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# The Otterbein Dial.

"I MAY MEASURE TIME BY YON SLOW LIGHT AND THIS HIGH DIAL."—Tennyson.

Vol. I.

WESTERVILLE, OHIO, AUGUST, 1876.

No. 8.

## THE FOUR LAKES OF MADISON.

BY H. W. LONGFELLOW.

Four limpid lakes—four Naiades  
Or sylvan deities are these,  
In flowing robes of azure dressed;  
Four lovely handmaids that uphold  
Their shining mirrors, rimmed in gold,  
To the fair city in the West.

By day, the coursers of the sun  
Drink of these waters, as they run  
Their swift, diurnal round on high:  
By night, the constellations glow  
Far down their hollow deeps below,  
And glimmer in another sky.

Fair lakes, serene and full of light,  
Fair town arrayed in robes of white,  
How visionary ye appear!  
All like a floating landscape seems  
In cloudland, or the land of dreams,  
Bathed in a golden atmosphere!

—The New Century.

## MONEY.

BY PROF. JOHN HAYWOOD.

The notion expressed by this word is complex. I propose to attempt an analysis of it. The primitive idea of money doubtless is that of an instrument, or medium of exchange, and a measure of values. An additional element is that of a reservoir or storehouse of values. Still another is that of a representation of value. Still another perhaps is that of an instrument for transferring credits, when future values, those not yet in existence or possession, are made a basis of exchange. These several elements or functions of money are not difficult to comprehend and I will not take time to enlarge upon them, as I wish to treat the subject in a way that is practical rather than to theorize.

The money of our country consists of gold and silver coins and paper certificates of a particular kind which we call paper money. From its prevalence with us in the past years this last is usually called currency.

Money, in order to answer its purposes perfectly, should be unchangeable in value; it should be adapted to meet the requirements of trade, however large the transactions or however small; the value of the coins or pieces should be easily seen and should be unmistakable; and it should be universally recognized as money. The suitability of gold and silver as the material of which to make money is so generally understood and admitted that I need not stop here to consider our paper money. In the same connection, it will be proper to consider the relation of the Government to money. It is especially important, at this time, to have correct views upon the latter as they have an immediate application.

If we compare the estimated values of the various commodities which go to preserve human life, and promote human weal as regards their relative values among themselves, and as compared with human labor which is an essential factor in those values, we find there is incessant change going on. If we take, for instance, a man's day's work for the basis of comparison or measuring unit, we find that more of one commodity and less of another will be equivalent of a day's labor than was last year; and we expect the same will be found to be true next year. The nature and causes of these changes I need not consider further than to say this, that they lie back in the conditions of our being, and that they are, for the most part, unavoidable and uncontrollable by any man, or any combination of men, or by governments even, to any extent. I may add that though these values are shifting among themselves, the changes

are not likely to be great or very sudden; but that if such were to take place between those commodities, which are considered essential, the foundations of society would be endangered and shaken.

I have said that human labor is a factor in the values of commodities. If these values are traced back to their source, it will be found, in all cases, that much the greater part, in many cases the whole value is divided from human labor. This fact is dependent immediately upon human nature, and the conditions of our being. It is not therefore under the control of governments. History informs us that governments have tried to determine these relative values, but these human enactments, coming into collision with the laws of nature, are very transient, and as far as they go, mischievous rather than beneficial in their results. The reason is obvious. The forces of nature, the laws of nature are persistent and, to us, omnipotent. Human efforts and human will are feeble and transitory. The latter therefore must give way to the former.

But how shall we measure these values? It is important in society that there should be well understood, unchangeable measures of value; and here we find a field in which a wise government can do much to promote the interests of community. Just as Government has established uniform units of measure, of length, of weight, &c., so it should of value. This is the work of Government.

## COLLEGE INDEBTEDNESS.

BY A. B. KOHR, Esq.

It is a notable fact that many of the institutions of learning under the supervision of the United Brethren in Christ, are in debt some more, some less. The writer indeed knows of none wholly out of debt. This indebtedness cannot be gratifying to any friend of these institutions, cannot be a source of pride or comfort, cannot be an indication of educational prosperity, of a great awakening to the importance of education among the people of the church, or of prudent financial management. There is no pleasing or encouraging feature in it, but it is a source of annoyance to all the friends of these institutions. The proper and prudent management of this indebtedness now requires the energy and skill of some of the best financiers in the church; and for this energy and skill the church must pay, and is in duty and honor bound to pay what it is reasonably worth. The annually accruing interest on this debt, the expense, energy and skill required to maintain the interest, with the additional energy, skill and expense to raise money to liquidate the principal of this indebtedness, is the burden which the church must bear at the present time, in addition to and over and above the necessary expenditure of money, energy and skill needed to keep these institutions moving at the present time. Has the policy pursued by the church in regard to the financial interests of her institutions been a wise policy? If the church has made more material, religious, and educational advancement under this policy than was possible under a cash system, or was even probable under any other policy by which this indebtedness would have been avoided, then the wisdom of the policy is evident. But universal experience, common observation, and the dictates of common sense, all proclaim the improvidence of the policy of carrying on benevolent institutions with promises to pay in the future. Universal experience teaches that each day and each year has sufficient calls for benevolent purposes, to exhaust the charities of all, and even then the supply does not equal the demand. But why make the future pay for the charities of to-day? What reason or what right have we to believe that the demand for charities will be less in the future than it is to-day? Have we not just as good reason and right to believe that this demand will be greater upon us in the future? Nay, do not experience and observation plainly show

that the demand for charities is increasing from year to year? And if this be true how can it be else than immoral and wicked to tax those who come after us for the charities of to-day, since those who come after us will have all they can attend to, without our shoving a part of our responsibility forward upon them? Has the church an equivalent for the money expended over and above the actual income, of which this debt is the evidence? Is she stronger and more efficient for good by reason of this extra expenditure of money evidenced by this indebtedness, by this extra tax she has placed on her present resources? In measuring this equivalent all the advancement in education that the church has made since she began to build educational institutions can by no means be counted in. I undertake to say that her educational institutions would be better off twice over to-day, in the way of buildings, in the way of endowments, in the way of instructors, and in the way of the number of students in attendance, had she relied wholly upon present resources. In all these the church is probably as well off as the policy followed would permit; and she has kept pace with sister churches simply because they have been in the same box with her, pursuing the same ruinous course. Not ruinous in the sense that she is worse off than she was twenty years ago, nor is this ruinous beyond redemption, but ruinous in the sense that by reason of her policy, her prosperity has been retarded from almost the very beginning in these educational enterprises by carrying unnatural burdens, debts. Ruinous in the sense that she has not an equivalent for the money, energy, skill, hope, public credit and faith expended. He who loans money at 4 per cent., when money is worth 8 per cent., loses 4 per cent. He that has it in his power to win the confidence, sympathy, and aid of a hundred men and adopts a system by which he wins the confidence, sympathy and aid of fifty men, loses thereby fifty men and what they are worth to him. It cannot be gainsaid that some men make money by going into debt, but more lose thereby. But men who go in debt and make thereby, come into the possession of other property whose value is equal to, and by reason of extraneous circumstances increases in value more rapidly than his indebtedness, and he is the gainer by the increment. But when a church goes in debt for educational purposes, or for any benevolent purpose, she puts a tax upon her future resources to help along what seems a present need. Now the improvidence that is complained of is the refusing to see that future needs will in all probability be equal to her future unincumbered resources. Take for an example an institution whose indebtedness is fifty thousand dollars, and 8 per cent. interest paid on this debt. There is a dead weight of four thousand dollars annually upon the resources of the institution; four thousand dollars over and above what is necessary to run the institution. Now far be it from me to say that the people of this church are taxing themselves too heavily for educational purposes. The four thousand dollars ought to be raised in addition to what has under circumstances been made to supply the wants of the institution, but this four thousand dollars ought to be productive, enlarging our facilities for education, strengthening us in weak places. Now every dollar of interest that has been paid on this kind of indebtedness is a dollar for which the church has not and cannot have an equivalent, for the reason that money invested in enterprises of this kind is not productive of money in turn. It is the decided conviction of the writer, after long deliberation, that if this church would move on in the future, with prosperity, power, and influence, she must rid herself of this indebtedness and that, right soon, honorably, equitably and willingly. Not a few benevolently inclined men withhold their donations to-day by reason of this indebtedness. Not a few have their ardor and sympathy dampened by this indebtedness. There is nothing but loss, sacrifice of hope, and enthusiasm in it. We need to shake off this burden and never be guilty of creating another dollar of indebtedness for charitable purposes.



## CLASS OF '76.

## A CLASS-DAY POEM.

BY D. N. HOWE.

We have come from the east and a westering land;  
We have come from the village, the city and farm,  
For the same pleasant task—to employ heart and hand  
In preparing for work and protecting from harm.

We have come from the homes of the wealthy and great;  
We have come from the humblest, yet dearest of homes;  
While a few from the orphan's sad, wandering state  
Even seek for the pearl of more value than thrones.

There was wealth to be mastered and habit transformed;  
There was poverty's ghost wild and frightful to chase;  
There was self to subdue and a taste to be formed,  
For the ranking of all in this scholarly race.

While as strangers we met, now as brothers we part,  
As the children of one common parent and home.  
Time will never erase these sweet thoughts from each heart,  
While in memories halls we're permitted to roam.

We will often return on sweet memory's wings  
To the place where we labored, succeeded and failed;  
Think of sports wild and free, strange vagaries and things  
Which the mists of long years have completely overveiled.

We will call up the students and teachers of yore,  
Run aground on the root of some crooked Greek verb;  
Get entangled in some mathematical lore,  
So confused in old "Kames" that we can't say a word.

We will wander along through the whole college course,  
Retrospecting each step with a critical eye;  
Finding much to improve and what might have been worse,  
But e'en glad for the day that our star rose thus high.

We are said to go forth with our minds full and rife  
To perform well our part from the first to the last;  
But our hearts—are they manned for the voyage of life,  
Are they strong to encounter the world's cruel blast?

We believe that each one is a lover of light,  
That no Hume or Rousseau will be found in our land,  
And we pray that each one may be firm in the right,  
In the humblest of walks or the best of the land.

Some are filled with regard for their Master's great plan  
And have vowed to the Lord all their days and their powers.  
They deplore the sad havoc sin's making on man,  
Feel constrained to assist him through life's weary hours.

And we pray that they faithful may be to the last  
And be lights to the world through its darkness and storm;  
That their work be well done, be it varied and vast,  
In their loneliness dear or the busying swarm.

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But the lessons of life are yet scarcely begun;  
There are trials to meet, lone and sad ones to cheer.  
There are homes to enliven and work to be done;  
There are souls to instruct and our Master to fear.

There are storms to pass through and dark streams to be crossed;  
There's the desert to blossom and bloom like the rose.  
There are wilderness hearts by the tempter sore tossed;  
There are young ones and kind to be saved from their foes.

Can we say then, my friends, that our course is all done,  
While the world is enshrouded in darkness so deep?  
Dare we stop but an hour and indulge in wild fun,  
While our friends are now roaming sin's precipice steep?

No, we'll never sit down and forget life's great work,  
But we'll labor for truth and the God of our might.  
We will stand at our posts and our duty we'll shirk,  
Though the thunders may roll and fierce flames fill the night.

When the lessons of life all are ended and past  
And the Master has said, "Tis enough, come up home,"  
May our tasks all have been well performed to the last  
And each one the sweet fields of fair Paradise roam.

## OTHER COLLEGES.

**HAMILTON.**—General Joseph R. Hawley of Connecticut, was re-elected a trustee of Hamilton College, and the Rev. Dr. W. E. Knox of Elmira, was elected trustee in place of the late General John Jay Knox.

**HARVARD.**—The election for overseers of Harvard College resulted in the choice of the Rev. Phillips Brooks, Martin Brimmer, William C. Endicott, Henry W. Paine and Leverett Saltonstall for six years, the Rev. Edward E. Hale for five years, and Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. for one year.

At the annual meeting of the Harvard Alumni Association, Charles Devens, Jr., was elected president for the ensuing year, and Dr. Samuel A. Green, secretary. The Commencement dinner was served in Memorial Hall, Prof. James Russell Lowell presiding. Among the speakers were President Eliot, Governor Rice, James Russell Lowell, Robert Winthrop and John D. Long.

**BROWN.**—From the printed report of the treasurer of Brown University it appears that the aggregate of the college funds amounts to \$718,753 59. The amount of \$13,035 95 has been paid toward the construction of the new library building. The amount unexpended is \$61,669 68. There are 57 scholarships belonging to the college of \$1,000 each.

**VASSAR.**—The Commencement exercises at Vassar were largely attended. The salutatory oration was delivered by Miss Anna Marilla Johnson of Whitesboro', N. Y., and the valedictory by Miss Jennie Carlton Price of Salem, Mass. After the exercises the visitors had a collation in the dining-room of the college.

**DARTMOUTH.**—The exercises of Class Day, which were postponed from Tuesday on account of the rain, took place at the "Glen." Samuel Merrill read the "Chronicles of the Class," and William S. Sayers the "Prophecies." The crowd then went to the church, where Charles W. Willard delivered an address on "The Scholar in Politics." Joaquin Miller was introduced by President Smith, and read his poem, "Where rolls the Oregon."

**WILLIAMS.**—The statistics of the class of 1876 at Williams College, in which thirty-seven members graduated, show that the average age is 22 years, 11½ months. Two are married. In religion 12 are Congregationalists, 10 Presbyterians, 7 Methodists, 4 Episcopalians, and 1 each Baptist, Disciple, Judaist and undenominational. Twenty-two are Republicans, 8 independents, 4 neutrals and 3 Democrats. Law will be the profession of 11, the ministry of 5, business of 5, medicine of 3, travel, teaching, theology and mission each of 1, and 9 are undecided. Six hundred volumes have been added to the college library during the last year.

**TRINITY.**—The House of Convocation of Trinity College elected the Rev. Dr. George Morgan Hills, of Burlington, N. J., Dean for two years. An oration was delivered before the Convocation in Christ Church, by the Rev. Dr. Washburne, of New York, on "The Catholicity of Science and Letters."

The following honorary degrees were conferred:

LL. D.—Woolton W. Hawks.

D. D.—The Rev. D. H. Buel, of Asherville, N. C.; the Rev. Henry Burroughs, rector of Christ Church, Boston; the Rev. David P. Sanford, rector of St. Andrew's Church, Thompsonville, Conn.

M. A.—The Rev. John Hargate, Concord, N. H.; Alfred C. Roberts, Burlington, N. J.; Francis Schmid, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**BOWDOIN.**—Class day was celebrated July 11. In the evening the graduating class had a promade concert. The campus was brilliantly illuminated. The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held on the 12th, Prof. Egbert Smythe presiding. The following officers were elected: President, Egbert Smythe; Vice-President, W. P. Northend; Secretary, Prof. J. B. Sewall; Treasurer, H. L. Chandler. Executive Committee—Gen. J. M. Brown, Alfred Mitchell, and T. W. Hyde. An association of members was then formed, under the name of the Memorial Hall Fund Association, for the purpose of cancelling the indebtedness of Memorial Hall, which at present amounts to \$6,735. The regular exercises of Commencement day took place on the 13th. At the examination of candidates for admission to the Freshman class, on the 14th, thirty-eight were successful. This indicates a class of about sixty when term begins.

**PRINCETON.**—The new inn which has been erected by the trustees of Princeton College, Princeton, N. J., at a cost of nearly \$200,000, was opened recently. The course in the scientific department of the college has been increased from three to four years. The Board of Trustees of the college will appoint an adjunct professor in mathematics and engineering to assist both in the academic and scientific departments. The increase in the number of students will require the appointment of a tutor in modern languages and one in the academical department, making in all six tutors. It is probable that at an early date an additional professor will be appointed in classics. These appointments will add greatly to the efficiency of the instruction in mathematics and languages. In philosophy instruction is now given by the president, Dr. McCosh, Dr. Atwater and Dr. Shields; in literature by Dr. Murray and Prof. Hunt; in physics by Professors

Guyot and Brackett. Information has been received by Dr. McCosh that the settlement of the John C. Greene estate, from which the college anticipates a large endowment, will not take place until January. The new dormitory, which is building in the most substantial manner, will cost \$100,000 and will possibly be open for students on the 13th of next September.

**YALE.**—During their four years' course '76 has managed to spend \$413,044. The largest amount spent by any one man is \$9,300, and the smallest sum which sufficed to take any one through college is \$1,280. The average annual amount is \$1,075 20. There have been connected with the class altogether 205 men, of which number only 124 have kept up their connection. The youngest will be at Commencement time 19 years 2 months old. The oldest is 27 years 8 months. The average age is 22 years 29 days. Taken all in a bunch the class tip the scales at 18,481 pounds. The heaviest man carries about with him 206 pounds. The lightest weighs but 98. The average weight is 149 pounds ½ ounce. The average height is 5 feet 9½ inches, which is the highest since any record has been kept. In politics 64 are Republicans and 15 Democrats; 95 are freetraders and there are 21 who hold that a modified form of protection is needful; 20 are undecided. Fifteen are going to study theology, and one of these is to be a Jewish Rabbi. The law will take in 40; medicine, 21; business, 13; journalism, 4; teaching, 2. Two intend to be literary men, and one a philologist; three will be civil engineers, and one will loaf. One individual is to be an undertaker, and wishes us to state that he will be happy to furnish his friends at the shortest notice with the nicest and most improved articles in his line of business.

## BOOK NOTICES.

**SMITH'S HISTORY OF GREECE.** From the earliest times to the Roman Conquest. Edited and brought down to the present time by C. C. Felton, LL. D. Boston: Brewer & Tileston, Publishers. Price, \$2 75.

This is a reprint of the English edition with additions as indicated in the title above. The great excellence of Dr. Smith's history has long been acknowledged, and its convenience for handling as well as its condensed yet complete character, and its cheapness as compared with the works of Grote, Thirlwall and Curtius, recommend it to American youth in colleges and academies.

A very valuable feature of this edition, by Brewer & Tileston, is the continuation to the present time, and the corrections in the text made by so eminent a scholar and philhellene as Dr. Felton, late President of Harvard University. Every classical student should have some history of Greece on his table, and all things considered, we know none that we can recommend him in preference to this.

**SELECT ORATIONS OF LYSIAS,** with introductions and explanatory notes, by W. A. Stevens, A. M., Professor of Greek in Dennison University, Ohio. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co., 1876.

While there is such a large number of text books in Greek for the use of colleges, the query when a new one appears as a claimant for popular favor is, "Is there a place for it?" In the case of this volume, it follows from the testimony of some of the best classical teachers of the country that not only is there a place for Lysias, but that for the place immediately after the Anabasis there is no other book so well fitted. The notes of Prof. Stevens are written in a spirit of love for the author and the language in which he wrote, and they proceed from an intimate and practical knowledge of the young student's needs.

The typography and general dress of the book are all that could be desired—a statement gratuitous to those who are acquainted with the issues of the house of S. C. Griggs & Co.

**Ridpath's History of the United States.**

Jones Brother's & Co., of Cincinnati O., to whom the public is indebted for the publication of a number of valuable books, and whose imprint is a guarantee of something of substantial value, have published *apropos* to the times a Popular History of the United States from the Discovery of America to the present time. The book admirably fulfills the design of the author, who declares, "this book is intended for the average American, for the man of business who has neither time nor dis-



position to plod through ten or twenty volumes of elaborate historical dissertation; for the practical man of the shop, the counter and the plow."

The book is divided into five parts. The first treats of Aboriginal America, giving an account of the various Indian tribes, their peculiar customs and habits. The second treats of Voyage and Discovery in 986-1607, and by the peculiar style of the author is invested with all the interest of a romance. The third treats of Colonial History in 1607-1775, giving the history of the various settlements by foreign colonists, the hardships and privations the colonists endured and the sanguinary contests in which they engaged with the savage denizens of the forest. The fourth treats of Revolution and Confederation, giving a rapid and graphic view of the memorable struggle, which resulted in the independence of the United States and the establishment of the Great American Nation. The fifth and last part treats of the National Period, giving an account of the unexampled prosperity and wonderful growth of the Nation down to the present time.

It is just the book for the masses. From it they may gain, without devoting too much time, a general knowledge of their country's history and thus have the Centennial Celebration invested with an intelligent interest. The style of the author is singularly animated and picturesque causing the events of our history to pass before us as in a panorama. The book is put up in excellent style and will doubtless sell readily. We heartily commend it as an admirable compend of our country's history.

H. G.

The sixteenth and last volume of Appleton's Cyclopaedia, revised edition, has been received. Otterbein University is indebted for the encyclopedia complete to Capt. J. W. Haynie, of Carson city, Nevada, of the class of 1860.

## UNDERGRADUATES' DEPARTMENT.

### EDITORS:

DANIEL REAMER, '78.  
P. E. HOLP, '79.

LIDA J. HAYWOOD, '77,  
ELLA M. CRAYTON, '79.

The programme of Commencement Exercises of Otterbein University, June 1st, 1876, (omitted from last number) was observed as follows:

### ORDER OF EXERCISES.

NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

#### MUSIC.

Prayer by Rev. M. Wright, of Dayton, O.

#### MUSIC.

### SCIENTIFIC AND LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

There will be Light ..... J. M. BEVER, Fostoria, O.  
Spectrum Analysis..... A. H. KEEFER, Westerville, O.  
Baking, a Fine Art..... MAY KEISTER, Broadford, Pa.

#### MUSIC.

The Rock of Safety..... N. C. TITUS, Cadwallader, O.  
Democratic Gunpowder..... F. D. WILSEY, Bloomville, O.  
Creation..... E. D. WOODWARD, Westerville, O.

#### MUSIC.

### CLASSICAL DEPARTMENT.

By this Conquer ..... W. M. BEARDSHEAR, Dayton, O.  
The Spirit of Reform..... J. T. COCHRAN, Dawson's, Pa.  
The Reciprocal Influence of Nations,  
H. L. FRANK, Greenville, O.

#### MUSIC.

Eureka ..... J. N. FRIES, Cedar Grove, Va.  
Unexplored and yet Deserted,  
D. N. HOWE, Montezuma, O.  
Truth's Sanctuary..... M. DEWITT LONG, Fremont, O.

#### MUSIC.

Instructive Energy ..... I. A. LOOSE, Upper Bern, Pa.  
Milking the Cow..... J. I. L. RESLER, Westerville, O.  
Turning of the Tide..... J. A. WELLER, Deavertown, O.

#### MUSIC.

### CONFERRING DEGREES.

#### BENEDICTION.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on Rev. S. B. Allen, of the Class of 1859, President of Westfield College, Illinois, and on Rev. H. M. Robertson, of Westerville, O.

The other exercises of Commencement week, the Society Anniversaries, the Lecture, the Alumni Meeting, Class Day Meeting and the Concert were largely attended and interesting.

Mr. Walcutt was in town a few days ago—gives a good report of the Centennial.

From all accounts, some of the students have been spending very pleasant vacations, and the prospects are good that very many will return, and with them new students. Let those who have been visiting, traveling, etc., come back prepared to describe their wanderings to her favored ones. It will afford good exercise to their descriptive powers.

Weather! Weather!! Weather!!! sole topic of conversation. "Very warm," says one, "seems to me this in the warmest summer I ever knew," remarks another, etc., etc. It is about the way people talk on every subject. They forget from year to another what wonderful weather, hot, cool, rainy, etc., they experience. The farmer says, "I never knew a season so backward; the peach trees were in bloom this time last year." But one who has taken pains to note down a few dates each year discovers, after several years, that the peach trees were in full blossom on that same day each year. And very rarely do they vary from a day or two. The statement can be verified by an apple, pear or any fruit tree.

## CONDIMENTS.

—A Towanda, Pa., sign reads thus: "John Smith—teacher of cowtillions and other dances—gramer taut in the neettest manner—fresh salt herrin on draft—likewise Godfreys cordial—rutes sassage and other garden truck.—N. B. A bawl on frida nite—prayer meetin chuesday also salme singin by the quire."—Ex.

—A student the other day translating "*rutilos flamma populante capillos*," rendered it, "the flames depopulating his auburn hair," which was regarded as so good a thing that the only criticism offered by the Professor was, that it was rather suggestive of a lively time for the inhabitants thereof.—Ex.

—It is related of Sidney Smith that once, on entering a drawing-room in a West-End mansion, he found it lined with mirrors on all sides. Finding himself reflected in every direction, he said that he "supposed he was at a meeting of the clergy, and there seemed to be a very respectable attendance."—Ex.

—"Now," said the professor, as he grew animated in the discussion, "all matter constantly changes. I have changed since taking my seat here. Every single movement in my body are tens of thousands of blood corpuscles smashed to pieces and forever destroyed." Senior on the back seat (in a voice expressive of great wonder)—"Gosh."—Ex.

—Scene, recitation room—Professor in Whately, to Student: "Suppose there are a hundred men, and each of them throw a stone, and it hits the same object, what would you call that a concurrence of?" Student, confidently, "I should call it a concurrence of stones, sir." Professor: "Gentlemen, please do not raise so much dust."—Ex.

—A lady says the first time she was kissed she felt like a tub of roses swimming in honey, cologne, nutmegs and cranberries. She felt as if something was running through her nerves on feet of diamonds, escorted by several little cupids in chariots drawn by angels, shaded by honeysuckles, and the whole spread melted with rainbows.—Ex.

—A Senior was recently called upon in a recitation in Logic to define *modal*, and to give an example. As an illustration he made the remarkable statement that "Romulus killed Julius Caesar." Now, this may be good logic, but when it comes to history, it is original, and tends to cast a doubt upon the truth of certain historians who have hitherto enjoyed public confidence.—Ex.

—A young lady, in a class studying physiology, made answer to a question, that in seven years a human body became entirely changed, so that not a particle which was in it at the commencement of the period would remain at the close of it. "Then, Miss L," said the young tutor, "in seven years you will cease to be Miss L." "Why, yes, sir, I suppose so," said she, very modestly, looking at the floor.—Ex.

—A Freshman electrified a Professor lately by translating the exclamation of the heart-broken Dido, when seeing the ships of Æneas getting under sail, "*Pro ove ibit!*"—"By Jove, he is going!" The same aspirant for college honors translates "*Insignis Turnus*,"—"Ensign Turner." Again, "*Sedesque discretas piorum*," thus—"Reserved seats for the pious."—Ex.

—Sophocles's tragedy of "Antigone" was recently produced at the Theatre Royal in Dublin, with Mendelssohn's music, and the gallery gods were so well pleased that, according to their custom, they demanded sight of the author. "Bring out Sophocles," they yelled. The manager explained that Sophocles had been dead two thousand years or more, and couldn't well come. Thereat a gamin shouted, "Then chuck us out his mummy."—Ex.

—A story is told of Dr. Mitchell: One one occasion, coming from New Haven, some Yale students who were on board the steamer told the Doctor of a baby born in New Haven, one-half being black. The Doctor went on and gave reasons for the phenomenon, citing many instances in support of his theory. When they had almost reached New York it occurred to the Doctor to ask what color the other half was. His disgust can better be imagined than described, at being told that the other half was black too.—Ex.

—Student—"Hey! mister! which way do you take to the bay?" Laborer, (after gazing at the party as if doubtful of their sincerity)—"any way you jist please." Student—"Now you see here my gentle friend, no combatibus pro bono publico, calico disgusit polly wog bull frog tintinnabulum. Dico te hoedus stans in tecto domus praetereunte maledixit lupe cui ille respondit ergo dicite mihi, or perish manfully in the attempt." Laborer, (respectfully)—"First road to the left."—Ex.

—Two students being examined for entrance into a theological seminary were asked the following questions:

- 1st. Give an account of Jezebel's death.
- 2d. Describe Elijah's translation.

The first was answered: The people gathered themselves together and took the woman Jezebel and threw her over the wall. They threw her over the wall once; they threw her over the wall twice; yea, verily, and until seventy times seven times did they throw her over the wall. And the woman died. Then gathered they of the fragments seven baskets full.

The second was rendered in this startling manner: Elijah stood on the banks of the river Jordan, and lo! and behold—two bears came out of the woods, opened their mouths and spoke unto him saying: "Go up, bald head, go up"—and he went up.—Ex.

The *Atlantic Monthly* for August is by no means wanting in that variety which is demanded by magazine readers in summer. Miss Preston has the place of honor assigned to an agreeable essay on "The Arthurian" and Tennyson's use thereof; and Charles Dudley Warner in his description of "Jerusalem" succeeds in imparting the real aroma of Eastern travel. Mr. James's novel, "The American," goes forward by another long chapter. There is also an effective short story of sentiment, "From the Purple Island," by Lucy Guernsey. Mr. William T. Harris, of St. Louis, discusses "The Division of School Funds" with a vigor adequate to the interest of this question of the day, and Mrs. Kemble gives an exceedingly attractive chapter of "Old Woman's Gossip," which is followed by Gen. O. O. Howard's spirited recollections of "Chattanooga." Mr. E. P. Whipple, an old and well known contributor, pays an enthusiastic tribute to "Charles Dickens and the Pickwick Papers." The *Atlantic's* Philadelphia correspondent adds to these interesting contents a second delightful monologue on "Characteristics of the International Fair." "Recent Literature" takes up Emerson, Morse's Life of Hamilton, Thomas Hardy, certain centennial volumes, and French and German publications. Besides this, there are some interesting notices of Art, Music, and Education. Terms: \$4 a year; with life-size portrait of Longfellow \$5. H. O. Houghton & Co., Boston.



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We expect to give in our next number an account of the opening of the new college year. This number is published in advance of the opening time.

By an oversight due to the absence of the managing editor, the able article in our July number on "The Choice of a Profession," was not credited to its author, Prof. C. H. Kiracofe, of Westfield College, Illinois.

Our Alumni Editor, L. H. McFadden, has accepted the chair of Natural Science in Lebanon Valley College, and has started to his new post. He expects to visit the Centennial before settling down to work. His appointment is one eminently worthy to be made, and is a new evidence of the demand there exists for Otterbein graduates in the most prominent educational positions.

Our readers may have been led to wonder how and why the "Hymn to O. U." in the last number should have had a double paternity. We were afflicted with the same query, but were soon set at rest by the explanation of one of the editors of the department in which the poem appeared, to the effect that students become accustomed to joint authorship and to friendly co-working in the matter of bogus programmes, etc., and we could not do otherwise than accept the explanation as lucid and complete. The aforesaid editor evidently knows whereof he speaks.

We admire the divisions of our calendar, in that they give us our hardest work and the close of the college year before the heated term has fully come upon us, and the light tasks of the opening of the year when the dog tar is waning; but the plan has this fault, that it effectually prevents many of our alumni and former students, especially those engaged in teaching, from attending commencement here. It is gratifying that so many were with us last June; but we would that a much larger number could arrange their work so as to join us at the Commencement time.

## FURTHER SAUNTERINGS.

Our brief and hurried notes of travel left us last month at Yale College, when we were anticipating the exercises of Commencement week proper.

After a day or two pleasantly spent in examining the collections of the Art School, especially rich in antiques, and in visiting the Theological department and the new halls, we found an opportunity to hear the baccalaureate sermon of President Porter, in the new Battell Chapel. From the text, "I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain," the President preached a forcible sermon on the value of Christian character in winning the highest success

in life. Without metaphysical discussions and with few flowers of rhetoric, the truth was made very impressive. The following is a brief passage of the discourse which will serve to show but imperfectly the style of the preacher:

"This is a great time for an honest and earnest man to begin to live. There has never been a time, for a generation, which is so full of hope to a young man who is willing to make full proof of an earnest, intelligent, courteous and loving Christian life. The country has been chastened. If it brings wealth and power and culture and freedom as the fruits of the first century of its independent life, it begins the second with some just convictions that the manhood of the people and their rulers are its only security; that truth and honor are the only reliance of a free commonwealth which hopes to remain. Go forth, then, in this time of fear and of hope, of thankfulness and of chastening, go forth in the name of the Master, to labor in His service and to live for His Kingdom."

The occasion received an additional interest from the participation of the venerable Ex-President Woolsey, and an added charm from the singing of the students' choir and from the fine new organ.

At this point we leave the elm-shadowed "old brick row," and the city of New Haven, making our way northward and eastward, desiring to reach the oldest and largest collegiate institution in our Republic. Though the geographies are to the contrary we contend that Harvard University is in Boston and so are Bunker Hill Monument and the Old Elm. It is only a narrow stream that divides Cambridge and Charleston from the Boston of the geographies. The gilded dome of the State House is their central fire, and nothing but a wholesome fear of higher taxes and assessments prevents a merging of all those populous outlying towns in the great city. Arrived in Boston, it is impossible for you to traverse the road to Cambridge without turning aside to see the many objects of interest, some of which you have heard of from your childhood, and have invested with a peculiar glory. You go around to see the old State House venerable in its appearance and hollowed by association with Revolutionary times, but desecrated, as you think, by its being used for rail road and steamboat offices; you come at a turn in the street, unexpectedly, upon the old South Church, and find it almost covered with placards urging you in the eloquence of Phillips and Evarts to contribute of your wealth for the rescue of the old building from the hand of the destroyer; you shelter yourself from the midsummer heat beneath the trees of the Common and the Public Garden; you inspect some of the great publishing houses and the newspaper offices.

You are now ready to patronize the Cambridge horse-cars, and to determine to allow none of the historic places to engage your attention or to call you away from the direct route to the Harvard College-yard; adhering to this determination, you soon alight from the car at the entrance to the well filled campus, and soon old Massachusetts Hall, of many memories, venerated Holworthy, and the newer and stylish Matthews and Weld rise before you. You stroll on the green where there are many colleges around you; you recline on the grass, *sub tegmine fagi*, and endeavor to imagine the scenes these walls have witnessed, and to bring to yourself by their inspiration some aroma of the literary and scholastic atmosphere about you. Commendable but fruitless endeavor! Here you make the best of your time in sight-seeing, library and cabinet-visiting, and in the hundred ways that suggest themselves to a college man, and then you visit Longfellow's residence, bringing a memento of the visit away with you; you stand under the old elm, under which Washington formally assumed command of the Continental forces; you inspect the guns taken from the British at the

battle of New Orleans, and the massive monument erected in honor of those sons of Cambridge who fell in the war for the Union; you visit Mount Auburn, the city of the dead, where sleep Choate, Bowditch, Burlingame, Sumner and many others known to fame; then at setting of the sun you are ready to wend your way to Boston again to wait for the morrow.

The morrow comes and it is Harvard Commencement day. An early hour finds you at Massachusetts Hall, where there are already a band of music and many students and their friends. Soon there arrive members of the corporation, of the faculty and of the senior class in long silk robes and Oxford caps. At 10 o'clock the Governor's body-guard, the lancers in their red coats, gallop up to the college fence, escorting the Governor of Massachusetts who is to honor the occasion with his presence and to receive a degree. A procession is formed in the usual order and preceded by the band, moves to Memorial Hall, a costly edifice erected in memory of Harvard students and graduates who fell in the late war. One division of the hall is a great dining room where hundreds of the students obtain meals during the sessions, and where to-day the Alumni dinner is spread. At the opposite end of the building is the Sanders Theatre, which is not a theatre at all in the ordinary sense, but, like the one at Cambridge University, England is designed for commencement occasions, concerts and the like. In this theatre all find seats, members of the faculties of other colleges on the stage, and the exercises begin, the Boylston Club, under the leadership of the famous tenor, G. L. Osgood, furnishing the music, and Dr. Peabody offering prayer. President Eliot officiates with dignity and propriety, making all announcements in Latin, and using the English method of pronouncing it, which surprises you as you know young Harvard's preferences and practice.

Of 138 candidates for the Bachelor's degree, only six appear on the stage, all good speakers, presenting such themes as "The Indian Question," "The Nebular Hypothesis," "Art for Art's Sake," "Kant's place in Philosophy." One candidate in Theology, one in Law, and one for the Doctorate of Philosophy, also speak, and, as the speakers seem not to be limited in time, this number brings us to a proper hour for adjournment after a charming entertainment. Just before adjournment the honorary degree of LL. D. was conferred on Gov. Rice, Carl Schurz, Prof. Whitney of Yale, Pres. Gilman of the Johns Hopkins University, and E. L. Cushing.

By the favor of Pres. Eliot, we received a ticket to the Alumni dinner at 2 o'clock P. M. At least fifteen hundred men (ladies not admitted) sat down at the tables. There was among the younger graduates a great rush for the hall, and the appearance of some of them as they entered belied them, unless they had been in a disgraceful row, a reminder, perhaps, of their hazing experiences. Then even after grace was said, there were manifestations of rowdiness, and so inoffensive a person as this writer was struck but not severely wounded by a biscuit thrown from the remote side of the hall. It may be said, that Harvard Alumni dinners are not likely to be orderly until women shall be admitted to all classes. After justice had been done to an excellent bill of fare, the poet, Lowell, who presided, set the example for the speechmakers in a well-conceived address, from whose effect the fact that the speaker had parted his hair in the middle and wore a bear-faced beard, did not materially detract. He was followed by Pres. Eliot in remarks concerning the prosperity and needs of the University, by Gov. Rice, Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, Hon. John D. Long and Prof. Whitney; and after singing Auld Lang Syne, the



company dispersed at 6 o'clock. We look back upon this Commencement day as one of great enjoyment and profit, despite the rowdies.

After leisurely doing Boston and suburbs, including a visit to Faneuil Hall and a trip to the top of Bunker Hill Monument, we were ready for that delightful journey by steamer Bristol, "the finest in the world," to New York and beyond. What we saw and heard in Washington, at the National Educational Convention in Baltimore, in the parks and marts of New York, down at the shore of old ocean, at the Falls of Niagara on the Centennial Fourth of July in Philadelphia, where crowds were thickest and the mercury highest, we have no right, after having filled so much space, to recount. It will suffice to say, that our fortnight in Philadelphia was industriously spent; for that city is rich in relics and localities of Revolutionary memory, and besides it seems to us that we did hear incidentally that there was within the city limits a great show which everybody was visiting and writing about.

## ALUMNI DEPARTMENT.

EDITED BY L. H. McFADDEN, '74.

—Address a postal card, if nothing larger is at hand, to the editor, stating your location, occupation, prospects, etc., for the coming year.

—On account of the absence of the Managing Editor, and the fact that the editor of this department knew nothing of the arrangements for publishing until too late, the July number appeared without the Alumni department. It was an awkward mistake, but one, fortunately, that is not likely to occur a second time.

## ALUMNI DOINGS.

The annual pilgrimage is a thing of the past, and, by this time doubtless, the pilgrims are wondering what they will wear on the next one. The exercises of Commencement week, in general excellence at least if not in character, were in keeping with the red-letter year of American history. It was a common remark that scarcely a ripple had warred the pleasure of visitors or dashed the spirits of entertainers.

It was scarcely to be expected that the attendance of alumni would be large, since it is the year of etc., etc., when so many are planning visits to Philadelphia to the etc., etc., yet sixteen of the eighteen classes were represented, and nearly a third of the entire membership was present. A few of the classes, notably those of '70 and '75, were quite fully represented—the former by one-half, the latter by three-fourths of its members.

For some of the members of '70 it was the first return to the annual reunion season; and if we may judge by their expressions of satisfaction, and evident enjoyment of the occasion, more frequent visits may be expected from them in the future. The regularity of the annual return of an alumnus depends to a considerable extent upon his return—or non return—the year after graduation. If he returns the first year he is apt to do so the second, if the second, the habit is formed, he is making new acquaintances to fill the places of those, who, in college days, were his confreres both in work and in mischief, and no trifling hinderance will keep him away.

The first formal meeting of the alumni was held on Wednesday evening, May 31st. Informal meetings were held wherever the paths of two intersected each other, whether under the maples, on the fence, or in the dining-room. And it is true, however humiliating the confession may be, that to the average ex-student the informal meetings, especially if of quondam chums, are usually the most satisfying and delightful ones of the week.

The public meeting above referred to was attended by a very attentive and appreciative audience. There is every evidence that the Alumnaal meeting is already becoming, as it ought, a conspicuous feature

of Commencement season. After the usual preliminary exercises—in which it was noticeable that the music was rendered by vocalists not old indeed, but old enough at any rate to be new to the present generation of students, they were Rev. G. S. J. Browne and wife, '69, '70; Rev. F. M. Kumler and wife, '72, '70; and Miss Lizzie Hanby, '72,—after the opening exercises, as remarked, the Orator of the evening, Prof. George A. Funkhouser, '68, was introduced, whose address was on the necessity of looking well to the Fundamental Principles upon which is to be erected an intellectual and moral superstructure.

We did not attempt to make any notes of the address, and could not do it justice had we done so.

The close attention the address commanded and the many after-remarks of approval evinced the general appreciation of the manner in which the subject was treated.

Following the Orator was the Historian, Mrs. Clara S. Landon, '59.

This is usually conceded to be a difficult appointment to fill, owing, probably, to the fact that the field as a strictly historical one is narrow; and to treat the subject by entering largely into personalities could scarcely be made interesting to a miscellaneous audience. The Historian skillfully evaded these difficulties and maintained the interest in her address to the end, demonstrating that history, contrary to the old-fashioned notion of history, can be made both instructive and pleasing.

The Poet, D. Surface, '62, was conspicuous by his absence. Having last year expressed his regret at his inability to fulfill his engagement, he was re-appointed with the hope that at this season's meeting we would have the meal of two year's grinding ground exceedingly fine. But the true state of affairs probably was revealed in his message this year, that we should not force him to remain at home another year by making him Poet.

The Business Meeting of the Alumni on the afternoon of Commencement day was quite fully attended. The first hour, after electing the class of '76 to membership in the Association, was devoted to calling the Alumni roll by classes, representatives of each class responding for absent members by giving such information as they possessed concerning them. This could be made a much more interesting exercise if every member of each class would consider himself his brother's keeper and a committee of one to keep a record of the whereabouts and doings of his class.

The roll-call concluded, the Association proceeded to the election of officers, resulting as follows:

President—Prof. Henry Garst, '61, elected to a third term in spite of his protests and the anti-third termism element. Vice Presidents—Prof. George Keister, '72, Miss Mira Johnson, '63, A. G. Crouse, '75. Secretary—Miss Allie L. Resler, '74. Treasurer—Rev. F. A. Ramsey, '73.

The appointments for 1877 are: Orator—President D. D. DeLong, '70. Poet—D. R. Seniff, '72. Historian—Mrs. R. S. Kumler, '70.

It was a very interesting and profitable meeting toward securing the evening preceding Commencement permanently for the public meeting of the Alumnaal Association. It is proper to add, also, that the Association gave official recognition to the DIAL by electing as editor of the Alumnaal Department the previous incumbent who was serving temporarily by appointment of the Faculty. That act, however, seems to have been, if not the alpha, the omega at least of recognition; for all of those who voted so vigorously on the nomination not one has volunteered an article or an item of information. Faith without works—you can complete the quotation. But we are confident that the close of vacation and the approach of the autumnal equinox will work a change that will warrant us in pulling down our waste baskets and building larger.

## PERSONALS.

'58. Daniel Eberly, pastor of Trinity U. B. Church, Lebanon, Pa., was recently elected to a professorship in Lebanon Valley College.

'59. James A. Clark and wife, of Paddy's Run, passed through Westerville recently on their return from Philadelphia and other Eastern cities.

'60. William Langham, formerly Superintendent of Schools of Linn county, Iowa, is now engaged in the practice of law at Cedar Rapids, in the same State.

'64. Miss E. E. Guitner, of Westfield College is spending the summer vacation with her friends and relatives at Columbus and Westerville. Last month she attended the Centennial Exhibition, and the Educational Convention at Baltimore.

'66-'61. W. O. Tobey and wife were last month caused to pass through severe affliction in the loss of their youngest child.

'66. John A. Shauck, of Dayton, on the first of June, married Miss Ada M. Phillips, of Centralia, Illinois. Mr. Shauck remarks with evident pleasure that for the first time in his life he is unable to brand a report of his marriage as a base invention of his enemies. May he never wish to—is our blessing.

'67. W. O. Hanby, of Osceola, was married on the 7th of June, to Miss Rachel J. Chambers, of Bucyrus. After spending a week or more at Philadelphia and several days at Westerville, they returned to Osceola, where the doctor has been preparing a residence.

'68. G. A. Funkhouser and family went to Virginia last month on a visit to the home of his father.

'69. George S. J. Browne and wife, '70, of Chicago, Ill., celebrated their wooden wedding at the house of Mrs. Carpenter, in Westerville, on the afternoon of Commencement day.

'70. A. B. Kohr has been admitted to the bar and begins the practice of his profession at Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

'70. George M. Mathews is engaged in teaching at Cherry Grove, near Cincinnati. He also serves his country in the capacity of township clerk.

'70. L. L. Hamlin, of Morgan, was in town a few days last month, after his return from the Centennial Exhibition.

'70. J. L. Flickinger, a short time since received the appointment of Post Master at Westerville, and has removed from the old Postoffice building to a newly fitted room in the new Town Hall.

'70. D. D. DeLong, pastor of the U. B. Church at Mt. Pleasant, Pa., was recently elected to the Presidency of Lebanon Valley College, that office having been made vacant by the resignation of Pres. L. H. Hammond.

'71. D. L. Bowersmith, lately connected with the Ohio Statesman and the Sunday Herald, is now local editor of the Ohio State Journal.

'73. E. Tabler is a member of the Teacher's Examining Board in the county in which he resides, Berkeley Co., W. Va., and during the last year served on the Examining Committee of Lebanon Valley College.

'74. Miss Allie L. Resler is spending the summer in the neighborhood of the mountains of Western by a change of climate.

'74. L. S. Tohill, for two years a professor in Lebanon Valley College, has resigned his chair there to accept a position in Elroy Academy, Wis.

'74. Miss Hattie N. Zent has accepted a position as instructor in the Roanoke Seminary, Roanoke, Ind., of which Rev. P. B. Lee, '71, is Principal.

'75. J. B. Shank has closed a year of successful pedagogy, and is now studying medicine.

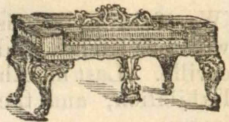
'75. M. A. Mess has been re-elected to his position in the Brookeville, Ind., Union Schools. During vacation Mr. Mess is cultivating two acres of garden and conducting an ice cream parlor. All this, and still he has time to spare for rejoicing over his eldest boy.

'76. D. N. Howe, during the summer supplies the pulpit of Rev. Kiracofe in the western part of the State.

'76. J. A. Weller is spending the summer at Shoemaker's School of Oratory in Philadelphia. His intention is to enter Union Biblical Seminary in the fall.

'76. M. D. Long was married on the afternoon of Commencement day, to Miss Pauline McCahon, a resident of Westerville and a member of the class of '78. Their wedding tour is in the region of the Great Lakes.





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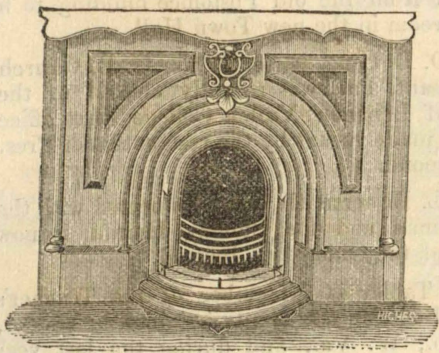


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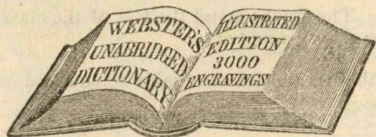
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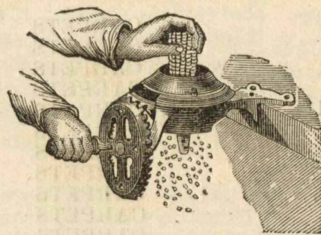
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