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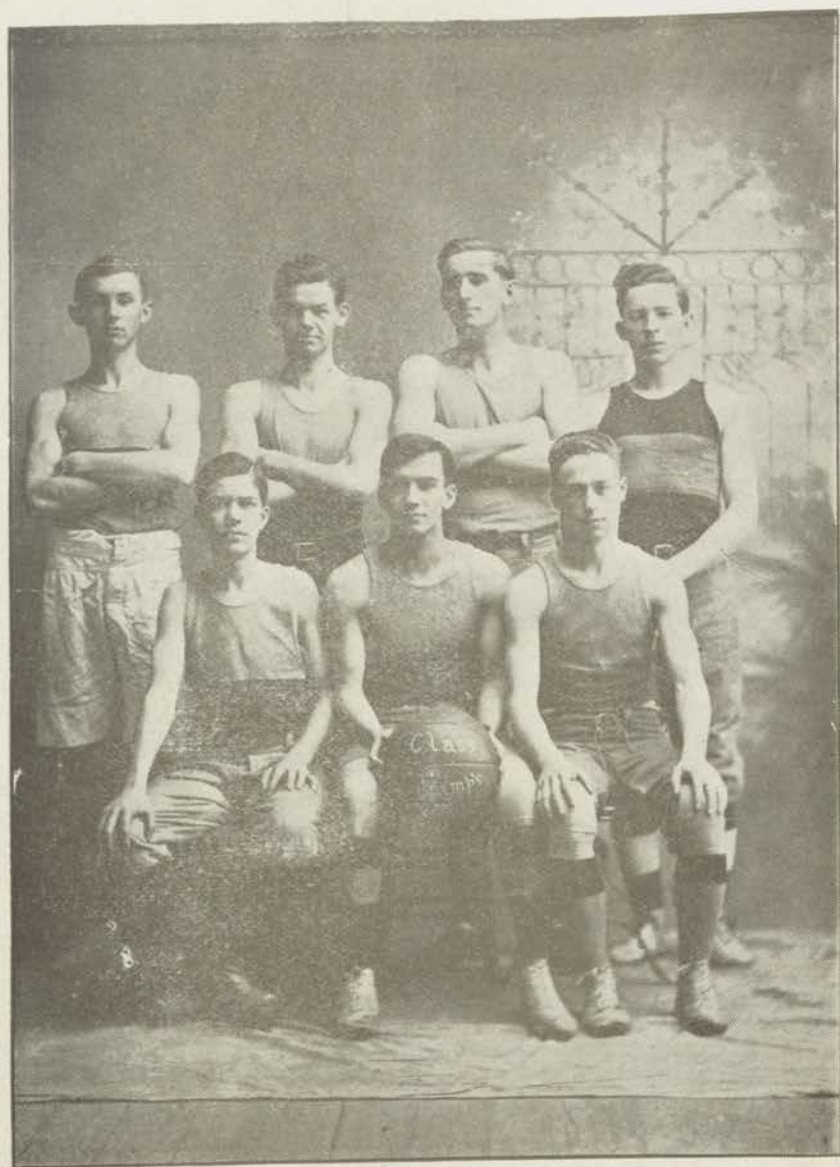
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Lessons From Nature

O. O. Hiestand, '15.

"The harp of nature's advent strung
Has never ceased to play;
The song the stars of morning sung
Has never died away."

"Earth is crammed with Heaven, and every bush afire with God," but only he who sees takes off his shoes. The morning wind forever blows, the poem of creation is uninterrupted, but few are the ears that hear it. Nature seems to furnish both the material and the methods necessary for the unfolding of the soul. If we go beyond form to the heart of nature, then she is full of music, is instinct with thoughts which music can best or can only express. The murmuring of the wind, the song of the birds, the ripple of the brook are all parts of the eternal symphony.

How near the great throbbing heart of nature Thoreau got, and what wonderful lessons he learned from the animals and birds! All living things seemed to yield their secrets to him as his right. "O!" said he, "Now I laugh when I think of my vague indefinite riches. No run on my bank can drain it, for my wealth is not possession but enjoyment." He used often to smile in his kind genial way and observe slyly; "I have travelled very extensively in Concord."

Who is the richer of the two, the

farmer who owns vast acres of waving grain and boundless forests, or the poet who has no wealth save the enjoyment of life and infinite riches of thought, as he beholds the beauty of the meadow and forests or listens with vague and almost mysterious wonder to the lessons taught by nature?

"It seems as if the day was not wholly profane in which we have given heed to some natural object." He who knows the most, he who knows what sweets and virtue are in the ground and waters, in the plants, the heavens, and how to come at the enchantments is the rich and royal man.

God's miracle of May brings Nature's enchantments very near, for this is the time when race memory runs back to where we read a great and profound parable in the resurrection and newness of beautiful forms. Now is the annual demonstration of seedtime and harvest. "Whether we look or whether we listen, we hear life murmur or see it glisten. Every clod feels a stir of might, an instinct within it that reaches and towers; and, grooping blindly above it for light, climbs to a soul in the grass and flowers. A newness and freshness and fragrance is over the land. Delight dwells in the heart of man. He would fain tell the flowers of his love

for the beautiful and the trees for his admiration of their grandeur and strength. He feels a deeper interest in and relation to the birds and he hears the call of the distant hills to come and join them in their reveries."

Wordsworth said, "To me, the meanest flower that blooms can give thoughts that lie too deep for tears." The flower was the object lesson of the Great Teacher. It has been an inspiration to the poet, a message of peace to the troubled and anxious, a means of brightening and uplifting darkened hearts and homes. "In all places then and in all seasons flowers expand their bright light and soul-like wings, teaching us by most persuasive reasons how akin they are to human things. And with childlike, credulous affection we behold their tender buds expand; emblems of our own great resurrection, emblems of the bright and better land."

Bryant in observing the flight of a migrating wild fowl was taught the beautiful lesson of divine providence:

"He who from zone to zone
Guides through the boundless sky
thy certain flight
In the long way that I must tread
alone,
Will lead my steps aright."

One autumn morning I saw an eagle flying northwest. As I stood in the chill of the dawn gazing at the noble bird of my country, mounting higher and higher I thought of what the psalmist had sung to the soft accompaniment of the harp over two thousand years ago, "They shall mount upward as eagles." The gentle flap of his great wings made a breeze in my mind like the noble passage in a poem. There was not the delighting of the ear with the outpouring of sweetest melody and its lessons, but

there was the delighting of the eye and soul through that soaring and circling in the vast empyrean of "a strong bird on pinions free," lessons of freedom, favor, grace and spiritual suggestion—vast, unparalleled, formless lessons. James R. Lowell was a great lover of birds and kept a web of brilliant cords for the orioles to use in their nest building. The birds came for the cords but they were afraid of Mr. Lowell. This is what he wrote. "Hush, 'tis he my oriole, my glance of summer fire is come at last and ever on the watch twitches the packthread I had lightly wound around the bough to help his house-keeping; twitches and scouts by turns yet fearing me who laid it in his way, nor wiser we in our affairs divines the providence that hides and helps."

Nature is all things to all men. There is nothing in nature but what the beholder supplies. It is the soul of the performer that interprets, not nature. Does the sculptor interpret the marble or his own ideal? Is the music in the instrument or in the soul of the performer? We carry with us the wonders we find without. The same idea is expressed in these tripping verses of Bryant:

"Yet these sweet sounds of the
early season,
And these fair sights of the early
days,
Are only sweet when we fondly
listen,
And only fair when we fondly gaze.

There is no beauty in star or blossom,
Till looked upon by a loving eye;
There is no fragrance in April
breezes,
Till breathed with joy as they wander by."

What preparation for the winter the birds and animals make! The great migratory movements of the birds, mysterious in some of their courses as the currents of the sea were in the beginning and are still, for the most part, mere shifts to escape the cold. Here in the woods and marshes about Westerville there is much getting ready, much comforting assurance that nature is quite equal to herself, that winter is approaching unawares. There will be great lack, no doubt before there is plenty again; there will be suffering and death. But what with the migrating, the strange deep sleeping, the building and harvesting, there will be also much comfortable, much joyous and social living. Long before the muskrats began building along Big Walnut, even before the swallows gathered in an enormous flock in the high school chimney, the ground squirrel started his winter stores. The thrifty red squirrel secreted walnuts in the forks of bushes and saplings along Alum Creek, the jay placed grains in the niches of bark of the trees on the campus, the nuthatch filled the old bird's-nests with various seeds and grains. The busy bees toiled all summer so they might have enough honey to last till spring. Now their work is over. The wood-mice have harvested their acorns. The muskrat built himself a house and under the spreading ice turned all the pond into a well-stocked cellar. But woodchuck simply dug himself a hole, a grave, then ate until no particles more of fat could be got into his baggy hide, then crawled into his tomb, gave up the ghost, and will await the resurrection of spring. This is his shift. The muskrats have an abundance of roots in the pond, the squirrels selected things of long keeping and buried them; the woodchuck

made of himself a silo, ate all his winter hay in the summer while it was green, turned into a surplus of himself, then buried that self, feeds upon it and sleeps—and lives!

The brightness of summer is gone yet this chill gloom is not the shadow of a pall. Nothing is dying in the fields; the green blades have waited, the old leaves have fallen, but no square-root of greensward is killed. There will be no loss of life next April because of this winter, unless conditions altogether exceptional starve some of the winter birds. These suffer most but as the seasons go, life even for the winter birds is comfortable and abundant. Last winter I observed a weed-covered field, which had been laid down to clover. The weeds threatened to choke out the grass. I looked at them with dismay and thought how they would cover it by next fall. After a time the snow came, a foot and a half of it till only the tops of the seedy ragweeds showed above the level white; then the juncos, goldfinches and treesparrows came and there were many days of life and plenty. Then I looked and thought again that perhaps, into the original divine scheme of things were put even ragweeds. But, then, perhaps there was no original divine scheme of things, I did not know. As I watch the changing seasons however, across the changeless years, I seem to find a scheme, a plan, a purpose, and there are weeds and winters in it and it seems divine.

Emerson says that nature has power to soothe. "All my hurts my garden spade can heal, a quest of river grapes, a mocking thrush salve my worst wounds."

One afternoon I was weary and out of sorts with myself and everybody around me. I must confess my

feelings did not harmonize with the season of the year, for it was May, and all nature seemed to call to the fields and woods. I decided to take a walk to Big Walnut and try to forget my sadness. It was a delightful journey; the air was balmy and rife with the fragrance of wild blackberry blossoms; the vireos sang wild and sweet from a dozen dead oak tops, while from a tangled copse a cardinal bird fluted softly, "What cheer! What cheer!" A turtledove crooned a lullaby as if to say, "All nature is at peace." This fragment of Lowell's beautiful poem flashed across my mind.

"Joy comes, grief goes we know not
how;
Everything is happy now,
Everything is upward striving;
'Tis as easy now for the heart to be
true
As for the grass to be green or skies
to be blue,—
'Tis the natural way of living:
'Who knows whither the clouds
have fled?
In the unscarred heaven they leave
no wake;
And the eyes forget the tears they
have shed,
The heart forgets its sorrow and
ache;
The soul partakes the season's
youth,
And the sulphurous rifts of passion
and woe
Lie deep neath the silence pure and
smooth,
Like burnt-out craters healed with
snow."

It was evening when I reached my destination. The sun was nearly down and the forests just below me

were of a deep purple hue, while those that extended eastward wore the shade of blue. A few scattered clouds soon put on their sunset robes of orange and crimson and a band of the same soft color encircled the western horizon. Then how softly and soothingly the twilight came on! How deep a hush sank on the beautiful glens, broken only by the wood-thrush repeating her good-night carol! The hills, too, how majestic they stood in their deep purple outlines. Sweet, sweet Otterbein! I can feel now how the soul can cling to thee since thou canst thus gratify its insatiable thirst for the beautiful. Even thy plainest scene is clothed in hues that seem borrowed of heaven! In twilight more radiant than light, and a stillness more eloquent than music which sinks down over the sunny beauty of thy hills, there is a silent intense poetry that stirs my soul through all its impassioned depths. With warm blissful tears filling my eyes, and a heart overflowing with its own bright fancies I wander in the calm of such a time and love thee as if I were a child of thy hills! On my way homeward my reverie was broken by the silvery vibration of the chapel bell. I paused to listen to the tones dropping down from the darkness, thrilling with their full tremulous sweetness, the calm evening air.

The beautiful songs of the wild birds, the sweet incense of the balmy breeze, the calm and peaceful sunset, and out of the quiet of the falling twilight the silvery tones of the chapel bell! There is no scene that does not contain many valuable lessons, and more valuable than this bright May-day wrapped in the purple haze, in the magic of the twilight.

LOCAL ITEMS.

He failed in German, flunked in Chem.

They heard him softly hiss:

"I'd like to find the man who said

"That ignorance is bliss."

Arrangements are now being started for the class banquets early in April. These will doubtless bring out the usual abundance of new hair-cuts and old dress suits.

Prof. to negligent student—Don't you know that it is three times and out?"

Calihan—"But you must remember that there are nine innings."

The Freshman class this year contains some most estimable young men. The clapper to the college bell has not been stolen once!

"People who love amateur dramatics will have several treats soon," announces the College newspaper. We fear that the only people who really love amateur dramatics are those who have relatives or sweethearts in the show.

Mattis—"I love the good, the true, the beautiful."

Bessie—"This is so sudden, but I am sure father will consent."

The new street cars recall memories of last winter's "strike" and a good story.

It was two a. m. and "Smith" was fumbling at the keyhole; but in vain, the door being bolted inside. After a

while an upstairs window was opened, and a woman's stern voice demanded:

"What do you want? Where have you been till this late hour?"

"Lemme me in darling," came the meek reply. "Been down to the lodge 'scussing the shstreet car shstrike."

"Very well, then," was the icy response. "Now you can go back and discuss the lockout."

Prof. Weinland—"If I put a tiny bit of phosphorous on the desk, there would be no school."

Voice in the rear—"Put on two large pieces!"

At some of our recent social gatherings, it was noticed a few of the girls were just able to "hobble" around.

Albert Lambert, reciting history—"The North said that the South heretofore, although, while, that, but, et cetera!"

Prof. Sherrick—"Some of you may remember that a little more than a hundred years ago—"

Mary had a hobble skirt,
So tight she couldn't roam,
And everywhere that Mary went
She had to stay at home.

Little Hints to Happiness, No. 2:

Don't laugh at a girl because she can't hit the side of a barn with a brick; you may marry her some day—then you'll be glad of it.

Little Tales from the Lives of Great Men, No. 2:

Prof. West—"The best way to learn human nature is to go out in the world and rub up against men and women."

New Student—"What kind of a class recites in here?"

Prof. Heltman—"First-class."

A Prep wishing to acquire social culture, hid himself behind the bridge at Alum creek. It chanced to be the evening that the Senior proposed, which he did in the following manner:

"Those diamond eyes, those ruby lips, that alabaster neck. Wilt thou be my dew drop?"

This seemed to have the desired effect, so the next evening, Mr. Prep tried the same stunt on his "best girl." At what he thought the proper moment, he got down before her and said:

"Those demon eyes, those rubber lips, that alpaca neck. Wilt thou be my glue-pot?"

Spring, when the class picture was being "took"—"Aw, they're squeezing me!"

Surely, it's great to be popular. And in public, too!

The tall, angular, Busy-Bee waitress ambled up rather clumsily to the group of O. U. students at the table, one of whom after scanning a bill of fare, looked up at her and anxiously inquired:

"Have you frogs' legs?"

"Oh! no sir!" she answered. "I am obliged to walk this way on account of rheumatism."

At the basket-ball game we got a slap on the back every time a good play was made. Then the question:

Did you see that play?

Answer: No, we were counting the legs on a bumble-bee.

With "Fatty" Coburn in the Glee Club, it may rightly be said to contain "a thousand pounds of harmony."

Lucile C. hands her candy out;
It is so very sweet
That fellows got most anxious
For that "candy kid" to meet.

Prof. Resler—"Who's Mr. Pants—on?" (Van Saun).

Two of the most pleasing social gatherings of the year were held the first and second Saturdays in February. The former was given in Lambert Hall by the Faculty of the music and art departments to the students in these departments and to all the different athletic organizations, both first and second team men.

The other reception was given in the Association parlors by the Y. W. C. A. girls to all the Bible and Mission Study students, of whom more than one hundred enjoyed the St. Valentine program and the delicious refreshments.

The Union Evangelistic services now in progress in the College Chapel each day and evening are drawing large audiences and stirring up great interest. They are being conducted by Rev. J. S. Bitler, D. D., of St. Louis, Mo., an interesting and effective speaker.

At a big educational gathering in connection with the recent Corn Show in Columbus, President Clippinger gave the invocation and Dr. E. A. Jones an address on "A State Wide Pension Law."

A movement is now on foot whereby city delivery of mail will be secured in Westerville. Growth of population and postoffice receipts entitle the city to this privilege, and it is now up to the authorities to properly number the houses in the different streets.

Then what of the mirthful couples strolling to the postoffice for their mail after chapel every morning?

"A business man's estimate of a great man"—the Lecture on Abraham Lincoln by Riley R. Ross of New York City in the College Chapel the evening of Feb. 17th was certainly interesting and instructive. These extra entertainments which are being provided for the students free, surely deserve the largest attendance possible.

The annual play for the benefit of athletics will be pulled off the evening of Feb. 28. It is to be a vaudeville of five acts, uproariously funny, interspersed with tricks of magic and music by the college band. As the receipts help pay the Coach, athletic equipment, etc., every student should turn out.

The local High School students have crawled on the band-wagon and will soon start the publication of a paper, to be issued three times a year.

Elocution is now being taught in the Conservatory under the direction of Prof. Heltman. This is a valuable addition to the college curriculum.

Nearly every student in Otterbein was "shot" from one to half a dozen times, Saturday the 12th inst. The scene of the affray was the Orr-Kiefer and Baker Art Studios in Columbus, and the cause was pictures of all the classes and other organizations for use

in the forthcoming Sibyl. The proofs indicate pictures of high quality, and everything points to the best Sibyl yet issued.

Recent deaths of former Otterbein students:

J. Roy Knox, at Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 24, 1910.

Miss Mary Weinland, sister of J. A. Weinland, at Toledo, O., Jan. 3.

Arthur N. Dwyer, in Indianapolis, Jan. 23.

The ÆGIS extends sympathy.

Things are moving along in fine shape towards the new athletic field. The Senior class has now over \$800 in cash and subscriptions soon to be collected amounting to \$500. Actual work on the laying out of the new site has been somewhat delayed on account of the illness of Mr. Bernard, who with Mr. Mathews has the work in charge; but all indications now point to an early commencement of activities on the new field that is to make Otterbein famous.

The Tennis Association is anticipating spring by commencing plans for a great revival of interest in this delightful sport. The project of fitting up another court or two should meet with a ready response from all. Mr. Simon, the association's president, is now arranging a schedule for a number of tennis meets this spring, including Denison, Capitol, Wittenberg, and others. A big local tournament will be held, in which everyone having tennis ability will be given an opportunity to display it.

The fine oil painting the college had made of its great benefactor, John Hulitt, of Hillsboro, O., is now finished and will be hung in the library.

The celebrated Otterbein Quartet are now arranging their itinerary for the coming spring. They will give performances at different points all over the state, and perhaps a few in neighboring states, at the rate of two or three a week. This aggregation of musicians consists of Hatton, Coburn, Williamson, and Spafford. In addition to their vocal selections, they form a stringed quartet of first and second mandolins, a mandola, and a guitar. Mr. Spafford also gives banjo solos, and Mr. Hatton humorous readings.

Don't forget that the Quartet's only appearance at Otterbein will take place the evening of March 22, and as the proceeds are to be applied to the new athletic field, every loyal student should turn out. Admission 25 cents, reserved seats 10 cents.

A baseball "Dope Book" is being compiled, giving list of captains, managers, and team records for the past twenty years, and also containing a complete schedule of Ohio college games for 1911. This interesting pamphlet will appear next month.

Our debating teams are now hard at work gathering and arranging the material that will win for Otterbein when she stacks up against Buchtel and Heidelberg in a few more weeks. There will be both a negative and an affirmative team, composed of the following members: Dick, Yates, Layton, McFarland, Richer, Harkins, with Muskopf and Schutz as alternates. The question is: "Resolved, that our legislature should be shaped toward the gradual, ultimate abandonment of the protective tariff."

Considerable interest is being manifested in track work this spring, and

at Prof. Heltman's urgent request most of the good material in school is now coming out for practice. A good schedule of meets is being arranged, and the boys are now working especially hard for the one so near with Wesleyan.

Henry Cope, secretary of the National Religious Educational Association, will be in Otterbein March 19-21 and deliver a series of lectures on various religious subjects. He is a strong man in this line of work, and considerable importance attaches to his coming.

Col. E. W. Halford, of New York, delivered an excellent after-chapel address, Feb. 16.

A reception to the United Brethren students of Ohio State University was given by the Fifth Avenue U. B. church of Columbus, Friday evening, Feb. 10th. A number of Otterbein students were in attendance by special request, and several had places on the program.

Mrs. Mary Jane Price, aged 84, a fervent and life-long friend of Otterbein and who has been of material aid to the institution ever since its founding in 1847, passed away at her home on Grove street, Feb. 12.

T. C. Harper and family are now located in Chillicothe, where he is pastor of the U. B. church. Mr. Harper will return to graduate with the present Senior class in the spring.

H. L. Mayne, a member of the present Sophomore class, is not in school this semester, having accepted a position on the advertising staff of the Fremont News.

Summer school prospects are booming. An idea of the courses and instructors was given in our last issue. Since then the University Bulletin has been issued on the Summer School. It is an interesting and well-arranged booklet, and copies may be had free by asking for them at the President's office or will gladly be mailed to any address upon request.

One of the hits of the college year was the play given by the Junior class, "The College Chums," Feb. 7. The entire play was throbbing with characteristic college life and activities, from hazing a Freshie to a football game, and as all the parts were handled with considerable skill and good acting the play readily found a place in the hearts of the audience. The proceeds, amounting to \$130 will be

applied to the publication of the Sibyl.

On Friday evening, Feb. 17, the entire troupe went to Centerburg and staged "College Chums" there. It was well received, and played to nearly a full house, the receipts being above \$60.

Dr. Lewis Bookwalter, former president of Otterbein, has resigned as pastor of the Congregational church at Hiawatha, Kans., to accept a call from the Central Congregational church of Kansas City.

J. B. Peck spent a week at home in Grand Valley, Pa., owing to illness in the family.

W. R. Bailey is convalescing from an operation for appendicitis.

Men of Strength

J. J. Dick, '11.

At the present stage in the growth of the world we hear a great deal about the need of men. Men are needed on every hand. But some one questions this statement and says more men are not needed for in the cities today there are thousands of men who are idle. This may be true but we may say that the reason so many men are idle is that they are not prepared to do the work. What the world needs today is not so much more men but more men of the right kind. We need trained men, men who as we often express it, can make good. Gideon was not asked to reduce his force from 32,000 to 300 men, when he went out to conquer the Midianites, because he had too many men, but because

they were not the right kind. He could not use cowards. Only 300 were found who were both brave and watchful. So it is today. The coward and the sleeper have no place in the affairs of life.

Although we need trained and educated men in all the activities of life we find that this is not all. The best educated may fail. With education we must have strength. We need men with backbone, men who can withstand temptation and thus overcome their difficulties. It is our purpose in this discussion to speak of this class of men, we shall call them "Men of Strength."

We need men of strength in all the different phases of life, business, politics, and religions.

In the business world we need men who are big enough to rise above the temptation to carry on their business for their own personal gain regardless of the rights of others. In this as well as in other fields we must take the other fellow into consideration. We must learn to apply the principle of the Golden Rule. To the business man often comes the temptation to do little things that are not strictly honest such as, for example, selling second class goods for first, when it seems to be unknown to his purchaser. He may be able to do this but is it right? Would he wish to be treated in the same way if he were the purchaser?

Then there comes to him the chance to make money even when he knows it to be wrong to do it in a certain manner. He may think that he can get the money and that it will do him more good than the mere name of having done right. He may be in close financial circumstances and the money to be gained may be enough to set him upon his feet, but does it pay? The Good Book says, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his soul."

Then too, the wrong that seems to be but a small one may lead to something greater in later years. How many men are there in our prisons and penitentiaries who are where they are for the commission of but one crime? We find that in nearly every case man's criminal career begins with the doing of small wrongs.

Not only in the business life do we need men of strength and integrity but we also need them in the political world. Every day we hear the terms graft, lobbyist and political boss. In fact these terms are so common that we can not think of public office without calling up one or more of these evils. Should this be so? You all

say it should not; but the only way to prevent such a condition of affairs is to have men who can not be bought, men who regard the doings of right to be of more importance than the few dollars they may receive for being unfaithful to their trust.

But we must not condemn our officials too severely, for one who has not been in their position can not know how great are the temptations. These temptations come on every side and we must have men of sound mind, men of good judgment, men who have the moral courage and backbone to stand, come what will.

Perhaps there is no more trying position of trust than to hold a seat in a legislative assembly. Every violator of the truth seeks to have his wrong made legal. Hence all these agencies for wrong beset our legislators. They try to influence them first by threatening to defeat them for a second term. If they are unsuccessful in this way they next use money, and their representatives are so cunning that the wrong of bribe taking is made to appear very small. It is here that we need men of strength, who, when threatened with defeat, will say with Henry Clay "I would rather be right than president." These are the kind of men we want to fill our offices.

We can think now of an example of a man in the state legislature who, when asked to vote for a measure, the passage of which would benefit special interests to the detriment of the public at large, was told that if he did not vote for this measure he would not get to return the next year. This was the reply of the gentleman, "It may not make much difference whether I am returned or not but it will make a great deal of difference whether this measure passes or not." Would that we had more men of this type.

Then we need more men who are not afraid to express their sentiments and let the people know how they stand on the great public questions. It is true that it may cost a man his office but what is that compared to the satisfaction of knowing that one has done his duty. In this respect we need men like Roosevelt, Lafollete, Folk, Hanly, Bryan, and Garfield, all men who are ever ready to stand for the principles which they believe to be right. We should choose such men to represent us, and in the choosing we can afford to be guided by the advice of Jesus to Moses, when he said, "Provide able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness, and place such men over the children of Israel to be their rulers." How appropriate in this connection are the lines from J. G. Holland's "Wanted."

"God give us men,
A time like this demand's strong
minds,
Great hearts, time, faith, and ready
hands,
Men whom the lust of office does
not kill:
Men whom the spoils of office can not
buy,
Men who possess opinions and a
will,
Men who have honor, men who will
not lie,
Men who can stand before a dema-
gogue,
And damn his treacherous flatteries
without winking,
Tall men, sun crowned, who live
above the fog
In public duty and private thinking.
For while the rabble with well
worn creeds
Their large professions and their little
deeds
Mingle in selfish strife,

Lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land, and waiting
justice sleeps."

Finally even though we need strong men in the business and political world we find that there is still greater needs in the religious world. Here it is that we need men who do not fear to speak the truth no matter what the circumstances may be. Of this ministry today we often hear the complaint that they do not dare to speak the truth for fear of offending the members of their congregations, and we fear that in many cases the complaint is well founded for in some of the larger churches there are men whose daily lives are far from being christian and who hope to gain their crown through the sum of money they may pay to the support of the pastor. To offend such a man often means a falling off in the pastors income. But should this be sufficient excuse? We find that in the religious life above all others there is no room for compromise. What is truth is right and can not afford to yield to wrong under any circumstances. To compromise right with wrong means to depart from the truth for Christ himself taught that "He who is not for me is against me." It was the compromise with wrong that brought Israel to her destruction, and so it has been with every nation that has fallen. What we need in the ministry today are men who will speak the whole truth and trust the result to God. The apostles were confronted with the chains of imprisonment, and the modern apostle is confronted with the loss of salary or even his position; but as the former moved on regardless of opposition so should the ministers today. But it takes men of strength to do it, men who are strong enough to say with the

apostle. "We ought to obey God rather than man." And thus we might go on mentioning the other religious leaders aside from the ministers, but what is true of one is true of all, and we think enough has been said to show the need of strength in this line of work:

Concluding then as we have seen the great need for men of strength in

all lines of work we should all strive to attain to this ideal in order that we may be able to fill the positions in life to which we have been called. We can do this by being faithful in the little things, for if we can not decide for the right in the small affairs of life we shall surely fail when we come to deal with life's great problems.



Otterbein 43, Muskingum 61

That score tells the story of the first defeat at the hands of an athletic team representing Muskingum in many years. The game was played at New Concord on a small floor with loose backstops and baskets, making it hard, for a team unaccustomed to it to hit the basket. This, coupled with a little bit of over confidence cost us the game. Nevertheless there was scoring at will and captain Young led the pace with 12 baskets and one foul goal to his credit. All the Muskingum players were in scoring business, each having several goals to his credit. The game was not hard fought and should have gone on the right side of the sheet.

The line up:

John, Stringer	r f	Michels
Young	l f	McCormac
Crosby, John	c	Montgomery
Hall	r g	Stump
Cook	l g	Campbell

Goals—Young 12, John 4, Crosby

3, Hall, Cook: Michels 8, McCormac 7, Montgomery 7, Stump 6, Campbell 1. Foul Goals—Young 1, Michels 5. Referee, Brindley, New Concord.

Denison 45, Otterbein 8.

The next night, after the trip from New Concord the quintet stacked up against the bunch representing Denison, on their own floor. The score does not tell of the swiftness of the game or the class of ball that was played. Black, the sensational star of Ohio intercollegiate basketball was the whole show for Denison. He made 24 of Denison's points, while his team mates were collecting 21. Otterbein did not make a field goal, her eight points being made by Captain Young on fouls.

Every man put up a stiff guarding game, Hall holding his man to one basket. Although both games on the trip were lost we have nothing to feel down cast about, since Muskingum has since beaten Denison.

The line up:

John, Stringer	r f	Higgins
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Young (c)	1 f	Black
Crosby	c	Rupp, Holt
Hall	r g	Morrow
Cook	1 g	McCann, Rupp

Goals: Black 11, Higgins 3, Rupp 6, Morrow 1. Foul Goals, Young 8 out of 11, Black 2 out of 7, Rupp 1 out of 4. Referee, Livingston of Denison.

Otterbein 31, Kenyon 27

Otterbein journeyed to Gambier determined to win the game or not come back to Westerville. Sufficient to say they came back the same day and with the long end of a 31 to 27 score. It was a red hot game from start to finish. Both teams displayed excellent team work although both were a little weak on hitting the baskets. The first half was fast an furious, ending 12 to 8 in favor of Kenyon. Otterbein came back strong in the second half and by playing a great passing game overcome the lead and forged ahead in the last few minutes of play. The boys played ball all the time and victory went where it belonged. Crosby was the principal scorer with five baskets to his credit. Cook put up a great game at guard holding his man to four baskets and making three himself. Hall also put up a good guarding game against Capt. Weaver.

The line up:

John	r f	Beatty
Young (c)	1 f	Weaver, Aves
Crosby	c	Gaines, Snyder
Hall, Bandeen	r g	Marty
Cook	1 g	Snyder, Skiles

Goals: John 3, Young 3, Crosby 5, Cook 3; Beatty 4, Gaines 4, Marty 1. Foul Goals, Beatty 1, Young 3. Referee Van Vorhees.

Otterbein 2nd 54, Mt. Vernon High, 18

The same day on which the Varsity won at Kenyon the fast second team

met and defated Mt. Vernon High School on the home floor. The game, despite the large and one sided score was fast. The seconds far outclashed the High School boys in passing and hitting the basket. The seconds from the start got in some fine team work, and the result at no time was in doubt. The basket shooting of Bandeen and Dempsey was the feature of the game, Bandeen getting seven from the guard position, while his forward was able to get three.

The line up:

Dempsey	r f	McKey
Stringer, Lash	1 f	Seymore
Bandeen	r g	Altenberg
Lambert, Foltz	c	Culbertson
Wineland, Converse	1 g	Postle

Goals: Dempsey 10, Stringer 2, Lash 2, Lambert 3, Bandeen 7, Wine-land 1, Converse 1, McKey 3, Seymore 3, Culbertson 1, Altenberg 1, Postle 1. Foul Goals, Stringer 2 out of 2. Dempsey 0 out of 3, McKey 0 out of 4. Referee, Fouts and Blair.

Otterbein 41, Kentucky, 27.

After a week's vacation and rest from the Kenyon game the Varsity on Friday afternoon, Feb. 10 won from Kentucky State University probably the fastest and hardest fought game that has been seen on the local floor for some time. The game was rough but exceedingly fast and interesting. The game was free from interruption and wrangling. The Kentucky boys put up a fine article of ball and were a gentlemanly bunch of fellows. The first half ended with the score of 19 to 11 in favor of Kentucky, but the tan and cardinal boys played the game of their lives and overcome the lead and won with a dozen to spare. A great share of the victory goes to the great around playing of Cook and John.

Both of these men put up a wonderful floor game and wherever the ball went, they were there too. Captain Young and Crosby found it difficult to hit the basket the first half but came back strong in the last period. Young in order to show his guard that he knew the game, dropped the ball through the basket seven times in addition to two fouls. Hall put up a close guarding game and was there on the team work, although he did not make any points on the score board.

Mr. Page of Ohio Wesleyan officiated the game in a very clever manner and there was not a kick from either side.

The line up:

John	r f	Barnett
Young	l f	Marx
Crosby	c	Harrison
Hall	r g	Gaiser
Cook	l g	Preston

Goals: John 5, Young 9, Crosby 3, Cook 2, Barnett 3, Marx 4, Harrison 2, Gaiser 2, Preston 1. Foul Goals, Young 3 out of 7, Barnett 2 out of 5, Marx 1 out of 6. Referee, Page of O. W. U. Time of halves 20 minutes.

Otterbein 2nd, 16, Capital 2nd, 25.

The second team played a fast game with the second team of Capital University at Columbus, and lost their first game by the score of 26 to 16. The game was fast, and team work on both sides was good. Capital had a little better luck in hitting the baskets which kept them ahead. They play a return game here at a later date and the second team is waiting for revenge. The line up:

Dempsey	l f	Reuter
Stringer, Lash	r f	Fitch
Lambert	c	Buss
Bandeem	r g	Schmidt
Wineland	l g	Bonk

Goals: Dempsey 3, Lambert 1, Bandeem 1, Reuter 4, Fitch 3, Schmidt 2, Bonk 2. Fouls, Stringer 3, Dempsey 2, Bandeem 1, Reuter 3.

Class Games.

The class games are over. Everyone is glad of it and satisfied with the series and results. This series played in mid-winter arouses the class spirit to the highest pitch attained at any time of the year. There are two objects in view for holding these games first, for the bringing out and discovering of basketball material, and second, for the financial side. These games have again fulfilled these requirements and proven a great success in 1911. There were four games, the first resulting in a victory for the Seniors over the Juniors by the score of 49 to 19. On the same evening the Freshmen won from the Sophomores, 37 to 14. The Seniors took their second game from the Preps, 40 to 13. That thirteen must have been the Seniors hooey, for in the final game the Freshmen won the inter-class championship 35 to 20 from the Seniors who have held it previously three out of four years. The outcome of the games was as famous prophets prophesied ere the series began. All the more glory goes to the first year men for making such an excellent showing, for from among them must come the material to fill the places of the four Seniors on this year's Varsity.

Base Ball

With the few scattered warm days of February comes the feeling that it will soon be time to roll the horsehide around the diamond. For several weeks the pitchers have been warming up in the gym and the prospects are good for a classy staff of pitchers for Captain Wagner's team this coming

spring, Saturday the 18 the first call for gym work will be given to the candidates. There are two infield positions to fill and hard work will win these places for some one. Manager Ralph Smith has arranged a long, hard, and inviting schedule, with the best colleges in the state appearing at home. With a little good weather and the support of every student prospects are bright for another championship nine. The schedule follows:
 April 21 Denison at Westerville.

April 28 Wilberforce at Wilberforce.
 April 29 Antioch at Yellow Springs.
 May 6 Wittenberg at Springfield.
 May 10 Cincinnati at Westerville.
 May 13 Muskingum at New Concord.
 May 19 Wooster at Westerville.
 May 20 Cincinnati at Cincinnati.
 May 27 Open.
 June 2 Wooster at Wooster.
 June 3 O. N. U. at Ada.
 June 8 Kenyon at Westerville.
 June 14 O. W. U. at Westerville.

Washington

L. M. Moore, '11.

Once more we are called in the progress of years,
 To honor our hero, who has but few peers;
 Who built up his life from foundations of truth,
 And kept its integrity pure from his youth.

He wrought out that life in the youth of the land,
 And fought for his country with vigorous hand.
 Though tyrants arose, and traitors intrigued,
 With freedom and right he ever was leagued.

His brow was not fanned with the zephyrs of peace,
 But rough howling war-tempests ever increased,
 John Hancock, and Adams, and Henry stood forth,
 Their eloquence startled the South and the North.

His country lay crushed neath a harsh tyrant's heel;

And Freedom sent forth a most earnest appeal;
 While red-coated British with arrogant mein,
 The first brave men slaughtered on Lexington's green.

Then quick to the front came our hero so strong,
 To lead, in the conquest the patriot throng:
 Beneath Freedom's flag to the conquest he went,
 On vanquishing foes his country intent.

From Boston to Yorktown, he led on the fray,
 Though British and Hessian in arms blocked the way;
 Though war clouds were rolling and war-thunder roared,
 He led on his men till a vict'ry was scored.

Then took he not gold for the good he had done,
 Nor silver as pay for the conquest he won;

But back to his home at Mt. Vernon
he went,
To live there in peace and quiet content.

Again he who bore the dire perils of
war
Was called by his countrymen, near
and afar,
To guide, with his genius, the new
ship of state,
Lest it should be wrecked on the blind
rocks of fate.

Then as he stepped down, his land
begged but his name
To strengthen its conquests by pow'r
of his fame.
Now came the death angel, and bade
him depart,
Took strength from those hands, and
made lifeless that heart.

He is dead, so they say, yet his labor
survives,
And metes out its blessings to millions
of lives;
Yes, we owe a debt to our great Wash-
ington,
For ours is the freedom his sacrifice
won.

Then seek not to honor with flowers
that fade,
The one who for us such great sacri-
fice made.
A worthier tribute our hero demands,
If he have an offering meet, from our
hands.

A garland of life-works unselfishly
wrought,
By hearts that are true to Columbia
brought,
An unselfish statesmanship, noble and
true,
To him, our great hero, is justly our
due.



Ople Shanks and Olive Blackburn
have moved from the Hall.

Faye Foster, Hazel Dixon, Ethel
Smith and Helen Osgood are not in
school this semester.

Mrs. Thomas spent a few days with
her daughter.

Among the Sunday guests during
the month were Prof. and Mrs. Res-
ler and Prof. Heltman.

Two of our Senior girls, Rhea Par-
lette and Chloe Niswonger, who were
not in school last semester have re-
turned.

Miss Mary Grise, a former student,
is in the Hall again this semester.

Miss Gladys Versey of Sylvania, O.,
visited Miss Grace Denton.

Quite a number of the girls have
suffered from grippe the past few
weeks.

Miss Jessie Brane of Dayton, spent
a few days with her sister Grace.

Madge Craighead and Elizabeth
Coppock of West Milton just returned
home from a short visit with Lucile
Coppock.

Nell says her favorite book in the
Bible is II John while Ethel prefers
I Kings.

Miss Ada M. Flemming of Chicago,
called on Miss Denton, Feb. 15.

Grace Simpson returned from her
home where she was called on account
of the sickness of her mother.

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EDITORIAL

With the name of Washington we associate many important events, his long, perilous journey to warn the French, his advice to General Braddock, Valley Forge and other hardships of the Revolution, and the formation of the New Union. We hail Washington as the "Father of his country," and rightly so, and we feel that, had he never lived, our nation would never have survived the Revolution, but gone down to defeat under

the lack of a proficient leader. We cannot even fancy what must have been the result had our beloved Washington never been; and we thank our Creator for sending us such a man at such a time.

Too often, in college, we are inclined to think that there are only a few upon whom dependence can be placed and consequently they are chosen to fill the many offices. Of course a man must show what he can do before other duties are entrusted to him. Yet there is no doubt but that there are many who, if given something to do would prove that they have the right kind of material in them. If one person stands the test in one thing he is immediately pounced upon and almost compelled to load himself down with other affairs—all except those persons who really have sense enough to take only what they can well do without interfering with the real purpose in college.

The college student is told that the experience received in college organizations, etc., is of more value than anything else in the college course; but is not a fact that if the college student clings more tenaciously to his college work that he will be able to acquire more advantageously this experience after leaving college? True it is that we should make an effort to "round ourselves out," but too much "rounding" leaves no place for anything to stick. Of course the various college activities must be taken care of but we cannot be too careful lest we go too far and lose ourselves. There are plenty, plenty of strong men in school to manage the different organizations without overtaxing anyone if the duties were only evenly divided. Divide the management of the different organizations.

The Standing Stone

C. M. Wagner, '12.

As one enters the city of Lancaster from the north a mass of rocks rising far above the surrounding country can be seen. It was called Mount Pleasant by the first white settlers on account of the pleasant view which can be seen from its summit. The Indians called it the standing stone from the singular position which it occupies.

It is a large mass of rocks of about one and a half miles in circumference. The western side is almost perpendicular with a height of nearly five hundred feet. There is a large growth of chestnuts trees and other kinds of shrubbery growing on its summit and sides. On the west side by difficult and daring ascent one may reach the summer house which extends far back beneath the rock. Here is a beautiful spring, with its cold, refreshing water with which one can satisfy his thirst.

Mount Pleasant overlooks the valley of the Hockhocking river in which valley is situated the beautiful city of Lancaster. From the summit of Mount Pleasant one can see every part of the city, the beautiful streets with rows of trees on either side, here and there a large building rising above the others, and in the distance the silvery, sparkling water of the Hockhocking running along in its course to the sea. To the west of the mount lie the fair grounds of the Fairfield Agricultural Association. Here the many buildings spread themselves out before the observer and the circular race track on which so many exciting races have taken place.

Historic Mount Pleasant! If thou couldst but talk what exciting and interesting things thou couldst relate.

This country was once the home of the red man, and at the base of Mount Pleasant stood one of the largest indian villages in the territory now included in the state of Ohio. The Delawares were one of the most powerful indian tribes. Many are the contests of sport that they have instituted on the present site of the city of Lancaster. How many times their canoes have gone to and fro in the rippling current of the Hockhocking. How many romantic and chivalrous stories could be written of the many daring deeds that have been committed within the shadows of this old historic mountain.

Probably the first two white men who saw this mountain were Lewis Wetzel and Albert Maywood in the year 1792. A band of indians had stolen the betrothed of Maywood, and had killed the rest of the family. These two scouts had hunted in many directions to find the lost Forest Rose as she was called. On one of these trips they followed the course of the Hockhocking river until they came in sight of the "standing stone." They then left the river and climbed the steep mountain side and found a safe place for concealment from which they were able to spy upon the indian village. For several days they remained in concealment, but at last their water gave out and they were compelled to go in search of water. Wetzel, being somewhat older than his companion set out first to search for water, and about a half mile to the west he found a large spring which flowed into the Hockhocking river. For several days they took their turn in bringing water. But one day after Maywood had filled

his canteen, he was looking down into the river meditatively when suddenly he was startled by some guttural sounds. Turning around he caught sight of two indian squaws who were coming to the spring for water. Seizing both of the squaws he threw into the spring and then held the oldest squaw under the water until she was drowned. He proceeded to do this with the younger, but she managed to gasp the word "Albert." Amazed by the mentioning of his own name he looked more closely and recognized in the squaw his own beloved Forest Rose.

By this time the Indians had discovered the body of the drowned squaw and their whoops could be heard in every direction resounding over the plain. Rose quick to foresee the danger, urged their immediate departure back to the hiding place of the scouts. More than five hundred Indians were in pursuit but Rose and Albert were able to reach the mountain before the Indians. Lewis Wetzel could hardly believe that it was little Forest Rose.

Everything looked dark for the white scouts as there were about five hundred to two. The place where they were concealed could only be reached by one way and here Wetzel and Maywood stationed themselves for the coming battle. Albert concealed Forest Rose behind a large rock where she would be safe from the flying missiles. The battle raged for several hours but the indians were unable to reach the position of the scouts.

Once on looking around Albert, by chance, observed an Indian almost in the act of jumping across the precipice, whereby he might reach a place from which he would be able to kill the scouts. As Albert pulled the trigger the powder in the pan flashed and the

gun was not discharged. A fatal calamity thought Albert for before he could load his gun again the indians would be able to reach his place. As the indian made a leap a shot rang out while he was still in midair and he fell down the precipice. Who was the unknown marksman, who had been their savior? For a time the indians let up and Albert having a rest for the first time, went to the place where Rose was concealed. But to his amazement she was gone. "Poor Rose," he said. "I did not think you would stay here and die with us." He told Lewis Wetzel of the disappearance of Rose. The scouts knew that if they could hold out until dark, they would have some chance of escaping. Just as dusk was coming on Forest Rose appears again and when Albert chided her for her strange disappearance she tells him that she did it to save them and that it was she who fired the three strange shots which they had heard.

After it was dark the two scouts, led by Forest Rose went down the mountain side and then through the Indian village. After two or three narrow escapes they reached the Hockhocking river and after several days reached Marietta. Such was the history of the discovery.

Geologists are of the opinion that at one time all the surrounding country was a part of the ocean and that a large river had its mouth on the site of Mount Pleasant. It is composed mostly of a sandstone formation and in large degree the opinion of the geologists would account for the formation of this mass of sandstone.

A few years ago Mr. Philip Rising one of the pioneers of Lancaster, bought the tract of land upon which Mount Pleasant is located and donated it to the city to be used as a park. From various causes, the appearance

of the old Mount has been changed very much, in fact so much that an old indian warrior who was born and lived beneath the shadows of Mount Pleasant for so many years, and who after an absence of 60 years again visited the scenes of his boyhood, could hardly recognize in the present Mount Pleasant, the old Mount Pleasant, or Standing Stone, of his time.

And now as we take our final leave of the old Mount let us remember how much this old hunting ground meant to the indian in his time; and now in its present capacity as a city park may it always be a pleasant retreat for the people who visit it.

The University of Paris.

As early as the eleventh century many students from all countries flocked to Paris, where such teachers as Gerbert and Abelard were giving open air lectures on the subjects then known. In 1200 the University received its first charter. It was to teach Theology, Canonical Law, Medicine and the Arts. For fifty years the teachers continued to give their lectures on the street or in some sheltered place behind some wall or building. However, in 1253, Robert Sarbon, bought some old buildings and gave them to the University. It was for a long time divided into colleges as Oxford is now, but later was incorporated under one head. From the time of the Reformation till the Revolution it was mainly a school of Theology and of course a Catholic stronghold. It was suppressed from 1793 to 1808, at which later date the reorganization took place under Napoleon, making it a real University teaching Arts, Sciences, and Catholic Theology.

The present organization was effected in 1896 and


comprises the following departments: Law, Medicine, Science, and Arts, Pharmacy, besides a number of allied schools scattered all over Paris. Each department has its own building. The one occupied by the department of Science and Arts is called La Sorbonne and covers an area of about 25000 square yards. The teaching force of the University numbers 282 and its students last year numbered 17,311 of which 3,192 were foreigners. This does not include thousands of students who attend the open lectures and who never matriculate. This feature of open lectures permits any one at no cost what ever to follow a complete course year after year at the expense merely of the time it takes to attend.

All students who matriculate must have a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent. The work is entirely post-graduate and has nothing in common with the college. A course means one lecture a week and as much library and research work as you can do. Three courses constitute full work. One year's work with thesis and examination leads to the equivalent of our Master's degree and three years with thesis and examination to the Doctor's degree.

It might be well to say here, that the University is only one of the several institutions of learning in Paris, and although the largest no more important than several others. The reputation of Paris as a place of study is greater in Europe than in America, yet it is said that there are between 2000 and 3000 Americans studying in Paris at present. Its reputation ought to increase for its organization for study is better, and foreigners are more welcome than they were twenty-years ago. In fact everything is done to make their stay pleasant and profitable.

A. P. Rosselot.

ASSOCIATION NOTES



Y. M. C. A.

Jan. 19.—The Y. M. C. A. was given an excellent address on this evening by Mayor Fred G. Bale, on the subject, "The Juvenile Court." Mr. Bale has been connected with the Franklin County Juvenile Court for some time, and is in a position to handle such a subject intelligently.

This court was organized about eight or nine years ago, and today there is no state or large city in our country which has not its juvenile court. The court looks after the orphan children, providing homes for them, and seeing that they are properly cared for after homes are secured for them. They are under the care of the court until they become twenty-one. There are several reasons for the present condition of children. There is lack of "chumminess" on the part of the father and mother with their children. Children are often neglected in the home. Many parents have absolutely no ideal for their children. They provide food and clothing and that is the extent of their interest. Parents often abuse their children and so maltreat them that it is necessary to take the children from them. An ounce of formation in a child is worth a ton of reformation in a criminal.

Jan. 26—Leader—P. A. Baker, Nat'l Supt. of Anti-Saloon League. Subject "Covet earnestly the best gifts."

Some thoughts brought out by the leader are as follows:

It is not sufficient that we do well. In this age we must do our best. We should not work only to our mere satisfaction; we must work to the best advantage. We must not be satisfied to do as did our fathers; we must do better. If we are to do as well as our fathers, we must do infinitely more because our opportunities are so much greater. The reason many men do not rise above the ordinary, is because they are unwilling to pay the price. To ally one's self with an unpopular cause which is right, is the finest discipline in the world. We cannot know everything there is to be known. It is our business to know as much about everything as we can. But we can know more about some one thing than anyone else. We must pay the price. Wendell Phillips allied himself with the unpopular anti-slavery cause, and although the people called him a "fool," he became a great power in our country.

This is a world of service. The man who is not willing to serve is not at home in this world. If we are to be of the most service, we must have our hearts right with God. The college man should yield his life to God before he leaves college, as the chances are few that he will ever become a Christian afterward. Education will not keep a man from falling into the lowest forms of sin.

Feb. 2d—Jas. O. Cox talked to the fellows of the Y. M. C. A. on the subject, "As a Man Thinketh." Some of the thoughts brought out were as follows:

A young man starting out in life should have a fixed purpose. Aimlessness in life is a vice. Thought power is invaluable in filling up the gaps of time. A man who wants to be successful in business must stop and think. The will to do comes from the knowledge that we can do. Achievement of whatever kind is the result of effort. It is the result of differently directed thoughts. He who cherishes a beautiful vision, a lofty ideal, will some day realize it.

Feb. 9th.—Rev. Kelser, assistant secretary of the Lincoln Legion movement of the Anti-Saloon League, addressed the Y. M. C. A. on the subject, "The Life of Power." One requisite of a true character is to be filled with the Holy Spirit. A man filled with the Holy Spirit is a man filled with power.

Absolute self-surrender is necessary for receiving the Holy Spirit. The Spirit stands ever ready to come into our hearts when we surrender to Him. We may be in close touch with the spirit of God as was Philip, upon whose life the leader especially spoke. The strength of a man to do service does not depend upon his natural talents, or his acquirements, but upon his surrender to the Holy Spirit. The same spirit that prompts one to speak to another about his soul's salvation will also prepare that person's heart to receive the message.

Y. W. C. A.

Jan. 24.—"The Heritage of Loyalty." Leader, Margaret Gaver. The leader limited loyalty to the idea of

faith, the primal element in christian experience. While our ideas change from youth to old age, still we may preserve our faith, a faith which should grow from simple childish belief to one which is largely changed to knowledge. The leader emphasized the necessity of constant growth in faith and service, lest we grow cold and die in our spiritual nature.

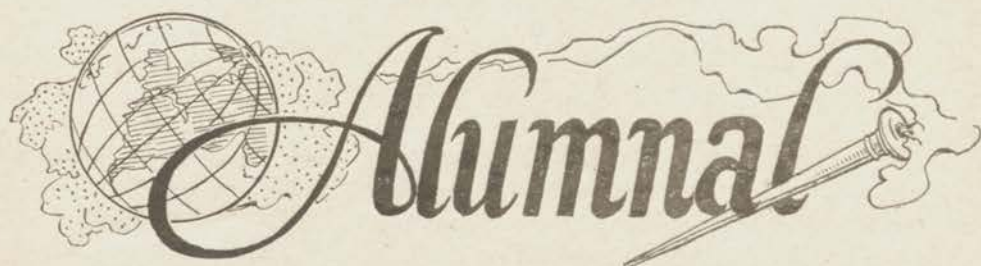
Jan. 31—This meeting led by Opal Shanks, was devoted to the reading and discussion of articles from the Association Monthly, the national Y. W. C. A. paper.

Feb. 17—Dr. Miller delivered one of the most beautiful and inspiring addresses of the year. His theme was Christianity. He said: We find in ourselves two natures, the one drawing us toward the good and pure, the other tempting us to the commonplace or the evil. The earliest history of mankind reveals the origin of the dual nature. God having forbidden his children to eat of the fruit of one tree placed them under law not as a test of obedience, but as a safeguard against the inevitable consequences of sin. Law is never harsh to anyone unless he disobeys it. Disregard of the law God has been disastrous to many nations, as Greece and Rome. In contrast with these, we can place our own America founded by christian men. God has given America as a refuge to the downtrodden and suffering races of the world. You have seen a pebble thrown into the water with the ripple gradually widening to the shore. God cast a gem from his own heart's love into the sea of this world's misery; its influence has all these years been dispelling the flood of despair, misery, and sin. We are passing through a strange country, a path we have never before trod. Jesus tells us to follow

Him and keep His law and He will insure our safety.

A man may spend his time analysing bread and water and starve physically, just so may a man spend his time in questioning christianity and

starve spiritually. The best way to learn is to experience. And Christ has said, "O come ye who are athirst and I will give ye the water of life freely."



Rev. Dr. L. F. John, '83, former college pastor of Otterbein, who is now pastor of U. B. church at Wilkinsburg, Pa., spent Jan. 19-21 visiting with his two "little boys," as he called them, and old friends. From here he went to visit his aged father of Beavertown, O, and to call at the office of Religious Telescope at Dayton.

We beg the pardon of E. C. Weaver, '10, for using his name so often in our columns but we desire to mention the splendid success with which he is meeting as pastor of Park St., U. B. church of Johnstown, Pa. He recently closed a revival meeting with a total of forty-two conversions and fifty-six being taken into the church membership. Sixty-two members have been received during the present pastorate making a total membership of three hundred and sixty.

On Jan. 30, Dr. Henry Garst, '61, passed the 75th "milestone" of his life, having been born near Germantown, O, Jan. 30, 1836. On his last birthday his friends joined in making the day a happy one by giving him a postal card shower, and as a result he received one hundred and fifty post cards. Be-

sides this the doctor was kept busy all day shaking hands and receiving personal greetings. Although Dr. Garst is getting up in years, yet he is in spirit and in reality young. The day the writer interviewed him he was found on top of the house mending the roof to which he had climbed by means of a step-ladder that only reached within three feet of the edge of the roof. As the writer offered to steady the ladder for him to descend the reply came, "You don't need to worry about me falling."

Every one who knows him will testify to his youthfulness of spirit, going about with a cheerful countenance all the time, now speaking a word of cheer or giving a bit of advice to those who are traveling the path over which he passed many years ago. He is loved by all. His interest in the church and Otterbein never flags and now and then he voluntarily supplies for some professor in their absence. Another thing which cheered the doctor on his birthday was a letter which he received from Prof. Jas. M. Strasburg, '65, of Detroit, Mich., who was born on the same day, Jan. 30, 1836. The professor always claimed that they were twins but the doctor denies

this since one was born in Ohio and the other in Virginia. Out of six who graduated in the class of '61, Dr. Garst and three others are still living. Although there are many who would gladly have joined in the greetings of the day, many were not able, so let us join in the cry, "Long live Dr. Garst."

We get the following from a letter received by Mrs. Dr. Sanders from Mrs. H. A. Thompson, who is visiting her son Dr. L. A. Thompson, '94, at The National Soldiers Home, Virginia, in which she says that Dr. Thompson, who was Sr. Ass't Surgeon for eight years, has recently been promoted to Chief Surgeon with the rank of Major.

Dr. Jesse Thompson Bogle a former student of Otterbein and sister of Dr. L. A. Thompson, with her husband Chas. S. Bogle has spent five months in Munich, Germany, where Mr. Bogle is taking a post-graduate course in work concerning nose and throat trouble.

In this connection we are glad to call attention to the portrait of Mr. John Hulitt of Hillsboro, which was painted and presented to the Carnegie Library by Mrs. H. A. Thompson. Mr. Hulitt, as many will remember, was an Otterbein student about the time of the Civil War, in which he served his country. Mr. Hulitt has ever been a staunch friend of Otterbein. He ranks next to Mrs. Cochran in the extent of his gifts, having given about \$40,000 to the Institution.

Miss Mary Sechrist, '09, has resigned her position as teacher in the Barborton schools and will be at home in Westerville the rest of the year.

The Aegis extends sympathy to Rev. A. R. Hendrickson, '01, and fam-

ily in the loss of their four year-old child. Rev. Mr. Hendrickson is now located at Parkersburg, W. Va., as pastor of the First U. B. church but the child was brought here for burial, the funeral being held at the home of the grandparents on West St.

We are glad to announce the engagement of Miss Mary Lou Sheets of Harrisonburg, Pa., and Bertram W. Saul, '09. Both of these young people are members of the faculty of the Harrisonburg High School.

Mrs. Nera Shauck Brown, '02, has recently moved from Shelbyville, Ind., to Spokane, Washington.

ART DEPARTMENT

Following are the prizes that have been offered this year, thus far.

Mrs. Wm. Clark, \$5 for best cast work.

Mr. J. L. Morrison, \$5 for best wall paper design.

Mrs. Wm. Beal, \$5 for best sketch book.

Dr. Keefer, \$5 for best life sketch.

Mrs. Jos. Knox, \$10 for best oil in still life.

Mrs. Scofield, \$5 for best water color class A.

A Friend of the Studio, \$5 for best wood carving.

Miss Fay Foster is not in the studio this semester.

Mr. Callahan and Mr. Mallin were visitors in the studio this week.

Janette Good is painting a beautiful conventional design on a chocolate set this semester.

The studio can boast of one dozen straight back chairs.

Have you noticed Daisy Clifton's new gingham apron?

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Since the dawn of creation,
The Lord holdeth a law,
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Our dear sister has gone
To the Father above,
From whence all lovely ones come;
She now is at rest,
In those mansions so bright—
Secure in that Heavenly home.

Whilst she lived upon earth,
For others she lived—
Her love so freely was given;
And, with all whom she met,
Her chief purpose in life
Was to show them the way unto
Heaven.

We shall never forget her,
Her life was so pure,
And, as the moments of time swiftly
fly,
She shall hallow our days,
In memory so fond,
On the road to the Sweet Bye and Bye.

And as we here must remain,
For a short length of time,
Let us diligently strive to be true:
For Jesus is waiting
With loved ones so fair,
Yes, waiting for me and for you.
—B. Franklin Richer.

The College Chorus under the proficient leadership of Professor Resler has been organized for this semester and will give "The Rose Maiden" by the English composer Cowen, on the Monday night of commencement week. This promises to be the musical feature of the season as an eminent soloist will be secured for all the parts, as well as an eight piece orchestra under the directorship of Professor Neddermeyer of Columbus. At the present time the Chorus is composed of about eighty-five voices, but Professor Resler hopes to have it reach the one hundred mark within a few weeks.

The College Glee Club which was organized last semester is hard at work for its first public concert which will be given within the next few weeks at the College chapel.

The person who is afraid to let the public know where he stands on moral issues, does not have a quality of morals that will serve him when the crisis of his life comes.—Exc.

Making other people miserable is a very poor way to find happiness for one's self.—Exc.

The man who is small in small things may never expect to be great in large things.—Exc.

How many realize as they pass the Salvation Army soldiers and lassies of the street corner meeting that they are witnessing one of the brightest and bravest things this old world has to show?—Exc.

"I believe it would be a good thing," said the deacon to the pastor, "if you wouldn't make your sermons quite so long."

"Why, man, I am commanded to preach the milk of the word," said the pastor.

"All right then," said the deacon. "Make it condensed milk."—Boston Traveler.

We hope the students will not forget that we are always glad to receive jokes and miscellaneous items for these columns. Such co-operation is necessary in order to make this department of maximum interest. The AEGIS box will be found on the left-hand side of the hallway in the south entrance to Administration building.

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