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WHAT DO THEY THINK OF HIM?

What do they think of him? Of whom? Why, of that student. Why, do they pass critical judgment upon each student? I thought they were—just a lot of students—a sort of drove—a sort of irresponsible company which boys and girls could join and be a sort of everybody or nobody from four to seven years. Why, I have been told that they did not even live during these years, that they were just getting ready to live. No, that is a very sad mistake indeed. If there ever is a time when a person should seek to meet himself, where he will receive at his own hands a command which amounts to a life long obligation, and which is nothing less than the voice of God made incarnate, that time is when he enters college. To begin to meet one's self is to begin to live. And if I mistake not, the most intense struggle to live in one's history may reasonably be expected during his college career. College is positively no *waiting* station. The work of college means more than merely to turn a grindstone. If one does not truly live in college, it will be a confessed miracle if he ever lives afterward. It is while the iron ore is in college that it is shaped into a silver-steel glittering sword, or left in a crude state as worthless pig-iron.

Yes, there is probably never a time when a student can better serve the world than when he is in college. Some student who has been anxious to get out where he can begin to do, as he thinks, something real in the world, will ask what I mean. But I mean just what I say. There never comes to the average man the opportunity for doing greater service for the world and God than while he is in college. The colleges of the land are the great agencies that will determine the destiny of our race. The college is the heart, the organ of circulation, and those colleges which have a pure, manly atmosphere, send forth a tremendous life-current. But where ease and passion have the sway and God is practically dethroned, and dark unbelief begins to fall like a mildew, with death in its touch, every interest of humanity may well stand aghast.

The college is made what it is, not by its graduates, but by those who are students in it. If the world and the church can afford to leave any one in college seven years, it is the most pure and manly. And if there be any class they can not afford to leave in college long, it is the class that is impure and too selfish to accept every reasonable obligation. Each student, whether he agrees to or not, helps to make the moral and religious atmosphere which all have to breathe, and nothing is so rude or unmanly as to make others breathe your bad breath, when you could just as well have it pure.

Yes, every student is observed and marked. Each habitual sleeper on Sabbath morning, whose place is vacant in Sabbath school and church, is marked by some one. And in all these cases he is observed by those whom he can least afford to have know these facts. Then he is weighed every day by his professors, and if one is a true student, he need not feel sorry for this. He may seem to be only crudeness and very imperfection to himself and to some others, but if he is true and earnest, his experienced teacher will see beneath the imperfect exterior and recognize the honest struggle of a true man or woman. And be assured that this will count after awhile. Your teacher has you booked for something, and many would be surprised one way and another if this mental ledger were thrown open. It is not so much what you seem to be from without, as to whether your experienced guides can discover beneath a *real* man or a *real* woman. And yet I ought not forget to say that where the real is found to dwell, even if the external manifestations are not in correspondence, there will ere long be wrought a marvelous change in the exterior of that person. The inner should be allowed to do what it can and ought to do, to fashion the outer.

When your college or *Yale* or *Harvard* seems suddenly to pick up one of their graduates out of obscurity and promote him to a place of honor, it does not occur in some haphazard way as you may suppose, but it is because they have had their eye open to see how he was "coming on" ever since they first discovered that hidden man in him.

No, I repeat, college is not a mere waiting station. The first bell you hear after you have matriculated is the announcement of your train, and if you do not even then begin the struggle, if you call it such, to live and to be, you are left, eternally left, unless perchance you strike some wild train, or what is worse, do what thousands of capable students have done, go lumbering through the world on some old accommodation freight.

I have been heartily gratified to see the year open up with so many students who appear like men and women in thought and purpose, and who in simplicity and humility act and look like leaders in religious work, rather than mere parasites.

The athletic spirit seeking for a rugged manhood and womanhood, has certainly never run so high in the college as now, and at the same time the demand for Bible study has never before been so rigorously pressed by the students. I feel that for the easy, manly, vigorous Christian spirit manifested, and especially that which comes from the Christian Associations, we ought all to thank God and take courage.

Now, if any student feels weak at the knees or ex-

periences any affection of the vertebral column, let him put himself into the strongest current of the college life, where he will feel himself provoked to good works and purity of life.

By God's help and the co-operation of all students, we believe that Otterbein shall be able to produce the proper atmosphere or environment in which God shall be able to grow great and good men and women for Himself, His church, and the world.

R. L. SWAIN.

A LETTER

[*Written expressly for the Ægis.*]

On the 25th of June Westerville and friends were left behind. Meeting Miss Hesse in Columbus, we bought tickets for New York by way of Washington, having a week to spend in those cities before sailing. Notwithstanding the heat, we made good use of our time in seeing the places of interest in the capital of our own land. While in the House and in the Senate listening to some important speeches, the thought came that when students of Otterbein University find places in those halls, they will be able to do all honor to the position.

At four o'clock, on the 2d day of July, we stood on deck of the magnificent Friesland ready to sail. Amidst the dense throng on the dock who waved good-bye we knew the face of but one, that of Rev. D. E. Lorenz, of New York. The feeling one has when the vessel pushes away from one's native shore is not easily described. You seem to be cutting off, as it were, all the past of your life and everything associated with it. In a sense that is what you do. Ocean life is unlike any other, and the study or pleasure of the old world is different from that of the new.

We were favored with a brilliant company of passengers: consuls, generals, divines, professors, authors, artists, etc., had crowded the good ship until every cabin was taken. From first to last the voyage was one of life and interest. We had beautiful weather every day, with the exception of Friday, the Fourth of July, when it rained in torrents, seemingly to thwart the plan of our American celebration on deck. The day will not soon be forgotten. Strong men hung pale and weak over the guards of the ship. Women, who a few hours before were both proud and gay, lay in humble attitude, heedless of the rain dripping down upon them. But the American is not to be outdone by even the tricks of the sea. On Monday morning with bands and flags the passengers formed in line, and round and round went the march, and again and again the cheers went out over the blue waves. Perhaps in no city of the Union was formed a more enthusiastic procession than this, in honor of the Fourth of July of 1890.

All spoke the praises of our stately ship, which was so stately, that its motion was hardly perceptible, and which, with its happy company, made its sixth voyage without mishap.

The night of the 12th we rested in the harbor of Flushing, and on Sunday morning, the 13th, sailed up the Scheldt to Antwerp, where we landed and found the world as busy and eager as we left it on the other shore.

Antwerp is a quaint old city, and has the great treasures of Flemish art. We tarried here, however, but a day, and went on to Brussels, the Paris of Belgium. Here the streets are broad and airy, and the shops inviting to the wealthy tourist. It is the city of laces, and a visit to the royal manufactory of Boval de Lubecke is seldom omitted by lady travelers. How costly and beautiful are these laces! More costly than the careless wearer thinks or cares to know. The whole work of a human life, perhaps, is summed up in the decoration of one lady's attire, to be worn for one hour. Hundreds of women are employed in this work in Brussels. Some of the laces are so fine that they can never be made by machinery, but must be made by human hands, and that in cellars, where the air is damp and prevents the threads from drying and breaking.

Many places in Brussels are of historical note. Some mark the scenes of the tournament, others those of actual warfare. The hall where Egmont and Hoorn, who opposed the Spanish power, were condemned, and the palace of the Prince of Orange, are of special interest.

A half hour's ride from Brussels is the battle-field of Waterloo. The point from which the field is viewed is called Mont du Lion, a mound two hundred feet high, on the summit of which is an immense bronze lion. With what feelings one looks over this field! What destinies were here decided! What glory and what defeat made here June 15-18, 1815! The ground is of considerable extent, and now consists of cultivated fields, but the guides can give you every move that was made by the armies, and probably a great many that were not made. The relics from the battle are not yet sold out (?). I chose a *French* bullet.

From Brussels we hastened on to Cologne, where we spent a day or two in resting. From here my traveling companion started for the Hartz, and I took the route along the Rhine to Ems, called the gem of the German spas. It was the favorite resort of Emperor William I, and is the place where he gave his memorable reply to the French ambassador, Benedetti, in 1870. It is situated in a narrow valley of the Lahn, surrounded by lofty heights. The entire valley is picturesque and abounds in most beautiful promenades and drives. Wherever you go and wherever you are, the eye is charmed. Ems was known to the Romans, and its mineral springs, which now attract thousands of people every season, have been celebrated for centuries. Their waters are largely recommended for those who have throat or pulmonary trouble. For one who visits a German watering place the first time the experience is novel. From seven to nine in the morning the crowds gather with glass in hand to be served in turn at the springs. During the same time an orchestra of the finest talent gives the first concert of the day. While the orchestra plays and the mineral water is drunk the people promenade or gather in social groups. The fashionable ones display their elegant costumes, for even at this early hour they appear in dainty silks and laces. The sale of roses is also one of the beautiful features of this hour.

It is needless to say how charming it is to begin the summer morning with music and roses.

After this comes the breakfast, driving, etc. At four P. M. another concert is given, and at eight P. M. the third regular concert of the day. Other entertainments are frequent. Sunday is the greatest holiday of all and generally closes with a great illumination. These illuminations are carried out on the most extensive scale. The lawns are set with lights until they look like fields of fire. The promenades are lined with brilliant lanterns in the form of flowers. Stars, crowns, eagles decorate the buildings, green lights illuminate the trees, and sprays of all colors shoot up from the river. The scene is so dazzling that for the time being one imagines himself in the fairy-land of light and color.

The day must end, but the morrow begins again with music and entertainment, and thus goes the season at a fashionable German watering place.

The sight of all this pursuit of pleasure, moralize as you will and condemn what you may, the fact remains, there is no disorder, and a dignity characterizes all that commands your respect and admiration.

JOSEPHINE JOHNSON.

CLASSICAL PEDANTRY.

Classical pedantry in colleges holds a prominent place. It is characteristic of many an American student to display his knowledge of ancient language and literature. Indeed, to his mind, no production is finished unless some such reference be made. While we would not say this is wholly wrong, it does seem as if the bounds of requirement, of good judgment, and of common sense, just at this time are being overstepped.

No one has more of a right to use these things, gleaned from ancient lore, than has the college student. He has toiled and struggled for years that he might learn to gather, to assimilate, and to hold, intellectual food. And having done this, he is, or ought to be, prepared to give such thoughts as are entertaining and instructive. In no other place is it so true as in the literary field, that all the past with its achievements, richly bestudded with gems and diadems of thought, belongs to the living, active thinker. The greatest minds of years gone by lived and thought for him. They did their work of portraying humanity as seen in darkest dungeon, or beheld on glittering throne, and he who in after years would know how and what to contrast or compare, may, by dint of research and toil, learn from them. It is proper then, we hold, for the modern thinker to appropriate such thoughts of former great minds as will best subserve his purpose. No cry is raised against gleaning from classic authors; but it is on account of the lack of discernment and common-sense judgment that we protest.

The English language is full enough to give emphatic distinction to sentences formed for vigorous use, and at the same time, mild enough to furnish words full of pathos and sweet simplicity.

To the practical man, the long drawn-out revelation that Rome rose and fell, or that Greece with all its gods and glory is no more, comes with a sickening sameness. In fact, such would-be erudite productions seem no less ridiculous than the statements set forth in pompous array by an honest country school-boy who informs his

hearers that George Washington was the first President of the United States, and was a great man; or that Columbus discovered America, and hence, if America had not been discovered, we could not be enjoying what we are. In truth, the latter is doing more when he tells these things than does the college student in his bombastic classic display.

The average college graduate has a smattering of several languages; yet he should not presume to use these before all classes. Foreign tongues, classic phrases, scientific terms, have their legitimate provinces, but for all practical purposes none serves so well as one's own vernacular. Hence, it is not strange that we find to-day occupying the leading places of literary merit men who *know* their own language.

There must be either a present or future use for present thoughts and deeds. Nothing can change the past. It is irreparable. Words and acts like coins must have a face value, stamped with the seal of originality. As we are wont to examine foreign coins with care, and, unless their value is known, receive them with some misgiving, so is the average reader or hearer loth to bend his mind to strange words.

There have been times in past decades when the number of Greek, Latin, or French phrases used by an author was a sort of an index to his popularity. Not so at the present time. For unless the treatise be strictly classical or scientific, the presence of such phrases is indicative of ignorance. Indeed, in this way, the novice often is singled out. A man engaged as a traveling salesman usually is given a new valise—often a common black one, and is thereby distinguished by those more experienced in the business. Affected classicism is the common knapsack. Plain, vigorous English is the standard valise used to wear and able to convey the proper impression to those observing it.

We are inclined to believe that there exists to-day men who wield a powerful influence, because of a potent mind; and that the thought of to-day is not inferior to that of yesterday, nor superior to that of to-morrow. We believe, too, that modern thought is much more profitable to the average man than the pursuance of that hidden in the ancients' mystic lore. Enthusiasts may cry for years of toil in foreign tongues; they may boldly declare that only those who have made an exhaustive study of the classics are prepared for the real work of life and for success, but facts will not warrant the assertion. We would not have the mental discipline derived, the knowledge gained, and facts gleaned from such a training undervalued. For in all cases, when discriminately used, ancient thoughts will materially assist the modern uses. However, when English language and literature is neglected in order to acquire a stilted style and to ape the geniuses that once lived and reigned, it is time to call a halt. Is it not evident that our native tongue is corrupted and our speech besmirched, perforce, to obtain a transparent smattering of others?

How often we meet those who have had the advantage of long intellectual training, and who, perhaps, may be able to translate with facility. Yet in the course of a two-minute speech in English, they will make such blunders as would cause a crimson blush to mantle the cheek of an ordinary country school-boy.

With such apparent errors, with such classical pedantry, it is no wonder the busy throng of mankind is wont to call college students impractical and their training inefficient.

These things ought not to be. If more attention were given to modern thought and action, the men of the world who now greet college students with a sneering smile, would be compelled to recognize the inherent and developed worth of those who deserve it. And in giving more attention to modern thought and phraseology, none the less need be paid to the correct study of the classics. "Charms strike the sight but merit wins the soul." Pedantry ought to be displaced and a legitimate supply of vigorous knowledge occupy the student's mind. In this day a man is judged by the thoughts he has, and how he expresses them. Facts, plain and clear cut, must find a lodgment in active minds. In short, to overrate the value of ancient thought is wrong, and to underrate the value of modern thought is gross neglect and a mental crime.

J. STANLEY WILHELM.

THE NATIONAL TEACHERS' MEETING.

The assembly of teachers from all parts of the Union is now an annual recurrence. What it is worth while to inquire about, are the leading features of that great annual gathering? It will take its marks from three classes of teachers, three general classes, those who go there to learn, those who go to see, and those who go to do something. The latter class is the smallest. It is made up of the leaders in the movement, and consists for the most part of men—here the women are not numerous—who have been regular attendants upon the convention for a number of years in succession. Among those of this class John Hancock, Commissioner of Schools for Ohio, W. T. Harris, who nowhere needs an introduction to a school audience, and, for the last year or two, W. M. Beardshear, an O. U. of '76, might be named. The directors and members of committees and those who by craft or otherwise secure a place on the program, these go to do something.

Others there are who go to learn. How numerous this class is, it would be difficult to say. It includes all the rest if they have their eyes open and if they are not very exacting. The papers that are presented are worth something to those who hear them. The stray thought, the occasional stroke are more permanently effective. In such a body and at such a time, like the leaves of the forest, or to be more kind, like the roses of the field, many thoughts are born to blush unseen. In fact much in the average paper is intolerably commonplace.

Those who go to see, not a very lofty motive to be sure, are the best repaid and get what they expected, a huge show and a very pleasant little vacation, a splendid excursion at excursion rates in the excursion season. To the writer it appears that this is the chief advantage of the mammoth gatherings such as this last one at St. Paul. The teacher is a member of a profession that hoes a line relentlessly in a rut, the same object, the same method; and if the objects and the methods are varied, be it ever so much, they keep, to say the least, within a prescribed sphere corresponding to the grade

or object involved. It is a wearing work. Why must you professors have your annual vacation and your holiday trip? To save ourselves from nervous bankruptcy, for nerve force is what we give out if we are good teachers, and so the teacher in graded or ungraded school must have his day off if he is to be rejuvenating, invigorating, inspiring. To go to one of these great assemblies, to get away from the bonds of the home customs and home sights once in a year, is exhilarating and needfully refreshing. To have seen Minnehaha and Minnetonka will prove quite as useful to most of those who were at St. Paul and will communicate quite as much fire to the pupils under instruction, as the best paper delivered. It is not particularly a place for learned conference or for the interchange of matured ideas; that is rather the office of the special assemblies, such as the one at Indianapolis a month or so since, and the frequent meetings of like character at Saratoga, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, or New York.

The National Teachers' Meeting has become essentially, and very properly so, a meeting of the public school men. In the department of higher education not one of our largest and most famous universities was represented.

It must not be understood that the National Association does not wield great power. It is a representative body, representative of the great common school interests.

ISAAC A. LOOS.

GETTING STARTED.

THE OPENING OF OTTERBEIN'S FORTY-THIRD YEAR — PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL.

No more auspicious inauguration of a college year could have been wished than that which Otterbein has just enjoyed. All that the most confirmed hypochondriac could find for cause of complaint was the almost incessant fall of rain for more than a week after the beginning of the term. But Wednesday, the opening day, was not marred even by bad weather. Everything conspired to make it a day calculated to fill the heart of every person interested in Otterbein, whether as instructor, student, or patron, with genuine happiness. All felt it an occasion of felicitation, a day that bore an earnest of a most successful year to come.

For several days previous to the date which is set down in the catalogue as the time when the "fall term begins," students were arriving in town. Many came in Monday, and large numbers Tuesday. Westerville, proverbially dead during the summer, began to take on the lively appearance of the winter months. Old students were plentiful enough, but few of last year's attendants being missing; some who had been in school here formerly, but had been absent for a year or more, were back again in their old haunts; and an un-

usual number of new faces were to be seen here and there upon the streets.

On Wednesday morning at ten o'clock the student body, the faculty, and a large company of the friends of the institution met in the chapel for the session's opening exercises, Dr. Garst presiding. After devotional exercises, which Rev. J. I. L. Resler, Homestead, Pennsylvania, class '76, conducted, E. D. Resler, of the present senior class, spoke by invitation of the faculty on behalf of the students. His speech was of the loyal-to-the-core sort, full of Otterbein spirit. Professor Haywood then delivered a brief but deeply impressive address, expressing the welcome extended by the faculty to the President as he assumed the active duties of his office, and pledging the co-operation of the professors in all his plans. In the absence of the president of the Board of Trustees and the representative of the alumni who had been placed on the program, Dr. Garst talked impromptu of the early history of the University, and some features of its present situation. The tenor of his remarks was quite optimistic.

President Bowersox then arose to deliver his inaugural. He proposed an outline of the policy which he said he expected to follow in the administration of the affairs of the school. He asked the hearty co-operation not alone of the faculty but of all the patrons of the college. He indicated the necessity of rigid enforcement of proper regulations among the students, but urged that the students look upon their instructors as their confidential friends. He modestly denied his ability to work out any great success for the school, but elicited hearty applause as he said that he believed the friends of Otterbein would, before the year has passed, entirely lift the debt which has so long encumbered it.

The afternoon was devoted to matriculation of students and arrangements for the term's work. About a hundred students were enrolled in less than three hours. Candidates for entrance into the preparatory department were initiated into the mysteries of prepdom by Professor Miller, and Professors Scott and Barnes heard candidates for freshman and sophomore standing. Before the afternoon was gone the academic year, '90-'91, was, as one might say, fairly launched on the sea of time.

In the evening the society halls were crowded with a company of students and others, who spent several agreeable hours in making and renewing acquaintances. The pleasantness of the affair was largely due to the tact of Rev. R. L. Swain, who acted as master of ceremonies. J. H. Francis spoke in response to "Athletics;" Dr. Thompson to "Intellectual Training;" Dr. Garst to "Ethics in College;" and President Bowersox to "The Ones we Left Behind." The Otterbein quartette officiated in most of the music during the day, rendering three fine selections at the morning meeting and two as good during the evening. Professor Van Wordergen rendered a piano solo at the social, and being heartily encored, replied with variations of "Home, Sweet Home," in a vein that touched many a new student's heart.

If the promise which the beginning of the year affords is in any adequate way fulfilled, the year will be one of prosperity for Otterbein, unexampled for a long time past.

"IT IS A LONG LANE THAT HAS NO TURNING."

I.

The lane is long that turneth not,
So runs the proverb old;
The night is long that endeth not,
Is but a tale twice told:
E'en thus the "Clock of Time" is *slow*
Which ne'er will close a day;
The holiday is *long* indeed
That is to last alway.

II.

But in this present life of ours,
The "Clock of Time" is *fast*;
The lane, tho' long, a *turning* has;
The night must *soon* be past.
And to an end, — however far
That end to us may seem, —
The pleasant holidays must come,
As doth earth's sweetest dream.

III.

The long vacation, boys, is past:
List! Hear its loud death knell
That rings o'er all this land of ours
From ev'ry college bell!
List! Hear the bell from yonder tow'r
Of your own "Otterbein!"
It rings as in the days of yore,
With clear and silv'ry chime.

IV.

It says to us in loudest voice
That we could ever hear:
"The holidays are past and gone;
Before you lies a year
Of work within my classic halls —
Of work for young and old —
To fit you for the place in life
That you are soon to hold."

V.

So, boys, look out! the holidays
Are reckon'd with the dead;
And with their close a college year
Hath opened just ahead;
A year in which to do your best
And make your College stand
Among the foremost of the schools
Throughout this goodly land.

VI.

And tho' the "Hearths" may now be sad
From having empty chairs,
They ne'er, boys, will regret the way
You spent your College years
At Otterbein in Westerville —
Ohio's village sweet:
For 'twill return you soon again
These happy "Hearths" to greet.

J. ALLEYNE HOWELL.

Public Opinion will soon begin to print both sides of its folio at home. This is enterprise pure and simple, and we congratulate the *Opinion* publishers for their progressiveness.

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THE INAUGURATION OF OUR PRESIDENT.

The particular circumstance that has lent especial interest to the opening of the current college year, is the assumption by President Bowersox of the active control of college affairs. Circumstances that could in no convenient way be avoided, have left Otterbein, during the past year, practically without a head. Judge Bowersox, though nominally presiding over the institution and exerting in various ways no small influence over school and students, yet could not, so long as he was not residing in Westerville, nor directly engaged in the duties of his position, become the effective factor in the direction of the university which his well-known abilities unquestionably fit him to be, under favorable conditions. But no one knows better than President Bowersox that a college is not to be controlled through a telescope, and no one probably has felt more strongly than he, that Otterbein needs a president, present not in mind alone, but as well in body. Professor McFadden has discharged the duties of acting president in an eminently able manner. His grasp upon the routine business of the president's office has been so firm that not the slightest disorder nor disarrangement has anywhere crept into the management of affairs. But the professor has doubtless realized the restriction upon him expressed in the very word "acting." He has been a substitute, a substitute with limited powers. His work has been, by the very anomaly of his position, mostly confined to mere executive routine. The broader aggressive movements for the promotion of Otterbein's interest, which a conscientious administration of the presidency involves, it was scarcely within the province of his situation to undertake. Under such

circumstances it is a matter of congratulation that the advancement of last year was so much as it was.

This fall, President Bowersox comes among us ready to devote all his splendid power and enthusiastic energy to the upbuilding of this institution. There is no longer to be any division of effort or interest on his part. It is no matter of surprise then that the friends of Otterbein University, knowing as they do the reputation for ability and for faithful, painstaking, and withal effective, endeavor, which he has gained in other walks of life, should found large hopes for the future on his evident determination to give his best self to the service of the school whose trust he has accepted. One may well be an optimist in the presence of so promising an outlook. We but express the feeling of all interested persons when we say that in so far as Otterbein's success depends upon her president, her success is assured to the very limits to which human assurances reach.

It was, nevertheless, no idle caution which the president incorporated in his inaugural, warning any against supposing that his entrance into the presidential office was in itself an infrangible promise of better days. No president, though he were a prodigy of wisdom and might, could ever make a college. President Bowersox's most earnest efforts will be utterly vain if he is not faithfully supported on every side. There is need of Aarons and Hurs for the staying up of his hands. Our knowledge of the members of the faculty and their public expressions give us perfect assurance of their zeal in this line. We can authoritatively affirm the deep loyalty of the entire student body. The question remains as to the attitude of the outside constituency of the school. We believe there can be only one answer, and that answer will be known to the world, when, before the end of the year, the friends of the institution justify the president's prophecy by lifting the last dollar of debt. The time to act is at hand.

WE are highly delighted by the marked increase in attendance this year. Otterbein's excellencies are becoming more and more widely known and attracting constantly increasing attention. One pleasant feature of the matter lies in the fact that a large number of the new students have been brought in by students who have been here previously. The Alumni have also been at work, and a number of the new students are here as a result of their efforts. A thoroughly enthusiastic student is by all means the most successful agent which a college can have. As we remarked, the roll of Otterbein has not for years shown so large a number of names. The entire number of matriculants up to the present time is 153, and there are more to follow. The senior

class has ten members; the junior, twenty; the sophomore, twenty six; the freshman, twenty-four, making eighty now in the college classes against sixty during all last year. The preparatory and normal students number seventy-three. Six States are represented. Surely this is a very encouraging situation.

THERE seems to be current in these days, when independence of thought is so highly and so justly prized among large classes of people, a mistaken notion that independent thought is necessarily original thought. A man does not usually achieve any reputation for vigorous thinking, unless he sets forth as the result of his reasonings new and strange theories, such as have never before entered into any human brain. Theories of this sort the mass of mankind accept more readily by very reason of their novelty, evidently presuming that the old is likely to be wrong and the new likely to be right. The chances are exactly the reverse. Of course we are aware that beliefs which were the very embodiment of error, have through long centuries been almost universally held, and it is not improbable that many views at present popular will eventually be relegated to the same class; but, nevertheless, as between a tenet supported by a few and a teaching believed by the great majority of mankind, all other things being equal, the chances are very decidedly in favor of the correctness of the latter. And it is highly probable, on the whole, that the truly able and independent thinker will reach at the end the conclusions which his predecessors in the same line of thought have reached. It is extremely unlikely that all they have gone wrong, or if they have, that he will discover any better way. Revolutionizing thinkers are prodigies of whose distribution among men the Fates are exceedingly frugal. They can scarce afford the centuries one apiece. Ordinary men are safer in "the old paths."

OUR NEW TEACHERS.

A considerable change has been made in the personnel of the faculty. Professors Haywood, Garst, Guitner, and McFadden and Mrs. Thompson are the only instructors of last year who continue over to this. Some of those whose resignations were accepted last spring had been members of the faculty for a number of years, others for a shorter time. But each of them had well won the good will and esteem of the students, and each of them have gone out from the college attended by the best wishes of all who ever sat under their instruction.

The work carried on by Prof. Zuck has been divided between Prof. Garst and Miss Barnes. When President Bowersox is able to take up the full work of

the mental and moral science chair, Prof. Garst will confine his attention to the English work.

Miss Cronise takes up Miss Johnson's work in the department of German. Miss Cronise comes here from Earlham College at Richmond, Ind. She is a native American, but has pursued extensive studies in Germany, and is eminently well fitted for her position. She has already won a place in the hearts of her students by the genial sunniness of her manner.

Miss Barnes, who takes the Hoverstock chair, is entering upon her duties with most flattering prospects of success. She occupies one of the most difficult positions in the school, but it is the unanimous testimony of her students that she begins the work in a manner that proves her grasp upon it, and her adaptability to it. She is a graduate of Otterbein, class '85, and has had three years' experience in a position similar to her present in Westfield (Ill.) College, where she gave marked satisfaction.

Prof. Miller, of the Normal Department, needs little introduction. He is an alumnus of this institution, graduating in 1887. He has been teaching ever since. His two years' experience in the Northeastern Ohio Normal College, at Canfield, Ohio, has been a training of great value for the work on which he now enters. He is an unusually fine teacher, and withal such a man as an Otterbein man might be expected to be.

There is not a student in school who is not delighted to have Prof. Scott back again. While here before, he was acknowledged equal to any Latin teacher in the West. His year of post-graduate study in Yale, and his season of travel in classical countries have added wonderfully to his previously magnificent store of classical knowledge; and we confidently affirm that his superior is not to be found in America.

A business department has been opened under the direction of Miss Tressa Maxwell, an Iowa lady, who has had several years' experience in commercial teaching in San Joaquin (Cal.) and Westfield (Ill.) colleges.

Mention is elsewhere made of Prof. Van Wordragen and his work in the department of music.

Otterbein may surely congratulate herself upon the efficiency and strength of her faculty.

The Otterbein base ball spirit is represented this fall by the organization bearing the name Otterbein University Athletes. Its members are the following named persons: R. H. Wagoner, captain; L. A. Thompson and Charles Stoughton, first battery; L. K. Miller and I. O. Horine, second battery; George L. Stoughton, C. W. McWhinney, W. O. Hartman, W. E. Bovey, J. H. Francis.

COLLEGE DIRECTORY.

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THE aggravating delay experienced by students in receiving text-books, which has again been repeated in the opening of the present term, emphatically suggests the demand for a more prompt and efficient method of procuring them than now exists. We do not attempt to locate the blame for the oft repeated condition of things which now obtains, if indeed such could be done. It is evident, however, that the evil prevails, and that the local dealers in college supplies and the interests of the college would all be subserved by any system that would displace it. The attention of the faculty is earnestly called to this matter.

EDUCATION VS. TIME.

Among the objections frequently offered against the acquirement of a thorough education is the time demanded for that purpose. No doubt this objection has been often encountered during the summer vacation by those who sought to influence young people to attend college this year. It has been the great barrier to an education in the way of many a youth. Too many are anxious to enter at once the actual business of life. They fail to see the advantage of any extensive preparation for their future work. The attractions of money-making, and too often of money-spending, is ever before their eyes, leading them away from everything else.

There is nothing to be said against the legitimate accumulation of wealth when life and its powers are not neglected. But there is no need of precipitation in

this matter. Under the most favorable conditions the spendthrift will fail to secure a fortune or scarcely a comfortable livelihood, begin as early in life as he may, and his days will be ended with a restricted fortune or in shameful penury. On the other hand, a person practicing reasonable economy, equipped with a good preparation, and with powers well developed, has ample opportunity to become a millionaire after he has reached his thirtieth year. It is not time that makes money. That feat is reserved for energy, ability and thrift. The old aphorism, "the early bird catches the worm," is conditioned on the success in finding the worm and the ability to secure it when found. Of the millions who are constantly seeking after fortune but few are successful in finding it, and fewer still are able to possess it when found.

Full developed manhood or womanhood does not come early in life to most persons. A full grown body even does not insure a mature mind. A body of normal size with only enough rudiments of an education to read, write, and perform mathematical problems is a poor ideal for American youth of to-day. A complete physique, with a soul capable of almost infinite enlargement and strength, confined within the narrow bounds of a rudimental training! What kind of a model is that for young people surrounded with the privileges of soul culture which are now provided on every hand?

For business, for pleasure, and for the design of doing good the entire being of man should be unfolded before becoming hardened by the actual trials of life. Again, one is thus eminently qualified to determine where his life-energies may be devoted to the greatest advantage.

For these reasons, then, set the mind on a thorough education. If you are already in school, select your studies and course to that end. Be careful that some flattering inducement does not divert you from your purpose. If you are not in college, or never have been, prepare to go there at the earliest opportunity. Let time serve its end, and do not allow yourself to be a servant of time.

THE Athletic Association is now fully established. At the first regular meeting officers were elected with the following result: President, J. H. Francis; Vice President, A. T. Howard; Secretary, E. L. Weinland; Treasurer, E. D. Resler; Official Board, Prof. George Scott, G. L. Stoughton, R. H. Wagoner, J. H. Francis, W. C. Whitney, and O. L. Shank. The Secretary was instructed to procure a number of needed articles. The boys gather on the grounds every evening. We would say that President Bowersox will have hearty support among the boys in making the Athletic Association a success.

LOCAL NOTES.

PROFESSOR HAYWOOD has an article for astronomers in the *Religious Telescope* of September 10th.

PRESIDENT BOWERSOX reports increased interest in Otterbein in his section of the State, and expects several students from there soon.

THE Sophomore class held a social meeting for the installation of its officers at the home of Miss Bradrick, Saturday evening, the 20th.

ANY subscriber to the *ÆGIS* who does not properly receive his paper should notify the subscription agent at once, and the matter will receive immediate attention.

THE Central Ohio Conference of the U. B. Church will convene in the college chapel on the evening of October 1st. The venerable Bishop Weaver will preside.

IN view of the fact that the Freshman class, just escaped from prepdom, is the most "ungodly" set in college, it is very refreshing to hear them talk of the "ungodly preps."

J. C. WHITE, College Secretary of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., visited us the 10th inst., and stirred up the boys on missionary and other lines of religious work.

THE Otterbein Quartette, assisted by Professor Van Wordragen and H. J. Custer, gave a concert at New Albany, Saturday evening, September 13. They had a good audience, and came out whole financially.

PROFESSOR GARST is engaged to furnish matter for the National Encyclopædia of American Biography, which is being prepared by James T. White & Co., publishers, of New York.

THE Sophomores elected Tuesday, the 16th, the following: President, A. C. Streich; Vice President, Miss Nellie Adams; Secretary, Miss Flora Spear; Treasurer, R. L. Blagg; Historian, Myrtle Miller.

THE Junior class elected its class officers the 12th, with the following result: President, G. L. Stoughton; Vice President, Miss Leonie Scott; Secretary, C. W. Kurtz; Treasurer, Miss May Thompson; Historian, N. R. Best.

EVERY student of Otterbein University should be a subscriber to the *ÆGIS*, and preserve a copy of each number that he may have a complete record of the

University when school days are over. They will be even more valuable at that time than at present.

THE game of ball played Saturday, the 13th, between the second college nine and the public school nine resulted in a score of 16 to 7 in favor of the college nine. The game was well played for the first of the season, and with the exception of several wild throws, was errorless on the side of the college nine.

PRESIDENT BOWERSOX, as soon as he had seen the school fairly started, left to take up field work for the University. He went from here to the meeting of the East Ohio Conference, thence to the North Ohio, and thence to the St. Joseph, and is now (September 20th) in attendance upon the sessions of the Sandusky. He will return here for the meeting of the Central Ohio Conference. Then after another tour through the supporting conferences, he will begin the work of teaching in the University.

ROOM No. 13, on the second floor of the college building, so long labeled President's Study, is being refitted and will be made the headquarters of the department of Latin. It is to be furnished with the very latest style of recitation seats, writing arms and all complete. This is an improvement which will gradually be introduced in all the recitation rooms. When Professor Scott's room is ready for occupancy, Professor McFadden will transfer his classes to the southeast room, which was used so long by Professor Zuck, and where Latin is now temporarily heard. This room is very convenient for natural science work, adjoining as it does the scientific work-shop, and was originally occupied by the elder McFadden.

THE ladies' societies elected officers Thursday evening, the 18th, with the following result: Philatheans—President, Anna Scott; Vice President, Elsie Thompson; Recording Secretary, Cora Scott; Critic, Leonie Scott; Censor, Nellie Adams; Chaplain, May Thompson; Corresponding Secretary, May Andrus; Treasurer, Zella Smith; Librarian, Myrtle Miller; Chorister, Lizzie Cooper; Pianist, Mattie Bender; Library Committee, Flo. Spear, Maud Bradrick. Cleiorheteans—President, Lulu Watson; Vice President, Lizzie Bovey; Recording Secretary, Lulu Myers; Corresponding Secretary, Grace Fowler; Critic, Ida Waters; Chaplain, Maud Waters; Treasurer, Ida Zehring; Librarian, Daisy Custer; Directress, Cora Shaner; Chorister, Ada Bovey; Pianist, Maud Linabury; Hostess, Ida Zehring. These officers will be inducted Thursday evening, the 25th.

LOCAL.

Apperson A. Nease, '88, of Tupper's Plains, Ohio, was in Westerville several days during the month.

W. L. Kline was knocked down and run over by a bicycle Saturday, September 13. His injuries were such as to confine him to his room for two or three days.

Rev. S. P. Bixler, a young minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, has entered school as a Sophomore. He has previously attended Lincoln, (Illinois,) University. It is pleasant to have Otterbein's merits recognized outside the limits of the supporting denomination.

Chalmers Dick, a former student of Otterbein University, died suddenly at his home in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, recently. He was once mayor of Johnstown, and at the time of his death attorney of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. His wife was lost in the great Johnstown flood.

The Freshmen officers, as elected at a late day, are the following: President, Eva Cornell; Vice President, I. O. Horine; Secretary and Treasurer, Grace Fowler; Historian, Charles Snavelly. The class was further organized by the appointment of several committees.

It seems that quite a goodly number of the old students heeded President Bowersox's request to bring in a new student each. At least several are accompanied by their relatives or friends. E. V. Wilcox, of class '90, is represented by a younger brother; Claude Michael brought in a brother; George Stoughton a brother; I. O. Horine a sister; Frank Pottenger his brother, M. S. Pottenger, who has been absent for three years.

The Davis conservatory of music partakes of the inspiration characteristic of the other departments of the institution. The new music master, Prof. John Van Wordragen, who is a native of Ravenstein, Holland, acquired his musical education from some of the best masters in Holland and Germany. These qualifications combined with the experience of teaching in a number of noted institutions throughout the United States, renders the Prof. thoroughly competent to assume the responsibilities of the conservatory.

The Citizens Lecture Committee of Westerville has arranged for an interesting course of lectures during the year '90-'91. The course is to consist of at least eight high grade entertainments, one and possibly two of which are to be by first class musical companies.

The following is the list so far as now completed: September 29, Dr. Scott Herschey, "Infidelity a Failure." October 8, Jehu De Witt Miller, "The Uses of Ugliness." November 6, Mary Livermore, "The Perils of the Republic." November 28, Weber Concert Company. December 9, Peter M. Von Finkelstein, "Oriental Entertainment." February 17, Hon. R. G. Horr, "The Labor Problem." March 17, Wilbur L. Davidson, "Tramp Through Switzerland." The eighth entertainment will depend upon the amount of resources from which the committee is to draw. The entertainments will take place in the college chapel. The course tickets are for sale at \$1.00 each.

The society orchestras were never in better condition than at present. The orator's eloquence and the essayist's logic will be richly sandwiched with music during the coming year.

The Otterbein Quartette composed of Messrs. A. T. Howard, first tenor; E. D. Resler, second tenor; E. E. Lollar, first base, and F. J. Resler, second base, is winning a reputation from disinterested sources that is not to be lightly esteemed.

Mrs. Thompson spent a part of the summer vacation at Cincinnati in the interest of her profession. A fine collection of expensive studies for crayon, pastel and oil have been procured for the complete equipment of an extensive studio. The department enters upon the year with flattering prospects.

Judging from the indications of its members, class '90 seems to be another class destined to make a creditable record. P. M. Camp will attend the Theological Seminary at Dayton, O., in order to be thoroughly qualified for missionary work in some foreign field. C. Anna Thompson assumes control of one of the departments of the public school at Thorntown, Ind. Minnie M. Sibel is making a practical application of her college course by pursuing a private course of study. C. C. Waters has been traveling through several of the Eastern States with his headquarters at Boston, acquiring general information previous to teaching. E. V. Wilcox is Assistant Entomologist at the Ohio Experiment Station located at Columbus. H. J. Custer is studying dentistry and will soon enter the Ohio College of Dental Surgery at Cincinnati. J. S. Wilhelm is principal of Rutherford Academy at Rutherford, Tenn. E. A. Gilmore is professor of Natural Science in the Northeastern Ohio Normal College.

Assistant janitor Denhoff has removed to his old home near Fostoria, Ohio. His brother, C. A. Denhoff, having decided not to take any college work this year, has again undertaken the discharge of all the labor of caring for the college buildings.

Mr. J. R. King, of Scottdale, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, has entered college at a late day and will be a member of the Sophomore class. Pennsylvania is more fully represented this year than for several years past.

Lela Guitner of the Junior class, who has been visiting friends at several points in the West during the vacation, returned this week, and reports a very enjoyable trip.

Professor Scott is able to make his share of the chapel exercises peculiarly interesting by drawing from his rich store of information, gained during his recent tour through Bible lands, and imparting the same to the students in addition to the regular exercises.

As is indicated by the table of contents on the cover page, this number of the *ÆGIS* contains several articles penned by well known friends of O. U. J. Stanley Wilhelm, of last year's Senior class, furnishes an article on "Classical Pedantry." It comports well with the actual practice of the author. Rev. R. L. Swain, college pastor, with his usual forcible style, presents in an article entitled "What Do They Think of Him?" some useful thoughts that old students as well as new should carefully weigh. "A Letter," from Miss Josephine Johnson, our recent modern language teacher, is full of interest, giving a sketched account of her trip to Germany together with some of the things she saw. "The National Teachers' Meeting," held at St. Paul, Minn., last summer, and which was attended by several O. U. persons, has its principal features discussed by the able pen of Prof. I. A. Loos, of Iowa State University. J. Alleyne Howell, of the present Sophomore class, contributes a few fitting verses on the close of vacation days, under the heading "It is a Long Lane That Has No Turning." The succeeding numbers will be even more interesting than the present. Miss Johnson will continue to contribute articles from Germany; Prof. Scott will write concerning things he saw and learned in Europe and the Orient; members of the faculty will occasionally give the readers of the *ÆGIS* the benefit of their learning, and other high grade talent will be frequently represented. Our readers will be glad to know that the next number will contain an article on a certain phase of Shakespearean thought by Prof. Byron W. King, the elocutionist and dramatist of Curry Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa.

PERSONAL.

O. B. Thuma spent a part of the week of the Ohio State Fair visiting a sister in Columbus.

Mrs. Dr. I. L. Kephart, of Dayton, has recently been the guest of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Swain.

Professors H. J. Custer and E. L. Weinland are advertised to furnish music at the coming Westerville fair.

J. W. Dickson took advantage of the excursion to Niagara Falls of the 16th. While gone he visited Toronto, Canada.

T. A. Gruber, of class '89, made a flying trip to Westerville a few days ago. He holds a position in the Auditor's office of his father at Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

J. D. Riebel, who has been absent from college for over a year, has just returned to resume work. He is accompanied by an acquaintance, Mr. C. Perdue.

A short visit from J. N. Bower, who was in college last year, was gladly received a short time since. He will return for regular work in the future.

Miss Olive Morrison, '88, has returned to her position in the chair of Ancient Languages, in Sugar Grove, (Pennsylvania,) Academy. She is in very poor health as the result of overwork in connection with her duties last year.

J. F. Detweiler, of class '88, spent several days in Westerville during the first college week, renewing acquaintances and reviewing former scenes. Det is the same as of old. He will graduate next spring as M. D. from the Rush Medical College of Chicago.

This week Mr. and Mrs. Dr. L. E. Custer arrived home from Europe. The Doctor attended the International Convention of Physicians and Dentists, which was held at Berlin during the forepart of August. Since then the time has been spent in traveling over England and the Continent.

J. A. Cummings, class '87, occupies the president's chair of the Northeastern Ohio Normal College, this position having been vacated by the resignation of Prof. F. E. Miller. The flourishing condition of this institution is very much to be attributed to the enthusiasm and competency of O. U. graduates.

PERSONAL.

D. S. Mott, after an absence of a year, has returned for better qualification for his profession as a teacher.

Henry A. Flickinger, of Bourbon, Ill., a member of class '75, was in town visiting relatives a few days recently.

Mr. A. S. Krohn, brother of the noted Adelbert professor of philosophy, is starting in for a course at O. U.

Miss Flora Spear, having been occupied in teaching during the past year, returns this year and becomes a Sophomore.

G. R. Hippard, of class '88, is at home for awhile. He has recently represented the United Press at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The junior class held its usual monthly prayer meeting at the home of Miss Leonie Scott on Sabbath, September 14th.

Mr. Francis Smith, who has been absent from college for several years, moved here in August, and has again given himself diligently to his studies.

W. H. Fouse, who has taken a rather longer vacation than usual, is back again with his clarinet, and will finish his course without further intermission.

Mr. E. G. Spessard, a graduate of Shenandoah Institute, of Dayton, Va., enters the O. U. Sophomore class this year, and will complete the classical course.

Quite a large number of students went to Columbus on Thursday of Fair week. The faculty granted whole-sale excuse from recitations to all those who wished to attend the fair.

W. W. Stoner, of last year's Sophomore class, does not return this year, but is represented by a brother in addition to C. B. Stoner, who attended O. U. last year.

Messrs. G. D. Gossard, R. L. Blagg, and A. H. Hooker, graduates of West Virginia Academy, Buckhannon, W. Va., constitute three new additions to the Sophomore class. Should these gentlemen graduate with class '92, as is their intention, there will be five in that class who have come to O. U. from this thriving institution.

W. W. Stoner has given up work at Otterbein University this year, in order to assume control of the Fairview school in Montgomery county.

Miss Mary Kephart, of Dayton, Ohio, daughter of Dr. I. L. Kephart, editor of the *Religious Telescope*, visited friends in the city last week.

G. P. Maxwell, class '87, spent several days in Westerville recently visiting friends, both general and particular.

Dr. L. E. Custer, class '84, has been elected to the Professorship of Anæsthetics and Obtundents in the Ohio College of Dental Surgery.

Rev. Edward E. Carr, pastor of the Iliff M. E. Church, of Salt Lake City, Utah, spent several days here recently with his friend, J. H. Francis.

R. E. Kline, of the Freshman class of '88, has returned to O. U. after a two years' absence, and enters the Junior class. He has with him a younger brother.

Mr. J. W. Thuma, who was a student here about a quarter of a century ago, was with us a few days at the beginning of the term, and saw that his son was well started in college.

President Bowersox is busy attending the sessions of the various annual conferences. It is to be hoped that his presence will make a great stirring among "the dry bones."

G. F. Byrer, of class '87, visited O. U. at the beginning of the term, having with him two young friends whom he introduced to the ways of college life, and left them to pursue a course of study.

Rev. C. Hall, of class '83, for several years past general agent for the West Virginia Academy, with his family moved to Dayton, O., the 10th inst. He expects to attend Union Biblical Seminary for a year.

The Athletic Association should keep its eyes open for athletes. Keep in mind these experts. F. J. Resler and D. A. Mouskopf "jumped" from Senior Prep. to Sophomore, and Misses Zella Smith and May Andrus and N. R. Best from Freshman to Junior.

W. M. Johnson, a student of O. U. in the 70's, was in town during the opening week of this term. Mr. Johnson resides in Columbus, O., where, as special agent for the Standard Life and Accident Insurance Company, he has an office at No. 1 North High street.

We Want Ideas!



And propose to pay for
'em too ; for that reason



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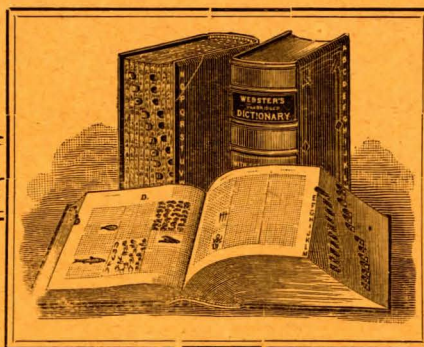
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