The Church and the College.

Since the time that best of all teachers who spake such poetic conception, such brilliant manifestations of sound learning or of ecclesiastical purity. Year after this, Lather referring to the same period, says, "No man that is a scholar caused languages again to put on bloom and vigor; until now at last we see that it was for the sake of the church that the classics were kept. Nor let us hold fast to the languages, and let us bethink ourselves that hasty we may not be able to retain the gospel without the knowledge of the languages in which it was written. This awaking of the powers of the human mind, this index of classical scholars, this increase of poets and authors gave a new turn to the thinking of Europe. New schools were necessary. The colleges of taste and theology were combined. Out of these colleges came the great leaders of the Reformation. It was while they were students in the universities that new light dawned upon their souls; and the Greek Testament, accompanied in some instances by the Latin, contributed much to most of the Hebraists. The translation from the sources when the new light shone." And so they built their colleges on the same plan, combining the colleges already in being, and they show us the most perfect school system of the age.

H. A. T.

RADICALISM AND CONSERVATISM.

BY REV. J. B. MILLS.

These words are of frequent occurrence in modern literature. The meaning is not sufficiently or intelligently held on to that which is already established, and in which the thought of the past is perpetuated. This is the class justly stigmatized as "old fogy."
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with which they are so familiar that it has become a part of their nature, and "is good enough for them;" that which is promised in exchange is new, unknown, and hence may be worse.

Society needs such in every age, to gather up and keep that which it has preserved, and transmit it as a heritage to posterity.

It is also true that the extreme of Radicalism is in itself a good thing, for it produces thinking. The golden mean is to "try all things, prove all things, and hold fast only" that "which is good." This we must let no one who is afraid to speak or act the intelligent conviction of his own soul. Whosoever finds the smallest grain of truth, may confidently cast it upon the surging sea of humanity, knowing that it will find a lodgement in some kindred soul where it will take root, spring up, and bring forth its proper fruit in its season.

Society will ultimately recognize, hear and obey the voice of true prophets. Let but none mistake that role unless they may exhibit the divinely authenticated credentials.

### FORT ANCEINT.

By Capt. W. Tigginson.

This fort is on the Little Miami river, seven miles from Lebanon, O. It was a part of the Fort Ancient department, which was one of the first military posts in the Northwest Territory.

Hast thou a tale, most ancient fort, to tell, Of battles old-and all the battles new? Of daring great in centuries ago, Of conflicts dire and bloody victories won? Has this old fort a soul as well as bird's, Whose beauty and whose strength are known? Whose ancient wails are not yet lost, Whose age has left his mark upon the stonework?

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Furthermore, it is not proper to expect me to advocate the fore-
his arithmetic lesson and learn it thoroughly, and the way to learn it is to commit it to memory.

Compare this now with Prof. Cooke and see how a man can be addressed when speaking of the natural sciences, where, if anywhere, memory has the important place:

"Hope," the natural sciences merely as a collection of interesting and possibly useful facts, is all that an educated man to know, seldom serves a useful purpose. The facts one comes worried with the details, and soon forgets what they did direct them at all. After all the case, an attempt is made to cram the half-formed mind in a single school year with an epitome of half the natural philosophy, algebra, reading, and chemistry, and physics, zoology, botany, and mineralogy, following each other in rapid succession—some studies become a great evil, an actual nuisance, which should be the first to vote to abate.

The tone of mind is not only not improved, but seriously impaired, and the best product is a superficial, smattering smartness, which is the crying evil, not only of our schools, but also of our country. In order that these sciences should be of value in our educational system, they must be taught more from textbooks and less from books without the teaching. All the teaching, all the living teachers, are those interested in what they teach, are interested also in their pupils, and take the trouble to direct them right. At all, the teachers must see to it that their pupils study the basic principles that underlie the sciences, but not the mere facts of the sciences.

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PROEM.

From the time of Ahaz, king of Judah, and the miracle wrought for a sign to Hezekiah, down through the century of the Chaldean astronomer, Berosus, and the period of the Mendehlsohn, and of Papiros Cesar, how much has been accomplished in our civilization from the present day, there have been dulls and dulls. But whether we shall do a useful work and benefit our race by the construction of a new one in this century and year our day will be regarded as a question by no means easily answered.

Our Dial is adapted to the latitude of Westerville and the literary institution here; but in the republic of letters we do not discern geographical lines, we believe that our paper will be a profitable visit to all who invite it to their homes.

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Our paper is not a rival to any other in existence, it occupies a niche that has heretofore lacked an occupant, and we are sure that it can not in any way interfere with any other publication, religious or secular.

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CAN WE BY SEARCHING FIND OUT GOD?

This question is an interesting one to thoughtful men, and many, whose eminent ability has made them intellectual kings, have investigated it, and come to quite contradictory practical conclusions. The Scriptures assume a negative answer; and it is interesting to see how often the men of science, apparently without being aware of it, confirm by their statements what is to the Bible learner a simple truth.

The scientist explores the land and ocean, mountains and valleys; the forces of nature, light, heat, gravity; the phenomena of life, sensations, volition, etc., and he says he fails to find God. Let us suppose a case. Suppose there were a region inhabited by a class of rational creatures, destitute of the senses of sight and hearing, but surrounded by such conditions as to make life possible. Much of our knowledge would of course be out of their reach; but we may suppose them capable of communicating with each other, and of enjoying life and acquiring knowledge in a narrow sphere.

We can now conceive a man of ability and benevolence coming among them without their being at all aware of his presence. He would at first be a prey to these beneficence felt and enjoyed by them without their detecting his personality: of his interfering in their plans, giving success and thwarting them somewhat at his own will, and still not be recognized by these people as a being; interfering in their quarrels, giving victory and defeat as he will; and if his undertakings were not too great for his powers, doing this so constantly that his interferences would become to them a Natural Law; and whatever could not be reduced to this would be them luck and chance.

We may further suppose this man at some time, for some purpose, to make himself known as a personality to some one or a few of these beings, and to inform them somewhat of his powers and of his knowledge. A little thought will show us that he could not make them understand his whole nature, inability to whom he is himself known, but who listen to the statements of the others, will believe or disbelieve their wonderful story as they choose. Let the wisest of them attempt to test the existence of this being and the reality of those personal interferences and the result is inevitably increased doubt, more pronounced disbelief. The man can continue his providential management and still withhold himself from their knowledge.

Or he may, in accordance with certain chosen principles, permit them to make use of certain tests, which, without making him sensibly present to them, shall furnish rational grounds of conviction of his personality. Some of these persons may apply these tests and be convinced to a greater or less degree; and others may wilfully refuse to try the matter, and remain in unbelief.

In such situations with respect to higher orders of beings, it is supposeable we may be placed. But are there any higher orders of beings? one will easily ask. Suppose for the moment that skeptists do determine the question by the use of such powers as we possess. Is it not plain that we thus ignore the very conditions of our being? Let the scientist add a exult to his nature; let him change the conditions of his being; let him not hope, by the use of his own unaided powers, to find that higher personality.

Of course we cannot understand our deficiencies. We cannot by our own powers whether there are any deficiencies, only as we come in contact with objets of investigation which thwart our efforts.

Like one around whom a sorcerer has drawn on for culture which they have learned to prize would be the attention of the young people will be the more the more concentrated upon the attention of those who are in danger of neglecting a work of such transcendent importance. The necessity that some one should, in a very direct way, bring this subject to the attention of these young people will be the more apparent when it is remembered that a large majority of them are in families which has never been at college. The children of educated parents, it is safe to infer, will not be neglected Children who have had a broad education provided they have not passed the opportune age, will be sure to have the subject pressed upon their attention. But the vast majority whose circumstances are not thus fortunate, need some one from without to instruct their thoughts to this subject. Here is a good work for students. Without the least inconvenience, with a little effort, by talking college to them, and by seeking to persuade them to receive upon a thor-
ough education, they may very happily change the whole life career of many. If the students who now at
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By the gratitude they feel toward those who thus enlist them in the great work of securing a collegiate education.

THE MARKING SYSTEM.

It is an encouraging sign of the times that most cur-
ares are, in the utilitarian tendency of the age, put to the test of Cai Rno? It is especially encouraging to the educator, that old, spent regulations and absolute exact.
marks are thrust into the crucible, where the realms of thought, because our reason condemns.

2. Because the marking system presents an unreal and improper stimulus. If "crum" it in the word, and it seems next to impossible to eliminate the cramping process from our reals, let us crum to a purpose. We should not fill ourselves with a majority of the day's reals, for the day's recitation, and for the day done, and therefor.
ics as a real. He says, "And the real world beyond the real is the shadowy land of romance."

3. Because we oppose the whole system of "honors" without which marks are are a very empty show. We see no good reason why a man's success in mastering a subject or an author should be reckoned along with his absences and irregularities. It may be, to be ill or fortsuit circumstances. In the quadrangles and cloisters of Oxford or the Sorbonne in presence of the saule and sectaries looking down in sculptured state from their pedestals—grim reminders of a faded civilization—he ties of custom and the ancient way may be binding and binding; in our free land, with no history, no tradition to turn us, we may refuse to follow that which our reason condemns.

4. Because we have the example and precept of some of the best and most experienced educators of our land and experience by our own system. In Goodwin, of the Greek department, Harvard College, who boasts that he has not marked a recitation for years and will never again do so. We believe, also, that Dr. David, of the Examinin', has in practice for years rejected this system.

Instead of marks, we advocate the determination of the student's standing by his absorbed and interested, which may be required monthly and at the end of the term, in which his grade will be an accurate index of his permanent knowledge of the subject in hand.

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Train arrive at and depart from Westerville as follows:

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If rocks ever bled, they would bleed quartz—
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What a guine a joke!—Bowdoin Orient.

Rather shall I know, though—Orwell Era.

Can you see the point? It can bore and cryo-

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PUBLIC RHETORICAL.

The third and last public rhetorical exercise of this term was held in the College Chapel on the evening of December 11th. The exercises commenced at fifteen minutes past seven, opening with an address by Mr. E. C. Wadsworth, the first speaker, entered the stage with the suggestive theme, "The Key to Suc-
cess.” She showed that everybody is seeking the key to success; that it was the goal to Columbus and the beacon to every adventurer. “There is no royal road to fortune only as we make it by our own efforts.

The rhetorical exercises were followed by a lecture on Water, Heat, Gravity, and their relations, by Prof. Haywood. Quite a large number of the audience were suddenly called away at the close of the other performances, so that only the more literate were favored with the scientific truths of the closing lecture.
THE OTTERBEIN DIAL.

James, in distant homes will welcome gladly this, the first advent of the "Otterbein Dial." Those who have departed from these classic halls, will grasp eagerly this message from their "Alma Mater." Ministers, lawyers, teachers, will alike hail it with delight; and well does it deserve a hearty welcome, and encouragement.

The benefits accruing from such a paper are read, Ily noted. To the student, him who yet obeys the summons of the college bell, it may be not only a source of pleasure, but also a means of great improvement. But it will be of special interest to those who, in days past, were counted among its active members, but now are "out in the world." They thus learn who have taken their places in the old Society Homes, who tread the paths they used to tread, who hear the words they used to hear. They learn of those who went to meet and greet in days long gone. Welcome it all ye who would wish it success.

**BOGUS.**

One of the remaining evils of our college is the opportunity given one person, to attack another, who may be a personal enemy, through the medium of bogus programmes of public performances.

It may be, and doubtless is sometimes, a source of amusement; but in a majority of cases, it is a great annoyance to the masses of the people. It is very easy for a not over scrupulous person, to thrust upon the public a very improper, not to say indis­cute caricature of a public performance, and it will doubtless do so, until not only public but college sentiment, will frown down such misguided attempts at wit.

Miss Flore Karcher, of '79, will not return next term; possibly will enter another school.

Mr. E. S. Lorraine, of '77, we understand will not be in school next term. This will deprive the Junior class of a very worthy and efficient member.

The "Jolly Juniors" have organized, with Miss Mollie Slaughter, as President. They think that they lack in numbers, they make up in brains. Yes, but do they?

All persons wishing to visit the Mammoth Cave, should do so at once, as its owner intends taking it home with him to spend the winter vacation.

A certain sophomore has weak eyes, as we learn that he always has the light turned very low while making his Sunday evening visits. Perhaps the brightness of the moon accounts for it.

Every young man in whom the fires of ambition have not burned too low, will at once set about imitating the example of Van Ostrand, the much married minister, who may be a personal enemy, through the medium of Van Ostrand's literary society, the much married minister.

One of our Base Ballists, was recently walking pensively about the grounds, whispering: "Crack! Wish it was spring. I'd like to see a bee liner way out here into left field.

President to a Senior who was constantly bored while reciting, by two verdant class mates. "Please stand aside and not bother with those little boys playing with buttons." The two Seniors immediately subsided.

A freshman was noticed standing in the hall-way, the day of Bishop Weaver's lecture, looking very gloomy and woe-begone. Being asked by a brother class mate what was the matter, he replied in a hollow whisper: "She wouldn't go."

It is said that: "Seeing is believing." But we see a great many men whom we do not believe.

**A DISENGRAVEMENT.**

Junior spoke the other morning before breakfast, and with chattering teeth was heard to sing:

The first bird of spring
Arrived preciously.
But before he had uttered a note,
He fell from the limb.
A dead bird was him,
The mourners took him from the street.

The Senior class held their first meeting November 24th, and elected as President, May Keister, Secretary, E. Dale Woodward.

The Sophomores have organized themselves into a class of twenty-five members, and have elected W. J. Zack as President.

Several ladies delighted the residents of North street with a serenade Saturday evening, December 11th. But why should they have run when the door opened?

Christmas draws near, and we advise all to see that their hose are in good repair before that holiday.

Six of the seniors have purchased new overcoats instead of putting the ruffles on the bottom of their old ones. Another one declares he will wear the old one with a ruffle on it, before he will take the one made of the cloth he didn't order.

It is fortunate that there are so many corners near the college building; they afford such excellent opportunities for students to stop and exchange the civilities of the day.

Those who visited Prof. McFarland's Rhetorical class Saturday, the 1st, through a glass door they espied a rare treat in the way of discussions, select readings, humorous essays, etc.

Vacation is at hand with all its anticipated pleasures, and students will be given a respite, after laboring for weeks with the abstrusities of such men as Butler. May all have a pleasant and happy time, return at the beginning of next term with the resolve to prosecute vigorously the work of developing and training their minds. No one can afford to waste his school days. The work done here will bear fruit in the future, and they who have not yet had courage enough to solve to prosecute vigorously the work of developing and training their minds. No one can afford to waste his school days. The work done here will bear fruit in the future, and they who have not yet had courage enough to

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