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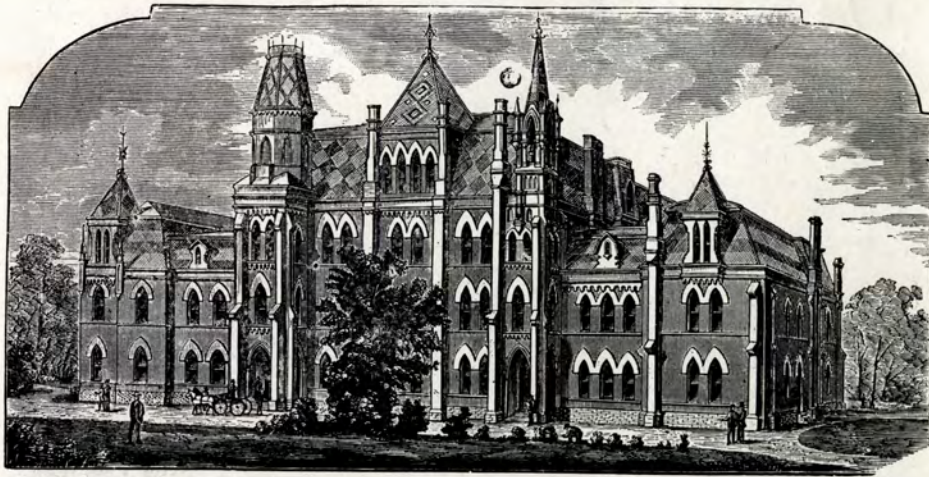


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EDITORIAL.

MONEY FOR MUSIC.

DOLLARS—TEN OF THEM FOR YOUR GENIUS.

It is to be regretted that we have no distinctively Otterbein song. Musicians of excellent rank have graduated from college, but have left behind them no melodious tribute to their *alma mater*. In order to secure a number of songs which the ÆGIS may give to the loyal-hearted students that now crowd our halls, we offer a prize of \$10 to any alumnus, alumna, student, or ex-student of the college who shall send us the best college song by January 1. The decision will be left to a committee of three who shall be in no way personally interested or have any connection with the ÆGIS. We reserve the right to publish all the songs we may select, with due credit to the authors. Let us have numerous responses.

THE ÆGIS begins its third volume under most encouraging circumstances. A general era of good feeling prevailed during commencement week, which the long vacation seems but to have been augmenting. It is easy to fight a winning battle, and such we believe ours will be during the coming year. We hope to keep our readers fully informed from month to month by fair and unprejudiced statements of all that concerns our college life. Outside contributions on special topics have been asked for, and will probably be forthcoming. Forgetting selfish interests, we shall champion the cause that in our judgment augurs the most good to the general welfare, regardless of where it hits or whom it concerns. The coöperation of all students and members of the faculty is very much desired, that the work in which we each have a concern may be advanced by the best known and possible means. Free and frank discussion is the only method we know of determining the truth, the object of our search.

To THE expectant youth who last spring fondly anticipated a return to Otterbein to find the A. L. O. C. pennant saucily floating from the tower of the new association building, there doubtless came a little pang of disappointment to see not even a foundation, much less a tower from which the prized streamer might be unfurled. Yet sure movements are usually slow. The little discussion in regard to plans has brought out some points that a more hasty decision could not have done. The needs of the associations are

known and have been taken into consideration. To erect a small and unsightly building for the sake of saving only a few hundred dollars at best, would be poor economy, if not a reckless waste. The same spirit in which the movement originated will support a building worthy of the purpose it is to serve.

THE spirit of union is in the air. Many minor organizations, especially of the musical order, are to be combined in two college organizations. Professor Kinnear is proving himself a man of his own ideas, and seems to have the determination back of him to carry his point. A chorus of thirty voices is already reading some very excellent things, and with the increase in numbers that may reasonably be expected, and a few months of careful drill, the choral society will be one of the taking features of the college. Like the Yankee boy with machinery, "there's go in it," and Professor Kinnear "will make it go."

In order that the library may be put upon a more substantial basis, the faculty have this year required a matriculation fee of \$1 per student. The wisdom of the action is very generally conceded. While the amount is of very little importance to the individual student, the additions made to the library by this means within a few years will be gratifying, indeed.

At a recent session of the St. Joseph Conference the interests of Otterbein University were presented, and heartily supported by the gentlemen composing that body. The strained relations that had previously existed, owing to the endeavor on the part of the authorities of North Manchester College to supplant the claims of Otterbein upon the conference, were happily adjusted, and there need be no further alarm from that quarter. This is a very encouraging feature with which to commence

the year, and our friends may well be gratified. We would not rejoice in the downfall of any individual enterprise, or be exultant simply because our claims have been secured where there was a strong probability of their being lost, but in the triumph of right there is reason to rejoice. As has been stated at other times through these columns, the multiplication of inferior institutions of learning without the authority of the Church, without responsibility, in fact, to any person or organization, has proven itself an influence pernicious in the extreme. Concentration is the power in these days that makes the wheels of progress go "round and round."

INCREASED numbers demand increased facilities. In no department of college is there a more urgent demand for larger rooms than is felt at the present time in the chemical laboratory. The board of trustees last spring thought it unwise to make an appropriation for another building, though the need was clearly placed before them. The present class in chemistry numbers thirty-five, while the laboratory will accommodate but fifteen. Plans for a suitable, though quite inexpensive, addition have been drafted by Professor McFadden which will meet the wants of the present classes, and will cost, when completed, only \$600. Here is an opportunity afforded for philanthropy which some person in very ordinary circumstances might well embrace. Would that these lines might chance to fall beneath the glance of some good man or woman who would take advantage of the occasion, and by the gift of a few hundred dollars erect a monument, not in marble, but in imperishable mind, and perpetuate a name through all time. It is not much as the world counts money, but to Otterbein University and the one who appreciates the opportunity, it is much, and of the highest significance.

OPENING ADDRESS.

COLLEGE CHAPEL, SEPTEMBER 7, 1892.

IN a season theoretically devoted to rest, and in the high temperature that has prevailed, I have not attempted to treat any subject exhaustively, lest the attempt should be only subjectively successful. There is compensation in being exempt from a restriction which the constitution of the State imposes upon the General Assembly by the provision that "no bill shall contain more than one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title." A desire to say that only which may be profitable forbids all attempt to persuade you to accept the result of any experience that is not your own. Probably in no other way has so much truth been spoken to so little purpose as in the attempts of teachers and others to enforce the results of their own experience, and thus to persuade their juniors to avoid paths which never lead to the happiness or the good to which they seem to lead. In this respect at least we tread the same paths our fathers have trod. Allurements do not lose their potency. Some truths of the highest practical value are concealed from every generation until they are learned by its own experience. Of nothing else is youth so prodigal as of time—time which middle life would clutch with a miser's grasp. In the bright and far-reaching vista of years which opens before the vision of youth, there seems to be vastly more of opportunity to acquire and accomplish than of things to be acquired or accomplished. I could tell you now how different the realization will be, but it would be unavailing. It will be unnecessary after a while.

It is true, if trite, that mental discipline,—the increasing of the capacity to accomplish intellectual results—is education. It is the first object of college work. It is the end to

which most of the curriculum is adapted. But collateral to it, and only second to it in importance, is the acquirement of knowledge. The lesson of the old copy books, "Knowledge is power," is not compromised by the admission that knowledge is less important than the ability to use it in intellectual pursuits. The educated man is prone to become an impracticable theorist, unless reading and observation have made him a well informed man. One is not likely to become a crank until he has learned to read and write. The uninformed, rather than the defectively educated, exemplify that a little learning is a dangerous thing. Education is the most important department of learning. Knowledge is its complement.

The purpose to acquire knowledge should not absorb all others in the selection of the books we read, but it should command all others. We know only as we observe and read. The field of individual observation is very narrow. The time for such observation is very short. The conditions of life are facts. So far as they are known, they are found in historical records and in the records of scientific and philosophical investigation. The best of fiction illustrates their importance, but it does not disclose them. It is not in Utopia, but in the history of the growth and decay of real nations, that we find the conditions of national life and death. The effective admonitions against wrong doing are not found in novels, where every reader knows that every writer, released from the restraints of truth, could reward vice as easily as he can punish it. Incentives to those who are called upon to exercise patience, courage, and will are found in a knowledge of the actual achievements of those who under like conditions have exercised those qualities.

Certainly much consideration is due to the literary style of the books we read; for whether it is within our purpose or not, we acquire much of the style of those whose

writings we read extensively and carefully. But it should not be assumed that this consideration drives us to the reading of fiction. I put the question because my information may not enable me to answer it correctly: was fiction ever written in a style more concise, scholarly, or attractive than that in which Gibbon, Hallam, Macaulay, Prescott, Motley, have written the truth? The first quality of a literary style cannot be acquired nor aided by reading even the best of novels. That is the quality of conciseness. Can you name a novel in which there are not words, sentences, paragraphs, and pages manifestly written because of the fear that the story might be too short? Whatever may be his virtues, the novelist is a thief of his reader's time. To denounce novels indiscriminately is sheer dogmatism; but the most conservative consideration of their merits would except only a few from the terms of a decree banishing them from all our libraries. To make a catalogue of those that should be proscribed would be an endless task. But the rules of selection would not be hard to state. It should include all that are so sensational as to offend against good taste, all that are insipid, all whose only merit is an exciting plot, and all whose sequels pervert the truth. When one is invited to give his time to the perusal of a book, he may with propriety claim the benefit of all doubt concerning its merits. Considering how largely the volume of pernicious fiction exceeds that of the meritorious, no novel is entitled to a place in a library until it has overcome the presumption that it is bad.

It would be interesting, if it were possible, to know how far the prevalence of extravagant and sensational fiction in literature is responsible for the prevalence of extravagant and sensational fiction in morals. Certainly we ought to face the truth and follow its lead with courage and resolution when we are laying the foundations of our beliefs upon questions of personal and public morals. Then, if at no other time,

ought account to be taken of the real conditions under which we live and in view of which we act. In the formation of such beliefs, and in the determination of a course of conduct consistent with them, the imagination is entitled to no influence. The truth alone is worthy of belief, and it furnishes the only standard for determining the rectitude of conduct. Our own good will be realized and our duty performed only by properly regarding the facts by which we are surrounded—by taking careful account of the conditions under which character is developed. Very much of the moral philosophy of the day—would it be extravagant to call it the prevailing philosophy of the day?—takes little account of these facts and conditions. It does not propose to work out our highest good, nor to accomplish our highest duty, under those conditions. It either ignores or resents the conditions. It denies a most important fact that is established by all observation, by all history, and by all analogy. That fact is the ministry of evil. It matters not what may be the conditions of development in the Utopias which the retailers of moral fictions may offer you; upon this planet we do either build character by doing right against temptations to do wrong, or we yield to those temptations and perish. The ministry of evil may be a mystery, but it is a fact. I do not know why the paths of learning are arduous, but they are. Perhaps an order of development might have been established which would permit one to spend his days and nights in bed, and yet become an athlete; but it was not. The useful and precious minerals are hidden far beneath the surface of the plain or under huge mountains, while the worthless relics of the glaciers are scattered over the surface of the earth. Why is it so? Why is it that the best specimens of men and women, physically, intellectually, and morally, are developed in these latitudes that are subject to the greatest extremes of heat and cold? That they are

universal observation affirms. If it is true that we live under physical, intellectual, and moral laws which ordain that only the fit shall survive, let us not try to shout the truth out of sight by stigmatizing it as cruel. We are doomed to toil, yet toil kills. The deadly damp pervades the mine. The stroke of the sun is fatal. Cold is the remorseless enemy of mankind. Death is hidden among the blessings with which the wings of progress are laden. It crouches in the boiler, and leaps from the wire.

It is scarcely within the possibilities of polite literature to execrate adequately those who would teach the young that the fundamental conditions of life and development are about to be revolutionized—that society will rise in its might and extirpate the evil that is in the world, so that it shall no longer tempt and destroy. See that there is in your moral armory a triple shield, and if you wear it nowhere else, be sure that you wear it when you enter one of the numerous churches from whose pulpits such baneful falsehoods are proclaimed. The worst enemy of youth is he who would disarm it by promises of a security which it will never realize. Every message to youth which promises immunity from the allurements of evil is incendiary, though it come from the pulpit. The admonition is, try and prove all things. Try them by the truth. The utterances of the pulpit are not exempt from this test. The pertinent truth is that the foundations of character cannot be laid too strong, for they will be tried in every day of the longest life. Cultivate to the uttermost your sense of duty to all to whom you owe duty, for you cannot anticipate a day in which you might not fall if your sense of duty were less. In morals, at least, we ought to have enough of character to abstain from lying when the truth will serve our purpose better. Do not suppose that your duty is so narrow that it can be performed by resisting one or another of the forms of evil. You will

cultivate character, if at all, by resisting evil whatever may be its form. The evolution even of the sciences that are most nearly related to the happiness of mankind opens new and inviting avenues to destruction. The recent discovery of cocaine, so essential in surgery and so beneficent in the medical treatment of diseases, has opened the shortest, the surest, and the most alluring known route to utter ruin. Do not be surprised if, when the power of this drug to charm and kill shall become more generally known, a handful of these sensationalists in morals organize a party, and with characteristic profanity declare that Jehovah is their leader, and announce through sobs and tears that they are a grand army arrayed for the overthrow of the cocaine power.

Water refracts the rays of light, and all things appear distorted to eyes that are filled with tears. If you are seeking the truth, beware of the witness, the advocate, the moralist, who blubbers. It is only by chance that an excited man teaches the truth.

It would seem to be easy to resist the irrational agnosticism which refuses to believe for no better reason than that it does not know. But it is necessary that voices of warning be raised against the influence of those who insist that we shall speak and act as though we believed that to be true which we know to be false. The most dangerous of all teachers are those who assume to know the divine will beyond its revelation. The assumption releases them from the restraints of reason. They give currency to error by blasphemously placing the stamp of heaven upon the base coinage of their own imagination. Since we are not charged with the duty of fixing man's final estate, it is not worth while to inquire whether they teach falsehoods wittingly or unwittingly. In the economy under which we live, native powers are forfeited by non-users. It has been noticed that from some of the animal species which

dwell in the lower and darker depths of the ocean the visual apparatus has quite disappeared. Why should we expect the power of moral vision to be continued in those whose home is in the realm of fiction from which the sunlight of truth is ever excluded? There is no analogy to warrant the belief that the truth will forever beckon to those who are joined to the idols of their imaginations.

Sincerity and truthfulness are not synonyms. Victims of moral dropsy, huge and infirm in advanced stages of disease, delight in the belief that they exhibit a healthful growth, and that they are real giants. Nothing could be more pernicious or incongruous to our civilization, than the schools of religious teaching and practice which assume that sincerity may supplant the truth, and that the emotions furnish the test of righteousness. First-honor graduates of such schools are the howling dervishes of Islam and the ghost dancers of the American plains. One who assiduously pursues a post-graduate course in such a school will soon be prepared to shock society by proclaiming himself the savior of mankind.

Do not cultivate the emotions. They are at once sources and evidences of infirmity. They are prolific springs of wrong doing. Their ascendancy is insanity. Cultivate resolution, and build character by the vigorous repression of your emotions. Repress them until you can sit unmoved in your pew while a teacher of fictitious morals attempts to mold your opinions or direct your conduct by appealing to the weaknesses which you have outgrown.

In morals, as in literature, the influence of the extravagant, the false, and the exciting is not fully appreciated until we take account of the imagination fevered and abnormal, and the conscience weakened from want of knowledge and turned away from the love of truth. In its literary aspect this cant is sensational and unfit for cultivated ears. It has no pur-

pose that can be answered by an adjective in the positive degree. It does not use adjectives and adverbs sparingly and as words of meaning, but prodigally and as intensives. With offensive irreverence and familiarity it uses the appellations of Deity and the names of things that are sacred, for no other purpose than to stimulate and prompt a feeble and halting rhetoric. I have heard retailers of this cant call it "soul food." If the stuff were within the provisions of the statutes which require that drugs and articles of food shall be accurately labeled, it would have to be labeled "moral alcohol."

Should statutes be passed to prohibit such literature and such teachings? Certainly they should not. True, it was recently found necessary to shoot a few ghost dancers in Dakota, but their religious mania had taken a homicidal turn. The authority of the state cannot repress evil. It can only repress those developments of evil which trench upon substantial rights. Within the limits suggested, evil and all its developments are a part of the inevitable, if hard, conditions of our being. The venders of pernicious literature and the teachers of incendiary morals will take their places, and remain, by the side of the venders of alcoholic drinks and the keepers of opium joints. These must be added to the hard physical conditions under which we are compelled to grow or perish. Of the physically weak, some will die by cold, some by heat, some by hunger, and some by toil. Of the intellectually and morally weak, some will become victims of alcohol, some of morphine, some of cocaine, and some of falsehood. You are responsible for every evil you commit or encourage. There your responsibility ceases. Formulate for the regulation of your own conduct the highest code of morals of which you can conceive, and have no fear of being too careful regarding the influence you may exert. Resist every encroachment of evil; but enter into no quixotic crusade to eliminate

it from the conditions of life. How swiftly the hope of honorable manhood must flee from him who believes that he is here sentenced for life to the performance of the degrading duties of a scavenger! With what reason could we expect lives whose opportunities and duties are thus misconceived to end otherwise than in the failures we see? He that loves life too much shall lose it. Do not become panic-stricken in the face of danger. Life has but one haven. None but an insane mariner would seek refuge from the dangers of a stormy sea by running his ship against the rocky coast which bounds it.

Here we are all in favor of higher education. Let us all become champions of higher manhood. A tent may be pitched upon the sand. The lofty and permanent structure must be built upon foundations of stone. Possibly a character sufficient for a fanciful existence from which the imagination has eliminated the conditions of our lives, might be set upon cant and sensationalism. The character that is sufficient in height and breadth and strength to enshrine our higher manhood must be founded on the truth. Do not fear to worship the truth. It is not forbidden idolatry. It is the Truth that in the beginning created all things that were, and set in operation the laws under which have been evolved all things that are. Bow down before it, ye who are mighty in your imaginations! Let the truth be your counselor. All know that alcohol is not food, that excitement is not strength, that exhilaration is not development, that the delusion of grandeur is not riches, that sensations are not piety. You will not realize the benefits that are within your reach unless you use that knowledge when you are selecting the books which you will read, the sermons and speeches which you will hear and heed, the associations into which you will enter, and the liquids which you will drink. Have you knowledge of an association which steals the time, excites the

emotions, starves the consciences, and dwarfs the characters of its members? If you have, stay out of it, or get out of it, whatever it may be called, whatever it may pretend. Do not permit falsehood to impose upon you by the names it may assume. Depend upon it, it will never hand you its own card.

It is often said that evil finds its victims chiefly among the noble and the talented. Do not believe it. It is of the stock cant and falsehood of moral incendiaries. Excepting a few of those who are badly associated in childhood, those who take to a course of dissipation or crime were moral or intellectual weaklings at the beginning. Do not suppose that when one enters upon a round of dissipation he earns compliments to his genius. He merely takes a step in demonstrating that he is a fool. Do not go upon any kind of spree. No companionship can make it safe. Do not go upon an emotional spree with your pastor.

The point would be made with more manifest propriety to the teachers of morals than to the taught, but it can never be quite untimely to arraign those who teach falsehoods to the young, hoping as some do, conceding as others do, that they will learn the truth later. Perhaps the most critical time in life is when one discovers that in matters which seriously involve moral considerations or the rectitude of his conduct, he has been falsely taught. How many have been caught and maimed in the recoil following that discovery! It is an artificial peril to which no one should be exposed. In the curriculum of the school for the development of higher manhood there is no place in the primary department, nor elsewhere, for the teaching of that which is not true.

If you are loyally devoted to the purpose of attaining the higher manhood which is the best result of higher education, enter into close companionship with the truth. It is the guide of all science, the end of all philosophy. It makes men free and crowns them. It

keeps the gates of heaven and shuts out all who love a lie. Are you apprehensive that you may be overwhelmed? Truth is the deck, all else the sea.

JOHN A. SHAUCK, '66.

BE THYSELF.

SHOULD you indulge me, I would venture the assertion that it is highly possible for every man to be happy. I am very much inclined to think that the glory which is to shine resplendently upon the man who deserves it, and the joy which he is to feel bubbling up within his own nature, do not depend so much upon the country in which he may live, nor the wealth he may have within his grasp, as they do upon his *manner* of living.

Wisdom has said that "life is real and earnest, and not a mere dream." So evidently, then, those who live must learn to deal with realities. Sooner or later there will come a rapping and tapping at the door of every honest man's heart, a grave and solemn thought. Without an invitation it will come and force us to ask ourselves this question: "How shall I live and what must I do that the most happy results may come to myself and to the world because I have lived?" But listen! As I make this inquiry I fancy that I hear faint commands come riding in upon the wings of every wind. They exhort me, if I would accomplish noble ends in life, to follow in the wake and to tread in the footprints of others, before me gone. The north wind sings of Xerxes; from the west in murmuring tones I hear the name Cæsar; the south speaks of Hannibal and Milton; while from the east the zephyr calls out the memorable names of Washington and Lincoln.

We meditate when these names strike our ears, and inquire again as to which one of these we are to follow; which one shall we make our guiding star?

But I am finally led to believe that these voices are delusive, and that these commands are not to be obeyed, when from above I hear a Godlike voice which seems to say that copying, imitation, and plagiarism are positive crimes and the sheerest folly. And this same voice seems to ring down through the corridors of all coming time, and to admonish wavering man with the thought that no one can improve upon the plan of following his own honest convictions, and being in all things himself. Scarcely can the myriad stars or countless sands on the beach register the number made miserable because they have striven to force themselves through the mold which has given form to some other life.

How many sprig orators, quacks, and pettifoggers are daily eking out sorrow to themselves and are blocking the wheels of our mutual welfare, because they will not abandon the notion of making themselves a second somebody else! With such men, those who have lived become their idols and their gods, and around these they revolve like satellites. But hold! if the past be dead, why not bury it and leave the grave? And if we have laurels in our hands, why not place them upon the brows of those who are still above the sod? Were not flowers made to make happy living men rather than dead heroes?

While men are estimated as being wise or otherwise by what and how they think, yet a higher authority has decreed that man shall be what he *does*. Therefore we rightly stigmatize the sluggard, the criminal, the idler, as ciphers among us. Shame ought to still their tongues, and conscience ought to drive them out from the presence of men into thickest darkness, that there they might crouch down and in fear and in trembling abhor themselves. That propelling force which drives one up the current of disadvantages, and the firmness which makes him brave misfortunes and failure, are the tests of greatness and the standard by which men should measure him.

The real man, the one whom we should honor and respect, is he who wins through honesty, by his own exertions, by the sweat of his own brow. Why have we all been created with a mind, a soul, a will, an intellect? Why has something of an individuality been stamped upon every one? Have these endowments been bestowed upon us that we might the more easily convert our lives into mere jugs, and make our minds mere receptacles to contain what others have produced? Shall we, for the sake of pleasing some idle mind, drive from our breasts that individuality which belongs to us? Nature seems to say, "No," and the holy order of things seems to declare that nothing ought to be so dear to a man as the integrity of his own mind.

If nature has made you different from your neighbor, neither ought to censure the other, nor should either be ashamed of the class to which he belongs. We do not despise the wolf until he dares to robe himself in the pelt of the innocent sheep. We admire natural differences, but it is hypocrisy that makes the spleen vent itself. Without wrangling the rose and the lily grow side by side. Each through its rootlets pumps from the same soil such nourishment as it needs to build up tissue and develop branch and stem. Both finally bud, burst, and bloom, each still different from the other.

But the beauty developed in both and the fragrance turned loose to the winds makes each the object of honest jealousy by every passer-by. So we can see that even the flowers contribute to teach man that each one is happily designed to be different from his mate.

The man who would plagiarize and copy or imitate is like the one who travels because he is not satisfied to live at home. His idols are England, Italy, and Greece, but he forgets that those who made these countries venerable did so by each one living at home.

He forgets that the axis of the earth does not change, and that the soul of man is no

wanderer. Then let us not rove; let us live at home and entertain our souls.

Let us be the subjects of our own honest convictions and the sovereigns over our own minds, so that we may bid all intruders who would enter to take the shoes from off their feet, for within is holy ground.

W. H. Fouse, '93.

THE MAN UP A TREE.

MY! I pretty nearly fell out of my tree when you mentioned girls! It was a sort of a charmed sort of a shock. Privately, do it some more. "It is better to be scared and be happy than to be happy without being scared." Saum Hall is gushing. We imagine the parlors of that "dear, lovely" old building will be somewhat distended ere long. Many of the older—excuse me; not that exactly, but more experienced lady students have kindly yielded their places at the hall to make room for new girls. Benign spirits! May their homes be pleasant as their lives are sweet!

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Fine looking? Well, now, really we wouldn't say that about ourselves, but then we recognize the truth of the statement when other people say it to us. Distinguished, too! Why, every little nabob and big mogul in the country has thought it wise to subject a son or daughter to the refining influences of our association this year. We are not funning now. Students are not only more numerous, much more so than they were last year, but the class is better. That makes wry faces among some of the old fellows.

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"Stick to O. U., boys, finish, and then go to Yale." That is what Joe Spencer said when he returned from New Haven. There is nothing like loyalty to one's own college. Every department ought to be "worked" like a junior prep for society. That means busi-

ness. It don't mean straight brains and no muscle, neither does it mean straight muscle and no brains. Happy combinations produce happy effects.

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It occurs to me there ought to be more attention given to the college library. The librarians should receive more for their services and make themselves more useful. Cases of books without a catalogue or a person who knows something about their contents, are of but little value. The college fathers, like Martha of olden time, are busied with many cares, yet the library should not be forgotten. Well cared for and well regulated, it means an all-rounded education; picked up in scraps, neglected, it means something else—a stone wall without mortar, for instance.

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Big music at Otterbein after while. We "Crown Him Lord of All" a little faster this year than last, but then what's the use of being slow about a matter of that kind? Somehow or other we don't seem to regulate the musical professor. More than half believe we need the regulating ourselves.

WESTERVILLE, OHIO, September 22, 1892.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from the mission field in dark Africa to a mansion in the celestial city our dearly loved sisters, Frances Williams and Elma Bittle; and while we see through a glass darkly, knowing God works in a mysterious way; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we, the members of the Otterbein Philalethean Society, bow in submission to his loving will, recognizing that he doeth all things well.

2. That we keep the bright examples of these two beautiful lives before us, striving to imitate the useful devotion which they manifested in leaving home and dear ones to hold up the cross to the perishing and to win souls for his kingdom.

3. That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and the secretary be instructed to forward a copy to the sorrowing families, and publish the same in the OTTERBEIN ÆGIS, *Woman's Evangel*, and *Religious Telescope*.

EDITH H. TURNER,
MAUD A. BRADICK,
MIRA L. GARST,
Committee.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

THE number of new wheels still continues to increase.

There are over a hundred new students in school this term.

Dayton has sent an unusual number of new students this year.

J. A. Barnes is unable to enter school on account of sickness.

Mr. McMillan has succeeded Mr. Dehnhoff as janitor of the college.

Rev. C. Hall, of El Dorado, Ohio, was here during the opening week.

L. J. Clark, of Cincinnati, a former student here, is in town on a visit.

Mrs. S. E. Kumler, of Dayton, was in town a few days visiting friends.

Mr. J. L. Morrison has succeeded Mr. Doherty in the book business.

Lebanon Valley College is now represented at O. U. by six promising students.

R. H. Wagoner, class '92, was in town during the opening days of the term.

Six new students have been received from Union Biblical Seminary this fall.

I. L. Oakes and wife, of Lane University, have entered the junior class this fall.

New boarding clubs have been organized at Mrs. Kennedy's and Mrs. Carpenter's.

Miss Myrtle Bucher has been called home on account of the sickness of her father.

Miss May Stevenson, class '95, was made happy last week by the visit of her mother.

Mrs. Emma Turner, of Lewisburg, Ohio, has moved to town and will remain while her daughter, Miss Edith, is in school.

The addition of the second year French as a junior elective is one of the changes we notice in our curriculum. A very large number have elected it.

Messrs. Mahan and Bower have, after an absence of a year, again taken up their studies.

W. H. Anderson and wife were called home recently to attend the funeral of Mrs. Anderson's father.

Canada is represented this year in Otterbein by Messrs. M. I. and G. J. Comfort and H. J. Morningstar.

The new residences erected in town during the last year furnish a number of excellent rooms for students.

The quarterly meeting of the United Brethren Church was held in the chapel on the 11th of this month.

W. G. Stiverson, with his brother and two sisters, has moved to town. They will all enter Otterbein University.

F. S. Minshall, a member of our junior class, has decided to teach this year. He will also take work in college.

Rev. C. E. Pilgrim, of Philadelphia, the "boy evangelist," has entered school with the intention of taking a course.

Mr. C. A. Dehnhoff, the former janitor at the college, has given up his position and again taken up his school work.

The usual interest is being manifested in football, and O. U. will be able to put an invincible team in the field this year.

A number of the students took advantage of the privilege granted by the faculty and went to the State Fair September 15.

C. B. Brown has returned to school again. While out he was engaged in the pension agency. He reports splendid success.

The class of '94 promises to be the largest class ever graduated from the institution. Five new students have entered the junior class.

Rev. S. M. Hippard, the former financial agent of Otterbein, has taken charge of the United Brethren Church at Middletown, O.

Pennsylvania has not been so largely represented for many years. Fifteen students have been enrolled from the old Keystone State.

W. S. Sackett, class '94, subscription agent for the ÆGIS, has not been able to resume his work this year on account of failing health.

R. A. Longman was with us during the first week of the term. He then left for his field of ministerial labor at Harrison, Ohio.

Miami University sends us a representative in the person of Mr. C. F. George, who will enter the sophomore class and complete his course here.

Although the addition of the English Bible to our curriculum has made heavier work, the students have taken up the work with a great deal of alacrity.

G. D. Gossard, class '92, was in town renewing old acquaintances previous to going to Union Biblical at Dayton, where he will take his theological course.

W. O. Baker, of Maryland, has moved to town to give his family the advantages offered by Otterbein University. Four of his children have entered school this term.

It gives us pleasure to note the fact that R. E. Kumler, class '94, recently won the gold medal as the best all-around athlete in the State Y. M. C. A. field-day contest at Dayton.

Rev. S. S. Hough, who graduated last year from Union Biblical Seminary, spent a day here visiting his many friends on his way to Pennsylvania, where he will take work in Allegheny Conference.

Mr. T. G. McFadden has received a collection of relics from Africa, sent by the late Misses Williams and Bittle, a part of which are intended for the college, and others may be purchased of Mr. McFadden.

The number of new girls in school this year has necessitated a larger number than usual to secure accommodations in town. We have no doubt that many of the boys will be happy to escape the terrors of Saum Hall.

THE OPENING.

THE oldest inhabitant never saw anything like it. Students fairly poured into town through the whole of Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, September 5, 6, and 7. They came by scores from every point of the compass. There were students old and students new. There were students from cities and students from villages and students from the country. Students big and students little, students young and students somewhat older; students of every description imaginable. The old chapel was well crowded with all this company and many visitors and friends, whose interest in the college led them to drop in, when the opening exercises were held Wednesday morning. President Sanders introduced Judge John A. Shauck, of Dayton, member of the Second District Circuit Court of Ohio, an alumnus of '66, who delivered the opening address. An Otterbein audience is always delighted to hear the honored judge, and on this occasion his eloquent speech well repaid careful attention throughout. We are glad to have the privilege of printing this able address in full in this number. The president spoke hopefully of the outlook, and some bright music was interspersed.

All Wednesday afternoon the offices were blockaded with young folks anxious to be matriculated. Naturally enough, it was impossible to serve all at that time. The wise old student stayed out and awaited a more convenient season. So the work of matriculating has lasted a good while, and even yet there are some who have not enrolled themselves, and others still have not yet put in an appearance in Westerville who will be here later. But at the end of a week after the opening the records showed a number of students exceeding by about twenty per cent the largest number of students present here at any one time within recent years. It looks now as if the year's enrollment would go

thirty per cent above anything the college has ever known.

The careful observer will need no better index to the genuine prosperity which Otterbein is now enjoying than the number and character of the new students. Their promising appearance and intelligent bearing has been repeatedly remarked. They are already making themselves felt, especially in the work of the Christian associations, where many of them take hold like old-timers. Good students are to be more prized than many students. Their widely separated places of residence indicate a steady growth in Otterbein's constituency, for they come from all parts of a circle whose circumference passes through Maryland, Canada, South Dakota, and Kansas. The whole situation is stamped with one magic word—*growth*.

The significance of all these things for the present is as nothing compared with their significance in regard to the future. They are laden with promise. Increased attendance means increasing attendance; widened constituency means widening constituency. We dare not say, for fear of incredulous smiles, what we believe the future has in store for Otterbein. But let it lie heavy upon the hearts of those who coöperate with the school that growing patronage means multiplying responsibilities, which can be met only if money is furnished plentifully for the enlargement of facilities. What an abiding shame to the Church, if Otterbein, amidst her increasing number of foster children, should find herself unable to care for all as she has cared so well for her sons and daughters hitherto. Shall such a thing be?

THE Christian associations' handbook this fall is a beauty. It is neat, rich, and tasteful, and crammed with information that is useful to old students and more especially to every new one. The little booklet is a credit to the

editor, Mr. T. G. McFadden, and his faithful committee, and to the typographers, the United Brethren Publishing House, of Dayton, whose generous terms made so elegant a book within the financial reach of the associations.

PRESIDENT and Mrs. Sanders and Miss Cronise spent several weeks this summer teaching in various departments of the Spring Fountain Park Assembly summer schools. The president and wife were of course among old friends, the location of the park being near Warsaw, Indiana, their old home; but this was Miss Cronise's first introduction to the patrons of that popular assembly. She won golden opinions from her pupils in the modern language department, and was from the first one of the most popular teachers there.

A VALUABLE addition to the college teaching force has been made in the person of Miss Lela Guitner, of class '92. Good teaching ability ought to be an inheritance with her, and we have no doubt she will discharge the difficult duties of her tutorship with credit to herself, her parentage, and her *alma mater*.

THE delay in beginning the erection of the new association building results almost wholly from numerous attempts at the almost impossible task of cajoling contractors' figures into the limits of architects' estimates. When bids are submitted, there invariably occurs a great discrepancy here. Finally, as the summer wore on, it was found that a contractor was bound to charge higher if required to put up the building at a rush—before winter sets in. Upon discussion it was decided most economical to put off building till next summer. It is hoped, however, that the contract may yet be let and the foundation put in before snow flies very lively. Meanwhile all may be assured that the movement has lost

nothing of its impetus. The building committee is enthusiastic and determined, and may be depended upon to push the work as rapidly as is prudent. Our new association building is as certain to come as anything future can be.

THE Misses Elma Bittle and Frankie Williams, whose deaths on the African mission field during the past summer have saddened each of our hearts, had both been students in Otterbein. They are well remembered by many yet among the student body who enjoyed the inestimable privilege of their personal friendship. Each visited Otterbein and bade friends good-bye shortly before she sailed. We all felt interested in them the more especially on account of these facts, and every one of us sincerely mourns their early decease. A suitable minute, adopted by the Philalethean Society, of which both were members, is printed on another page.

WE learn that four Otterbein alumni are now found in the halls of Union Biblical Seminary, at Dayton. They are Camp, '90, of the senior class there, and Kurtz, Gossard, and Wesley Bovey, all '92 here, and juniors there.

It affords us pleasure to hear that members of '92 are already putting in good licks for their mother school. Miss Flo Speer addressed the North Ohio Conference at its recent session in behalf of Otterbein, and Nolan R. Best spoke at the educational meeting of Miami Conference.

A DAYTON paper, speaking of the Y. M. C. A. football team down there and its schedule, says the game with Otterbein on Thanksgiving is expected to be the big game of the season. This in spite of the fact that they expect to play the famous Cleveland team on the Dayton grounds. Right they are; it will be a big game, and we will be strictly in it, we think.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

THE association is the center of religious life of the college.

OUR meetings are characterized by earnest prayers, short testimonies, and lively singing.

THE material for our new building is on the ground, and as soon as the plans are decided upon we may see our long cherished hopes growing into reality.

NO STUDENT will ever miss the hour each week spent in our meetings. If you do not believe it, just try it, and we venture at the end of the term you will agree with us.

THE associations furnish the new students an excellent opportunity for identifying themselves with Christian work and activity, and many are availing themselves of this privilege by joining. Let others do likewise.

IF our first meetings utter any prophecy of the interest of our meetings this year, the outlook is most encouraging. The new boys have entered heartily into the work, while the old boys have begun with renewed interest.

THERE is no place where new boys can feel so completely at home as in our hall. Whether professed Christians or not, you will always meet with a warm welcome, and may be sure the attention you receive there is genuine—a thing which cannot be said of all college organizations.

WHY is it that the professors are not more frequently seen in the weekly meetings? We assure you that we value your presence in the association room as you do ours in the recitation room, and we know of no reason why you could not help us in this work as well as in our courses of study.

WHY is it that members are usually slow about paying their dues? It should be remembered that the financial interests of the association are of no little importance. If

each member would come to some one of the financial committee at the beginning of the term and pay up, it would save the committee a great deal of trouble.

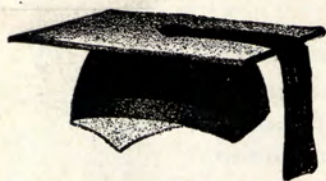
THE joint associations gave a reception to new students in the society halls Saturday evening, September 10, which was largely attended by both old and new students. Many acquaintances were formed, after which a short program was carried out. The music was furnished by the Otterbein Quartette and Miss Lizzie Cooper, class '93. A. T. Howard, president of the Y. M. C. A., made a brief but interesting address, setting forth the aims and purposes of the associations. All present expressed themselves as being highly pleased.

PROF. W. B. KINNENAR,

WHO recently was elected to take charge of the music department in Otterbein University, is a musician of fine ability and taste. He studied principally with the late Karl Merz, well known as composer, teacher, and editor of *Brainard's Musical World*. He has attended the summer music school at Chautauqua, N. Y., for the past four years, receiving instruction, private and class, from J. Harry Wheeler, voice, William H. Sherwood, piano, and H. R. Palmer, theorist and director. He taught six years in Northeastern Ohio College, Canfield, Ohio, and two years in Central Normal College, Danville, Ind., resigning the latter for the present position offered him in Otterbein University.

Says the *Canfield Mahoning Dispatch*: "Professor Kinnear is a man of great musical ability, and the institution can well take pleasure in boasting of its musical director."

Brainard's Musical World says: "Professor Kinnear is one of the most painstaking and conscientious teachers we ever met. He is a progressive man that reads, studies, and means it seriously with the art he teaches. Such a man is a valuable addition to any institution."—*Public Opinion*.



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