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Concerning Education.

BY REV. W. J. MANN, D. D.

You probably think you are a well educated man. You have honorably gone through the preliparatory department. You exerted yourself reasonliably well during your College-years. You made a
liphon and Thucydides, Cicero and Horace. You
liaid yourself valiantly out in the periodical dialectical sparring on the floor of the debating society.
You have your certificate of graduation in your
lipocket, and your happy heart pulsates with very
benevolent feelings in one direction, whilst you
made up your mind to strike out for higher aims
and to fulfill a mission in another.

May God speed you in your course and make you eminently useful in your sphere of action! Whatever you know and whatever you learn is potential power. Education without knowledge cannot be thought of. The man, who hunts after wealth, tries to appropriate the things of a visible world and to exercise through his command of earthly possessions an influence upon the machinery of society. Therein lies in the end the essential value of wealth. The man, who in the true sense of the term is a Student, appropriates to himself possessions of knowledge. There is his wealth, and therewith he wields a power and exercies an influence in the social relations, in which Providence will place him. It is proper for man to appropriate to himself the world around him and to master its elements and forces in the interest of humanity and civilization. It is proper for the student to store away knowledge and to have ever so much of it at his command in behalf of the progress of the race. Should a student of Theology ever think that his future career and calling allows him an exception? Il for one would consider such a privilege an actual insult. Yet there are even in our days men foolish enough to think, that a comprehensive and solid education is not only unnecessary, but an impediment to pastoral usefulness.

We are, however, constrained to say, that a man may have stored up ever so much of scholastic knowledge and that in spite of all his learning we might not call him an educated man. Learning and knowledge is not all, whilst it may be very essential in the question of education.

There is such a thing as the conventional forms of society. Compared with the value of solid informa-

tion and of sterling moral qualities those forms may appear to be trifles and in some respects even frivolities. Yet whatever a man's attainments and excellencies in other respects may be, he will do damage to his character as an educated man, if he shows neglect or contempt towards those forms of society. He may through a seemingly innocent disregard toward non-essentials exclude himself from certain circles, upon which, under other conditions, he might exercise a desirable influence, and he may considerably narrow the sphere of his usefulness. There are some things, concerning which the individual ought to be above society and ought not make himself dependent on its whims and vagaries. I heard a man once use the expression, that he would not consider any one educated, who would not be able, in any house at any time, to join a party of card players. That remark forever deprived me of respect for that man and settled my views of him, which I, however, with a due regard for conventional forms, did not communicate to him. I would have given him his place in a compend on Zoology among the quadrupeds. But I am very far from thinking, that a man shows his education by a foolish contempt toward these conventional forms. They are a code of laws, established by the representative society of the age and the nation, socially exhibiting the prevailing degree of civilization and to a large extent bridging over the chasms, which inborn egotism opens between individuals, sexes and classes of the race. Those forms counteract natural rudeness, are calculated to put everyone on his guard in his surroundings, lay upon us a wholesome restraint and teach us that which is "bon ton" or becoming in decent society.

Of course a fellow may have all the rules and demands of conventional manners at his finger's ends and never be in any danger of softening of the brain, for the simple reason that there is absolutely nothing to soften. But we insist upon it, that whilst a man may be a learned and a good man and a Christian, he is lacking in culture and education, if he knowns not, or disregards those outward symptoms of refinement, which good society acknowledges as becoming the gentleman.

I know, a man may have very good qualities and still wear his finger-nails in mourning; he may come up before the altar with "clean heart and hands" after throwing coal by the "handful" into the stove; he may use at dinner his knife as a spoon and in conversation cut with his wit to the core and bring with him an admirable portion of Attic salt; he may have a noble, tender and faithful heart and the flavor of true unction about him and "leave his mark" on the floor of rooms, corridors, lecturing halls and staircases. He may write a sensible letter to a Doctor of Divinity and not at all sarcastically call him in the address an "Honorable." Such examples we might multiply. But satis superque!

It will not do to say, that these defects are nothing criminal, nothing essential. Possibly they are worse than some may think. Ignorance in an educated man is a doubtful excuse. Indifference in such matters shows very little common sense. But we frequently trace in those "peccadilloes" a deplorable lack of self-discipline, a rude disregard toward the more refined feelings of others, a brutal wilfulness to exhibit the independence of our character and a contempt toward public opinion, which can, to our sad experience, be revenged on character, position and influence.

Of course the proper place to inculcate more refined principles and to habituate us to proper manners is the home-circle. Young men who especially through mothers and sisters undergo a process of polishing enjoy advantages for which they ought to be thankful. Others in less favored positions may, in their contact with diverse classes of society, soon find out what there is wanting. All ought to consider, that eyes are directed upon them and that good manners may prove a powerful assistance, rude and uncouth habits a terrible impediment to our influence and usefulness.

Thought Production.

BY REV. G. F. SPIEKER.

A few words on a topic which concerns all who are called upon for regular contributions in the sphere of thought. We would single out the ministry of the Gospel, and accord them the front rank in the column of thought producers. Their work is the most important, because it concerns the highest interests. Whether this be admitted or denied, it is evident that the work of the ministry consists above all in the production of thought. Eduction or evolution would possibly be more accurate. Aside from the labors of the pulpit, thought is called for everywhere. Even in the sick-room, and that often in the highest degree, are a minister's thinking powers called into requistion. It will not do to offer consolation mechanically by a mere flow of hymns and Scripture texts. The wealth of consolation in God's word must be opened up to the afflicted. And so it is everywhere outside of the pulpit. Conversation during pastoral visits

frequently taxes the thinking powers to the verutmost, especially when difficulties are propounded These are at times quite unexpected and perplex ing and replies cannot always be avoided. Bu after all the sermon makes the greatest drain. We have here a constant tax and draft, and payment must be met promptly. No days of grace are given When Sunday comes the preacher must be ready and not on the Lord's day only; how frequent are the other occasions which appeal for thoughts The writer has a case in mind of the very near future; four sermons on two succeeding days—three of these to present trains of thought distinct from each other. That means work. Where are all the ideas to come from? Original the work should, by all means, be; not a mere transcript or bodily transfer of what others have brought forth from their storehouse. Two things are certainly repuired if the supply is to be worthy and equal to the demand. The preacher must be a thinker and a student; by the latter we mean a diligent gatherer of the stores of thought bequeathed us by the past and offered by the present. Such a transfer of foreign acquisitions is perfectly lawful, when the results attained by others become our own property and by our own mental digestion are fitted for absorption. All the great thinkers of the world have proceeded on this principle. Thought awakens thought. Thought fructifies from whatever source it come; its tendency is toward multiplication. Be fruitful and multiply is written over it. Dropped into fertile soil the seed-grain will yield an abundant harvest.

Consider the Word of God, for here we have the very best example. How great the multitude of blessed thoughts to which it has given birth! No searcher of the Scriptures has ever been sent empty away. Let the lesson be more and more deeply impressed on our minds, that God's Word must be the life-giving power that moves our thinking in ministerial work. All else must tend to this. And it must centre there in the first place. Like virgin soil, it will ever respond. Verbum Dei Manet in aeternum. Root and fruit of this tree are alike eternal. Rejoice, therefore, ye who have the golden opportunity of devoting years to studies circling round and radiating from this heavenly centre.

The student of theology must needs be a thinker, a trained thinker, one who seizes with avidity on all that the schools can offer and who is constantly developing his native and acquired gifts with a view to enriching others. The field is not for the sluggard; it is the sphere of the workman that needeth not be ashamed. Thought produced by the ministry of the gospel is heart thought; the heart of God beats back of it. This is a sustaining conviction in the midst of arduous toil. It dare not

be lost sight of. Viewing the matter from this tandpoint throughout his course of preparatory tudy, what should be the equipment of our canditates for the holy office? Much is needed, let much be acquired.

Men are wanted who have allowed themselves to be well-trained, men of much spiritual capital, who have laid a good foundation through the truth once lelivered to the saints, who have drunk deep from he wells of salvation. This is the scholarship of he spirit, making glad the waste places of Zion and strengthening her bulwarks. The economy of he Gospel is the grandest and most productive of all.

Ministerial Nomads.

One of the most discouraging features in Church work is the disposition on the part of many ministers to be continually changing their fields of labor. Whether like Lot, they desire to pitch their tents in the direction of better pasturage is not for us to question. Be the motive what it may, the effects are there; and these work an influence not by any means for the well-being of the Church.

Young men in the vigor and glow of early mannood are greatly in demand. Calls come from
rarious sources, and they feel constrained to accept
whatever may open up to them a field proportionate
to their powers and possessed of special advantages.
The habit once formed, this nomadic nature is not
easily curbed, so that, if indulged to any extent, it
eems to become a sort of mania—the ruling passion
for one's life. Some move because they are sought.
They have an idea that when a call comes, they are
ander obligations to accept it. They fail to remember that they are already called, and that, unless
heir charge willingly release them, they should remain where they are.

Others move because they must. When they vere young, they girded themselves and went whithersoever they would, but when the finger of time begins to furrow their faces, others lead them whither they would not. This is undoubtedly a leplorable state of affairs. To see a man take charge of a congregation, in every particular self-ustaining, worry it till it can no longer support aim, and then move away and drag down another and still another through the same process, is inleed a sad picture.

Others, again, are constrained to change their ase of operation because their present field is unnviting and slow of development. Instead of going to work with a will and laboring to bring it up o respectable standing, they would desert it and enter into the joys of some other man's labor. This spure cowardice.

To those who are about to enter the ministry, this question is one of more than passing importance. Life's first mistake is generally its greatest; for it turns the face in the direction of disaster and ruin. In taking charge of his first congregation, the young minister must feel assured that his call is genuine, and then fulfill it until he is fully assured that he is called away. He must not gird himself in his strength and go where he will, simply because he is in demand. He must bear in mind that the charge which he serves has the first and fullest claim to his services; and so long as they hold unanimously to him, he must stand stedfastly by them. If he would ship clear of the Dead Line, he must use every opportunity to cultivate heart and mind so that he may have grace and strength for the fulfilment of his ministerial duties. To such a man there is no Dead Line on this side the tomb. It is only the man whose mind stagnates because of inaction, or rather, improper action, that is compelled to step aside for those who use time and talent to better advantage. His life may be a beautiful exemplification of the Christian graces, but inaction makes it lusterless. A fossil is a very pretty thing, but it's dead. And if he be called to labor where there is but little promise of growth, he should work the more zealously and persistently, so that something substantial may be the result of his toil. He should live down local opposition, use all means in harmony with the Gospel and according with the dignity of the Church, and sooner or later, he will have a charge which will stand by him and which he will have no desire to desert. SAGITTARIUS.

Church Members and Church Discipline.

BY REV. G. E. T.

The word Discipline—from the Latin discere, to learn—has both a general and an ecclesiastical signification. In its general sense, it signifies the making of disciples, the conversion of a person to any system of doctrine or practice. In its ecclesiastical sense, however, it implies "a severe training corrective of faults," ecclesiastical action reformatory or penal in intent.

To determine, therefore, the exact relation of church members to the church as an organization competent to exercise discipline, as well as to arrive at the fundamental principles governing the application of the corrective and punitive agencies of the church, it is necessary to bear in mind the discrimination between the general and the ecclesiastical in discipline.

Generally considered, the word Discipline may be applied to preliminary or educational

training in all classes and conditions of life. The training of a child at home or in school is a matter of discipline. The education of the mechanic in the craft is disciplinary. Thus also is the life of the church member preeminently a discipline. It is a learning, a perpetual discipleship, a training preparatory and conducive to the realization of the ends for which Christianity was established. In him are inculcated the rudiments of doctrine and duty; then, he is given the "strong meat" to build him up and strengthen his faith, till, finally, arriving at the stature of the perfect man in Christ, he bears the rich fruitage of a godly life.

But all within the bounds of the church do not accept the pure doctrine alike, nor do they entertain a true faith; and oftentimes the outward manifestation of that doctrine and faith in the life is contaminated and perverted by external and worldly influences. Hence, in addition to the general discipline which extends equally over all, the members of the church are subject also to a special discipline which is intended to be corrective of such contaminations and perversions. It punishes to purify. Its methods are expostulation and exclusion; and, aiming to rescue and reform him that is overtaken in a fault, it seeks also to maintain the unity, purity, and progress of the church by cutting off from her communion the heretical and immoral, after warnings have been rejected and admonitions. repelled.

The deviation of church members from the path of rectitude, however, vary in both kind and degree; and the peculiar heinousness of an offense frequently depends upon the individuality of the offender. As a natural consequence, the application of the corrective agency must accord with the character both of the transgression and of the transgressor. The correction must be commensurate with the crime and the criminal. Hence, the enforcement of Church Discipline assumes its general and special conditions.

In the Lutheran polity, which accords with the doctrinal position of the Lutheran Church, the general conditions, briefly stated, are these, viz:

I. The subject of discipline must be a living member of the visible church.

That the subject be a living member, is so obvious as to need no comment. Yet, as the practice of Modern Christianity in reference to this point, differs from the usages of the Early Church, an allusion to the fact is not out of place. In the "Antiquities of the Christian Church,"—Bingham says: "When men died impenitent under the bonds of excommunication unrelaxed, a necessary consequence of that

was, the denying of them Christian burial, and all future memorial in the prayers and oblations of the church, by striking their names out of the diptychs or holy books which kept the memorial of such as died in the peace and communion of the Church." And we learn that this was of frequent occurrence with many of those who died "in the visible communion and external peace of the church, under no ecclesiastical censure," being—"upon any new discovery, after their death, of their errors or crimes"—liable to excommunication. As example of this, we have the cases of Origen, who was excommunicated two hundred years after his death by Theophilus of Alexandria.

In so doing, however, the Early Church arrogated to itself a power with which it was never commissioned. When the disciples were sent out as teachers, they were armed, it is true, with the power of binding and loosing. Yet that power was to be exercised only upon earth; and as ecclesiastical absolution can be granted alone to the living, the discipline of the church dare not be extended to those who have passed from a state of probation to one of retribution. "Those who have died in their sins," to use the words of Dr. Walther, "are not to be condemned inconsiderately, inasmuch as what Divine Grace may have wrought in them during their final struggle cannot be known. Peter thought it sufficient to say of Judas, 'He went to his own

place."

Furthermore, the subject of discipline must be a member of the visible church, a Christian by profession and association, even though he may not be such by a true faith. Errorists and apostates who have withdrawn from the church, have placed themselves beyond the reach of discipline. Their action identifies them with that class of which the Apostle speaks when he says, "They went out from us, but they were not of us." In such cases, nothing more is necessary than that the properly constituted authorities of the church strike their names from the roll of membership.

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De Alumnis.

-Revs. J. P. Deck and D. H. Reiter, both of '81, visited the seminary recently,

-Rev. O. P. Smith, '74, of Trappe, visited the seminary some time ago. Bro. S. has the sympathies of the students in his bereavement—caused by the death of his wife.

-Rev. F. A. Kaebler, '74, of Germantown, preached his farewell sermon at that place, on October 5th. He has accepted a call to Buffalo, N. Y.

-Rev. G. W. Sandt, '83, resigned his position as pastor of the English Lutheran church, of Catasauqua, and accepted a professorship in Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill,

—The recent visit of our congenial friend and brother, Rev. F. H. Uhrich, '84, was greatly enjoyed by his many friends at the seminary. He has not yet accepted a call to preach regularly.

Rev. Martin England, '83, of Worcester, Mass., intends to resign his congregation to accept a call from the Swedish Lutheran church, of this city.

-Rev. T. E. Schmauk, '83, from Lebanon, was at the seminary the other day. Bro. S. was one of the founders and first editor of the Indicator, and still takes a great interest in its welfare.

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BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.

—From G. A. Dobler, vol. 13 b. of "Luther's Sammtliche Werke" (St. Louis Ed).

—From the Alumni Association, No. 3 of vol. 3 of "The Lutheran Church Review;" vols. 12 and 13 (Pin-Rin, Rit-Sco) and Heft 109, 110 of Herzog's "Real Encyclopædia."

—From E. B. Treat, Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 of vol. 2 of the "Pulpit Treasury."

—From Prof. W. J. Mann, D. D., "Buch d. Buecher" by the donor.

—Through the Faculty, VI, Halbband Zoeckler's "Handbuch d. Theol. Wissenchaften."

-From the Mass. New Church Union, Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10 of vol. 8 of "The New Jerusalem Magazine."

—From the Bureau of Education, Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 of 1884, of "Circulars of Information of the Bureau of Education."

—From the Publisher, June, July, Aug., and Sept. Nos. of "Lehre u. Wehre,"

-From the Publisher, No. 3 of vol. 9, of "Kirchliche Zeitschrift."

-From the American Tract Society, Nos. 1 and 2 of vol. 3 of "The Outlook and Sabbath Quarterly."

-From the Sec. of Synod, "Minutes of the 137 Annual Meeting of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania"

—From H. G. Garner, 20 copies of the "Minnesota Staats Tidung."

—From the Alumni Association of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of N. Y. "Laws of the State of New York, Relating to Churches."

—From Ditson & Co., "The Musical Record" for August.

All the old papers of the reading room still pay us their periodical visits. In addition to these we notice 3 new visitors, "The Literary Churchman," published at Baltimore, "The Congregationalist," published at Boston, and the "Lutheran Visitor," published at Newberry, N. C. All are most heartly welcome:

BOOK REVIEW.

"Buch der Buecher," by Prof. W. J. Mann, D. D. 12 mo., ill'd, gilt edges, pp. 159. Reading, Pilger Book Store.

This book is a worthy monument erected by the author in memory of the completion of three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the translation of the Bible of Luther. It gives a short and concise history of the Bible-its language, the manner of its preservation, viz. in writing, its purpose, contents and several divisions. It likewise contains short accounts of the various translations, and their comparative values, giving due prominence to the worth of Luther's translation and its force in the Reformation of Sixteenth Century Each topic is clearly defined, and briefly treated in a popular and attractive style. No person, whatever his biblical attainments, can read this book without being benefitted both intellectually and spiritually. It is the treatment of a subject which everybody should understand, and here we find it in such a form as makes it attainable by all and intelligible to all.

It is with pleasure that we have given the above review. It is certainly a very agreeable duty to notice the addition of books to our library, written by the fathers of our own faith and time, but especially so when written by our very instructors. We need never hesitate to bear testimony to the value of such works. Let us have some more.

THE NEW LIBRARY.

Dr. Kranth's library has been safely removed from Heacock's storage house, and placed upon shelves on the second story of the Seminary building. It occupies the three rooms and the hall opposite the old library. Nearly all of the space will be filled. It is with the pride of conscious superiority that we now speak of our library, and show it to our friends; for in value, as a seminary library, it is second to none in the country.

Although the arrangements, at present, is but general and temporary one, yet we hope soon to have it arranged in such a shape that it may be used. The students are anxiously waiting to explore the mines whence Dr. Kranth drew his almost inexhaustible treasures of intellectual wealth. None of the books seem to have suffered much from the transfer, and, although the library rooms are but the mockery of the shadow of what such rooms should be, still the library will make quite a respectable showing when arranged.

On Sunday morning, Oct. 5, nearly two weeks after the last books had been removed from the storage building, it was entirely destroyed by fire. This can certainly be regarded as Providential. The building was considered fire proof, and few persons thought the place was unsafe. But the library has now been placed in the Seminary building, and if it was not safe in the storage house, how much less, in a building like this, and where several dozen fires are continually going. Can there still be a doubt that we need other arrangements, and can there still be a cause for delay in furthering the New Seminary project?

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We have made one improvement, at least, which will be readily noticed; but the Association, after careful consideration, have decided not to enlarge the Indicator at present, being influenced to some extent by the voice and wish of friends. We now hope the action will be satisfactory to all. Thanking our subscribers and contributers for past favors, we wish their hearty support and co-operation in the future.

The seminary has opened under happy and encouraging circumstances. A larger number than ever is in attendance, about sixty-

five names being on the roll. The old building is overcrowded. All the available rooms are occupied, even those high up in the "sky-parlor," on which the kindly rays of Heaven first fall. Besides, some of the new members had to seek quarters elsewhere. Not only is it a time for joy and thanksgiving, but particularly a time for sober thought and reflection. The friends of the institution and church should give an attentive ear to the cry which rises out of our midst, give earnest heed to it, and shape their actions? accordingly. We need more room! At no period in the history of our institution, with all its disadvantages and inconveniences, has the necessity of a new seminary been so deeply felt as at present. Happily the first step has been taken and the praiseworthy work begun, which God grant, through the united gifts and labors of the faithful, may be brought to a speedy and successful end.

THE MUCH TALKED-OF library of the late | 157 Dr. Krauth has been moved to the Seminary. Extensive and valuable, containing many old, rare and choice books which touch on almost every branch of theology, science and knowledge,—it at once charms and delights the lover of books, attracts and pleases the student. To secure temporary accomodations for so vast a collection of books. rooms No. 9, 10 and 11, and the hallway leading between them and the old library have been fitted up and shelved. This serves the purpose at least, even if it does not give the advantages which might be wished, or make the inner beauty of the seminary more beautiful. But we live in the hope that the time is not far distant when all these will be added.

Not a little labor has been expended already, but it will require months of time, days of painstaking work, to properly arrange, classify and catalogue these many books. Well indeed will the end justify the cost. We shall have a library in which we can take pride, and to which each can have access. And how thankful all ought to be for this inestimable gift, especially the students for the additional aids and

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advantages they have—books are voiceless teachers. In what deep gratitude our hearts ought to go out to a loving Heavenly Father, and in what tender remembrance we ought to hold him from whom these books have descended and whose praise they record better than "historic marble."

Editorial Poles.

The many little preparatory labors have caused some delay in issuing the first number.

The Indicator enters on its fourth year.

A comparison with the earliest numbers demonstrates that it has made progress.

Mr. Alfred Ramsey, the worthy president of the Indicator Association, deserves the thanks of that body for his earnest and successful efforts in securing subscribers.

As yet the particulars connected with the sudden death of Missionary Artman have not been received. That sad event caused deep regret in the seminary, of which he was an honored graduate.

THE students are like a lot of mosquitos buzzing around the head of the janitor: they are very annoying but not very dangerous,"—it is an exceedingly apt, striking, beautiful, and dignified simile.

Let us remember, my brethren, as we stand on the threshold of another term what has brought us hither." These words, from Dr. Jacob's address at the opening, are worthy of the most earnest consideration, by the old as well as by the new students. Instead of being allowed to slip into unconsciousness, they ought to be kept before the conscious mind, and continually influence each one in his course.

We are happy to see our old exchanges make their early appearance this term. There is always an eye to mark their coming, and look the brighter when they come. Most of them have new untried editors; notwithstanding, they have suffered no loss, but preserve their high standing. Some,

too, have come out in neat new forms, which is a decided improvement. Up to the present time we have received the College Student, Penn. College Monthly, Thielensian, Muhlenberg Monthly, and The College Stylus.

Somethings for Theological Students to Think About.

The affairs of congregations may be broadly classified as temporal and spiritual. The attention of Students while at the Seminary is directed especially to preparation for the oversight of the spiritual interests of the churches. This is certainly the true idea of the ministry, and in the ideal church the temporal interests and business affairs are attended to by the officers of the congregation chosen for that purpose. A very few ministers find churches sufficiently approximating the ideal to prevent any deficiences in business ability from doing very great harm. Most young men will enter upon their ministry under circumstances which demand business tact, skill and prudence of an order sufficiently high to have won for them mercantile success, had their attention been directed to such channels. A very large part of our mission work is done by men of very limited clerical experiences. In such work as nowhere else, prudent or imprudent business management tells for success or ruin as perhaps nowhere else. Other persons can usually be found to attend to the business of the church, but in the newly established mission the minister must beg and build and borrow and boss and bear blame, if not bodily burdens.

Some one has said that a great many of the theological errors to be found among men have their origin in bad stomachs. A good conscience may exist where there is a bad stomach, but where there is a morbid stomach, be on the lookout for a morbid conscience. The spiritual life of a congregation may be healthy, though its business be deranged and conducted at hap-hazard, but there is about as close connection between the condition of a church's business affairs and its spiritual development and activity as there is between a man's physical and moral condition. If a church gets into a bad condition financially, lookout for a slim attendance at the various services. If a church is demoralized, putting its business into shape is often the half in restoring it to prosperity.

To what end? you say. Not to discourage certainly but simply to set you thinking, observing and inquiring that in all church work you may in due time prove master workman. It is not in accordance with the eternal fitness of things that men should go into the ministry Bachelors in Theology

and Abecedarians in business knowledge. Notice how others succeed or fail, and observe and inquire that you may learn the secret of their success or failure. If you don't know the methods of bookkeeping suitable for churches, try and learn something about the subject. If you hear of a man who has succeeded in putting a church in an exceptional state of life, inquire not merely how he preaches and visits, but also how he manages the church business, whether directly or indirectly. I say indirectly, for success very frequently depends not less on what a man gets others to do than on what he does himself. You do not hesitate to ask the Faculty for instruction in theology; do not be ashamed to ask business questions of those who know such things. I might say more, but the editor says stop, and what I have said may be enough to accomplish what it was written for, viz: to set you thinking on some things often overlooked.

H. K. S.

Seminary Items.

—At work again.

-Another vacation is reckoned among the pleasant seasons of the past.

-What was formerly a dining hall has been partitioned and now forms a lecture room and a reading room. The change is an admirable one.

-Two new branches have been added to our course of study,-the one being New Testament Theology, in lectures, by Prof. Dr. Spaeth, and the other Hagenbach's History of Doctrine, under Prof. Dr. Jacobs.

-That is a rather grievous mistake to make to say "we must lay the distress on the point," when we mean the stress. But who has not at some time or other made a mistake?

-Seminary opened on Sept. 18th. The exercises consisted in the singing of a German hymn, offering of prayer by Prof. Dr. Mann, an address in English by Prof. Dr. Jacobs, and one in German by Prof. Dr. Spaeth. This is the twentieth year of the institution.

-There are changes everywhere, in the world without and the world within. So, too, changes appear ever and anon in the management of the Seminary. The latest-the students have to take care of their own rooms, -sweep, dust, scrub, and the like. Possibly this is one of the crosses.

 On every side conversation and discussion turn to politics. Every day show and demonstrations are seen. It is not strange, then, that the theologue should be led to give a little thought to vital principles and living questions touching the welfare of our country. Not much is heard, but

eneugh to convince that some of the students will go home and cast their ballots, alike enjoying privilege and doing a duty.

-The number of students enrolled this year i the largest that has ever been in attendance. The accommodate all in the building is impossible Though several rooms hitherto unused have been fitted up, still some are compelled to seek quarter elsewhere.

-At the fifth anniversary of the Young People's Association of Zion's Lutheran Church of Wilmington, Del., a quartette consisting of Messrs A. J. and J. J. Heissler, Hoffmann and Wismer Seminarians, rendered a choice selection. The singing was highly commendable and greatly appreciated.

-Under our marriage list of last year's graduating class we have Revs. Joseph Mayne, Clayton Holloway, and Oscar Miller, to Allentown, Pa. ladies, George Gardner to a Belvidere, N. J., lady, Augustus Schaeffer to a Chester, Pa., lady, and as reported, Otto Krope to a Wilmington, Del., lady, They have our hearty congratulations.

-Of course we are all glad that initiatory stephave been taken on the New Seminary question, and we rejoice that Rev. Reuben Hill has accepted the office to solicit subscriptions. May he meet with a warm reception and an earnest co-operation wherever he comes, and may willing hands open the purse-strings to speed the erection of the new building. The need is indeed already great, while the demands are still on the increase.

The following students have entered this year:

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* Having spent some time in other seminaries vere admitted to advanced classes.

Colleges.

Muhlenberg.-The formal opening of the he present collegiate year took place on Septemper 4th. Rev. G. F. Spieker, of this city, made in addrsss which abounded in rich thoughts and practical suggestions, and was enjoyed by all present.

-The preparatory department has undergone ome changes. It is now under the managenent of Profs. Ettinger and Dieter. They have pegun the year with encouraging prospects of in increased number of students under their harge. The recitation rooms have been repainted and other changes made, so that these hings, together with the number of new students, promise a change for the better in this lepartment.

-Workmen are at present engaged in repairng the roof of the College building, after which at will receive a coat of paint to prevent any urther leaking, which has been the great antoyance during the past year.

-The Senior class started on the 21st of Sepember on their mineralogical trip. They visited Easton, Trenton and other places in New Jerev, as well as the Electrical Exhibition at Phildelphia. They returned on Saturday evening, september 27th, reporting a grand time.

-Now that the time for matriculation apbroaches the Juniors and Sophomores are beginning to feel sad that they cannot have the pleasare of admitting any one into the wonderful nysteries of their respective classes. There have been no admissions to either of the above lasses this year.

-The Freshman class numbers fifteen, and in general they seem to be able-bodied men, and ttentive students.

The college base ball club is "below par" this rear, as very little practicing or playing is done. A game was played with the Actives, of Catasauqua, recently, in which the college boys were reaten.

-The new janitor seems to be a strong, unassuming and accommodating man.

-The Faculty and students made an excursion o the Electrical Exhibition, on October 7th.

The proceeds will be expended in giving the outside of the College building a coat of paint. The excursion was a success in every respect.

Gustavus Adolphus.-We began the new term on September 3rd, with fifty students. This number has been increased since then, by almost daily accessions, to eighty. Last year we had 180 enrolled at the close. This year will bring 200, unless present indications prove unworthy.

-During the summer vacation three new buildings were begun, two on the south, and one on the north of the former main building. One of those on the south is the Principal's house, erected by himself. It is of frame filled in with brick. The other two buildings are of frame and faced on the outside with bricks. They are intended for two purposes: the lower stories are arranged for the use of professor's families, and the upper stories are divided into rooms capable of accommodating between 30 and 40 lady students. Prof. Frick and family will occupy the one on the south; Prof. Uhler the one on the north. The former is apparently within a month of completion; but as workmen are not always to be relied on, it may be more than a month before Prof. Frick and the ladies can occupy it. Prof. Uhler's was to be finished within a month, but if done in two we shall be glad.

-Prof. Petri came at the close of the first full week of work and at once entered upon his duties. We welcome him very heartily into our midst, and believe he has entered upon a large sphere of usefulness for the school and the church. He occupies a rented house some distance from the school. Prof. Bauman occupies his own home, in town, within ten minutes walk of the college.

-The authorities of the town made a gravel walk from the town up the bluff to the school, which is of some use now; but when the snow comes will amount to nothing. As the bluff is very steep at one point, it will require some outlay of time and money to make anything like a durable path.

-Prof. Uhler and Mrs. Uhler are happy in the possession of a strong, healthy little boy, about six weeks old. He was baptised at our Eng. services on September 21st, when he was just a month old, receiving the name of Frederick Walter Uhler. On the same day, but in the afternoon, we were present at the funeral services of our Principal's child. It was a little over three months old and had been sick only a short time. It was a very sad occasion for all of us, and we deeply sympathized with the bereaved father and mother.

—We will have Eng. services every Sunday evening during the school year. On Oct. 5th we had communion in the English language, using the service of our church book.

—On the evening of the 20th of September, a Waldensian evangelist, Mr. Cerighini, gave our students some information concerning the origin and the late growth of the Waldensian churches in Italy. He is an ardent defender of the "New Italy." His lecture was very interesting.

Pennsylvania college opened the collegiate year of 1884-5 on the 4th of September. There were not quite as many applicants for admission this year as there were the year previous; nevertheless at the time of writing, the rooms at the college are all occupied and several students have rooms in town. In the absence of the newly elected President of the Institution, Rev. Harvey W. M' Knight, D. D., Dr. Valentine, late president, officiated at the opening. Prof. Croll addressed the students upon the subject, "In Loco Parentis." He stated that there are many learned men who are under the false impression that it is impossible for the professor of a college to act in the place of the parents. None of the Christian Institutions claim to act as the parent directly, but rather as a guardian "in loco parentis," not enforcing obedience by chastisement, but rather by persuasion and reason, . . . controlling them, by teaching them to control themselves. . . . As a matter of course, the rules of the College must be enforced, even to the expulsion of the culprit. It is not the work of college to redeem the errors of parents, and for a badly started young man, -College is a dangerous place. On the other hand, it is safe to say that many a young man who might have gone astray, has, by a college course, become a useful man. It is also claimed that students of Christian parental colleges are shielded from civil law, but statistics will clearly show that fewer students from such colleges overstep the limits of civil law, than of other colleges, and hence this prejudice falls to the ground, and the beneficient character of Christian parental colleges is made evident.

—We have 86 regular students in college proper this year,—18 Freshmen, 19 Sophomores, 24 Juniors and 25 Seniors, with 2 specials in chemistry. The Preparatory Department under the supervision of Prof. J. B. Foigt, M. A., '74, and his assistants, Messrs. G. W. Baughman, '83, and F. L. Bergstresser, '84, has 44 students, among whom may be seen faces of the fairer sex.

—With the opening of this new scholastic year at the Theological Seminary, Dr. Valentine, late President of Pennsylvania College, and newly

elected Prof. of Didactic Theology at the Seminary took his chair. The inaugural address of Dr. Va. entine was delivered in Christ's Church, on Friday September 26th. It was a masterly production clear and thorough.

—The Seminary is attended by 34 students,—Juniors, 14 Middlers, and 11 Seniors. Of the Junior seven came from Penn'a College, and one each from Princeton and Lafayette. By the will of Mi Stroup of Bloomsburg, Pa., the Theological Seminary will receive about \$60,000. These fundaments will not come into the treasury of Seminary until the death of the widow, who will receive the income of the estate during her life.

P.S.—It is rumored here that Mr. Bittinger of Abbottstown, Pa., a brother of Rev. Dr. J. B. Bit tinger of Sewickley, Pa., has given, through President McKnight, to Penn'a College the promise of \$20,000, or, the building of a hall, in memory of the donors daughter, to cost \$30,000 to \$40,000.

H. T. K.

Thiel.—The fall term opened September 11th with an addition of 30 new students.

-The change in the Boarding Hall is gratifying to the students.

-A. Ramsay, President of the Indicator Association, spent a few days with us last week.

-Prof. Miller will instruct the Band and Orchestra

-F. H. Keller, '84, is now engaged in making political speeches.

—L. S. Axline has been elected Editor-in-Chief o "The Thielensian," to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. S. Negley.

-Dr. Kunkelman is erecting a fine mansion of Packard avenue.

-Rev. Hippee is now occupying his new house, i handsome dwelling near the college.

-The present Soph. Class is the largest in the college, consisting of 23 members.

-The Junior Class went to Sharon Fair, on las Friday to hear Gen. Logan.

—It causes the impatient "prep" quite an effort to wait till the House Father leaves the table.

—The whole college joined us in mourning, with sincere sorrow and regret, the untimely death of M L. Negley, Editor-in-Chief of "The Thielensiau."

—A new stone walk is being laid on College avenue from the Boarding Hall to Bro. Martin's walk, which will greatly add to the comfort and convenience of the students.

-The Board of Trustees met on the 22d ult., to de termine the exact location of our new building which will be begun this fall.

—Prof. Washburn, instructor in music, has established the Thiel College Conservatory of Music, which being in charge of this proficient teacher, offers special advantages to those pursuing this most pleasing and refining art.

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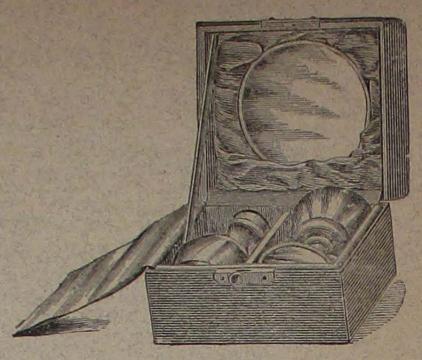
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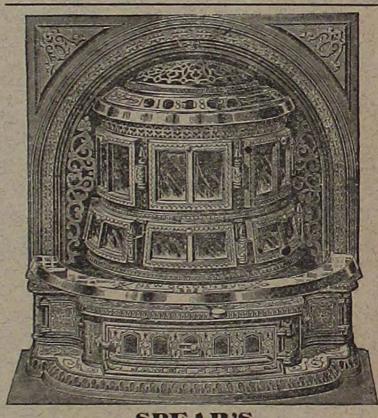
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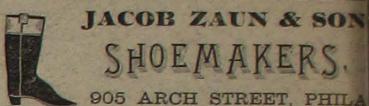
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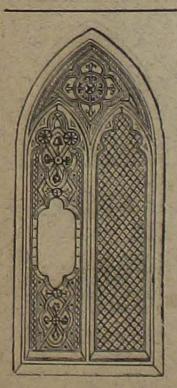
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