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THE FATE OF THE LEAF.

With chilly wind, with dreary, drizzling rain,
The falling of the leaf is here again;
Sear Autumn comes a summer land to greet,
And sends the herald of the snow and sleet.

In early Spring the little bud is born;
Its gentle rustlings wake the summer morn;
When Autumn comes it strews a golden ground;
A dead, dry leaf by Winter it is found.

Its op'ning form—the birds rejoice to sing,
The swallow flies to see on happy wing;
Its budded bloom provides the lazy shade—
The idle dreamer's cool and leafy glade.

The throttle sings, from sunnier flying breast—
It's ripened fall—a requiem of rest;
Its leafless stem draws not the lounge's feet,
For hanging icicles 't is only meet.

This thought of God blows from the Summer bough,
Torn from the parent stem and falling now,—
A whisper to the living soul doth bear:
"Life's Autumn comes to all however fair."

As down it flutters to the Mother Sod,
A line is written by the Hand of God
Across its face of green, or golden brow:
"Life's Autumn blows all from the living bough."

J. A. HOWELL.

THE PRACTICAL VALUE OF A COLLEGIATE TRAINING IN ACTIVE LIFE.

I. JOURNALISM.

There is no profession in which a thorough education is more essential than in that of journalism. The journalist must know what he is talking about and he must talk about everything. He is not a specialist like the minister, lawyer, physician or any professor. He must be more than a walking encyclopedia; he must know how to use his information. He should be a master of all trades and jack of none. Some men have a great armory of intellectual weapons but they don't know how to shoot any of them. The journalist must be intellectually "a good shot." Nothing is more conducive to this end than the mental discipline of a regular college course. And the knowledge he has in the line of history, philosophy, science and literature is so much ammunition. If a man has the target practice and an inexhaustible supply

of loading material he will hit some mark in the world, provided he starts with good sense and continues with good habits. Every one knows how the editorial writer is compelled to discuss questions of law, theology, political and general issues of the day and he must have the qualification for it or he will not be at it very long. But every one is not aware of the demand for well rounded minds in the general work of newspapers. The journalist who is not equal to any emergency is "not in it." His work is such that he never can "try again." The paper must be out on time and experiments are out of order. Pardon a hasty review of practical journalism and in going over it remember that no excuse is ever allowed for "not prepared."

The general newspaper has its departments for churches and sermons, for the youth as well as for the old lover of reminiscences, for science and progress, literature, the arts, organized labor, agriculture, railroad, coal and iron interests, music, fashions, households, theatricals, sports, mechanics, markets, lodges, social and secret societies, and other specialties to which many periodicals are devoted exclusively. The magazines and the religious papers occupy the most distinctive field and the one in which theory and practice are in fullest accord. They are less comprehensive and more select. The secular journalist does not select his own wares as much as the merchant or shape and paint them as the manufacturer. He takes what comes and goes, holds the mirror up to nature—human nature—and reflects the doings of a wicked world. Like the photographer he is often blamed for the character of the picture. The newspaper man does not always get the same consideration as the butcher or the poor huckster woman on the market place. There you take what you want and do not complain about other articles that are offered. The news-monger would prefer to deal only in fragrant bouquets or delicious fruits, but some people want bacon and potatoes and the men who are buying paper by the ton and selling it by the sheet suit their supply to the demand. The guests at a hotel select from the elaborate bill of fare what they want and say nothing about the rest—not even the wine list. But readers of newspapers want more of this or less of that

or both. No one knows the differences of opinion and tastes among men so well as the man who has been for years a filter of grievances in a newspaper office. He can give you a full line of the popular prejudices and in dealing with them he must be a mental philosopher.

A few days before I entered on my present position in 1884, I met Murat Halstead in Cincinnati. I had worked for him and he felt free to advise me. He did so sincerely by telling me to be sure to please myself as I was not sure of pleasing anybody else. In 1890, Mr. Halstead, after forty years of continuous service in his native State, left for the East with a clear conscience and a reputation as a prophet as well as the most forcible writer of his day. He is a man of inexhaustible powder and lead but some times a poor marksman; he never was a mental philosopher.

The jurist takes time to consider every case, but the journalist must act impromptu. He must render his decision before the next issue and the next issue must come out as regular as sunrise. The business resembles the solar system in its regularity as well as in its illumination of the world. There are no eclipses even allowed. The journalist must not only act at once but he must avoid mistakes. The mistakes of other men are seldom bulletined but the journalist never escapes it. Those who have experienced these ordeals, are not surprised that most people, who are not familiar with the work, think they could do better than the editor. But if they knew how much more a preventative than a creative character the editor is they would appreciate that it is no easy role in which to appear for daily performances. If editors are charged with stubbornness or egotism or other faults, it may be due to the talking and walking illustrations of the weaknesses of mankind that are constantly before them. They note the vanities as well as the crimes of life. The newspapers are pictures "taken from life," and the artists are human beings. There may be a divinity that shapes our ends, but the average newspaper man has seen some rough hewing in his time. As the artist, he pictures the timber as *it is*, not as it should be. The rule governing journalists is the broad impartial one of the world, not of biased individuals or any class of them, and his education should be liberal in character as well as in extent.

Most people see the newspaper after it is made, not as *it is* made. Some see the counting-room and the city editor's and reporters' quarters, but few know much about the edit-

orial rooms or the general departments. No manufacturer has a harder, more tedious or expensive process. Take, as *raw material*, a single item from Delaware, Westerville, or any other place. The correspondent writes it, one telegraph operator sends and another receives it. It goes into the copying press, and the words are counted at the telegraph office, so that item passes through six hands before it gets to the newspaper office, and through three times that many after it reaches it. The messenger turns it over to the newspaper's check boy, who transmits it upstairs to the telegraph editor. It passes along to the foreman, who indicates the location, or page, and size of type; the copy-cutter, who cuts it up in takes (all have heard of fat and lean takes), the compositor, the proof-taker, the proof-reader, and copy-holder, reviser, managing editor (in copy if questionable, and corrected proof if ordinary), form or make-up men, stereotypers, pressmen, superintendent of circulation and carrier, so that the reader is the 25th person in the order named. The paper is full of such telegrams every day. This special service is supplemental to the Associated Press, which collects the news of the world. It has more men in its employ than some kings have subjects. Their wires run directly into the newspaper offices. Some items, traced through their course on the Associated Press circuits, would be as interesting as a romance—more interesting than some foreign items themselves are to some of us. The editorial, local and other matter all go through this process of changing hands. And yet, a piece of news that comes in the front door to the city editor will pass through all these hands, and the carrier or newsboy will go out the back entrance with it in less than thirty minutes afterward. If a morning paper in Columbus issued only one copy, the publishers would perform the remarkable feat of selling for five cents that which cost them not less than \$500. Alex. McClure, of the Philadelphia Times, says he is now giving each of his subscribers, for one cent, that which cost him \$1,000, but Alex. don't tell the rest of it.

The journalist must be a comprehensive man. He has less time for reflection than other professional men, and all the discipline and knowledge acquired in former years is so much capital stock on which to do business in his future. He should have a good education by all means; he must have it. If he did not get it in his younger days, he must get it as he goes along. The hasty glance given above is at daily duties that call for intellectual action at every

turn. There is more need of modern languages, especially of German and French, than of the classics in newspaper work; but every man should be a good Latin scholar. He should study Anglo-Saxon and be a master of good English, using as few derivatives as possible. Remember, he writes for the masses, for the illiterate as well as the literate, and he must be clear to all. The prospective journalist should give all attention possible to mental, moral and the natural sciences, and be specially equipped in history and general literature. And in a country with free institutions, he should study the form as well as the spirit of our government. Take up the municipality first. Learn the duties of mayor, marshal or police, council, school board, etc., and how they get and appropriate funds; then the county officers and boards; the State and its senatorial, congressional and judicial districts and circuits; then the nation. And afterward give attention to international laws, treaties, etc. It will be seen that the town council, State legislature and congress are similar in their functions.

Many self-made men succeed by giving close attention to these practical parts of education, which too many of our learned professors neglect. This is a greater country than Cicero or Demosthenes ever dreamed of, and we ought to know as much about it, when we are turned out in it, as we do of ancient Greece or Rome. It is useless to cover the field of suggestions. It is necessary only to say that the journalist should have the broadest and most thorough education possible in his time. He is expected to be a leader in some things and authority in all things, and he can not do it unless he prepares for it. He should also educate himself for moral responsibility. No man, however well qualified by nature or attainments, is worthy of the pen who has not a conscience—who does not want to do good rather than contribute to the viciousness of the times. A good Christian education is the foundation on which a young man can build the grandest superstructure of success in journalism.

S. J. FLICKINGEE.

CONCERNING THE WOMAN'S CO-OPERATIVE CIRCLE.

"Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, 'The morning cometh, and also the night.'"

In the industrial world and the political, the moral and the religious, the scientific and

the educational, there is ever new occasion to inquire, Watchman, what of the night? For, with reference to the brighter day toward which the progressive spirit of an advancing civilization causes men eagerly to look forward, there is always an existing night. And the watchman, while he announces the morning, sees just beyond another night. The days and the nights overlap, and one may, in considering the condition and prospects of any enterprise, simultaneously behold the glow of the dawn and shadows peculiar to nightfall.

Our college, in almost every view that can be taken of it, exhibits the signs of the morning—not the uncertain gray light and the chill atmosphere of the very early dawn, but the freshness, the brightness, the vigor and energy of a later hour, the hour of hope and confidence and certainty of success. And yet for a long time, now, a shadow, dark, 'tis true, but cast, maybe, only by a passing cloud, has been paralyzing effort and cheating men into cessation from labor in certain directions at the very hour when labor would have been most effective.

How easy to bring darkness! One has but to close his eyes, and lo! it is day no longer. In all fairness it must be admitted, however, that with eyes closed one may deceive himself into the belief that the sun still shines long after the hour of his setting.

Some time the night must come to us all and to all the institutions of men; but to our beloved college, as to every member of the human family who fulfills the end of his creation, let it be the night of well-earned rest after a long day of earnest work, a long life of usefulness and blessing to the world.

Let it be only after its mission has been accomplished, and the church in whose interest it was founded has no longer need of it, and the town that has grown up around it has so far outgrown its present dependence that the closing of the college doors would produce no perceptible effect either upon the valuation of property or the business of its merchants and its artisans, and when an equally intelligent class of citizens would take the places of the large number whose departure would inevitably follow the suspension of the college.

The mere fact, however, that Westerville and the United Brethren Church need Otterbein University, will not insure its continued existence and prosperity. The failure to recognize this need as a vital one is the ominous

cloud obscuring the sun, concerning which we cry:

"Watchman, tell us of the night,
What its signs of promise are."

There are a few indications which seem significant.

There seems to have been a general awakening, a revival of interest in the institution. This was apparent during commencement week of this year.

One of the evidences of this awakening, an outgrowth of the feeling that "something must be done," was the organization of the Woman's Co-operative Circle of Otterbein University, a mention of which was made in the last number of the *ÆGIS*.

A woman's society? Why a woman's society in such an emergency? Why not a society of men? Men of strong arms and vigorous intellect, with experience in business affairs and hence greater capability of making and handling such sums of money as are required to equip and endow a college.

Well, the way is open for the organization of such a society, but perhaps a little object lesson will make clear the reason for the formation of a woman's society.

Let us enter the house we are approaching, the home of a lady I know very well, and, with her permission, make a tour of the premises.

Beginning at the bottom, let us visit the cellar first.

You will observe here shelves and shelves of fruit. Maybe an inspection of the different varieties will afford us a lesson worth learning.

These pears and peaches, so perfect of their kind, were, every one, handled separately, turned round and round in the process of paring, then cut in halves and core or seeds removed.

Strawberries next. Do you realize how many berries it takes to fill one can, to say nothing of a dozen? Yet, every berry was taken up separately and hulled.

Cherries, every one seeded by hand, and gooseberries, each representing two pinches with the thumb nail to remove stem from one end and withered blossom from the other.

But from sounds in the kitchen above there is probably something going on there which it will be profitable to observe.

Yes, our friend is making preparations for baking. Notice the measures she uses—a teacup and a teaspoon—not a barrel, bushel or even a gallon measure. I imagine, almost,

that I can detect an expression of scorn on your face. But wait a little. When the light and snowy biscuit almost melts in your mouth, and the compound called angels' food makes you confess, for once, to an appreciation of the sentiment of the song,

"I want to be an angel,"

you will feel no contempt for the results of the teacup and teaspoon measurements.

Visit the linen closet and the wardrobe, and you will find, much to your surprise, perhaps, that the sewing machine has not entirely superseded the simple needle with which so much is done stitch by stitch, stitch by stitch.

Your inspection of the entire house and every department of the housekeeper's work will show you that she deals almost exclusively with things small and, taken separately, insignificant and of trifling value. But her experience tends to impress upon her mind the lesson that nothing is too small to possess a value, and that nothing is so large as not to be dependent for its value upon the particles of which it is composed.

So, while man appreciates more highly the wonders revealed by the telescope, to woman the microscope opens up a world of greater wonders still. She stands upon the seashore, and the sublimity of the scene is in no wise lessened by the thought, almost sure to occur to her, "It is all, that mighty mass of water, made up of little drops; and the shore and the great globe itself made up of grains of sand."

The forests, with their gorgeous autumn coloring, are no less beautiful than she thinks of the noble picture as made by the massing of millions of separate leaves.

In her business methods, woman appreciates the maxim, "Take care of the pennies, and the pounds will take care of themselves."

And now, can you see why there was organized a woman's society?

Money is sorely needed by the college, and among those to whom it looks for its support there are few men and women of wealth.

The few who might be willing to give comparatively large sums—hundreds, and one here and there even a few thousands—if the permanency of the institution were assured, hesitate to do so (and who can blame them?) so long as they have reason to fear that in a few months it may be crushed beneath the weight of debt and their money swallowed up in the general ruin.

Then what more natural than to resort to some new plan to secure the needed relief?

The history of the Woman's Missionary Association of the U. B. Church proves conclusively to any one with mind open to conviction, that there is something in this method of raising money by very small contributions. It was in recognition of this fact that the organization of a new society was urged upon women who believe that in Christian education is the hope of the church.

It was done, and now while two or three men equipped with telescopes will still go abroad sweeping the skies for noble planets and mighty suns, a thousand women at home searching with their microscopes will gather up the atoms and, after a fashion of their own, construct a little orb and set it in some vacant track to make its yearly rounds and shed its feeble light where otherwise a darkness still more dense would brood. And doubtless by and by one of these wielders of the telescope, in prosecuting his anxious search, will chance to turn his noble instrument upon this tiny asteroid and hasten to report it as a new discovery.

How incredulous he will be, and highly indignant, too, withal, when told, "'Tis but star dust or nebulous matter condensed."

But dropping figures and laying aside a mode of expression that may savor of jesting, the Woman's Circle means simply systematic giving to the college.

There is no magic by which women can make something out of nothing. Patient continuance in well-doing is the secret of whatever success they achieve by their peculiar methods. But the men of the church and the village, it is evident, intend to do their part in this work. By their failure to organize a society of their own with the same object, they have signified their preference for a silent partnership in the Woman's Circle.

Otherwise we could but liken them to the scribes and Pharisees, binding heavy burdens and grievous to be borne and laying them on *women's* shoulders and refusing to move them with one of their fingers.

That good man (for he is a good man) who, when solicited to give his name as a member of the Circle and his promise of a cent a day to Otterbein, said in reply, "Let the men alone, this is a woman's society," was laboring under a mistaken impression. It is a woman's society in the same sense that the Government of the United States is a

man's government. In the latter case men make and execute the laws and fill all the offices of honor and emolument, but guarantee to women the same protection under the laws that is enjoyed by themselves, and, in addition, extend to them the inestimable privilege of paying taxes.

In like manner this so-called woman's society debars men from the rights of suffrage and office (office without emolument) but accords to them every other privilege, including the one for the sake of which it was called into being, to-wit: that of contributing to the needs of an institution of which, heretofore, they have been the chief beneficiaries.

The church educates more sons than daughters, and the college employs fourfold more male than female teachers and other salaried officers, and pays to the former more than to the latter for the same work.

But let that go. Women are patient and willing to bide their time. They are in earnest in this new work, and see only one real cause of discouragement. They fear that this plan of work was adopted too late to be of any avail in meeting the impending crisis. The method of securing large sums of money by adding together small amounts, involves the element of time as an essential factor, or of numbers in its stead.

Unless the shadow could be made to go back ten degrees on the dial and the Circle could now have the benefit of ten years of work in organization and instruction of those who have had no means of knowing the need that the church has of colleges, how would it be possible for it to accomplish immediately what so many seem to expect almost at once, "now that the women have taken hold of the work?" The woman's method is not like the torrent, tornado or thunderbolt. It is more like the sunshine on a mountain of ice, diminishing the mass by almost imperceptible degrees. They know of no way of hastening the result but by concentrating the sun's rays by means of a million lenses.

Every reader of the *ÆGIS*, every student in the college, every citizen of Westerville, every member of the church of the United Brethren in Christ, has his little sun glass of money and influence, and if each will bring it to bear upon some point of this great chill mountain of debt, soon it will be so riddled with holes that a few bold strokes will cause it to crumble and fall, and great will be the fall thereof and mighty the shout of joy that

will go up to heaven when its dark shadow no longer obscures the sun, and Otterbein, our Otterbein, stands out glorious and beautiful in the full sunlight of prosperity.

M. A. FISHER.

THE PRINCESS ILSE.

All readers of the *ÆGIS* should not fail to read the *Princess Ilse*, a legend translated from the German by Miss Prof. Cronise. The book has been profusely illustrated by Prof. J. E. Bundy, Director of Art at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind. We can not speak too highly of the ability shown by Prof. Bundy in these illustrations. Through every scene the soul of nature seems to breathe the reality. Especially is the artist to be commended for the adaptation of the scenes to the text. The book is still in the hands of the publishers, but will be issued in a few weeks.

Begin right. Do. You are just starting out on a new college year. Even if you are a senior our modesty does not restrain us from enjoining you to be careful how you begin. But what must we say to you who have a longer course to run? You are in school for the first time perhaps. The experiences are very new to you. Five, six, there may be seven years for you to spend in college before your graduation. You want those years to be successful; indeed they must be successful or you will miss your aim. Then begin right. Your time is worth more to you than your money; then be systematic and economical in the way you use your time. Get in earnest. Become thoroughly excited along some line. Put your standard up. Work to it. Never let it down. Don't shoot at random, but shoot at your mark. We want you to succeed. Begin right.

A school of physical culture has been opened on the southeast corner of State and E. Home streets by the Misses E. Luella Fouts and Z. Rose Fouts. The work advertised will consist of light and artistic gymnastics, including wands, poles, hoops, dumb bells and Indian clubs. There will also be lectures given frequently on the philosophy of gymnastics. The young ladies having this in charge have spent two seasons at Chautauqua in training for this work. Their rooms have been recently repapered, and with screens of pretty patterns, a fine piano and an abundance of light apparatus, they present a very attractive appearance.

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Once more the *ÆGIS* extends cordial greeting to all the faithful, loyal friends of the University. It enters upon its second year with substantial tokens of appreciation, and many words of encouragement. For its readers the coming year large plans have been made, and all signs point to a full realization of them. The *ÆGIS* knows no interest but that of the University, and to this end asks the hearty co-operation of every friend of the college.

We spread before our readers this month a feast of good things. Mr. S. J. Flickinger, Class '72, and editor of the *Ohio State Journal*, furnishes the initial article of a series on the topic—"The Practical Benefit of a Collegiate Training in Active Life." Mr. Flickinger writes concerning a field in which he is at home, and where he is regarded as a man with authority. No one is prouder of his success than is the *ÆGIS*. Mrs. M. A. Fisher, Class '58, and a former lady principal, writes concerning the new organization—"The Women's Corporative Circle of Otterbein University." Mrs. Fisher is president and in her zeal is leaving no stone unturned to bring the Circle to the notice of every woman in the Church. The columns of the *ÆGIS* are always open to her and her associates in this

work. Our worthy President speaks briefly but quite to the point. His volumns are written in actions and not in words.

From Mr. L. B. Mumma, Class '92, and president of the Y. M. C. A., we have a most interesting article on what he saw and heard at the training school at Lake Geneva last summer.

"A Peep into the Class-rooms" will convince anyone that the work of the term is already well in hand. Professors and students are as busy as bees, and as one remarked, "Each seems proud of the other"

These articles from our contributors, with the usual editorial, personal and alumni notes, will, we trust, make interesting reading for many friends far and near.

Old members of the Philomathean Society will need an introduction to their old home when they return on a visit to their *Alma Mater*.

An entrance with double doors of heavy Cathedral glass, decorated steel ceilings and freshly frescoed walls, new windows with heavy carved frames of polished wood, a new, fine body brussels of exquisite design—these are a few of the furnishings that greet the eye. The work is in every way an ornament to the University, and those by whom it was undertaken and carried to completion are to be congratulated on the result.

And what next? Why, an electric car line to Columbus, of course. At present it is in the air and the minds of a great many people, but judging from the enthusiastic meeting of our citizens had in the town hall the evening of the 14th, and the speeches made and interest manifested, work will soon be commenced. The *ÆGIS* lifts up its voice in hearty favor of the enterprise. The University for Westerville, and Westerville for the University.

Mr. S. J. Flickinger proves his faith by his works. He had but a few days' notice, but his production bears a wealth of thought and beauty of style that would do credit to weeks' of preparation.

A former student of O. U., Mr. B. L. Seneff, now pastor of the United Brethren Church at Industry, Pa., accompanied by his little daughter and Mrs. C. Brooks, of Scottsdale, Pa., spent a few days with us last week visiting friends and old acquaintances.

A PEEP INTO THE CLASS ROOMS.

We think it will interest former students and friends of our college to have a glance at the work done now in its different departments.

The college has never been as well equipped for substantial work as at present. The numerous additions, with increased number of electives added the last few years, have given the curricula of study practically a new aspect. Otterbein in this respect has gone as far as it is wise to go. Our requirements for graduation are now as severe as those of any other college whose courses have been examined by us, and the electives offered give the student as much freedom in the choice of studies as he can secure in most of the better colleges of the country. In this respect we have nothing more to ask. We are satisfied and heartily approve the course taken and decisions reached by those having the matter in charge.

We have also this year an additional Professor on the ground and in harness, which improves matters all around. Prof. Zuck's reappearance among us strikes us all favorably and fills our hearts with joy. But let us see what our Professors are doing.

Prof. Haywood, the Nestor of the faculty, is still at his post. We all love him. His genial, kindly bearing towards his students wins all our hearts. Then we know that in ability he ranks among the first mathematicians of the country, and this inspires confidence. What the Professor does not know about mathematics we don't trouble ourselves to find out. This term he takes a large class in Trigonometry. The boys in Mathematical Astronomy and Surveying are also enjoying the benefits of his ripe knowledge and experience. Long life to Professor Haywood!

Dr. Garst's presence is familiar to us. His prominence in church and college has made his name a household word with all friends of Otterbein. This year he is to devote to his favorite subjects. His department is now Philosophy and English Bible. This term he has classes in Old Testament, History, Butler's Analogy, Mental Science and Logic. When the Doctor tips his chair and puts his spectacles on his brow, then look out for something good. You will never be disappointed.

Prof. Guitner has communed so long with Horner and other good Greeks that he thinks and speaks Greek, and is thoroughly at home in all subjects relating to his department. This department has never been as full as it is now. There are large and enthusiastic classes in

Arrabasis, Odyssey, and Sophocles; also a good number of beginners. There is also an elective course in Plato for Juniors and Seniors. The boys seem to take to this with considerable *gusto*.

The Latin department is also unusually full. There is a large number of beginners, many of whom are already smart enough to speak Latin, at least to quote Cæsar. Enthusiastic bodies of students may be found discussing their work in Cæsar, Cicero, Sallust, and Tacitus. The annals of Tacitus and Sallust's Catiline are new for us and so all the more interesting. All this work is carried on by Professors Scott and Barnes.

Professor Crouse is just back from Europe and seems to feel as much at home in her classroom as if she had been born in Paris, or Berlin. She speaks French, German and Italian delightfully and is a most successful teacher. Her class in Italian is the first that has been taught here. All we boys are planning to take the modern languages soon.

Prof. Zuck is back again in the charge of English. The Professor fills it ably, too. He is an accomplished scholar and eloquent speaker. The work in English is now thoroughly organized. There is a year's course in Anglo Saxon. The whole work as outlined covers well the entire field of English Literature. Those students who avail themselves of the advantages offered in this department will never be accused of graduating without a knowledge of their mother tongue. The English department, under Professor Zuck is most ably conducted and stands side by side in efficiency and importance with the departments of Latin, Greek, and the Modern Languages. Courses are given this term in the critical study of English Prose, in Anglo Saxon, and an elementary course, mainly in the biography of English and American authors. With our German, French, Italian, Latin, Greek, and Sanskrit we might forget that we are English speaking students, did not the genial Professor remind us of our heritage.

There is also a large class, mostly Seniors, engaged in the study of Linguistic Science. This is a most fascinating subject. The origin of language, its relation to thought, its acquisition by the individual, its changes and decay, the classification of different languages noting resemblances and differences, furnish abundance of material for thought and discussion. This is a fitting subject with which to close a period of study of the different languages.

Professor Barnes has more than thirty en-

gaged in the study of English History. A fine spirit prevails among these students.

Prof. McFadden is carrying on his work with his usual vigor and success. His courses in Zoology, Mechanics and Chemistry are very thorough and highly appreciated.

Our Preparatory and Normal department is booming. Prof. Miller is doing excellent work here and is ably seconded by Prof. Barnes. The work in these departments is more thoroughly organized than perhaps ever before, and students entering at any time are now sure of finding work adapted to their state of advancement. This feature of the work deserves to be emphasized.

At a future time we will speak about Music, Art and Business.

With all the work outlined above going on, with rhetorical, literary societies, physical culture, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. work, and a busy day on Sunday attending church, Sunday School, prayer-meeting, and Y. P. S. C. E. meeting, who can complain that we have not enough to do? Verily our opportunities are great and we are contented and happy.

OPENING EXERCISES.

Whoop, Hip, Whoop, Whoo! O. U., O. U., Hi, O, Mine! Ot-ter-bein! Whoop, Hip, Whoo!

Regardless of the heat and dust, the morning of the 2nd found shady old Westerville in the possession of as jolly and as numerous a crowd of students as her citizens have seen for years. Faces, though bronzed and tanned, beamed everywhere with smiles, while classmates, society and Y. M. C. A. men shook the hands of their fellows with an enthusiasm known only to college life. Nine A. M. found the chapel filled with citizens and students, ready to attend the forty-fifth annual opening exercises of Otterbein University. The President first addressed the audience, choosing, rather than to discuss a definite theme, to urge upon every young man and woman present to plan widely, to determine upon a full college course, believing that difficulties seemingly unsurmountable lying in the paths of any would vanish as they were approached. Not only were those present to believe and act on his suggestions, but he would have them to talk and write his suggestions, that others, less fortunate, though equally desirous might, hearing, believe and act accordingly. He advised every man present to join the Athletic Asso-

ciation, and every student to connect himself or herself with some literary society and the Christian Associations. The three sides of a man were not given to man simply to be, but to be developed.

Mr. Sanders was followed by A. B. Kohr, who, in behalf of Westerville citizens, extended a hearty welcome to every student.

Professor Zuck made some very telling hits on the real object of a college training. According to Sidney Smith triangular holes will never be well filled with square blocks, and round balks are not to be fitted into square holes. Education is a business, and any education that unfits a man for his ultimate position in life is a wrong to the man so educated. The Professor liked the poetry of the Psalm of Life, but did not believe its truth. The lives of great men, he said, do not remind us that we can make our lives sublime. They will be sublime only by our filling well those positions in life for which nature has most eminently qualified us.

Rev. Dr. Ervin, of Union City, Indiana, was then introduced by the President. Expressed himself as highly pleased with the favorable prospects of the new year. The purposes of the Women's Co-operative Circle were then presented by Miss Cora McFadden. She contrasted the opening of college this year with those of other years and noted the many favorable changes. Advances have been made along every line, yet the future offers much that is inviting. To the securing of this the women's work has been consecrated. The seeds have been sown. The results are promised in substantial fruitage.

Mr. S. J. Flickinger, of the *Ohio State Journal*, followed in what he termed the second edition of Professor Zuck's address. Mr. Flickinger said his powder had been burned once so there was no danger of an explosion. However his remarks concerning the tests required of a man in the time for which the students present were preparing, the speed and the accuracy demanded in every business, coming from so eminent an authority as the editor of the *Ohio State Journal*, left no little impression on the minds of those to whom it was addressed. Foundations, he said, must be laid broad and deep. Good Latin scholarship could only be attained by the mastery of the Latin Grammar. The most successful Greek students were those who made the best beginnings. A collegiate training, while in reality embracing so called

active life, was but the Grammar by which future difficulties were to be mastered.

Music was furnished at frequent intervals by the Philomathian orchestra and the Otterbein Quartette. We will not say that there have not been greater days at O. U. than this, but this we can say with the assurance of truth: No term ever opened more auspiciously than the present.

OUR ALUMNI.

With considerable assurance that our statement is correct, we may say that the class of '91 has commenced its career as prosperously as any that ever graduated from our institution.

C. W. Hippard holds a highly honored position in the U. B. Publishing House at Dayton.

G. W. Jude is addressed as professor in the academy at Sugar Grove, Penn., the place of his home.

I. G. Kumler is recognized by Mr. D. L. Rike, a prominent dry goods merchant of Dayton, as the best man ever employed in the position which I. G. holds.

E. D. Resler accepted a position in the public schools of Worthington and has entered upon his work with promises of brilliant success.

E. G. Pumphrey has been honored with a position as teacher in the Fostoria Academy which he will undoubtedly honor in turn.

M. S. Pottenger is taking a needed rest at his home near Cincinnati.

B. V. Leas has engaged in the hardware business in Delaware. His natural ability will undoubtedly lend much toward achieving his success.

E. L. Weinland has been reading law in Columbus this summer and will enter law school in October either in Cincinnati or the capital city.

Miss Cora Scott is still at home. We do not know her plans for the future.

Miss Anna Scott is a teacher in Alabama.

A. F. Crayton, '85, has bought a drug store in Newark, where he and his brother, E. D., commenced business last week. Their success in the same business in Canal Winchester was good, and they doubtless will do better in their present place of business else their keen business eye would not have suggested a change.

In the faculty of O. U. there are seven

graduates of the college, viz., six professors and the President. J. E. Guitner, A. M., is professor of Greek Language and Literature, class '60; Rev. Henry Garst, D. D., professor of Mental and Moral Science, class '61; L. H. McFadden, A. M., professor of Natural Science, class '74; Rev. W. J. Zuck, professor of English Language and Literature, class '78; Miss Tirza L. Barnes, B. S., Principal of the Ladies' Department, class '85, and F. E. Miller, A. M., Principal of the Preparatory and Normal Departments, Adjunct Professor in Mathematics, class '87.

These several teachers are accepted by all the students as grand successes in their several departments. Professors Guitner and Garst have been teachers in the institution for more than a score of years. Professors McFadden and Zuck have taught about half as long and their worth has been and is fully appreciated. While Miss Barnes and Prof. Miller have been members of the faculty for but a single year, they have gained the friendship of all and a high estimate is placed upon their ability.

President T. J. Sanders, Ph. D., '78, is serving the college the first year. We are glad to say for him that he has already gained a hearty co-operation on the part of the students, and the President is to be complimented on his success in increasing the attendance and to be encouraged in his effort to lift the college debt. He has the wishes of all for a successful year.

Daisy Bell, class '87, spent two weeks of her summer vacation with her parents in this place.

Professor F. E. Miller, '87, assisted in a normal conducted in Galena during the summer.

F. A. Z. Kumler, President of Avalon college, and his wife, members of class '85, visited their parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. Bender, of this place, last month.

Thomas Fitzgerald, after spending a quiet summer in Worthington, has resumed his work at Canal Winchester as superintendent of the public school of that place.

Miss Ollie Morrison, class '88, left Westerville the 25th ult. to enter upon her work as instructor in the normal school at Canfield, Ohio.

OUR WORK.

It is not our purpose to write an article upon a chosen theme, but to let the readers of the *Ægis* know something of our purposes and

plans, and to most cordially invite you to a hearty co-operation in them.

The opening of the new year was very auspicious. Indeed, those who have witnessed the openings for the past twenty years, say it was the best in the history of the institution.

Our work for Otterbein University is practically a seige, and much of the fruit cannot be gathered in the immediate present. In the soliciting of students, our work is direct and indirect. We strive to get this work upon the hearts of ministers, parents, and friends, seeking to make new friends whenever possible. Children are spoken to and an effort made to train them in the way they should go. Namely, to Otterbein. Photographs of the building are shown, and the needs and blessings of an education presented.

A tour of the conferences is being made, working in all the afore-mentioned way, and in addition the conference assessments, the O. U. S. S. collection, founder's day, the election of a vice president of the W. C. C. O. U., the organizing of the committee to co-operate with the agent, and the election of trustees is looked after. Through the courtesy of the conferences, not the least of all is the opportunity to make an educational address.

We are now about to organize our forces to secure the remainder of the \$50,000 of new funds, which we feel must be forthcoming.

Let all unite in carrying forward this great work and success is assured. The writer is penning these words at Forest, O., in the gray dawn of morning while on the way to Michigan.

T. J. SANDERS.

PERSONALS.

Join the Atheletic Association.

J. W. Dickson filled the U. B. pulpit, at Ashville, Sunday.

This week Miss Nellie Adams expects to commence work at O. W. U.

Mr. C. W. Hippard smiled on us for a few days last week. Come again, Charley.

The services in the U. B. Church at Columbus were conducted last Sabbath by Rev. R. A. Longman.

Mr. J. H. Francis, of last year's junior class, has accepted a position as principal of the business department in San Joaquin Valley College.

Prof. W. W. Stoner, who was engaged in teaching last year, has decided to drop the professor and be an ordinary junior for the coming year.

W. B. Kinder, a member of last year's sophomore class, will teach during the coming year a few miles northwest of town. He will graduate with '94.

Messrs. J. A. Howell, U. S. Martin, R. L. Blagg and G. D. Gossard, of last year's sophomore class, have been promoted and will go out with the present senior class.

The foot ball team is gradually getting itself in shape for active operations. There seems to be no abatement of the interest last fall's contests excited. "Block 'em hard," boys.

Mr. E. E. Everitt, a former student and graduate of Westfield College, comes among us this year. He will take advanced standing and help to bear the banner of the class of '93.

Miss Mellicent Secrist left Westerville on the 2d inst. for Buchannon, W. Va., where she continues as principal of the music department in West Virginia Academy for the coming year.

Mr. Byrer, a cousin of G. F. Byrer, of class '87, is one of the many new-fellows who start this year on the classic road to eminence. We can not forebear saying we wish more graduates would send their cousins.

O. U. students can not be bribed. C. B. Brown was offered twenty-five dollars in cash if he would attend college at another institution this year, but C. B. could not be bought. Mr. Gruber, of Hicksville, O., returned with him for a five years' course.

Michigan sends us another representative this year in the person of Mr. Siebert, J. A. of Petoskey, Mich. Mr. Siebert has been employed for some time in the U. B. Publishing House at Dayton, but has decided on a full course at Otterbein.

We regret to note the illness of our fellow student, S. R. Seese. He arrived here on the 1st inst. and commenced work, but feeling unwell, Dr. A. W. Jones was summoned, who pronounced him to be suffering with typhoid fever. We hope for a speedy recovery.

State Secretary Gordon, of the Y. M. C. A., spent three days' visiting our home Association on the 5th, 6th and 7th of this month. He delivered several addresses while here, all of which were highly appreciated. Mr. Gordon spent an hour with each committee, encouraging them in their work and giving advice for their future labors as committeemen.

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SOCIABLE RELIGION.

True to the custom of years past, the Christian Associations held their annual reception on the evening of the 5th. The plan was unique, and its execution could hardly have been better. At 6:30 P. M. the young ladies of the College gathered in the Association Hall, and after becoming well acquainted with each other, a short devotional meeting was held. At the same hour the gentlemen might have been found gathered for a similar purpose in the Philophronean Hall. The President of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. L. B. Mumma, presided at this meeting, and had arranged with the chairman of each committee for a short statement of his particular line of work. Having heard these reports, Mr. S. D. Gordon, State Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, was introduced, and made a short address.

Promptly at 8 o'clock both companies adjourned to the Philomathian Hall to engage in a joint social. Before entering this hall each person was furnished with a neat little card with ribbon attached to tie in a button hole, bearing his or her name and address upon it. At 9 P. M. Miss Daisy Custer, the President of the Joint Association, called the company to order, and the following program was carried out:

Music—Philomathian Orchestra.

Devotional Exercises—Rev. R. L. Swain.

Music, Solo, Calvary—Rendered by F. J. Resler.

Address—Secretary S. D. Gordon.

Music—Otterbein Quartette.

Adjournment.

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

The attention of our friends is called to the Music Department of the University. True, the buildings are not just as well filled with instruments, neither are the walls decorated as they might or should be, but regardless of this the present outlook for our

conservatory is most flattering. The college was so fortunate as to secure the services of Prof. R. A. Morrow, of New Cumberland, W. Va., to take charge of the music department. Professor Morrow secured the prize medal at the Cincinnati College of Music last year in a competitive drill among seven hundred students. His record speaks for itself. Young and energetic, pleasing and courteous in his address. Mr. Morrow merits and deserves the support of every friend of Otterbein University. Prof. R——, of Columbus, will have charge of the vocal department. This gentleman is recognized at his home as a leading musician. His pupils are sought by the best choirs, glee clubs and choruses in the city. With such instructors our conservatory can not fail to secure a favorable patronage from the church and music-loving pulic everywhere.

SHERMAN COMING.

We are glad to announce the coming of Hon. John Sherman to our village on the 26th of September. Not because he may or may not represent the party of our choice, but for the reason that we feel an honor is paid us by the visit of a man whose name so intimately connects itself with American history. Mr. Sherman should be heard. If experience is worth anything the Senator has it. The coming campaign promises to be one of the most hotly contested that Ohio has known for years. In such a crisis no man can afford to cast an ignorant ballot.

A very pleasant little company of students gathered at the home of Miss Lela Guitner, on the evening of September 1st, by the invitation of Miss Lela and Mr. T. H. Bradrick, thus celebrating their 22d birthday. Having spent an hour in relating vacation experiences and college jokes, ice cream with cakes and fruit was served. After which the visitors took their leave, each wishing the twins a prosperous and happy year.

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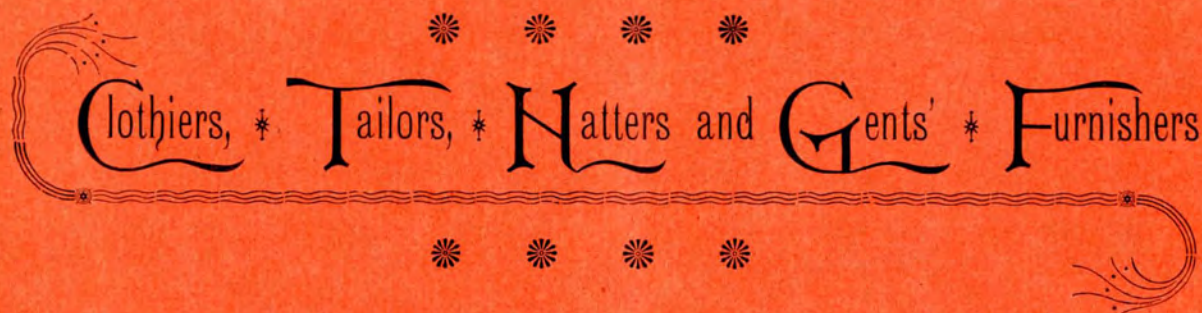
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