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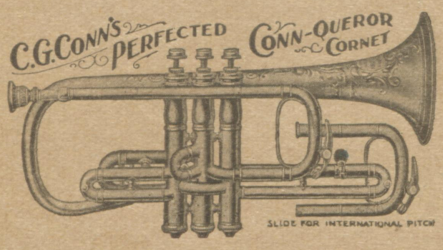

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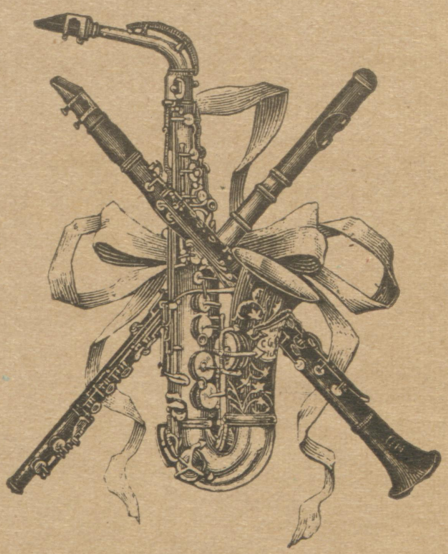

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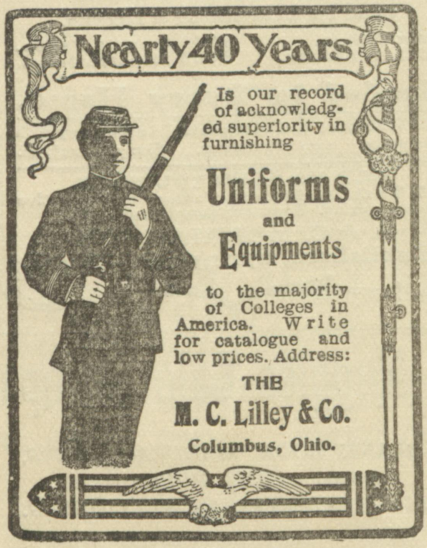

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Editorial

IT hardly seems possible that another term of another school year has come and gone, that we have again enjoyed the pleasures of the holiday vacation and are once more placed at the beginning of a new term. However, it is none the less true. The long term of our school year, with all its sorrows and pleasures, obligations and duties and all its successes and failures, has been ushered into the unrecallable past. Our record for this brief time has been made, and the great unbreakable seal has been placed upon our achievements.

But a new term is again placed before us, and we should not venture to enter it without first retrospecting the past one to find, if possible, in what respects we succeed or failed. So, if, in any part, we failed, the failure should be repaired, and, if we succeeded, the success should only be an incentive for stronger and more concentrative efforts.

And while the beginning of this term is also the beginning of a new year, the accustomed time to begin anew, those, who are in in the habit of making vows, should not forget them. New ones should be made or old ones renewed with stronger determinations of keeping them, for, truly, the ability to make and keep good vows is a sure road to success.

Also, while we are beginning this term, we should remember the new students who are among us, and try to show them Otterbein in her best form. More new ones are in than are usually seen at the beginning of the winter term, and it is our duty to welcome them heartily, and make them feel that they are students with us.

The ÆGIS joins in greeting the new students and wishing them well.

CONSIDERABLE trouble has been caused our Subscription Agent by copies of the ÆGIS being returned. This is due in most instances to the removal of the subscribers to other locations without notifying the agent of the same. If subscribers on removing to other locations would kindly inform the agent of their addresses, all this confusion and misunderstanding could easily be avoided. It is the aim and purpose of the ÆGIS to please all its patrons, and if you make known to us all grievances, we will do all in our power to rectify them. And if the ÆGIS pleases you, a brief notification of it would, indeed, be a stimulus for making our paper better.

WE sometimes have the question asked "What is the most valuable training the student gets during his college career" or "what phase of college life should be most emphasized. There is no doubt but that most of us would say, above all else, the young man or woman in college should be made to realize that the chief end to be attained is to develope the mind and enable it to act quickly and wisely. If the student does not accomplish this his college life is to that extent a failure.

The necessary prerequisite to mental developement is that the mind have a perfect habitat to dwell in. Place a student in a room where everything is in disorder, articles lying on the floor or scattered over the table, attractive pictures on the walls, various noises in adjoining rooms and expect him to do his best? He cannot do it. Everything must be put in order and perfect quiet prevail if he would accomplish the best results. Just so with these minds of ours. What can they do in bodies that are constantly at unrest, warring against the soul; bodies that are weak and perhaps dwarfed, lacking in that vitality which keeps the mind keen and alert. We are all anxious to acquire fine houses and palaces to dwell in and have a perfect right to, but first of all let us see to it that our bodies are made fit temples for the indwelling of the soul. After all, what are these bodies anyhow but living agents of the soul! Exercising this all important function let us endeavor to keep them in the best possible condition standing ready to work in harmony with the soul's desires and carry into execution its every behest.

There are certain requirements that must be met before we can attain to this condition: First, the body must be systematically trained and developed. Second, it must be kept clean and healthy. Heretofore the students of Otterbein have seriously been handicapped in this respect, but with the present improvements we will have a well equipped gymnasium with splendid bathing facilities. No student can afford to neglect his physical training which it will now be a pleasure to take, for when the drills and practices are over we'll all take a good, hot bath in the basement before going to our rooms. Every one can feel that he or she had a share in securing these improvements and should take pride in keeping the entire building in the best possible condition.

Bible Study Leader's Conference.

WITH more than thirty visiting delegates present, representing the work in Denison, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio State, and Ohio Medical universities, the biennial convention for Bible Study leaders opened at 10:30 a. m. Saturday, January 16, '04. Other delegates arrived later, making the total number of visitors about seventy. The convention was intended to benefit especially the leaders of the student Bible classes, and this end was realized in a very happy manner. Under the direction of the State Student Secretary, L. E. McLaughlin, who needs no introduction to association members in Ohio, meetings were made helpful, entertaining, and full of life.

After a brief devotional exercise, Dr. Hunt, president of Denison university, gave a talk on "The Fundamental Qualifications of a Bible Study Leader." In brief, he said that a leader must put brain power in his work. He must learn to use his teaching qualities if he expects to lead men. He needs a tremendous spiritual impulse for the work, for only this will give him the zeal that conquers difficulties and lend him the definite purpose which is so necessary. A leader needs to be something socially, to develope that part in him which gives him contact with men.

At 1:00 p. m., Dr. Hunt spoke on "Christ's Method of Using the Scripture in Winning

Men." This address was even more helpful than the preceding one.

Secretary McLaughlin next gave an outline of a study in the New Testament on "Prayer, Its Place and Power in Life and Work."

J. H. Warner, secretary of the work in O. S. U., addressed the conference on "Motives That Should Impel a Bible Study Leader," giving a multitude of practical suggestions. His two main thoughts were that a leader must realize his opportunity to bring out men spiritually, and know his responsibility to the men and to himself, as well as to the association and to Christ.

At 7:00 p. m. an open parliament on "How to Secure Enrollments and Maintain Regular Attendance and Interest" was led by Mr. Warner. Representatives of the different colleges gave statements concerning their methods and the reasons for the success. The importance of prayer and personal work by the class leader was emphasized by all, while many plans were discussed.

The Quiet Hour, at 8:15 Sunday morning, was led by Prof. Miller, of Otterbein, and a deep interest was manifested throughout. The influences of the convention were fully apparent at this time. The hearts and minds of all were touched by the magnetic touch of those who have accomplished great things spiritually.

On Sunday afternoon the service was one of the best of the convention. R. L. Ewing, Bible study chairman from Oberlin, conducted a discussion on "What to do in the Class Hour." His suggestions were all intensely practical.

Before adjourning. the question box was opened, and again the talk was along a practical line.

The subject taken up at 6:00 p. m. was "The Morning Watch, Its Value and Importance." In this, Mr. Ewing showed that the secret of success in Bible Study work, as well as in the christian life throughout, is that we begin the day with prayer and meditation.

At 7;00 o'clock, Secretary McLaughlin in a very fitting and impressive way led the closing service, consisting mostly of prayer and meditation on the keynote of the convention.

Every student present was led to resolve to begin work with renewed zeal and with a better understanding of his opportunity and responsibility. Several of the delegates resolved to try some of the new plans that had been proposed, and all felt glad for the pleasant association of the students of the different universities during the convention.

LITERARY

College Electives

PROF. CHARLES SNAVELY, '94

AT the last meeting of the Ohio College Association the subject of elective studies was discussed in a very interesting way. The discussion was led by Pres. W. O. Thompson, of O. S, U., and several other leading college men in attendance participated in the debate.

There seemed to be a pretty general feeling on the part of those present at the meeting that there are grave dangers in the elective system. Pres. Thompson in his half humerous and refreshing way, said he thought the boy who is capable of marking out a course of study for himself without serious mistakes at the beginning of his course ought to have the A. B. degree in advance, for that is more than he will be able to do after he has com pleted his course. The selection of a course of study means that the student must have a considerable degree of superior wisdom, if he is not to make serious mistakes in his selection of studies.

It, in all probability, is not far from the truth, that a large majority of the young men in the student body enter college with a definite profession or occupation in view which they expect to follow after the completion of

their course. In the rush and hurry to get into the active affairs of life (a misconception) the student is in danger of selecting a few studies which he regards as indispensable to his work, and then of selecting the remainder of his work solely on the basis of likes and dislikes. His selections are likely to be scattering, planless, aside from the one plan of avoiding all studies the importance of which his narrow view does not enable him to see. Consequently when the student has been graduated from college, he has had a smattering of many things, while he has pursued nothing systematically. The result is that he is unprepared for the particular thing for which he was making special preparation. In short, the student at the beginning of his course has scarcely enough appreciation of the sequence of studies to make the best selections from a purely elective course.

There is another evil resulting from the elective system which lies at the other extreme. The purely elective course has a tendency to develop premature specialists, especially is that true in certain departments of natural science. There are certain things that the student must have, he knows he must have them, and as soon as he has them he thinks he must specialize. The result is that we have a vast number of so-called specialists, who are specialists only in the sense of having special unfitness for the things for which they think they are especially fitted. Unfortunately this tendency to specialize manifests itself before reaching the college. The High School has entered the realm of specialization, and has started the boys and girls toward the college with erroneous and distorted notions of education. In order to meet the demands from the students for a wider range of eleclives, or for the opportunity of specialization the colleges, whose teaching force will not in justice to the teachers and to the work done really permit an increase in the number of subjects offered, have offered courses of study for the carrying out of which they have really not the facilities. Too much is attempted, too little is accomplished. A wide range of electives means a large teaching force, if the work is to be done as it should be done. But one of the defects in our present system of college work lies in the fact that too much is attempted. Pres. Remsen in an address before the Graduate Students' Association of the Johns Hopkins university some years ago said that if he had one fault more than another to find with the graduate students who came to him for advanced work from the smaller colleges it was the fault of over preparation. "If," said he, "the graduate student had done what he says he has done, and what he really thinks he has done, he would be in position to teach us." The consequence is a loss of time to the student. He finds he is not prepared to do the work he proposed to do, and must go back and do it over. Instead of developing specialists, in fact it does not, for the specialist is thorough, painstaking, exact in all he undertakes, and he finds out very soon that he dare not go too fast.

However, so great is the tendency to increase the number of electives in the college courses that the small college with a very modest list of elective subjects almost feels that it must apologize for its brief list. It is not a matter calling for an apology.

If the sentiment expressed in the meeting of the College Association is to be taken seriously the highly elective system is not popular with the "powers that be."

Oration---Excelsior

C. M. GOOD, '04

MAN is born into this world a wonderful and complete potentiality. His powers are not apparent. The babe lies helpless in its mother's bosom. She nurses the infant cherishing fond hopes that some day she may justly be looked upon as the proud mother of some great man. But how far short does she fall from measuring his complete powers! How little did their mothers realize that the little babes lying helpless in their

arms were the great Bismarck, Gladstone, or Washington, or McKinley or Roosevelt! But such they were. Men like these have not only made a life history for themselves, but a part of the history of the entire world is centered about their lives. Their power sways not states or nations or continents but the world. Grand and magnificent power is this, but how did they come to possess it? We say they were born with more than ordinary natural endowment; but that does not explain it. Other men were born with even greater natural endowments, but the world has never heard of them. We must find another cause.

To begin, we will admit that it is necessary to be born of good parentage. Nearly all the people who are a blessing to this or any other country have been brought up in good homes. "Let him who would be great select the right parents," says President Dwight. The paupers, idiots, and the convicts of our prisons had woeful failure stamped upon their brows by the unrelenting hand of fate long before they were born. Newell Dwight Hillis expresses this same truth, though in harsher language, when he says they were "damned into the world." Their powers of resistance are so feeble, their inherited tendencies to sin so great, the wall of temptation about them is so tremendous that it is utterly imposible for them to break through and obtain their liberty.

It is not so with the child of fortune. He comes with such a fund of potential energy stored up, that as his being unfolds itself, he is able not only to resist temptations to sin, but he is able to make positive advancement toward establishing good character and strong manhood. Such a child has the very highest ideals of life in the home and of usefulness to society kept constantly before him. He learns as one of his first lessons that the ways of wisdom are "the ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace." He reads and hears of all the saints in Holy Writ; he reads and hears of all the great men and women, who having given all their powers unreservedly to some great cause, have accomplished far more than other men of their day, and so their deeds and their names were set down in the book of fame to be known and read of all men. He begins to know himself here in the world. He sees himself as he is. He compares his own prospects with the early prospects of those about whom he has just been reading. He tries to see himself as he may be when he has achieved for himself what men of note have done for themselves.

He oft repeats to himself in the language of Longfellow:

"Life is real, life is earnest
And the grave is not its goal,
Dust thou art, to dust returnest
Was not spoken of the soul.

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

Footprints that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing shall take heart again."

Real life now begins. He has risen above the mere animal life where the only object is to satisfy the wants of the body. His mind is functioning. He sees the world as a great field of action and he must enter into it. He hesitates not a moment. His mind proves its spiritual nature by portraying before the present, the actual, the future, the possible, the ideal. He is conscious of his own smallness, his weakness and faults; but he knows his is free and can grow, and in his determination, he continually commands himself.

"Build thee more stately mansions O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low vaulted past!
Let each new temple nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea."

No one knows better than he the many obstacles in the way of the most rapid progress to his pictured ideal, and the greatest of all dead weights is the lack of ability to control himself.

"He knows a baseness in his blood,
At such strange war with something good
He cannot do the thing he would."

And yet he takes courage and comfort in the fact that the greatest of all heroes is he who conquers self. He feels,

"That men may rise on stepping stones
Of their dead selves to higher things."

Tell me not that men of such aspirations make no noble sacrifices. Aye, you can follow in their path for it is stained all the way with the blood they have shed. They are men of resolution and will power. Before them the insurmountable bends low within the range of the possible. A path may be made from France across the Alps into Italy but it requires the will power and energy of a Napoleon who says, "I will find a way or make one" to do it. The tremendous energy and will power of Napoleon may be defeated at Waterloo, but it requires a Wellington and the sacrifice of thousands of the noblest and best sons of England to do it. Even so, a crown of gold is not purchased but with an equivalent value. Things that are worth lives, cost lives. Men look back at the history of Christianity and sneeringly say, "More lives have been slain for the cause of religion than for any other cause." Well that may reasonably be true. Is not the cause of Christ the greatest of all causes? Then it would be strange if it did not cost more to uphold it. There are devils in human form who would even take away our crown of life and prevent us from bringing others to such honor. Let him who expects to achieve great ends and win great honors prepare to pay the cost. Laurels are not ruthlessly cast down at the feet of any man. There is an efficient cause behind every effect. In this rushing, surging, crowding age, when thousands of men are eager to fill every profession and walk of life, he who would stand as the brightest and most successful among them should not expect to do so through living a life of ease and pleasure.

"We have not wings, we can not soar,
But we have feet to scale and climb
By slow degrees, by more and more,
The cloudy summits of our time.
The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they while their companions slept
Were toiling upward in the night."

Ah thus it is; we are prone to look and wonder and to admire when we see the result, but do not think ofttimes that the cause must be equal to the effect. No great nation has been established, but built its foundation upon the blood of its forefathers. The Christian system is built upon the sacrifice which the Son of God made of Heaven and of His own life upon earth. Milton gave his eyesight and his whole life of earnest hard toil to the one production which makes his name immortal. If the cause is not behind the last occasion you can trace it back farther and find it. Thus Emerson comes to us as the product of seven generations of ministers. In this effort to attain a nobler, better life,

"The low desire, the base design,
That makes another's virtues less;
The revel of the ruddy wine,
And all occasions of excess;
All these must first be trampled down
Beneath our feet, if we would gain,
In the bright fields of fair renown
The right of eminent domain."

It is true that in this wicked world the cause of justice is often defeated; it is true that those who deserve praise and honor often have calumny and abuse heaped upon them; and it is true that sometimes a man's worth is not recognized until after his body has been laid to rest beneath the clods of the valley; but yet if a man would succeed in any righteous cause he must deserve success, else he cannot have it. The world holds forth more and brighter opportunities to-day than were ever offered in the past, and the man who is well qualified has a fair chance to succeed. Nor is there ever anything but the man's own self that can close the door of opportunity before him and say, "Thou shalt rise no higher." You may take away from a man all his external helps, you may close upon him the bars of the prison cell,

but if he has learned to think on noble things, his life will grow nobler with his thoughts.

"Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."

Then when at last, our work on earth is ended, when the muffled drum shall sound our funeral march, it may be, that though our deeds shall not shine as the brightness of the sun, yet they shall reflect a radiance of their own and not as the moon.

Uses of Adversity

B. F. SHIVELY, '05

MAN is fearfully and wonderfully made. We often wonder why it is that adversities must come, why all our days cannot be days of sunshine, why we cannot dwell forever on the mountain-top, where the sun shines brightest. Man is a lover of prosperity and good fortune, the very fruits of evil. He naturally wants to be happy, to bask continuously in the sunlight.

How strange that man, intellectual as he is, cannot live best under the most favorable circumstances. The blessings of life which seemingly would draw him nearer his Creator, lead him farther away. The race of man seems to be so constituted, that too much good fortune has a tendency to corrupt rather than purify. It is detrimental to him rather than edifying, and thus renders him unfit to best fulfill his mission and accomplish the purpose of God.

A young man inherits a good fortune and starts out in life for himself. He fares sumptuously every day. Every enterprise prospers. His stocks are bringing him lots of money. He establishes a fine home and is in a position where it would seem possible for him to do the most good. A man under such circumstances ought to live very near his Maker. But is such the case? Are such the men who do our country the most good? Do such men make a nation strong, or are they the men who have grappled with all sorts of problems even from youth; men who were born in poverty and had to overcome all the attending difficulties and adverse circumstances? Yes, these are the men who make a nation strong. A retrospect of past history will indelibly stamp this upon our memories and help us more fully to appreciate the worth of adversity.

Young trees root the faster for shaking; vines are bettter for bleeding; the ripest fruit grows on the roughest wall; spices smell sweetest when pounded; stars shine brightest in the darkest night; gold looks the brightest for scouring; camomile, the more you tread it the more you spread it. Such is the condition of men; they are most triumphant when most tempted; as their conflicts so their conquests, as their tribulations so their triumphs. True salamanders live best in the furnace of persecution, so that heavy afflictions are the best benefactors to heavenly affections; and where afflictions hang heaviest, corruption hangs loosest; a grace that is hid in nature, as sweet water in rose leaves, is more fragrant when the fire of affliction is put under to distill it out.

Then welcome Adversity, Sage, useful guest,
Severe Instructor, but the best;
It is for thee alone we know,
Justly to value things below.

The acorn is not an oak when it is sprouted. It must go through long summers and fierce winters. It must stand all that storms, frosts, snow and side-striking winds can bring, before it is a full-grown oak. These are rough teachers; but rough teachers make hardy pupils. So it is with man. He is not a man when created, and will not be such until he passes through the many storms and hardships of life. The man who expects to go through life without a trial, and come down to the grave without a wrinkle will never be a man. But he who is ready to meet whatever comes and is determined to fight his way through the battles of life; to mount the hill when it swells, and to go down the hill when it lowers; to walk the plain when it stretches before him, and to ford

the river when it rolls over the plain; aye, he alone will be truly great..

Adversity not only makes men strong, but it proves that they are strong. It is by a man's ability to endure adversity that his influence and personal worth is estimated. A vessel is out on the ocean. A great storm arises. The waves dash high and beat against the ship. She is tossed to and fro. Now she is borne high upon the crest of a mighty billow, and again she is riding between two mountain-like waves that almost overwhelm her, yet she rides triumphantly. The storm ceases and again she proudly pursues her voyage, the same magnificent structure, but how infinitely much more loved and entrusted by all on board. So it is with men. If they press onward with a will and prove themselves able to overcome and to conquer, they will ever be in demand, and will ever have a place in which to labor; loved and respected by all who know them.

In the military exploits, if there is an important task to be done, the general looks over his men, and chooses the soldier whom he knows will not flinch at danger, but will go bravely through whatever is allotted to him. Such are the men whom the critical moments of a nation call forth. Such are the men, who, by their noble deeds have made their names immortal, destined to live as long as time shall last.

What is true of the temporal side of life is equally true of the spiritual. It is by trials and temptations that men are made strong to will and to do for Christ's sake. When the newly born Christian starts out in life he feels strong, but when temptations and trials come, he hesitates. It is hard for him to resist the things in which he so lately took much delight. But each time he surmounts a difficulty, he is made stronger in proportion to the difficulty. He has taken a step heavenward. So onward, ever onward, he continues to grow until his heart becomes, as it were, impregnable to the arrows of sin, and he can see only God's face smiling through the darkest clouds.

In looking over the lives of the old Patriarchs, we can not help but be impressed with their fortitude and durability. To this they owe their influence among men. The world as it is to-day, can trace its greatness to the same source. Christianity owes her hold in the world to-day to the noble lives that could not be conquered by adversity, but she owes her birth to Him who was tempted in all parts as we are, and yet without sin.

Three Relations of Man.

ORA BALE, '07

LOOKING back upon the beginning of the existance of man as described in the Sacred Book, observing his traits of character, his ideals and duty, which occupied his time and mind, we find them in a vastly primitive state in comparison with those same ideals and duties with which the man of the modern world is concerned. Let us first make clear the causes for such a difference.

At first man's obligations were only to God; his first great duty may be found in the commandment, "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul and mind." His second great duty was and is obedience. The failure in these duties is the beginning of failure in every duty. This is found to be true from the "fall of man, down through all ages."

As the population increased, new relations and duties came into existence. Friendships and alliances were formed. The welfare and rights of others were to be taken into considertion. Jealousy, hatred and envy, which seemed at first to be the natural feelings, were to be conquered and the only antidote for those feelings may be found in the second commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Still the relations and interests of man widened and became more and more complex; and as man's nature and ability were adapted to different surroundings, so men of like descent and like interests were apt to locate in the same communities; some of which gradually

developed into nations or states. There was constant struggles among these states for supremacy. Such conquests did and will now undermine the fear of God and cause our duties to Him to be forgotten. But gradually an indestinct sense of a common unity began to enter the minds of men; writers began to talk of a single society of Gods and men. Precepts were made in favor of brotherly kindness and forbearance between man and man. In religion, there was a drift towards monotheism. Men longed for something on which their aspirations and exertions might center. The state with all its treasures and glory failed to satisfy the hearts of men. They saw that even the dream of philosphy could not be realized where the state was everything and where no higher kingdom could come into being. Christ was needed at this critical time to help men to love and better understand God and their relations and duty to Him. He came announcing himself the founder of a kingdom, the members of which were to be bretheren, God being their Father. Christ's ministry made a deep impression on some, in others it caused enmity, but it gradually and surely drew the thought and love of the people to one common subject, God; and no one can love God unless he loves his fellow-men, and none can be interested in his fellow-men unless he is interested in the state, for it is their common home and protector. It is not the state, whose citizens are working each for himself, that will be a strong united power; but that state whose citizens work for the state's and for each other's interests.

We may now see clearly defined the three duties or factors to which man owes his best efforts, his duty to himself, to his state and to his God. These three duties and their relation and dependence on each other became clear during the Middle ages. Corrupt society began to recognize the ideal of spotless perfection. Indirectly the germs of liberty were brought into society. Moreover, the church within the state came to take into its own hands the regulation of social life. But in the strong reaction against sensuality of society, people went to extremes in carrying out monastic vows. Gradually, however, men began to use religious questions as a means for their own personal benefit, and we may see how Christ and our debt to him are often neglected through attention to the state, and often in this modern day, how even the affairs of our own state are used for our own personal benefit. We can now also see that the abuse or failure of this relation lies in the use of one without the others or the development of the one at the expense of the others. To fail in one is to make a failure of the three, so closely are they allied, for "this all to thyself be true and it must follow as the night the day, thou cans't not then be false to any man." To strive to gain this relation is to carry out God's purpose in placing us here for these few years. To-day, we may say that in the struggle for personal and natural supremacy, our duties toward our Creator are too often forgotten. But there is one difference which we can see in this struggle and which can be attributed to no other cause than to God and our increasing reverence for Him, and that is in the method by which the modern man and the modern nation strive for that supremacy.

When we look at the bloodshed, the indifference concerning the value of a life in former times and then at the peaceful means and respect for life to-day, we cannot but feel the softening light from the loving heart of the God who gave his son for our sakes. Looking backward, we cannot but feel that our progress in civilization, the raising of man from a mere physical existance to a higher conception of life and the approach of a world peace is due to this three fold relation of man—his duty to himself, his state, and his God.

Looking forward with such a relation as our watchword; our hopes, our ideals, our aims shall be raised heavenward. When all shall have realized that trinity, then will earth and heaven be drawn nearer together. Then will kingdoms, empires and republics forget their strife and be drawn together in Christian Brotherhood. Then will men become as they were created, in "God's own Image."

Basket Ball

OTTERBEIN 18; KENYON 17

ON Saturday afternoon of the sixteenth, the most interesting and closely contested basketball games that the local team has had so far, this season, was played in the local gymnasium with the fast and strong team from Kenyon. The game was played in the presence of as large a crowd as our small gymnasium can accommodate. The large delegation of Y. M. C. A. men from neighboring colleges, who were attending the Bible conference, witnessed the game, making the contest one of importance as well as of interest to the winning team. Although three of the local men, Bookman, Wise and Hughes were in very poor condition, the game was, nevertheless, spirited and hotly contested from the beginning. Bookman had a very strong man against him, but played him well and would have far excelled him had he been in good condition. Bookman is an addition to the team, this year, and gives promise of a star actor. Wise and Deller both played in their usual old time form, doing excellent work on the floor, getting in some spectacular team work, occasionally. Deller is not a strong man at snapping the ball, but usually excells his opponent at team work and goal throwing. Wise, because of poor condition, was forced to leave the game in the last half. His place was filled by Worman who played a creditable game for the remainder of the half. Flick, one of our strongest athletes, takes Bear's place at left guard and is playing fast ball. His work on Saturday was good, and it was demonstrated that strength had been added to the team. Hughes played well making most of the goals.

The game was characterized by some wrangling, as would be expected from teams so evenly matched, and a small dispute arose at the last of the game which caused the two versions in the state papers, but which can be easily explained.

We claimed the right to throw on a foul which was called by the umpire a second or so before the half was up. The time-keepers did not hear the foul whistle and so the misunderstanding arose. However, the official says the foul was called before time, and he also will correct the mistake through the papers.

The students are elated over the game; this being the first time we have defeated Kenyon in any contest for years.

Score:—Goals from field for Otterbein, Hughes 6, Bookman 1, Deller 1. Goals from fouls Hughes 2. Goals for Kenyon, from field, Weiant 4, Boggs 2. From fouls, Anderson 5. Referee—Hall of Kenyon. Umpire—"Ras" Lloyd of O. S. U. Time of halves—15 and 20 minutes. Final score, Otterbein 18; Kenyon 17.

GYMNASIUM

Our improved gymnasium will be open the week beginning Jan. 18th for work. Nelis Funk, one of our all round athletes, will have charge of the training. Nelis is capable of

making it a success and we urge all the boys to avail themselves of this opportunity.

BASKET-BALL SCHEDULE

Manager Wise has arranged the following schedule for the basket ball season:

Dec: 12, Delaware at Westerville; Jan. 9, O. S. U. at Columbus; Jan. 16, Kenyon at Westerville; Jan. 23, Delaware at Delaware; Jan. 30, Bliss at Columbus; Feb. 4 and 5, two games at Ada; Feb. 13, Bliss at Westerville; Feb. 17, O. S. U. at Westerville· Also a game is being arranged with Wooster.

STATEMENT

Because of some misunderstanding, undue reflections have been thrown on the management of Athletics during the past football season. It is a fact that some trouble and difficulties arose in carrying out the schedule and work as arranged, but it was not wholly due to the management. Never before was so little money appropriated for football as was secured last fall. The students helped very materially and probably as much as could be expected, but the alumni scarcely furnished any support. Less than three hundred dollars was secured to equip our team and support the coach. With this limited amount of money our team cannot possibly be supported. Then there was also a heavy debt from last year hanging over the association. With this condition of affairs athletics cannot be run in Otterbein or any place without some questioning. The Athletic board is doing all it can to place the management on a surer basis. Because of this condition Coach Keene could not be kept as physical director. Not because of his lack of ability was he forced to leave, for he was one of the best directors in the state, and it was not because of improper management on the part of the board, for some of our best men have the management in charge. The only reason that athletics are not in better condition is simply because of the financial condition, the lack of funds.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

Y. M. C. A.

There will be a new class organized in Bible Study this term.

The class which at the begining of the year was led by E. E. Burtner is now taught by B. F. Bean. Mr. Burtner resigned on account of duties which make it imposible for him to continue the work.

There are quite a number of new men in this term who, it is hoped, will soon find their places in the association work. It has become more of a conviction than ever before that college men need the priviliges which this work extends to them that they may not only be brought into its happy association but that they may be helped to advancement in the spiritual life.

At the last meeting of the cabinet the reports indicated no slackness of interest, but an increased enthusiasm in the work for the remainder of the year. The leaders of the several departments of work have all been faithful, and for the rest of the work the prospects are very bright. With our Father's help each christian man may be made a blessing.

Y. W. C. A.

We are all glad to be back in school after so pleasant a vacation. No doubt it has brought sorrows as well as joys to some, but we hope whatever has come to each life may but strengthen its courage and purpose to stand for the right. We heartily enjoin the new girls to become members of our association. The close touch with and sympathy for each other that our meetings engender are to be sought. Much of these very things will be needed in the special meetings soon to be

held. We want to see all girls in Otterbein, if there are any who are not christians, give their lives to Christ. Every girl does or should desire her life to have only a good influence, and to be able to look anyone squarely in the face, and convince them of the power of a pure life.

A recent event of the new year and one that was enjoyed by every one present, was the unique reception on Saturday evening, January 9th. Invitations were extended to the whole school, and quite a large number accepted. The object was a two-fold one as are all of the receptions given by the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., to come into closer touch with each other and to get acquainted with the new students. The reception consisted of a masquarade in which people, dressed to represent a great many nations, participated. Negroes, Indians, Chinese, and Spaniards were in evidence, also nuns, ghosts, and a few impersonating some of the striking characteristics of different people. It was the first reception of such a nature ever given here, and it proved to be a decided success.

ALUMNALS

Miss Lela Guitner, A. M. '92, is Y. W. C. A. secretary at Madras, India.

O. L. Shank, '95, writes "a bit of news" from Germantown:—"A nine pound son at our house, on Dec. 13."

W. E. Bovey, '92, who has been pastor of the United Brethren church of Gladbrook, Ia., has accepted the pastorate of Traer church of Iowa.

Mr. Robert and Mrs. Jessie Landis Funkhouser, both graduates of the class of 1899 are living in their new home, North Broadway, Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Funkhouser, who since leaving O. U. has been prominent among the busy men of the city, has now won an enviable position as cashier of the Home Telephone Co. of Dayton.

D. T. Bennert, '01, sends greetings to the Ægis from Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Bennert has been doing considerable traveling in the past six months.

Emma Barnett, '03, one of last year's brightest graduates is having excellent success as head of the Latin department in the Wabash high school.

L. D. Bonebrake, '82, and Dr. W. C. Whitney, '95, were among those who took a prominent part in the inauguration of Gov. Myron T. Herrick at Columbus Jan. 11.

J. A. G. Bovey, '92, who is filling his fifth successful year as pastor of our Newark church and one of our interested Alumni sent us five dollars to help improve our gymnasium.

B. F. Cunningham, '03, who is doing fine work in the Union Biblical seminary has been chosen to do evangelistic work in the shops of Dayton. All the shopmen speak in very high terms of our "Benny."

A. W. Whetstone, '02, and E. A. Sanders, '02, spent a few days at O. U. during the holidays. Both are fascinated with their forestry studies at Yale. They will not return this winter but will complete their courses next year.

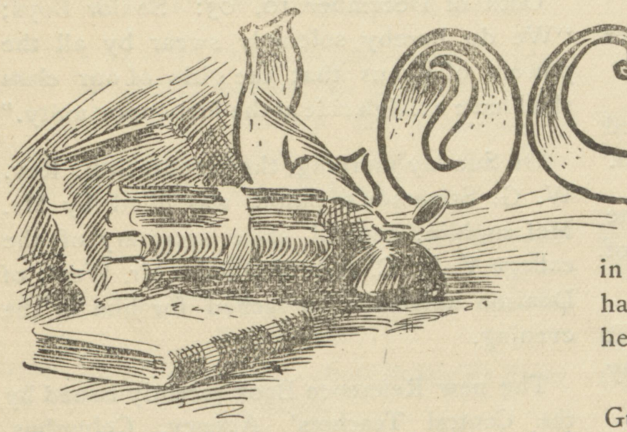
A very pretty memorial service was held in the college chapel on Friday evening, January, the fifteenth, in honor of Mrs. Elsie Lambert Riebel, who recently died in Africa. Fitting tributes were made by Dr. Scott, Dr. Sanders, Prof. Cornetet, Miss Maxwell and Mrs. A. K. Miller.

J. P. Landis, D. D., '69, Professor in Union Biblical Seminary, has sent his son to Princeton. Mr. Landis graduated from Steele High School last year and was among the honor students. Mr. Landis is well known

to many Otterbein people and they are sure that he will be one of whom the "orange and black" will be proud.

A. B. Shauck, '74, has sent his son Robert to Otterbein. Mr. Shauck is principal of Dayton's most prominent private school, but as yet his "Alma Mater" has lost none of his characteristic loyalty. The Professor and family now occupy their beautiful new home in Dayton View, Dayton.

William Robert Rhoades, '96, who but a few months ago gave up his teaching in the Findlay High School to be chemist for the Springfield Illinois Gas Light Co., is now superintendent of that company. His many Otterbein friends congratulate him and wish him much more success for the future.



LOCALS.

Rev. W. H. Stiverson started his revival services, Sunday evening, Jan. 17.

A very successful evangelistic effort has been conducted at the M. E. church by Rev. Alexander.

G. H. Todd, Leipsic, O., a former student of Otterbein, last term a student at O. W. U., is again with us.

Judging from the number of strange faces at the opening reception the attendance is increasing at a rapid rate.

Save your money and your energy. The greatest treat of the year is coming. Athletic Board is going to give a show.

January 15. Sleighing for ten days past. Senior Boys; "Leap year; surely our girl class mates are going to give a sleigh ride; we shall wait." Consistent.

Fred Funkhouser, who has been until very recently teller of the Winters National Bank of Dayton, has now succeeded to the cashiership in the same. Mr. Funkhouser by steady toil has won a coveted position, and we extend our hearty congratulations.

Among the college boys who attended the Gubernatorial Inauguration in Columbus on January the eleventh were; McDonald, Wise, Trimmer and "Doc" Burnett.

Prof. Bendinger, who has been chosen to fill the position of vocal instructor made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Turner Parnell, is doing excellent work.

Work in the gymnasium is progressing rapidly under the management of the improvement committee. From present indication the apartments will be ready for use by Jan. 20.

Our basket-ball team will meet the O. S. U. strong aggregation in the home gymnasium on Saturday afternoon of the twenty third at two thirty. The team will be trained hard this week and we want to see every student out to witness the game.

One of the first and prettiest social events of the term was a six o'clock dinner given by Miss Kathrine and Mr. L. M. Barnes, on Saturday evening, January the ninth. Those present were : Misses Blanche Yager, Frances Barnett, Ora Maxwell, Mary Lambert and

Grace Ressler; Messrs. Harry Williams, Harry Maxwell, Frank Shively, and E. M. Hursh.

Why not Moore Beans.

Twenty-five new students reported for duty.

Hard work; that is what they all came back for.

Prof. Cornetet is again able to meet his classes regularly.

Leap year; beautiful sleighing, ideal winter evenings, and no sleighing parties?

One young lady is said to have been escorted home from the opening reception by Mephisto.

Among the new students, we recognize the familiar countenance of G. C. Hamilton, of Garland, Pa.

Memorial services for Mrs. Elsie Lambert Riebel were held in the college chapel Friday afternoon, January 15.

B.F. Bean, C. O. Altman, Carl Starkey and Snavely have been chosen to represent us in the Otterbein-Wittenberg debate.

During the present session of the Legislature Dr. Scott and Prof. McFadden will have Prof. Whitney's work in charge.

H. K. Schaff, a former student of O. U., is now employed in the Toledo and Ohio Central city ticket office, in Columbus.

The treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. improvement committee reports an increase of nearly $200 in the subscription during the holiday vacation.

Our Business Manager, R. A. Callender, spent his vacation in Pennsylvania. It was his first visit to the mountains and he reports an excellent time.

Medical Talk for the Home, a monthly magazine published by Medical Publishing Co., of Columbus, is one of the best medical publications for the home, because of its practical treatment of all subjects relating to the health of mankind. The remarkably low price of 50 cts a year places this within the reach of all.

Remember that is was through the efforts of the chairman and members of the Social committee that the masquerade reception was made such a pleasant affair.

Oath of December 10, '03: Senior Boys; "We do hereby solemnly swear by all the powers of Venus that the girls of our class shall have a sleigh ride at the first opportunity."

On Sunday morning, the seventeenth, Rev. W. G. Stiverson's pulpit was filled by Mr. McLaughlin, general state secretary of the college Y. M. C. A.'s of Ohio. Mr. West, of Denison university, preached for him in the evening.

The new Reference Book recently issued by the Central Teachers' Agency, Columbus, Ohio, is a very convincing argument of the splendid service rendered by this Agency. A copy of it will be sent free to any one writing them.

All students are hereby requested to be ever on the lookout for any—Huge Joke—that may be seen meandering either around or through the college building. Should such Joke be apprehended, notify some member of the '04 Sibyl board, immediately.

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should give him their full patronage. He will be in the shop for work Friday afternoons and Saturdays, other days after 4 p. m.

Ask Ewers how he enjoyed his trip from Columbus to Westerville on the night of January 13th. No doubt there is very little fun in a car jumping the track at 11:30 o'clock at night and the occupant being compelled to spend the remainder of the night in the car.

The boys of the Philophronean society gave an open installation session to their friends on Friday evening, January the fifteenth. A large appreciative audience was present. The following program was rendered:

Music.....Cluster of Peaches
Orchestra.
Critic's Retiring Address .....The Law that Actuates
D. R. Wilson.
Music .....Doan Ye Cry My Honey
Quartet.
President's Valedictory.....The Menace of Plutocracy
R. A. Callender.
Music..... We Rock Away
Quartet.
President's Inaugural..... .....Excelsior
C. M. Good.
Installation of Remaining Officers.
Music..... .....Auf Wiedersehn Waltz
Orchestra.
Declamation..... ..Sparticus the Gladiator
C. O. Altman.
Music..... Philcphronea

Exchanges

"Love passeth all understanding."
—Prep.

Rockefeller's Christmas gift to Chicago University consisted of $1,850,000.

The Black and Red, of Northwestern University, and the Maniton Messenger are two of our best exchanges. The Wooster Voice always contains interesting literary matter and local news, but the appearance of its pages would be improved if the advertisements were not distributed through the reading matter.

"The State of Ohio, Its History and Administration," written by Prof. Sienbert, of Ohio State University, is in process of printing.

Little drops of water
Freezing on the walk
Make the naughty adjectives
Mix in peoples' talk.—Ex.

Read the editorial on "Poetry at Our Institution" printed in Black and Red, and then try for yourself.

A tramp's revenge.—"Say, boss, have you got a quarter?" "No, I haven't." You look like it."—Brooklyn Life.

Experiment.—Given a laboratory full of boys; then introduce three pretty girls. Prove that all the boys will turn to rubber.—Ex.

He sent his boy to college,
And now he cries Alack!
He spent a thousand dollars
And got a quarter back.
—Ex.

The Blue and Gold, Hillsboro Trident, and The Dragon are now on our list. They are just starting in the race, but will not soon drop out if they continue as well as they have begun.

St. Peter—"And who are you?"
Candidate—"I am a college man."
St. P.—"Did you take a college paper?"
Candidate—"Yes."
St. P—"Did you pay for it?"
Candidatə—"N-no"
St. P.— —McMicken Review.

Football and Christmas are the main topics in the exchanges which last came to us. Many good stories and excellent articles also were put in print. The College Chronicle first shows the relation of music to Christmas, and then devotes its space to a discussion of vocal and instrumental music. The Rose Technic prints an article entitled "Recent Discoveries

in the Properties of Matter," an interesting sketch of the department of physical science.

1st. girl (looking in the mirror as the seniors were passing by)—"Oh, those Seniors will see us!" 2nd. girl—"What do you care? They'll see something worse if they look in the glass."—Ex.

Yale has secured as coaches of the baseball nine for the coming season Dr. W. H. Murphy, a shortstop of the New York National League, "Red" Donahue, a twirler in Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Cleveland, and Billy Lust, a crack Detroit outfielder.

If the progress that the negro has made and is making in the country were not compared so much with the progress of the white man, but rather with that of the African races, from which he sprang a couple of centuries ago, the judgement would not be quite so severe. No one can make this comparison without being convinced that the negro has in him high possibilities of usefulness and civilization.—Booker T. Washington, in Tuskegee Student.

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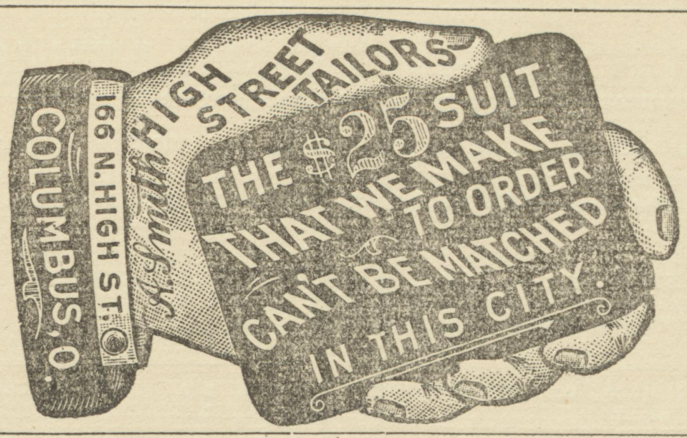

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