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Editorial

WITH the coming of the bright spring days one is seized by an irresistible impulse to go out doors and share the growing activity of nature. Walks and strolls, baseball and tennis all call us but let us not forget amid them all the claims of track athletics. Of all the present forms of college sport none offers so wide and varied a field of activity to match the varied powers of different individuals as does track athletics. Let us not forget that Otterbein holds a fine series of records of past achievements, that the fame of some of her athletes was not limited by state bounds, or that what has been done can again be done or even excelled by patient effort. It is the uniform testimony of expert athletes that excellence comes only as the result of long and

faithful practice, but this again is uniformly recognized by doctors as the surest guide to health. Do not let fancied inaptitude dissuade you from trying. Many of our best records were made by men who at first never dreamed of accomplishing so much. It is practice that counts and practice will become a pleasure when faithfully pursued. Track athletics have amounted to but little in Otterbein during the past few years, but now is a new opportunity. Let us redeem the past and make this the best year for a long time in this branch of athletics.

THIS is an age in which the masses are seeking to climb to a higher standard of intelligence. Books and papers contribute much to the diffusion of general intelligence. The influence and work of the common school can hardly be overestimated. Colleges and universities are in like manner doing a marvelous work though it is true that only a comparatively few receive the benefits of their instruction directly. There is yet another field which in the last decade has rapidly opened up and bids fair to become a potent factor for the spread of general intelligence among the masses,—the lecture course system. The time was formerly when only the larger cities could support a good lecture course. But in the last few years the lecture field has widened until now almost every city, town and village has its lecture course. Not only do these smaller towns and villages have their annual lecture course but splendid talent is employed. This proves to be an educational factor to which the best people of the community are drawn and becomes a school for the masses. Moreover so reasonable is

the price of these lectures that no one is deterred from attending them. If we may judge anything from the past we may safely conclude that the rapid development in this field is only a token of its future importance. No community or village is too insignificant to have its annual lecture course. It is something in which all the people of a community should encourage.

IT is hardly possible to measure adequately the value of a temperament which is uniformly cheerful under whatever circumstances it may be placed. The cheerful man is to society what the sunshine is to the fields. His presence is rather felt than seen. His genial nature carries something of ruddy strength and wholesomeness among those with whom he comes in contact. The cheerful man in the home, at work, or in society is, in his sphere, what a lubricator is to a journal. He makes the wheels of society turn smoothly. Otherwise there would be endless friction. God bless the cheerful man and may their number increase.

The Doctor's Story

C. F. HELMSTETTER

I WAS while making a trip to Chicago last summer, that I met a man with whom I was very strangely impressed, and whose story has so buried itself in my memory that time can efface it. I had boarded the 4:50 express of the Pennsylvania Lines at Lima, and the train being very much crowded, I had begun to despair of finding a seat, when I noticed one with only one occupant. I quickly stepped up to him, asked if the seat was occupied, thinking that some one might have temporarily left it, and upon being answered in the negative, sat down greatly relieved, for I did not relish the idea of standing for several hours in a swiftly moving train.

My companion's face impressed me at once as that of a man, refined, cultured, and highly educated, and from general appearances, a professional man. Noticing that he wore an emblem which showed him to be of the same fraternity in which I am proud to hold membership, and using this mutual membership as a pretense, I began a conversation in which he readily and eagerly joined, and I verily believe that the companionship with the man for the next few hours was one of the most pleasurable of my life. I soon gained his confidence and he mine; I had told him the story of my life and its struggles, and that I was then on my way to Chicago to enter upon a medical course, when he handed me his card bearing simply the name, James Harding, M. D. Now I was more than ever interested in him, because I had had some misgivings about entering this profession, and there was a man whom I greatly admired, and one who could give good advice and counsel. We discussed the profession from all points of view, and then he leaned back in his seat and closed his eyes as if deeply in thought, remaining thus for several moments. But suddenly he brightened up and asked me the day of the month; I told him it was the 25th of June. "Young man," said he, "just twenty years ago to-day the destiny of my life was settled, and by a most singular circumstance, I was started on to success and fortune such as few men in my profession have achieved."

Of course I begged for the story, and I give it to you, my friends, in his own words.

"I have now passed the fortieth milestone of life's pathway," said he, "and in my eighteenth year came the blow which seemed then to blast all my future hopes and to shatter the very foundations of my aspirations. My father was a wealthy manufacturer, and I had had every advantage conceivable, having been reared in luxury, in school most of my life, and graduating from Harvard at eighteen. But notwithstanding all these advantages I had lived with one aim in life—some day, to be an eminent physician. But the year of my grad-

uation, financial calamity visited my father and we were left absolutely destitute. For one who has never known anything but luxury, and to whom money has been of no more value than as a mere medium of exchange, it was terrible. I had never known work nor independence, and there I was— youth of eighteen with a college education of course, but not the least idea of practical life, nor of rubbing up against the world for an existence. But I had ambition, and, urged on by the love and encouragement of one of the sweetest and most beautiful of womankind ever moulded by the hands of the Creator, I determined to work. Now, must I forget my ambition to become eminent in the medical world, or merely cherish it as a bitter memory. I might have engaged in teaching, but what position could a youth of eighteen get, which would defray the heavy expenses of a medical course? So, I actually went to work in a large department store at the meagre salary of \$400 a year. Dear little Lucy still retained her affection for me, and it was this one fact alone that spurred me on.

But now for that event in my life which I count the strangest and yet most fortunate moment of my existence. One evening during an idle moment, I picked up the evening paper and noticed in bold headlines: "\$50,000 Reward." I hastily ran over the article and noticed that it was the reward offered for any clew leading to the explanation of some of the most mysterious disappearances known to police records. Just the day previous, in a lonely road about three miles from the city, a young farmer had disappeared as completely as though the earth had opened and engulfed him. Leaving home early in the morning, he had started to the city with a load of grain; but a neighbor passing this mysterious spot a few hours after, found the team and wagon of grain standing on the side of the road, and the owner missing. A most careful search had failed to discover him. Only two weeks before a Jew peddler, who was making visits from house to house, was seen to enter this road about eight

o'clock in the evening. But travelers on the next morning found the two, heavy, undisturbed valises of the hopeless Jew, setting along the side of the road, as if he had calmly set them down on either side of him, and been suddenly transported to another world for no trace of him was ever discovered, he having having been seen last while entering this mysterious highwry. But that disappearance which seemed most cruel of all, was that of two little children who were returning home from a picnic one lovely June day. At the dividing of their several ways homeward, these two had laughingly bade the others good-bye, saying that they were going home by way of the haunted highway and might never be seen again. Little did these innocents think of the truth of their lightly spoken words, for they never reached home. Their parents, thinking that they had remained with some friends for the night, were not much alarmed, but the next day were nearly distracted, when, after a careful search, assisted by the neighborhood for miles around, the little ones were not found. Some of the best detectives in the city were put on the case and failed, and is it any wonder that among the credulous people of the neighborhood, the road was said to be haunted; many declaring that they had seen the shades of the departed ones there after night, and had heard sepulchral voices with shrieks and groans, crying for vengeance. Others would make light of these reports, but would drive for miles around rather than go through this lonely and mysterious road. Now since this last disappearance, such intense excitement prevailed, that the county commissioners had increased the reward already offered to fifty thousand. The thought passed over my mind as I read: "Would it be possible for me to obtain this reward, and thus secure my long-desired medical education? But it as quickly passed away, when I thought of the fact that the best detectives known had attempted to fathom the mystery and were successful. So I disgustingly tossed the paper aside and thought no more of it than you do, my friend, when

you read of a mysterious murder in some distant city.

Several days after, the weather being ideal, I longed for the free, pure air of the country. Lucy and I were both expert cyclers, so I secured a half-holiday, jumped on my wheel, rode over to Lucy's door, and suggested a spin to Forest, a pretty little town eight miles from the city. She needed no persuasion, and soon emerged from the house in a natty bicycle costume, looking to me prettier than ever before. Oh, what bitter memories flashed over my mind. How I regretted my loss of fortune. How I would have loved to make this girl my wife, to go on with my education, to reach my ambition. But these thoughts were quickly thrust aside, we soon left the smoky city behind, and, happy in each other's company, were spinning along the smooth country roads. I know I never saw Lucy lovelier nor livelier than that day. We reached Forest without incident or accident, secured supper at a hotel, and about seven o'clock—'twas a lovely moonlight night—started homeward. The ride homeward, taking all things into consideration, seemed ideal. We returned by another route than the one we had come, and when about four miles from the city I saw that we would have to go by way of that road which was so dreaded by everybody in the neighborhood. I confess that I felt some trepidation about that lonely place after night, since I had no means of protection. But a gathering storm, which, in our intense interest in each other, we had not noticed, quickly scattered any thoughts but that we should reach home the shortest and quickest way possible. The sky with amazing rapidity had been overcast with heavy, threatening clouds, but we lit our lamps and rode swiftly on. Lucy had no fear because she placed such implicit confidence in me, that I believe she would have ridden into the very jaws of death had I been by her side. But my mind was not at rest; I seemed to have a presentiment that something terrible was going to happen; that I would be weighed in the balance, where cool-headedness, presence of mind,

and nerve would be required. Would I be equal to the occasion, or would I be found wanting?

We had reached that part of the road which had been the scene of those most mysterious disappearances of which I told you. The storm would soon be upon us in all its fury, and suddenly a most awful flash of lightning, accompanied by a deafening peal of thunder, so blinded us that we were unable to see our way. Lucy's front wheel struck a large stone, turned quickly, and she was thrown violently to the ground. I quickly sprang from my wheel and rushed to her, but she could not stand on account of a badly sprained ankle; but the brave girl never shed a tear, although I knew she was suffering untold misery. Oh, the horror of those moments! What could I do? But by a second flash of lightning, more terrific than the first, I noticed a small, forbidding-looking house about twenty rods from the road, standing alone. What kind of building it was, I could not tell, but the rain had now begun to fall in torrents and my one thought was of shelter. So I carried Lucy towards the house, leaving the wheels at the side of the road. It was of very ominous appearance, weather-beaten, old, an aspect of long-abandonment, and it swayed and rocked in the wind. I pushed at the old rotten door, which easily yielded to my efforts, and we went in, glad to be sheltered from the terrible storm, but not knowing what we would find. The atmosphere of the room was very heavy and oppressive, almost stifling. 'Twas so dark that the very air seemed thick. I placed Lucy very tenderly down on the floor, and gave her my coat for a pillow. The poor girl soon sank into a troubled sleep, her nerves having been racked by pain and excitement, but her confidence in me allowed her to forget her fears. But why this foreboding feeling of some dread calamity, which I am not able to throw off—try as I may. How I tremble as the rotten floor quivers whenever I make the slightest move. I had sat down beside Lucy, who still slept, but I soon seem to know that we are not

not alone in the room. Have you ever experienced that, my friend—no visible nor audible demonstration, but that inexplicable, but undeniable communication between mind and mind by which I soon seem to know that some invisible presence is there, and that I am fast succumbing to its irresistible influence. Lucy is also fast falling under the spell, for she turns restlessly and sighs as though she too is trying to exert her own will power to counteract the effects of a stronger one. What can be that strange, wonderful, but dreaded power which is so fast becoming master of me? Suddenly, through a crack in the rotten floor, I notice a darting, then quivering gleam of light as if coming from below. I summon all my reserve energy and will, resolving to snatch Lucy up and rush out into the storm, I leap to my feet, when, the sudden action being too much for the rotten floor already trembling from our combined weights, I feel it give way beneath our feet, and with a terrible crash we are precipitated into an underground room.

Suddenly the man stopped; during this rehearsal, he had become so agitated that his entire frame trembled visibly, and his face wore such a look of agony that I shall never forget it. He closed his eyes and his lips moved as if in prayer. I faintly heard these words: "Oh Father, can I bear to rehearse the agony of those moments? What is memory—since over it we have no control and are not able to blot out those things we wish?"

He seemed so overwhelmed by the thoughts of those terrible moments that I was unable to proceed. But he soon emerged from this maze, and his face once more resumed its kind and intelligent demeanor, as the train began to slacken its speed, and he said: "Well, here we are at the Chicago Union Depot and I knew not that we had neared the city limits."

"What," thought I, "am I not to hear the rest of this strange story?"

I begged him to go on, but there was no time, and while two formed a part of the slowly-moving procession in the aisle of the coach, he said: "I cannot endure a rehearsal

of the events of those terrible moments, following the giving away of the floor. Suffice to say, that I was not found wanting, that I fathomed the mystery, and secured the reward with which I ultimately obtained my medical education. Lucy is now my wife and we are living happily here in the city." With that we were pushed into the moving surging surging crowd and I lost sight of him.

I went to hotel, and immediately to my room, but could not sleep. What could be the explanation of thy mystery? * * * * The next morning, in the "Times Herald" I noticed this brief article: "Dr. James Harding returned last evening over the Penn. Lines from New York City, where he had performed a most wonderful surgical operation. Dr. Harding is one of Chicago's most illustrious sons, and her most eminent physician. He is also a member of the American Society for Psychical Research, and a most rigid investigator of the Occult Sciences."

This, then, was the man I had met. Should you ever meet him and find him in a reminiscent mood, ask for the story of his life, and should you be so fortunate as to hear all, you will have it explained for you one of the mysteries of the century.

America a World Power

H. E. SHIREY, '02.



WE stand upon the threshold of the 20th century, and reflect upon the brief history of our country, we behold a development which startles the civilized world. Not yet three centuries have elapsed since our Pilgrim fathers first set foot upon American soil and little over a century has passed since our population, small as to numbers and weak as to material wealth, found itself clustered close to the shores of the Atlantic. Yet we have evolved into one of the most powerful and influential nations upon the globe. Shall we ask ourselves why in the march of nations, we have surpassed in the rapidity of our pro-

gress? We need but look to the beginning where we see a hundred human souls persecuted for righteousness' sake, seeking freedom in the wild and unbroken forests of a foreign shore. We see a pilgrim band turning their backs upon home, fatherland and all human civilization, willing to forego all that they might enjoy a freedom of conscience and of religious belief. We see our country have its beginning by being baptized in faith and cradled in prayer. We see a little band of patriots rise up in righteous indignation against the indignation and oppression of a country whose atrocities even to-day puts her most loyal subjects to shame. The war was not one of conquest, neither of spoil. Men went forth to fight for liberty, inspired with one desire that of ridding themselves of the crushing and tyrannical hand of despotism.

Our national era was ushered by a Washington, a Webster, a Clay, a Henry, men who were the embodiment of the principles for which they fought, namely: Freedom, justice, equality. Men whose lives had but one purpose, that of duty. Those under the guidance of such men we were destined to grow and to take a place, foremost in the civilized world. Laws were made and administered in the form of true democracy. All citizens met upon the plain of equality, whether their lot placed them in the halls of congress or behind the plow. Social castes had no place in this new form of government. Every man was animated with but one desire, that of serving his country. Men were selected to sit at the seats of power, whose names were cherished because of their sincerity of purpose, and their faithful devotion to a cause which stood paramount to all others. Gradually our borders were enlarged, not without much hardship and loss of life. Natural resources began to be in evidence and our commercial and economical policies began to take on a definite shape. Our ingenuity and our integrity soon gave us a host of admirers among our sister nations. Our integrity was heralded in every court in the world. Our diplomats entered through open

doors every civilized court upon the globe. And to-day we find the stars and stripes floating in every quarter of the earth. Schools and churches were quickly established and maintained that the spiritual and intellectual development of young America should keep pace with all material progress, and it is a fact which should not be overlooked, that the little red schoolhouse or church which graces almost every cross-road even to-day, have been the most potent factors which have contributed to make us a truly great people. The little red schoolhouse is the stimulus which has given us our great seats of learning, which, taken as a whole, are second to none. Even to-day and with our prospective national university an established fact, we will continue to lead the van of education in all its departments. And already we have become a potent factor in the world's financial policy. We hear cries from over the sea that our financial policy is threatening. If our progress continues a few years we will be able to wrench the sceptre of power from the world's metropolis and make New York the clearing house of the world instead. Our commercial invasion of European markets is a testimony of our present greatness and our future possibilities. To-day we stand supreme in the manufacturing world. Our American built ships are carrying our American products into foreign markets and laying them down at a price which defies competition and without detriment to the classes which produce them at home. The result is retaliation and dislike but the initiative has been taken and all efforts to resist may thwart, but will never effectually stop this great flood of American exports.

Thus through a series of triumphs we have attained to what the world calls greatness. But every nation has been great in its day, each has led the van only to retire and make room for another. Rome was great and Greece was great. Rome gave to the world, its law. Greece gave to the world its learning; but where are these great seats of power to-day. Their ruins forms a rendezvous for bats and owls, and were it not for the fact that history

has faithfully depicted their true greatness we would never have known of their power and influence upon the world. Had these countries outlived their usefulness, I would say no, a thousand times no. No country can become too great, but if in its mad rush for material gain it is blinded to right, justice and purity, if it forgets its moral integrity and allows corruption and debauchery to supplement virtue and honor, it must fall.

History repeats itself we are told and thus we are brought face to face with the same problems as our predecessors. As Americans we view with pride our exalted and honored position in the family of nations. But with exaltation and honor comes responsibility. We are truly great, and Mr. Gladstone has said that we have the natural resources to become one of the greatest continuous empires ever established by man. But as we review the century of our progress, have we conformed strictly to the policy adopted by our forefathers and given to us as a heritage, purchased with their own blood? I fear not. The departure has been a radical one and could the sages of Revolutionary fame, look down upon us to-day with our present policy and our evil tendencies, they would weep for us as our Master wept for sunny Jerusalem. Men no longer sit at the seat of power, because they believe it to be a paramount duty. Men no longer seek office because they are animated with a love for country because they are inspired to lead men for the good they may do them. Justice and equality have been eliminated from our political and economical policies. What man in politics to-day could cry out with the passion of a Clay, "I would sooner be right than to be president."

The most optimistic must admit, that much of the liberty due the American citizen, has been snatched from him slowly but surely, by the far-reaching and crushing hand of the American capitalist, enforced by the American politician. The method is indirect and hard to deal with but is sure and destructive in its results. Righteousness has been dethroned

and the spirit of commercial advantage has taken complete possession of the American people. Our war for humanity, which was attended with so much success, has only kindled within us a greed for gain, and "Liberty," which was the war-cry in our Spanish-American war, has been completely lost sight of in our present corrupt and arrogant method of meting out justice. The traditions which have come down to us through the generations and for which the best blood and the most intelligent manhood of our nation so recently went forth to fight have become the laughing stock of nations. At present our forces are being mustered in the Orient to force civilization upon a people which are absolutely opposed to the present status of affairs all to satisfy the greed of hungry capitalists and politicians. At present a court martial is being held in which the evidence is conclusive that men, women and children have been murdered in cold blood according to orders issued from the headquarters of our American officers.

Can we depict our future under such circumstances? Can we hope to reach the zenith of our glory and permit such atrocities to be committed? Can we hope to maintain our integrity when we wilfully go beyond the bounds of human consistency?

Our present political system is seething with intrigue and corruption. Public neglect and indifference has given an open door to the politician whose unscrupulous and unprincipled methods will eat the very vitals of our free institutions. The tendency of our whole system is toward corruption. We fail to have an ideal. Material gain is the shrine at which all bow in submission. The methods employed in acquiring gain are very often corrupt and when in possession of means men oftener use it for further corruption than for healthful speculation. Our whole body politic is dominated by the boodler and with the advent of money and its influence true democracy dis-

appears and we find the franchises of men being bought and sold for a gill of rum, and the purposes of honest men thwarted and even crushed. That we are tending toward immorality cannot be questioned. Our laws are legislated but in many instances are not executed and the result is anarchy and carnage, especially, among our licensed brethren, who pay for their protection. Our Sabbath has lost much of its sanctity and all of these things are a direct result of placing unrighteous men at the helm of our government.

As we review the history of nations we learn that they fall because they have become debauched, because they have lost sight of their real purpose in their effort to appease their greed for gain and to satisfy their lusts and appetites at the cost of social purity. Are we not doing the same thing to-day? Can we hope to stand without a change of policy? The canker is at work and the heart of our republic is the point of attack; we feel it slowly but surely eating away and yet we are indifferent. We need new principles which when assimilated will pervade all society giving it a new national life. Our nation must have a conscience and a social equality. Men whether rich or poor, high or low, must alike be given the privilege of entering the field of competition to gain a livelihood. The spirit of morality must be adhered to. We must maintain our spiritual and intellectual standards, that our civilization will exert its proper influence upon the nations with which we come in contact. The world will have many problems for us to solve and the next 25 years of U. S. history will be a potent factor in solving the world's problems either for better or for worse hence the importance of making our history better and nobler. To do this we must cease to adhere strictly to political parties for in many instances party lines separate men from right and duty. The contest will be a hard one but if the intelligent and honest men of to-day will go forth with pure hearts and clean hands

and place themselves in opposition to our corrupt system, never ceasing in this antagonism until every barrier of opposition is swept away, then will the American flag stand for purity and integrity and we will be a world power in the highest sense of the world.

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Thy earthly race was nobly run,
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In busy, toiling care,
And yet with loving calm content,
As one who bows in prayer.

'Tis sad to think that thou art gone;
We'll see thy face no more
On college campus, in the halls,
Or at the open door.

But still in memory's sacred halls
Thy presence will abide;
The ringing of thy bells still calls
At morn and eventide.

Thy calling was an humble one
To human minds and eyes;
Thy faithfulness exalted it,
Unto the very skies.

With God there are no little things
If done in Jesus' name.
The song the poorest peasant sings
Will count with him the same.

So when the crowns are meted out
To loving hearts and true,
There's none will get a brighter one
Than that reserved for you.

V. W. C. A. Notes

The quotation book, already spoken of in the ÆGIS, will be ready soon. The book will be a nice souvenir for any Otterbein student.

The new officers for the year beginning April 1st have taken up the work with a spirit that speaks much for the coming year. They are: President, Grace Miller; vice president,

Elsie Lambert; recording secretary, Iva Riebel; treasurer, Mabel Moore; corresponding secretary, Edna Wells.

The outlook for Geneva delegates is very hopeful.

The annual convention of the State Y. W. C. A. will be held this fall at Wooster university, Wooster, Ohio.

The two Associations have recently made some much needed improvements in the Association building by papering the Cabinet rooms and Committee rooms, and also having rubber placed upon the stairsteps and carpet in the upper hallway.

Y. M. C. A. Notes

The old officers have been making out their reports for the past year, preparatory to handing their work over to the newly elected ones. The reports show a steady growth in association work during the last year.

C. W. Snyder, '03, the new president, has been busy organizing the work for the coming year. All the committees have been appointed and their work assigned. The success of the association depends upon the work done by each committee.

Quite a number of students have subscribed to a fund for fixing up the basement of the association building with bath rooms and lockers. This is a big undertaking, but as it is essential we feel that it can be done. The friends of the association are asked to help the boys out.

The recent convention at Toronto is having its influence upon the missionary life and activity of the college. This is as it ought to be. As a result of the convention, one student has signed the declaration card, while others are seriously considering the matter. The Student Volunteer Movement since its

inception has pressed upon four successive student generations the claims of foreign missions as a life work. What constitutes a call? We answer: 1st. "A Tremendous Need;" 2d. "A Knowledge of that Need;" 3d. "The Ability with God's Help to Meet that Need." Let the glorious watchword "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation," take hold of the heart of every Christian student, and then use his energies for the accomplishment of the same.

Twenty-six dollars have been appropriated for repairs. This with the Y. W. C. A. appropriation made it possible to have the tower rooms papered, place a matting in the upper hall and put rubber matting on the steps. The association building is the pride of every student and every effort is made to keep this place attractive.

C. W. Snyder, president elect, and C. Judy attended the president's conference held at Athens from April 10 to 13. The conference was one of intense interest and many helpful suggestions were given. These yearly conferences are of vital importance to the college associations, because it brings them in touch with one another.

Alumni

Miss Cristiana Thompson, '90, teacher of English at Frankfort, Indiana, recently visited her friends in Westerville.

Charles Sumner Bash, '97, who has been serving in the Philippines, recently returned home and paid his alma mater a short visit.

The Bowen home in Ithica, N. Y., was recently blessed by the advent of a son. Lockey Stewart Bowen is a graduate of Otterbein in class of '97.

Prof. W. O. Lambert, '00, who is superintendent of schools at Grove City, recently visited his parents and friends. One of Mr.

Lambert's pupils recently won the county high school oratorical contest, there being eight contestants.

Thomas H. Brad-ick, '97, and family have been visiting in Westerville. Mr. Bradrick is General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Crawfordsville, Indiana.


D. H. Seneff, '97, is in New York City in the employment of the New York Life Insurance Co. Mr. Seneff is a hustler and is having lots of success in his new field.

Otto B. Cornell, '92, has just graduated from Ohio Medical University with honor. Mr. Cornell is an all around good fellow and is assured of success in his new profession.

Alexander C. Flick, '94, professor of history at Syracuse University, has secured a two years' leave of absence and will shortly sail for Europe, where he will continue his study. He will be accompanied by his wife and his sister, Bertha Sabina Flick, who is also a graduate of Otterbein in the class of '98.

Miss Maud Leona Ruth, '98, has entered the contest in western Pennsylvania for a trip to Europe. One of the Pittsburgh papers offers a free trip to Europe to the five teachers receiving the largest number of votes. We are unanimous in our desire to see Miss Ruth take the trip. Give her your assistance.

Baseball

HE baseball season was opened in a very unauspicious manner on the local diamond last Saturday afternoon. The day was a breezy one, the crowd a slim one, and the game decidedly a bum one. The team from Capital University, after having suffered an ignominious defeat at the hands of O. S. U. one week before, came to Westerville and succeeded in defeating O. U. owing to the generosity of some of the Otterbein players, who

evidently thought that it would be an unpardonable sin to be instrumental in putting out any of the opponents. There were several mistakes and errors made, to be sure, but these can partly be accounted for by the lack of practice and team work of the home team. But two men, Lloyd and Hughes, of last year's team played in that game. Better things can be expected of the team before the season closes. There are several promising players who are practicing daily and it not unreasonable to think that a comparatively strong team can be developed from the material which is available. Sardy Bates has been elected to succeed T. Hughes (resigned) as captain and is devoting much of his time and taking a great deal of interest in the work. Let every student help him as much as he can and in every way that he can. Let us have no "knockers" this year, but every man give his heartiest support to the team and back it up by lending his presence at all the games.

KENYON II, OTTERBEIN 7

On last Thursday afternoon our baseball team went up to Gambier where they crossed bats with the sturdy sons of swat of Kenyon college. The team was in much better shape than when they met Capital and was materially strengthened by the return of Coons and C. Lloyd. Although we were defeated we were not disgraced, for our boys played magnificent ball after the third inning. But a little loose fielding in the early stages of the game allowed the Kenyonites to score eight runs, a lead which our boys were unable to overcome. Jolly pitched steady ball throughout the entire game and with good support would have been an easy winner. Cromley on the other hand was hit hard throughout the game, especially in the seventh and eighth innings when our boys succeeded in batting in seven earned runs, and it was only by the splendid support that was given him that Kenyon was saved from defeat. The Kenyon people were very much surprised at the show-

ing of our team as they had expected a much easier game and had considered it but little more than a practice game. But it must be remembered that baseball is one of the most uncertain games being played at the present time and that the result of the game cannot be determined until the last man is out. The Kenyon players gave this year's team the credit of being the best Otterbein team that has played against them for four years.

Locals

Miss Grace Miller visited at her home in Dayton from April 10-14.

Ernest Sanders was quite sick recently and unable to attend to his college duties.

W. Lloyd helped the Columbus Maroons to defeat the Denison team on last Saturday.

Our worthy editor, Mr. A. W. Whetstone, made a short trip to Medway from April 3-7.

The spring term has come and with it have come several new faces whom we are glad to welcome.

Several of the old students have dropped out for this term, but are expected to return next fall.

Miss Gertrude VanSickle, of Dayton, was the guest of her brother and friends on Sunday, April 20.

Miss Jessie May was recently called to her home in Lewisburg on account of the death of her grandmother.

J. R. Williams will give special attention to catering for parties, banquets and dinners. Satisfaction guaranteed.

On Easter Day Mr. A. L. Boring and Miss Laura Felix were united in marriage at her home in Pennsylvania. Mr. Boring expects

to learn all about farming this summer on his father-in-law's farm and will then return to school next fall to finish his course.

The ÆGIS is glad to note that Prof. Rudolph H. Wagoner has regained his good health and has resumed his college work.

"Strollers we would be;
Strollers we were;
Strollers we will be no more."

Professors Zuck and Whitney and President Scott attended a lecture given by Prof. Baum, at Ohio State University on Friday evening, April 11.

Prof. Newman is confined to his room on account of severe sickness. Mrs. Hunter, of Mechanicsburg, will have charge of his work during his illness.

On the morning of the 16th, Mr. Clyde Andrus, a member of the Academic department, died at the Protestant hospital after an illness of about ten days. Mr. Andrus was a model student and was loved and respected by all who knew him. The ÆGIS extends its sympathy to his parents and friends in their bereavement.

The Philomathean society held their installation session on the same evening and installed the following officers: H. E. Hall, president; P. H. Kilbourn, secretary; E. F. Bohn, critic.

Edward Breene Grimes, '83, editor of the Dayton Herald, has written a book entitled "A Kettle of Coin." Any one wishing to secure a copy of this book or a kettle of coin

should read the adv. of the U. B. Publishing House on the last page of this issue.

The Cleiorhetean Literary society installed the following officers on Thursday evening, April 17: President, Miss Margurite Lambert, critic, Miss Mamie Ranck; secretary, Elsie Lambert.

On the same evening the Philalethean society held their regular installation of officers: Miss Besse Detwiler was re-installed as president; critic, Miss Meta McFadden; secretary, Miss Nora Shauck.

The Philophronean Literary society held their regular installation session on the 11th inst. and the following officers were installed: President, H. E. Shirey; secretary, J. B. Hughes; critic, W. E. Lloyd.

Otterbein suffered another great loss on the 22d day of March in the death of L. B. McMillen, who had been the faithful janitor of the college buildings for the last ten years. Earl Mattoon has been chosen as his successor.

Class in Theistic Belief:

Dr. Scott—"Mr. Whetstone, what is the meaning of Revelation?"

Mr. Whetstone—"Revelation means, well it comes from the two latin words, re and velo meaning——"

Dr. Scott (smiling)—"This isn't a very good place to get off your latin."

The college minstrels, which appeared before the students and citizens of Westerville at the close of last term, were enthusiastically received. It was a success in every sense of the word and was undoubtedly the best thing of its kind ever given at Otterbein. The net receipts amounted to about \$90 and this amount was used on the debt of the Athletic association.

Dr. T. J. Sanders will do no teaching this term, but will devote all his time endeavoring to raise funds to liquidate the college debt.

Part of his studies are being taught by Prof. Miller and Pres. Scott, but several of the electives had to be dropped from the course on account of this arrangement. Dr. Garst is also spending considerable of his time in the field looking after the interests of the college.

The debate which was scheduled to take place between Otterbein and Heidelberg has been postponed and will probably never occur owing to the action of the latter. Heidelberg, after failing to make arrangements with Miami University for a debate, challenged O. U. for a dual meet to be held at Tiffin some time this spring. The defi was promptly accepted, our debaters chosen and preparations were being made for the debate, when Heidelberg, through the "Kilikilik," declares the debate postponed until next fall on account of lack of time for preparation. Their action would seem to indicate that they were a little bit afraid of themselves, or of somebody else, for it is very evident that they would have as much time for preparation as our representatives, and they surely knew of the shortness of time when they issued the challenge. Besides it was very discourteous to our debaters to postpone the debate after all arrangements had been made and question submitted, without even consulting them or asking their permission. As a result of this action, it is quite likely that no debate will take place between these two colleges.

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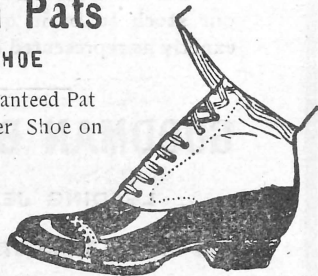
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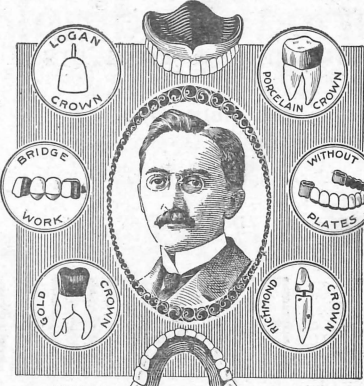
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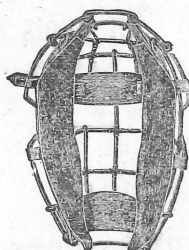
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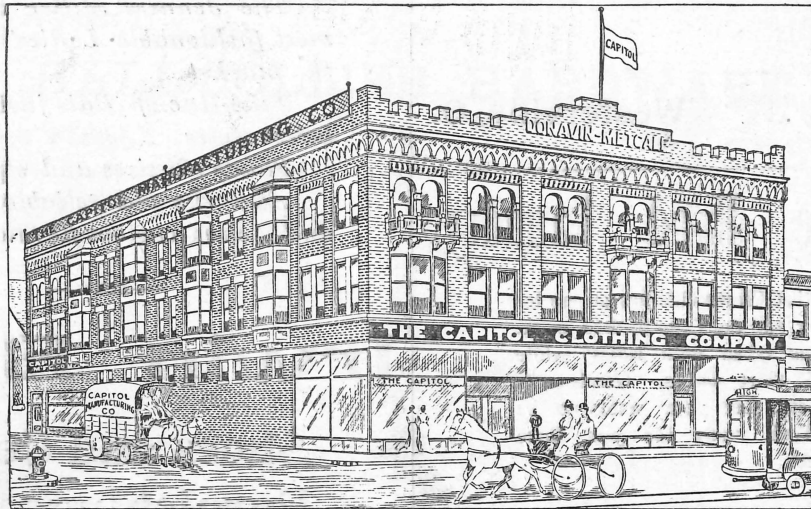
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