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THE PRACTICAL VALUE OF A COLLEGIATE TRAINING IN ACTIVE LIFE.

III. THE MINISTRY.

By collegiate training we must understand, as I suppose, not that one has passed over the prescribed course, spending the required number of years, nor that he has attained rank to the degree of broken fingers, foot or face in athletic games, nor that great proficiency has been made in art and music, praiseworthy as these may be in themselves and as means to the greater end, but that every power and faculty of the whole man, physical, mental and moral, has been disciplined and strengthened to its utmost, or at least an honest effort has been made toward that end.

And further, we must understand the standard classical course. For with another I say, "I am increasingly disposed to value the trite and commonplace, especially in everything that relates to the practical ordering of life and the securing of the great ends of human existence." As the classical is the oldest so it is the best and most worthy the name of a collegiate course, for when all is said in favor of short methods and practical results, I doubt whether any person can render as important services to mankind as those trained first in the classical, all the powers symmetrically developed, and then those trained powers thrown into some special line.

With this understanding (viz: that collegiate training means the most faithful use of the best means afforded by a college) we come to consider the practical value of such training to one in the active life of the ministry.

First, its value to him as a *man*—personally, not officially. In no other calling does so much depend upon *what the man is*. The man and his work are so closely united; they are seen not separate. It is not so with the mechanic or artist. He turns out a piece of work and it is carried away, bought, sold, used and worn out and the maker never thought of at all. But the minister is pattern as well as artist. Defect in the pattern shows in the work made.

Many a minister's usefulness is impaired because he has been so deficient in one or more essential points, not as a minister but as a man. Therefore it is most incumbent upon him to build symmetrically—all the sides of his complex nature kept along in his building. He must often hear and heed the admonition powerfully addressed to him, "Be what you seem and preach."

What is that force in some men which, though unseen, you *feel*? You cannot get away from it, and you do not want to get away, a sort of almightiness. It is the character back of what is said or done.

Has not God put emphasis upon this very point, the personal character of the man, in that He took great pains through a long time to grow up just such men, grand, noble as men when He had a great work to be done; men singularly free from all those traits that would mar or degrade the work? Such were Moses, Abraham, Samuel, Isaiah, John, Chrysostom, Ambrose, Calvin, Luther, Wesley, with a score of others in England, Edwards and Otterbein.

Now nothing will help a young man to this ideal manhood so fully as a course of training in a Christian college, for with all his powers awakened, active, disciplined, the right ones in the ascendancy, there is more of the man to think, feel, will and do.

Then whatever makes a man more as a man is of practical value in the ministry.

It produces *self-examination*, and Socrates says "A life without self-examination is not worth living."

One had possibly never taken an inventory of his equipment—physical, mental, moral. Now and henceforth his eye is turned inward as well as outward. The composition of his body, the different faculties of his mind and his moral nature and destiny engage him with much interest, and as the years of growth go on he compares himself with his former lesser self with ever-increasing delight and hope.

Hence *humility* is also a result. One never again is likely to have so exalted an opinion of himself as when he enters college. He has never been in association with so many of his superiors, never had such opportunity

to measure what he knows with what is to be known, and his horizon extending as he ascends he feels he is but a speck in the infinitude about him, and therefore is ready to take any place for service to his fellowman and to God, a disposition of special practical value in the active ministry.

Another result is *patience*. It soon dawns upon him that the ends he seeks may not be reached in a day or a year, but years, even a lifetime, are not long enough for all he would know and do. He finds out that there is a history back of successful men of patient, plodding toil and growth little by little, and he settles down to develop his genius by hard work.

With the foregoing comes also that *poise* or equanimity so essential to the efficient minister. Much of his work will be with persons who have not self-control or temperance in its broadest sense; often, too, he will be in direct contact with unreasonable men, for all men have not faith, when mastery of self is victory over them.

Is there not practical value in all this? this building up a man through six or eight years—man, the noblest creature of God? Is not that a glorious result, though there were no other uses of education? A man trained thus in every power of his being is how much better than one with no faculty of mind or soul awakened? The former is living, energetic, fitting into every relation ordained of God and approved of men, the latter is dead to himself, to the best interests of his fellows and to the purposes of God.

Secondly, what value to him in his *office* as a minister? It *has made him a student*. He has had unbroken leisure for sustained intellectual work, and has delighted in it; feeling its freshness and the genial excitement, he would rather do that than anything else. He has not only developed ability but also the habit of close, protracted attention to one thing until he sees it as it is in itself and in its relation to other subjects. He loves to study. Many a man might succeed in the ministry if he only knew how to study.

He is not a *stranger to hard work*

Such a college course as I have indicated implies hard work, increasingly hard as the years go on. For no sooner is increased ability acquired than that new force is drafted into service for some conquest harder than previous ones.

Many men fail in the ministry because they are incapable of hard work. They never

formed and maintained the habit of regular and strenuous intellectual activity. Most probably they had a good time socially, could play, and sing, and were sought for in the games, but really never had time or disposition to work hard along the lines laid down in the college curriculum.

Then in their theological course they did as little as possible, and out into active life were strangers to toil, physical or mental, hence in sympathy far separated from their own work and the busy people they were to serve. Success results only from continuous and systematic toil.

Knowledge has been gained. Although education in its best sense is not acquiring knowledge, yet not the least value of a collegiate training is the knowledge one gains. Dr. John Hall says: "A minister ought to be a well educated man in those branches of human learning not professional or rather that are common to all professions."

Every study is valuable. What a world every science opens! Geology below, astronomy above, psychology within, all bringing him nearer to the God whom he is to help others to know.

Yet if one does not remember so much, yet he knows that it can be had and where to find it.

Again, a *taste for books* is developed, and a relish for good literature. Books have been his constant companions, his best friends, greatest helpers, and he carries a love for them into his work, so that while he builds up his own life by contact with them he also satisfies the hunger of others.

Furthermore, such a course *extends the period of his efficiency* in his work. Not unfrequently has such a one been able to do his best work toward the close of a useful life. So it pays in dollars and cents to lay well the foundation.

Then, too, the minister is the patron and friend of education, the adviser of teachers and the taught, stimulating by example and precept all others out to a broader life and higher attainments, often called to man the higher educational institutions, to become editor, leader in reforms, organizer of local institutions, to voice public sentiment in great sorrows or exigencies, as did Rev. Dr. Thomas, of Dayton, when the news of the death of Lincoln came. And is it any wonder that those best educated realize that their equipment is only too inadequate?

Preaching precedes civilization and main-

tains it. The press is for to-day; the pulpit for all time. The press is the overseer; the pulpit the builder of foundations.

The above are a few of the practical values and possibilities of a collegiate training in the work of the ministry. Was any one ever heard regretting he had made too much preparation? Did any one ever number those regretting they had less than they might have had?

Let all who have the splendid opportunities of to-day to prepare for the advancing work of the new century, avoid a few fallacies:

1. That you have "limited time" for collegiate education. The deduction is that one must take a shorter course, or no course at all. "Such 'raw haste' is indeed 'half sister to delay.'" There is no limit to your time. God does not limit or hurry you. The oak does not grow in a day. When grown, it is an *oak*.

2. "Practical results" is another expression on the end of many a tongue. The student, ambitious for practical results, may not see the relation of the long classical course, or the use in the ministry of this or that study, but let him copy the best models, cultivating every power to the utmost, be a hard worker, a plodder if need be, and leave to future exigencies to call forth every reserve he has ever succeeded in enlisting. Such demands will come that he will wish himself multiplied fourfold.

3. "The money-making power" of this or that. The glitter of the almighty dollar has lured many a young man from school to a hard lot for all after life.

4. "Poverty." With many this is said as if it answered every argument. It is simply no excuse at all.

God no more calls you to the work of your life than he calls you to *prepare* for it. A competent business man said to me a few days ago, "it would be a crime not to educate that boy."

Oh, that every young man felt and said of himself, "it would be a crime not to educate myself." I am certain that God has a greater work for every young man in Otterbein than he now has any idea of, if he is only submissive and prepares. "Sanctify yourselves, for to-morrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

G. A. FUNKHOUSER.

It is not meet that all things point heavenward; for instance, a tack, when a man is in his stocking feet.

PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENT.

It is now generally admitted by educators that the pupils in our institutions of learning need some kind of systematized physical training in connection with their mental work. The action of the foremost educators in the world; the faculties of our leading colleges, permitting the expenditure of many hundreds of thousands of dollars on magnificent gymnasiums, strengthens this assertion. To reach the best ends, the exercise must be regular and definite. Each individual recognizing this becomes a factor in the physical growth of a nation, in the maintenance of athletics, which are to-day but in a formative state.

Whether or not it be true that each succeeding generation is weaker and shorter-lived than the one before it, we are constantly bewailing the physical deterioration of our American race and demanding a stronger generation of boys and girls than exists at the present time, and yet the mass of people are slow to recognize the fact that the cultivation of the physical powers is the chief means to this end. When this principle is understood and carried out by individual effort, then shall the highest results be reached.

A great deal of stress is laid upon the importance of out-door games, and we feel that they can not be emphasized too strongly, for one can not over-estimate the value of plenty of fresh air as a promoter of both mental and bodily health and vigor. Of late years the passion for lawn-tennis, base-ball, foot-ball, rowing and athletic games generally, has become very strong in our schools. We note this with pleasure, as it is a mark of advancement. The military drill is excellently adapted to secure a graceful and manly carriage of the body, and precision and regularity of movement. Although there is not so much fun and sport in it as in the more vigorous and exciting games, it must hold its place in our curriculum of physical training.

The sports named above are not confined to the male sex alone. Much attention is given to the interest women are taking in out-door and in-door recreation. In comparing our country with Europe, it is said that to-day more American women skate, row, ride bicycles, play tennis and ball in the little State of Rhode Island than in all Europe combined. And allow us to add that we shall hail with delight the day when every girl and woman may, untrammelled by criticism, ride her wheel, play ball, run races, jump, whistle, and engage in all gymnastic and athletic ex-

ercises which she is constituted to endure and enjoy.

The greatest perfection of physical training is undoubtedly reached in the gymnasium, where attention is paid to the development of all parts of the body and to the proper control of already well developed bodies. There is a wide difference between strength and muscular control, and the former without the latter is of no avail. This muscular control is one of the most important aims of physical education, and of all gymnasium apparatus Indian clubs are said to be the most advantageous in securing it. What is most needed is agility, mobility and precision in muscular movement; and these should be aimed at in all athletic training, rather than brute force or the prize-fighter's skill in punching an antagonist. The true purpose of the gymnasium is not to develop circus acrobats, but to develop strong, well-proportioned forms.

It is a firmly established fact that there is an intimate relation between the mind and body. One of the strongest arguments that can be presented in favor of the proper training of the physical powers is the effect upon the nervous system and brain. We do well when we obey this injunction: "Develop the mind by developing the muscle." The body must be given needed exercise to keep pace with the brain. The fact that the mental powers depend upon the physical for their sustenance is continually thrust before us, with such force that we can not cast it aside as unimportant. The cases of worn-out bodies and over-worked brains are too numerous to allow such oversight. A body that must furnish strength for a brain that works ten or twelve hours every day should be carefully trained to endure this constant drain without showing its loss. But we know that, as a general rule, the body of a constant brain-worker does show this extra drain. Hundreds of weary frames raise continual protest against such treatment, and they have just cause to protest. Most of the aches and pains caused by both mental and physical labor are unnecessary.

We can not always avoid sickness, but it is less likely to come and has harder work to enter when we are robust and in good training than when we are weak and run down. That one was a sage who said: "Nothing is more injudicious than to crowd the brain and stint the body." Exercise is essentially necessary for the brain-worker. It makes the brain clearer and more active, doing away

with nervousness, headache, weariness or any of the bad effects which follow a straining of the mind; and the worker returns to his task refreshed in mind and body, ready and eager to take up that work which he had almost given up in despair. Habits of bodily activity are often the best cure for sickly states of mind. No good work can grow out of exhaustion. No fertility, no flash of genius from nerves unstrung, jaded and jangled. Yet, notwithstanding these facts, many are content to worry on through the best part of their lives, daily growing more nervous, wearing out the body, stunting the mind, and hastening on the marks of old age—all because their education is one-sided. This may at first thought appear overdrawn. But we must agree with one who has made a special study of this subject when he says that parents will be stronger supporters of this work when they come to consider that thousands of embryo doctors in our medical colleges are preparing to treat the aches and pains that in many cases could have been prevented by obeying the laws of physical education; when they think that a fraction of the large sums paid to physicians to cure disease would have given their children preventive gymnastic training.

I can not close without calling attention to a very few of the many important little things which have to do with our every-day life, such as breathing, walking, standing, sitting, etc. Breathing is so easy that we scarcely stop to think there is such a thing as wrong breathing. We might truly say that fresh air is the staff of life. Many boys and girls have finer chests before they go to school than they ever have afterward. Sitting in a school-room or office or any other room six or eight hours a day does much to weaken the chest, for when you sit still you do not breathe the lungs half full. Some people actually do not breathe their lungs full once in a week. Is it any wonder that they have weak chests and easily catch cold? It is said that if every boy in the United States would take a thousand slow, very deep breaths every day from now on throughout his life, it would almost double our vigor and effectiveness as a nation. Deep breathing not only enlarges the chest itself and makes it shapely and strong, but it gives power and vigor to the lungs and heart and makes them do their work better; and it does the same to the stomach and bowels, the liver and kidneys; indeed, to all the vital organs. It makes the blood richer. It adds directly to the vigor of the brain and so enables that

organ to do more work. In short, proper breathing is about the best known way of getting and keeping health.

Correct walking is also essential to one's vitality. Physiologists say that the manner of walking of most people would drive them to insanity were it not for the ingenious arrangement of the spinal column, being so constructed with its pads of cartilage as to break the jar occasioned by the constant thud, thud of the heels on hard pavements. The body should never be allowed to sink heavily on the heels at each step. The arched instep was created purposely to avoid this. The heels should first lightly touch the ground, then the weight of the body be thrown over the balls of the feet, thus allowing the instep to perform its proper function, and the body receives the healthful elastic spring which suggests vigor and buoyancy. The handling of the legs in walking should not be overlooked. A St. Louis shoemaker once said: "As soon as a man comes into my shop and takes off his shoes, I can tell whether he is a good walker, and it is astonishing to find how few men know the proper way to step out. If the shoe is worn down at the heel, not on the side, but straight back, and the leather of the sole shows signs of weakness at the ball of the foot, a little greater on the inside just below the base of the great toe, I know that the wearer is a good walker. If, however, the heel is turned on one side, or is worn evenly throughout, and the sole is worn most near the toe, I know that I have to deal with a poor pedestrian." The reason of difference in position of the worn spots lies in the fact that the poor walker walks from his knee, and the good one from his hip. In pugilism the old rule is to strike from the shoulder and not from the elbow. In pedestrianism it is to walk from the hip and not from the knee.

Standing and sitting are equally important, but can not be noticed at greater length now. If closer attention were paid to these health principles, we would live longer and happier.

E. LUELLA FOUTS.

A SKETCH OF IRVING.

The glory of a nation does not depend as much upon her location on the earth's surface, the wealth of her mines, the fertility of her soil or the number of her people, as on the writings of her authors.

The literature of a nation is the true index

to her greatness. It is the plumage with which she is decked.

The subject of this sketch, Washington Irving, needs but to be named in order to strike the key-note of fame that vibrates to the names of our illustrious authors.

The year 1783, when the long, cruel war with England was ended, marks the date of his birth. In that year, when the father of our country laid down his sword, in the greatest metropolis of our country was born a child who was to be our father in literature.

In the biography of Irving, like the biographies of all great men, very little is said concerning his childhood. One of his biographers tells us that in his school days he was noted for his literary ability and his love for reading, but that he had a great aversion for mathematics.

He began the study of law at the age of sixteen, was admitted to the bar after completing the required course, and soon after his admission gave up the profession and engaged in commercial pursuits with his brothers.

His first writings of note were to the periodical known as *Salmagundi* under the assumed name of Johnathan Old Style. In 1809 appeared *Knickerbocker's History of New York*, a work noted for its vivid descriptions of New York life and customs.

Irving's health having failed him, he made a journey to the south of Europe in 1815, and sought again the greatest boon of all blessings beneath the sunshine of Italian skies. While there his brothers failed in their commercial enterprise, and Irving in order to earn a livelihood and partly from the natural inclination of his mind began writing literature, the result of which was the appearance of the *Sketch Book*, shortly after his arrival in England in 1819, soon followed by *Bracebridge Hall*, for which he received a thousand guineas from his publisher before the production was examined.

In the year 1826, at the request of A. H. Everett, U. S. Minister to Spain, Irving went to that country and remained there until 1829. While there he wrote the *Life of Columbus* and the *Conquest of Granada*.

From Spain he went to London as Secretary of the U. S. legation and soon afterwards published the *Voyage of the Companions of Columbus* and the *Alhambra*.

In 1832, after an absence of 17 years, he turns his steps homeward, and no American who has spent a portion of his life in a foreign land and returned home was ever greet-

ed with an ovation of respect like the one with which Irving was greeted. In 1839 appeared the legions of the Conquest of Spain, *Mohomet and His Successors* in 1849. His other productions, *Astoria*, *Wolfert's Roost*, *Life of Goldsmith* and *Washington*, are nearly all American.

From 1842-1846, Irving served as U. S. minister to Spain. The remainder of his life was spent in quiet retirement at Sunnyside, Tarrytown, N. Y. Here, too, as well as in the rural districts of England, he loved to ramble and meditate on the beauties of nature. On an eminence not far from his dwelling, was a huge rock in which there was a cleft large enough for Irving to sit in with ease and comfort. There he could sit and gaze on the blue waters of the Hudson as they hurried on their way to the ocean. Gazing westward he beheld the broad acres of the New York homesteads; and as he turned his face to the north, he saw afar off against the horizon, indistinct in the distance, out-lined the peaks of the Adirondack and Catskill mountains. Here basking in the sunshine of balmy spring mornings and lost in the meditations of a mind cultured and refined by thought and much reading, pen in hand he gave to the reading world language whose music is more sweet than the carols trilled by the songsters perched in the groves about him.

It was the noble Christian character of Jennie Lind that caused the listening multitudes to catch in breathless silence the exquisite music that fell from her lips. It is Talmage's Christian character that carries to the hearts of his hearers the spirit of conviction in every sermon he utters. It was the noble Christian character of Irving that has made his language so simple, so chaste, and so eloquent on all subjects, and made him loved above all other American authors. To be a man means more that to be a man in stature. It means to have pure thoughts, do noble deeds, and be useful to those about you. All this Irving wholly accomplished. His character was ever above reproach, his disposition mild, and his friendship of the most tender and affectionate kind.

Miss Hoffman, a young woman to whom he was much attached in his youth, having died, he ever afterward remained unmarried and carried with him in all his wanderings her prayer book, a sad though cherished memento of fond recollections.

His writings are various and many; and in

the brain of no other author was there ever coalesced such a variety of styles of writing. He was a historian, a poet, a novelist, and a master of sketches and travels. His *Specter Bridegroom*, *Rip Van Winkle*, and *Legend of Sleepy Hollow* are comic in the extreme, and display Irving's powerful imagination. It takes a Duhobret to picture on the canvas a landscape in which the breeze ripples the surface of the water or stirs the leaves of the hedge by the wayside. But only the pen of an Irving can picture the hero of the tale of the broken heart, pleading against the charge of treason for which he is condemned and executed. Only the pen of an Irving can couch in language so beautiful and real the scene of the death of the heroine of the pride of the village. Only the pen of an Irving can grant you a ramble through the halls of the Alhambra or give you a view of the Conquest of Granada. The taunting remark, "who reads American books," was forgotten when Irving seated himself on the stage of action. And of him we may truly say, he was the first to bring American literature up to par value.

The influence his writings have had on the hearts of his readers can only be determined in the world to which his spirit has taken its flight, for in the year 1859, when autumn had tinted the foliage of the forest, and when the autumnal winds were catching up the leaves and scattering them hither and thither to wither and decay and return again to their mother dust, he too was called to go and the loving hands of a weeping nation bore his body to its narrow home, but his spirit ascended to the God who gave it.

It was then his lamp of life went out only to be relit in another world, grander, happier, and more beautiful than the one in which we live. But his influence still lives on, and time is only making more beautiful and glorious the fame which to him rightfully belongs, and the love with which he is now revered will be forged to a white heat on the anvils of centuries to come.

W. T. TRUMP.

Eastern boy — "Did you ever play football?"

Western boy (watching the game) — "No; but I once got caught in a drove of stampeded mules." — *The Times*.

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EDITORIAL.

WE are glad to note the increased interest in library work that has recently manifested itself in a demand for longer library hours. While the need of such arrangements has not reached many, it should be the need of all. Much of the style and finish that beautifies good scholarship comes only by an intimate acquaintance with the writings of other men. The education that demands all of a student's time, that affords no opportunity for acquaintance with the present, that keeps one ignorant on the main points of national and international politics, is wrong, and essentially so.

IT is with pleasure we announce the cash donations of five hundred dollars each, made during the last month, by Mr. John Knox, of Westerville, and Mr. John Hulitt, of Rainsboro, O. Both are true and enthusiastic friends of the college, and prove their faith in it by their works. There are fifty others who can do what these men have done, and what a help that would be just at this time! Twenty-five thousand dollars in cash turned over to the college treasurer to be applied to the debt—what a thrill it would send to every nook and corner of the Church! Let fifty men and women each respond to this amount, and at least twenty-five thousand dollars in addition to the aggregate of their contributions can be speedily secured. Let the good work go on, and give the ÆGIS the opportunity next month of adding other names to this list, so well begun.

PRESIDENT SANDERS is hard at work soliciting money and students for the college. During this month he has operated in this State and Indiana, and has made a flying trip to Illinois. Wherever he goes, he is received kindly, and given substantial encouragement. But six weeks are left in which to complete the fifty thousand dollar effort, and the appeal sent out by the Executive Committee must meet with a generous response, if the college is to go on in its career of usefulness to the Church and the world.

THE ÆGIS, this month, is full of good things, and we have interesting matter that must go over until the next issue. The papers furnished by Dr. Funkhouser, '68; Miss Fouts, '89; and W. T. Trump, undergraduate, are full of merit and interest, while our columns are crowded with items of local and college news. We want all our friends to know what the college is doing at home and abroad.

ALUMNAL NOTES.

The ÆGIS is pained to record the death of Lincoln Chase Shuey, class '84, who died at Asheville, N. C., on the 23d of last month. The announcement of his death was wholly unexpected, the more so that only two days before a letter received by the family at Dayton, O., indicated that he was in the best of health and spirits. He came to Otterbein University in 1880, having previously completed a course of study in the High School and in Prof. Roberts' Academy at his home in Dayton, O. As a student, he stood in the very front rank; his scholarly attainments and literary taste were recognized by all as remarkable in one so young. In his literary society, especially in the Young Men's Christian Association, he was progressive, enterprising—a leading spirit, in fact. It was very largely as a result of his suggestion and earnest personal work that a room was set apart and furnished for the exclusive use of the Christian Associations. His active participation in Young Men's Christian Association work in college qualified him for the position to which he was called immediately after graduation in 1884, the secretaryship of the Y. M. C. A. at Xenia, O. In 1885, he was appointed to a similar position at Toledo, O., and two years later he went to New York City as Secretary of the Harlam branch of the Y. M. C. A. The three years of his connection with the last named work were highly successful, but taxed his strength to the utmost; and after two trips abroad, once as a delegate from New York to

SENIOR RHETORICAL.

The public rhetorical of the first division of the senior class was given in the college chapel Saturday evening, November 14, at 7:30 P. M., with the following program:

Music, "Mountain Life Polka" Moses
Philomathean Orchestra.
Prayer.
Violin Solo, "Traumerei" Op. 15, Schuman
R. A. Morrow.
"Self Government,"
G. Daniel Gossard, Mercersburg, Pa.
Wanted, "A Religion for Men,"
Anna May Thompson, Stormstown, Pa.
"Mob or Magistrate,"
O. Bishop Cornell, Westerville, Ohio
Bass Solo, "Out on the Deep" Loehr
W. E. Bovey.
"Which?" R. Ledford Blagg....Buchannon, W. Va.
"God—The Universal Intelligence,"
L. May Andrus, Westerville, Ohio
Violin Solo, "Air with Variations," Op. 79, De Beriot
R. A. Morrow.
"Fidelity to One's Guiding Star,"
J. Wesley Dickson, Rushville, Ohio
"The Progress of a Century,"
Lela Guetner, Westerville, Ohio
"Is It Not Likely?"
J. Alleyn Howell, Westerville, Ohio
Music, "Till We Meet Again" Waltz Bailey
Philomathean Orchestra.
Benediction.

The first division did themselves honor in the very able manner in which they presented their several subjects.

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS.

On Friday evening, Oct. 30th, occurred the Philophronean installation, with the following program:

Calling to order. Devotion.
Reports of retiring officers.
Address of retiring chaplain, "Superstition in Christian Worship," F. S. Minshall.
Address of retiring critic, "Trouble ye not Trouble,"
W. H. Fouse.
Music, "Mary's Little Wise Man," O. U. Quartet
President's Valedictory, "Parnell," J. B. Bovey
President's Inaugural, "Thought and I," J. A. Howell
Installation of Officers.
Bass Solo, "Resurrection Song" F. J. Resler
Oration, "Three B's" J. R. King
Current News D. D. Custer
Music, "Juanita" Philophronean Quartet
Discussion "Is the Earth a Sphere?"
Aff.—J. W. Dickson. Neg.—W. E. Bovey.
Vocal duet "Come with me"
A. T. Howard and F. J. Resler.
Miscellaneous Business.
Music, "Parting Song" Otterbein Quartet
Adjournment.

On the same evening the following program was carried out at the Philomathean installation:

Music "In Old Madrid Waltzes"
Philomathean Orchestra.
Chaplain's Address "Sublimity—A Triple View"
T. H. Bradrick.
President's Valedictory "The Peasant's Revolt"
F. M. Pottenger.
Inauguration of Officers.
Music "Down in the Old Cabin Home"
Philomathean Quartet.
President's Inaugural, "Our Heritage" C. R. Kiser
Trombone Solo, "The Vision" W. L. Kline
Oration, "The Sovereignty of Law" W. W. Stoner
Reverie, "Looking Forward and Backward by a
Senior" W. A. Garst
Current News E. Barnard
Music "Negro Dance—Uncle 'Rastus"
Philomathean Orchestra.
Discussion, "Should U. S. Senators be elected by
popular vote?"
Aff.—A. C. Flick. Neg.—R. L. Blagg.
Music "The flag without a stain"
Philomathean Quartet.
Extemporaneous Speaking, etc.
Music "Auf Weidersehn Waltz"
Philomathean Orchestra.

The Philalethean Literary Society held its first open session on Thursday evening, Nov. 5. Following is the program:

Essay, "A Page of History" Geneva Cornell
Piano duet "Jesuis pret"
Lizzie Cooper and Mattie Bender.
Eulogy, "Helen Hunt Jackson" Della LeFevre
Recitation, "Low Back Car" Verna Fowler
Polish Dance Warsaw
Guitar and Mandolin Club.
Oration, "The Peril of a Privilege" Mary Murray
Vocal Quartet "Jack and Jill"
Misses Cooper, Murray, Gantz and Miller.
Impersonation "Josiah Allen's Wife"
Mattie Bender.
Piano Solo, "Robin des Bois" Leonie Scott
Character Sketch "J. Steerforth in Copperfield"
Myrtle Miller.
Vocal Solo, "Over the Banister" Bessie Kumler
Discussion: "Resolved, That in co-educational colleges, the literary societies should be co-educational."
Aff.—Maud Bradrick. Neg.—Grace Gantz.
Vocal Trio "Evening Bells"
Misses Cooper, Cover and Murray.
Music "Pirate's Serenade"
Guitar and Mandolin Club.

The rendering of these several programs showed great care in preparation, and reflected credit on the performers. It is safe to say that no college in the State has better literary talent than is found in Otterbein's four literary societies.

THE lecture given on the evening of the 18th inst., by Col. G. W. Bain, on the subject, "Drink, the Enemy of Labor and Business," was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. Facts, figures, wit, sarcasm, pathos, bursts of oratory, all conspired to make the address one of interest.

MISS DAISY CORNELL entertained several of her friends on the evening of the 10th inst. in honor of her birthday.

the International Y. M. C. A. Convention at Stockholm, and later solely for the benefit of his health, he was compelled reluctantly to resign his work last autumn, and return to his home in Ohio. Last January, he went to Asheville, N. C., for his health, and, after a time, engaged in business there. Under the influence of change of climate and active outdoor employment, he seemed to have regained his usual health, and had nearly completed arrangements for severing his business relations in Asheville, and removing to Dayton, O. The sadness of Mr. Shuey's unexpected death, already sufficiently deep, is intensified by the fact that he expected to bring back to Ohio, about the 1st of December, as his bride, a very estimable young lady, whose acquaintance he had formed in Asheville. The *Ægis* wishes to express the sorrow of the college and the community for the removal by death of one who promised so much in active service for his fellow-men.

The class of '88 is rapidly gaining distinction by the important places to which its members are being called. J. G. Huber is President of San Joaquin Valley College, Cal.; B. E. Moore is Instructor in Physics in Lehigh University at Bethlehem, Pa.; George R. Hippard is telegraph editor of the Dispatch, Columbus, O.; W. L. Mathers is Superintendent of Schools at Carey, O.; W. O. Mills is Associate Principal of an academy at Buckhannon, W. Va., and Miss Olive Morrison is a professor in the North-eastern Ohio Normal College at Canfield. Other members of the class are rising in their chosen professions and business careers, reflecting great credit upon their alma mater.

EXCHANGES.

A recent issue of *The Practical Student* blusters a great deal about the refusal of a certain college foot-ball team to play the O. W. U. team, claiming that it was cowardice on the part of the team which they wished to play. *The Practical Student* should not be so quick to call others cowards when the only condition on which O. W. U. can arrange a game with another college is based on the principle of cowardice. No foot-ball team should be called cowardly for refusing to play on the grounds of another team when the game could not be returned. It is our opinion that it would be well for every college to refuse to enter into any games with O. W. U. until she can offer to other teams what she is not at all modest in asking other teams to give her.

The *Ossarist*, of Findlay College, comes to us as the successor to the *College Review*. It is

in every respect a better journal than the *Review*, and the change shows conclusively that a college paper, to be a success, should be edited by the students. The *Ossarist* has our best wishes.

We are glad to welcome the *Wittenberger* as one of our exchanges for this year. It is full of good things under its new management as it has been in the past. One of the principal attractions of the literary department of the last number is a well written article entitled, "At Runnymede."

It is seldom that there is any reason for complimenting the college paper which represents the college of a defeated foot ball team upon the manner in which they write up the game. We feel, however, that the *Lantern* deserves praise for the fairness with which it has described their game played with us on the 17th ult.

The *College Ensign* says: "Prof. J. H. Francis is more than meeting the most sanguine expectations of his friends. He is not only master of his subject, but is able and skilled in the art of teaching." We are pleased to learn of the success of Mr. Francis, as he was one of our fellow-students for several years.

THE "PRINCESS ILSE."

As announced in the September *Ægis*, the "Princess Ilse," a legend of the Hartz Mountains, translated from the German by Miss Florence Cronise, this week comes from the hands of the publishers. It is not flattery to the translator to say that no better gift book was ever placed before the public. The legend itself is full of interest, and is expressed in language that is nothing if not pure and rich. The beauty of illustration employed to profusion and exquisitely adapted to the text, renders the little volume a real literary gem, and one worthy of prominence in any library.

THE Y. P. S. C. E. AT WORK.

Sunday morning, the 15th inst., the Y. P. S. C. E. gave a service in the college chapel in the interest of the Young People's Mission at Los Angeles, Cal. An interesting program was carried out. Miss Lizzie Bovey, class '83, spoke on "Church Work in California." T. G. McFadden, class '94, discussed "The Utility of Making Los Angeles a Strong Center." Miss Mattie Bender, class '92, gave an interesting sketch of the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Starkey. J. R. King spoke on "The Relation of Our Young People's Societies to Los Angeles." Appropriate music was furnished by the choir and Otterbein quartet.

NOTICE TO BIBLE STUDENTS.

I am now ready to mail printed information about, and also questions for, the annual examinations on the International Lessons for 1892. All superintendents of schools should, as soon as possible, tell me how many copies they will want, respectively, naming the number in each grade, senior for those over, and junior for those under, fifteen years of age. I am confident that all who took the examination last year will desire this year's also, and also a multitude of others. The questions for examination are selected from the questions in the concert review exercises as they appeared in the Bible Lesson Quarterlies, and will, therefore, be quite easy. No one should miss it.

Also all material necessary to start and successfully operate the Home Department of the Sunday-school is now ready, and should be ordered from me. Have all preparations made and be ready to open up the department with the beginning of the new year; hence lose no time in sending for material, and for information, if desired. Ask your minister about it. Blanks have already been sent all traveling ministers whose addresses could be obtained.

Address all communications to

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DAYTON ALUMNAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual business meeting of the Dayton O. U. Alumna Association occurred on the evening of Nov. 17, in the first U. B. church of that city. Although the night was cold, there was a large attendance of alumni and alumnae, with resident trustees and friends. Reports of committees and election of officers constituted the regular business, which was quickly and orderly dispatched. The officers of last year were re-elected, arrangements were made for the usual banquet during the holidays, and a committee appointed to arrange for rates to attend Commencement next June. The remainder of the evening was given to speech-making. Prof. W. J. Zuck was present, and in a brief address spoke of the interest at the college, the increased attendance of students, and in general of the financial outlook. Judge Shauck, Rev. G. M. Mathews, Dr. Bookwalter, Mrs. L. K. Miller, Mr. D. L. Rike and others, spoke of the college, their sincere attachment to it, and its pressing needs. Altogether, it was an interesting meeting, and will set in motion influences that will reach the college and help it forward. The association at Dayton has

a long roll of members, in which are found the names of many influential and distinguished men and women. The college has great reason to be proud of its faithful and loyal children in Dayton, and to them it looks for the help it needs to place it beyond all thought of danger.

THE FISK JUBILEE SINGERS.

On the evening of October 24th, the Methodist church was well filled, it being the occasion of the engagement of the Fisk Jubilee Singers. There are now so many companies traveling under this name, that it is difficult to tell which are the original Fisk Jubilee Singers. The claims of this company seem quite well founded.

Taken as a whole, the entertainment was very good, and all present seemed well pleased.

EIGHT of our promising youths entered into a compact not to shave for a month if the Denison game resulted in a victory for O. U. Any one breaking the agreement was to treat the others to oysters. After three weeks of trial the little Roman succeeded in coaxing and buying off the other members of the company, by which agreement he was allowed to dispossess himself of the mane that hung in ringlets from his countenance.

THE preparatory students held a social in the society halls, Saturday, 22d ult, for the purpose of becoming better acquainted. The program of the evening was well executed, much to the admiration of all. The program completed, an organization was effected, of which Mr. J. A. Seibert was elected President, and Miss Ollie Thomson Vice President. They can now boast of having the largest organization in school, and we are compelled to admit that the "Preps are very much in it."

ON the evening of Oct. 21, the Freshman class held a social at the home of one of its members, Mr. W. B. Gantz. After a sumptuous repast, consisting of five courses, the gay company adjourned to the parlor and enjoyed themselves with games and other social amusements. The evening was very pleasantly passed, and speaks well for the tastes and talents of the class of '95.

THE second entertainment and first lecture of the Citizens' Lecture Course was given by Dr. F. M. Deems, on Thomas A. Edison. While the lecture was good in some respects, it was not as well received as was anticipated.

DISAPPOINTMENT was everywhere expressed at the failure of the Kenyon foot-ball team to meet its engagement here on the 19th inst.

"HAECE, HAECE" VS. "WHOO, HIP."

Since the sweeping defeat suffered by our foot-ball team at the hands of the Dennison University eleven on Thanksgiving Day of last year, there has been a growing belief that a second trial would secure different results, which confidence was shown not to have been misplaced by the score made by the D. U. and O. U. teams on the 31st ult. The game was played on the Dennison grounds, about sixty Otterbein students being in attendance. The first half of the game showed very clearly that the game would be no walk-away for either team. So evenly matched were the contesting forces that we have no brilliant plays to record. The backs, Stoner, Barnes, and Barnard, each did excellent work in their respective positions, making good gains for Otterbein, while our rushers during the first half of the game maintained an unbroken front. Time was called for the first half with a score of 4 to 0 in favor of O. U. In the second half, by a series of strong rushes, the Dennison team succeeded in scoring ten points, eight more being made for O. U., leaving the final score, 10 to 12, in favor of the tan and cardinal. The game, though full of interest, would have been more pleasant to all concerned had the Dennison team shown a better acquaintance with Association rules. Differences are sure to occur in a closely contested game, but there is no excuse for ignorance of rules. Such wholesale kicking against scientific foot ball as was used by the D. U. team on the date mentioned above, should be employed only when one is possessed of no better methods of winning a standard game.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. R. E. Kline, class '92, went home to act as judge on election.

Mr. Howard Lyon, of Dayton, visited his sister, Miss Agnes, recently.

Rev. T. H. Kohr, class '72, conducted devotional exercises at chapel October 28.

Prof. Smith, Professor of Greek, O. S. U., spent a few hours with us on the 4th inst.

Mrs. Olive Mumma spent a few days here visiting her brother-in-law, L. B. Mumma.

Mr. H. O. Henderson, of DeGraff, O., was in town recently, visiting his brother, Guy.

Rev. A. E. Davis, class '81, pastor of the U. B. Church at Columbus, paid us a short visit a few weeks ago.

Prof. W. J. Zuck left Tuesday to attend an alumnal meeting at Dayton. His classes were excused for two days.

Miss Sallie Kumler, class '89, visited friends and renewed old acquaintances in Westerville during the last of October.

Miss Maud Linnabury, a former student of O. U., was recently married to Mr. Alvin Everal, both of Westerville.

Mr. Mosshammer, who was hurt early in the game at Granville, is rapidly improving, but will not enter the team again this season.

Mr. F. M. Pottenger, class '92, was compelled to miss school for about a week, owing to weak eyes. He spent the time at home.

Several of the real men who are students at O. U., went home to vote. All claim they voted the right ticket. We presume they did.

Mr. Ernest Barnard spent last Saturday at Gambier, watching the game between O. S. U.

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A good number of students assembled at Prof. Haywood's residence, on Sunday evening, so that, by the aid of the telescope, they might observe the eclipse of the moon.

Rev. R. L. Swain has entered upon a course of lectures on the book of Jeremiah, to be given in the chapel on Sunday evenings. They are interesting as well as instructive.

Mr. R. H. Wagoner, class '92, having been out of school for a few weeks, owing to the illness of his wife and some of his friends, has again returned. We welcome his smiling face.

Mr. W. O. Gross was visited by his parents, of Liberty, O., and sister, of Columbus, a few weeks ago. They expressed themselves as being pleased with the school and its surroundings.

Several of our boys went to Delaware, Nov. 7th, to witness the game of foot ball between the teams of Ohio Wesleyan University and Dennison University. The victory was with O. W. U.

Messrs. J. B. Bovey, W. E. Bovey, and A. C. Streich went to Granville last Thursday to see the game between Dennison University and Adelbert. They report a good game, Adelbert winning with a score of 14 to 10.

Col. Robert Cowden, of Dayton, O., paid us a few days' visit some weeks ago. He gave an illustrative lecture on the history of the Bible, from the creation of man to the Revised Version. The lecture was very instructive, throwing much light upon the authentic history of the Word.

The oyster supper given under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian Church, at the home of Rev. Thos H. Kohr, was quite a success, considering the inclemency of the weather. The program of the evening

was well carried out, thus adding to the enjoyment of all. The violin solos by Prof. Morrow formed a very attractive feature.

Mr. Frank Hassler, living a short distance from town, expects to be in school after the holidays. His services have been secured in the foot-ball team, where he now plays left guard. He is a man of grit, and has the muscle to back it, weighing 201 pounds. The past record of our team is good, and now, with the addition of Mr. Hassler, success is sure to follow.

Mr. I. O. Horine was accidentally kicked on the ankle while playing foot-ball a few weeks ago. A bone was broken and a ligament strained, causing severe pain. His foot was immediately encased in plaster of paris. He is now doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances, and will soon be one among us again.

Mr. U. S. Martin, class '92, was out of school about two weeks, making campaign speeches in Montgomery County, in behalf of the Republican party. He is a successful stump speaker, and we think we can say, without fear of successful contradiction, that the election of Major McKinley was due mainly to his efforts.

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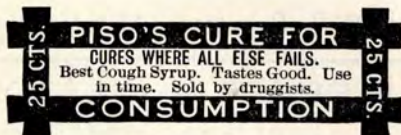
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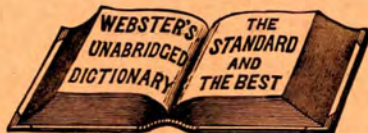
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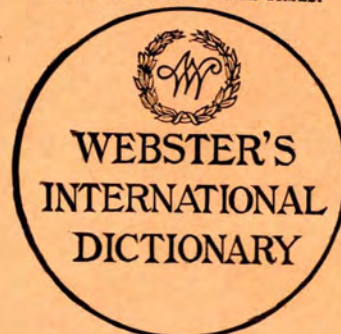
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