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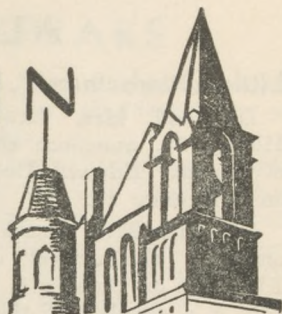
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OTTERBEIN TOWERS



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Homecoming-Inauguration Success

Literary Society Revival Is High-Light For Many

Fall Homecoming and the Inauguration of Otterbein's fourteenth president, Dr. J. R. Howe, held jointly on November 4, may be looked back upon with satisfaction and the knowledge that both events were a great success.

To the inauguration came delegates and representatives of one hundred and forty colleges and universities, and well over a thousand alumni and friends. Beginning with the long processional of stately robed figures, and ending with the "open house" at the presidential residence, all the events were impressive and smoothly executed. The outstanding message of the day was Dr. Howe's speech of acceptance following Dr. Compton's erudite address.

The weather, although not poetically balmy, was favorable, and the crowd at the football game watched

in comparative comfort while a fighting Otterbein eleven went down to defeat before Marietta. The queens were beautiful; the play splendid; the band well trained; the enthusiasm high, and all in all a good time was had by everyone.

One of the bright spots of the day, especially to the old "grads," was the open literary society meeting held in Philomathian Hall after the play. Dr. Charles Snavelly presided over the program of impromptu speeches interrupted at intervals by the songs of the different societies. A high spirit of rivalry and congeniality prevailed.

Although we are not looking for another great inauguration for years and years, still we can hope that every succeeding homecoming will bring increased crowds and a renewal of the grand old Otterbein spirit.

ALUMNI NOTES

Little Otterbeiners . . .

Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Hicks, '28, announce the arrival of Thomas Edward Deem Hicks on September 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Samuels announce the arrival of Frank Ellsworth on October 1. Mr. Samuels is a member of the class of '33 and Mrs. Olive Shisler Samuels a member of the class of '31.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reese Hoover announce the arrival of Richard Wilson Hoover on November 11. Mr. Hoover is of the class of '26, and Mrs. Alice Propst Hoover is of the class of '28.

The many Otterbein friends of Esther E. Little, '36 will be happy to hear of her recent marriage to Mr. Edwin C. Pinsenschaum of Canton, Ohio.

A word of congratulation to our new president from the Reverend Mr. and Mrs. Addison E. Davis calls for congratulations in turn to Mr. Davis upon his retirement after 58 years of splendid service for the Church and Christ. To this member of the class of '81 go our wishes for many years of deserved rest.

Word comes to us of the whereabouts and activities of Miss Ruth E. Lambert of the class of '34. Miss Lambert is teaching the third and fourth grades at Lunway, Ohio, a part of the Dresden school system.

Elward M. Caldwell, '27, writes that he is teaching in the depart-

ment of History at Trinity University in Waxahochie, Texas.

A recent note from Ralph Lohr of the class of '37 states that he is now connected with the N.Y.A. in Canton, O., as supervisor of wood-working projects.

Mr. Arthur E. Brubaker writes that he is moving with his wife, Mrs. Ruth Rhodes Brubaker, from Alton to Chicago, Illinois, where he will assume his new responsibilities as boys secretary at the Lincoln-Belmont Y.M.C.A. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker are of the class of '33. They also report the recent visit to their home by Mr. Kenneth Bunce, '29, and his wife, Mrs. Alice Shively Bunce, '33. Mr. Bunce is teaching history at New Mexico State Teacher's College.

A recent letter from Mr. and Mrs. Orren I. Bandeen acquaints us with Mr. Bandeen's activities as territorial supervisor and business manager for the Flint zone of the Chevrolet Motor Company, and introduces us to their two boys, Jim and Bill, 13 and 15 years, respectively.

Alumni Deaths . . .

We regret to announce the passing of two of our group:

THOMAS HUGHES of the class of 1905—Mr. Hughes has been making his home in Los Angeles, California.

WILLIAM S. NESBIT of the class of '30—Mr. Nesbit has resided with his family in Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania.

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

ALUMNI OF OTTERBEIN:

I welcome this opportunity to express for Mrs. Howe and myself our grateful appreciation for the privilege of meeting and greeting



so many of you during the Homecoming-Inaugural occasion. More than three hundred of you called at our home on Saturday P. M. and Sunday. We met many others of you in the various programs of

the day. There was a great host numbering more than twelve hundred present for the service of inauguration.

It is our earnest hope that many of you who were prevented from being with us at that time will plan to drop in as opportunity offers. Not a week passes without a number of friends and former students doing so. We count visiting with you to be one of the high privileges of our work. Plan to stop for at least a brief visit whenever you can get this way.

We are doubly grateful for the renewed interest and loyalty of the alumni when we consider how largely their enthusiasm has had to be a matter of faith. It is not possible to demonstrate conclusively in a few months, that this faith is justified. However, the very fact that there is a new spirit of confidence and expectation among the alumni,

helps to bring to realization the things we have all dreamed for our alma mater.

There have already been notable advances. Our new Department of Admissions, publicity and recruiting has given us an ideal arrangement for keeping Otterbein before the public and for attracting the best type of student in every phase of college activity. With more than one hundred seventy freshmen, many of them of outstanding ability, the college has already felt the impact of a new spirit. We know, of course, that our football season was nothing to write home about! We are not making any apologies about that. With a small squad and an impossible schedule we knew exactly what to expect. But our freshmen have what it takes and with some seasoned varsity material to build around next fall and with an ideal coaching setup I am willing to predict that 1940 will give our students and alumni something to shout about.

In future issues of the Towers I should like to share with you the fine record of our several Advisory Committees who are leading the way for better things not only athletically, but in the fields of publicity, student health, music, curriculum and instruction, finances and other phases of our program. In the meantime, please feel free to write us any suggestions and plan to visit the school when you can.

Cordially and sincerely yours,
J. RUSKIN HOWE.

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The Work Page . . .

It has been the thought of your Editor and Alumni Secretary for some time that a small part of this publication should be devoted to the presentation of alumnal information and program. This page shall be my means of communicating to you those things which I, as Alumni Secretary, feel you will be interested in knowing. Without further ado I present the following items:

ALUMNI DUES—According to our constitution, alumni dues are \$2.00 a year and are payable either to your secretary or to Mr. Vance, our treasurer. Some have complained that they were never informed as to what the dues are for one year. We take this opportunity of informing all members and to announce further that all who contributed to the alumni drive have been credited with a payment of dues for 1939-40.

ANNUAL YEAR—The annual year coincides with the regular college year, beginning in September and ending in June. Dues thus become

payable after the first of September of each year.

ADDRESS CHANGES—Our office is attempting to complete a corrected alumni mailing list as quickly as possible. We need your full cooperation in this work. It is impossible for us to take note of your new addresses unless the proper information is sent to our office. This is likewise true in cases of deaths among our ranks. If you have acquired further degrees after attending Otterbein will you please inform us of them so that we may address you properly.

ALUMNI DRIVE—We are very happy to announce that a total of \$1633.31 has been sent in, either by district leaders or by individuals. A number of districts report their drives have not been completed and we still hope to obtain the \$2500 set as our goal. The orchids go to that district known as the "Middletown Group" under the leadership of Dr. Mabel Gardner for being the first and only group to date which has obtained its full quota, and to the Columbus, Dayton, Michigan, Westerville, and Pittsburgh groups for their splendid responses.

POST INAUGURAL BULLETIN—The after inaugural bulletin containing the speeches of the day and other interesting information has been prepared under the supervision of Miss Hetzler and Professor John Wenrick. They hope to have this work off the press and in your hands in the near future.

Alumni are urged to send items concerning their own activities and those of their friends to OTTERBEIN TOWERS, Westerville, Ohio