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EDITORIAL.

A WRITER in *Harper's Weekly* recently stated that if there were any men of leisure in this country they were college men. We think he must be very, very old, and have little knowledge of modern curricula to charge us thus. The ÆGIS boasts no extensive acquaintance with the busy, wide world, nor does it profess any knowledge of what men do who live and think in a sphere broader than a college campus. But in our estimation the average student knows about as much of hard work and long hours as other mortals. By such how pleasantly are these vacation days passed! Joy loosely reined runs through the gladsome days of Christmas time with careless thought. Dare we say this is life? It is the line upon line, precept upon precept, strata upon strata, joy, care, failure, success intermingled, that break the drear monotony and make exist-

ence service and service pleasure. Another year has gone, during which the ÆGIS has carefully watched the interests of its readers. It has been full of happy incidents. And now as the most of those in whom we are interested are surrounded by friends at home we close the year by wishing you a merry, merry Christmas and a happy, glad New Year.

It has for some time been a matter of regret with a number of students, that Otterbein has never published a college annual. Few colleges with so great a number of loyal students as our own fail to get out this souvenir of their year of college work, and it seems that the only reason for the non-appearance of this book in Otterbein has been that the financial risk was quite great and that everyone has hesitated about starting the custom. Once started there is little doubt but that it will be followed faithfully.

Much credit is due the class of '94 for having attempted a work of so great magnitude, and it is to be hoped that they will do the college, as well as themselves, great honor by getting out an annual of which every student, member of faculty, and alumnus may be proud. However the responsibility does not rest with the editors and managers alone; no such enterprise can succeed without the hearty support and coöperation of everyone interested in the college. This we think may be relied upon, as Otterbein students are ever ready to aid any enterprise which has as its object the advancement of their prospective alma mater.

The ÆGIS has ever attempted to encourage every undertaking which has had progress

for its watchword, and believing this step taken by our juniors to be commendable, we hope that they may receive the hearty coöperation of everyone in their work.

ONE of the most pleasing and profitable events of the college year was the "pianoforte lecture recital," given by Prof. Edward Baxter Perry, of Boston, on the evening of the 5th instant. The fact that Mr. Perry has been blind from childhood, and his entire education, both musical and scholastic, has been read to him, adds no little interest to his entertainments. Mr. Perry was the first to introduce this combination lecture and musical entertainment in this country, his aim being to make classical music more popular and pleasing to the average audience. He proved himself to be a man of rare culture and ability as a speaker, but it was at the piano that he exhibited the man to the best advantage. Mr. Perry's faultless technique and his realistic interpretation of the "old masters" won hearty applause from the intelligent and appreciative audience. This is but one of a series of entertainments which Prof. Kinnear promises us for the year. The college may well congratulate itself upon having such an able and efficient man as the professor at the head of the conservatory. This department, so important and yet so long neglected, bids fair soon to become one of the most popular.

COLLEGE spirit is an excellent thing, not overbearing, bigoted, and narrow, but cheerful, broad, progressive, and loyal. College authorities have learned that students possessed with such a spirit are the best advertisement they can send out. Vacation is a time for relaxation, but we should remember that we represent our college as no other agency can. The student can do much to break down any prejudice that may exist in his community against a college course. Do

not try to show yourself classical by displaying your Latin and Greek. Simplicity and common sense will go far toward making your institution popular in your home community. Remember, also, when you have persuaded your friend to attend college you have bestowed an inestimable favor upon him.

THE "Citizens' Lecture Course"—well, it's a success. The first lecture, on the unpromising subject "Great Naval Battles of the Rebellion," was magnificent in oratory and rich in instruction. The second entertainment, December 6, by Hon. R. G. Horr, on "Genuine vs. Shams," was so full of common sense, and so realistic in the portrayal of ordinary, commonplace life, that it was worth the price of the whole course itself. No student can afford to miss this means of education. The student patronage is good, but it ought to include all.

WE are indebted to Col. R. Cowden for a sample sheet of examination questions on the International Sunday-school lessons of 1892. Papers are prepared for both senior and junior departments. Two or three important questions are selected from the printed questions on each lesson during the year. As a means of encouraging closer Bible study, Sunday-school superintendents throughout the church should urge upon their scholars the importance of taking this examination. Each successful applicant will be rewarded with a handsome certificate.

WE thoroughly admire the spirit of the mischief-loving lads who responded so quickly to the president's remarks on the bell question. If repeated many times this kind of larking would be annoying in the extreme, and would justly bring the offenders under censure. As long as its purpose is fun and not malice, a practical joke infrequently carried out is enjoyable to all.

THINKING.

It is not uncommon to find persons who believe that education is merely the possession of truth. People talk about going to college to acquire an education, and since they find there facts, laws, principles, and truths taught and explained, they at once reach the conclusion that the possession of these is education and that its degree is measured by the quantity acquired. The same belief is shown, when one who has enjoyed educational advantages fails upon demand to furnish some fact in history or principle in science, in the retort, "What does the expenditure of all your time and means profit, if your education has not given you these things?"

There is something in addition to acquisition in all sound mental growth. Development in its simplest analysis implies two things, the consumer and the consumed. Multiply these two factors together and the product is thought. Since the first is the variable and the second the constant, the function thought depends upon the power of the variable. The first is the potencies, aptitudes, emotions, and will,—in short, the subjective. The second is the supply, or the objective.

Education implies the harmonious perfecting of all the powers. There must be, to do this, material for the mind to work upon. The facts, laws, principles, and truths—in a single phrase, the concrete and the abstract—are the material. The processes of development set out with sensation. Sense supplies the material which the intellect assimilates according to its own laws. Sensation is followed by perception, in which impressions are grouped together under the form of a percept. Next come the representative, reproductive, and constructive powers. The last, and the one upon which this article bears, is the general or abstract knowing designated as thinking.

There can be no thinking without some-

thing to think on. The various subjects of the college curriculum furnish this. We develop the memory by memorizing,—not half way,—by compelling it to wind about the object its tentacles and to cling to it with an irresistible force. We develop the elaborative faculty by thinking with none the less intensity and avidity. It must be remembered that improvement is the greatest when we have bestowed the greatest amount of intellectual energy. I have no faith in science made easy and philosophy in sport. A plan of teaching science by cards was once recommended to Sir Walter Scott, whereupon he remarked, "You will easily teach them to be fond of the cards; you will have great difficulty in giving them thus a taste for the science."

The student who takes the short and irregular cut to acquire the matter for recitation in his lesson, is not the student who is little by little, through sound thinking and rigid discipline, growing into a stalwart scholar. The prince must learn his mathematics in the same laborious way as the peasant's son; and is not in this partly answered the question why so many of our great men come from the sturdy and hard-working class,—men who do not quake under responsibility; men who have learned to combat and thirst after conquest; men who have learned that one difficulty beaten back is worth a score dodged; men who while doing have taken time to think.

There can be no more valuable habit than that of giving your mind thoroughly to your business. Those books are best which make you think. If you have not thoroughly thought over your gains, your stock of knowledge is but a poorly arranged accumulation at best. You may have some good things, but you cannot distinguish them from the bad, nor do you know when or how to use them. To do this necessary thinking, the factor time

must enter into all sound education. I have no sympathy for the supposed short courses to sound educational heights. They are incompatible. I do not mean to equalize native ability, but the strong as well as the weak must reach his elevation by climbing. What a difference there is between high intellectual gain and great material gain. The intellectual capital is a sure index of the possessor's life and effort, while the material capital may come in a single hour as a legacy and is not indicative of a single worthy effort on the part of the holder.

It is not the object of this short article to attempt any exemplification of the laws of thought. The thinker must come to his acquaintance with the art of thinking by indulging. Let the student take his lesson and shut himself and lesson up together with no possible retreat,—not to get a superficial idea of it, not to memorize it, but with a serious determination of mastering it. It is a question of life or death; success is life, defeat is death. In thought tear it to pieces, analyze its parts, put it together; if it does not fit, it is only evidence that it should undergo the same process with even greater scrutiny and tact, which the first analysis, if properly done, will furnish.

FRANK E. MILLER.

A VISION BY THE SEA.

I sat upon the soft, white sand alone,
When, o'er the opening threshold of the night,
The day, retreating from the shadows thrown
By coming darkness, vanished from my sight.
The rocks, the hills, the woods, the dimpled sea,
Together sang of Nature's harmony.

All earth resounded! heaven's echoes rang!
The deep, sonorous voice of ocean swelled
The breeze. The moon her evening vespers sang
Of peaceful nature, and the stars, impelled
By darkness, shot their yellow beams of light,
Like golden arrows, from the throne of night.

Softly on leaf and bud and field and flower
The dewdrops, like the tears of Isis, fell;
And balmy breezes blown from leafy bower
Brought perfume from the sleeping asphodel.
As from the ocean of eternity
The waves of glorious light roll ceaselessly

Against the feet of heaven, so did the tide
Roll at the feet of that grim-fronted wall
Whose jagged rocks the very sea defied
When by the tempest lashed, nor shrank to call
The vengeful storm king from his maddened flight
Wild through the gloomy caverns of the night.

Here, well secluded from the eyes of men,
Untouched, untrammelled, by the smoke and flame
Of worldly controversy, hopeful then
With buoyant heart and soul, to dream of fame
Outdrawn upon the future, peacefully
I sat unseen in thoughtful reverie.

Oh, how my heart responded to the sound
Of murmuring waves, thrice filled with joys unknown
Before. The moon's sweet light fell fair around
As falls a beam from heaven's eternal throne;
And like a goddess sleeping Nature slept,
While all around a peaceful silence kept.

Methought how beautiful, like heaven sublime,
The world wherein the being man might dwell
Untouched by care or ill, where death and time
Could never enter, there to work the spell
Of life's uncertainty. But while I thought,
Mine eyes beheld upon that barren spot

Of rock and sand a creature strange, with form
And look most wonderful. Nearer it came!
Within my trembling heart I felt the warm
Blood rush; then seized with fear, through all my
frame

A freezing shudder ran, and with a yell
Of terror, "Back!" I cried, "back, fiend, to hell!"

The vision paused a moment while I spoke,
With face uplifted to the light of heaven;
My voice the echoes of the night awoke,
And back upon my startled ear was driven
The words my tongue had uttered with a shriek,—
"Back, fiend, to hell!" At this my heart grew weak.

And, oh, how awful was that darkness cold!
Splash, splash, the sea moaned dismally. I rose
Once more; ah, true, once more my heart grew bold,
When thus the vision spoke: Let sweet repose
Rest on thee, child of earth; I come not hither
To bid thy heart within thy bosom wither,

Like yonder drooping shrub, a lifeless thing,
Nor to destroy the sweet tranquillity
Of this delightful solitude. I bring,
Like murmuring echoes from yon mountain free,
Sweet words of cheer, and lovingly would lead
Thy thoughts from self to love and worthy deed.

Thy heart was touched with what thy lips call fear;
Thy face was pale; thy feet, they would have flown.
But rest thy soul; these balmy winds have blown
Sweet perfumes from yon shaded valley near,
As o'er the hills of Zion ever fair
Is blown the scent of flowers blooming there.

Dost thou not hear the sound of Nature's voice?
 What peace above! what harmonies around!
 These shining orbs that circle round and round
 The high empyreal of thy God rejoice;
 From ocean, river, hill, and mountain high
 Ten thousand echoes answer to the sky.

Thou hearest it not? Thine ear's not made to hear
 What angels sing, for thou art man and heaven
 Is high above thee. Oft thine eye the tear
 Of sadness weeps, and oft thy heart is driven
 To shades of terror, such as felt by those
 Who bear the smite of hard repeated blows

Struck by the hand of life's perpetual woe.
 What voice hath called thee from the world apart
 To muse and ponder by the seaside low
 O'er these fantastic dreams of cunning art
 With which ambition fain would work unseen
 To that high state of happiness serene

Whereto thy soul immortal hence would flee?
 Childhood is past with all its fancies wild;
 Before thee nothing but the open sea
 Of life's futurity, with mystery piled
 On mystery,—seeming broader, deeper, than
 The thought how this weak mortal frame began,

And nature found existence where before
 Was naught. Closed up between two oceans vast
 Stretching through time to the eternal shore,
 One called the future and the other past,
 Here thou art found, unconscious of thy doom,
 Within the awful presence of thy tomb.

Yes, here thou art, born of this fallen race,
 A human being destined to behold
 Within the scope of age the narrow space
 Through which thy feet must wander to the cold
 Embrace the destiny of life will bring,
 When Death thy conqueror's crowned, victorious king.

And since from out the dust of paradise
 He who all things created, first made man,
 And bade within him joy and pleasure rise
 Like angel anthems when the world began,
 The proud offspring of Adam marches on,
 Living and dying, till the race is gone.

But hark! the wind! whence comes it? whence, I say,
 And whence thy life, thou canst not tell. Thou knowest
 But little of thy destiny and way,
 Or whose strong hand now leads thee where thou goest,—
 Conscious alone that thou canst feel and see
 A living something strange, that speaks to thee,

And bids thy heart, when sorrow doth abide,
 Seek comfort where life's sweetest pleasure lies.
 The joys thy heart would feel are not denied,
 Nor are the hopes that in thy bosom rise;
 Ambition leads thee on to higher things,
 And victory crowns what perseverance brings.

Stern resolution strengthened with a will,
 By weakness unmolested, struggles on,
 Till one last effort brings the wished-for thrill
 Of glorious conquest, and the prize is won.
 But if that will by motive wrong be held,
 Then right and justice are at once dispelled.

Where ill design doth righteous things employ
 To work deception in the hope of gain,
 Ambition fails, and grief is given for joy;
 Life's fall'n forever from its higher plane.
 Yea, many a bitter tear each day is shed
 O'er prospects blasted and a hope that's dead.

Gone, gone forever, are the joys they hoped
 To feel; gone, gone forever, and all lost!
 And blinded with false pride through darkness groped,
 Illumined only by the light which crossed
 The vision of their soul,—fair light which showed
 Truth's high conviction is the better road

When conscience holds it pure, untainted, free.
 Ah, child, bethink thee; hast thou not a soul?
 Behold! thine eyes are opened; thou canst see
 The light of truth reflected from the whole
 Of Nature's vast domain, and this pure light
 Will help thee onward in the ways of right.

In selfishness—though power, wealth, and fame
 Lift up the heart to feel high honors paid—
 Proud ostentation breeds contempt and shame,
 And vanity's by nothingness outweighed.
 If heaven stoops ambition's fate to seal,
 And in thy heart thou shouldst resentment feel

Against the power which made thy prospects fall,
 What satisfaction then would be thy gain?
 Or what contentment couldst thou find withal,
 Though vengeance strike and madness o'er thee reign?
 Behold thy brother, fashioned in his pride,—
 Manly he walks and with a noble stride,—

You ask him whither he is bound to-day;
 He answers, "Onward! to ambition's goal."
 He seeks for honor; thinks he sees the way
 To win the prize of his aspiring soul.
 His victory shines before him as the dawn;
 He reaches forth to grasp it,—but 'tis gone.

Oh, cruel fate! you say; life's little worth
 The living if perchance its doom must be
 So fatal to its dreams of happy mirth,
 And Failure bids thee turn thine eyes to see,
 Though blind, the utter wretchedness of men
 When honor's lost and never won again.

Seek'st thou the joy of one who feels the sense
 Of happiness is naught but worldly pleasure?
 Or dost thou wait to feel the recompense
 Thy years have earned, with nothing but the measure
 Of heart's desire and soul's ambition spread
 To hold the value left thy life hath shed?

If 'tis but pleasure sensual and low,
 Such as high folly to the heart can give,
 Then will thine eyes weep bitter tears of woe,
 For such delight will make thee worse to live.
 Perhaps for self you love the wealth of gold,
 Scorning the beggar, hungry, weak, and cold,
 To gratify that selfishness within
 Which drives the love of charity away,
 Living perchance with hope that you may win
 The happiness you seek for where the gay,
 Assembled for a night's high carnival,
 Laugh in their seeming joy, and say 'tis well.

You see the transient bliss such pleasure brings,—
 A momentary sense of poisoned sweet;
 You see the wealth and glory given to kings;
 You see proud honor, victory and defeat.
 The world's high pomp by wealth uplifted stands
 A gorgeous temple built by toiling hands;
 Before its altars, trimmed with flowers around,
 Some worship fame, some riches, and some power;
 From out its portals floats the mellow sound
 Of pealing bells that hang within the tower,
 Calling the world to find within its door
 The pleasures of this life and nothing more.

Nay, think not that true happiness is found
 Within the low, voluptuous pleasures of
 The world, nor dream that wealth can spread around
 Thee that sweet luxury of godlike love
 Supremely cherished in the hearts of those
 Who in it find true comfort and repose.

All doubt dispel; make faith thy shield to live
 Well armed against the weakness of thy kind,
 And with a spirit in thy heart to give
 What happiness to others thou canst find;
 It is not duty, but 'tis duty done,
 That makes thee worthy of a victory won.

Oh, seek then, if forever thou wouldst be
 A child contented with thy given lot,
 The higher realms of love and purity;
 Your life is what you make it in your thought.
 With love, contentment, peace, and happiness
 Man asks no more, nor wishes it were less.

And if within thy nature thou dost keep
 A sweet obedience to thy Maker's laws,
 The sorrows of this world that make thee weep
 Will turn to gladness; joy will ever cause
 A star of hope to shine upon thy way,
 And light thee on to the eternal day.

SAMUEL BINGHAM HUNT.

WESTERVILLE, OHIO.

THE BUSINESS MANAGER'S DREAM.

I had a dream the other night
 While everything was still;
 I dreamed that each subscriber
 Came up and paid his bill.—*Ec.*

THE NARROWING TENDENCIES OF COLLEGE LIFE.

The human mind has been so constituted that its range may be as wide as the universe or contracted to the limits of its narrowest environments. It may reach out to number the stars and to tell the wondrous tale of their wanderings in the heavens, or it may be as we find it in the ignorant mountaineer who knows no world beyond his own rocky walls, and has no power to comprehend even their beauty.

All this, we claim, is but the difference between education and the lack of it; and we have our schools and universities as proof and result of our longing for broader culture and a knowledge that shall give us to understand the magnitude of the universe and the wonder, yet the insignificance, of man. So we have come to look upon him who has pursued a collegiate course as one who has necessarily had his views of life broadened by all the influences acting upon him while in college. But thoughtful minds may well ask whether or no there is reason in this belief. Is it indeed true that the aspirations of the young people who gather in our colleges are being continually enlisted in the great struggle for progress that absorbs life to-day?

Dare any observant teacher or pupil give an unqualified affirmation to such a question? Have we not rather seen that a majority of the students entering upon college life have their interests narrowed and bound fast between those walls for years to come? We as young people just entering upon manhood and womanhood feel faintly the touch of a great world beyond our experience, and it thrills us with a desire for the knowledge of a broader life. We see but one way by which to attain this end. It leads through the long years of a college course, and bravely we enter upon it, for the gain which we see in the distance we count worth all that it will cost us.

But how do our experiences in college justify our hopes? On entering our chosen institution we soon come to know no other school than "our college." In less than a year, in the ordinary course of events, we eliminate three-fourths of the students from our circle of immediate interest and narrow it to "our society"; and before our course is half over we have largely narrowed society interests to the limits of what we boastingly call "our class"; and within this again there is almost certainly that yet smaller circle, "our set." We soon come to feel that the people who have entered other colleges are without the pale of our interests, that preps are ungodly, and that members of the opposite society are misguided or backboneless unfortunates. We are sure that if all young men and women were as enlightened as we are, other schools would be obliged to close for lack of students. We know that every other class in school is gazing with longing eyes toward our high state, and we look with pity on the newcomers who drift into a different set of companions than our own. And in the end, I believe that many young people have gone out from college with less that was genuinely broad and deep in their aspirations than they had when they entered.

I would not by any means be understood as saying that all this is inevitable, or that we may not, if we will, grow during the years of our college life toward the depth and breadth of true manhood and womanhood. But I would show that there are hidden in the influences which we so greatly glorify, tendencies that will dwarf and retard our growth unless we guard against them.

Literary societies, that much boasted factor of our college life, are perhaps the most strongly intensifying force of these tendencies. We freely grant all that may be said of the benefits accruing from the work of these societies; but it yet remains true that unless we

except the Greek letter fraternities,—a doubtful exception since these are a part of a national system,—there is no other college organization so contracted in its field of action as these societies, and by the very narrowness of their sphere they serve the more to intensify the feelings which enter into them.

Yet I am glad to be able to point out some influences which largely counteract, which may entirely overcome, this narrowness to which we are prone.

Chief of these is undoubtedly the leavening influence of our studies and classroom work. It is the fashion of the present day to decry the study of the classics, but surely no young man or woman can read with intelligent care the works of the ancient writers without coming into closer sympathy with the great soul of humanity, which has thought so clearly and felt so deeply in all ages of its history. So in our pursuit of the modern languages, of the sciences, in every department of our study, the same influences will have wrought their gracious work upon us, have we but permitted it.

Among our various organizations we have four, the oratorical, the athletic, and the two Christian associations, that tend continually to widen the scope of our interests. Two of these, the oratorical and athletic associations, are of special service in that they compel such a comparison of values as will usually prevent the students of any one college from becoming too greatly enamored of their own powers or abilities. But the value of the Christian Associations in this respect it would be impossible to overestimate. Already through them we are a part of organizations which embrace the colleges not of our own State and nation only, but of the whole world. Nor are the benefits to be obtained from these ties vague unrealities. Each year a college sends out its delegations of young men and women who return bubbling over with the new and broad current

set flowing by the representatives of so many institutions for the benefit of all.

Yet with all these helpful influences at work it may still be doubted if many a thoughtful student does not come to his graduation possessed of a vague feeling of disappointment in that he has failed somewhat of the high aim with which he started. Perhaps it is only that falling short of the ideal which belongs to the human lot, and yet I believe that if we would forget the things that are about us and "press toward the mark for the prize of our high calling" as citizens of the world, we would go from our alma mater with more perfect satisfaction than is often the case under existing circumstances. Let us remember that in the near future it will remain with us to make it true that

"through the ages one increasing purpose runs,
And the thoughts of men are widened with the process
of the suns."

MAUD BRADRICK.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Let every man be at the first meeting next term.

Week of prayer will be observed the second week in January.

The foundation for the association building is nearing completion.

The standing committees should be more prompt in their monthly reports.

Fully ninety per cent of the boys in school are members of the association. Let the rest fall in line.

Mr. Howard, the president of our Y. M. C. A., represents Ohio in a symposium on "Social Life," in the *Young Men's Era*.

The missionary committee has had several calls during the month to organize Sabbath schools. This work should be encouraged.

Prof. Zuck delivered a very interesting address to the association the 15th instant. He spoke of the biblical idea of God as a personal friend.

ALUMNI ET ALUMNAE.

E. V. Wilcox, class '90, has been elected tutor in Harvard University, where he has been attending school during the past year.

Rev. A. E. Davis, class '81, pastor of the Grace United Brethren Church, Columbus, Ohio, was in town looking after business the 5th instant.

Rev. J. I. L. Resler, class '76, pastor of the First U. B. Church, Altoona, Pennsylvania, recently conducted a musical concert from which he realized \$140.00 toward a new pipe organ for the church at that place.

G. L. Stoughton, class '92, was recently elected state lecturer of the Fraternal Mystic Circle for the State of Illinois, at a salary of \$900.00 and all expenses. His headquarters after January 1, will be at Bloomington, Ill.

Miss Dell Le Fevre, class '92, who is engaged at present as professor of modern languages in Fostoria Academy, spent a few days at Thanksgiving time visiting her parents near town and her many friends of this place. She reports her work very pleasant.

Judge Bowersox, of the class of '74, has just added further laurels to his reputation as a lawyer. He was retained by the prosecution in the Brown murder trial recently held in Williams County, and in his closing speech held the breathless attention of the large audience present. When in summing up the case and naming the witnesses he called for Arthur Brown, the murdered man, to appear, the effect was highly dramatic and made an impression never to be effaced. The judge is a finished orator.

WE are sorry that we were not able to secure a picture of the football team for this issue. We feel proud of our team and the work they have done, and bespeak for them the hearty commendation of all.

PERSONALS AND LOCALS.

The football training club has disbanded.

I. L. Oakes preached at Townhouse December 4.

R. E. Bower spent Thanksgiving at home this year.

C. B. Brown has been promoted to the senior class.

Judge J. A. Shauck attended chapel exercises December 12.

Just think of it,—forty in the chemistry class, and not one failure.

The "Ladies' Society for Church Work" held a social November 29.

The piano lecture recital given by Edward Baxter Perry was a rare treat.

This term had the largest class in mechanics in the history of the institution.

Ernest Barnard made a business trip to Cincinnati during the last month.

J. R. and C. W. King spent Thanksgiving visiting relatives at Bucyrus, Ohio.

Mr. E. B. Reed has been seriously ill for a week or two with neuralgia of the stomach.

J. A. Shoemaker has been detained in his room during the month on account of sore throat.

Rev. T. H. Bradrick showed his interest in the college by visiting several recitations the 9th instant.

Miss Lottie Kelch went home the 5th instant to attend the Hamilton County teachers' examination.

The juniors have decided to publish a college annual next spring. Editors and managers have been elected.

Fully three-fourths of the students have grades above eighty-five per cent, and are by an agreement of the faculty exempt from final examinations.

Prof. Zuck has been giving some very interesting readings from "Lessons on Duty" at chapel exercises.

Prof. McFadden did not meet his classes November 30, on account of the illness of Mrs. McFadden.

Quarterly communion services were held in college chapel December 4 by the presiding elder, J. L. Mauger.

The football game that was to be played by the junior class against the school has been postponed indefinitely.

The first junior public rhetorical, which was to have been held December 17, has been postponed till January 14.

Prof. Guitner has shown his progressive spirit by placing two dozen modern recitation chairs in his recitation room.

The United Brethren Sunday school of this place is practicing "Bethlehem's Babe" for a Christmas entertainment.

F. S. Minshall, a last year's sophomore, who is teaching near Central College, reports his school in a prosperous condition.

About sixty students attended the game at Dayton on Thanksgiving, and gave the inspiration of their voices to our noble eleven.

Mrs. Gard and daughter, of Oregonia, Ohio, paid her daughter, Mrs. Anna Jones, who is in school, a short visit during the month.

T. G. McFadden, class '94, was elected president of the Franklin County Y. P. S. C. E. Union at its recent meeting in Columbus.

The girls at Saum Hall were permitted to break the monotony of dormitory life by inviting each a friend for Thanksgiving dinner.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of this place sent seventeen delegates to the convention of the Franklin County Union held in the Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio, December 5 and 6.

Miss Laura Smith returned to town the 13th instant, preparatory to entering school next term. She will graduate with the class of '93.

The senior class attracted considerable comment during the month by appearing in mortar-board caps. We are looking anxiously for the gowns.

The boys who remained at home Thanksgiving disturbed the slumbers of our quiet citizens when they heard the news of the Dayton victory.

Union services were held in college chapel Thanksgiving, November 24. Rev. I. M. Brashares, of the M. E. Church, preached to a very appreciative audience.

Miss May Stevenson left for home some time before the end of the term. She was somewhat broken in health and needed longer than the usual time for recuperation.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the O. U. athletic association J. E. Leas was elected manager, and W. A. Garst captain, of the football team for next year.

Prof. L. B. Altoffer, teacher of mathematics and science in West Farmington College, spent November 28 looking in upon our school and visiting Profs. Miller and Kinnear.

Samuel Bender, father of Rev. D. Bender, a trustee of the college, and grandfather of Miss Alice, the professor of the business department, died at the home of his son on South State Street December 2.

Messrs. J. B. and W. E. Bovey, class '92, at present students in Union Biblical Seminary, spent Thanksgiving vacation in Westerville with their father, the Rev. H. A. Bovey, and renewed old acquaintances.

On Saturday evening, December 3, occurred the first public rhetorical of the senior class for the college year. Music was furnished by the department of music. The audience

was large, well behaved, and critical. The seniors as a class maintained their excellent reputation for dignity, grace, and ability. Their orations proved them skillful in logic and proficient in oratory. The occasion only proved that rhetorical may be made profitable and pleasant entertainments.

President Sanders attended the dedicatory services of the First United Brethren Church of Barberton, Ohio, December 18. Bishop Weaver and Dr. Booth were among the other distinguished men that were present.

The class in trigonometry made their teacher, Prof. Miller, a donation of a Christmas turkey just before examination. We do not know whether it had its effect or not; only two were required to take examination.

The Cleiorhetean Literary Society held an open session in the Philophronean Hall December 1. The excellent literary program was interspersed with very fine music, a string quartet and vocal octet being special features.

Mr. A. C. Flick, who has been traveling in Western Pennsylvania and New York as agent for school supplies since last June, made us a short visit last week. Mr. Flick will enter school next term and graduate with the class of '94.

Mr. Lewis, a native of Barbadoes Island, West Indies, at present a theological student in the seminary at Gambier, spent Sunday, December 4, in town, the guest of J. A. Howell. Mr. Lewis preached in the G. A. R. Hall for the Episcopal congregation.

"Turkey dinner, oyster supper. Sale of fancy articles afternoon and evening. Lecture and musicale at 8:00 p.m. Given by the ladies of Grace U. B. Church, at Masonic Cathedral, Tuesday, December 13." Such was the announcement indicating the courage and energy of our heroic band at Columbus, Ohio. Owing to very inclement weather, the enter-

tainment was postponed. The affair was in every way a success, and reflects credit on our good people in Columbus. They ought to have every encouragement possible.

A. T. Howard, the former editor in chief of the ÆGIS, has been called to Marion, Ohio, to direct the chorus in the First Presbyterian Church of that city. As an evidence of the excellent satisfaction he is giving, his salary has already been handsomely increased.

We are glad to note that J. B. Toomay, class '93, is able to do regular work in classes again. Mr. Toomay was threatened with total blindness, but the special treatment that he received in Cincinnati brought him through nicely.

OTHER COLLEGES.

There are thirty-three chapters of college fraternities at Cornell.

Wesleyan has decided to drop out of the Intercollegiate Football League.

Williams, Dartmouth, and Columbia have dispensed with commencement exercises.

Miami University recently conferred the degree of LL.D. upon Governor McKinley.

Armour Institute has recently been founded in Chicago by Phil Armour, the millionaire.

The Harvard museum will hereafter be opened on Sunday afternoon from one to four o'clock.

Washington College, in Virginia, has educated 37 governors, 8 United States senators, and 31 college presidents.

A movement has been started by the students of Denison University for the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building.

Chicago University has just received two more valuable gifts,—\$500,000 from the estate of Wm. B. Ogden, one of the early mayors of the city, and \$250,000 from the widow of the late Joseph Reynolds.

Football for thirty minutes three times a week, is compulsory for all undergraduate male students of Chicago University.

Students at Harvard who desire to do so, can crowd a course for A.B. into three years and get an A.M. in four years.

One man in 5,000 in England takes a college course; one in 615 in Scotland; one in 213 in Germany; one in 2,000 in the United States.

The Catholic university at Washington City is not the success it was expected to be. There are scarcely as many students as professors.

By a request of the alumni of the Ohio State University, the name of the *Wahoo* has been changed to *Lantern*, the former name of the paper.

The alumni of Princeton are building a fine hotel for the especial convenience of the graduates and students. It is to be known as Princeton Inn.

THE "E" BOX.

The following paragraph, now going the rounds, contains fifty-seven words, one hundred and twelve e's and one other vowel: "We feel extreme feebleness when we seek perfect excellence here. We well remember men everywhere err. Even when Eden's evergreen trees sheltered Eve the serpent crept there. Yet, when tempted, when cheerlessness depresses, when helplessness fetters, when we seem deserted, then we remember Bethlehem; we beseech the Redeemer's help. We ever need the rest the blessed expect."

ADELINE.

Sweet Adeline, wilt thou be mine
Forever and for aye?
If thou wouldst only stay by me,
My life a poem then would be,
And add-a-line each day.—*Oberlin Review*.

EDWARD MARSDEN'S VISIT.

Mr. Edward Marsden, a native of Alaska, and at present a member of the sophomore class at Marietta College, visited the Y. M. C. A. from the 1st to the 5th instant, under the auspices of the missionary committee. Mr. Marsden addressed the association at its regular meeting December 1 on the missionary work and its results in his own tribe. By his earnest and laconic style and pleasant manner he held his audience spellbound for nearly an hour. On Friday evening he visited the young men's literary societies, and played a cornet solo, and sang a song in his native tongue, at each to the delight of all.

Sunday morning he preached in the Presbyterian Church to a very large and appreciative audience. In the afternoon he met the volunteer band in the association hall, and gave some very practical hints on the requirements and preparation necessary for successful missionary work.

The crowning meeting of the occasion was Sunday evening in the college chapel. The room was filled to an unusual degree. J. A. Barnes, who had charge of the meeting, introduced Mr. Marsden, who then spoke in his usual interesting manner for about forty-five minutes on the life and customs of his people and the marvelous transformation the gospel has wrought for his country.

At the close of this lecture a collection was taken up for the expenses of Mr. Marsden, amounting to nearly fifteen dollars. No one could fail to be interested by Mr. Marsden, while the spirit of missions was wonderfully revived and the volunteer band encouraged by his visit.

W. C. C. O. U. BAZAAR.

The Woman's Coöperative Circle of Otterbein University gave a most successful Christmas bazaar in the townhall Friday and Saturday evenings, December 9 and 10.

Around the walls were arranged tastefully constructed booths,—one, presided over by the Widow Bedott and her three daughters, where "utiles" were sold; another where French candies and popcorn could be purchased; still others were Japanese tea stand, ice cream tent, Santa Claus combination, and stand for the sale of souvenir spoons. On large tables in the center of the room very many fancy articles were displayed. Excellent suppers were served on both evenings.

On Friday evening an elaborate program was presented, consisting of living pictures of Martha Washington, Queen Victoria, Empress Josephine, John Alden and Priscilla, Holland child, and Michael Angelo's cherubs. A Dutch romance was also enacted, and music was furnished by the conservatory choral society and the Otterbein quartette.

On Saturday evening Miss Ida Miller's tasteful rendition of a delightful selection, and music by the college orchestra, provided entertainment. The net proceeds from all sources were about \$225.00, indicating that the W. C. C. O. U. is not idle. Many other circles should imitate this worthy example.

A LYRIC.

Said Atom unto Molly Cule,
"Will you unite with me?"
And Molly Cule did quick retort,
"There's no affinity."

Beneath electric light plant's shade
Poor Atom hoped he'd meter,
But she eloped with a rascal base,
And her name is now Salt Peter.—*Ex.*

WE would like to quietly whisper to any of our readers who know their subscriptions to be due, that this is an excellent time to pay. You want to close up your year's business with your accounts all paid. Perhaps it has not occurred to you that it takes money to run a paper. We feel sure that a hint is all that is necessary.

"MIRABILE DICTU."

It was the beginning of the middle term. He had been a senior four full months. The dignity of his position increased mightily day by day, and it weighed heavily upon his natural constitution. His prodigious fund of wisdom, already remarkable when he emerged from the comparatively benighted realms of juniordom, had accumulated so immensely that it caused him great weariness of the flesh to carry it around with him. Bravely he struggled to endure the tremendous strain, but at last he succumbed. He could stand it no longer. There was but one resource; he must share a part of his overburdensome attainments with some one less encumbered by surplusage of intellect.

Most happy then was it that in such extremity he bethought himself of a chance of relief; he would hie him to some prep,—a new and verdant prep, forsooth,—and leave with him a part of the cumbrous acquisitions of many years, done up in original packages of advice. 'Twas no sooner thought than done. He searched out for himself a docile, an obedient, a meek-eyed prep, and came upon him suddenly like a football player seeking where he may buck the line. And the prep was much astonished, and supposed that Jupiter was come down to him in the likeness of a dude from Dudeville; but when he knew that he was a veritable senior from the front seat in chapel, he arose and bowed himself down to the floor of his dwelling place and said, "Come in." Whereupon the senior came in with a commanding presence and muddy feet. He laid one of his feet on the table and put the other on the stove, and deposited his presence on the small of its back in the prep's best rocking chair. Then he said:

"Lo, my child, thou art not yet of many days, and thy head has not as much sense in it as it will have in the sweet by and time that

may never get here. Now, therefore, lend me thine hearers and receive some advice from a truly wise chap of the former generations. I have come to tell thee many wise and wondrous things. Behold, when thou goest out upon the street thou wilt find a man who loves thee astonishingly. Go in the path of his footsteps if he goeth in the sensible way, but don't follow the other fellow into the dens of the Moabites. They will lay hold upon thee and make thee one of themselves, and thou wilt never know the difference.

"Beware also, my child, lest thou shouldst study overmuch. It is a great and grievous error to study whilst thou art in school, lest to thy discomfiture the professor should find it out and tell it unto all the reverend faculty. Rather thou shouldst aye recite upon thy cheek and say many sounding words at the place where thou knowest nothing at all. Then the professor will bring unto thee on a chip a grade of ninety-nine and sixty-six seventy-sevenths, and thou shalt be called 'the rider of the class.' And all the girls shall dub thee 'a brilliant fellow.'

"In the fall term and in the spring term thou shouldst not pay any attention to any of thy recitations, for thou wilt find it needful to play football and baseball all the time, saving only at meals. Otherwise thou wilt not get on the first team and get thy head broken or thy face stove in, when a picked-up crowd of kids beateth the sand out of the college team on the first match game. For how shall a man graduate and face the world unashamed if he have not previously been murdered on the athletic field.

"Moreover, my dear infantile protege, get for thyself a girl. Get thee one for good and keeps if thou canst, but if thou canst not, get thee a point for the term. Be not discouraged if no one will have thee, for if thou dost continue to ask many fair damsels, some one will receive thee,—some magnanimous soul that

wisheth to relieve the public of a standing nuisance. And when thy lady looketh upon thee with favor, be thou sure to call on her four times a week and twice on Sunday, lest she forget thee, and buy for her three boxes of caramels for Christmas, lest her heart beat cold toward thee. Only so shalt thou rise to eminence in society and not be thrust out into the outer darkness where a fellow has a mighty slim chance and the Saum Hall girls never come.

"In the winter when thou hast nothing else to do, thou shouldst devote much time to inventing new and unheard-of tricks to play upon the faculty and the peaceful citizens. If thou didst not, the reverend faculty would never know that thou wert still in school, and the citizens would never wake up from their deep slumbers. Thou shouldst occasionally steal the bell clapper and pitch it into the creek, and hang the professor's skeleton on a pole. These things betray the strong and well developed mind of the——"

But with one dreadful groan the prep sank from his chair and died.

DAYTON ALUMNAL ASSOCIATION.

Several of the students who were in Dayton on Thanksgiving remained over and attended the annual meeting of the Dayton Alumnae Association, which occurred the following evening in Summit Street Church. President Sanders also went down to Dayton, and was present at the meeting. The exercises were entirely informal, but very interesting. The president made an extempore address, speaking encouragingly of the present status of the school and its interests. Addresses were made by D. L. Rike, Judge Shauck, and others. Among the students at present in school F. J. Resler, W. C. Whitney, Charles Funkhouser, and Alfred Bookwalter were called upon, and responded enthusiastically and loyally. Fred Rike, of '87, was elected president of the

association, and C. W. Hippard, of '91, secretary. The wheel horses stood aside and gave the young blood a chance. To the membership, which includes all Otterbeinites within the Miami Valley, were elected besides others the following graduates of the last class: Miss Bessie Kumler, Robert Kline, C. R. Kiser, C. W. Kurtz, U. S. Martin, L. B. Mumma, F. M. Pottenger, W. E. Bovey, J. B. Bovey, G. D. Gossard, and Nolan R. Best. Special attention during the meeting was focused on the new association building. The Dayton alumni are deeply interested in this movement, and do not forget it.

The annual banquet of the association will be held this year on the evening of the 30th instant at the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Miller. These most loyal friends of Otterbein are well known in Westerville as the son-in-law and daughter of our honored Professor Haywood.

AD VITAM.

Darkness is, and light its absence;
Pain's the positive of pleasure;
Love's a pause in normal hating,
A disease of youth and leisure.

Calm is only storm upbreeding;
Happiness is lack of sorrow;
Life is but a void of waiting
For the death that comes to-morrow.

—Brunonian.

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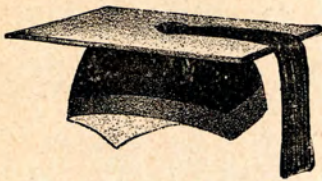
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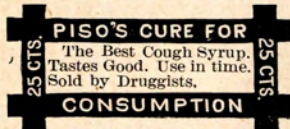
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139	Centerburg.....	Leave	12 09	1 00	6 08	7 30
145	Condit.....	Leave	6 18	6 18	6 40	9 42
149	Sunbury.....	Leave	6 26	6 26	6 48	9 49
151	Galena.....	Leave	6 36	6 36	6 58	9 58
158	Westerville.....	Leave	6 50	6 50	7 11	10 10
170	Columbus.....	Arrive	7 19	7 19	7 37	10 19
			7 25	7 25	7 45	10 23
			7 30	7 30	7 50	10 36
			7 45	7 45	8 05	11 00

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0	Columbus.....	Leave	Noon	Night	A.M.	P.M.
12	Westerville.....	Leave	12 10	12 05	16 00	12 30
19	Galena.....	Leave	12 30	12 30	6 25	1 04
21	Sunbury.....	Leave	12 44	6 39	1 18	4 37
25	Condit.....	Leave	12 48	6 43	1 23	4 41
31	Centerburg.....	Leave	12 56	6 51	1 33	4 49
36	Mt. Liberty.....	Leave	1 09	7 04	1 46	5 02
40	Bangs.....	Leave	1 19	7 13	1 56	5 11
44	Mt. Vernon.....	Leave	1 27	7 20	2 05	5 18
50	Gambier.....	Arrive	1 23	1 37	7 30	Ar.
55	Howard.....	Leave	1 28	1 47	7 35	5 48
59	Danville.....	Leave	1 38	1 59	7 46	5 59
63	Brink Haven.....	Leave	1 49	2 09	7 55	6 08
71	Black Creek.....	Leave	1 59	2 19	8 04	6 17
77	Killbuck.....	Leave	2 30	8 13	.....	6 26
83	Millersburg.....	Leave	2 49	8 32	.....	6 44
89	Holmesville.....	Leave	2 20	3 03	8 47	6 57
93	Fredericksburg.....	Leave	2 31	3 17	9 00	7 09
99	Apple Creek.....	Leave	.....	3 37	9 19	7 23
107	Orrville.....	Leave	.....	3 49	9 30	7 39
112	Marshallville.....	Arrive	3 05	4 05	9 44	A.M.
117	Warwick.....	Leave	3 09	4 15	9 49	7 25
118	Clinton.....	Leave	.....	9 58	7 34	8 07
124	Barberton.....	Leave	3 29	4 37	10 10	7 47
125	New Portage.....	Leave	.....	4 42	10 14	7 52
129	South Akron.....	Leave	3 42	4 52	10 27	8 05
131	Akron.....	Leave	.....	4 56	10 30	8 08
136	Cuyahoga Falls.....	Arrive	3 57	5 10	10 46	8 24
144	Hudson.....	Leave	4 02	5 20	10 51	8 29
161	Newburg.....	Leave	4 14	5 34	11 04	8 42
165	Eucld Avenue.....	Leave	4 35	5 55	11 25	9 06
170	Cleveland.....	Arrive	5 00	6 30	11 59	9 40
			5 11	6 46	12 16	9 56
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		

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