The earth has grown old with its burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young.
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and faint,
And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air.
When the song of the angels is sung.

It is coming, O Earth, it is coming tonight!
On the snowflakes which cover the sod
The feet of the Christ Child fall gentle and white.
And the voice of the Christ Child tells out with delight
That mankind are the children of God.

On the sad and the lonely, the wretched and poor,
That voice of the Christ Child shall fall
And to every blind wanderer open the door
Of a hope that he dared not to dream of before,
With a sunshine of welcome for all.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field
Where the feet of the holiest have trod.
This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed
When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed,
That mankind are the children of God.
CONTEST SUCCESSFUL

Annual Declamation Contest Delights Large Audience—Interest Runs High.

FIRST PLACE GIVEN "FRESHIES"

"Sophia" Secure Second and Third Prizes—Doctor Russell Speaks After Program.

The Howard H. Russell annual prize declamation contest held last Wednesday was a great success. The prophecy of Professor Burk that this contest would be the best ever given on the chapel platform was more than made good. The keen interest of the large audience in each declamation has not been surpassed with in the walls of Old Otterbein for a long time.

Miss Dale Parsons of the class of 1918 was awarded first honors. Her number, "The Gypsy's Story" was given in a most commendable and delightful manner. Her voice, actions and attitude expressed the various sentiments and ideas in a most successful and realistic way. Mr. J. B. Garver received second prize with the rendition of "The Shooting of Dan McGrew." Mr. Garver entered into the spirit of this western story with great earnestness and fervor. The third prize was awarded Mr. C. A. Bennett. His selection was entitled "At the Stroke of Two" and related the scene in a court room at a criminal trial. Mr. Bennett impersonated the characters very well.

Each performer although not a prize winner is deserving of great honor for the creditable manner in which he or she rendered his selection. The coveted places were very closely contested. The first vote resulted in a tie between Miss Parsons and Mr. Garver, the former receiving the decision because she had made one more place in the count of the judges.

While the decision was being taken up President Clippinger spoke of the splendid contest and of the great value of such work. He then called on Doctor Howard H. Russell for some remarks. The founder of these annual prize contests spoke very highly.

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S. R. Converse, '16

PRACTISE BEGINS

Plenty of Good Material Is Showing Up Each Evening on the "Gym" Floor.

SEASON OPENS WITH CAPITAL.

Second Team Is Giving Varsity a Hard Run—Class Material Excellent.

For the past couple of weeks Otterbein basketball men have kept the old "Gym" floor hot. Consider for yourself the activity of a squad consisting of four class teams and subs besides, the regular retinue of Varsity men. We are indeed fortunate to have such a keen interest taken in basketball. With four or five good men fighting desperately for each position on the team it means the men who finally land them will have to keep hammering to hold their posts.

Nothing definite can be said about the entire make-up of the squad, except that Captain Converse, "Chuck" Campbell, and Lash are all highly held places, and Carl Lash also looks good for a regular. The former three have worked together for two seasons and have the game well in hand. Captain Converse is a strong arm guard, "Chuck" an all around man, filled with the tricks of the game and Schnake a center with plenty of height and ability. Lash played some last year and has been carried with the squad two seasons. This well developed nucleus should mature into a fleet five of high caliber.

New material is scarce, scarce as bona-fide gold bricks. In fact, with exception of one or two, we can boast of nothing in the way of recruits that will help out the squad. Although this is to be regretted, we are by no means grumbling over the situation. At least a half dozen men, and good ones too, are nightly tugging over the coveted places of doubt. Moore has shot into basketball prominence with a thump, and Sam finds him a fine mate. His guarding is good and passing accurate. He bids well for a member of the squad. Forwards are rather plentiful. Schrider, who were one of the extra suits last season, and Schaefer are two of the others.

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Those who earned places on the squad were E. E. Bailey, '15; W. E. Roush, '15, Bowling Green; E. L. Baxter, '18, Spencerville; C. F. Bronson, '15, Van Buren; J. B. Garver, '17, Strasburg; R. P. Mase, '18, Bolivar; A. W. Nealy, '17, Marion; V. L. Phillips, '17, Dayton, Virginia; W. E. Roush, '18, Bowling Green; R. B. Thrush, '17, Bowling Green, and L. M. Ward, '18, Bowling Green. From this squad two teams of three members each, and two alternates will be chosen.

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LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS
EACH NUMBER EXCELLENT—Each Department of Conservatory Was Represented.

A large audience braved the cold weather to hear the regular December recital given by the pupils of the School of Music. They were rewarded by hearing an excellent program, well given. The prime object of these recitals is to give the pupil an opportunity to appear in public in order to acquire the necessary poise which is an important adjunct to his musical education. It is a pleasure to record that the majority of the students acquitted themselves in a creditable manner. The writer would suggest however that students who are particularly favored by generous applause should courteously respond by bowing to their audience. To single out any one number as “best,” would be a hard matter as all were particularly good. The opening piano quartet by the Misses Ingle, Debolt, Williams and Mr. Nease served to acquaint the audience with a part of one of the best known orchestral symphonies. This movement written in 6-4 measure (which in itself is unique) was played with excellent rhythm. “The Black Forest Clock” op. 281 by C. Heins was very clearly played by little Miss McElwee. “Butterfly” by Merkel was given a very good rendition by Miss Ida Murle McElwee. Miss Ellen Jones displayed considerable poetic insight, for a girl of her age, in her reading of Kuesnner’s “Dawn” for piano. This number was followed by Bohn’s Waltz and Finale from the “Birthday Suite,” played by the Misses Sage and Fletcher with excellent regard for attack and climaxes. Miss Bertha Cord displayed a clear technic in her offering “I’m Balla’s!” by Scythe. Noszowski’s “Az Printemps” a brilliant Spring Song was given a spirited rendition by Miss Kreiling; Miss Griffith’s violin offering.

NEW FEATURE
Conservatory Will Include Special Department for Beginners.

A preparatory department is being organized in the department of music which may be compared with the academy in the college. This department is particularly suited for the younger students although others who have not had preparatory work in music will be admitted. Upon the completion of this work the student continues his work in advanced courses leading to graduation and a degree. The advantage of this new plan is that it trains and fits the student for the advanced work much better than any outside teacher. Any student entering the conservatory without this preparation will be required to take an examination by which his standing may be ascertained.

The regular work leading to graduation from the conservatory consists of a course of four years. The completion of such designed work entitles the student to a diploma. Then a post graduate course of one year gives the degree of bachelor of music. This is

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GREETINGS

To the Alumni, to the students of Otterbein who were not so fortunate as to graduate, to the present students, to the trustees, to the ministers, to the friends who have given of their money, to those who will yet give, to those who cannot give but who pray, and to all others who are interested in Christian Education, Greetings and Good Cheer are extended by the President and Faculty of Otterbein University this Happy Christmas Season:

W. F. Clippinger

HOLD SESSION
Mid-Year Session of Executive Committee Was Busy and Profitable.

The mid-year meeting of the college executive committee was held last Thursday afternoon and was one of the most interesting and profitable meetings the committee has had for some time. The entire afternoon was spent in consideration and discussion of problems in relation to Otterbein.

The chief things considered by the committee were as follows: They entirely endorsed the soldiers’ memorial proposition which concerns the erection of a memorial on the campus to our student soldiers. This work is being done by an outside committee and not by the executive committee directly. They found the current finances in a normal condition. The endowment fund is steadily increasing, an additional one thousand dollars having been recently received from an anonymous donor. The president presented a statement of the proposed change in the athletic policy of the school. It was considered carefully but left over until the commencement session when a decision will be made in time for next year.
kind we find the picture of a home, lighted with the fire of Christmas cheer. The brotherhood of man means more to us at Christmas time as we think of the poor and needy.

The Christ Child and the old old theme of "Peace on earth, good will toward men" predominate at Christmas time. Nineteen centuries ago that sweet carol was sung and it has come ringing down the years making glad the hearts of men. Has it found an answering chord in your own heart? If not, something radically wrong is there.

We do not propose to enumerate the joys of Christmas. They are yours, students, if you will only reach out and receive them. If you do then Christmas will be the happiest day of all the year. Will you find it so?

**A Suggestion.**

There will be no issue of the Review, after this one, until the New Year has come and we are fully launched in its work. In the meantime, however, the time for new resolutions will come and many of us will want to take advantage of it. To those, who are thinking of making resolutions, leading to a better life, we commend the following poem of "Noodles" Fagan, the newshog poet.

"While walking down a crowded city street the other day
I heard a littleurchin to his comrade turn and say:
"Say, Jimmie, don't yer know, I'd be as happy as a clam,
If I only was de feller dat my mudder tink I am?"

"She tinks I am a wonder, and she knows her little lad
Would never mix with nothin' dat was ugly, mean or bad.
I often sit an' tink how nice 't would be--gee, whiz,
If a feller was de feller dat his mudder tinks he is."

So folks, be yours a life of toil or undiluted joy,
You still can learn a lesson from this small, unlettered boy.
Don't try to be an earthly saint with eyes fixed on a star--
Just try to be the fellow that your mother thinks you are."

"Noodles" Fagan.

**Look Ahead!**

Now is the time to plan for the future. Those of us who are interested in Otterbein and her future, must begin to plan now for her success next year. If we are anxious that the record of the last several years be continued and that the freshmen of 1916 outnumber their predecessors, we must begin to work now.

Talk about Otterbein when you go home. Advertise your Alma Mater! Wear her official "O" pin! Discard the Christian Endeavor emblem and society insignia for something that will do the old school some good. Make yourself known as a student at Otterbein among the high school students of your town. Tell them of Otterbein, of her athletics, her faculty, her opportunities. Impress upon them the unique position she holds in the field of education, and also that there will be a place open for them here next year.

Forget about your books and your studies when you go home but don't forget to talk about your school. If you are a true student you will do your part in this matter.

Christmas shopping, Sibyl pictures, and other attractions of our neighboring metropolis are causing frequent trips to Columbus lately.

Isn't it about time for some one of our worthies to come along with the Folkies of 1914 bound in red morocco at the reduced price of $0.99 while they last?

"Skate" was the popular term last week. Even those of us who show no natural inclination to indulge in this branch of winter sports were compelled to reveal our ability on Monday morning. Even at that several of our friends, including the assistant business manager "hit the ice."

Now that football is over, attention has been focused on Otterbein's quintet which, supported by Catherine Hahn and "Babe" LaRue, promises to be unexcelled.

Inspite of the war the executive committee finds the current finances of the college in normal condition which is just another proof of the fact that Fere at Otterbein we have almost forgotten the war. Excuse me, professor!

Merry Christmas!

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REVIEWS SEASON

PRESIDENT CLIPPINGER REPORTS PROGRESS

Otterbein Has Many Things to be Thankful For—Friends Are Faithful

Christmas and Thanksgiving come so close together, and the spirit of each blends so naturally with the other that one is lost in both as he contemplates their significance. The spirit of gratitude which characterizes the former, and the spirit of peace and good will to men which characterizes the latter are the same. Otterbein University never had so many things for which to be grateful. With only slight exception good health has attended the students and the faculty throughout the past year. No epidemic, or pestilence has marred the physical comforts of faculty and students. Fine spirit, good will, and co-operation have prevailed. Friendliness and sincerity of work has characterized the efforts of all. The great strain and anxiety of last year are sweetened and made significant by the blessings which come to the institution through the gifts both large and small of the friends who have made possible a more permanent institution. It will never be possible to appreciate fully the benefits and blessings which they bestow on an institution of learning. New hope and courage have been awakened through this renewed confidence. The year thus far has been attended with a considerable degree of internal reconstruction, all of which looks toward the betterment of the individual student, as well as the strengthening of the general work of the college.

Otterbein is not unmindful of the homes from which the students come, or of the church whose interests she must conserve, and whose ideals she must foster. Neither is she unmindful of the claims of society for a stronger citizenship. With these things before her she endeavors to establish the finest kind of ideals for parenthood. The fundamental virtues of honesty, sincerity, industry, purity and temperance are constantly guarded. Such courses of instruction are offered which will contribute most readily to this end.

Church leadership, as well as individual uprightness of character is constantly before the institution. The most religious life when properly interpreted and understood must embody the highest ideals of service to society. The college is constantly endeavoring to call out the forces which make for personal righteousness and strong leadership. No set of teachers however well prepared, no curriculum however elaborate, no course of study however well buttressed with good textbooks and laboratory facilities can suffice without spirit devotion and loyalty to the highest ideals of life. Education and religion go hand in hand, they are born and bound in holy wed-lock. Each of them is life itself or neither of them is anything. The educative process and religious experience must be vital in relating both to the individual and to society. No teaching is good teaching unless it is fired with a passion for the highest welfare of the individual and of the group.

Otterbein is in a new epoch of development and growth in material things. Whatever the degree of prosperity may be in the securing endowment, buildings, courses and equipment she must not lose sight of the ancient landmark which the fathers set which stands for sturdiness of character and efficiency of service to the world. One year ago the friends of the institution gave one hundred thousand dollars for material support. The institution is now securing the second block of a similar amount with a goal of a half million. With these things there is a growing need for two or three new buildings. All of these must be accompanied with, an insistent maintenance of the finest ideals to the proper adjustment of the needs of modern society. To do these the spiritual aspect of education must be forever kept before us. We must not lose sight of the fact that we are physical and intellectual, and that man is a moral being with social obligations and responsibilities. To this end the college is laboring just as hard to adapt itself to modern needs with reference to spiritual strength, as well as to secure physical equipment to measure up to the necessary tests of material efficiency.

Merry Christmas!
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Some people say that Keith's wasn't good this week but it excited plenty of comment at any rate.
ALUMNALS.

'09. Mr. Noble Latto, who is a Civil Engineer on the Hecking Valley, was the recipient of a most painful accident last week when the engine on which he was riding ran off the track, and caught his foot, crushing the bones of the ankle and foot. He is however getting along nicely at present.

'12. Word was received from Miss Helen Converse, who has spent the past year in Germany. She is at present in Berlin and expects to return to Cassel, from whence she will start about the first of the year for the United States. She says that she is enjoying her experiences immensely.

'12. Mr. C. D. Locke who has been Chemist for Doctor Maynard of Philadelphia has been made head chemist of the Philadelphia plant.

'10. Reverend E. C. Weaver, pastor of the Park Avenue United Brethren church, Johnstown, Pa., has been having excellent success in his work. His congregation has increased to such an extent that it has been necessary to rebuild the church, thereby doubling its former capacity.

'11. Mr. Don C. Shumaker, acting secretary of the Central Branch of the Y. M. C. A., Calcutta, India has just sent in his report for his year's work ending September 30, 1914. This year has been a very successful one and the outlook is very bright for Christian Association work throughout this rapidly growing country.

'06. Reverend Mr. Burtner of the Westerville United Brethren church was called to Braddock, Pennsylvania because of the sickness of his daughter. He returned to Westerville last Friday and reports her condition is greatly improved.

A Merry Christmas
To Our Otterbein Friends

It gives us great pleasure to express the season's greetings. If our wishes count for anything you will have the best Christmas of your lives.

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PRACTISE BEGINS

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year, and Watts, of football fame, are both showing a lot of stuff and will keep some one busy to head them off. Kuder, a new arrival and "Bones" Sanders are also in the ring with plenty of horse shoes. Kern and Waltrip will act as spurs for Schnake at center. Both men wield the ball cleverly and are good on the jump. Other guards who are popping into prominence are Daub, Turner, Meyers, Webster and Arnold.

Of course only five men will travel first class, but we can assure ourselves that what are left are by no means scrubbies. At present the temporary varsity finds lots of trouble trying to push through the seconds. But that is exactly what we want, and a feature that we have lacked for several seasons. The "firsts" were always too fast for the "seconds" and consequently were not forced to work to make a good showing against them, and when something pretty fast came along they were just a trifle off wing. We hope the seconds will buck up against them like mountain goats and push them to their limits.

Hard, stiff practice has not yet started. But when the boys return from the holiday vacation real work will commence and then we can see Who's Who in basketball togs.

Some mighty fine attractions have been scheduled for our home games and we can look forward to several fast contests. At present the program consists of nine games and another will be added soon. Manager Huber has had a hard time settling dates for the games but has succeeded well and will have a schedule from which the team can be easily judged by the showing it makes. Capital will come to Westerville for the opener January 16. Some other home attractions are Wooster, Antioch, Heidelberg, Ohio and probably St. Marys.

A northern trip the first of February takes in Heidelberg and Ohio Northern. Wooster makes her appearance on our floor for the first time in several years.

Schedule
Jan. 16—Capital
Jan. 2—Wooster at Wooster.
Feb. 8—Heidelberg at Tiffin.
Feb. 6—Ohio Northern at Ada.
Feb. 13—Antioch.
Feb. 25—Wooster.
Feb. 27—Ohio at Athens.
Mar. 5—Heidelberg.

CONTEST SUCCESSFUL

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of the efforts of each participant on the evening's program. He said that each successive year the contest seemed better than that of the preceding. Then with reference to the oratorical contest between the members of the junior and senior college classes he requested that all the contestants take up some phase of the now all important subject of prohibition.

Program
Miss Dort, '18
The Love of Country
Mr. Momongol, '17
Selection
Mr. Minnery, '17
Uncle Daniel's Prayer
Mr. Ward, '18
The Boy Who Said G'wan
Miss Parsons, '18
The Gypsy's Story
Miss McMackin, '17
The Confessional
Mr. Bennett, '17
At the Stroke of Two
Miss Mills, '18
The Reason Why
Mr. Garver, '17
The Killing of Dan McGrew
Miss Groff, '17
Scene at the Natural Bridge
The judges were: Miss Winter, of the Winter's School of Expression of Columbus, Mr. Newman, State Librarian and Mr. Scott of the Capitol School of Oratory of Columbus. Professor D. L. Burk presided.

SQUAD CHOSEN

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Thé prospects for Otterbein to come out a winner from this field are excellent. Each man on the squad will be given individual training as well as a thorough preparation for the debate. The separate teams will not be chosen until six weeks before the debates take place.

At Miami the Freshmen girls are compelled to wear their hair down their backs and to tie it with green ribbons. They are also forbidden to use powder and jewelry nor dare any Freshman girl eat butter.—Exchange.
LOCALS

One Westerville man has received a Christmas present not very much to his liking. The salary of our postmaster was cut from twenty-five hundred dollars to two thousand.

Several members of the Luttrell Club entertained their lady friends at dinner Sunday. The guests were the Misses Hazel Beard, Edna Bright, Ina Fulton and Mabel Weik. In order to prove that the club was up to the latest in style, a finger bowl was produced. Unfortunately, Stanley Ross didn't know what to do with the "durned" thing.

E. L. Boyles left Friday night for Canton in order to confer with the publishers of the 1915 Sibyl.

Instructor Clarence Abner Hahn has requested the Review to announce that he will not meet his gym classes during the Christmas vacation.

What will your annual new year resolution be?

The "Everall Tile Company" has bought fifteen acres of land near Schrock's ford, where a new tile mill will be erected. Operations will begin in the spring.

Freshmen—Irresponsible.
Sophomores—Irrepressible.
Juniors—Irresistible.
Seniors—Irreproachable.

—Exchange.

O. T. Deever, secretary of the Christian Endeavor work of the United Brethren Church, addressed us at Chapel, Friday. His remarks made us all the more proud that we are Otterbein students.

Professor R. H. Wagoner was unable to meet his classes for a part of last week, because of sickness. We trust that after the holidays, he will be back among us with even more vigor and sparkle.

"Mary wore some silken hose
Into holes that were extensive.
She sewed them up with silken thread
And they were darned expensive."

—Exchange.

Any fool can spend money; some fools can make it, but the fool who can make and keep it, cheats the folly and becomes wise.

Ice skating is the popular sport at present, Minerva park and Alum creek, north of the tile mill are the favored places.

Professor Roselot—"If one is ugly, the best thing that he can do is to appear happy. The more sad you appear, the more ugly you become."

"Fat" Lingrel, aside to Booth—"The best thing for you to do is to appear happy."

Miss Pussy was a popular visitor at Chapel, Thursday.

As winter has arrived and the danger of fire is greatly increased, many students have raised the inquiry as what should be done in case of fire.

There is a local organization fire company whose chief is Mr. Charles Ranney. In case of fire, one should reach him immediately by the Citizen's phone. For quick results, the best way is to ring the fire bell yourself. This is located in the entrance of the city hall. The bell will summon the entire department.

Two things to do:
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RECITAL PLEASURES

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"Vision" by Dodla, was replete with some rather difficult double-stopping but Miss Griffith acquitted herself admirably. Perhaps the best liked number on the program and at the same time a rendition marked by excellent honing and ensemble work, was the "Cinquieme Trio" by Fowler for violin's performed by Misses Griffith and Blackmore and Mr. Fausey. The vocal students displayed good style and enunciation and sang admirably, Mrs. Goldia Martin sang Captain's deservedly popular "Draw" in a pleasing manner. To her first appearance before a Westerville audience Miss Ruth Fries made a good impression with the "Chain of Roses" by H. Loehr, Mr. L. M. Ward, and Miss Verda Miles are valuable additions to Otterbein's musical circle. Each has a voice, rich in quality and volume, and their numbers were exceptionally well given. Miss Ruth Ingle's interpretation of "Dost Thou Know That Fair Land" from the opera "Mignon" by Thomas, evidenced her usual careful thought and study. A word for the much neglected accompanist—Miss Ruth Brundage gave sympathetic and excellent support throughout the program.

GIVE PROGRAM

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its and Economic Value" was the subject of a paper by H. B. Kline. This paper instilled in many of those present a greater admiration and respect for this little animal. Its actions are sometimes so human-like that those who learn to know it well, become firm believers in the theory of evolution.

The next meeting will be held January 26, 1916. The following program will be given:

W. M. Sharp, "Astronomy";

Ohio State.—The student council is to be composed henceforth not of members from the various classes but of members from the different colleges.

Merry Christmas!

GET TOGETHER

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Quinn was very enthusiastic and said that he himself would come if necessary. Other members who were present from a distance were F. Q. Van-Sickle, '06, of Cleveland; Homer P. Lambert, '18, of Anderson, Indiana, and E. W. Weiland, '01, of Columbus.

The club heartily endorsed the proposition that the university employ a physical director and graduate, manager of athletics. This plan would permit one man to remain through the years and inaugurate a permanent policy in athletics. The club laid further plans for increasing its membership so that by commencement week work of improvement and building may proceed with a surety.

NEW FEATURE

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work as arranged requires five years but this may be greatly decreased by a series of doubling.

A new catalogue will be published during the month of January containing numerous cuts of the conservatory, students and work of the music and art departments. With these there will be a detailed description of the various courses and requirements for entrance to the same.

The music and art departments have shown a great increase in students and quality of work during the last year. Otterbein is recognized throughout the state for the high grade of work given in these lines and is growing accordingly.

Muskingum.—The ladies' Christian Association has recently launched a propaganda for brightening Christmas in the lives of poor distressed children especially in Zanesville. The collections gathered will be used to buy coal, food, clothing, medicine and baskets of food for Christmas dinners.

Oberlin.—The honor and pass system as is used in Oxford University has recently been under discussion. The object is not to make it easier for the student who merely wants to pass, but to supply to the honor student something of the fascination of outside activities as well as the incentive of competition for tangible honor.

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