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With such a re-opening of the School in its several departments, the buildings and grounds of Ursinus are animated with new life. During the two summer months of the vacation the boarding houses in the immediate vicinity of the College, especially Prospect Terrace and Glenwood, were filled with happy guests from Philadelphia and more distant places, seeking rest and recuperation in this attractive and salubrious resort. The trains that carried away scores of strangers of the season,—between many of whom and the residents of the community warm regards were mutually kindled,—brought back scores of students to fill the vacancy with such as have come to stay and engage in more earnest work.

The peals of the College bell which "rung in the new year” of academic duty, sent a thrill of joy through many hearts that, since last Commencement day, had missed its familiar sound. Though made of metal, its tongue seemed to utter "dear words of human speech” almost as tender as a church bell's notes.

Repairs and improvements were all completed, and the buildings, within and without, were in readiness to welcome eager occupants. The

COLLEGE NOTES.

The Fall Term has opened very favorably. On the third day, already, the number of students in attendance exceeded that of the corresponding date a year ago. Thus far there has been an encouraging accession of new students, and nearly all of these have entered with the purpose of taking a full collegiate course. Eight of them have in view the gospel ministry.
renovations in the recitation rooms and private apartments give general pleasure, and have an inspiring influence upon all most nearly affected by them.

It has been not only a relief to the Faculty, but highly gratifying to the students that, with the opening of the Fall Term, the vacancy in the force of instructors, which extended unavoidably through the Winter and Spring Terms of the last College year, was amply provided for. Two gentlemen, eminently qualified for the branches assigned to them, were secured for the service, and entered upon their respective duties. Rev. E. M. Landis, A. M., a graduate of Princeton College and Theological Seminary, occupies the chair of Hebrew and History. Born and reared in Eastern Pennsylvania, Prof. Landis enters upon his important work with an intelligent sense of its claims and a heart in warm sympathy with the distinctive principles and aims of the school. No less fortunate has the College been in getting the Rev. W. Walenta as Professor of the German language and literature. He is a graduate of the Sheboygan Mission Institution, and, although a Bohemian German by birth, has been long enough in this country and among American Germans to appreciate the necessity of teaching the language for practical purposes and of adapting himself to that necessity. An evidence of the warm interest inspired by this provision for instruction in German is furnished by the fact that fourteen students are already enrolled in the Freshman Class. Both these gentlemen have been cordially welcomed by the students, and will add to the efficiency of our collegiate work.

During the vacation the members of the present Senior Theological Class were engaged almost every Sunday in preaching as stated supplies for pastors or vacant congregations. In this way they improved themselves whilst doing good to others. And it has been gratifying to learn that their services were greatly appreciated.

The opening address of the Term was delivered by Vice-President Super, and was listened to with marked attention. A brief abstract of it will be found under Special Topics.

At a recent meeting of the class of '87, of which the late Miss Bechtel was a member, the following resolutions of respect were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call away from this life and its activities our highly esteemed friend and class-mate, Emeline Louise Bechtel; and

Whereas, we, having been associated with her in the class-room and the study of her almost completed course, deeply feel her absence; therefore be it

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the all-wise Providence of Divine Will.

Resolved, That we sincerely deplore the early and untimely removal, from the active scenes of this life, of one, who, both by nature and education, endeared herself to all her associates.

Resolved, That we, as a Class, tender our heartfelt sympathy to her bereaved parents, and that we ever cherish in fond remembrance the high esteem in which she was held by us.
Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the decedent's parents, and that they be published in the Ursinus College Bulletin.

CHAS. E. WEHLER, 
W. ALBERT KORN, 
GIDEON P. FISHER, 
Committee.

As an item in close logical connection with the one at the head of this issue’s Alumni Notes, the friends of Ursinus will read the following scrap from a recently received letter with great pleasure:

Sept. 1, ’86.

Dear Doctor:

I am happy to inform you that one of my * * members has bequeathed $5,000 to Ursinus College. Yours, &c.,

Short as a bank note, sure as a U. S. gold certificate, and sweet as a hive of Italian honey! How few words can make both writer and readers happy! May the Lord prompt the inditing of many more such “love-letters”!

“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy”—if and when “the Lord turns again the captivity of Zion.”

The School Report Card, by Prof. A. Reichenbach, Collegeville, Pa., is growing in favor. Teachers and school officers desiring samples will address him, enclosing a one-cent stamp.

Ursinus boys are specially active in politics in Montgomery county this fall. On the part of the Republicans we furnish two candidates for the office of District Attorney in the persons of J. A. Strassburger, Esq., A. M., ’73, and H. M. Brownback, Esq., for several years a student in the College. On the Democratic side of the house, E. F. Slough, Esq., A. B., ’77, aspires to be the nominee for the same office.

We wish the boys success.

The Young Men’s Christian Association has fitted up in excellent style the old Zwinglian Society hall, and will in the future use it as their meeting room. The room has been wainscoted in natural wood, and many other tasty and desirable changes have been made, so that it now presents a most cheery and inviting appearance.

HOW VACATION PASSED.

Silas L. Messinger, A. B., ’85, spent the summer at Collegeville, and supplied the congregation at Blue Bell in the temporary disability of its pastor.

George H. Miller, B. S., ’86, passed pleasant days in visiting friends in Easton and Philadelphia.

John A. Mertz, A. B., of the Senior Theological Class, rendered valuable assistance to his uncle, Rev. H. Hilsbish, by preaching in his charge in York county, Pa.

Oswil H. E. Rauch, ’89, found instruction and enjoyable recreation in Mr. Moody’s celebrated Summer School at Mt. Hermon, Mass.

Chas. E. Wehler, ’87, Isaac C. Fisher, ’89, and Granville H. Meixell, ’90, improved the opportunity of spare moments to swell the Bulletin’s subscription list.
James B. May, B. S., '85, filled the pulpit of Dr. McCauley’s church at Reading on one Sunday of the summer, and preached elsewhere, with profit to himself and his hearers.

O. P. Schellhamer, B. S., '85, secured relief from the routine of student life in active ministerial work in Lehigh county.

W. A. Korn, '87, and Wallace H. Wotring, '89, deemed home the best place for rest and agreeable recuperation.

J. L. Fluck, '88, after recovering entirely from his severe spell of sickness, made a trip to Reading and renewed old acquaintanceships.

Thaddeus S. Krause, '87, through much of the summer, was with his brother in Philadelphia.

Ross J. Myers, '88, whiled away happy hours in a journey to Hanover, Pa.

Edward S. Bromer, '90, made a bicycle voyage to Womelsdorf and Harrisburg.

E. W. Lentz, '89, listened to the music of the wild waves during several weeks stay at the seashore.

G. P. Fisher, '87, divided his vacation time between his home and Reading.

Rev. H. A. Bomberger, A. B., '84, breathed Ocean Grove’s balmy breezes for a season, and on his return was kept busy with pulpit work.

Calvin P. Mensch, '87, has lingering recollections of Atlantic City joys and Hudson river scenery.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

THE OLEVIAN SOCIETY.

In Memoriam.

At the first meeting of the Olevian Literary Society since the death of its beloved President, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to remove from our midst, our dear friend and school-mate Emeline L. Bechtel; and

WHEREAS, The intimate and cordial relations which existed between us during our academic fellowship, strongly prompt an expression of our sentiments of warm affection and sincere regard for her; therefore,

Resolved, That the remembrance of her personal virtues, her gentle manners, her prudent judgment, her diligence in studies and her devoutly earnest spirit, be ever cherished among our most grateful and inspiring recollections.

Death does not dissolve the tie with which the virtues of the departed bind us; it but lends inspiration and hope to the life before us.

Resolved, That we bow in submission to the Divine Will (yet sorrowing that we shall see her face no more), and accept her removal as a divine admonition to seek after higher wisdom and more fervent zeal for the great work assigned to us.

Resolved, That we lament her death in deepest sympathy with her bereaved parents, praying that the God of all comfort may be their sure support, and that their sense of loneliness may be dispelled by the abiding presence of Him who is the Resurrection and the Life.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and that they be published in the Providence Independent and Ursinus College Bulletin.

Flora Rahn, Mamie Schleichter, Ella Price, Committee.

THE ZWINGLIAN SOCIETY.

The Zwinglian Literary Society is completing arrangements with a prominent lecturer for an engagement in the College Chapel some time during the Fall. Lectures of the kind
proposed are always well attended and greatly appreciated. Full particulars will be given in our next issue.

**DER EBRARD LITERARISCHEN GESELLSCHAFT.**

This Society has not yet this term been able to hold its regular meetings on Thursday afternoon as heretofore, by reason of changes in recitation periods. Saturday will probably be decided upon as the fixed day for stated meetings in the future.

**THE SCIAFF SOCIETY.**

The Schaff Society began its regular work for the present collegiate year, on Friday evening, Sept. 3. The meeting was well attended by many old, and some new members. From the interest manifested in the evening’s proceedings, a prosperous year may be expected in this Society.

**THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.**

*A GIFT FOR THE ALUMNI LIBRARY.*

Rev. M. Peters, A. M., an Alumnus of Ursinus of ’74, and at present Vice President of Galesville University (Presbyterian) of Wisconsin, has very generously donated to the Alumni Library a copy of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, edition of Stoddart & Co., Philadelphia, now almost completed. This will be a valuable addition to the library, and, besides laying the College under grateful obligations to the donor, will serve to stimulate many other Alumni to imitate the example set. Any who may feel its impulse, and wish to know how to indulge their generosity in this line to the best advantage, are referred to lists of desired books published in earlier numbers of the *Bulletin*, or may apply for information at headquarters.

*PERSONAL.*

’74. Rev. J. H. Shuford, A. B., formerly pastor of the Reformed Church at Summum, Illinois, is now located at Central City, Iowa.

’75. Rev. L. G. Kremer, A. B., Hagerstown, Md., is chairman of the standing committee of Maryland Classis, on Minutes of Synod.

’76. Rev. J. F. Butler, A. B., of Altamont, Illinois, preached the sermon at the recent installation of Rev. G. E. Metger, as pastor of the Anna charge, in Union county, of that state. An interesting report of the discourse is published in late issues of the church papers.

’78–’76–’85. Rev. L. D. Stambaugh, a theological alumnus of ’78, of Rehrersburg, Pa., celebrated the second anniversary of St. John’s Reformed Sunday School in his charge the latter part of July. Quite an elaborate programme, arranged for the occasion, was successfully carried out, to the great satisfaction of the large audiences which assembled at the several sessions. Two other Ursinus alumni, Rev. H. J. Welker, A. B., ’76, and Mr. O. P. Shellhammer, B. S., ’85, delivered addresses, while Mr. Isaac C. Fisher, of the Sophomore Class of the College, was in charge of the exercises.

J. Stauffer, A. B., East Berlin, Pa., '84, and Mr. D. C. Murtha, B. S., Philadelphia, '86, renewed acquaintance with Alma Mater scenes in brief visits to Collegeville about the opening of the Fall Term.

'84. Miss Bertha Hendricks, B. S., of this place, has been appointed one of the teachers of the public school at Shannonville, Pa., and has already assumed the duties of the position. The Bulletin offers her best wishes for success in her work.

SPECIAL TOPICS.

THE NEW EDUCATION.

[The following kindly furnished abstract of the opening address of the Term by Dr. Super upon the above topic is not full enough to convey an adequate idea of its practical merits and interest, and yet will serve to indicate the value of these addresses by members of the Faculty in turn for the students, and the position held by the College in regard to some of the educational theories of the day. The address was enlivened by a number of pertinent and in some cases pungent illustrations, or illustrative criticisms, which the Bulletin would have been glad to publish, believing that they would be as warmly appreciated by its readers as they were by the audience. But the abstract omits them, and the Bulletin does not venture to supply them from memory.]

Dr. Super opened his address by referring to the struggle between the old and new in the sphere of education as in other spheres, and the careful scrutiny exercised in the admission of new theories. We ought not to condemn the new because it is new, nor the old because we are tired of it. The modern systems are generally based on the ground of mental vacuity which makes the child dependent on sensation for its knowledge. The training of the senses is therefore of the utmost importance. Systems differ according to the end desired. This may be muscular drill; or close and precise observation; or mental exercise; or the development of the moral and religious elements. The new tendency is in the direction of the cultivation of the powers of observation. All efforts must tend to the exercise of these, to awaken and to strengthen them. All knowledge is the result of observation. Hence the pupil must be brought into the presence of objects, and subject them to the senses. Here opens the wide field for the objective method. "The pupil gains an adequate knowledge of things only in the presence of the things themselves." "Words and symbols are not allowed to intervene, tempting the learner to satisfy his mind with ideas obtained at second hand."

Dr. Super examined and criticised the dangerous inferences that must follow the unqualified reception of this proposition. He then proceeded to examine the "Quincy Methods" of Francis W. Parker, "Let things that have to be done be learned by doing them," as the main proposition. The maximum amount of practice with the minimum amount of the-
ory is the objective point in the theory. Its application to the different branches of study was then examined, and the strong and weak points were noted. While of benefit under suitable limitations, the objective method should yield at an early age to the abstract method. Sensation must yield to pure reason and the highest discipline secured by abstract thought. Geometry in its highest form deals with figured space and not with objects. Inward logical process is of vastly more importance than observation by the senses.

The objective method rests on a defective mental philosophy which makes the senses to authenticate themselves. It reduces the range of knowledge to material things and becomes the fruitful source of materialism and naturalism. It robs man of his glory in the higher sphere of moral and spiritual culture, and displaces art and science from their true position to a menial and subordinate place.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

As announced in the August number of the Bulletin, a memorial service in improvement of the death of Emeline L. Bechtel, which occurred early in July, was held in the College Chapel on Sunday afternoon, September 5, the first Lord's day after the opening of the Term. The Chapel was well filled, a large number of friends in the community having joined the students in the observance of the solemn occasion. Miss Bechtel had just completed her Junior year in the course with great credit for scholarship and the best qualities of a faithful student, and had been admitted to the Senior Class with bright prospects of winning a high position among her fellows at graduation. But He with whom are the issues of life willed otherwise, and after but a few days of the summer vacation had passed she was summoned to other associations, and to higher and happier privileges.

Several considerations pressed the propriety of a special service in this case soon after the return of her companions to their academic studies. Her death occurred during their absence. She was warmly esteemed not only by class-mates and fellow-members of the Olevian Society (of which she was President at the time of her decease), but by the entire Faculty and College. As a member of the Senior Class (Scientific course) and an expectant graduate at the next Commencement, her relations to the school were peculiarly close. Her early death very naturally made a profound impression, and offered an opportunity for profitable improvement that could not be disregarded.

The services consisted of the usual order of devotions, Vice-President Dr. Super leading the congregation in an appropriate prayer. The discourse on the occasion was preached by the President of the College. It was based on Hebrews vi: 11, 12: "And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end; that ye be not slothful but followers of them
who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

The text, he said, was suggested by some easily recognized features of the occasion, and plainly indicated the most important lessons taught by it. It is the chief aim of this service to emphasize and practically apply those lessons, not to indulge in eulogizing a departed member of the school. Whatever personal virtues she possessed and exhibited in her relations in life, and especially her academic relations, were acquired through grace and by a diligent use of the means of grace. That same grace, and its divinely appointed and sanctifying means, are at hand for every one of us. And the hearty appropriation and successful use of them in the formation and development of a truly christian life and character, serve as an inspiring motive to imitate the good example thus bequeathed, as the richest legacy which departed friends can leave to their survivors.

Commonly the world selects as subjects of its memorials those who have acquired renown by exploits which carnal minds admire, and which are thought to promote earthly interests. It judges greatness and glory according to temporal standards, and holds up such as meet the demands of those standards, as men and women whose characters and deeds offer the best examples, and are most worthy of being followed.

Christianity and its Gospel move in a far higher plane, and choose their models from a different sphere and upon other principles. Not among those whom the world applauds and honors as wise, or mighty, or noble after the flesh, among those whom it sets upon thrones and crowns with diadems of gold, or magnifies as conquering heroes or brilliant statesmen,—not among such (unless with rare exceptions) does the Gospel seek patterns of personal and social excellence which it commends to our study and imitation. Rather it exhorts us to be "followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." It calls us to take those for inspiring examples who are themselves inspired with divine and heavenly aims and motives, and whose lives display the elevating, ennobling influence of such inspiration. Such lives make more lasting impressions than "Footprints on the sands of time," which the next wave of human passion sweeps away. Such characters are formed of material more enduring than marble or brass, and continue to bear their testimony to the superior excellence of pure christian faith, virtue and godliness, long after the witnesses themselves have exchanged hope for vision and the toils of time for the eternal rest of heaven.

Furthermore, the examples thus set before us by the Gospel commend themselves as true and real. They are not overdrawn fancy-sketches of a carnal imagination. The virtues exhibited for study and imitation are genuine and reliable, yielding the fruits of a righteousness approved by God. To follow them is to go for-
ward in a safe path, leading the pilgrim by the way of green pastures and unfailing waters to the celestial home. For it is a peculiar merit of the piety which furnishes those examples of godliness, that the possessors of it are blessed themselves in being a blessing to others, even whilst they are so absorbed with doing good that they do not stop to think of their own virtues and beneficence.

Another fact which commends the counsel of the text is that it exhorts to what is attainable through grace by all of you. Those whom it would persuade us to follow are our fellows in all the work and warfare of life. They have, or had, no advantages or opportunities which we do not possess. The patterns are taken from the common walks of life, from the cases of those of like passions and infirmities with our own. They had to do substantially the same work, in working out their salvation; they had to take up the same cross we are called to bear. What they achieved every one of you may secure. You may each be as faithful and diligent in performing the duties of life as they were. All the divine succor at hand for them is within your reach. Why should any hesitate to run the race they are running, or have run? Why any excuse themselves from striving to attain what they are pressing after, or have attained? And this especially, as all included in the exceeding great and precious "promises" by which they were cheered, is an inheritance placed within your reach.

But bear well in mind that to make sure of that heritage each one must personally "shew the same diligence," untiringly and perseveringly, unto the end; each one must cultivate and cherish the same faith and patience until the Master comes and welcomes him to the reward.

This seems to me the message addressed to the students assembled here to-day. It does not ignore the fresh lesson taught of life's frailty and precariousness. But it rather says, that unless you comply with the solemn admonition of the text, and that admonition confirmed and emphasized by the occasion of this hour's service, it were better you should die young than go on and grow old in sin, in imitation of the example of those who live without God and perish at last without hope.

BARREN VICTORIES.

It has been said of some conquerors, "They make a wilderness, and call it peace." There are many victories which are quite as disastrous as defeats. A few years ago a party of denominational leaders and managers succeeded in getting the entire control of the religious machinery with which they and their friends had been connected. Why they did it, we do not remember, and how they did it, the men themselves would perhaps be glad to forget; but some way it was done, and quite a portion of the persons previously associated with them withdrew and left them to work out their own plans. They pursued the tenor of their way, and felt that they
had carried the day, gained their point, and won the victory. But still they were not altogether happy, contented or prosperous. No great period elapsed before it was found necessary to dissolve the whole arrangement, abandoning all that had been gained, and virtually asking those who had been repelled from their association to unite with them, and let the past sink into forgetfulness.

There are important lessons to be learned from such occurrences. Persons who desire the benefits of association must remember that though majorities may adopt resolutions, they cannot eradicate convictions; and that there is no genuine fellowship in Christian labor, unless it has a basis in fairness, integrity, and mutual confidence. It is one thing to drum up volunteers enough to carry a vote, in an emergency; it is quite another thing to find veterans enough to fight the battles, and sustain the work through years of toil and discouragement.

Votes may be weighed as well as counted, and a minority on the right side, is often stronger than a majority who are wrong. And even if a minority prove to be in the wrong, yet if they are wrongly treated by the majority, that fact puts the majority in the wrong, and robs them of any advantage which they may have gained.

Honesty is the best policy; for though majorities may lead a horse to water, it is quite a different matter to make him drink when he is there. Anything which savors of fraud, craft, or the tricks of tenth-rate pettifoggers and religious politicians, hangs a millstone about the neck even of a good cause, and is pretty sure to sink a bad one in the depths of the sea.

The best course for people who have been ensnared and entangled in such an arrangement, is to repent, and do works meet for repentance. To do this, they need to break loose from the men who have led them astray; for there are some of these Ethiopians who are never likely to change their skins. But that fact should not hinder honest men from correcting wrongs in which they have been concerned, as soon as they see them. The man who has been misled into a course of wrong action, owes it to his conscience and his God, as well as to those whom he has wronged, to frankly confess his error, and honestly endeavor to undo the wrong which he has done. Those people who never do any wrongs, of course have no confessions to make; and will go on to the day of judgment, and will then get the opinion of the Master on their acts. Others may prefer to adjust such matters in this world, and if so, the sooner they do it the better.

—Selected.

SELECTED ITEMS.

Moritz Wagner, one of the most modern teachers of the Evolutionary philosophy, has been obliged to abandon Mr. Darwin's theory of "Natural Selection" and proposes a theory of "Isolation." He uses his theory,
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says the latest writer on the subject, to account for the origin of man, something as follows:—"The progenitors of man, some sort of an ape, lived in tropical Asia. One pair, or perhaps a few pairs, migrated from their home in the northern part of the continent, and their return was prevented perhaps by glaciers. This pair were now in a very different climate, and were obliged to struggle more severely for their existence than they did in the luxurious tropics. This active struggle produced rapid changes, and since they were not able to breed with original unmodified stock the variations were transmitted and modified. This finally resulted in the creation of man." This is what is called by some science. Two apes get on the wrong side of a glacier, and in their struggles in the new habitat produce man. How like many of these speculations is it, too, to lodge in its bosom a huge "perhaps."

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS.

A sister of the Sultan of Turkey is teaching Arabic in Berlin.

Cornell will add a law school to its other departments in the Fall of 1887.

Yale Theological Seminary graduated this year a class of thirty members.

This year again—the sixteenth time within twenty-four years—the Senior Wrangler at Cambridge is a Nonconformist.

The Prussian Minister of Education has decided against the admission of women into the universities as students.

About eighty Columbia collegians spent the Summer at a resort near Waterbury, Conn.

Upwards of two hundred American students attend the University of Leipzig, Germany. Theologically, they belong to various denominations.

Smith College at Northampton has received a gift of $5,000 as a permanent scholarship, the income to be given to indigent young women seeking education.

Steps are being taken for the construction of an Observatory at Bucknell University, Lewisburg. Of the $12,000 which it will cost, Mr. William Bucknell will contribute $10,000.

Most of the $1,000,000 necessary for the endowment of the new Roman Catholic University at Washington, has already been subscribed, and ground will be broken for the erection of buildings next spring.

The five hundredth anniversary of the renowned University of Heidelberg, the oldest University in the German Empire, has been observed with great ceremony. Honorary degrees were conferred by the University upon Professor Alexander Graham Bell, of Washington; Professor Edward D. Cope, of Philadelphia; Professor Othniel Charles Marsh, of New Haven; Professor Simon Newcomb, Superintendent of the Nautical Almanac at Washington, and Professor John W. Powell, Director of the Geological Survey. The Grand Duke of Baden was made a doctor of theology, and the hereditary Grand Duke a doctor of law.
Henry Dixon Jones, who last Spring resigned the position of instructor in elocution at Harvard, made his first appearance on the stage at the Grand Opera House, New York, one night the latter part of August. He was *Marc Anthony* in "Julius Cæsar" to the *Brutus* of Frederick B. Warde. Mr. Jones was formerly at Delaware College, Newark, Del.

**MONTHLY SUMMARY.**

A memorial jubilee reunion, in commemoration of the early educational work at Mercersburg, was held at that place September 7th and 8th.

Prof. George F. Mull, A. M., a graduate of Mercersburg College, and at one time its Professor of Latin, has been elected assistant to Prof. Wm. M. Nevin in the Faculty of *Franklin and Marshall College*, Lancaster, Pa.

*Heidelberg College*, Tiffin, O., has secured the services of Prof. E. J. Shives, of Wooster, as Principal of its Academy. The gentleman has had three years' experience in connection with the Normal Department of Wittenberg College, Springfield, and one year in the Akron High School. Rev. E. R. William, son of the President of the college, has been elected Professor of Latin.

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**CONGREGATIONAL.**

The Reformed Church at Huntingdon, Pa., Rev. C. J. Musser, pastor, was reopened for services August 1st, after undergoing extensive repairs.

The corner-stone of Zion's Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., was laid on Sunday, August 22d. The church will be one of the finest in the Lehigh Valley. Its estimated cost is $30,000, of which $22,000 has been subscribed. The Chapel will seat 800 persons, and the main audience room will accommodate over 1000.

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**MINISTERIAL.**

Brown, S. P., called to Duncannon, Pa.
Berkey, A. G., ordained and installed at Waynesburg, O.

Gerhard, W. T., retired, of Lancaster, Pa., died at Harrisburg August 18th.
Herbruck, E. P., resigned Akron, O., to accept call to English church, Canton.
Lewis, J. R., settled at Maquoketa, Ia., instead of Hazelton, Kan.
Metzger, G. E., installed at Anna, Ill.
Steeckel, L. D., removed from Pottsville to Mifflinburg, Pa.
Steele, J. H., Mohican, O., accepts call to Beaver charge, near Xenia, O.
Smith, G. B., removed from Line Lexington to Tannersville, Monroe county, Pa.

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**BOOK AND LITERARY NOTICES.**

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

*EBRARD'S APOLLOGETICS* (Apologia*etik. Wissens*chaftliche Rechtfertigung des Christenthums, von J. H. A. Ebrard, Dr. Philos. et Theol.—Gutersloh, 1874—5) has at length been translated and published in English. This is an event in the literary world, upon which all cultivated Christians unable to read the work in German may be warmly congratulated. It is only to be regretted that they have been so long deprived of the pleasure and profit to be gained from a perusal of the book. Few of the many excellent volumes translated from the German during the past ten years have been so worthy of translation; none have been more so. In many more meritorious respects it ranks among the best books issued during the present century. No other Apologetics can be compared with it, for all the most essential qualities of such a work. Some critics seeking flaws may have complained of its alleged diffuseness, of its two parts (and volume) covering more than a thousand pages closely printed, and largely in small type. But such critics might be safely challenged to condense the same amount of valuable and pertinent matter into less space. Apart from its apologetic importance, and this especially in vindication of the Bible and Gospel Christianity against modern atheism or agnosticism in every form, the work is a real treasury of instruction regarding subjects of the deepest interest to all intelligent Christians. The work has been published by Clark's, Edinburgh, and can be had at the Presbyterian Publishing Board, 1334 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.
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