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To meet the views and wishes of many who cordially greeted the first number of our Bulletin, it will hereafter be issued monthly, at the same price per year. The greater advantages of this improvement will be obvious. It is hoped that our friends will show their appreciation of the change, by earnest efforts to increase the circulation of the periodical, and thus help the interests it represents.

The chief purposes of the Bulletin are: Statedly to furnish facts concerning the current life and work of Ursinus College; to promote closer fellowship between the college and its friends, and to stimulate zeal for the vital interests which it represents; to supply items of literary and religious news, with special regard to a higher Christian education and the evangelizing work of the church; to afford members and friends of the college a medium for occasional contributions; and to give assuring proof of the fidelity of the institution to the principles and aims for which it was founded, and of its efficiency in their maintenance and pursuit.

Short contributions of items, and articles in harmony with these purposes, are solicited not only from the Alumni, but from all the friends of Ursinus College. They can do much in this way to make it interesting and effective. Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re.

College Notes.

THE NORMAL DEPARTMENT

of the College embraces the studies required by the laws of the State for teachers in the public schools.

At the opening of the Spring term, teachers and younger students will find graded classes in the common branches, algebra, geometry, Latin, and the science and art of teaching. There will be from two to four classes in each of these studies.

There will be one class in each of the following branches: Letter-writing, book-keeping, word-analysis, physical geography, and botany, the last three being started at the beginning.

Students desiring to reach beyond the normal course will have an excellent opportunity to do so in the collegiate course.

Practical work in teaching will be afforded in a kindergarten and in the lower academic classes.

Five members of the faculty are engaged in teaching the above named branches, thus affording a large teaching force in comparatively small classes.

THE OLEVIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

This society gave its first open meeting on the evening of the 12th inst. The chapel was filled with an anxiously waiting audience. The society was called to order by its President, Miss Mary Wiest, after which the President of the College, Dr. Bomberger, offered prayer. The program consisted of essays, recitations, select reading, oration, budget, instrumental and vocal music. It was
plainly to be seen that the audience appreciated the care that was exercised in the preparation of the program and the interesting as well as the instructive manner in which it was presented.

The young ladies were unusually fortunate in naming their society. With characteristic skill in making transformations they changed Olevianus, the name of a celebrated theologian of the 16th century who was joint author with Ursinus of the Heidelberg Catechism, into the euphonious Olevian. The name is highly commendable. Historically, the society is brought to command attention by its name as well as its brother societies, Schaff and Zwinglian.

The Olevian meets every Thursday afternoon at two and a half o'clock, in the reception room of the college. Although in its infancy, yet, judging from the effort put forth at the open meeting, it can be safely said that a most successful future awaits it.

EXTRA LITERARY ADVANTAGES OF THE WINTER.

During the past winter the students of Ursinus College have enjoyed superior literary advantages. In addition to the three flourishing literary societies of the college, there are three well organized and well conducted lyceums in the community, which have thrown open their doors to the students. These give the students an advantage that is found at but few colleges.

Public lectures have been given in the College Hall at regular intervals. Col. L. F. Copeland appeared first in the course, and his lecture was a success. The address delivered at the opening of the winter term by Rev. H. W. Super, D. D., was the right thing in the right place. President Bomberger's "Week Day Views in Europe" was entertaining and instructive. "The Philosophy of Wit and Humor," by Melville D. Landon, drew an immense audience.

All are looking forward with interest to the 29th of April, when Col. A. K. McClure will lecture on "Personal Recollections of Abraham Lincoln."

The following excellent programme was rendered at the fifteenth anniversary of the Zwinglian Literary Society on the night of the 26th of March:

Music—"Praise Ye the Father."—GOUNOD.
Cecilian Society.
Music—"Waltz de Concert."—JACOB.
Trio, Philadelphia Zither Club.
Salutatory—"A Picture of Life."
Thaddeus S. Krause, Plumsteadville, Bucks county, Pa.
Music—"In the Hour of Softened Splendor."—GOLLICK.
Cecilian Society.
Oration—"Pearls Among Pebbles."—E. E. Neff,
Alexandria, Huntingdon county, Pa.
Music—"Tis I."—PINSUTI.
Mr. Jerry March.
Oration—"Haste Not, Idle Not."
George H. Miller,
Weaversville, Northampton county, Pa.
Music—"Serenade."—UMLAPP.
Trio, Philadelphia Zither Club.
Oration—"Self Depreciation."
Music—"Spring Song."—MORL.
Cecilian Society.
Eulogy—"Alexander Wilson."
Titus C. Strock,
Springtown, Bucks county, Pa.
Music—Zither solo, "Fantasia."—STEFFEN.
Prof. Maurice Jacobi.
Zwinglian Oration—"Maternal Affection."
James B. May,
Shenkles, Chester county, Pa.
Music—"Good-Night."—PINSUTI.
Benediction—President Bomberger, D. D.

The music of the evening was furnished by the Cecilian Society, Norristown, Pa., Mr. Jerry March, Conductor, assisted by a trio of the Philadelphia Zither Club, Prof. Maurice Jacobi, Director.

RELIGIOUS.

The young men of the college hold a prayer meeting on Wednesday evening; sometimes, also, on Sabbath afternoon,
and a monthly missionary meeting. All these services are noted for the large number of students attending them, and the earnest and impressive manner in which they are conducted.

A deep sense of their importance is felt by all. They create a warm, true-hearted feeling of christian fellowship among the students, engage the young men in actual work, lead to a careful study of the scriptures, inculcate true piety and raise all to higher, broader views of life, duty and God.

The Schaff Literary Society purchased during the past month, complete sets of the works of Scott and Dickens in thirty-nine handsome volumes. It makes a fine addition to their already well-filled library.

**The Alumni Association.**

**ALUMNI LIBRARY.**

The Alumni Association has established a library for the free use of all persons connected with the college.

Prof. A. Lincoln Landis, '83, is the librarian in charge, assisted by Messrs. P. W. Snyder, '84, and James W. Mening, '84.

The Association appeals to the generosity of its friends to aid this cause, either with books or contributions of money. Donations will hereafter be noted in the BULLETIN.

Quite a number of new books have been recently purchased for the Alumni Library.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association was held on Friday evening the 13th ult., at the residence of the chairman, F. G. Hobson, Esq. Arrangements were made for the annual address and the reunion of commencement week.

**Special Topics.**

[The following contribution by one whose opportunities qualify him to speak intelligently on his theme, is commended to the careful perusal of all our friends.—Ed.]

**A REVIEW AND ITS LESSONS.**

Ursinus College began its work in 1870. Its usefulness has been exhibited in the results already obtained. Its progress under unusual difficulties and opposition commends it to its friends, not only for the vigor of its youth, but also for the promise of its manhood. With almost no endowment, it has struggled and fought its way under a debt which has greatly interfered with its success. As an effort is about to be made to pay this debt, we beg leave to offer

**Reasons Why Ursinus College Should Be Supported and Continued.**

In common with other colleges, it is lending its help to the work of education. Its students going forth carry the torches that show the way of truth and right and teach the erring to avoid the wrong. Its graduates join the ranks of those who lay solid foundations in society, church, and state. As educated men they create and lead public opinion, and in the professions minister to the wants of their fellow-men. In this important and necessary work this college needs a share of the same generous liberality dealt to others.

We need not only educated men, but also christian men. Ursinus is devoted to christian education. It aims to send forth men indoctrinated in truth, sound morality, and virtue. Only such are a blessing to the world. The stream must be pure that can cleanse society of its ulcers. Reforms to be successful must find a culture already at hand in christian ideas. History points to no solid
foundation for a higher civilization other than that given by Christ.

We also need ministers of the gospel. We need men trained and qualified to meet the demands of the times. They must compare favorably with men in other denominations and other professions. They must be fully equipped for their important duties and high mission. If the church is to fill its mission to teach the nations, it must have plenty of men to fill up the ranks and carry forward the work.

Ursinus was established to perpetuate the principles of the Reformation. The Reformed church has a noble ancestry and heritage. From the Reformed side of the Reformation have proceeded the noblest impulses and inspirations of modern liberty and progress. Through a long line she has handed down to modern times her achievements of the past. She does not propose to resign, after so long a struggle and bitter persecutions, the results achieved at such cost. She stands ready to defend now, as heretofore, the faith of her early days. She still presents a bold front to Romanism, however rapidly it may be spreading its power in our land. She stands firm against the treachery that would depreciate her history and hand her over to medieval ecclesiasticism or patristic high-churchism. To accomplish her work she needs institutions sound in the faith and ready to send forth men to the battle whose trumpets give no uncertain sound.

Ursinus is needed in the present posture of the Reformed church in the United States. The work already accomplished needs to be secured and continued in the future. No other institution can do this for her. The peace movement must be carried to completion, and this will require years. The two streams must be allowed to flow side by side, for some time, before they can coalesce. To choke off one, while the other is allowed to flow on uninterruptedly, would frustrate the movement and revive the discord it was intended to quell. If the college has been an important factor in bringing about the movement and making it possible, it is just as necessary to preserve it. Any other course would be a base surrender of the one side and leave the entire field open to the incursions of the other.

Ursinus points with confidence to the many good men it has sent to the field in various parts of the church, and to their success as the testimony to their preparation and fitness. It points with pride to the large number of its pupils laboring in the other professions and activities of life. These are true to their intellectual mother and aid her to the extent of their ability. When they are sufficiently numerous, they will take care of her in her need, but until this is the case, she needs the fostering care of others.

If the college can be freed from its present debt, it is believed that it can maintain itself in large part by its resources derived from tuition and donations. With this incubus upon it, however, it must continue in peril of its very existence. Let the friends of liberal education devise liberal things in its behalf, and all join in a work so creditable and noble.

In the three years past Harvard University has received gifts and bequests amounting to $1,096,768, not including the large gifts of Alexander Agassiz to the Museum of Zoology. The invested funds have only increased by $570,518.
TOLERATION.

On Tuesday evening, February 10th, the Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks, of Boston, lectured before the (Episcopal) General Theological Seminary of this city on "Tolerance." The audience was large. The lecture was admirable in some sections, plausible and vague in others, and generally open to a charge of indefiniteness. The eloquent speaker failed to declare plainly just what is to be tolerated, and neglected entirely to indicate what is not to be allowed by a Church claiming to be Christian. The discourse was in sympathy with a line of sentiment and policy just now popular among our Episcopalian brethren. They favor a broad Church, broad enough to include pretty much everybody who wishes to be included. But, surely, there is something distinctive about Christianity, some essential truth in the creed of a Christian Church. And just as surely not to require the members and the preachers of a Christian Church to affirm their hearty acceptance of such essential truths, to allow them to reject and deny them, is unchristian indifference and not tolerance.

Surely also, the lessons of Church history are worth something, and among those who have learned them it is generally believed that toleration was carried too far in the Primitive Church and resulted in degradation and almost in the destruction of genuine Christian piety. While we read the report of the lecture, the words of our Lord were constantly coming into our mind: "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven," and the solemn words which close the sacred Scriptures: "If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." The Word of God condemns an evil heart of unbelief, and it does not become the Church, which should be the pillar and ground of the truth, to tolerate in her membership, and above all in her ministry, those who openly deny the truths embodied in all Christian creeds, and so embodied because they are evidently declared in the Scriptures and by all true Christian experience.—Christian Intelligencer.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

Under this head it is proposed to report special events in the history of the colleges, ministers, and congregations of the Reformed and other churches. Items of this description will be cheerfully published by the Bulletin.

COLEGIATE.

Calvin Institute, Cleveland, O., has held very successful semi-annual examinations, and reports a number of students who have the ministry in view. The Mission House, Sheboygan, Wis., which began with eighteen students, now has six professors, eighty students, and a well regulated course of study.

Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O., reports one-half of its students members of the church, fifty-five members in its college Y. M. C. A., a Y. W. C. A. lately organized, and of its 265 graduates 105 in the ministry.

Forty-eight pastors, chiefly alumni of the college, have contributed $2575 toward the new college building.

Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., has received as an addition
to its Natural Science Department, the herbarium of the late Dr. A. P. Garber, of Mountville, Lancaster Co., Pa., including specimens gathered by him in Florida and Porto Rico, besides a full collection of local plants; his microscope, which originally cost $230; and $200 in money from several other persons for the use of the departments.

MINISTERIAL.

Andrews, W. S., removed from Claysburg to DuBois, Pa.


Hauser, J., takes charge of mission in Brooklyn.

Hale, J. T., called to Caesar Creek charge, near Xenia, O.


Johnson, J. O., installed pastor of Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa.

Meier, H. A., Watertown, Wis., installed pastor of Trinity, Washington, D. C.

Nevin, J. W., D. D., celebrated 82d birthday, February 21st.

Reiter, C. H., accepts call from Wills Creek charge, Somerset Co., Pa.


Stibitz, G. W., removed to Lehighton, Carbon Co., Pa.

Stoner, A. B., accepts call to Mechanicstown, Md.


Zimmerman, Daniel, died at Galion, O., Dec 10, 1884, bequeathed $800 to Ft. Wayne Orphans’ Home.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Font, Chester Co., Pa., E. D. Wettach, dedicated St. Paul’s Church, Jan. 15th. Sermon by President Bomberger.

Fort Wayne, Ind., English Mission, J. T. Bacher, has erected a church home at a cost of $6,900, which is nearly paid for.

Lebanon, Pa., First Church, F. W. Kremer, D. D., organized “St. Mark’s Reformed Mission Sunday School,” in North Lebanon, March 1st.

Lancaster, Pa., St. Luke’s church, W. F. Lichliter, started ten years ago with 9 members and 42 Sunday school scholars. It now has 89 members, 240 Sunday school scholars and 25 teachers.

Marklesburg, Pa., Woodcock Valley charge, M. F. Long, has added 153 members in three years.

Philadelphia, Pa., First Church, D. VanHorne, D. D., celebrated the fourth anniversary of its Missionary Society, February, 19th. The society has 164 members.


Shenkel’s, Chester Co., Pa., G. S. Sorber, dedicated new church, March 15th, cost $3500; handsomely furnished; $800 out of $1200 deficit raised on day of dedication; sermon by Dr. Bomberger.


BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Rev. H. Hilbish, second Hanover charge, per H. J. Myers, Treas. of Classis, . . . . . . $25.00

H. M. Housekeeper, Trinity Ch., Philadelphia, . . . . . . 67.20

Rev. J. H. Hartman, Lichey’s Ch., York co., Pa., per H. J. Myers, Treas. . . . . . . 14.66
Book Notices.

The Centennial Celebration of Montgomery County at Norristown, Pa., September 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1884.

This book is especially deserving of notice in the BULLETIN from the fact that the graduates and friends of Ursinus college had a very large share both in the success of the celebration and in the memorial volume that so appropriately commemorates it. F. G. Hobson, Esq., '76, was Secretary of the Association, chairman of the executive committee and editor in chief of the Memorial Book. J. A. Strassberger, Esq., '73, the financial secretary and treasurer, did much to make the enterprise a success in that direction, there having been a surplus of nearly $1400 after paying all expenses. Prof. J. Shelly Weinberger was one of the most active of the committeemen. President Bomberger was one of the Vice Presidents, and offered the opening prayer on September 9th; while Henry W. Kratz, Esq., President of the College Board, as chairman of the music committee and member of the executive committee, gave much valuable assistance.

A complete history of the Celebration, including a verbatim report of all the speeches, prayers, and poems delivered; a description of the parade; a list of the officers and committees; a financial exhibit, etc.; and a list of exhibits at the Antiquarian Exhibition, arranged in classes and the exhibitors alphabetically arranged thereunder, constitute the chief features of the volume. At the end of each of the several prayers, addresses, etc., appears the genuine autograph of the participant. In the editorial work Mr. Hobson was assisted by William J. Buck and Henry S. Dotterer, of the First Reformed Church, Philadelphia. The list of exhibitors and exhibits is the special work of Mr. Dotterer. When it is remembered that there were about 1240 exhibitors, it will be seen what the compilation of this list involved. But the work is done so thoroughly and the annotations added thereto are so clear, that this achievement stamps Mr. Dotterer as an antiquarian of more than ordinary ardor and ability.

The book makes a large octavo of 467 pages. All the mechanical work of the volume was done in Montgomery county at the printing and binding office of Morgan R. Wills. Only 206 copies were printed, all of which had previously been sold, and the list of subscribers is printed in the book itself.

Noble Deeds of the Great and Brave.

Although this book is largely "a compilation," and is frankly announced as such, the compiler, Mr. Hartzell, deserves great credit for the conception of the work, and the manner in which he has executed the delicate and arduous task which he assumed. In his selection of characters and topics, and of the authors of the numerous sketches in prose and poetry which make up the volume, he has displayed very commendable taste and judgment. And the arrangement of his matter under the ten different headings indicated adds to its practical value. The volume is very handsomely gotten up, good paper, clear type, rich binding, and is adorned with nine illustrative engravings. Altogether it is a book not only to adorn a centre-table, but to please and profit the reader. Its moral and religious tone, so far as we have had time to examine it, is pure and salutary.

The People's Dictionary and Every Day Encyclopedia. By W. R. Balch. Published by Thayer, Merriam & Co., of Philadelphia. This is one of those books of well nigh universal information which make themselves welcome to everybody for some one or more of the many useful things packed into their crowded pages. Nobody can go amiss who buys it; it will be sure to supply valuable information on some point or other.
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