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OTTERBEIN TOWERS



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Presidents Urge Alumni Co-operation

"I Plead Your Loyalty . . ."

GREETINGS TO ALUMNI:

My greetings to the hundreds of Otterbein alumni throughout the world!

Recently I have had pleasant contacts with Otterbein men and women from coast to coast. Again I am reminded that neither time nor distance "nor any other creature" dims nor quenches the devotion of the true Otterbein graduate. The spirit of Otterbein has made you. Translated and reincarnated into action, it can remake your Alma Mater. "Her stately tower speaks naught but power." This may be physical, it may be educational, social and spiritual, but always a genuine love of truth, of righteousness, and of humanity. Days like these demand men and women of this type to help re-shape a disordered world society.

For my successor, Dr. Howe, and for the College I love, I plead your loyalty and co-operation.

Your humble servant,
W. G. Clippinger.

"I Covet Your Partnership . . ."

ALUMNI OF OTTERBEIN:

Through your trustees you have called me to the high task of directing the destinies of our beloved college. I wish to express, in all simplicity and candor, the very genuine and grateful appreciation which any son of Otterbein must feel at being counted worthy of this honor and responsibility.

I wish also to pledge to you and to old Otterbein the last full measure of whatever energy and ability may lie within my powers, that the college of our love may become increasingly all that we have hoped and dreamed that she should be.

I did not seek this task. I have not promised any one of you a thing. You would not have wanted me to do so. But I do have a boundless faith in the alumni of our school and in the capacity of Otterbein to impart to her sons and daughters not only the finest intellectual equipment that any school can give but, in addition,

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Quiz and Quill Anthology Reflects

Otterbein Student Thought, Life Over 20-Year Period

When the Quiz and Quill Club dedicated its anthology to Professor C. O. Altman with the words:

To lead others into the miracle of creation, is a more subtle achievement than to discover for oneself only, the truth which lies behind all self-expression,
it paid tribute to an outstanding personality.

When the Club chose for its preface, this note from the 1926 Quiz and Quill:

Ours is not only youth, but the spirit of youth—so we believe in ourselves, conscious of the egoism that is our just right. And so, in bidding farewell to the praise and censure of the past, we greet our severest critics and friends alike—knowing that without vanity, the world would be sans singer and sangs song,
it paid tribute to the spirit of youth of all time.

This 180-page anthology, which includes a representative selection from the Quiz and Quill Magazines of the last 20 years, is just what it pretends to be—a reflection of the loves, hates, idealism, and disillusionment of a generation.

There's a slight nostalgic touch in A GOWN by Edgington '25.

*I put an old gown on
To go to dinner.*

But when I tried

*To smooth the wrinkles out
Before the glass,
I saw green meadows
Fresh in spring,
An orchid sky at sunset,
The moon, a slender bow,
And, too, one evening star.
I heard that chance remark,
"A poem for a poet."
I thought it was the scent
Of old perfume,
And so,
I laid away the dress.*

*I wanted to be gay
At dinner.*

Beyond by Carol Beachler '37 reflects a whimsical mood:

*They think
I'm washing dishes,
But no,
I'm burning bridges.
They think
I see a pan to scour.
They're wrong
I see a distant star.*

Machines Are Ruthless by Marvel Sebert '21, strikes a more realistic note.

But whatever the mood, the writing is honest and rings true.

And if anything, the prose is even better than the poetry. *Meg*, a short story written by Lois Adams Byers '19, to my mind, in itself justifies the anthology.

Otterbein can well be proud of this commentary on two decades of student life.

Copies of the Anthology may be secured from Professor C. O. Altman for \$1.10 each.

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

1939

Ninety-Second Year Eighty-Third Commencement

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

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

5:00 P. M.—Phi Sigma Iota Dinner.

8:00 P. M.—Reception to Senior Class, Cochran Hall.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, ALUMNI DAY

7:30 A. M.—Varsity "O" Breakfast.

8:00 A. M.—Quiz and Quill Breakfast.

8:00 A. M.—Chaucer Club Breakfast.

8:00 A. M.—Pi 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.—Cleiorheteian 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.—Cap and Dagger Play—"When the Dawn Comes" by
Pauline Phelps and Marion Short.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

10:45 A. M.—Baccalaureate Service. Sermon by The Reverend Mr.
E. B. Learish, D.D., Superintendent of the Allegheny
Conference of the United Brethren Church.

4:00 P. M.—Joint Anniversary of Christian Associations.

8:30 P. M.—Concert by School of Music.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

10:00 A. M.—EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.
Speaker, Mr. Raymond Walters, LL.D., Litt.D., Presi-
dent, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. Subject—
"Liberal Education and Citizenship."

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Introducing . . .

Otterbein Towers

There are Towers of brick and mortar, and Towers of achievement and sentiment. Otterbein has both. This little periodical, which continues the "News" of former months, will link the brick Towers with the achievement and sentiment which they symbolize. Departure from a campus need not dissolve an affection or interrupt a program of education and culture. OTTERBEIN TOWERS is at your service.

Dr. Howe---Loyalty

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that priceless heritage of cultured grace and of Christian idealism which only a college like our own can provide. I covet your enthusiastic partnership in making Otterbein pay dividends in character and scholarship.

On my desk lie more than five hundred letters and telegrams from alumni and friends of the college, expressing confidence in her future and pledging co-operation in our tasks. May I thank you, very simply but very sincerely? And may I express the hope of Mrs. Howe and myself that we may look forward to the privilege and pleasure of having you with us in our home when we are in Westerville?

Yours in love and loyalty to our common Alma Mater and in dedication to the Otterbein that is and that is to be.

Cordially,
J. R. Howe.

Alumni Activities

Dr. Frank O. Clements '96, was awarded an honorary membership in the American Society for Testing Materials when that group held their national convention in Atlantic City last summer.

Dr. Clements, who since 1920 has been technical director of the research laboratory of General Motors Corporation, Detroit, was for many years the president of the Board of Trustees of Otterbein College.

Friends of Otterbein are delighted to learn that Dr. and Mrs. Clements plan to make their permanent home in Westerville upon his retirement from the General Motors Corporation.

Through the generosity of E. N. Funkhouser '13, the Quiz and Quill Club was able to place one hundred copies of the Quiz and Quill Anthology in high schools throughout the Otterbein territory.

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