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SEVERAL important changes that have transpired at the College during the present Summer vacation, will be noted at once by every old student who returns to URSINUS with the opening of the Fall Term. Dr. Super's presence in the active work of academic life will be missing, and the vacancy will be felt with sincere feelings of sorrow on all sides, which will be intensified for many of those who are nearing the completion of their undergraduate studies by the circumstance of longer and more intimate acquaintance.

As Vice-President of the institution since its foundation, Dr. Super's name and individuality became so closely interwoven with its principles and progress, that the thought of a dissolution of the ties had seemed beyond the realm of possibility within the natural limits of his life. His determination that he had reached that age when it behooved him to retire from the arduous demands of an important professorship, produced therefore a measure of surprise that sharpened appreciably the general regret with which his action was received.

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It is believed, however, that the breaking of formal connections will not affect the deeper bonds of union; and that the fruits of the retiring Vice-President's affection for the cause which received the rich benefit of his best days of service, may still continue to abound, to strengthen our Alma Mater and add to her prosperity throughout many years of her future history. The spontaneous impulse of all who stand on the threshold of our busy halls of daily recitation as Dr. Super leaves them for the restful seclusion of private life, will be to give him the cordial assurance that these retreats of learning will always rejoice in his presence, whenever he would re-enter them for a season to revive or renew pleasant associations and friendships, or offer kindly counsel and advice; and that for him the latch-string of their every entrance-door is hanging out continually in unstinted welcome, as the pledge of kindly remembrance.

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Other changes, resulting principally from this most important one, will also be earnestly discussed. Dr. Williard's selection for the Acting-Presidency has
met with warm approval. His first year's work at Ursinus brought out many of those distinguishing characteristics of the man which achieved such splendid advancement for Heidelberg University; and these may be counted on at their full working value in the new position he has been chosen to fill. His quarter-century record is still the fountain-spring of well-deserved popularity in Tiffin. This was strikingly attested on the occasion of his recent visit to that place for a part of his vacation, when, in the words of one of its newspapers, “the Williard home was filled with citizens and their wives, and also young ladies and gentlemen, calling to pay their respects to the honored ex-President; so that he was kept busy in shaking hands and greeting with kindly expressions those who were pleased to meet him again.”

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The same elements which won him the enduring affection and support of the church in the West, will naturally continue to do like things for him at Ursinus in the East. Consequently the unequivocal endorsement of them by our Board of Directors, expressed in its choice for the Acting-Presidency, will commend itself to every mind as the legitimate outgrowth of wise, unprejudiced common-sense and good judgment.

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As to one more change—the election of Professor Wheeler—that gentleman's qualifications are such as to make him a strong acquisition to the Faculty, a fact our students will not be slow to appreciate at its full value. Therefore, so far, so good. And now for active work.

Eighteen-ninety-one's Commencement record, given in the closing pages of this issue, is published not so much as news as an essential part of our current history. This year's Commencement Herald covered the former ground so well, that the latter feature was all that was left the Bulletin.

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Bomberger Memorial Hall, now above the second floor joists, seems to grow more graceful, imposing and easy in outline, with each succeeding day. It will form an object of surpassing interest to visitors and students throughout the entire collegiate year that is now about to open.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE NEW COLLEGE YEAR.

THE ACTING-PRESIDENCY.

As announced on Commencement Day, Vice-President Henry W. Super, D. D., LL.D., has resigned the position of Acting-President, and withdraws from all active service in connection with the College. It is his purpose to retire to the comforts of his beautiful home, opposite the campus, to spend his remaining years in cultured leisure.

The Board of Directors has assigned to Dr. Williard the duties of the presidency for the Collegiate year, and he has accepted the trust, with the promise that he will devote his best energies to the development and management of the institution.

THE NEW PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS.

Professor Charles H. Wheeler, B. Ph. will be on hand at the opening of the term to take charge of the department of Mathematics. He has revised the list of texts used in this depart-
ment, and writes of the new books to be used, “I have made the above selection with a great deal of care, and I am confident that it is good. They are all late editions.”

MUSIC AND ART.

Miss Ethel J. Park, of Boston, has been elected as teacher of Music and Art. She will reside in the Ladies' Hall, and will give personal attention to the social life of the young ladies. In addition to vocal and instrumental music, she will give lessons in drawing and painting. A teacher in the public schools of Boston, of fifteen years' experience, writes of Miss Park, “She is a young woman of unusual literary and spiritual attainments. She is an excellent organizer, and her enthusiasm in whatever she undertakes is very contagious, thereby insuring her success.”

THE THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

In addition to his teaching of Dogmatics, Dr. Good will take charge of Church History. He will also act as Dean of the Department.

Professor Stibitz will give additional attention to Old Testament Literature and Theology, while the Old Testament text will be studied no less enthusiastically than heretofore.

Professor Peters will teach New Testament Theology, the Life of Christ, and New Testament Greek.

The department of Apologetics will be developed by Dr. Williard, who will also take charge of several other branches of the course.

In Elocution, Hymn and Bible Reading, Robert G. Magee, A. B., will give two lessons a week throughout the year.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Particular attention is called to Dr. Good's permanent assignment to Church History. Dr. Good is a specialist in this branch of study and is the author of two books bearing on the history of the Reformed Church. He is thoroughly equipped to take charge of the historical subjects in theology, and his pastoral skill peculiarly fits him to train young men for practical church work.

Professor Wheeler is a graduate of Syracuse University, New York. He has done observatory work in astronomy and field work in civil engineering, and has had two years' experience in teaching. He is spoken of by one who has had abundant opportunity to measure the man as “dignified, manly, self-poised, and full of good sense,” and the gentleman's bearing and conversation during a visit to the college early in July gave evidence of these as leading traits of his character.

Professor J. Shelly Weinberger, A. M., will continue at the head of the department of Greek. He will give more attention to advanced Greek in the Junior and Senior years, and the beginners in the language will be trained according to the inductive method under the vigorous drill of Professor George Stibitz.

The special stress which the college has always laid on a thorough mastery of the English language and literature under the skillful instruction of Prof. Samuel Vernon Ruby, Esq., A. M., Ph. D., will be increased by making the elective English obligatory in addition to the extended course heretofore required. Robert G. Magee, A. B., a special student under Elocution-
ist Roberts, of Philadelphia, will give lessons in Voice Culture, and Public Reading and Speaking.

Prof. M. Peters, A. M., B. D., has spent the summer in special investigation in the department of Natural Science. It is his purpose to equip the new laboratories of the college second to none, and he has visited a number of institutions, studying methods and details for this purpose. He will be prepared to give students laboratory practice in chemistry during the latter part of the year.

Prof. George Stibitz, A. M., Ph. D., has proved one of the best younger Hebrew teachers in the country. He uses the inductive method, and is unsurpassed in drill and force in instruction. He also gives the Junior class in college a course in the English Bible, studying it as history and literature, and analyzing its contents by books and chapters. Dr. Stibitz has succeeded in making students masters of Hebrew who found it difficult to manage the college classics, a tribute to his method and vigor as a teacher. Advanced Latin will also remain in his hands.

The inductive method is also used by Prof. N. M. Balliet, A. M., in teaching Latin, and he has achieved splendid results thereby. Students learn more rapidly and get better command of what they learn by this natural method. He will increase his work in History in the Junior year and in Latin for admission to college.

Prof. Alcide Reichenbach, A. M., has relinquished the Principalship of the Academic Department, and will devote himself to French, German, Pedagogy, and Academic English.

A special word needs to be said of the Academic Department, of which Prof. Balliet will hereafter be Principal. The instruction in this department is nearly all given by the College Professors, each man reaching down in his department to teach the branches thereof. Thus Dr. Stibitz will teach the Preparatory Greek, Prof. Balliet the Latin, Prof. Wheeler the Mathematics, Prof. Reichenbach the English, and Prof. A. L. Custer, M. E., will teach the common branches. This arrangement puts the students at the beginning of their course of study under the best teachers and makes them acquainted with higher methods of instruction. The Professor is enabled thereby to do better collegiate work because it insures to him students thoroughly grounded in the elements. The Professors of Ursinus take pride in doing the best work when it will do the most good.

The Board of Directors has also taken a new departure in electing Mr. Samuel Shumaker, of York, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. This will be a new college officer, who will devote all his time and attention to the care and management of the property of the college.

Examinations for admission at the opening of the 22d Academic year will be held on Monday and Tuesday, August 31st and September 1st, at 9.30 a. m. and 2.30 p. m.

**DR. SUPER'S RETIREMENT.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FACULTY.**

At a regularly called meeting of the Board of Directors of Ursinus College, held this 21st day of July, A. D. 1891, to take action on the resignation.
of Rev. Prof. H. W. Super, D. D., LL. D., to longer continue as a Professor and Vice-President of said URSINUS COLLEGE, the said Board of Directors does here and now puts upon permanent record that it deeply regrets that the Rev. Prof. H. W. Super, D. D., LL. D., feels constrained to withdraw from all active professional service in the institution.

The said Board of Directors will here record the fact that during the whole past twenty one years of the existence of the College, the Rev. Prof. Super has been most closely identified with it in its most vital interests, and as an honored and prominent member of the Faculty stood faithfully at his post, discharging the duties of Professor of Mathematics, Astronomy and Physics, in the College, and of Professor of Church History, Biblical Literature and Homiletics, in the Theological Department. In the class-room he manifested patience, skill, and thoroughness of scholarship, proving himself to be master of the subjects he taught. In his intercourse with the students he was kind and courteous, commanding both their respect and confidence. As a disciplinarian he was firm and unyielding. In the discharge of the varied duties of his professorship, he showed himself the scholar and Christian gentleman.

As Vice-President of the College from its origin till the demise of the late honored and deeply lamented President, Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., LL. D., and as the Acting-President since the said Dr. Bomberger's death, Dr. Super discharged the public duties of his offices with grace, dignity and fidelity, to the admiration of the friends of the College generally.

In the Rev. Dr. Super's retirement from the arduous duties of a Professor in URSINUS COLLEGE, the Board of Directors of said URSINUS COLLEGE does here declare its appreciation of the merits of the said Rev. Dr. Super as a scholar and cultured Christian gentleman; and the said Board of Directors fondly hopes and prays that the said Rev. Dr. Super will give to URSINUS COLLEGE in the future, as in the past, the full benefit of his wise counsels, and in every other way of his valued moral and financial support, in order that he may happily continue to have part in carrying forward the grand and Heaven-appointed mission of this institution of higher Christian education which he helped to found and foster.

THE FACULTY RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Rev. Henry W. Super, D. D., LL. D., Acting-President, Professor of Mathematics and Church History in URSINUS COLLEGE, and an original member of its Faculty, has now withdrawn his active services as Professor and officer from the College; and,

WHEREAS, His literary and ministerial labors for a period of twenty-one years in the prime of his life, are deeply imbedded in the history of URSINUS COLLEGE; therefore,

Resolved, That the College has always recognized him as a wise, conservative counsellor, a true educator, a correct disciplinarian, a scholar of fine attainments, a man of the greatest purity of character, and an able and fearless defender of the faith and spirit which animated the college from the start.

Resolved, That the members of the Faculty appreciate his ability as a presiding officer and his earnest zeal for the welfare and interest of all the de-
partments of the college, and that his co-adjutors will ever cherish memories of the many kind and friendly tokens of regard and courtesy which found their expression in the most generous hospitality.

Resolved, That his associates sincerely regret the withdrawal of his official relation from the college, and that while his honored presence among them will be less frequent, they entertain the hope that so many years of active life in literary pursuits may prove to him a comfort and a consolation of riper days.

NEWS ABOUT COLLEGE.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

The Ursinus College Summer School of Ancient Languages and Eloquence closed a very successful term on July 31. The attendance was double that of last year. The courses offered were Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Mathematics, and Eloquence. Students from Easton, Bethlehem, Slatington, Schwenksville, Frederick, McKensburg, Collegeville, and other places, attended the school. There was a highly successful musical and literary entertainment given on Thursday evening, which was attended by the students and residents of the village. Prof. Balliet tendered a reception to the students on Friday evening. Bomberger Memorial Hall now in course of erection will afford increased facilities for next year’s work. Better classrooms will be furnished and new courses will be added.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The artesian well on the college grounds has been sunk to a depth of 241 feet. The apparatus used for testing it yielded a steady stream of 27 gallons a minute, all that the engine used had power to pump, and with greater pumping capacity the indications were that the supply might be found again as great.

The closing baseball game of the season at Ursinus was a very successful and creditable one for the home team, the score being 5 to 2 in its favor. The game was played with the John B. Stetson Union Club, of Philadelphia, and was won by superior all-around work on the part of the collegians.

Mr. Robert G. Magee, instructor in Eloquence, gave interesting select readings in the College Chapel at the entertainment, on Thursday evening, July 30th.

Mr. Granville H. Meixell, of the class of ’90, late instructor in the Moravian Parochial School at Bethlehem, Pa., has been elected to a post graduate Fellowship in Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, where he expects to enter upon a course of advanced study in September.

Rev. Henry A. Bomberger, ’84, of York, Penna., and Mr. Walter Bomberger, ’87, of Collegeville, sailed for Europe on July 18th, by the Guion Line steamer “Wisconsin.” They will visit England and many other foreign countries, and will probably return late in November or early the month following.

Miss Kolp, a niece of Mr. Robert Patterson, of Philadelphia, who had lived with that gentleman’s family since early childhood and had long been as one of its members, died suddenly at her home about the middle of July last. It is needless to say that the heart of every friend of Ursinus who heard of the sad
dispensation of Providence, went out in deepest sympathy toward the generous-hearted benefactor of our Alma Mater, as well as his esteemed wife, in their severe and most grievous affliction.

Dr. Good spent part of his vacation at Northfield; Dr. Williard at Xenia, Ohio; Professor Peters at Cambridge; and Professor Ruby at his home in Mechanicsburg.

GENERAL TOPICS.

THE COLLEGE STUDENTS' CONFERENCE AT NORTHFIELD.

BY REV. JAMES L. GOOD, D. D.

The college student is a factor in history. He bids fair to play a more important part in the future history of the church than he has done in the past. The recent conference under Mr. Moody demonstrates this. This, the sixth conference that has been held, was the largest of all, the delegates from the various colleges numbering five hundred. Of these twenty-five were Japanese, about ten were from the Universities of Cambridge, Oxford and Scotland, and about ten from Canada. Prominent speakers like Prof. Harper of Yale, Prof. Thompson of Pennsylvania, Rev. Dr. John Smith of Edinboro, Scotland, President Bashford of Ohio Wesleyan University, and others, including Mr. Moody, addressed the students.

The students who attended were fine specimens of physical manhood who had consecrated all the strength of their youth to the Lord Jesus. The meetings were many each day, but not too many for the students, for they seemed to drink in the truths that were uttered. Athletic sports alternated with the religious services, the afternoons being devoted to them, while the mornings and evenings were given up to religious meetings. Every student went away with an inspiration to a new consecration to God. The report of the growth of Christian work among college students was very interesting. Fifteen years ago only about twenty institutions had associations for religious work. Now there are over three hundred.

During those years these Young Men's Christian Associations have been the means of leading 18,000 young men to Christ, and of leading 2,500 young men into the ministry. Through them at least 40,000 young men have gone out as laymen, but trained to Christian work by these associations. Every week 3,000 young men gather in them to study God's Word. The evangelist, Mr. Sayford (would that he could go through all the colleges of our Reformed Church) has held meetings in thirty institutions during the year, and there have been revivals in twenty-five of them, and 4,000 young men have been led to a higher plane of Christian living.

These student conferences have been birth-places of great movements. Mr. Moody, as everyone knows, is not an educated man, but he is doing more for educated men than any one of them is doing. At the first Students' Conference, the volunteer missionary movement had its origin. As a result of this thousands of young men and ladies stand ready to go to foreign fields if the church will only send them. This has been one of the most wonderful movements within the church during the last few years. And it looks as if other movements just as important were to come out of these Students'
Conferrances. At this conference a few of the students who expected to enter the ministry gathered together to discuss what they could do to get more students for the ministry. Out of the last four classes at Yale, graduating one hundred and fifty to two hundred men, only about a dozen in each class entered the ministry. In New York city where there are 3,000 medical students, there are only three hundred theological students. Nor are the students for the ministry few, but the impression seemed to be that the best men were not entering the ministry. Prof. Harper of Yale, and President Hastings of Union Seminary, were quoted as saying that the ministry was getting second rate men. The honor men seemed to be going into other professions. President Bashford said that in Ohio Wesleyan, one-third of the students had the ministry in view, and they were the best men there. Probably the truth is that in the large universities there are few ministerial students, while in the smaller colleges the number is much larger. (It looks as if the smaller institutions were the ones who were to save the world for Christ). So these students at Northfield decided to work in their respective institutions for more students for the ministry. Just as the volunteer movement to get missionaries began some years ago there, so this may be the beginning of a similar movement to get ministers. It is encouraging to the students doing this. Heretofore it was often left for some one of the professors to turn the attention of the students toward the ministry. And often, especially in large institutions where the professors mingled little with the students, this was not done.

This is a large field of work for the students in our colleges. If the students for the ministry in our institutions were only organized and active to gain others for the ministry, our church would not need to be calling for more men.

Another very interesting movement that is developing from this Students' Conference also appeared. It is small yet, but it bids fair to become a great movement sometime in the future. The fame of Mr. Moody's Student Conferences has gone to the ends of the earth. And last year two conferences like this were held, one in Scandinavia, the other in Germany. As we are more interested in the Germans, some facts will be important. For centuries the question in German universities has been how to curb the wild free life of the students. Ursinus in his day bitterly bewails the moral condition of Wittenberg University. And many of the German students to-day seem to spend their time at nothing else but drinking beer and fighting college duels. The great problem of the German university has been to check the immorality of the students. It looks very much as if a beginning were about being made in the right direction. Last year a number of earnest, pious students of the universities of Germany gathered together at a conference at Nisskey. They decided, owing to the opposition against them in the universities, that the time had not yet come to organize the earnest Christians then into college Young Men's Christian Associations. But they decided to begin down below the University in the preparatory schools or gymnasium. They decided to hold Bible circles among the students of the gymnasium.
A secretary, Mr. Mocker (who was at Northfield this year), was appointed to oversee the work. During the year, 20 Bible circles, containing 500 members, have been formed, and the work is growing. If this movement goes on for a few years, these preparatory students will then be in the universities, and they will form the nucleus for organizing college Young Men's Christian Associations. They will grow into an organized band to regenerate the German universities morally. It will take years to bring this about, but a beginning has been made. And we who represent the German church of the fatherland, should rejoice and pray for the students of Germany that they may be consecrated to the Lord.

These are a few of the important movements that are going out from Northfield Conferences. Give the college student a chance to work for Christ and he will startle the world with his efficiency. O, that all young men in the institutions of our Church were ready to go forth, whether as laymen, ministers or missionaries, to labor for the Master. Then we would not long have to pray, "Thy kingdom come;" for it would be here before we knew it. May the Lord bless the students in the colleges of our church that they may be mighty for the salvation of their fellow-students and for the salvation of the world.

LETTER FROM EUROPE.

BY WALTER P. AMBERGER, '87.

Our steamer reached the docks at Liverpool on Wednesday, July 29th, while everybody was still abed. We had an early breakfast, passed the customs in a few seconds—the officers barely glancing at our opened satchels—and after engaging a return berth on the fast Guion line steamer "Alaska" we took the 9:05 train for London.

The railroad cars and engines over here are the most ridiculous-looking things imaginable to American eyes. The engines are like those automatons I have seen at Wanamaker's, and the cars also match well. To the mystification of our fellow-travelers our journey was frequently marked by ill-suppressed outbursts of laughter. On account of the extreme lightness of the cars, however, they excel the average American express very much in speed. The road-bed also must be ballasted better than is usual with us, for they run very smoothly and noiselessly, outclassing our home trains in these respects.

We reached London at three-ten, and after luncheon found very respectable quarters on Ludgate street at 3s. (75 cents) a day each. We took our meals wherever we happened to be at meal times, their cost averaging 1s. 10d. (45 cents). A friend—Dr. Alexander—who came off with us in the "Wisconsin" accompanied us to London, and was of much aid in directing us. He is a medical missionary to Persia. Thursday we went with him to Westminster Abbey and made a cursory examination of many parts of it, during which we witnessed the funeral services over the late Sir James Foster, which were going on in one of the Chapels at the time. The Abbey is certainly the most wonderful pile in the world in a great many respects.

For nearly a week we ran our legs off seeing the "sights of London." The weather was unfavorable—it always is so in London, I believe—but still we
managed to get over a good deal of ground. The site of London is acknowledged to be the last place almost in the Kingdom for a large city, nevertheless the largest city in the world has grown up on it. Between the mud and the constant rain, the poor fare and the high prices for it, an average American is very glad when the time comes to move along.

To me Westminster Abbey proved the most interesting place in town. I visited it several times, on the last occasion taking paper and pencil with me and copying some of the inscriptions on the tablets over the graves of the great.

During our stay we took a trip up the Thames to Greenwich, and on the Sunday of our sojourn attended services in the morning at St. Paul's and in the evening at the Y. M. C. A.

We left London Wednesday morning, August 5th, and have since passed over, and are now settled in the Knickerbocker country. Our route took us by train to the coast (Queenboro), and by steamer over the channel to Flushing, a sea-board town of Holland. We arrived there at five in the evening, and boarded a train immediately for Brussels, Belgium, reaching that point at ten o'clock. We found the city very clean, and some of the buildings surpassed anything we have seen this side of the Atlantic—the Palais de Justice notably.

We "did" the town on Thursday, taking a run out to the battle-field of Waterloo in the afternoon. At night we attended an orchestral concert in the public park, which was of the Theodore Thomas order. This morning we left Brussels at 9.30 for Antwerp, reaching there three-quarters of an hour later, and taking in what was worth seeing, including Ruben's masterpieces, the "Zoo," and the old cathedral. At quarter past three we turned our course toward Rotterdam, our present stopping-place. We expect to see the place to-morrow morning, and in the afternoon go to La Hague, the capital of Holland, and thence to Amsterdam on Monday morning, where we will attend the Y. M. C. A. World's Convention. About Wednesday of next week we will start for the Rhine country.

We meet Americans almost everywhere. To-day we found that we had been travelling from Brussels and Waterloo and to Antwerp with Professor George M. Philips, principal of the West Chester State Normal School. To-day all in the coach in which we rode were Americans. Most of them have been disappointed very much with (they won't tell their friends when they get home) Europe, and are hurrying back in a frame of mind that may be described as little less than sour and discontented. One the other day after many vexations vowed to me "that if the good Lord would ever let him out of this God-forsaken country, he would never again desert his native fireside."

Everything is behind-hand over here and second-class. We have already been 'round and about long enough to find that the Continent is not by any means what it is bragged up to be, and to realize that Americans should be humbly grateful their lines are cast in such pleasant places.

Rotterdam, August 7th.

The Fall Term of Ursinus begins August 31, 1891.
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ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.

A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL OCCASION.

Fair weather, uniformly large and appreciative audiences and an unusually long list of annual meetings and entertainments, formed the distinguishing features of the Twentieth Commencement week at Ursinus. A notable increase in the visitors from a distance on Wednesday and Thursday attested the increasing popularity of the customary events of these two days. The laying of the corner-stone of Bomberger Memorial Hall was the special item of the Commencement exercises and attracted deep and all-absorbing interest. As the formal pledge of the beginning of a new era for our Alma Mater, the happy consummation of the ceremonies connected with this detail of the programme was hailed with grateful satisfaction by all. From beginning to end the yearly festivities were marked by a measure of success that testified most effectively to the spirit of progressive enterprise that now animates the College in every department. Following, will be found an outline record of the doings of the occasion.

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

Acting-President Henry W. Super, D. D., LL. D., delivered the farewell sermon to the graduating class of ninety-one, on Sunday evening, June 21st. Because of the temporary inclemency of the weather, the services (beginning at eight o'clock) were not held in the Commencement Tent erected for the occasion, but in Trinity Reformed Church.

Dr. Super's text was, Psalm lxxvii, 13: "Who is so great a God as our God."

Notwithstanding the rain the audience present was large, filling the seating capacity of the church, and the discourse of the evening was listened to with marked attention. Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., LL. D., and Rev. Prof. M. Peters assisted in the devotional services. The music was furnished by the church choir, led by A. H. Hendricks, Esq., and consisted of two anthems, the first entitled "Praise Ye the Lord," and the second "Trust Ye in the Mighty God."

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

On Tuesday, June 23d, the Board of Directors held its annual meeting in the President's room at 10 a.m. The usual routine business was satisfactorily transacted and customary reports were received and properly disposed of.

That of the Financial Agent showed that during the year $42,800 had been raised for Bomberger Memorial Hall, $6,000 for the Alumni Fund for the cancellation of the college debt, and $4,285 for general purposes, a record entirely unprecedented in the history of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Rev. John H. Sechler, A. M., '75, was unanimously elected by the Board to fill a vacancy in its membership.

The Board adopted unanimously the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the ready response of the Alumni and former students to the call of the Board, and the personal contributions of all their number, are gratefully put on record as cheering evidences of loyal devotion to the institution; that the pastors who have opened their churches, have given of their own means, and devoted their time to the raising of funds for the enlargement of the plant and for the maintenance of the College, no less than the members who
responded to these calls, shall ever be cherished as the true friends and patrons of the cause represented by the College, and their example is worthy of the highest commendation.

The following minute on the death of President Bomberger was also entered of record by the Board:

"Probably nowhere outside of his immediate family, has the shadow of death fallen with a deeper gloom, or the departure of our brother caused a keener sense of loss than in the hearts of the members of this Board of Directors. To us it seems as if all others could have been spared more easily just now, than he, but we are able to bear our own loss because we realize that it is by the loving will of Him who doeth all things wisely and well and causeth all things to work together for the good of his people and the fornicrance of his cause and kingdom.

In recording our sense of loss, we gladly put side by side with it our appreciation of the more than ordinary blessing and favor which God was pleased to bestow on us in the gift to us and the Church at large, of the great and good man, whose name and character we will ever delight to cherish. Endowed with special gifts in an unusual and varied measure he was particularly fitted for the work to which God called him in his day and generation.

The church's day of trial caused his eminent ability and worth to appear in brighter lustre. His varied learning, his masterly leadership, his invincible courage, his keen sense of right, his unshaken faith, his cheering and cheerful hopefulness, shall be a treasury of joy, the unfailing spring of inspiration to us, who are left to carry on without fear or shrinking, the work which under God, he inaugurated, and to which he so freely gave his unselfish life.

Resolved, That a copy of this minute be given to the family of the deceased, and that this Board assures them of its deepest and truest sympathy in their bereavement.

The meeting was well attended, and sentiments of lively pleasure with the achievements of the year received free expression.

ANNUAL ADDRESS BEFORE THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

On Tuesday evening at eight o'clock General Daniel H. Hastings, of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, delivered the Annual Address before the Literary Societies of the College in the Commencement Tent in the presence of a large concourse of people.

Mr. Irvin F. Wagner, '91, who acted as chairman of the evening, presented General Hastings to the audience. He was received with warmest enthusiasm, and his excellent treatment of his theme, "What Shall We do with the College Graduate," elicited frequent and hearty applause.

A quartette consisting of Misses Laura M. Wireback and Ada V. Smith and Mr. Charles H. Lehman, all of Philadelphia, and Mr. Harvey S. Morganthall, of Ursinus, rendered two vocal selections during the evening, "The Song of the Whippoorwill" and "Give me my own Native Isle."

ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association took place in the Chapel on Wednesday morning, June 24th, at 10 o'clock. It was opened with prayer by Rev. D. W. Ebbert, '75, of Milton, Penna.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:


The work of the meeting, outside of that of a routine character, consisted chiefly of a discussion over the proposed amendment to the constitution extending the privilege of the Alumni Oration, heretofore confined to members holding the degree of B. A., to all regular graduates of the college, the article in question being finally referred to the Executive Committee, together with the entire constitution, for revision,
with instructions to report at the next annual meeting; the reception of the communication from the Board of Directors commending the Association for its efforts to cancel the college debt; the reading of the yearly report of the Financial Agent of the college; and the adoption of the following resolution after a prolonged expression of views on the matter involved in it, to wit:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to arrange for the holding of educational conventions in the interests of Ursinus College.

Rev. Charles E. Wehler, '87, Rev. F. C. Yost, '76, Rev. D. W. Ebbert, '75, Rev. J. H. Sechler, '75, and Rev. J. L. Fluck, '88, were constituted the committee to take charge of this matter. The meeting was largely attended and an excellent spirit was manifested throughout its proceedings.

MEETING OF UR SINUS UNION AND SENIOR CLASS DAY EXERCISES.

On Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock the Ursinus Union and the friends of the College held a successful meeting in the Chapel.

At two p. m., the Commencement tent was crowded by the assemblage that gathered to hear the Senior Class Day Exercises. The programme rendered consisted of the class essay, by Annie May Kratz; the class poem, by Ada E. Schwenk; the class history, written by Irvin C. Williams, but in the unavoidable absence of that gentleman, read by William R. Smith, who was master of ceremonies of the occasion; the class prophecy, by Calvin D. Yost; and the presentations, made by Jay G. Francis and P. Ellsworth Heimer.

The exercises were enlivened with numerous selections of excellent instrumental music by the Spring City Band.

ALUMNI BANQUET.

The annual Alumni banquet took place the same day (Wednesday) at four p. m., in the chapel, about seventy-five graduates and friends participating in it. After the bountiful menu had been discussed to the satisfaction of every one present, the following sentiments were responded to, Rev. Henry A. Bomberger, '84, acting as toastmaster:


THE ALUMNI ORATION.

Rev. Ernest R. Cassaday, A. M., '77, Philadelphia, delivered the annual Alumni oration, on Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock, in the Commencement tent, on the subject, "Phases of Human Nature."

He was honored with a large and appreciative gathering. The exercises were conducted by Rev. Henry A. Bomberger, the retiring president of the association. Rev. D. W. Ebbert offered prayer. A chorus of forty voices, led by Rev. E. Clark Hibshman, then gave a number entitled "If I Were You," by Borst, after which the speaker of the evening proceeded with his address.

The programme closed with another selection—"Oh, Italia, Italia Beloved," by the chorus, and with a number styled "The Miller," given in response to a well-merited encore.
THE GRADUATING EXERCISES.

Commencement proper took place on Thursday morning, the 25th, at 9.30, in the tent. As usual on such occasions the most liberal accomodations were unequal to the great throng which came together to hear the programme, which in detail was as follows:


The names of the members of the class who did not speak, and the respective subjects of their graduating theses are as follows:


Of the graduates, Messrs. Fisher, Francis, Heimer, Jones, Knipe, Smith, H. T., and I. F. Wagner, Williams and Yost received the degree of B. A., Messrs. Filbert and Miller that of B. S., and the ladies of the class all that of B. L.

The honorary degree of A. M. was conferred on Edward Charles Roest, of Bethlehem, Rev. N. F. Peters, of Slatton, and W. F. Bay Stewart, Esq., of York, Penna. Prof. Davis Garber, of Mulhenberg College, Allentown, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The music of the morning was furnished as in former years by the Aurea Orchestra, of Allentown, led by Prof. E. Lehman Ruhe.

LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF "BOMBERGER MEMORIAL HALL."

The ceremonies connected with the laying of the Corner-Stone of Bomberger Memorial Hall took place at two o'clock on Thursday afternoon and brought the week's exercises to a fitting conclusion. The preliminary exercises were conducted in the Tent by Acting-President H. W. Super, D. D., LL. D., and consisted of an address on behalf of the Directors by Rev. H. H. Woolman, D. D., Tiffin, Ohio, an address on behalf of the Faculty by Acting-President H. W. Super, D. D., LL. D., an address on behalf of the Alumni by Rev. J. W. Meminger, A. B., '84, Lancaster, Pa., and the Memorial Address by Rev. D. E. Kloppe, D. D., Lebanon, Pa.

After these speeches Rev. Henry T. Spangler made a general statement of the financial side of the work on the new building, a "Corner-Stone Offering" was taken, and the audience proceeded to the opposite side of the Campus, where the formal laying of the stone took place according to the ritual of the Reformed Church in the United States, the consecratory prayer being offered by Rev. George W. Williard, D. D., LL. D.,

The assemblage was then dismissed with the Benediction and the programme of the Twentieth Commencement had reached its termination. The articles deposited in the stone consisted of a list of the names of all those who had contributed one dollar or more to the Building; two Decennial Catalogues; the Charter, Constitution, Rules and Regulations and By-Laws of the College; a copy of the Minutes of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; copies of the Reformed Church Messenger, Christen World, Reformirte Kirchenzeitung, the Memorial Ursinus College Bulletin and the Bulletin for May 1891, and the Providence Independent; and the Bible used by President Bomberger in his class rooms.
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