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Denison-Otterbein Debating League The debating league between Denison and Otterbein is definitely agreed upon. Joint and local constitutions have been formulated and adopted by both universities. The work of organizing was placed in the hands of committees and in an exceedingly short time the two committees met and agreed upon rules to regulate the league.

This is a new feature in these schools and no doubt it will prove very beneficial. The students are enthusiastic over the contest and are taking an active interest in the new work.

We know of a number who will enter the local contest. We believe this will be a

successful move and will develop strong debaters. The joint contest will be held at Denison the last Friday in May, and the following year at Otterbein, as the contest is to alternate between the universities. This will be a permanent league.

The Oratorical Contest

We can scarcely realize the deplorable fact, that Otterbein is making but little if any effort toward getting ready for the State oratorical contest which is to be held here April 14. The officers are faithfully performing their duty and it is disrespectful for them to be treated with such indifference. Those who can write and speak and will not, are not loyal to the best interests of the college. So far we know of but one who is preparing to enter the local contest. Come fellow students, lay aside all prejudices and enter the contest to win. If you are here to gain power we know of no better way to develop that power than by *thinking, writing, and speaking*. If you are loyal to Otterbein, obey her call, and do all you can to make the oratorical contest interesting and instructive.

The Student and the Newspaper

On entering college, very many students think only of the text book, and the next recitation. This, of course, has an important part to play in the college course, but everything else must not be sacrificed for the sake of committing the text book. A liberal education cannot be obtained by such a mechanical method. While in college the student should learn many truths not contained in his text book, but found in association and miscellaneous reading. He should know what is happening in other countries as

well as in his own, and this information can be had through the medium of the daily newspaper which may be found on the tables in the reading room. It takes only a few minutes to read all that is worth reading in the daily paper. The student should be well posted on the work of congress and be able at any time to tell what are the most important bills adopted or defeated. Every act of congress bears indirectly if not directly upon all citizens. We may reasonably expect some new invention or startling announcement every day and by reading the newspaper nothing of importance will escape notice. Unless we keep in touch with the daily doings of the world, we will be sadly deficient on leaving college. It is the student's duty as a citizen to think on questions of national and international importance. Great questions are now before our country.

Educational Gatherings The meeting of the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association held at Chattanooga, Tenn., closed Thursday, February 24. It was a great gathering and one of much importance. Many interesting subjects were discussed by the leading educators of the country. It was a treat to hear such men as Hon. W. T. Harris, United States Commissioner of Education, and Dr. Scovel, of Wooster. As far as possible every teacher should read what was said at this great gathering by profound thinkers.

The State Association has fully decided on Put-in-Bay as the place of holding its next annual meeting. This body will convene June 29, and continue in session for three days. The progressive teacher will profit by attending this meeting.

The National Educational Association will meet at Washington, D. C., July 7-12. This will be a rare opportunity to visit the Capital City and at the same time get much of the spirit which is characteristic of such meetings. All who can should avail themselves of this

opportunity and be counted among those who stand next to the wise parent. The profession of teaching, if profession we may call it, is second to none, and by attending these different educational meetings many golden thoughts may be gleaned.

The Library

Almost daily complaints come to our ears concerning the library. Not that the library does not contain all that could be desired in books, but because that for twenty-one hours out of twenty-four the vault of great men's thoughts slumber safely behind a Yale lock. The library should not be thus imprisoned and the students barred out. Very many profitable hours might be spent in the library if the doors were not closed to the one who is seeking truth. At present the library is open three hours in the afternoon and this is the only time access can be had to the legacy which the living and dead have bequeathed to the student world.

The majority of the students have classes in the afternoon during library hours and thus are deprived of the library privileges. The library should be for the entire student body. But as it now is, it accommodates only those who are fortunate enough not to have any classes in the afternoon. This is not a trivial matter and if possible some arrangement should be made to have the library open longer each day and especially on Saturdays. The faculty, we are glad to say, are not directly to be faulted for this matter, as this is the business of the trustees of the college. The trustees should be willing to make an appropriation so that a permanent librarian could be employed and the library kept open a greater part of the day. We sincerely hope the trustees of the university will act on this very important question in the near future.

Thompson Turner, of Walkerton, Ind., was recently admitted to the bar by the circuit court. Mr. Turner was a student here in '86, '87, '88.

A REVIEW—QUO VADIS.

MARGUERITE H. SHULL, '98.

THE Romance Quo Vadis which is attracting so much attention at the present time is one that everyone should know something about. The scene is laid in Rome in the time of Nero. The story is very interesting and instructive and gives a much more vivid picture of the wickedness of Rome and the persecution of the early Christians than can be obtained from ordinary history.

It was nearly midday when Petronius, a wealthy young patrician, awoke from his drunken slumbers. He had spent the night before in revelry at Nero's banquet and felt on awakening weary and languid. Soon after he had breakfasted his nephew, Marcus Vinicius, a young soldier who had just returned from Asia Minor, paid him a visit. After a few remarks on general topics Vinicius related to his uncle how he had been wounded in the army and had been cared for in the house of Aulus the general, and while there had seen a beautiful girl whom he wished very much to possess. But she was not a slave and he could not buy her. And as she had been raised by Pomponia, the wife of Aulus pure and virtuous Vinicius knew that he could not obtain her to live with him as his mistress. She was the daughter of a Lygian king and had been given as a hostage to the Romans. As her father was killed in battle she was forgotten and not redeemed by her people. So she had been raised by Aulus and his wife as their own child.

Petronius told his nephew not to worry and assured him that he would do something for him. Accordingly later in the afternoon litters were ordered and the two betook themselves to the home of Aulus. After talking with the family a short time Vinicius saw Lygia in the garden and hastened to join her. They wandered around among the flowers and to the bank of a little lake. Here they sat down and while talking Lygia drew with a stick which she held the outlines of a fish. Vinicius talked

very pleasantly and was becoming quite earnest when Aulus called them in because it was growing late. A little later uncle and nephew returned to the home of Petronius.

The next day Petronius had a confidential talk with Caesar and on the third day the household of Aulus was very much startled by the appearance of a praetorian guard. The times were so uncertain that the appearance of Caesar's guard before a house often meant death to the inmates. Aulus went forward to meet the guards and learned that it was not he that was wanted but Lygia. Caesar had learned that there was a Lygian hostage living at the house of Aulus and had sent for her. Though the old general and his wife were loth to give up the girl they knew that it was folly not to obey the command of Caesar. So Lygia was sent, also Ursus another hostage, who was a giant in strength and stature, and it was hoped that he might be of service to his gentle queen at the wicked court of Caesar. Lygia was given into the care of Acta, a gentle Greek woman who had not long before been Caesar's favorite but was now replaced by the beautiful though wicked Poppea. Acta loved Lygia at first sight and felt a deep sorrow for the unhappy girl.

The next evening after Lygia's arrival at the Palatine, Nero had arranged for a great feast to be given and had ordered that Lygia be there. At first she was determined not to attend a place where there was so much wickedness, but Acta urged her not to offend Caesar for that would mean certain death, and that by attending she might hope to find some means of escape. Vinicius was present at the feast and being overcome by wine told Lygia that Petronius had arranged with Nero that on the next evening she was to be transferred from the Palatine to his house and there she was to be his mistress. Lygia could not endure this thought and planned with Ursus that he should secure help from their co-religionists, for they were Christians, and as she was being carried to the house of Vinicius they would seize her and carry her away to a place of safety. This

plan was carried out successfully. Vinicius was very angry at first, that she should dare oppose him, but afterwards his love for her became so intense that he felt as though he would be willing to be her slave.

In vain Petronius and Vinicius searched for her in all parts of the city. Finally Petronius said it was foolish to spend so much time on one woman when there were plenty other beautiful girls who would be glad to live with him. But Vinicius would not be satisfied with any other maiden and kept up his search for Lygia. At last one day when he was almost in despair an old Greek came to him, who professed to be a philosopher and promised that if he were well paid he would find for him the lost girl. He was promised plenty of money and then he set to work. He first inquired of Vinicius what her religion was for he was sure that she must have been carried away by her co-religionists. This Vinicius did not know and had never seen her worship any God and had never seen her make any signs except that once she drew a fish on the sand. This Chilo, for this the old Greek was called, took and went among all classes of people and finally found an old man who recognized the sign and said that he was a Christian. Chilo then professed that he was also a Christian and a stranger in the city and thus won the old man's confidence. Not long afterwards Chilo was informed that the great teacher of the Christians, the apostle Peter, was coming to Rome and that he would talk to them in a certain pit outside the city wall. Furthermore he said that all Christians would be there. With this news the old Greek went to Vinicius and refused to carry the search farther unless he was given another purse. He was promised all the money he wanted and then he told Vinicius that they would go to this great meeting of the Christians for Lygia would surely be there.

On the appointed night they set forth taking Croton, a man of wonderful strength, with them as a guard. The place was easily found. A large crowd had gathered and were listening intently to the words of the great teacher.

The young Roman was very much interested for the teaching was so different from anything he had ever heard before. The listeners soon threw aside their hoods in order to hear better, and there close to the venerable Peter stood Lygia drinking in the words as they fell from his lips.

When the meeting was dismissed Vinicius and his companions followed the girl to her secret home. Chilo warned the young patrician not to attempt anything rash, but Vinicius was impatient and would not listen to reason. So they followed her to a dingy part of the city and into a small courtyard. There they saw Ursus come out to wash some vegetables at the fountain. Croton was ordered to kill him and at the same time Vinicius was to carry away Lygia. This did not succeed, and instead of Ursus, Croton was killed, and then the mighty Lygian sprang at Vinicius but Lygia bade him spare the Roman. Vinicius was however wounded. He was carried to the humble house where Lygia was staying and nursed back to health by tender care. He could not understand why they should be so kind to him when he had injured them, but before he left he began to learn something of the love taught by Christ to all men. Lygia could not help returning some of the love which Vinicius bestowed upon her yet she felt that it was sinful to love a pagan, so she secretly left the house, leaving behind a little cross which she had made for her Roman lover.

After Vinicius recovered he returned home, and although he still loved Lygia passionately he now respected her purity and religion and could not pursue her farther by force. He felt sure that she loved him and that if he could accept her religion she would come to him of her own will.

About this time Petronius, who had been away with Nero to one of his favorite resorts, returned to Rome and did what he could to cheer up his despondent nephew. This was useless for Vinicius could think of nothing but Lygia and the new religion. The teachings which he had listened to while among the

Christians had made a great change in him. He was now kind to his slaves whom he had before ruled with an iron hand and the wickedness of Rome disgusted him. He longed for something better. Finally one day he went back to the house where had been cared for among the Christians and found there the apostle, Peter also Paul of Tarsus. After a long and serious talk with these great heralds of the Christian religion Lygia was called from a neighboring house and there the apostles gave the young lovers their blessing. After this Vinicius visited Lygia every day until he received an invitation to accompany Nero, who was again going out of the city, for Rome was becoming distasteful to the divine Nero as he called himself. Vinicius did not wish to go but dared not refuse.

Caesar had a great ambition to be classed among the eminent poets of the world and spent much time in writing verse. He lamented the fact that he had never seen or felt anything that could bring out his poetical genius. He envied Priam because he had beheld the burning of his native city.

Not long afterwards as Nero and his friends were engaged in feasting the terrible news came that Rome was on fire. Some who had friends and property in the city were seized by terror and Vinicius was nearly frantic. Immediately he mounted a horse and rode with the greatest speed back to the burning city to rescue his Lygia. The city when he reached it was a terrible sight, the greater part in flames, people trampling each other under foot and wild animals, which were kept for the games, running loose in the streets. With difficulty Vinicius made his way to where Lygia had been staying but did not find her there. He nearly lost his life among the burning buildings and feared that she was lost to him forever. However he found her a few days after outside the city where a large number of the Christians had taken refuge.

A great many believed that Rome had burned at the command of Caesar, and although he sent in a large amount of food and

promised more splendid games than they had ever witnessed yet the people cried for revenge and were about to rise in arms against the wicked Nero. He was really becoming alarmed when the idea was brought forward by some of his wicked accomplices to lay the blame on the Christians and let the people take revenge on them. This idea pleased the infamous ruler and he ordered all the Christians thrown into prison. Petronius when he heard this news at court hastened to inform his nephew who tried every means possible to save Lygia, but every plan failed and the time set for the great games in which the Christians were to be the chief actors was at hand. The great amphitheater was filled with bloodthirsty people. All waited in wild expectancy knowing that some great spectacle was in store for them. Finally the doors were thrown open and a great number of people, dressed in the skins of wild animals marched in. They calmly walked to the center of the arena and there knelt and offered prayer to their God. Then fierce wild dogs and other hungry beasts were let in and those innocent people of God were soon devoured. The next day a large number were crucified, then a few days after the illumination of Caesar's garden occurred in which hundreds of innocent Christians were burned at the stake.

Lygia and Ursus were saved for the final great game. Petronius and Vinicius were present for Lygia had requested that they should be. All eyes were turned to the arena and a cry of applause arose as the giant form of Ursus appeared. He knelt in silent prayer for a moment then turned to meet the furious aurox which came bounding into the arena with Lygia tied on his head. The powerful Ursus seized the beast by the horns and after a few moments of terrible struggle the mighty strength of Ursus prevailed and the ox was dead. He then raised his queen in his arms before the multitude and begged that they spare her. The people had seen enough of blood and plead for her life. Nero, though

unwilling, dared not wholly defy the people and granted pardon to Lygia and her brave rescuer. After Lygia regained her strength from her long confinement in prison, she and Vinicius were married and went to live on the island of Sicily where Aulus and his wife, the foster parents of the young bride, were already living.

Petronius in the meantime had fallen into disfavor with Nero and knew that his end was near. Hearing by chance that the death sentence was to be given in three days, he gave an elaborate banquet to his friends, wrote a letter of defiance to Caesar and then ordered his veins to be opened. Thus went out the life of one of Rome's most brilliant men.

The people became tired of the wicked and bloody Nero and rose up against him. He was hunted from place to place and to escape being murdered he fell on his own sword. The Christians though murdered by the thousands were not entirely extinct and although the two great leaders, the apostles Peter and Paul, fell by the hand of Nero yet the seed which had been sown grew until it uprooted the pagan religions and Rome became a Christian city.

A VACATION EXPERIENCE.

ADA MAY BOVEY, '94.

[Continued from January.]

THE man walked back doggedly and gazed no more. "Bravo, Max," said Flossie. "I didn't know you could look and speak so dignified. That sounded just as if you meant it, and some terrible calamity would befall him if he did not obey."

The girls got off when Goshen was announced, and looked around in bewilderment. There was only one house in sight. "Are you looking for the town," asked the conductor with a smile. "Yes, sir," said Flossie; "can you tell us where it is?" "Yes, it's around behind that hill there."

They found it and put in the day canvassing, but with little success. Flossie did take one order, but Max none. Flossie was very homesick that night. She got a letter from home saying that some of the students who had been canvassing had quit. One of the gentlemen had only canvassed one half day.

"Now Max, I'm going home for sure in the morning, whether you will or not. I've had all the canvassing I want," and with these words she "laid down to pleasant dreams."

But not so Max. She must see what was to be done before she went to bed. She could not think of going back home yet, to be the laughing stock of the village, especially since Flossie had bragged so much about what they were going to do.

No, she would not go home yet if there was anything to be done. She was thoroughly tired of canvassing, herself, and they would soon be out of funds. What was to be done? She went down to consult Mrs. Johnson about the matter, thinking she might be able to help her out of her dilemma.

She returned to her room an hour later with a much lighter heart, for Mrs. Johnson had been equal to the emergency, and she was now fully decided upon her course of action.

Max was too excited to sleep much that night, and was up long before Flossie awoke.

She had some misgivings as to Flossie's agreeing to her plan, for Flossie was very proud spirited, and might not like it.

Finally she awoke, and said gaily, "O, Max, it seems too good to be true that we're really going home to-day; it seems like a year since we left, though it has been only a week. I don't care what the people say, just so I get home, and get a good square meal again."

"Well, I care what they say, and have about decided not to go home yet," said Max, with exasperating coolness.

"Not going! Why Max Duff, what do you mean? I do hope you are not going to stay here and try to canvass more. If you do, you stay alone, for I take the first train for home."

"Steady, steady, Flossie, and give me time

to explain. I am as sick of canvassing as you could possibly be, but I could not think of going home so soon if there was any way out of it. So after you went to sleep last night, I was down talking to Mrs. Johnson about it. You've heard her speak of Epworth Heights, a sort of camp ground and Chautauqua assembly?"

"Yes, I've heard her speak of it, but I can't see the connection, for you know we've not money enough left to go to a place like that and stay."

"Yes, I think we have," said Max. "It won't cost much if our plan works. It is only about two miles from here, and Mrs. Johnson says it is a very pretty place; built in the woods, of course, right on the banks of the Miami river. They have a hotel there, and some of the girls here go down and wait on table at the hotel. They get good wages, have clean and honorable work, and besides have the chance to attend the meetings and lectures. Now my idea is to go down and see if we can get a position there."

"What? Wait on a table? I couldn't think of doing that. What would our folks say, and the students," said Flossie.

"That trouble is easily disposed of," said Max. "For my part, I should not care what anyone would say, and I know my folks would not care in the least, as long as I carry myself straight. But then, since you are a little sensitive about the matter, no one need know anything of it, not even our folks. And think of the advantages! There we would be at no expense, and would be making a little money; perhaps enough to pay what we lost at canvassing. Then the lectures will be a great attraction, and the river, and shade; I think it would be very nice, and besides, we would be saving our reputation at home."

"I don't know but what it would be better than going home," said Flossie. "I confess that I hated to do that, but I was determined not to canvass another day. Let's go down and see the place to-day anyhow."

Thus the matter was settled, and they were soon on their way to Epworth Heights. They

decided to walk, as the road was a picturesque, shaded one, and they took their lunch with them.

Their enthusiasm grew as they walked along, and before they got there, both girls had decided that to secure the position of table waiter at this hotel would be the *summum bonum*.

Finally they reached the place, and, ascending a high, steep hill, they came to the hotel. Before they knocked, the customary discussion took place as to who should be spokesman, and it fell to Max's lot, much to her sorrow. But with one vigorous effort, she mustered up the required courage, and knocked at the dining room door.

A middle-aged, jolly, very untidy-looking woman answered the call.

"Is the landlady in?" asked Max.

"Yes, she's in," said the woman. "Come right in and have some chairs;" and she tripped gaily across the floor, clad in a much soiled calico dress, with a train behind, while it was a full half-foot from the floor in front, and had a large rent in the side. Her hair was curly, and she might have been very attractive, had she been more careful in her toilet.

She sat down and talked for some time, telling the girls about the great advantages of the place, what nice times the waiters had, and everything in general.

She finally excused herself for awhile, and retired to the kitchen. The girls decided that she must be the cook, and wondered why she did not send in the landlady.

Finally she returned and informed the girls that she was the landlady. She gladly granted the girls' request, and said that they were just in time, as they were intending to secure two or three new waiters.

All preparations were completed, and the girls were to return in the morning with bag and baggage.

The girls hastened home, and put in a long afternoon. White aprons had been ordered, so they purchased the material and made them in the afternoon. Neither of them knew much about sewing, but with some assistance from

Mrs. Johnson, the task was finally completed. They could not have been much happier if a large fortune had been suddenly and unexpectedly left to them, and Mrs. Johnson seemed almost as much interested as the girls themselves.

In the evening they combined their wits in concocting a resignation, which abounded in big words and highflown language. Flossie declared that she meant to let those publishers know that they were dealing with no ordinary agents now, and they doubtless did think something when they got the resignation,

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The girls reached the hotel the next morning and were duly installed into their room, and their work.

For the first day or so Mrs. Gregor, the landlady, scarcely allowed the girls to work at all. But as time rolled on, this was all changed. The work continually multiplied until the girls were not only waiting on the table, but also washing dishes, sweeping, dusting, making beds, etc.

The girls had only been there a few days until their friend Martha put in her appearance at the hotel. She had gone to Loveland in search of them, and finding where they were, had followed.

She also secured a position, and the three together had much fun, in spite of the hard work.

Still the work multiplied, and the waiters gradually began to leave. In due time it became more than our three heroines could stand, and at the end of four weeks, they announced to the landlord their intention of leaving. The news created quite a stir all around, for the proprietor did not like to part with them, for they had always been very faithful about all work. The guests had become attached to them also, and entreated them to stay. But they had already decided the matter and they left.*

It was not yet time to deliver their books, so they went to Indiana on a little visit to Martha's home. Thence they went to Cincinnati, and

Covington to see the sights, and from there back to Loveland to deliver their books.

As Flossie had feared, she had several left upon her hands, though Max delivered all of hers.

They got back home just a little over six weeks from the time they left, and their friends and neighbors all congratulated them upon their pluck.

In spite of their hard work, the girls unanimously decided that they were glad they had gone, though they would not like to repeat the trip.

Flossie's pride had not died out, however, and she was in constant fear lest someone should find out that she had been a waiter. She made many and dire threats which were to be heaped upon the girls provided they should tell, and as they valued life and health, they kept the affair to themselves.

*For a fuller account of their life and experiences at Epworth Heights, see "Flossie at Epworth," a sequel, as well as a supplement to "A Vacation Experience."

THE BIBLE IN OTTERBEIN.

REV. L. F. JOHN, '83.

THE Bible has always been the corner stone of Otterbein. The fathers who founded the institution intended it should be so. They felt the need of minds, trained and cultured in United Brethren schools, to carry forward the divinely appointed work of the church. The Bible has always been held aloft as the "Book of books." The college has always sought to lead her students to a practical acceptance of the teachings of the Book. Because of this, she has been visited time and again with great spiritual awakenings, and hundreds of her students, who here first gave their hearts to God, are now blessing the world by their consecrated lives and earnest work.

These latter years have witnessed a marvelous revival in Bible study in colleges. Many

institutions, which a few years since, would have scoffed at the thought of giving the Bible a place in their required courses, now have thoroughly organized departments, for its special study. Otterbein, having done her full share to bring about this revival of interest, is planning her course of instruction from year to year to meet the growing demand, and to ground her students in a true literary and religious appreciation of the Bible. The course is progressive, beginning with the student in the preparatory department, and continuing through the entire Senior year.

In the Preparatory department the student is taken over the entire sweep of Bible history, "tracing the fortunes and progress of true religion in the world" under both the old and new dispensations. The Sophomore year is given to the study of the New Testament, including the Life of Christ, as contained in the four Gospels; "the history of the early church, based on the Acts and Pauline epistles;" and a careful study of one or more of the Pauline epistles. The work in the Preparatory and Sophomore years is under the instruction of President T. J. Sanders, who is a thorough, enthusiastic Bible student.

The work of the Senior year is under the direction of Prof. W. J. Zuck, and is devoted to the study of the Old Testament as literature and life. The place of the Bible in the literature and life of the world is set forth in a series of lectures. The epic and lyric poetry of the Bible, with Moulton's *The Literary Study of the Bible* as a guide, constitutes the work for the second term. The third term is given to the study of prophecy.

This brief survey will suffice to suggest the thoroughness of the work done in the preparatory and collegiate departments of the university. In addition the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. of the college have regularly organized classes in Bible study; the Y. M. C. A. has three classes at present, with from forty to fifty students. In addition to this, may be mentioned the work of the Sunday school, and

the midweek class of women pursuing the study of Hebrews at the present time. In addition to this direct study of the Bible, there is a course of study in evidence, including Natural Theology, Butler's Analogy with lectures, and Evidences for Christianity. The student is thus led to see the harmony of the Bible with nature and with reason, and begins to realize that

"Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God."

It will thus be seen that Otterbein is awake to the demands of the age, and that she is devoting a due proportion of her time and energy to this important work. Yet there is great need of increased facilities to meet increasing demand. There is need of a department of Bible study, with a professor who can give all his time and strength to this special work. If some friend of Otterbein will endow a chair of Bible study, he will erect for himself a memorial which time cannot efface, and at the same time, accomplish a work which may go on blessing the world for ages after he is in heaven.

PHILOSOPHY IN OTTERBEIN.

W. G. STIVERSON, '97.

THIS is the department for which the others exist. There must be training in the languages, mathematics and logic before much can be accomplished in philosophy.

Philosophy is unwisely looked upon by some as a very impractical study. It is not so in Otterbein. There it receives proper attention and is rightly regarded as the study of studies, or as Plato says, "the highest music."

In Otterbein we are taught that there is no real ground for quarrels among scientists, philosophers and theologians. The scientist, if he wishes to be a man, should have the philosophic spirit. The philosopher should be scientific in spirit; and the theologian should be both scientific and philosophic. Knowledge

in any department is knowledge. According to Dr. Samuel Harris there are three grades of scientific knowledge, the Empirical, the Rationalistic and the Theological. These are reciprocally dependent and complementary and therefore harmonious. The first grade is the knowledge of particular realities. The second is the scientific knowledge of the truths, laws, ideals and ends of reason; of the truths involved in them, and of empirically known reality in its relations thereto. The third grade is the knowledge of God and of all realities in their relations to Him and to each other in a universe.

Philosophy is a division of the second grade and is subdivided into Speculative, Ethical, Æsthetic and Theological. These are founded upon the four norms of reason, the true, the right, the perfect and the good. And who would hinder any one in an honest effort to know the truth, to do the right, to admire the perfect and to attain the good?

In Otterbein students are encouraged by able instructors—

"Not to creep along the coast, but steer
Out in the mid-sea, by the guidance of the stars."

They are not taught philosophy so much as what is better, viz., to philosophize a little.

President Sanders, professor of philosophy, is a man of profound philosophic thought and established reputation, and is an inspiring teacher. The instruction last year in the philosophy of teaching and the philosophy of education is rarely excelled even in post-graduate work.

Dr. Garst, professor of mental and moral philosophy, is a man of broad culture and wise counsel, and is a thoroughly reliable instructor. Furthermore, the library contains the principal works of the leading philosophers, besides numerous books and pamphlets on philosophical subjects.

So, any student in Otterbein possessing the inclination and capacity, may by aid of the library, the philosophical club, and competent instructors, acquire the ability to think for

himself and reason wisely on the great questions of life, Whence am I, What can I know, What ought I to do, and Where am I going.

ATHLETICS.

BASEBALL.

BASEBALL in Otterbein for the last few years has been noticeably on the decline.

All the managers have placed the cause of this at the feet of the student body, and it is through their lack of support that we are in the present circumstances. In 1892 the team representing the college won the pennant from the League of Ohio Colleges, and the same could be done again if we could have the same enthusiasm and love for the national game, that the students manifested at that time. We have had good material every year but on account of the little interest of the students outside of the regular nine, we have not seen the best results that might have been shown, had each one tried to his utmost to make the team a winner.

This year is not unlike other years in regard to material, in fact, it is generally conceded by the old baseball men to be better than usual. And so there is no reason why we cannot make ourselves be noticed on the diamond as well as on the gridiron. Although the present manager came into office at such a late date, as to make it almost impossible to book the best games, yet games have been arranged, which, if conquered by the team, will prove themselves worthy the laurel of the victor. A trip is being arranged, which will take the team into West Virginia and Pennsylvania, where we have heretofore been almost entirely unknown. This should be encouraging to the boys to do their best, and to work harmoniously for a successful season. This department of athletics should receive the warm support of students and faculty. Let us go to work and make an enviable record the first season of the new half-century.

Manager Arnold and Captain Matthews are hustlers and have the confidence of all. These men are congenial gentlemen and are especially fitted for the work entrusted to them.

TRACK TEAM.

WHILE there is considerable interest along the line of athletic sports, yet it is not what it should be in order to produce the best results, when the best athletes from the best colleges meet. Too many athletes think it is only necessary to begin work a few days before entering the arena. If we wish to win, there is no time to lose.

With the material now in college, there is no reason why we should not make a more prominent showing than ever before in the Inter-Collegiate State contest which will be held this year at Dayton. But we must remember that before we can wear laurels, we must, of necessity, work hard and spend much time in systematic training. We have all the advantages necessary, if we only apply ourselves.

Our physical instructor and captain, Mr. H. R. Jones, is proficient in his work and an excellent trainer.

True, we have no phenomenal men, but if we get down to business, we can put out the finest track team in the history of the college.

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

The Philaethean girls have given their regular open session of this term. The general subject was, "Scotland." It was treated splendidly. The music was catchy and the senior girls outdid even themselves. Their parody on, "Coming through the Rye" and "Hot time in the old town" elicited much applause.

The Philophroneans are at work on a special session. The general subject is the "World's Parliament of Religions." This is another of the unique and novel sessions which this society has for the last four years been giving. The boys are giving special attention to parliamentary law.

The Cleiorhetean girls are hard at work on their next open session. Those who were present at their colonial session last term, remember the excellent singing of the chorus.

That same chorus sings at the next open session. The Cleiorhetean quartet is gaining more than local fame, and have lately filled several engagements in northern Ohio.

Philomatheia is giving special attention to music. The orchestra is playing more sweetly than ever. The last open session was one of the best the boys have given. The subject was, "The Young Man." The patriotic session which will be held March 4, promises to be very interesting, as the subject is well suited to the present situation of the country.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

Y. M. C. A.

The Presidents' conference this year will be held in connection with the State convention.

"Africa Waiting" is the name of the valuable text used by the Mission Study Class this term.

The college evangelist, S. M. Sayford, of Boston, aroused renewed energy in association work by his two days' visit, Jan. 27-28.

The following officers were installed Feb. 17: Pres., B. O. Barnes; Vice Pres., R. J. Head; Treas., F. B. Bryant; Rec. Secretary, I. W. Howard; Cor. Sec., H. U. Engle.

Otterbein was represented at the State convention at Marion, Feb. 19-22 by B. O. Barnes, R. J. Head, S. Zechar, H. U. Engle, I. W. Howard, J. H. Craft and E. A. Sanders.

In keeping with the universal Day of Prayer for students, Feb. 13, the "Mission Study Class" made use of the regular evening hour for service in giving a review of the student movements of the world.

The Y. M. C. A. will be represented at the Student Volunteer Convention at Cleveland Feb. 23-27 by S. E. Shull, L. S. Hendrickson, W. S. Baker, O. W. Burtner, A. R. Hendrickson and F. E. Edwards. Pres. T.

J. Sanders and Prof. W. J. Zuck will represent the faculty. The college pastor, L. F. John, will represent the church.

Y. W. C. A.

Two weeks ago President Sanders gave the association a very good talk on mission work, in which he impressed the fact that the missionary field is the work of the church and that no one can be a devoted Christian worker and not be interested in this great branch of the Master's vinyard.

The Y. W. C. A. is expecting to send a number of delegates to the great Student Volunteer convention at Cleveland this week.

Last Tuesday evening a joint meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. was held instead of the regular weekly prayer service. The subject of mission work in India was taken up and treated in a systematic and instructive way.

The Association year is drawing to a close and soon new officers and workers will take the place of the old ones. Perhaps this may not be said to have been the most acceptable year the association has known, yet those who have been faithful and have put their hearts into the work have surely been well repaid.

ALUMINALS.

O. L. Bowers, '97, has a position with the Capital Clothing Company, of Columbus.

Miss Lutie P. Riebel, '94, of Galloway, recently visited with her sister, Miss Iva Riebel, who is now attending Otterbein.

Hon. S. E. Kemp, '70, president of the Dayton Insurance Company, of Dayton, O., made a short visit in Westerville the latter part of last month.

In the annual midwinter number of the Daily Times of Los Angeles, Cal., we notice a biographical sketch of Maj. Geo. H. Bonebrake, '61. Maj. Bonebrake is president of the First National bank of Los Angeles as well as being prominent in other business en-

terprises. For twenty years he has taken a foremost part in the development of Los Angeles and southern California, and is one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of that enterprising section.

Rev. J. R. King, '94, and wife, who have spent the past three years in missionary work in Africa, have returned to this country on a few months' furlough. They are now at Mr. King's home, Scottdale, Pa.

H. J. Custer, M. D., D. D. S., '90, has resigned his position as surgeon in the London Oral Hospital, London, Eng. He is at present spending some time at Paris, but expects to return to this country in the near future.

Mrs. F. A. Z. Kumler, '92, of Muncie, Ind., has been making an extended visit with friends and relatives in Ohio. She spent Sunday, Feb. 6, at Westerville, and in the evening rendered a vocal solo at the services in the chapel.

Miss Lesbia Beardsley, '94, is teaching her second year in the public schools of Bryan, O. Miss Beardsley maintains a lively interest in her alma mater, and keeps in touch with the college life through the columns of the Ægis.

W. G. Kintigh, '95, is engaged in his third year as superintendent of schools at Mt. Pleasant, Pa., where he has been very successful in his work. Miss Anna B. Yothers, '94, is teaching in the high schools at the same place.

W. A. Jones, '95, was recently appointed an assistant surgeon in the Protestant hospital, Columbus. The securing of such a position reflects great credit upon Mr. Jones, who will graduate from the Ohio Medical University this spring.

Rev. D. A. Tawney, '60, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Claremont, Minn., had the pleasure of dedicating a fine new church building on Jan. 23. We have at hand a copy of the Claremont Leader, which gives a full account of the dedication services and speaks in the highest terms of the pastor, who has done

much to build up his church. The building is a handsome structure and was completed free of debt. Mr. Tawney is one of our oldest graduates and a loyal son of Otterbein. For some years he was chaplain of the Minnesota house of representatives.

Judge C. A. Bowersox, '74, of Bryan, O., delivered the principal address at the annual banquet of the Pontiac, Mich., Lincoln club on Feb. 12. Judge Bowersox is an able orator, and his services are in frequent demand on such occasions.

A. C. Streich, '93, who for several years has been professor of Latin in Westfield College, Westfield, Ill., is this year instructor of Latin and German in the high schools of Portsmouth, O. The position is a good one, and Mr. Streich will fill it with credit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Whitney, '95, are in Chicago, Ill., completing their preparation for foreign missionary work. Mr. Whitney will soon graduate from the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College, and Mrs. Turner is attending the Moody Bible Institute. They expect to sail for Africa early next fall.

Prof. R. E. Bower, '95, of Western College, Toledo, Ia., has an able article on "Mathematics" in the January number of *The Era*, published at that college. Since his graduation from Otterbein, Prof. Bower has held the chair of mathematics in Western, and his work there has been highly satisfactory.

LOCALS.

Tell the faculty.

If you want an ÆGIS, buy it.

Some people can sing; some cannot.

Dogs always, ladies never, come when whistled for.

The baseball boys are preparing a minstrel. Those who attended the last, remember the evening as one full of merriment, and all are

eagerly awaiting the time for the next. The date is not yet certain, but do not fail to go.

E. G. Lloyd attended a meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association at Cincinnati, Feb. 19.

Prof. Eckhart will give a recital on the evening of Feb. 26, and will be assisted by talent from Columbus.

Miss Verna Baker was recently the recipient of some beautiful flowers from Fostoria. They were sent by—

Dr. G—"Mr. J. what does a doll represent?"

Mr. J—"It represents—"

Dr. G—"A baby."

S. E. Shull, '98, has been appointed business manager of the ÆGIS, in place of John Thomas, '98, resigned.

So you have "four on your string?" 'Tis better to have one something than four nothings. Waste no time on degenerates.

Because of the dark days during this term, the class in Sophomore Bible has had some trouble to recite. They could not see to read ahead.

Gus A. Sebald is recovering from a severe attack of "grip" and rheumatism. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sebald, of Middletown, were here several days.

Will some charitable soul please invent a mud-consumer for this town? The town council are negotiating for water works—to work the water off.

The juniors are trying to revive the old banquet of the Dark Ages. The class of '97 disposed of the senior banquet, and did a righteous act. Let her rest in peace.

The faculty have inaugurated a warfare against the sweater. They have concluded that the sweater is the breeder of laziness and the fosterer of carelessness. Doubtless, anyone can afford a more dignified apparel, and

should. It is not admissible in a cultured presence. On the other hand, it looks better than an ex-white shirt or a "has been clean" collar. Then, the faculty think the chapel is not the place for military drill, and the "shot-putter" must go.

On Jan. 22, the Davis Conservatory of Music gave the second recital of the year. A large audience was present and manifested much appreciation of the well rendered program.

Prof. Robert Eckhart, of Columbus, has accepted the position of instructor in the Violin department of the conservatory. The professor is one of the leading teachers of Columbus. There is no question as to the efficiency of the musical department at Otterbein.

Monday evening, Feb. 21, witnessed one of the most brilliant social occasions ever given in Otterbein circles. Miss Sevier gave to her students in art a Martha Washington tea. Each student was permissioned to invite a friend, and a more congenial company could not be found. All were costumed in colonial dress. This department is artful in more ways than one. The prosperity which it is enjoying is only measured by the event of Monday evening.

The "chapel exercises" at the Wox club are very interesting. Burtner is master of ceremonies, Hale, critic. The pious souls, Oldt and Richert, cannot stand it. But Coover and Cochrell enjoy it.

Others desire to say the grace
But Johnson wishes to eat the grease.

But at the Adams club is manifested a spirit of "in honor preferring one another," seldom equaled. Baker and Mattoon each insist that the other must "officiate."

Dr. J. J. Lewis gave his lecture, "The Passion Play of Oberammergau," in the chapel, Feb. 9. The views were very fine, and the lecture interesting throughout. But some

rude, coarse and unprincipled scoundrel pelted the audience with corn. He came like a thief in the night. A miserable degenerate, who should not be among cultured people. He should flock with birds of his own feather—jail birds. Then, a crowd of children who do not know anything about a lecture, occupy the front seats. They applaud at nothing and, since in front, the people think some professor has started it. All join in, and there you are.

In the Denison-Otterbein debate each university will be represented by two speakers.

The ÆGIS will publish the six orations delivered at the Ohio State Oratorical contest in the April number. This volume of oratory will be on sale at the very low cost of ten cents. Anyone wishing an extra copy of the April number of the ÆGIS will be accommodated by sending the subscription agent ten cents.

Here is a dialogue recently evolved from the desert minds of a senior and a junior.

Jr.—The ÆGIS is not so spicy as formerly. I like funny things.

Sr.—Yes, I agree. I am always anxious to know about the new points.

Jr.—(Picking up an exchange, he reads:)

I love to flirt with college girls,
Because they are so nice;
And when I kiss them once, I know,
They'll let me kiss them twice.

I kissed the maiden on one cheek,
Then thought she'd tell her father;
Instead she quotes from algebra,
"Treat one side as the other."

Now that's what I like, and hope Gruver will give us what we want.

Anyone having any such articles, will please send to the local dep't, and they will be published, after being thoroughly disinfected. They will have the trademark, (XX), that those interested may recognize.

Most of the Seniors attended the annual reunion and banquet of the Columbus Otterbein Association held at the Neil House, Friday

evening, Feb. 25. They report a very pleasant evening. This was the fourth meeting of the Association and the elegance of the occasion reflects much credit on the managers. A fuller account will be given in the next issue of the ÆGIS.

Feb. 22, the Seniors sprung a surprise on the other students and the faculty by taking down the stars and stripes and hoisting two large streamers of old gold and white (class colors) on which '98 was placed in black. The Seniors were equally surprised when the President, fearing a class rush, ordered the janitor to lower the old gold and white. This action of the President, was vehemently condemned by the Seniors and they are now determined on floating their flag over the classic building at all hazards in the near future.

EXCHANGES.

In looking over many of our exchanges this month, we are inclined to make the following general criticism: Too much attention is paid to the locals and other things of interest only

to the students of the school which the paper represents. If the paper is desirous of local fame only, this is all right, but if it wishes to be read with interest at the exchange tables upon which it is found, it will be necessary to insert articles which will be of interest both to the students and the general public.

He heard him give the college yell,
For joy he scarce could speak;
He murmured, "Mother, listen to
Our William talkin' Greek!"—Ex.

In the last two numbers of the "Rose Technic" there has appeared a very interesting production on "Lead-Silver Mines and Smelting Works." This is especially interesting to all students of science and should not be overlooked. In this article the method of smelting ores is fully discussed. The "Rose Technic" is to be commended for its high literary standard.

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away with them the impression here made. The upper classmen should maintain such a high ethical standard as to discountenance everything that is trifling, discourteous and undignified. Such a spirit dominant will disarm selfishness, and teach the true object of living.—Ex.

Three French boys were studying a volume of Shakespeare in their own tongue, their task being to render portions of it into English. When they came to Hamlet's famous soliloquy, "To be or not to be," their respective translations were as follows: 1. "To was or not to am." 2. "To were or is to not." 3. "To should or not to will."—Ex.

It is never too late for words of commendation. Such is certainly due the Oakland High School Ægis for the remarkably fine number published in December. It was finely illustrated, containing many beautiful half-tone cuts all of which were interesting. This issue certainly speaks highly for those connected with the paper. It shows skill, genius and determination.

Were the Cadet to devote more attention to a literary department, and less space to locals, its literary tone would be greatly improved. Locals may be very interesting to those directly connected with the college, but are of little or no consequence to outsiders, and their literary worth is small. Another important feature, which, if we err not, once had an existence,

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but which is missing now, is the exchange department. A college paper that ignores such a department fails, to a certain extent, to fulfill the true functions of such a paper. An exchange department is as valuable as any other. It not only serves as a medium through which the editors are brought to see the merits or defects of their paper, as seen by others, and through the exchange editor can, in turn, review and pass judgment; but also promotes an intercourse between colleges that is both healthful and agreeable. No college paper can afford to do away with such a department as the exchange.—Ex.

We have had the "Wittenberger" upon our exchange list for a long while and still consider ourselves favored with its presence. More literary matter to the paper would certainly be a valuable addition.

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Cleveland & Buffalo.....	*12:45 pm	*2:15 pm
Delaware & Cleveland.....	†4:15 pm	†9:10 pm
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Southwestern Lim.....	*10:00 pm	*7:08 am
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Newburg.....	9 13	8 25	3 40
Hudson.....	9 45	9 05	4 15
Cuyaboga Falls	9 58	9 19	4 35
Akron.....	10 10	9 33	4 45
Orrville.....Ar	11 00	10 28	5 40
Millersburg.....Lv	11 03	10 33	5 45
Gambier.....	11 41	11 16	6 30	6 00
Centerburg.....	12 40	12 25	P M	7 07
Mt. Vernon.....Ar	12 50	12 40	7 20
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	P M	A M	A M
Cincinnati.....	5 45	6 40
	P M	A M

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Centerburg.....	12 31	1 51	5 39
Mt. Vernon.....Ar	12 55	2 20	6 05
Gambier.....Lv	†1 00	†2 25	†6 10
Millersburg.....	1 11	2 40	6 25
Orrville.....Ar	2 21	3 55	8 20	7 35
Akron.....Lv	3 05	4 45	9 05	P M
Cuyaboga Falls	3 10	4 55	9 10
Hudson.....Ar	4 05	5 55
Newburg.....Lv	4 17	6 05	10 05
Euclid Ave.....	4 30	6 17	10 17
Cleveland.....Ar	5 05	6 30	10 25
	5 16	7 05
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