The Bucknell Mirror.

O UR college monthly publication first made its appearance in February, 1882, under the title of "The University Mirror." It succeeded "The College Herald" which had been published by a staff elected from the Ephebia and Theta Alpha Literary Societies. These societies at that time were bitter rivals and society spirit ran so high that it brought the staff into a clash and stopped the paper. Many attempts were made to reconcile matters and to re-establish "The Herald," but all these attempts proved futile for the same reason that its publication was first discontinued.

A new organization was formed of all the college students who had sufficient interest in the matter to join the association and subscribe for the paper. This organization held its meetings semi-annually to choose a corps of editors and a manager, who should have full control of the paper.

The first editor-in-chief was H. C. Hall, '82, who has since become President of Hall Institute and occupies other positions of distinction. Under his editorship The Mirror came out as a magazine comprising on the average twenty pages of a size about 8 x 10 inches. It had no cover, and on the first page was a large heading with a cut of the main building and under it the motto, "Vita sine literis mors est." Its contents were mostly criticisms, articles on science or reports of lectures and very few, if any, stories. It also comprehended departments now assigned to "The Orange and Blue." The news items were given in detail and events of very commonplace occurrence were mentioned. These came under four separate heads: Local, which were college items; Seminary Items; Academic and Squibs. The "Squibs" were intended to be short and witty sayings. In fact, the sense of humor was strained to apply to all the four departments. Under Locals, among many others of the same nature, was, "Mr. H. H. Baldridge, '84, has returned from Providence. The girls think it a providential reappearance."

Beginning with October, 1893, there was a decided decrease in the number
of pages printed; likewise, there were fewer literary articles and a condensation of local news. During this time, however, there were often full page illustrations of the several college teams, and also smaller pictures of one of the faculty, or a noted Alumnus. In June, 1893, the paper was published semi-monthly for the first time and was so published until June, 1897. The name was changed to "The Bucknell Mirror" in June, 1893, and still retains that name. In October, 1895, was published the only "Woman's Edition" with Mary B. Harris as Editor-in-Chief.

From June, 1897, until January, 1898, there were no numbers published, but at the beginning of the latter year, No. 1, Volume XVI appeared under the editorship of C. Arthur Lindemann, '98. It was entirely different from the preceding editions and resembled much "The Mirror" of to-day. The pages were greatly reduced in size and number and there was added a fancy cover. The contents were mostly stories. Since then the cover has been much improved and we think the contents have been also.

Among those who have served as editors of "The Mirror" and have since risen to some prominence are: George A. Lung, '83, M. D., who was physician to the President in 1903; F. M. Goodchild, '84, one of the leading pastors in New York City; J. W. A. Young, '87, Ph. D., teacher of Mathematics in University of Chicago; H. M. Kelley, '88, Professor of Biology in Cornell University; Lincoln Hulley, '88, Ph. D., Professor of History in Bucknell University; George E. Fisher, Professor of Science in Susquehanna University; E. M. Heim, Ph. D., Professor of Economic and Political Science in Bucknell University; Llewellyn Phillips '92, M. A., Professor of Rhetoric in Bucknell University; Edwin Maxey, LL. D., Professor of Law in West Virginia University and a well-known writer on political and legal questions.

"The Commencement News" was established June 27, 1887. William E. Staub was Editor-in-Chief of the first edition and William C. Gretzinger was the business manager. Although as first published independently of The Mirror publication association, its object was to aid that paper financially. Ever since the first edition it has proved a financial success, and for several years was a source of great aid to the "The Mirror." At present it is published by the "The Mirror Board." It is issued during commencement week only, four numbers being printed, two editions on commencement day. The first numbers were very small comparatively, but the size has increased every year until the paper has reached its present dimensions. Among those on the different staffs who have since become most prominent are: J. Henry Haslam, a former Editor-in-Chief; and J. T. Hyatt, ex-Vice-Consul to Santiago de Cuba, business manager.