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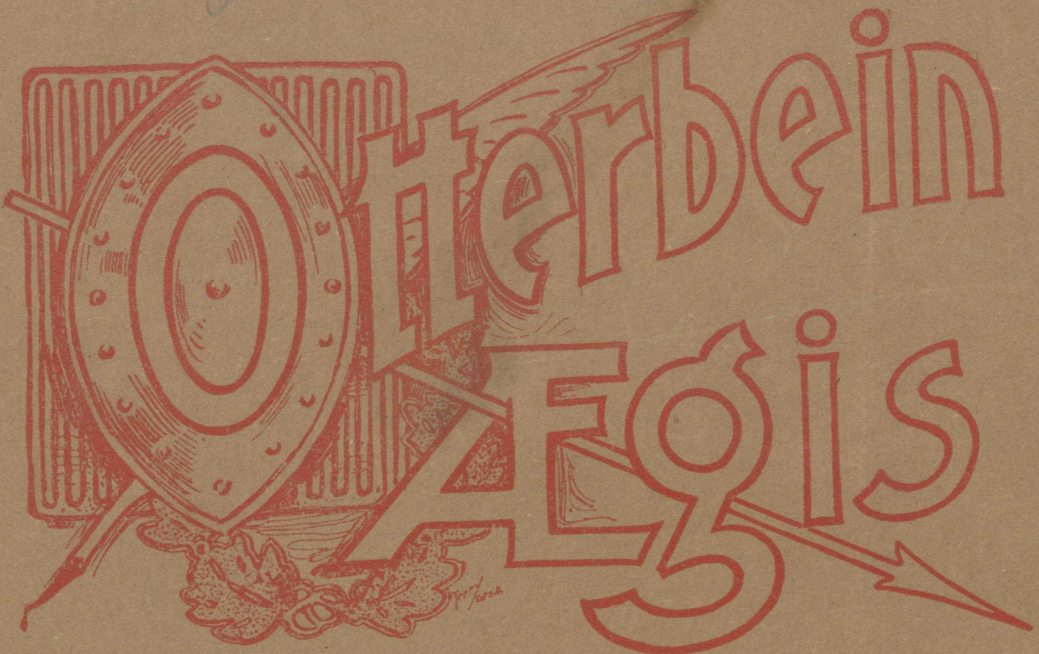
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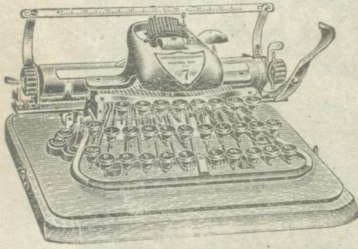
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Life: What Is It ?

J. H. WEAVER, '08.

ONE of the most peculiar truths in nature is the fact that man with his puny conception tries to regard, first of all, those things which are farthest removed from his sphere of action. The old astrologers and sages of Chaldea, Egypt and Assyria only followed this law, when they studied the stars in their courses and from them tried to account for the phenomena of every day life. They established the science of astronomy and knew the laws of some of the remotest stars long before any one thought of the philosophy of life found in one of the little seeds which were lying all about them. Later, men have discovered and mapped accurately all the hills and valleys of the moon, while there are doubtless mountain chains on the earth today

of which no man has ever dreamed. The presence of certain elements have been detected in the sun long before they were recognized in the very soil at our feet, and most peculiar and startling of all, no one today knows just exactly what constitutes life in the universe and very few have given the matter a second thought. So that the science of self and of what that self is, a thing that should appeal to us all, is the most rudimentary and least known of all.

There are, however, several very interesting and curious theories concerning this most wonderful phenomenon which we call life. Men have recently been studying the question in all aspects and have come to some interesting and varied conclusions. First we have the scientist coming to the front

with his views and theories substantiated by a few paltry experiments in the laboratory. He tells us that life is spontaneous and that it may be produced at any time by putting the different elements of nature in their proper relations. He says that all life depends upon a certain gelatinous substance called protoplasm, and since he can produce that substance he can produce life itself. 'Tis true that the scientist can do some wonderful things in the realm of nature. He has been able to take the eggs of some of the lower animal organism and by certain chemical processes fuse several into one producing a new species of animal, which will produce offspring of its own kind; not only has he done this but he has been able to separate one of the same kind of eggs into several parts and from each part produce a different species of animal; but greater than either of these accomplishments is the fact that he has been known to take certain elements which were supposed to be devoid of life and by arranging them in the proper proportions and relations to detect in them certain signs of life after a time of greater or less duration. But whether the life is spontaneous or whether it crept in from the outside is not known, but it is now believed that it comes from the outside and that the scientist has only prepared the soil properly for its reception.

When we behold these marvelous and mysterious results the question comes to us with greater force than ever before, "Has the scientist solved the mystery of life?" Although he has been able to produce new species of plant and animal life, although he has made progenitos and progeny so different that no resemblance can be traced in the two, and although he has caused

some wonderful transformations in all lines of scientific research, yet has he been producing new life or simply modifying the old? Has he not been merely causing the germ of life which he found to take on as many different expressions as is possible? The modern idea is that he has been experimenting with the shell in which life is encased, and has been merely whittling and shaking that shell to suit his own fancies, while the germ of life is made to adapt itself to its new surroundings.

To these statements the scientist can make no reply and instead of trying to reply he comes to the front with another theory and tries to allay our doubts with it. He goes beyond the material universe and claims that all matter is nothing else above and beyond and that something else he calls energy. He says that each little atom in its final analysis is only a little vortex of force which gives off energy in all directions and that this energy assumes different forms according to its intensity and power. He cites radioactivity and its seemingly inexhaustible source as a proof of the correctness of his views. He claims that this energy produces motion and that motion is one primary functions of life. He then takes the metaphysic view that life is intensity and by coupling his ideas of motion and intensity he gets the various forms of activity which we call life. Yet if we agree with the scientist that energy is life and that it is productive of all forms and phases of activity, he is strangely silent when asked from whence comes his energy which pervades all nature and plays such an important part in her makeup. He has no answer for he knows not himself, so his theory immediately crumbles.

Then with the persistence which is

one of his chief characteristics he extends his research farther and comes back again with more and his final theory, the most beautiful that the mind of man ever involved, the vibratory theory of life. In this he outdoes himself in analogies and almost makes one believe that all life consists in the harmonious vibrations of soul upon soul, or atom upon atom. He takes as the basis of his analogy the art of music, and says that health and good are only the atoms of man vibrating in unison with those of the universe, while sickness, death and evil are merely discords in the great harmony of nature. He then enlarges upon the effect that music has upon the human anatomy and claims that it is produced only by the vibrations. That since all effects and emotions from extreme agony to exquisite joy can be produced by those vibrations, that man's influence over man is held in the same way. That man can sympathize with man only just as far as the vibrations of the one are in harmony with the vibrations of the other; and that the fuller and freer life comes only with increased capacity for vibration and that when man's soul can vibrate in unison with the whole universe that he will be perfect, and only then. For then only will he be able to understand the music of the spheres in their courses and be able to interpret the various vibrations which are constantly knocking for admission at the portals of conscience. Then will he know things as they are and conjecture will have entirely passed away.

Surely no more beautiful theory of life than this could have been worked out, and no other theory comes so close to the true conception. Yet it does no more than paint a glorious and beautiful picture of the nature and actions of

life. But what life is in reality it has failed to tell us for we have no idea what started the vibrations or what perpetuates them. It fails to tell us anything of the author of the system or any of his attributes. Yet it silently agrees that there must have been something back of all these vibrations to start them and make them conform to his will.

Of this author or great cause of all phenomena in the universe the scientist knows nothing, and we seem to have reached the limit of knowledge so far as life is concerned. In discouragement we turn aside and are about to give up the search, when we are enabled to advance one step farther. The metaphysician produces one more link in the chain we have so long been forging. He says that back of all matter energy and vibration is will, and will is the foundation of life if not life itself. That the soul is conditioned on will and that will alone can have any influence on it.

'Tis true that in accordance with this view there is an enormous amount of evidence. The hypnotist can seemingly take the very soul of man from its body of clay and project it for thousands of miles simply by the power of will. Not only is this possible but every person in the world seems to have an influence over every other person in proportion to his will power. Men in the realm of science, war or statesmanship have accomplished seemingly impossible things by sheer force of this power alone. Men have been led contrary to their own good judgment by the secret influence of this magnetic power. Napoleon conquered the armies of every nation in Europe and infused life into a ragged, half starved company of boys and men; Washington won the battles of the Rev.

olution and conquered the cold of White Plains and Valley Forge; giving life and courage to men who left their blood-stained footprints in the snow, and all because there was about him a certain motive power that would not be downed.

Yet all this is not life for it is only the transfer of something from one place to another. It is the infusing of energy or life into the storehouse of another soul from your own. It merely means change of place without any reference to the thing changed. Can we then determine what life is? Or can we determine only a few of its characteristics? Is it a subtle fluid, a material force or is it anything in the range of the comprehension of man? Take for example two wires, to all outward appearances they are the same, yet in one is pulsating the throbs of electric life and energy while the other is cold and passive. What makes the difference? No one knows, and Lord Kelvin never spoke a truer sentence than when he told the young electrical engineer that about the only thing they two did not know about electricity was what it is. Or to vary the figure, here are two men, one in the prime of life and every energy alert and active, the other in a casket cold in death. What is the difference between the two? Except for a slight coldness and rigidity and paleness in the one we can see no difference, yet we say that from one the spark of life has fled, that the thing we see is not the man but simply the mansion in which he dwelt. What then is the man? Ah! Therein lies the mystery of life; therein lies the greatest pleasure of existence; therein lies the foundation of all religion. And as no one has a full and true conception of what life is and really means, yet each

one has some idea. But no one will ever be able to completely understand the mystery of life until he is fully able to comprehend the meaning of Christ's words when he said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." As soon as we can comprehend these words we will know what life is. They are the only answer to the burning question of the ages, "What is life?"

From the Art Room.

The studio gave an informal "spread" Monday afternoon in honor of the birthday of Miss Minta Johnson. Ice cream and cake were served. Seventeen persons were present.

Pages from Miss Whitesel's diary—April 14—Bright, beautiful day. Worked in the art room. Saw Mr. Cooper pass four times. Was so happy: April 15—Gloomy and cheerless. Did not get to see Mr. Cooper.

New classes have been started this term in stenciling and tooled leather. The work in stencil is useful as well as ornamental. Curtains, stand covers, dresses and many other articles can be made quickly and beautifully. The tooled leather is also highly decorative and is quite new. Anyone desirous of taking up this work can join the class at any time.

A full line of work will be offered during the summer school. The studio will be open every day and there will be classes in pencil, charcoal, water-color and china.

Hazel Juday (calling from the studio window)—Nora, don't I owe you fifty cents?

(Echo from the German class)—Fifty cents!

Two quiet little mice—Lucy Whitesel and Edna Granger.

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EDITORIAL

College life is magnetic. Go where
you will you will find college atmos-
phere bubbling over with life and en-
ergy. This, as long as it is properly
manned and steered, is a virtue to any
college, howbeit a careless hand will
occasionally misdirect and we then hear
of some student prank. That such may
happen is not unexpected in college life
altho we are glad to say that misde-
meanors of a vicious character have
been few in the history of Otterbein.

If, however, a little trouble should
arise, which occasionally does, we de-
plore the fact that it is almost invari-
ably followed by an exaggerated and
largely false statement published with
glowing headlines in the leading news-
papers of the state; not, however, edi-
torially, but reported by some person
who has not at heart the best good of
the University.

Some one has found occasion, appar-
ently from the remarks made recently
in chapel by Dr. Scott, in regard to
dancing and card playing, to report an
article to the Ohio State Journal, with
the heading "University Dance Cause
of a Great Stir." In short this article
was a thrust at the University and a
great part of it was false. The student
body most heartily disapprove of such
reports and the ÆGIS speaks the senti-
ment of both faculty and students in
condemning the same.

We quote below an editorial from
the "Journal" of a few days later than
the above mentioned, as being worthy
of notice. We quote because this
states quite exactly the sentiment of
Otterbein people.

"The little trouble at Otterbein
where the trustees attempted to disci-
pline some of the students for dancing
and card playing makes the occasion
for a few remarks. It is reasonable to
suppose that the college authorities
take the ground against these pastimes,
not so much for the moral idea that
may be involved, but because these
diversions conflict with the educational
purpose.

"It is possible that a moderate use
of these pastimes may not interfere
with educational work, but if students
are permitted to indulge their fancies
in this direction under no restraints or
prohibitions, the work of education will

be most seriously retarded. A boy cannot fill his head with girls, games and carousals and pursue his studies triumphantly.

"Cards, dancing, tobacco—whatever stands in the way of a boy's sincere and earnest application to study belongs to the school authority to watch and direct. Simply as a part of the moral training of the youth such restraints are defensible, but when they are considered from an educational standpoint, and made a part of the college discipline on that account, it is not prudent nor just to attend such a college and then start an insurrection against the authority that presides over its affairs.

"College life is to give intellectual discipline, serious instruction, and the trend toward a useful and honorable life, and whatever interferes with these purposes should be eliminated. This does not mean that all recreation and joyous experience should go. College life should be happy and splendid, and, also, what all true life is, guarded and restrained."

The Trustees of Otterbein University held their regular meeting in Westerville April 15, 16 and 17th and found every department in fine condition.

It is of interest to know that the department of Chemistry and Physics has been divided. Prof. Mills who has formerly had charge of this department will have charge of the department of Physics and Astronomy. This will be of interest since Astronomy has not been taught in Otterbein for a number of years. Chemistry, which has thus been created a department in itself will be in charge of another Professor. This chair has not yet been filled however, but the proper man will

likely be chosen at the meeting of the board in June

The department of music will be in charge of Prof. Gustav Meyer, Prof. Barrington, Miss Lula Baker, Miss Maude Hanawalt, Mr. G. G. Graybill, Mrs. Mae Whalen and Mr. Frederick DuBois.

The faculty has been given the right to choose from their number one each year who shall be entitled to one year leave of absence on half salary.

Mrs. George Scott assisted by Miss Daisy Clifton will continue to have charge of the Art department. Since this department is growing so rapidly a second assistant has been allowed.

Mr. A. P. Rosselot, teacher in the department of Romance languages has been raised to the rank of Professor with an increase of salary.

The Carnegie Library which is now almost completed will be dedicated on June 9. Governor Harris and Major C. E. Galbreath, state Librarian will be present and speak on that occasion.

The Trustees as well as all the friends of Otterbein have reason to be pleased with the progress which is being made in every department of the University.

"Bill" to Kopittke (after a talk with Prof. Guitner about German love stories)—"Did you have any fun?"

Kopittke—"Yes, and all the love making was practical, too."

"Skippy" evidently believes that it is better to play second fiddle than none at all.

"Curts—"What day of the month is this?"

Shumaker—"It's the twenty-third for you!"

Cause—A sweetheart.

Effect—A duel.

A Place of Physical Education in the Curriculum of Edu- cational Institutions.

It is the general agreement among scholars that each individual in coming to adult life, must pass thru stages of development corresponding to the development of the race from the earliest forms. The view of human origin puts emphasis upon physical training, for it has been thru physical struggles of various kinds that the body, as well as the mind, has come to its present structure and functions. The cultivation of the body is, then, a necessary antecedent which must accompany and be basal to all development of mind and character.

Among animals and among savages, this training of the body is carried on in an unconscious way, by means of the natural plays and sports of each species. However, with the advancement of civilized life we are seeing a new condition. We are compelling children to go to school earlier and earlier each year, and at school they must sit still. They must go to school for more and more months each year, and for an increased number of years, so that the natural activity of childhood is being materially lessened. We are finding with alarming rapidity that individuals are coming to adult life with inferior bodies and depleted vigor, as well as lack of muscular control, which is every one's right. Coincident with this increase in school life, and the consequent lack of physical exercise, is a growth in city life. The majority of the population of the United States now lives in cities,

whereas one hundred years ago only three per cent. lived in cities. City life has less opportunity for muscular exercise than does country life. We are taking away the natural play grounds of the children, so that not only are we lessening their natural exercise by putting them in school, but when they are out of school they do not have the opportunity for play and exercise that our fathers used to have and which every student of to-day should have.

For these reasons as well as for others, it makes it necessary for us to give particular attention to the development of the body. We must provide gymnasiums and in these gymnasiums must be carefully arranged opportunities for exercise in rational ways.

New Sports Recently Introduced.

It is also of great importance that students, while at school, participate in such exercises as will be enjoyable to them after graduation, and with this fact in view I am pushing at present such games as tennis, golf, minton and scrub football. I feel that we could add to these horse-back riding, boating and field hockey. An organization for the promotion of tennis is now in existence. A tournament is to be conducted to decide the championship of the college. We are also planning to arrange as a fitting close for the season's work, a match game with Kenyon college. Plans for the organization of a golf club are on foot. About thirty-eight men and women are interested in this sport. Dr. O. B. Cornell, who owns a tract of land just south of Otterbein cemetery has kindly given us privi-

lege to use it for our links. We have a nine-hole course laid out for men and a separate nine-hole course for women.

Another game which is attracting much attention, and which is going to become very popular is minton. It possesses manifest advantages and opportunities in certain directions over other games, and notably over the one which it is most like, namely, lawn tennis.

Some of the advantages are as follows:

First. The court does not need to be as carefully prepared. Any field that is smooth enough to run around on without danger of turning the ankles is perfectly adapted to the purpose; a slight grade one way or the other does not materially alter the game.

Second. The cost of preparing the ground and keeping it in shape is almost nothing. The net being made of wire does not deteriorate, and does not need adjusting from time to time. The bats are far cheaper than tennis rackets of equal grade, and the balls are virtually indestructible.

Third. It is one of the best games for women, the racket is so light that women can handle it as skillfully as men, thus teams made up partly of men and partly of women are not as lop-sided as such teams are in almost all other games.

Fourth. The game is easy to learn, and commences to be thoroughly enjoyable after half an hour or so of practice.

Fifth. The game is more interesting to the average spectator than lawn tennis. The ball is in the air all the

time. The playing is fast, the rallies long, the ball sometimes being sent over the net twenty times before being driven to the ground.

If I find that there are enough persons interested I will arrange to have several exhibition games played during commencement week. I wish very much to interest as many as possible in this splendid game. If desirable I might arrange to have the rules published in the ÆGIS. If you are interested write me in regard to the game.

Another movement that can be carried out successfully, is a boat-club. We have a splendid water course at hand, and if we could get some of the alumni interested in such an undertaking it would mean much to the advancement of the University. It will increase the secretive facilities, and will help materially in attracting new students to our institution.

The first thing needed in carrying out this scheme is a small boat-house. The building site for which could be secured, without cost, from a friend of the University. The funds for the building from the Alumni and their friends. Next we will consider the method of securing the boats. Supposing that each class in the college, and the students of the Academy and music departments would agree to buy a good steel boat, or two good canoes, providing that the alumni furnish the funds for erecting the boat-house. If this were done, we should have at the very beginning five good steel boats and perhaps an equal number of canoes. Each class could place in the bow of their boat the class numerals. Thus the present Senior

class boat or canoes would have on the bows a neat '08. Then in order to keep increasing the supply of boats, the incoming Freshmen class would from year to year add one or two steel boats, or several canoes, each of which would have painted on the bow the numerals of that class. These boats to be used only by the Freshmen class and those to whom they may extend the privilege, and this until they become Seniors. The Seniors would upon graduation turn their boats into the custody of the University. These boats to be used by the faculty members, the successive Seniors, and to be rented to any outside patrons of the club. If the incoming Freshman class fail to procure boats they can be granted the privilege of rented boats from the school. This privilege of renting could also be extended to any outsiders, or to any persons not members of a class owning boats of their own. The boat-house should be large enough to admit of the addition of boats from year to year, also to permit of space to be rented to persons owning private canoes. The money thus received would be utilized in keeping the building, grounds and the boats in first-class repair.

Provision should be made for space to be used as dressing rooms for bathers. In winter these rooms could be used as dressing rooms for skaters.

The supervision of this building is not to be overlooked in considering the feasibility as such a movement. It would be wise to finish and furnish two or three living-room in this building. Two to be furnished as study and bed rooms respectively, the third for light house keeping. Two students who would have charge of keeping the building and equipment in repair, and who would also attend to the renting and locking of all the boats and other property, could be given as a part of their remuneration, free use of the rooms in this building. It might be well to induce them to work in the tile mill during the summer, and thus we would have responsible men to care for our interest during the entire year.

I sincerely hope that both alumni and students of Otterbein University will give this serious attention. If the scheme strikes you unfavorably, kindly offer some suggestions, if otherwise, give us your support.

EDW. A. WERNER,
 Prof. of The Department
 of Physical Education.



Baseball Season Opens.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE.

Kenyon, April 4, Gambier.
 O. W. U., April 11, Delaware.

O. M. U., April 18, Westerville.
 Capital, April 25, Westerville.
 Antioch, May 1, Yellow Springs.
 Wilberforce, May 2, Wilberforce.
 Muskingum, May 9, Westerville.
 Capital, May 16, Columbus.

Open, May 23,
 Kenyon, May 28, Westerville.
 Ohio U., June 7, Athens.

Baseball practice began during the latter part of the winter term. Altho, on account of bad weather, it was held in the gymnasium a large number of candidates were out for the various positions. Since the weather man has permitted the use of the diamond four nines have appeared for practice. Old men of last year's nine are six in number: Sanders, Lloyd, Watson, Ketner, Strahl and Titus, so three positions are to be filled with new men. Among these, Young, Coburn, Keister, Einsel and Black show the best form. Besides these there is a goodly bunch of promising young material on the second and third teams.

Two games have been played, both defeats, due largely to erratic fielding on the infield. The pitchers have showed good form and would have won with proper support. In consequence of this the infield will be shaken up considerably before the next game.

KENYON GAME.

This game was played on Kenyon's diamond at Gambier. Otterbein took the lead from the first, scoring one run in the first inning, two more in the third, then Kenyon made one in the third. Otterbein made another in the fourth. Kenyon by the help of an error made two in the fifth. Nothing doing on the scoreboard then until the eighth when Kenyon, assisted by three errors, made four more. Otterbein failed to connect with the pill in the ninth and the game went to the opponents with a score of 7 to 4. The feature of the game was Lloyd's pitching. He pitched the entire game, striking out 13 men and allowed but three hits.

Sanders shares the honors for good playing, as he caught a fine game.

WESLEYAN GAME.

This was the second game of the season, also a defeat for O. U. Not much need be said but there is some excuse for the ragged support given the battery from the fact that the day was cold and the diamond rough in places. Watson suffered an accident to his hand which retired him from the game in the third inning.

Following is the lineup and score which tells the story of Otterbein's worst defeat for years.

Ohio Wesleyan.					Otterbein.						
	ab	lb	po	a e		ab	lb	po	a e		
Danieis, s....	2	0	2	1	1	Strahl, 1....	5	0	1	1	0
Stauffer, 2....	4	1	3	5	0	Titus m-2....	4	0	0	1	5
Evans, 1....	4	1	7	0	0	Watson, 1....	1	0	0	0	1
Potts, m....	3	2	1	0	0	Fisher, r....	2	0	0	0	0
Lesourd, l....	3	0	0	0	0	Lloyd, p-1....	4	2	1	2	1
Baker, c....	5	1	11	0	2	Colburn, s....	8	0	2	0	1
Pu'an, 3....	3	1	2	0	1	Smith, p-1....	3	1	1	0	1
Battle, 3....	3	1	2	0	1	Ketner, 2-m.	3	1	2	0	1
Uhl, 3b....	2	0	1	1	1	Sanders, c....	3	0	12	1	1
Goodyard, p 1	0	0	2	0	0	Young, 3....	4	0	4	1	1
Wood, p....	1	1	0	0	0						
Rike.....	2	0	0	0	0						
Totals....	33	6	27	11	6		32	4	23	6	11

Ohio Wesleyan.....2 0 2 1 1 2 2 5 0-15
 Otterbein.....0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0-2
 Stolen bases—Daniels 3, Stauffer, Evans, Potts, Lesourd, Baker. Sacrifice hit—Ketner. First base on balls—Off Lloyd 4, off Smith 2 off Goodyard 1. off Wood 2, off Woodmanse 2. Three-base hits—Stauffer, Wood. Struck out—By Goodyard 7, by Wyod 2, by Woodmanse 1, by Lloyd 7, by Smith 1. Passed balls—Sanders 2, Baker 1. Innings pitched—Lloyd 5, Smith 3, Goodyard 5, Wood 2, Woodmanse 2. Time—3:00. Umpire—Webb. Attendance—250.

Miss Nelson (reading Cicero): "I am all in——"

Prof. Wagoner: "Yes, that's right, go on."

Miss Nelson: "——fear."

Strange, isn't it, how often you hear this expression concerning De Winks in "An Engaging Position"—"Don't you think Fritz acted just like he does most any other evening?"



ALUMNAL

The Alumni and ex-students of the Miami Valley to the number of a hundred and twenty-five, held a reunion in the First U. B. church, Dayton, on April second. A banquet was served at which Prof. A. B. Shauck, '74, acted as toastmaster. A quartet composed of J. B. Gilbert, '97, W. E. Crites, '97, B. L. Kumler, '98, and R. D. Funkhouser, '99, rendered college songs. Dr. L. E. Custer, '84, sang a solo. Mrs. L. K. Miller, '58, spoke on "I say I Will, I Can." Judge U. S. Martin, '92, on "Reminiscences." Mrs. Luella F. Clements, '89, "Veni, Vidi, Vici." President Bookwalter on "Otterbein University." Extemporaneous toasts followed at which time Dr. Henry Garst, '61, and Dr. T. J. Sanders, '78, both ex-presidents of Otterbein spoke.

Miss Emma Guitner, '01, is attending Dr. White's Bible Training School in New York City.

Miss Bertha S. Flick, '98, formerly Professor of French in Otterbein, is spending a week with relatives in Westerville.

Mrs. Meta McFadden Harbaugh, '03, and husband, of Toledo, spent several days the last of March with Miss Mary Weinland, '07, in Westerville.

Born to Otto W. Burtner, '98, and Mrs. Ethel Bookwalter Burtner, of Ansonia, Connecticut, a boy. Congratulations.

C. R. Weinland, '06, was in Westerville the first of April on business.

P. H. Kilbourne, '02, and J. W. Funk, '06, students of medicine in Western Reserve University, Cleveland, paid the college and Westerville friends a visit the first of April.

Rev. Daniel Eberly, '58, who has been a chaplain in the National Guard of Pennsylvania for the past thirty years and is therefore ranking chaplain of the state, has recently been recommissioned by Governor Stuart for another term of five years. Rev. Eberly is a veteran of the civil war, was at one time President of Otterbein University and is now chaplain of the Eighth Regiment with headquarters at Hanover, Pa.

E. L. Porter, '07, visited the college and friends the last of March. Mr. Porter is principal of the schools at Pleasantville, O.

Mrs. L. D. Bonebrake, '84, of Columbus, spent Sunday, April 5, in Westerville, the guest of her daughter, Miss Margaret, at Cochran Hall.

Dr. J. P. Landis, '69, Professor of Hebrew in the U. B. Seminary at Dayton, delivered a fine address on "The Call of the Church," at the Y. M. C. A. President's Conference held at Otterbein April 9 to 11.

Miss Lela Guitner, '92, is in the General Office of the Y. W. C. A. at New York, temporarily filling the office of International Executive Secretary. She has just completed a tour through the south in the interest of the Y. W. C. A.

Echoes from the Conservatory.

Prof. Grabill will remain in Germany until August. His teacher Herr Lambrieno is planning a concert tour in this country next winter.

Prof. Barrington is the conductor of a large and flourishing choral society in Lancaster, Ohio.

Prof. DuBois was away for a few days last week with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra. They gave concerts at Mt. Vernon and other places in this state and Michigan.

Miss Yager spent Easter with friends in Dayton.

The Conservatory opened with a larger attendance than ever before for the spring term. The latest enrollments are: Ethel Lumbert, Donald Whetstone, Mary Randall, Margaret Dot Warner, Grace Coblentz, Ada Buttermore, Vernon Ellsworth Fries, Stacia Inez Potts, Lloyd M. Curtz, Luzern Custer, Luther Hall, Mrs. Belle Eliza Johnson, Lloyd Valentine Funk.

Cochranitens.

After a busy but happy vacation most of the girls returned to the Hall. A few familiar faces are missing but there are new ones to take their places. Only about ten girls remained in the Hall during vacation.

Miss Inez Potts, Manchester, O., Miss Anna Steele, of West Union, Zelia Counsellor, Elida, and Opal Shauks, Logansport, Indiana, have been initiated into our association.

Misses Margaret Warner, Blanche Bailey and Mabel Gardner have come back for their last degree.

Miss Ada Buttermore, who has been

out of school since last spring term on account of illness, has returned.

Considerable excitement and curiosity was aroused Saturday evening, April 11, by the locking of the Dormitory doors and all windows on the first floor, at an early hour.

Mrs. Ella Kring entertained the Misses Lillie Ressler, Mary Brown, Adah Gaut and Margaret Gaver Saturday night, April 11.

Mrs. Smith, wife of Y. M. C. A. secretary, from Ada, and Miss Schuler, from Columbus, were guests here during the convention.

Miss Williamson has found Miss McCoy's lost Kiehl.

Miss Maude Billman and Miss Grace Mumma, as members of the debating team, were in Richmond, Indiana, April 9 and 10.

Dr. Funk, Prof. Shauck and Mr. Rike, members of the Board of Trustees, paid a visit to the hall on April 16 and took dinner with the girls.

Prof. Durrant:—"Mr. White, what were the two main articles you had for breakfast this morning?"

White:—"Starch and sugar!"

Prof. Guitner (in first year German):—"He was from out in Indiana and you can't expect much from away out there."

Baird (to Curts)—"He-haw."

"Fragen Sie Herr Curts eiber die Manor Deutsche?"

Plessinger (at club):—"Chase the pup this way!"

Has Funk told you yet that he's engaged?

Horrors! How the Hoffman club has grown!

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mrs. F. H. Yager of South Whitley, Ind., visited her daughter Miss Blanche Yager of O. U. Conservatory of Music during the first part of this month.

Mr. R. A. Hood, a former student of O. U., has gone to Colorado for his health. He hopes to be back in school next year.

The new officers of the Lawn Tennis Association are: Pres., F. D. Zuerner; Vice Pres., Percy Rogers; Secy., F. L. Strahl and Treas., F. A. Kline. A fee of one dollar entitles any student to life membership. A tournament has been arranged to determine the champions of the school. Since this is the first tennis tournament ever held at O. U., a great deal of tennis enthusiasm has been aroused.

The O. U. maxim—The paths of glory lead but to the grave (yard).

Dr. Snavely (to Smith): "Mr. Smith, what do you think the Kaiser of Germany would do if I should write an article injurious to the German Empire?"

Smith: "I non't believe he would pay any attention to it!"

On Saturday evening, April 4, the Otterbein Dramatic Club presented the two plays, "Lend Me Five Shillings," and "An Engaging Position" in the college chapel. A large audience was well pleased with the presentation. The club is preparing another comedy of four acts entitled, "For One Night Only," which it will

give in the near future. This play also will be given for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. and Athletic Association.

Two new "spoon-holders" in the form of fire-escapes have been added to the University property. These fire escapes have been erected to the boy's society halls at the order of the State Fire Commissioner.

Several improvements may be noticed around the campus. Among them may be mentioned the new baseball backstop, the grading of the track, the repairing of the tennis courts and the new Minton court. Considerable work has also been undergone to locate suitable golf links.

Students of O. U. were rather agreeably surprised to hear of the latest freak of Mr. Beeson, class 1910. Mr. Beeson was quietly married, April 2, to Miss Vivien Ione Stoner, of Dayton. Mr. Beeson and wife are now on their way to the Philippines, where both will be engaged in teaching in a government High School. Mr. and Mrs. Beeson are followed by the best wishes of Otterbein friends.

The Whitney Brothers' Quartet appeared as the last number of the Citizens' Lecture Course, Tuesday evening, April 14. The reading was very entertaining and the entire presentation was highly educational.



Y. M. C. A.

March 26—Mr. H. W. Arnold, of New York City, a former student of Otterbein, now the International Secretary of the U. S., gave an enthusiastic and inspiring address. Subject, "The Problem of the Individual" or that of "Self Control."

April 2—"Form and Spirit of Service," was the ably presented subject. Leader, Prof. N. E. Cornet. This being installation session, the report of the retiring president was made. The cabinet installed is as follows:

President, A. S. Kiester, '10; Vice President, R. H. Martin, '10, Recording Secretary, F. W. Fansher, '11; Corresponding Secretary, W. A. Knapp, '11; Treasurer, K. J. Stouffer, '10; Chairman Bible Study committee, H. G. McFarren, '09; Chairman Devotional committee, C. F. Meyer, '09; Chairman Membership committee, C. E. Hetzler, '12; Chairman Employment committee, R. M. Fox, '11; Chairman Missionary committee, L. C. Hensel, '09; Chairman Social committee, L. L. Custer, '10; Chairman Music committee, J. C. Baker, '11.

Report of President of the Y. M. C. A. for the Year 1907-8. April 2, 1908.

When the administration took up its work in the spring it was the policy of the president to make plans only and nothing more than general plans. He thought that the details could be best worked out by the individual committees. By this method he endeavored to develop

men and it has been his most important aim during the administration to carry out this policy.

Aside from this principal aim he has endeavored to make the plans of all committees harmonize and work for the best interests of the association as a whole. He has endeavored to give life and vigor to the association by example and by precept. In many things he has failed along this line and it is to be hoped that his successor will profit by his mistakes and bring forth a better administration than this one has been.

The principal duties of the president are the selecting of men and putting them in places of trust and responsibility. This is no easy task and the president considers himself fortunate in having such a willing cabinet with which to work. All the members have done well. The work of the Bible Study committee has been very acceptable because of the number of men who were enrolled in Bible Study and the large percentage of attendance at classes.

The Missionary committee is to be commended along this line also because the enrollments in classes have been greater this year than ever before. It is to be commended also on the raising the annual pledge under the most extreme difficulties.

The finance committee has done well in the matter of the finances of the association. It has left them in a very acceptable condition for the new Treasurer. It has inaugurated a new system of book-keeping and has sepa-

rated the various funds and keeps a separate record of each. This stops confusion and makes the books more accessible.

The Devotional committee has been faithful and we have listened to many a good talk during the year because it has taken the pains to arrange a good program for the Thursday evening meetings.

The membership men must not be forgotten for they have inaugurated the card system of keeping track of the members of the association, and by this system have now a satisfactory membership roll. Let us hope that this plan will be followed by the next man and that order will be brought out of chaos.

To the social committee we are indebted for several evenings of good wholesome relaxation and pleasant fellowship together. And it is to their efforts that we are indebted for the good feeling that has existed among the fellows and to a large extent for the speed with which men were made to feel at home.

An innovation has been introduced by the music committee in the shape of an orchestra for Thursday nights. And it is hoped that the new committee will continue to increase this orchestra and at times render some selections of special music.

The employment bureau reports very favorably three hundred dollars or there about being earned this year, and 65 men being helped. This is a great advantage to many poor and needy students and for this good report the committee should be congratulated.

Take it all in all the year has been successful. The committeemen have all proven faithful and have shown a willingness to work. They have origi-

nated some very good plans and have carried them out. Of course there have been many mistakes and weak places but these have been counter balanced by the willingness to work and a desire to go ahead.

If there is one recommendation that the president wishes to make to the new administration it is this: To put as many men as possible in responsible positions and then develop them. Then not only put them there but look after them when they are there and encourage them to better and nobler work for the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WEAVER,

President.

President's Conference.

From Thursday evening, April 9, until Saturday noon, April 11, was held at this place the annual training conference for the college Y. M. C. A. presidents of Ohio. Seventy delegates were present, representing all but one or two of the college associations in the state. Among the speakers were four general secretaries, the state college secretary, the state secretary, three international secretaries and four college president's and professors.

Some of the more important of the excellent addresses were: "The College Association Movement," by Dr. E. W. Hunt, president of Denison University; "Efficiency" by Dr. Bookwalter, of Otterbein; "The call of the Church," by Dr. Landis, of Dayton; "The Claims of the Christian Ministry on Young Men of Ability," by Professor Wm. Hutchins, of Oberlin, and "The Permanent Investment of Self," by Robert E. Lewis, state secretary, of Columbus.

Several other addresses and discussions were ably presented. Each phase or department of Y. M. C. A. work was made the topic of discussion, "The President," "The New Student" and "The Religious Meetings" were each brought forward for discussion. Also special attention was given to the summer conference at Niagara and the methods of organizing a delegation for that conference.

All the addresses were rich in thought. Much enthusiasm was displayed by both speakers and delegates. As a whole the conference was a great success, much credit being due to the careful supervision of Mr. Lichty, the State College Secretary of Ohio.

Y. W. C. A.

March 31 — Leader, Evelyn Todd. Reports from the Pittsburg

Convention were given by the delegates Lillie Ressler and Maud Billman.

April 7—"A Forgiving Spirit." Leader, Margaret Warner.

April 14—Easter service, "The Awakening." Leader, Blanche Bailey.

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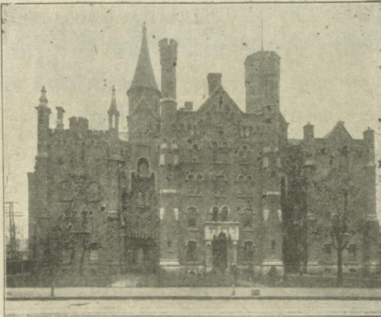
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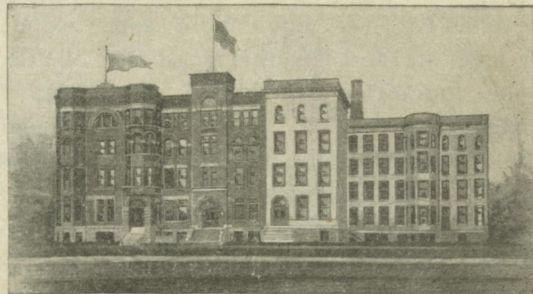
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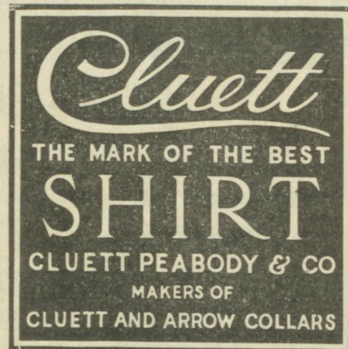
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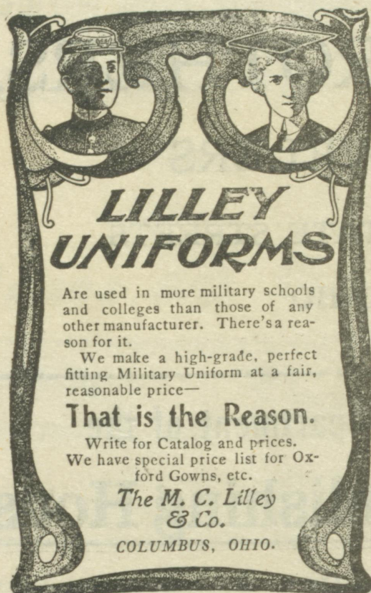
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