closely related to the college, and as willing, as any of the above.

The first year's effort and experience in the work of erecting a monument to the memory of Dr. Bomberger, the founder and first President of Ursinus College, in the form of a magnificent building that shall multiply and enlarge the educational facilities of the institution to which he gave his life, awaken our deepest gratitude, inspire confidence in the feasibility of the undertaking, and afford sure ground for hope of final and triumphant success.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

A THANKSGIVING REVERIE.

It is Thanksgiving eve and there are many things to remind one that the season has come again. The proclamation in the papers, the announcements in the churches, the programme of the morrow's services lying on my desk, and above all the heavy-laden autumn air. How much one season is like another, or rather how much one condition reminds one of another. The cold winds sighing about the house, the rustling leaves, a certain undefinable something in the change nature is assuming, brings to my mind tonight memories of other years.

How many Thanksgivings like this one have come and gone! Tonight one among them stands out clear and fresh. Let me see. Ah me! it is two decades in the past. How fast the stream of time sweeps on! It is in the early days of Ursinus. Many young men for the first time are gathered within her walls. It seems to me I hear to-night again the sound of wind and leaves as they sweep around the new-found college home.

The hearts of many are joyous with anticipated pleasures. A gathering of grateful people from the neighboring church is to bring thanksgiving gifts and greetings to our honored President's home, and we are to share the joy. How willingly we follow the plans of untur-
banned Turk(ey)ish leaders and select the largest of America's royal fowl, dress him in college colors, string across his back a pair of Arctics and through the gathered crowd march him in triumph to our host, who, with kindest words, thanks us for our well-meant wishes. How joyfully the evening passes in what seems to us a great and happy surprise.

How clearly I recall the next day's walk to the old church and the service there. I can see again the high pulpit, the three galleries, the seats so straight and high, the stoves with their long gas pipes, the organ in the loft before which the "Squire, with his trained singers, stood." And then the sermon. It was full of holy inspiration. It breathed the spirit of gratitude not only for material gifts and blessings, but for the unchanging love, and grace, and wise purposes of God; and many a student's mind was that day lifted up nearer the Father.

Since then many changes have come. The tide has born us out upon the great stream of life—each year a little farther. But we gratefully carry with us the memory of other years and the lessons they taught us. Each recurring season adds links to the mystic chain of influence, until to-night the heart is held by them.

The day is hallowed. It calls to thankfulness for the thousand memories and associations of the past, for the unnumbered blessings meeting our desires in the present—for all things.

God is good, God is wise, and though to us His plans and purposes are inscrutable, they are always right. The clock is striking the midnight hour. Thanksgiving Day has come. The memories of joyous and holy things blends with the sense of present blessing to fill the soul with gratitude and love.

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PERSONALS.

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

74. Professor M. Peters, A. M., B. D., who stands second to none among the Professors of Ursinus in acceptability and efficiency, is entering with characteristic devotion upon the development of his department under the enlarged facilities which the new building will afford. He spent Friday and Saturday of the Thanksgiving recess at Princeton, making a detailed study of the mechanical arrangement and general equipment of the new Chemical Laboratory of that institution, which is said to be the finest in the world.

76. The Rev. G. A. Scheer, A. B., is enjoying unabated prosperity in his first and only pastorate at St. Mark's (German) Church, Philadelphia. The membership of the congregation numbers more than six hundred, and the Sunday school is correspondingly large. Mr. Scheer occasionally holds an English service and is taking excellent care of his young people. His residence is 2250 North Fifth street.

76. Rev. F. C. Yost, A. M., of Phinevville, has commenced a series of illustrated sermons on scenes in the Bible. From the last annual report of its treasurer, his congregation is evidently in a flourishing condition.

77. The Rev. J. H. Bomberger, A. M., of Columbiana, Ohio, has been appointed organizer of Christian Endeavor Societies within the bounds of Eastern Ohio Classis. He has visited a number of congregations, and in every instance succeeded in giving the movement an enthusiastic start. A pastor of the Classis, whose field he recently visited, writes in a private letter: "Mr. Bomberger is an enthusiastic worker, and is truly successful in this, as in every line of work in which he engages."

79. Rev. A. R. Thompson, of Bridge-
water, Virginia, has been suffering for a number of months with progressive paralysis. He continued pulpit and pastoral labors in his enfeebled condition until November 1st. Now he is making his home temporarily with his father-in-law, near Collegeville, and is undergoing treatment with Dr. Pepper, of the University of Pennsylvania.

'79. The Rev. N. W. A. Helffrich, A. B., is pastor of five congregations in Lehigh County, Pa., with a membership of about fifteen hundred. The charge has been served by successive generations of the same family for more than a century. That the brightness and power of the Helffrich fire which has burned in the same pulpit so many years are not waning under the present incumbent, is manifest from the general prosperity of the charge. Ursinus is enjoying special evidence of the zeal and faithfulness of the pastor in that a room is being paid for in Bomberger Memorial Hall by Ziegels' charge without the aid of a special solicitor. Mr. Helffrich's address is Fogelsville, Pa.

'84. St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., under the pastorate of the Rev. J. W. Meminger, A. B., is enjoying the palmiest days of its history. Mr. Meminger's ministry is bright, vigorous, and attractive. Frequently the Sunday night audiences exceed the capacity of his church. An inspiring twilight service of song, a Brotherhood Chapter, a Boys' League, a missionary society, in addition to the regular Sunday school, prayer, and preaching services, constitute the chief forms of activity in the congregation. The pastor's presence and leadership give life and power to every part of the work. His versatility and capacity are strikingly illustrated by St. Paul's Record, a new congregational monthly lately launched by him on the sea of church journalism.

'85. Echoes of the fine impression made by Rev. J. L. Murphy, A. M., of Hickory, N. C., in connection with his recent visit to Chambersburg, Pa., as a delegate to the Synod of Potomac, have reached the editorial sanctum of the Bulletin. Mr. Murphy constitutes an exception to the rule that Southern young men coming North for their education become disinclined to labor in their native State. Repeated flattering inducements from Pennsylvania have failed to draw him out of North Carolina. His sturdy devotion to the isolated Reformed Churches of his native State, no less than his superior pulpit ability, and manliness of character, command the admiration of his friends.

'85. Rev. Samuel H. Philips, who has a very prosperous charge at Durham, Pa., paid a visit to the College last month. He seemed pleased to get back to his Alma Mater and the boys. He looks well and seems contented.

'86. Miss Ella B. Price, of Norristown, visited Miss Schwenk, lately. She attended Christian Endeavor and regular congregational services at Rev. E. Clark Hibshman's church, Trappe. Mr. Hibshman was a classmate of Miss Price.

'87. The Rev. G. P. Fisher, A. B., is serving a charge of three congregations at Somerset, Ohio, in the bounds of Lancaster Classis. His nearest neighbor is his classmate in theology, the Rev. A. D. Wollinger, of Thornville. This Classis seems to be favorite territory with Ursinus graduates, and the young men seem to be well received by these churches. H. T. Spangler, '73, F. C. Yost, '76, and E. C. Rust, '89, also held pastorates in this Classis during the first years of their ministry.

'88. Rev. J. Lewis Fluck, of Anselma, Chester County, has taken up the work of a "History of the Reformed Churches in Chester County," and with the valuable assistance of Captain Abram Fetters, (a director of Ursinus) proposes to
make it a complete success. The projected publication will appear about the first of next April, and will be a model of neatness and artistic finish. It will contain twelve full-page engravings of churches and parsonages, and two group plates of "former" and "present" pastors. The book will not fail to prove a most important contribution to local history, and the Bulletin wishes Mr. Fluck and Captain Fetters the greatest possible success in their undertaking.

'89 seem to be enlarging her circle of interests by the election of associate members. Every member constitutes himself a committee to select one person suitable for this distinction, and, as in this case a majority vote is not necessary for election, whenever the committee is satisfied as to the necessary qualifications, associate membership may be conferred by an individual vote. The latest report from such a committee which reached us, is that of Rev. I. Calvin Fisher, Kimberton, Pa., who, on the 4th of November last, was united in the bonds of holy wedlock to Miss S. Eva Kehl, of Boyertown, Pa. The bright and happy event took place at the residence of the bride's parents, the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. C. Boyer and Rev. J. Lewis Fluck. On the afternoon of the same day, the wedding party left for a trip to the New England States, returning to their home, at Kimberton, about one week later. Here the new accession to the parsonage family was greeted with becoming cordiality at a formal reception arranged by the members of East Vincent and Pikeland Churches for this purpose, while both were made the subjects of much congratulation and many expressions of kindness and good will. The happy couple have now settled down to the duties of their new life, which the Bulletin hopes may grow brighter at every stage of its mysterious journey.

'89. Mayne R. Longstreth drops in occasionally. He has been doing good work for the library and shows that although absent from the College his interest in it does not abate.

'90. The Rev. C. B. Alsphach, A. B., is illustrating in the Pleasantville Reformed Church, Bucks County, Pa., what can be done with a willing and consecrated church, although located in the country. Two services a Sabbath, Sunday school all the year, missionary society, and Y. P. S. C. E. indicate aggressive church activity. The congregation is paying for a room in Bomberger Memorial Hall, and is also engaged in building a parsonage for their popular young minister and his amiable young wife.

'90. Wm. F. Ruff is increasing his visits to Collegeville and vicinity. He is a '93 medical at the University of Pennsylvania, and is a prominent figure in the rowing department of that institution, being captain of its crew last year.

GENERAL TOPICS.

THE COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF THE MID-DLE STATES AND MARYLAND.

The Colleges and Universities of these States have organized themselves into an association whose object it is to consider the qualifications for candidates for admission to the colleges, and the methods of admission; the character of the preparatory schools; the courses of study to be pursued in the colleges, including their order, number, etc.; the relative number of required and elective studies in the various classes; the kind and character of degrees conferred; methods of college organization, government, etc.; the relation of the colleges to the State and to the general educational systems of the State and country, and any and all other questions affecting the welfare of the colleges, or calculated to secure their proper advancement.
The Association holds an annual convention, whose decisions, however, are only advisory and not mandatory, each college preserving its own individuality and liberty of action upon all subjects considered. The third of the series convened at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., on Friday after Thanksgiving, November 27th, and continued in session until Saturday noon.

THE COLLEGES REPRESENTED.

Columbia College, New York City, was represented by its President, Seth Low, and Professor Nicholas Murray Butler, who is editor of the Educational Review, the leading monthly in the field of higher education. Both the gentlemen are under forty, and are quite advanced in their educational opinions. Johns Hopkins University, of Baltimore, made the finest impression of all the institutions through its President, D. C. Gilman, who presided over the Convention with charming grace and courtesy. President Adams, of Cornell, was on hand at all the sessions, as well as a number of his associates in the Faculty. President Webster, of Union, a rugged, outspoken man, of sensible views, was there; several members of the Faculty of Syracuse University, and men from a few other New York institutions, completed the delegation of that State.

The only man from Princeton College noticed on the floor was Professor Allan Marquand, while Rutgers was represented by President Scott and Professor Duryee. The latter is a typical Dutchman, somewhat advanced in years, while Dr. Scott is young and of pleasing address, though somewhat stiff in his bearing.

Pennsylvania was fully represented. Professor James, Jayne, Burke and Barker, of the University, were on hand; Ex-President Magill, and President DeGarmo, of Swarthmore, where the next Convention is to be held during the Thanksgiving recess; President Harris, of Bucknell, Professor Doolittle, of Lehigh, Professor Kieffer, of Franklin and Marshall, President Seip and Professor Ettinger, of Muhlenburg, Professor Super, of Dickinson, Dr. Rhoades, of Bryn Mawr, and President Atherton, of State College. There were other men present and other institutions represented, but the above chiefly impressed the writer.

PAPERS AND DISCUSSIONS.

Every subject considered by the Convention was introduced by one or two carefully prepared papers, which will be published in pamphlet form. Dr. Magill and Professor Super read papers on “The scope of modern languages in our colleges, and the best method of teaching them.” Both advocated that an elementary knowledge of either French or German, or of both, ought to be required for admission; that in the classical course one year, of four recitations a week, ought to be required in each language; and in all other courses two years.

An elegant paper on “The English Bible: Its study as a classic in the college,” was read by Dr. Duryee. He recommended a course of one recitation a week during the Junior year on the literary, historical, and ethical aspects of the English Bible, and an optional course of two recitations a week during the Senior year.

The exciting discussion of the session was called forth by two papers on permitting students to substitute studies in professional schools for regular college studies. The plan is a substitute for the old dodge of doubling up courses in institutions where law, medical, or theological schools are associated with the college; only this plan allows the student to drop the college studies and take up an equivalent amount of professional study, and have the work counted for the college and the professional degree. Professor Butler, of Columbia, and Pro-
fessor Collin, of Cornell, who presented the papers, both took radical positions on the subject. One of them said that the effort to underpin "professional" education by "liberal" education was a failure; that colleges demanded too much for admission to compel a student to take a four year's college course, and afterwards three years in law, theology, or medicine, thus practically compelling a man to spend ten years at school preparing for his life-work.

If these papers reflect the trend of educational development, it means that the professional schools will finally supersede the colleges as the Normal Schools have destroyed the academies. Students will go to the schools which will give an abbreviated combination-course that puts them through in less time and at once gives them a professional diploma on graduation.

This discussion, which took place in the afternoon, was nobly offset by the "President's Address," delivered on Friday night by Dr. Gilman. He put his theme in the form of the question, "Is it worth while to uphold any longer the idea of 'Liberal' education?" and answered it most convincingly in the affirmative. The notes taken of this address have been mislaid, but we promise the readers of the Bulletin copious extracts from it when it appears in print.

Ithaca is not a very attractive town. It did not appear half as pretty as Collegeville, although it is a city. It is lying in a deep, narrow valley at the foot of Cayuga Lake. The University grounds, comprising 70 acres of campus and a farm of 200 acres, are situat 400 feet above the level of the lake. The view from the hill, with its gorges and waterfalls, and stretch of lake in the distance, must be charming in the summer season. The campus is studded with no less than twenty magnificent college buildings.

The latest, the library building, 170x153 feet, cost $300,000, and is perhaps the finest in the country.

The University is very elaborately equipped in many directions, although its chief strength seems to lie in the technical courses. Nearly one-half of its 1489 students take the different courses in engineering, and only 139 in arts. It is broadening and strengthening its work, however, aiming to realize the ideal of its founder, "an institution where any person can find instruction in any study."

The kindness and courtesy of the Professors of Cornell to their guests was not only marked but exceedingly cordial. The representatives of Ursinus feel under special obligations to Professors Oliver, Williams and Bristol, and a number of other men whose agreeableness added charm to their visit.

November 30, '91. S. and S.

HACK WORK.

Hack work is nothing more or better than hack work all the world over, in or out of college.

It is work of the brain done entirely for ulterior reasons, and not because the mind enters into the spirit of the work and delights in it for its own sake.

How many young men do we not know who come to college more or less because it is "the thing"; and for no higher reason? And truly, not much good can college do some of them, even though they have to do a certain amount of reading, figuring and memorizing to stay there. Not that college does not do them some good. There is no young man who is not an actual idiot who can go to college and not be benefited at least a little in some way. Only, it is sometimes questionable whether, after all, certain of these unripe human entities would not be much more benefitted in the end
if they could only be put to fight, unaided, life's grim battle in the world.

Instead, they have several hours of the day to memorize languages and mathematics; a few hours more to recite from memory; and all the rest of the day to forget in and to enjoy themselves. Into no real, broadening, lasting work do these fellows go, be it mental or physical. Would it not be better to say to some of them who begin their college "life" in this way: "Here, young man, is a patience that will keep you from starvation, now go and work out your life for a year. If you can do it in college, all right; if not, go out into the world and see for what you are as yet fitted, you who seem so sure about it and so thoughtless. If you cannot do higher work, go break stones."

Is it not probable that at the end of the year, if this fellow had anything in him, whether he managed to stay at college, which is not likely, or, otherwise, when he came back to college, he would have a very different view of his duties and work in life? Of course, if he had nothing in him it would make little difference in him, he would be of little account anyhow; only another bit of dead wood to be carried along by the world in its progress.

This class is the one most frequently given to hack work, and to the lowest and most spiritless form of hack work. These fellows seek to get through the mental effort absolutely required of them with as little real work as possible, taking for their watchword, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil [or study] thereof."

There are really two sets of young fellows who act and think in this way; one sort because there is nothing in them, the other because what is in them has not yet been brought out, or, in other words, they have as yet felt none of the stimulus of the higher education.

The work of the colleges with these fellows is to test them, to separate the chaff from the wheat, seeing whether there is anything in them or not, and if there is aught of the spirit, to quicken it and strengthen it; but if they are simply spiritless, characterless, if they are dead wood, to throw them out, or, at best, to tolerate them.—*The Red and Blue.*

**GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.**

The Freshman Class of the college department of the University of Pennsylvania has fixed its class dues at one dollar per term.

DePaugh University has been promised a $200,000 building for its theological department in honor of Bishop Bowman.

President Scott, of Rutgers College, lectured the students on cane-rushing and said a repetition of the offense meant expulsion.

Professor Coffin, of Lafayette, reports that there is an unusual demand for catalogues and information from the far west. This is encouraging to the colleges.

The Faculty of Cornell has announced that after the present year, no student shall be allowed to register as Senior or Junior who is more than ten hours behind in his course.

Mr. Daniels, the instructor in Political Economy, of Wesleyan, has taken charge of a class for systematic Bible study, to be conducted upon the same plan as the other college classes.

The library at Williams College, is now kept open from two o'clock until five every Sunday afternoon. At the University of Michigan they have similar arrangements.

At Biddle University, one hundred students were present at the beginning of the term, October 7th. This is the largest number that were ever present in
Gifts amounting to over $50,000 to the department of Hygiene, the Library and the current fund, were reported as having been received, at the University of Pennsylvania, during the month of September.

James Madison Porter, the new Professor of Engineering, at Lafayette, is the son of James Madison Porter, of the class of ’52. His grandfather, who bore the same name, was an eminent jurist and one of the founders of the college.

Among the recent gifts to Trinity College, are the following: $10,000 toward endowing a chair in biology; $15,000 towards the erection of a biological laboratory, and in connection with this building, are an observatory and museum, and $6000 to improve the back campus.

The entering class at Dartmouth was this year somewhat smaller than last, but the fact does not possess any unfavorable significance. By some unexplainable law the alternate years bring to Dartmouth larger numbers of students in the Freshman class.

Hereafter graduates of Bucknell will receive the master’s degrees after pursuing a full year’s post-graduate work in the college department. This does not do away with the degree usually conferred after pursuing three year’s work in a learned profession or along lines of literary work.

The late Mrs. A. J. Drexel, of Philadelphia, shortly before her death offered to pay for the tuition of fifty Indian children at the Catholic College at Purell. She also stated that as soon as she could obtain the necessary land from the Government she would donate $50,000 to erect schools, colleges and churches at some point in the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache reservations for the education of the children.

Professor Leavenworth, of Haverford, has introduced into the astronomical observatory a new driving clock of his own device for the large telescope. It has proved a success. At a meeting of the American Association at Washington his description of the device was read and became the subject of much discussion.

A list of the present occupations of the 180 men of the last graduating class, at Yale, has been compiled and gives a fair average of the new-fledged graduate’s inclinations. Of the number 51 men are studying law, 9 in Harvard law school; 8 are studying medicine; 7 theology; 21 are teaching; 5 in newspaper work; 10 are taking post-graduate courses; 63 are in business, and the remainder are traveling or undecided.

Mr. R. E. Speer, of Huntingdon, Pa., has resigned his position as instructor in the Bible, at Princeton, and accepted the office of assistant secretary on the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in New York City. Mr. T. H. P. Saylor will conduct the class temporarily and his successor will probably be Rev. J. G. Hibben, the instructor in logic, and formerly a Presbyterian minister in the Presbytery of Carlisle.

**EXCHANGES.**

The past month has brought to our table nearly all our old exchanges and some new ones. It is interesting to note the degree of activity, progress, and life which seems to be prevalent in the various institutions of our country. If time and space would permit, it would certainly give us much pleasure to notice every one of our exchanges in these columns.

The Observer, from Vanderbilt University, has just come to our table for the first time. It contains a well-executed portrait of Vanderbilt’s Chancellor, L. C. Garland, LL. D. The literary articles show ability in many respects. However, the article on “College Athletics” is a rhetorical failure.
The Journal, of Heidelberg University, might improve itself by publishing its board of editors and by opening an exchange department.

We can sympathize with the exchange editor of the Phaenomena, as we, too, once had the extreme “pleasure” of rooming near a practice room when “Annie Roney” was all the rage.

The Salomaggiordi might improve its contents by a classification of its articles.

The Spectator has a number of excellent literary articles, of which “The Wealth of the Imagination,” and “What is True Greatness,” afforded us much food for thought.

The University Mirror contains an excellent portrait of one of its alumni, the late Charles S. Wolfe. Justly may Bucknell be proud of one who was truly great in that “he offered up all his energies and faculties for the welfare of his fellowmen, and did not shrink from the true path of duty, though the world was arrayed against him.”

Speaking of the fact that the educational interests of the Reformed Church have been mainly under the direction of graduates of old Marshall College, President Auginbaugh said, in addressing the Potomac Synod:

“Dr. John H. A. Bomberger, the founder of Ursinus College, through whose instrumentality that institution has reached its present proud position, was the first graduate of Marshall College.”

St. Paul’s Record, volume one, No. 1, gained cordial admission to our sanctum. It represents the enterprising congregation in the city of Lancaster, Pa., of which Rev. James W. Meminger, ’84, is pastor; and it represents it well. It is an eight-page paper, handsomely printed and well patronized by advertisers, and its reading matter is newsy and entertaining. May its career be a long and prosperous one.

Hereafter the University Courant will publish a French article every month. We fail to see the wisdom of such action.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The Reformed congregation at Evansville, Ind., laid the corner-stone of its new church on Sunday, October 4. The cost will be $12,000.

On Sunday, November 1, the Reformed Church, of Nitany Valley, Centre County, was dedicated to the service of God. The building is of brick, and cost $9,000.

The remodeled Union Church, at Farmersville, Northampton County, was re-dedicated Sunday, October 4.

The Reformed people at Malvern, Ohio, dedicated a new church on Sunday, November 1. The building is of brick, and cost about $3,000.

MINISTERIAL.

Apple, Dr. J. H., address changed to Saeger-town, Pa.

Beaver, I. M., ordained and installed pastor at Marion, Franklin County, Pa.

Becker, C., address changed to Chevoit, O.


Gekeler, H. S., commissioned as missionary at St. Joseph, Mo.

Joerries, P., died at Poland, Ind.

Johnson, W. J., installed pastor of St. John’s Church, Lebanon, Pa.

Jurany, G., address changed to 71 Seelye Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Ketrow, J. A., address changed to Ada, Hardin County, Ohio.

McAuley, Dr. C. F., resigns Second Reformed Church, Reading, Pa.

Miller, R. W., resigns as assistant pastor of Second Reformed Church, Reading, Pa.

Moyer, J. F., accepts a call to Christ Church, Altoona, Pa.

Reily, Dr. W. M., resigns the Presidency of Allentown Female College, Allentown, Pa.

Summey, C. W., address changed to North Washington, Pa.

Williard, E. R., installed pastor of Grace Church, Akron, O.
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