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## EDITORIAL.

EVERY student should read the article entitled "Skepticism in the Student," found in this number. The subject is one of interest to every college man; and the method of its treatment in this production is very practical.

THE article contributed by Rev. Lawrence Keister to this number of the ÆGIS has exceptional merit.

It bears an unmistakable message to that part of the United Brethren Church co-operating with Otterbein; but its words will be of special interest to our alumni. We trust that every alumnus, into whose hands this paper falls, will not fail to give this article a careful reading. It ought to arouse and prepare them for the "concerted action" to which it refers.

THE last lecture of the Citizens' Lecture Course occurred on the evening of March 10th.

It closed the most successful and profitable

series of lectures ever presented in the college chapel. The lecture committee is to be congratulated upon its choice of such lecturers as Joseph Cook, Dr. Robert Nourse and Prof. Jno. B. DeMotte. The other features of the course were excellent, but the lectures of these men were especially interesting to the students.

A lecture committee in a college town assumes more responsibility than a similar body elsewhere; for the thoughts expressed by lecturers before a body of students, who attend these lectures for study, will have a greater influence and a more lasting effect than upon an audience whose chief object is recreation or entertainment.

If this is borne in mind, the lectures on the course each year will doubtless be equal to those presented this season, which have been so well received.

BASE BALL is receiving due attention just now. The men are practicing regularly and there is promise of a good team. About twenty-five men are reported as trying for positions on the college nine. We need a first-class base ball nine; one that will compare favorably with those of O. S. U., Denison, Kenyon and Adelbert, and the students should see that our team is well supported financially.

The faculty has been considering whether it would not be advisable to limit the number of games this season, to five; but we hope they may decide to increase the number to seven or eight. This is desirable because the Athletic Association has incurred considerable expense in grading the athletic field, and needs the proceeds from the games to meet its obligations. Five games scarcely repay the men for the time and trouble of practice. The college owes



much to the part our men have taken in inter-collegiate sports, and the students should be encouraged to take active part in them. We wish other schools to know that we are living, and as able to do our part in athletics as well as in literary work and study.

O. U. WAS well represented at the Detroit Missionary Convention as will appear by the account printed in another column. While the various other religious organizations of the college are well cared for by the students, the missionary cause is not neglected.

A Volunteer Band of earnest workers is well organized, and is no doubt keeping the interest of missions more thoroughly before the minds of the students than is done in any other school of the church. Considering those who have already been sent into foreign fields from here, and the numbers that are now being trained for that work, it would be difficult to estimate the strength that the missionary work of the church receives from Otterbein.

It should be, and no doubt is, a source of much joy to the church at large, to note the progress made in every good movement at her oldest institution of learning. This should appeal strongly to her sense of dependence upon that institution for vigorous, earnest, consecrated workers in her various fields of labor. This fact alone, if well considered, should serve as a stimulus to action on the part of the church to remove the present burden of debt. The church should be as consecrated to the cause of the school to which she looks for recruits, as the young men and women are to her interests. Let there be an equal loyalty.

THE *Religious Telescope* now devotes an entire column each week to the interests of Otterbein University. It is conducted by Mr. S. E. Kumler, and is open to the contributions of all interested in the college who may have something to say in respect to its prospects or management.

W. J. Shuey was the first contributor and his article is reprinted in this number of the ÆGIS.

We trust the alumni of this institution will improve the opportunity to say a kind word for the old school, thus afforded, and further that they will have something substantial to back their words and make them effective.

In the same issue of *The Telescope*, Mrs. D. L. Rike has an article addressed to "The Men and Women of the Co-operative Conferences of Otterbein University," which is a very strong appeal in behalf of O. U.

The question at the close of the article is well put when she asks: "If we deliberately let this mother of all our education die, what are our prospects for usefulness as a denomination in these co-operating conferences? Shall we send the boys to the colleges of other denominations—good for their work as is ours for what we have to do—and expect them to come enthusiastically to Union Biblical Seminary, and from there to our pulpits? Now honestly, would you advise a bright boy to prepare himself for the ministry in a church that had no college—a church which had tried to have one for forty-seven years and then failed?"

PROF. JOHN B. DEMOTTE's lecture given here on the evening of March 10th was one of great interest and profit. Its subject, "Character Building," is a theme that cannot receive too much attention in an institution of learning. Unfortunately students are so often absorbed in the pursuit of intellectual culture, that circumstances are allowed to shape their characters. They think a cultivated mind will insure moral excellence. There are those also, who go further than this. They imagine it is a student's prerogative to be reckless and to indulge in dissipation to some extent. Indeed the tendency is very great to slacken the moral reins, as the intellect is brought under more vigorous discipline. There is a desire for relaxation, which comes very naturally and properly to students; but the relaxing process often fails to stop short of dissipation. The sowing of "wild oats" comes to be looked upon as essential to symmetrical development. Personal knowledge of vice and the ways of the vicious are deemed a means of broad-



ening lives and making men useful in the world ; but surely the earnest words and forcible arguments of the lecturer exposed the deceitfulness of these ideas. Doubtless not a young man went out from the speaker's presence but was convinced of the awful risks involved in indulging evil tendencies.

Any one upon reflection will see the necessity of self-cultivation of character. Without it no man is a true man and symmetrical development is impossible. The full consciousness of latent power and the assurance of mature manhood can be brought about only through this self-training coupled with cultivation of the intellect.

### SKEPTICISM IN THE STUDENT.

BY NOLAN R. BEST, '92.

There are certainly very few Christian students, especially of those who were already converted men at their entrance into school, who do not experience, at some time during the course of their studies, a disquieting period of religious doubt. It is not very surprising, I suppose, that this is so. With the average man his introduction into college atmosphere is an epoch, the genesis hour of his thinking. Oblivious of limitations, he thinks about everything that attracts him. Naturally enough, he thinks about his religion. But he is not long in discovering that, as far as his apprehension of it goes, religion is a sadly unthinkable thing. Christianity with him has been chiefly a matter of emotion ; such instruction upon its intellectual side as he has had, has been fed to him in scraps at random. Thinking through his understanding of the Christian system would be like promenading on the crest of a mountain range. Once he realizes it, no college man could be satisfied with such a state of affairs. In his faith he must supply knowledge. A time of re-adjustment ensues, when the soul struggles to match to the life within a faith-worthy belief without. It becomes a time of uncertainty and often of wild veering hither and

thither. In such condition the mind lies open to the inroads of outlandish theories, and demons that have been cast out of all sound brains elsewhere hurry up from the waterless places of their wanderings gleeful of the opportunity to dance high carnival in the tortured thoughts of a soul that has not yet learned the precious secrets of their exorcism.

Of course, experiences of this sort are dangerous in that they involve the possibility of infinitely disastrous results. But practically they are not so very alarming, for a young man of ordinary sense usually comes through the attack without injury. It is much like the measles, which every child is expected to have, and which may be followed by the saddest consequences, yet generally leave no serious sequel. The mental disorder, like the bodily, cannot well be arrested, but must run its course. The most the patient needs, in either case, is wise nursing to bring him to the crises of his malady under favorable conditions. But whereas the child sufferer is cared for, the young man ill of skepticism is left to take care of himself. He must be his own hygienist. It is in a spirit of much fellow feeling with the skeptical student, as one who has himself been through some severe seasons of doubt, that I set down here a few things which I think a college man should keep steadily in mind if he wishes to conserve his moral health under the infection of the unbelief bacilli.

I. First of all, he must remember that he is a man with a disease. The normal state for everyone is to "be fully persuaded in his own mind,"—not shut up against possible correction of his views, but calmly assured in possession of the truth. Unrest is unhealth. So long as a young man sees this, I count him comparatively safe. But if he takes the first motion of disbelief within him as a token of budding genius, alas for him! And if from thinking thus, he passes to boasting openly of being liberal and progressive in his ideas, he is already on the high road to at least intellectual perdition. Far from being a cause of complacency, it ought to be a matter of regret to find one's



self becoming unsettled. Though one should suffer with fortitude, he should anticipate gladly the restoration of his confidence in the essentials of his earlier faith. There is no credit in being a doubter; discredit only when the doubter loves his doubt. It is a grand thing truly to be liberal-minded, but a silly thing to blow a trumpet of liberalism before your face.

2. Let every man make up his mind to be honest. Let him be honest with his doubts. There is no good in suppressing them; the eruption had better come out. Equivocate nothing; shirk nothing. Force conviction nowhere. But be honest, too, with the truth. Set no barrier against it. Remember that in moral matters credence must be yielded on the strength of evidence; demonstration cannot be expected outside of mathematics. Be assured that, though there is nothing unreasonable in God's universe, there are enough things beyond reason. Recognize fairly every hiatus in your knowledge, and draw no ironclad conclusion from partial information. The missing facts may change the whole aspect of a case.

3. Cultivate a supreme love for the truth. Hate error abstractly and concretely. Truth is more precious than jewels. To find it is worth a lifetime search through all creation. Have a passion in its pursuit. But beware lest unconsciously in your mind this sublime sentiment is vitiated by a prejudice toward the popular idea, the heretical idea, the vanity-feeding idea, or perhaps the original, home-made idea. This form of temptation is so insidious that it deceives even the elect. It is damning. Counteract it with reflections on the beauty and the saving power of the truth unalloyed. I care not with what dangers life or death besets the soul; if you can walk close with the eternal verities, you are safe.

4. Fix it in your mind that as between the new and the old, special considerations apart, the chances are the old is the more nearly true. The body of belief held now by the enlightened masses is the result of the sifting processes of centuries,—of the survival of the fittest in the evolution of thought. Thinking is not a new

art, nor devotion to truth a modern virtue. The conclusions of a race are not to be lightly discarded. Of course the world grows, but not so suddenly nor so fast as the mushrooms say. Humanity progresses by the correction of its beliefs; revolutions of faith are infrequent. I am not saying that recent theories are to be summarily rejected, but trying to point out how foolish it is to conceive a craze for up-to-date notions.

5. I wish every student who is conscious of skeptical tendencies would inscribe in the hollow of his hand the wise man's admonition: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." When the understanding is seized with uncertainty, it behooves him to cherish every uplifting emotion, that the soul's instincts may serve it where judgment and reason fail. When the helmsman grows dizzy, lash the wheel fast. When God is veiled from your sight, press close enough to feel him. Cultivate your religious experience the more earnestly. Keep up conscientiously your spiritual habits. Pray much,—most desperately when you feel least like it. Study your Bible earnestly and long. Never mind what you think about it; think anything you must, but don't give it up. Attend church punctually. Be clean in your life,—more scrupulous than ever before. Watch for chances to be helpful. Make a manly effort to get some fellow to receive Jesus Christ. Seek association with maturer men whose lives adorn a steadfast profession. Shun everything that depresses your moral standards; it is assuredly of error. Truth is good and makes good.

6. Keep your mouth shut. Don't be betrayed into the defense of any unproved theory; much less undertake a propaganda in its behalf. To retail the cheap and crude impressions of a half-grown brain is to spread abroad willfully the contagion of one's own disease. Don't cut your neighbor loose from his moorings. He will likely go adrift soon enough. Share your inner debates only with friends who are able to help you into assurance. And of these count your God the chief and best.



7. Don't get nervous. Darkness and confusion may last long; but there is no benefit in indulging anxiety and impatience. In general, attempts to hasten the solution of difficulties are unprofitable. Questions whose decision, as you feel, would directly influence to-morrow's conduct, should doubtless be prayerfully and cautiously worked out to the earliest possible answer. As for others of more general nature, let time and life resolve them. You can afford to wait and go on living calmly the while. "In your patience, ye shall win your souls." Keep your windows open to all the light; welcome all God's messengers. Don't get in the way of God's workings for you. Don't tie your doubts fast to yourself. Make more of what you do believe than of what you don't believe. As sure as you are true to the truth and God, God and the truth will be true to you. Some day you will feel the rock once more under your feet and look up to see the sky unclouded overhead. Your faith may not be quite the same faith you had before, but it will still be centered on the knowledge of God, our Father, and Jesus Christ, his Son, our Savior.

## A BICYCLE TOUR THROUGH EUROPE

BY F. H. RIKE, CLASS '88.

### No. VI.

Arriving at the hotel, our first care was to send for our trunk. We waited for it the whole afternoon, but much to our chagrin and disappointment the "commissionaire" brought word that the trunk was not in Paris. Here was a dilemma, for our bicycle suits were almost in rags and our whole outfit bore many signs of long and hard usage. That evening when we walked into the dining-room where probably two hundred ladies and gentlemen in evening dress were assembled for Table d' hote dinner, we created quite a sensation and I am afraid we were taken for tramps. After dinner we walked through some of the prominent boulevards of Paris but decided that we must see the French Metropolis in "citizen's clothing," and came to

the conclusion that if our trunk did not arrive by morning we should start for Antwerp by wheel for there we knew our London-made suits awaited an airing. Accordingly the next morning we rode to the Gare du Nord and took a train to a small town twenty miles out of Paris to escape the cobbles and rough roads in the suburbs of the city. We found however that the international road from Paris to Brussels is paved with cobbles the whole way and that to escape them we should have to go in a more roundabout way and take by-roads; in so doing we had good roads and fine cycling. That afternoon we had a splendid ride through the immense forest that surrounds Compiègne. It is a forest fifty-nine miles in circumference and is intersected in every direction by magnificent roads. Compiègne is a very interesting place historically for here is a fine, old castle with magnificent grounds, the favorite summer resort of the French monarchs. The furnishings of the castle are elegant and costly, giving a slight conception of the extravagance and selfish vanity of its former pleasure-loving inhabitants. An old bridge in Compiègne marks the place where Joan of Arc was captured and a monument to her memory has been erected in the city square. We stopped at the Hotel de la Cloche and it happened that an English lady and daughters were making arrangements for rooms when we arrived. On a visit to Compiègne about a year before, the Prince of Wales had stopped at the same hotel, and the English woman finding this to be true, on the same principle as, "Let me grasp the hand that grasped Sullivan's," insisted on being quartered in the very room that had sheltered royalty. The landlady refusing we were treated to a regular scene.

Our journey the next day took us through Metz and Cambric and that night we stopped in Valenciennes. This country was the scene of the bloodiest battles of the Franco-Prussian war in 1870 and often fortifications or a marble column marked the spot where French or Germans had made a rally. All the towns were fortified very extensively, having usually three



sets of fortifications. Going toward Valenciennes we lost our way and had difficulty in getting to the city. There is a law that cyclers are not allowed to ride after nine o'clock without lights, but nine o'clock found us several miles from our destination, and we were in fear of being arrested. We were compelled to hire a guide at the outskirts of the town and walked our wheels to the hotel. A short ride the next morning brought us to the French frontier and there we had the exquisite pleasure of making the French custom authorities hand over part of the money we had deposited on entering the country. Try as we would we could no longer escape the cobbles and at Mons we purchased tickets for Antwerp. Arriving at Antwerp late that afternoon we proceeded immediately to our old hotel where we were recognized despite our rusty appearance. We called for our trunks and after donning our London made clothes felt like other men. They must have made a change in our appearance, for two days later when we walked into the hotel at Paris the landlady did not recognize us and we had to introduce ourselves.

As you know, Doc. had left us at Luzerne for a trip into Italy and afterward he had gone to Bale in Switzerland to attend a dental conference. We had expected to meet him in Paris, but when the trunk did not arrive we left word for him that we should return. Arriving in Paris Doc. met us at the station. It was a joyful meeting! He had gone to Venice, Rome, Mt. Vesuvius, to the dental conference, and then had followed us to Paris over exactly the same road we had traveled. He had tried to run over a boy (not a cow this time) nearly wrecking himself and wheel, but had come through it all looking ready for any number of miles a day and at least four square meals.

We spent ten days in Paris, enjoying them immensely. I think we saw everything there was to be seen and the longer we remained the greater the wonder of Paris grew upon us. You have read descriptions of Paris, so had I, but the beauty of the boulevards, the magnificence of the monuments, the public buildings, the

churches, all surpassed any conception I had formed of them. We saw the wonders of art at the Louvre, the masterpieces of the ages, we heard Wagner's opera, "Lohengrin" at the Grand Opera House, we went to the top of the Eiffel tower, in short we tasted of all the wonders of that great city.

Paris more than any other city has intense historic interest. Baedeker says if two years of constant sight-seeing were spent in Paris even then its resources could not be exhausted. At every turn are pointed out the very spots where deeds and crimes were committed that shall live always in history. These bullet holes are relics of the German bombardment at the siege of Paris. Here was a barricade where at the time of the French Revolution the mob held the military at bay. There at the Place de la Concorde (so wrongly named), the most beautiful square in the world, the guillotine did its deadly work upon thousands of victims, there many of the bloodiest scenes of that Reign of Terror took place. You may visit the sites of the Tuilleries and the Bastille, but the buildings themselves are things of history.

I had the pleasure of meeting my sister in Paris and together we made a tour of the shops and reveled in the mysteries of the Bon Marclie and Magasius du Louvre.

We had a great treat in seeing the celebration of High Mass at the grand old Cathedral of Notre Dame by a cardinal and the Archbishop of Paris. It is said that this ceremony is better performed at Paris than at Rome, and it certainly was very impressive and interesting. By giving a fee to the "beadle" (a gorgeous official in gold lace and a three-cornered hat and with a long ebony staff) we secured places in the "tribune" or gallery directly over the high altar where we had a splendid view of the entire proceeding. To my certain knowledge the assisting priests and bishops changed the cardinal's robes seven times during the ceremony, dazzling robes of crimson embroidered in gold and finished with such rare lace that even at a distance we could trace the delicate pattern. We of course could not follow the Mass and it all



seemed a very impressive and solemn yet hollow mockery to us. But down in the body of the church was a vast audience of worshippers whose devoutness and reverence might put to shame some of our own congregations. The solemnity was increased by the thought of all that had taken place in that very church and by the music from a grand organ that echoed and re-echoed thro' the lofty Gothic arches and columns.

We left Paris, August 17th, for Brussels and after spending a day there went on to Antwerp. We had our wheels to crate, our final arrangements to make for space on the steamer, and the day before sailing was a busy one. We went early to the boat on the morning of departure. I shall never forget the scenes of that morning! Our boat was the Friesland, the best boat of the Red Star line. Every first-class cabin was taken, while second-class and steerage were full to the limit. My interest was absorbed in the steerage passengers. They were loaded almost like cattle. They came aboard over a long gang-plank wide enough only for one, and each one was examined by two doctors before being allowed to board. They all carried a bundle, representing in many cases all their earthly possessions. Some were happy and seemed to hail their departure with delight, but others were sad. The dock was lined with the mothers, wives and sweethearts of loved ones starting out to make their fortunes in the New World. Their sobs and tears were distressing and it was a sad scene.

At last the warning whistle was blown, the final bell rung and the vibration of the whole ship told that the screws were in motion. We waved farewells to John who had decided to spend a month in England, Scotland and Ireland—and then we were off. After getting our possessions arranged in our state-room and having our seats assigned in the dining-room, we looked about to see who were our fellow passengers.

There were many pleasant people and we had a very pleasant voyage home. We had heard nothing whatever of the cholera during our stay

in Paris and Antwerp, and while we wondered at the strict medical examination the steerage passengers had to undergo, we supposed it was a custom. When we took on our pilot just off the banks of Newfoundland he brought New York papers that were full of cholera and further announced that Antwerp was an infected port and that the Friesland was anxiously awaited as cholera was confidently expected aboard her. The dread of quarantine hung over us and when at six o'clock we dropped anchor at the quarantine station in New York harbor, just half an hour before sundown, we found the bay full of detained vessels. We were detained two days and only by *half an hour* escaped the twenty days' detention law.

There was no cholera aboard, but the first-class passengers had to swear where they had been for two weeks before sailing. Our baggage was not molested but the steerage passengers were thoroughly inspected and their baggage fumigated with sulphur and steam at 215° of heat. Their clothes were ruined and the quarantine officers were nearly mobbed, so great was the wrath of the steerage. The time dragged along interminably, that is it did for Doc. and me, but for Irv., who was quite in love with the captain's charming daughter, I do not think it would have made any difference had we been quarantined a month or twenty days. We saw the Normania (whose passengers had so many terrible experiences) drop anchor, and never in the world were people happier than we when we were allowed to dock. To lay in the harbor with the lights of New York and Brooklyn twinkling at you and to hear the puff of an engine that was probably pulling a train *homeward* and then realize yourself a prisoner was maddening. The docking, passing our baggage and wheels thro' the customs was interesting and even exciting, and it was with a sigh of relief that we at last made the final arrangements and bought our tickets for home.

We bid the readers of the ÆGIS farewell and only wish them the good fortune of sometime taking a Bicycle Tour Through Europe.



### COLLEGE DAYS IN PERSPECTIVE.

BY REV. LAWRENCE KEISTER, A. M., CLASS '82.

It costs an effort after twelve years of absence from the halls of Otterbein to recall five fruitful years of college life which ended in '82. It is not quite twelve years but so near that twelve is nearer the truth than eleven or ten. No wonder those days begin to have a strong perspective in the unfinished picture of a life. Other parts of the enlarging scene claim more and more of the canvass and rightly to appreciate these earlier though not less important sections requires the exclusion of the present, the absorbing present, and the concentration of the thoughts upon the receding past.

College life is somewhat ideal. Its toil is toil, but a chosen and acceptable toil. Its associations are such as please an aspiring nature, especially at the aspiring period of life. If there be vigorous and constant effort required, there is also apparent result. Mind and heart are seen to be most susceptible to culture and most fruitful under care. With less to distract and discourage than in ordinary occupations there is more to call forth the energies in fruitful effort. It is a period of hope, a period of attainment, a period of success that need not be dashed by disappointment, a period of higher life and rapid growth.

The college which serves to foster the awakening mental and moral life of the young man and young woman ought to have a warm place in their affections. It ought and it will. It only needs to conduct itself in a way that merits filial respect and it will get it. On the other hand the son and daughter need for their own sakes to honor the college that has been the instrument of their culture. For their own honor and true welfare they should foster the relations that bind them to their Alma Mater, whose life they shared and of which they formed a part. Let them go forth to stand side by side with the graduates of other schools, but let them never be ashamed to name their own and never permit her standard to fall for lack of a worthy representative.

The student has a natural and commendable interest in the college which has helped him up into a higher mental and moral life. He is interested in her welfare and prosperity. Even her financial interests concern him. He does not want to see her usefulness hindered for lack of money or her future jeopardized for the same cause. How the meeting of the Board of Trustees was the occasion for most depressing reflections on the part of the students from year to year! The children were troubled about the parents' concerns, how to keep the wolf of want from the door, how to provide suitable shelter, how to keep the old homestead from falling under the crushing weight of debt. This was all wrong. Satisfied with the work of the college they were not satisfied with its outlook. They had a right to see stability, enlargement and natural growth, because of increase of means flowing into her treasury, and also the formation of a cultured community where the very atmosphere was an intellectual stimulus.

The student in his ideal world was a prophet and looked to see what could be done as well as what was and what was not done. He could see that the church which founded Otterbein was able to support this school. He saw that there was sufficient wealth in the United Brethren Church and in that part that assumed the support of Otterbein to do the work, to pay all debts and provide a larger endowment. Perhaps an older prophet could see better that what was needed was *concerted action* on the part of those who were responsible for this institution. If once, only once, the co-operating conferences were to offer as they can for the relief of Otterbein her debt would be paid and not less than one hundred thousand dollars added to her endowment. For lack of concerted action upon the part of all there must be *continued action* on the part of the few. It has been so and it will be so. No work dependent on the people can outstrip their interest and appreciation. They must value the college and its work before they will give it a proper financial support. What a mighty task for the educator, not that of educating the student who



comes eager to learn, but that other task of educating a reluctant church to appreciate her higher institutions of learning and to express that appreciation in dollars and cents! The task has been commenced. It has been carried forward till no one would think of giving "a note for one dollar payable in three annual installments," though many might fail to give the dollar on any terms. It has been carried forward till there ought to be found eighty persons whose devotion would not be overstrained by backing up that eighty thousand dollar proposition with the cold cash. There is need of an ardor that will say when this is done, "Now, what next?" In the work of the church men must pledge themselves to its success just as they do in business. Successful men do not simply *try* to get along and *try* to do what they have in mind, but they *get* along and they *do* what they propose. Otherwise there is little use in trying or proposing.

In and behind and over every church enterprise there must be some person whose head and heart and soul are centered on their work. That man may and must counsel with others and seek their help, but his work must be on his heart and mind. He is to be the very impersonation of that one interest. If he is a college agent the dollar mark must show on his face while the love of Christ beams forth from his heart. If he is a college president, faculty, students, and all are to be embodied in the man, so men may be favorably impressed before he opens his mouth to speak out of the abundance of his heart. If he is a missionary secretary his speech must impress you with the needs of the heathen, while his presence reveals to you the wonderful possibilities of a man who is saved by grace. Nor are these sketches mere ideals.

What gives credit to a banking institution? The name and character of a man. Perhaps a single man of unimpeachable integrity and acknowledged business ability. Even so in the church, men look for those guarantees, integrity and wisdom. This is the basis of confidence in the wise conduct of the business interests of the church as well as of the world. This is the source of that enthusiasm which never dies out in the grey ashes of disappointment, because it is "an enthusiasm for humanity," and is inspired by the Christ.

But our eyes have been wandering away from our perspective view of college days. We are looking upon the foreground of the unfolding scene and we seem to be waiting and wondering what shall be the next stroke of the brush. Will it show us an institution free from the dark shadow of debt? Will it realize the cherished hope of the past and the bright possibility of the present? Will it reveal the will of our God even the redemption of Otterbein? Will it work out a future of untrammelled and unparalleled life and growth and usefulness? May the God\*who inspired our fathers to found Otterbein University, who has preserved and blessed her through her past history, whose presence is in the midst of those who throng her halls to-day, may this our God lay the answer to these questions upon the minds and hearts and consciences of men. May the men who have inherited the work of our fathers and are the heirs of the past and the tenants of the present, who have faith in God and the cause of God in the world, who have been blessed of God and blessed for service and happiness in service, may these men lay the answer to these questions in the hands of the financial managers of Otterbein. O God touch our hearts and then touch the canvass of the shadowed but unfolding history of Otterbein. If it *must* be may we die in faith having seen the promise afar off. If it *may* be let us not depart in peace until our eyes have seen thy salvation. Teach us "to labor and to wait" ever bearing about with us the victory of faith. All things are possible to him that believeth.

#### Otterbein University—Its Immediate Needs.

BY REV. W. J. SHUEY.

At the last commencement, the debt of this institution was reported to be \$122,000. Its assets exceeded its liabilities by about \$60,000. The only mortgage incumbrance upon the realty of the school aggregates \$24,000. Its credit has been maintained by careful management and prompt meetings of its promises. For ten years past its running expenses, *except interest on debt*, have been met by proceeds of endowment and contingent incomes from tuition fees, etc. The interest on the debt alone each year amounts



to about \$9,000. This must be raised by donation pure and simple each year, or be added to the debt. This leak in the ship must sink it soon, unless stopped at once. The institution cannot carry this burden longer and live. One hundred thousand dollars should be provided; and *eighty thousand dollars* must be provided by the middle of June next, or the institution must go into liquidation. This fact need not longer be disguised. It is not best that it should. If the friends of the University intend to save it, let them *now* show their hands by pledging definite sums of *money*. Nothing but *money* will do. It will do no good to hope somebody else will do it.

Otterbein University is one of the greatest needs of this Church. Its products of piety and culture are like pillars of steel all over our denomination, giving it strength and beauty in all its multifarious activities. There is no use talking of doing without it or some similar agency for Christian education in our own Church. Give this up, and we wane and die. Who with a bit of spirit and gumption is willing to submit to this? Help! Help! Help! now or never.—*Religious Telescope*.

#### THE DETROIT CONVENTION.

The second convention of the Student's Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, which was held at Detroit, Michigan, February 28 to March 4, was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Oakes, Misses Stevenson, Bates, Michener and Messrs. Howard, Comfort and King. There were 294 institutions of learning represented distributed as follows: Canada, thirty-five; New England the east, seventy-two; the south, forty-one; the middle and western states, one hundred and forty-six. Canada sent one hundred and fifty-one delegates, the United States one thousand and thirty-six, total one thousand one hundred and eighty-seven. This number was increased two hundred by returned missionaries, missionary secretaries, association workers and others. The sessions of the convention were of an instructive and educational nature. One entire session was devoted to the preparation of the volunteer, taking up the three-fold preparation: the intellectual, the practical and the spiritual.

A study of the different fields was of great interest, the discussions being carried on by missionaries who have had experience on the field. That the convention was a success was evidenced by the fact that thirty-one decided to become volunteers during the meeting. That the movement is fulfilling the purpose for which it was organized,—a recruiting agency for the different denominational mission boards, is attested by the facts: The records show six hundred and eighty-six now to be in mission lands and of those in attendance at the convention fifty-five expect to sail within a year.

The deep spirituality which prevailed throughout the convention will not only tell in awakening a deeper missionary spirit in the colleges, but will no doubt have its influence on the every day life of the students.

#### Y. M. C. A.

March 8th the Association was favored with a "Character Study," by Prof. W. J. Zuck. He gave many interesting and practical thoughts concerning Joshua, the character that was considered.

This month closes the work of another Y. M. C. A. year, and the officers as well as the members are to be congratulated on the success of their work. President T. G. McFadden has been untiring in his efforts to make this the most successful year in the history of the organization.

March 15th the evening was devoted to the consideration of missionary work. Rev. J. K. Miller, who has spent several years in Africa, addressed the Association, calling particular attention to African life and customs. The address was interesting and full of information. The Association may be considered fortunate for having the privilege of hearing one who is so well informed with reference to African life.

#### Y. W. C. A.

Miss Hill, General Secretary of the Toledo City Association, has offered herself as a volunteer missionary and will probably go to a foreign



field this year. Miss Hill will be remembered as visiting our Association in the fall term of '92.

Misses May Stevenson, Mary Michener, Zella Bates and Mrs. Alice Oakes attended the International Convention of the Volunteer Mission Band held at Detroit last month.

The regular prayer hour Tuesday evening, 13th inst., was given to the reports of the delegates to the Detroit convention. The reports covering the thoughts from so many great missionary souls made an interesting evening.

The Missionary Committee arranged a unique program for the usual monthly missionary meeting the evening of the 20th inst. Five five-minute talks on five noted characters were to be given by five young ladies, but owing to a deficiency of time a part had to be left over till next month. Miss Lambert gave a review of the life of Dr. Moffatt, the noted African missionary. The life of the great Chinese missionary, Robert Morrison, was presented by Miss Michener. A quartet rendered a song full of mission spirit. The meeting was conducted by Miss Newel, chairman of the Missionary Committee.

The annual election of officers for the ensuing year occurred Tuesday evening, Feb. 27, resulting as follows: President, Ada Lewis; Vice President, Alma Guitner; Recording Secretary, Alice Cook; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Anna Jones; Treasurer, Nellie Snively. Reports of retiring officers and committee chairmen were given at the regular meeting March 20. The past year's work has been one of which we have all reasons to rejoice. The work has been nearly up to the standard in every department. The cabinet was composed of earnest faithful members who went to their work with interest. The retiring president, Miss Yothers, has shown her executive ability and Association spirit by the excellent administration she has just closed.

#### LOCALS.

Prof. Zuck did not hear his classes on March 12th.

Messrs. Bower and Bear spent vacation at their homes.

Mr. Orray D. Zuck was to Columbus on Saturday, March 10.

Mr. E. J. Blackburn was to the city recently to see the sights.

Mr. Earl Ammon received a visit from his brother during the month.

Miss Dora McCammett, of Galena, visited Miss Eugene Landis recently.

Mr. Guy McKabe, of Columbus, paid friends in town a visit, the other day.

Rev. J. W. Miller conducted chapel exercises, Friday morning, March 16th inst.

Miss Martha Lewis will visit friends in Cincinnati during the spring vacation.

Misses Lutie Riebel and Catherine Cover will spend their spring vacation at home.

Miss Daisy Riggle, of Columbus, was the guest of the Misses Cornell, recently.

The athletic grounds have been leveled and graded and are now in good condition.

Miss Ada Lewis has returned home from Columbus where she has been visiting friends.

Mr. G. D. Needy was in Columbus on important business, the afternoon of the 10th inst.

Miss Ziegler, of Columbus, was the guest of Miss Helen Schauk for a few days, last week.

Dr. Garst and Prof. Zuck left Monday, the 19th inst., for Tiffin, Ohio, in the interest of the college.

Messrs. Kintigh and Riebel with their lady friends were yachting on the river last Saturday night.

Mr. O. B. Thuma, of Johnsville, was in town, recently for a few days renewing old acquaintances.

Miss Katharine Thomas spent the spring vacation at the home of her friend, Miss Katharine Cover.

The sugar camp just south of town has been a great attraction to some of the students this season.



Miss Anna Knapp and Mr. Frank Clements spent Sunday, March 18, at Columbus visiting friends.

Miss Cora Williamson of Saum Hall has been called home on account of the sickness of her mother.

Pres. Kumler, of Avalon College, was here and conducted chapel exercises on the morning of the 11th.

Miss Landon, of Columbus, O., paid Miss Barnes, Principal of the Ladies' Department, a visit recently.

The motto of the Thompson club is very fitting and suggestive: "*Sic semper mackaroni, komme soon no git oni.*"

Messrs. Chas. Funkhouser and C. B. Wescoat were both confined to their rooms a few days this month, on account of sickness.

Weinland's Band has purchased a new tuba. The band is progressing finely and are arranging for a concert in the near future.

The Seniors will wear caps and gowus during the spring term. This is a new departure at O. U., but is a step in the right direction.

Mr. Byron Evans, of Johnstown, Pa., now attending medical school at Columbus, was the guest of Mr. John Thomas, over Sunday.

R. A. Longman, whose ad. appears in this number of the Ægis, will be located in our city this summer and work the life insurance.

Messrs. Matthews and Richer spent last Saturday fishing in Alum creek. They returned home in the evening hungry and disappointed.

Mrs. Viola Lumsford, of Kansas, lectured on the subject of temperance, in the college chapel, both morning and evening of March 11th.

Either the unrelenting fates or cruel Juno must have it in for the gown which Mr. Needy had in his possession but a couple of hours.

Mr. Noah Mumma left on the 20th inst. for a short visit to his home, near Dayton, O., and to attend the County examination while there.

Miss Mary De Armond, who was compelled to leave school last term on account of ill health, has returned and will resume her studies next term.

Mr. Winnie Cuver is confined to his room on account of sickness. Mr. Cuver had just returned to school, having been called home by the sickness of his mother.

G. D. Gohn left for home on the 23d, and does not expect to be in school again. We are sorry to announce this, as Mr. Gohn was a good conscientious student while here and stood well in his classes.

Dr. Garst made a few very appropriate remarks in chapel the other morning. The idea that a college course is not complete without "night-raiding" and other things of a similar nature should be discouraged by every honest student.

The following poetical effusion has been contributed with request to publish:

The Freshmen had a party.  
A Prep he had a gun  
Bender had a bull-dog,  
And now he ain't got none.

Matthews got his hair cut  
Mirabile to say  
He used to flunk per Livy  
But now he flunks per se.

On Saturday evening, March 10th, the Hon. Jno. B. DeMotte gave his illustrated lecture in the college chapel, on The Harp of the Senses; or the Secret of Character Building. The lecture was very instructive and was heartily appreciated by the large audience. This was the last of six entertainments given by the Citizens' Lecture Course, all of which reflect much credit on the management.

After the lecture by Mr. King, a reception was given him in the Philophronean Hall. Miss Lizzie Cooper played a piano solo, after which Mr. King was introduced and entertained the guests in a most enjoyable manner for a short while. We were only sorry that the lateness of the hour would not permit him to talk longer. A quartette, consisting of Mrs. Rowland, Miss Brashares, and Prof. E. D. Resler and A. D. Riggle rendered a very pretty selection accompanied by Miss Cooper.

Byron W. King, principal of King's School of Oratory and Elocution, Pittsburg, Pa., gave one of his famous entertainments in the College Chapel on the evening of the 20th. Mr. King is a man of strong personality, and his very ap-



pearance inspires an audience. In elocution and oratory, he is a master. These qualities, combined with the original wit that he weaves into his entertainment, enables him to hold an audience contented longer than the average speaker. The selections he rendered from Shakespeare and The Chariot Race from Ben Hur have been spoken of in the highest terms. Considering the interest Mr. King has created in Westerville, it would certainly be no mistake to give him a place on the regular lecture course for next year.

"Shall I brain him?" cried the hazer.  
And the victim's courage fled.  
"You can't, it is a Freshman,  
Just hit it on the head."—Ex.

The Philaethean ladies gave their open session for the winter on the evening of March 15. They presented a very entertaining program. Miss Laura Ingalls exercised her descriptive powers in a very interesting manner, giving the audience "A Glimpse of Wellesley." Miss Lenore Good chose a very happy line of thought for her Reverie. She related her dream of better days for Otterbein in a manner that commanded

the strict attention of so many who are hoping that it may all soon be a reality. From Jest to Earnest was the subject of a Book Review, by Miss Alma Guitner. She gave a brief sketch of E. P. Roe as a preacher and writer, and then entertained the audience in very pleasing terms with the story of the above named book. Miss Lulu Baker read a very neatly written story on the subject, One Talent. It possessed merit for the fact that it was an interesting story without the usual "love scene." The paper edited by Miss Katherine Thomas, was a good large one and contained interesting matter of a varied character. It also contained many new jokes and old points. The music consisted of chorus by the society, and solos and duets, both vocal and instrumental, which was a pleasing feature of the program.

The bluffs are steep and wild and high  
That line St. Gothard's Pass,  
But think of those awful, awful bluffs  
That the Juniors make in class.

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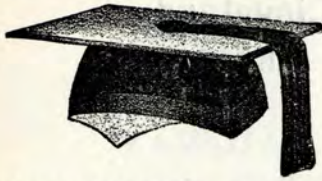
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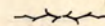


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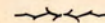
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