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OTTERBEIN TOWERS

MAY, 1940

Commencement Issue

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE

Commencement Program

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Ninety-Third Year — Eighty-Fourth Commencement

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

3:00 P.M.—Exhibit, Department of Fine Arts.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

1:30 P.M.—Meeting of Board of Trustees

5:00 P.M.—Phi Sigma Iota Dinner

8:00 P.M.—Reception by President and Mrs. Howe to Senior Class and Friends, Cochran Hall

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

ALUMNI DAY

8:00 A.M.—Quiz and Quill Breakfast

8:00 A.M.—Chaucer Club Breakfast

8:00 A.M.—Phi Kappa Delta Breakfast

9:00 A.M.—Meeting of Board of Trustees

12:00 M. —Class Reunions

2:00 P.M.—Senior Class Day Program.

3:00 P.M.—Cleiorhetean Tea

3:00 P.M.—Philalethean Tea

3:00 P.M.—Meeting of Alumni Council

5:30 P.M.—Alumni Dinner, United Brethren Church

8:00 P.M.—Theta Alpha Phi Play—"A Full House," by Fred Jackson

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

10:45 A.M.—Baccalaureate Service. Sermon by President J. Ruskin Howe
Subject—"Life's Backstairs."

8:30 P.M.—Concert by School of Music.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

8:00 A.M.—Theta Alpha Phi Breakfast

10:00 A.M.—EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT. Speaker, Mr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, D.D., LL.D., Litt.D., Pastor, Central Woodward Christian Church, Detroit, Michigan. Subject—"All This, and Heaven Too"

Commencement Speaker Chosen

Dr. Edward Dewitt Jones To Address Seniors

OTTERBEIN'S senior class of 1940 will hear their commencement address delivered by one who describes himself as "a Texan by birth, an Ohioan by residence, a Missourian by adoption, a Kentuckian by marriage, an Illinoisian by citizenship, and a Detroiter by process of dynamiting."

Dr. Edward D. Jones, the speaker in question, was educated in Western College, Missouri State University, and Transylvania College in Lexington, Kentucky. In 1915 D.D. was conferred upon him by Illinois Wesleyan University. He received Litt.D. from Culver-Stockton (1932), Transylvania (1934), Bethany (1937), and Texas Christian University (1938); and LL.D. from Lincoln Memorial University in 1932.

Abandoning the study of law, in 1901 he entered the ministry of the Disciples of Christ and held brief pastorates in Kentucky, Ohio, and Illinois. Dr. Jones is now in his twentieth year in Detroit, where under his ministry was built the Central Woodward Christian Church, a Gothic structure of great beauty. In 1937 he attended the World Conferences at Oxford, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland, as president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America to which office he was elected in December, 1936, to serve for the years 1937-38.

Dr. Jones is widely known as a lecturer and writer. For five and a half years he was a member of the editorial staff of *The Detroit News*. During the summer of 1935 Dr. Jones served as correspondent for the *News* while on a tour of Europe and the Near East. In 1923 he spent several weeks in Ireland interviewing Eamon DeValera and other Irish leaders and writing a series of articles covering the political situation for American newspapers. From Dr. Jones' pen have come through the years a number of books, comprising several volumes of fiction as well as compilations of lectures, essays, and sermons. He is widely known through his contributions to the press and is a member of the editorial boards of *The Christian Century* and other religious publications.

DR. EDWARD D. JONES

Otterbein is proud to have Dr. Jones come to us as our guest speaker for the 1940 Commencement.

Class Reunions Planned

A number of the classes are planning to hold reunions over commencement week-end of this year. If you should like to meet with those returning from your group, be sure and call at the Alumni Office upon arriving at the campus.

Mr. Verle Miller, Miss Gertrude Van Sickle, and Miss Mary Barnes of the class of 1935 have expressed the desire for a reunion of their class sometime during commencement week. Although plans for this reunion are not complete, Miss Van Sickle has suggested an open house type of gathering on Saturday afternoon in the Association Building. Dr. H. H. Russell, honorary mem-

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The President's Corner

A GREAT year at Otterbein is fast drawing to a close. New plans and a larger program for the coming year are already under way. With a "Vale!" to the year that is becoming history, and an "All Hail!" to the better year that lies ahead, we send greetings and appreciation to the host of our alumni who have helped so largely to make these things possible.

DR. J. R. HOWE

As I write these lines the college bell is ringing out an 8-0 baseball victory over Denison. Last week it was 6-5 over Marietta and 10-6 over Heidelberg. The week before it was 14-1 over Kenyon with a close 8-7 loss to Ashland. The track team has won everything except its meet with Wittenberg, and it lost that by only twelve points.

The new spirit athletically is only an illustration of the fine enthusiasm that has helped to give us a good year in all our college program. I shall not take space to review the splendid record of the year from Freshman Week with its record-breaking class, down through the Inaugural Homecoming, the fine basketball season, a national record in forensics, the throng at May Day and Scholarship Day and other events to the present hour. Our new correlated religious program on the campus has done great things for the college in this field. We look forward with anticipation to a happy Commencement occasion and we wish herewith to solicit the presence of our alumni and friends.

Just a few words by way of report. Our girls' dormitory plans are getting under way with several pledges already in hand. We hope to relocate our splendid Health Center in a brick dwelling house for next year. Enrollment figures for September indicate an even larger freshman class than this year. Our Cooperative House for self-help girls has been widely acclaimed and will be continued.

The various advisory committees have rendered remarkable service and our program will be strengthened at many points by their suggestions. We had this year a considerable rise in the scholastic standing of the student body. For next year we mean to keep the requirements even higher. We are now negotiating for a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Otterbein sometime in the future which would give a great impetus to our scholarship and to the college's prestige. Permit me, again, to express our gratitude for your loyal cooperation and our determination to make of our college everything that it ought to be.

Cordially yours,

J. RUSKIN HOWE,
President.

Alumni Banquet Plans

Chester G. Wise, '04, Is Toastmaster

As a feature of Commencement week-end for Alumni, we are again holding our banquet in the United Brethren Church at 5:30 on Saturday, June 8.

As has been our custom for several years, the members of the Senior class will be entertained as our guests. Price of tickets will be 65 cents each, and we hope that you will make your reservation in advance by writing to us in care of the alumni office.

Mr. Chester G. Wise of Akron, Ohio, will be toastmaster. He is one of the ablest trial lawyers of the state, and his friends throughout Ohio are now boosting him to be the next President of the Ohio State Bar Association. Mr. Wise is a scintillating wit and is much in demand as an after-dinner speaker.

Alumni President Hoover assures us of an interesting program, and it is our hope that a great number of alumni will attend.

In Appreciation

Your last small issue of the *Towers*, the April number, was edited by Miss Virginia Hetzler during my absence from the campus on a recruiting trip through the east. As your Editor I should like to express our appreciation to Miss Hetzler for this work.

Alumni Organizations Active

Dr. Howe Visits Eastern Groups

WILKINSBURG

On April 27 Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Howe attended an Alumni meeting at Wilkinsburg. Dr. Howe gave an address on the subject, "What Shall It Profit," and told about the work at Otterbein. Mr. Robert Schoen, a member of this year's freshman class, played the cornet and then showed movies of life on Otterbein's campus.

About 100 alumni were present, and Mr. Robert Lisle Roose, '18, the Alumni President of the Wilkinsburg Group, was reelected to serve for next year.

NEW YORK

New York alumni and friends of Otterbein College met in banquet session at the Town Hall in New York City on Wednesday evening, April 17, with a fine attendance and an interesting program made up of greetings from the various alumni, moving pictures of Otterbein College life, and a message from the President on the progress and program of the college.

Mr. Donald S. Howard, President of the group, served as toastmaster for the occasion. Among those present were: Mrs. Donald Howard, Mr. Briant Sando, Mr. Camp W. Foltz, Mrs. Marie S. During, Mr. Daniel E. Lorenz, Mr. and Mrs. Don Shumaker, Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Fritz, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Broadhead, Mrs. J. W. Prinkey, Mrs. Emma G. Worman, and Mrs. F. E. McGuire.

BOSTON

The alumni of Otterbein College in Boston and vicinity held their annual meeting at the Women's Republican Club in Boston on April 15. Hosts of the occasion were Dr. and Mrs. Marshall B. Fanning, graduates of Otterbein in the class of '94. Mrs. Fanning, the former Mary Murray, is Vice-President of the Women's Republican Club. President J. Ruskin Howe was in attendance and brought the moving pictures of the college as well as expressing greetings and speaking of the progress being made at the college during the current year.

A number of prospective students were in attendance in addition to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Brentlinger, Mr. Elmer Funkhouser, Jr., '38, Dr. George W. White, '21, of the University of New Hampshire, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lehman, '27, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph O. Todd of Worcester, Massachusetts, Rev. and Mrs. James E. Walter of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Gruver of Lynn, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Mida Steele Stanhope of Quincy.

A delightful program was enjoyed and officers for the coming year were elected in the persons of Dr. Fanning as President and Mrs. Brentlinger, Vice-President.

CONNECTICUT

A group of alumni and prospective students gathered at the home of Rev. Charles R. Cooley, Meriden, Connecticut, on the evening of April 16 to hear the President of Otterbein College report on the program of the year and to show moving pictures of the college activities. Mr. Cooley is a graduate of the class of '31 and at the present time is pastor of the First Congregational Church in Meriden. Among those present in addition to a considerable number of prospective students were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O. Stauffer, both of the class of '22; Mrs. R. P. Daugherty of New Haven, and Mrs. E. P. Ayer of Branford, mother of Joseph Ayer of the class of '40.

AKRON

The Akron Otterbein Women's Club had a recent meeting at the Y.W.C.A. for the annual election of officers. Mrs. Oscar Babler of Barberton was the guest speaker; her topic being "Making the World More Beautiful." The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Margaret E. Baker, '27; vice president, Mrs. John Wagner, '10; secretary-treasurer, Genevieve Tryon. The retiring officers should be commended for their fine work. They are: President, Mrs. A. H. Miles; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Henry Davidson; and assistant secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Jessie Gantz Baker.

CALIFORNIA

On April 26, 1940, the Southern California Otterbein Alumnal Association met in Hollywood to celebrate Founder's Day. A very interesting meeting was held, and

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Dormitory Solicitation Committee Organizes

AT a meeting of the dormitory solicitation committee at the University Club, Columbus, on Thursday, May 16, the work of providing the funds for the proposed new girls' dormitory was begun. Tht full personnel of the committee was not able to be present, but the group organized with the following officers: Chairman, Mr. Homer B. Kline, President of the Board of Trustees; Vice-Chairman, Dr. E. L. Weinland; and Secretary, Mr. Wesley O. Clark.

President Howe reported to the group the securing of several preliminary pledges toward the $100,000 authorized by the Board of Trustees to be raised in sums of $5,000 each. The active work of the committee will begin at once with the hope of having the full amount in hand by the middle of summer. In such a case the dormitory would be begun in early fall to be ready for occupancy the second semester. If the work of solicitation requires a longer time, the dormitory would not be completed for use before the fall of 1941.

In planning the work of the committee, five separate areas of solicitation were assigned to separate groups from the general committee. The field of general solicitation covering scattered donors throughout the territory was assigned to Mr. Homer B. Kline, Philip Garver, E. F. Crites, Homer Lambert, Rev. C. V. Roop, Frank J. Resler, and J. R. Howe. Solicitation among prospective givers in the Dayton territory was assigned to Mr. Henry Ochs, Dayton banker and friend of the college, Dr. F. O. Clements, Dr. P. H. Kilbourne and J. R. Howe. Covering several prospective sources of support in Middletown and southern Ohio were assigned Dean Porter and Mr. Vance E. Cribbs. For the Eastern territory, assignment was made to J. R. Howe, Mr. Elmer Funkhouser, Homer B. Kline, Mr. Arva Persing and Dr. E. B. Learish. The Columbus area was given into the hands of Dr. W. G. Clippinger, Mr. W. F. Hutchinson, Dr. Andrew Timberman, Dr. E. L. Weinland, Mr. Frank J. Resler, and Mr. W. O. Clark. It is expected that each group will meet to plan and prosecute its solicitation beginning at once and it is hoped that the work can move to a speedy completion.

Welcome Back, Alumni!

"Give Otterbein a Publicity Break"

Advertisers spend millions just to keep their names before the public. Each alumnus has the opportunity occasionally of placing Otterbein's name before the public. Wherever a picture or article appears in the newspaper about your achievements or activities, won't you see that Otterbein is mentioned as your Alma Mater? For an excellent example of Otterbein advantaging through public recognition of achievement by an alumnus, see elsewhere in this issue, the reproduction of an editorial of *The Cleveland News* about Verda Evans.

EARL R. HOOVER
President of Alumni Association.

Welcome Back, Alumni!

Miss Verda Evans, '28, Honored

The following editorial appeared in *The Cleveland News* for Friday, April 26, 1940:

"When a high school newspaper wins national honors once, the credit may properly go to an exceptional crop of senior students. When a paper wins for three semesters in a row, with an ever-changing staff, there must be an additional reason.

For three successive semesters, the *Journal* of Adams High School has won the coveted title of "Pacemaker," conferred by the National Scholastic Press Association. In the last contest it was one of 13 papers so honored of 1,549 judged.

The "additional reason" here is Miss Verda Evans, faculty adviser to the *Journal* staff. She was educated at Otterbein and Radcliffe Colleges. She was feature editor of the campus paper while attending Otterbein, and for two years was in charge of college publications. She taught at Euclid Central three years, before going to John Adams in 1934.

The *Journal's* three successive triumphs are more impressive for the fact that, until the first one came a year ago, no Ohio paper had been so honored for seven years. It takes nothing away from Miss Evans' staff of 50 hard-working journalists to point out that the work of the guiding hand also shows a trace of genius."

We commend Miss Evans upon the repeated recognition she has received for outstanding work in the field of journalism.

ALUMNITEMS

Otterbein is always proud and happy to announce the success of one of her graduates in his chosen field of endeavor, and so we extend congratulations to Dr. T. E. Newell, '23, for his articles published in the *Ohio State Medical Journal.* These were "The Diagnosis and Treatment of Jaundice" and "Taking a Birds-Eye View of Medicine in South America."

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Howard, '25 (Bernice Norris, '27) are happy to announce the arrival of Marjorie Gertrude on March 26.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Wood, '34 (Martha Dipert, '34) are proud to announce the birth of William Edward on September 21. Mr. Wood is now employed as chemist in the power department of Weirton Steel Company, Weirton, W. Va.

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We were happy to receive a letter from Dr. T. Yabe of Manila and to find that even in the far corners of the world Otterbein ties are so strong that her graduates meet to recall their happy days on her campus. Dr. Yabe writes that the Otterbein graduates in the Philipinnes are looking forward to a reunion day in the near future.

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Louis A. Weinland, Jr. '30, has moved from Columbus and is now with the Inland Manufacturing Company of Dayton, Ohio.

Dwight Arnold, '26, is Director of Research Guidance of the Lakewood Public Schools. Otterbein congratulates her progressive alumni.

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Miss Cassie Harris, of the class of '15, writes that she would be glad to meet the other members of the class at their twenty-fifth anniversary reunion on the campus.

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A recent election at Bonebrake Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, brought distinction to several Otterbein graduates. They were Harold Platz, '35, who was elected President of the Student Council; Mrs. Harold Platz, '35, Treasurer of the Senior class; Mr. Morris E. Allton, '36, President of the Senior class and Treasurer of the Student Council; and Robert Morrison, '39, Dormitory Chairman. Congratulations!

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The college library apologetically admits its mistake in its request for certain missing *Sibyls,* for on inquiry it is learned that there were six years when none were published. The library file lacks the 1927 and 1929 *Sibyls,* however, and would greatly appreciate these gifts.

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Note: Because of lack of space we are carrying some Alumnitems over into the June issues of "Towers."

Welcome Back, Alumni!

An Otterbein Vignette

BETTY HAMILTON, '38

We never thought that some day we should stand
In somber cap and gown together here,
Our college days gone—never to return
The joys and sorrows of each passing year.

Somehow we know that always we shall see
The shadows long across this grass; we know
That ever beautiful will seem to us
The memory of the campus under snow.

The red oak burning with its autumn fire,
The Chapel bell, those whom we call our friends,
The kindliness of a professor's voice,
Are in our thoughts now as our college ends.

So many things are dear to us. They are
The memories we'll keep through all the years.
The sound of taps, far off and faint—and then
The campus blurs before us through swift tears.

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Alumni Groups

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the Association voted to send $25.00 for the Scholarship Fund at the college. Dr. F. M. Pottenger was re-elected as President, and Mrs. Walter F. Martin was re-elected as Secretary.

The California Alumnal Association send their greetings to the College.

DAYTON

The Dayton Alumni Organization held a banquet at the Engineers Club on Monday, April 29, 1940. Dr. J. R. Howe gave the main address of the evening, and Dr. T. E. Newell served as toastmaster. The program consisted of music by Robert Heffner, James Grabill, and Paul Shartle, all present students of Otterbein, and a girl's trio from Steele High School under the direction of Robert Holmes of the class of '35. Miss Virginia Hetzler, the Director of Admissions, gave greetings from the campus, and the Alumni Secretary, Gerald B. Riley, gave a message.

The theme for the banquet was centered around King Ruskin and His Knights of the Round Table, and about 155 were present at the meeting.

Franklin Puderbaugh, '30, is the retiring president, and Irvin Libecap, '09, was elected president for the coming year.

Alumni Deaths

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Floyd E. Williams, 924 Brunswick Rd., Cleveland, Ohio, who passed away on May 15. Mr. Williams, the father of Martha Williams, '42, was a member of the class of 1913.

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Friends of Mr. H. D. Bercaw, class of '16, will regret to hear of his death on April 9 at Painesville, Ohio. The late Mr. Bercaw was the father of Betty Bercaw, '40.

Dr. Brane Resigns

DENNIS DEWITT BRANE

Announcement was made on Wednesday, April 24, 1940, by Dr. J. Ruskin Howe of Dr. Brane's resignation as Dean of Otterbein College. Due to illness, Dr. Brane does not feel able to return to his work at the college. He will be teaching in a high school in Pasco, Washington, until the time of his complete recovery.

No definite word has been given us yet as to who will fill the vacancy, but we do wish for Dr. Brane complete recovery and for his successor the best of luck.

Class Reunions

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ber of the class of '35, also extends an invitation for reunion to this class.

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

To each and every member of the Class of 1915:

Be it ordained and made a part of the official records that June 8th, 1940, is hereby set aside for the express purpose of celebrating the 25th anniversary of the graduating class of 1915.

It is hereby ordered that each and every living member of the Class of 1915 be in Westerville, Ohio, on June 8th and remain over and through June 10, 1940.

All roads, railroads and air lines leading to Westerville, Ohio, are to remain open 24 hours a day, during that period. The keys to all doors in Westerville are to be consigned to Alum Creek for that week end.

Signed, H. W. ELLIOTT,
Mayor of Westerville, O.

Class of 1915.