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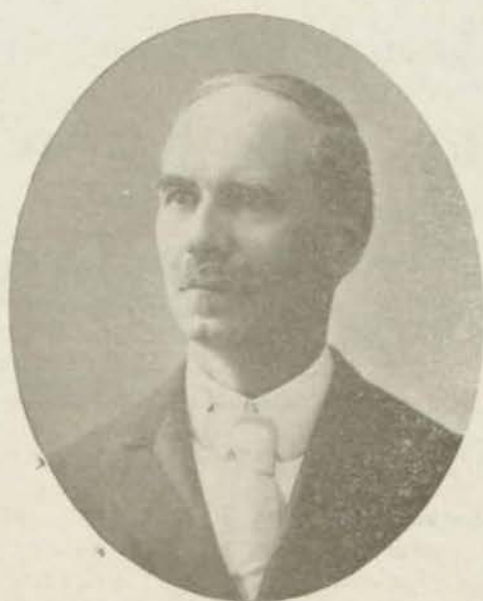
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A Trip Up the Ohio—A Realization of a Dream

T. J. SANDERS, '81

With the realization of ideas there is always the inward clapping of hands. The heart leaps as the hand works, as the mind thinks. "The little bird with tired wings lines her nest and with patient purpose sits on her eggs, while the heart in her dumb breast flutters and sings in the blind faith of accomplishing that whereunto she was sent."

Inspiration in the teacher arises through careful thought of his pupil and preparation of work, and then joy of heart as he makes divinely real the beautiful forms of his ideal.

Being an enthusiastic admirer of my native state, my first dream in regard to the majestic river that rolls along four hundred thirty-six miles of its boundary was just to see it; to stand and behold it in all its beauty and grandeur.

But years slipped by and distance from it increased till in mature life twenty years ago the first dream became real as the majestic river spread out before my vision.

Then there was crossing and re-crossing it by night and by day, and trips along its banks in the various seasons and a race in a buggy with a steamer for Cincinnati coming from behind us with Dr. Stephen Markley as driver, then a student in Otterbein,

but now a successful practitioner in Richmond, Indiana to get to a landing before its arrival only to get there in time to see it go by. This gave keen disappointment and also a better appreciation of the speed of a river boat, especially when going with the stream.

But the time of my second realization was drawing near. The college gave leave of absence to study schools and education. The trip contemplated a study of educational system of Cincinnati, crowned with its municipal University, the Carnegie Institute and Tech. of Pittsburg, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Columbia University, New York University, The College of the city of New York, the City Normal College, Yale, Harvard and some secondary schools.

This plan was made so as to include the Ohio River trip. After brief visits with friends in Dayton, Hamilton, Cincinnati and our work done there, on the evening of the 17th of April we, (Mrs. Sanders being with me) stepped on board the steamboat Ohio lying off Coney Island Wharfboat, at the foot of Broadway. There is movement and life, not like that at the sailing of the *Lucitania* for the coronation, but still movement and life;—people coming and going, getting tickets and locating

state rooms, the loading and unloading of baggage and freight and the getting ready of supper soon to be called.

The bell rings; there is a long and loud blast of the whistle; the big wheels begin to turn and we are out in the deep stream headed for Pittsburg, four hundred sixty-seven miles away.

Above us is a great bridge; to our right Ludlow, Covington, Newport, Bellvue, and Dayton,—100,000 people really belonging to Cincinnati. It is now getting dark. Yonder on the Kentucky heights are the lights of Ft. Thomas. Two miles further up in the midst of the stream is the pump house of the great system of water works.

The officers from the beginning to the end of our journey, Pilot and all, showed us every kindness and attention. They added much to the pleasure and profit of the trip by often pointing out the places of interest, telling much of the history connected with them. One instance of thoughtfulness and kindness; when we found that we would pass Blannerhassett Island after dark, as we came along side the pilot turned the search light upon it, till we reached the other end six or seven miles further up the stream.

Our Boat.

The Steamer Ohio makes round trips weekly from Cincinnati leaving each Monday at 5:00 p. m. and the fare is \$14.00;—nearly 1000 miles of travel, state room and board!

The steamer is large—over 200 feet long—commodious, comfortable and has an observation room enclosed in glass and situated in the forward end of the Texas so that passengers can have full view of the beautiful scenery and interesting places enroute.

We had delightful

Company.

all the way. Those we came to know

best were three lady teachers and a gentleman, a Principal, of the Pittsburg City Schools. They were taking the round trip for rest and recreation. They were bright, intelligent people, some of them having traveled quite extensively. Mr. McDermut, the principal, having studied educational methods and systems in England and on the continent in a Commission in answer to the Mosley Commission in this country.

There was another, a young woman teacher, with the true missionary spirit. She had taught two years up in the mountains of West Virginia and here she saw life in its simplicity and most primitive forms. She organized a Sunday school, and was for months till she could train others, the Superintendent, Chorister, Organist, Secretary, Treasurer—in fact filled all the offices. At Christmas she worked up a celebration which was the greatest event the little town had ever seen. This girl was a true heroine,—one letting her light shine in a dark place.

With much regret we said good bye to these friends at the end of the journey, with the earnest hope that our lines may cross again as we go up and down in our travels.

The River,

What of it? Oh! it was beautiful. Ohio is an Indian name meaning beautiful. All words originally were significative: they expressed or meant something, and were not simply individual designations. The aesthetic emotion produced by beholding the Ohio is predominately that of the beautiful, but there is also the feeling of the grand and the sublime.

We had a thirty-five foot stage, and the river was broad and majestic—1200, 1500, 2500 feet wide—many broad and graceful turns, beautiful

tree-covered bluffs rising hundreds of feet, nestling villages and thriving cities, and day after day an ever changing panorama of hill and valley and majestic stream, broad and deep greeting our vision—a veritable Rhine of America, as many affirm who have traveled both.

It was spring time. The world was waking out of the long sleep of winter,—but slow, backward and cold at home. Here the grass is green, the trees in bloom, the birds sing sweetly in their boughs and the farmers are ploughing in the fields. There is a marked change in the weather as we swing south and then rise to higher latitude.

Our Evenings

were cool, almost cold, but the two great coal stoves, like the warming stoves at a railroad station, placed at either end of the long cabin, with their blazing fires and open doors spelled comfort and good cheer. Seated in easy chairs or reclining on the big sofas we gathered round them and indulged in such conversations and entertainment as chance might direct,—sometimes light, sometimes serious,—now it is schools and education, from kindergarten to University; now politics, Theology and even "divine Philosophy;" now history, literature, science, the news of the day and the great awakening in far-away lands. Sometimes we indulged in reminiscences, and story telling (we seemed much like a family around the hearth stone), and then some musician of our company would be seated at the piano and often we all would join in song. These cozy fires and this delightful fellowship cannot be forgotten but will abide with us a sweet recollection.

The Days.

were mostly bright and always a

delight. With this pleasant company, with a thoughtful and obliging crew, with an ever-changing panoramic view of field and hill and rolling river it could not well be otherwise. Here the farmer is ploughing in the field and we salute him; there in the trees on the sides of the great hills the birds make melody and in sympathy we too, rejoice in our hearts; yonder comes another steamer bound for Cincinnati, the whistles blow, we exchange greeting, (symbol of life), and then pass on and out of sight. Here is the lonely cabin and the simple life: there the colonial mansion, free-hearted hospitality, and the larger life; yonder the sleepy village with local interests and just beyond the city and cosmopolitan life.

Sometimes we stand for hours on hurricane deck or sit way out on the prow and drink in the surroundings; sometimes by special permission up yonder with the pilot we ride and objects take on new interest as he invests them with legend and story. Now with his foot he presses a lever and there is a deafening blast from the whistle that reverberates through the valley and along the hills telling towns and villages far away of our coming. At that one of our girls from Pittsburgh said: "the next time may I do it?" "Oh, yes," said the Pilot, and well did she use her opportunity.

On and on we go with ease and steadiness breasting the stream as fast as a galloping horse, yet we seem not to realize it. Some people are writing letters; some reading novels; some doing fancy work; some chatting together; some silent and meditative.

Yonder a road comes down to the River. There are hoop poles, crates of eggs, sacks of potatoes, and various other kinds of freight. Our boat lays

to, swings out the great gang plank and the work of loading by the roustabouts begins. To minds in the first stage of development, simple, primitive minds, regularity pleases; to them monotonous repetition and recurrences is musical. And so with rhythmic step and rhythmic song in single file they march, carrying each his burden till the work is done.

These days, bright, golden days, each moment filled with pleasure, rest and recreation, three days and four nights of continuous travel are over all too soon and on Friday morning we arrive in Pittsburg, the head of the Ohio, and the world's greatest center of creative industry.

What of the future of this river? I do believe in water ways as highways of travel and commerce and I hope to see this noble stream restored to its former glory and become the commercial link between the East and the West, the North and the South. It is now one hundred and two years since Nicholas Roosevelt, a granduncle of ex-President Roosevelt, launched at Pittsburg the first steamboat to ply between that city and New Orleans. It was named "Orleans" and its maiden trip was a historic event to the group of pioneer settlers, that dotted the shores of the Ohio in those days.

Now after a century since the introduction of steam on this highway of commerce and travel, we are awakening to the enormous possibilities of river improvement. "And though this pioneer boat of western waters demonstrated those possibilities; the work of creating a uniform stage of deep water received its greatest impetus nearly one hundred years later, during Theodore Roosevelt's term of office—, when the National Rivers and Harbors Congress succeeded in arousing a sentiment to which the Government responded with annual appropriations for that express purpose. Over sixty million will be spent to complete the projected nine-foot stage for the Ohio River. The gigantic plan contemplates the building of fifty-four locks and dams, the largest of which is known in the War Department records as Dam 37, located at Fernbank, near Cincinnati, harnessing the Ohio River for a distance of twenty-three miles. It is also the largest movable dam in the world."

Surely this will be infinitely better than the construction of battle ships that are only for destruction and soon go to the junk heap. The dream is changed to the real; is now a sweet recollection; an eternal possession.





A Moonlight Scene of Campus and Main Building.

Fairies

HELEN CONVERSE, '12

Fairies—gay, etherial beings whose beds are in the flowers and whose lantern is the moon, whose lullabies sing themselves in the wind and whose voices tinkle like the nodding of hair-bells. What can be farther from the cares of the world than they! "The cow-slips tall, their pensioners be," and instead of studying biology, or Greek and Latin roots, instead of going slumming or of entering politics, their business is merely to "hang a pearl in every cowslip's ear." When you were a child have they never peeped at you from under water lily pads? Has the sudden swaying of a flower never told you of a fairy's affrighted leave-taking? Did you never meet a mad sweet sprite with their tooth-pick like legs, with round, fat, protruding little stomach over which his cloth suit, stretches tightly and with a little cap set cockily on one side of his head? Then beware: For brownies will curdle your cream or dance upon your table cloth with smudgy little feet. And when you were a child they led you into all sorts of mischief. When you were a child? Yes brownies and fairies and all iridescent soap-bubble things belong to wide-eyed childhood.

Have you ever noticed the difference between eyes of children and of men and women? Not always is it there, for some babies are born world weary and many old men a-nodding in the chimney corners have bathed in the fountain of youth. But childlike eyes whether they belong to seventy or seven, sparkle with delight in the unseen and with confidence in life's great adventure.

"When all the world was young, lad
And all the trees were green,
And every goose a swan lad,
And every lass a queen—"

But old eyes, in them we read that
"Men must work and women must
weep
And the sooner its over the sooner to
sleep
And goodbye to the bar and its
moaning."

Yes, childlike people have the spring in their step, the sheen in their eye, the belief in fairies, the assurance that "God's in his Heaven," all's right with the world." Their hearts beat high with the splendid gold shot mystery of living. The thread snatched from a whirling world they weave into a rich tapestry of reds and blues and sun-lit browns.

But some, you say, can weave only a frayed gray blanket from their lives. Eyes dimmed by the search for bread cannot see fairies and adventure comes only to the chosen few. What have fairies to do with the work and woe of the world, with the earning of food and shelter, with the bearing of children? Oh, the Greeks knew the answer when they put beauty and happiness, divinely unselfish beauty and happiness, far above mere goodness. The savage knows the answer when he calls the star the firefly of the heavens. And the child knows when he listens to the sighing of the wind in the tree tops, when he hears unseen voices, when he believes in fairies.

To be sure adventure mounted on a foaming charger comes only to the few. But adventure on a humble

palfrey often ambles unnoticed over the bustling highway. A hunter for fairies must get up before the dew-weighted cobwebs are swept from the grass, but the fairies are always there. It is only the hunter who is lacking. Not all of us can wear glass slippers like Cinderella or marry Prince Channings like Sleeping Beauty or lead armies like Jeanne d' Arc. But any of us can hear a red bird singing in the stark black winter branches or see that

"Midnights all a glimmer and noon a purple glow
And evening full of the linnet's wings."

And it is as great an adventure to find a January violet as to discover a new planet.

To experience the joy of life, to see fairies, is not a question of circumstance. It is a question of personality.

The twentieth century with its ebb and flow of nations, of races, of stocks and bonds, of Wall Street and the Bowery, has romance of a kind—the romance of railroads, coal, and steel. It's type is the far seeing financier and the lover and lute player have retired to the fastnesses of college towns. The active adventure of doing belongs to the twentieth century, and the worship of achievement is the creed. The passive adventure of being and of observing is left by the spirit of the age to a few scattered individuals. The wor-

ships of beauty and happiness, the joy of living which was the creed of the ancient Greek is renounced by the modern American. We have the wisdom of the century; we have lost the wisdom of centuries

The world is too much with us; late
and soon

Getting and spending, we lay waste our
powers.

Little we see in Nature that is ours;
We have given our hearts away, a sordid loon!

The sea that bares her bosom to the
moon;

The winds that will be howling at all
hours

And are up-gathered now like sleeping
flowers;

For this, for everything, we are out of
tune;

It moves us not—Great God! I'd rather
be

A Pagan suckled in a creed out-worn
So might I, standing on this pleasant
lea.

Have glimpses that would make me
less forlorn,

Have sight of Proteus rising from the
sea,

Or hear old Triton blow his wreathed
horn."

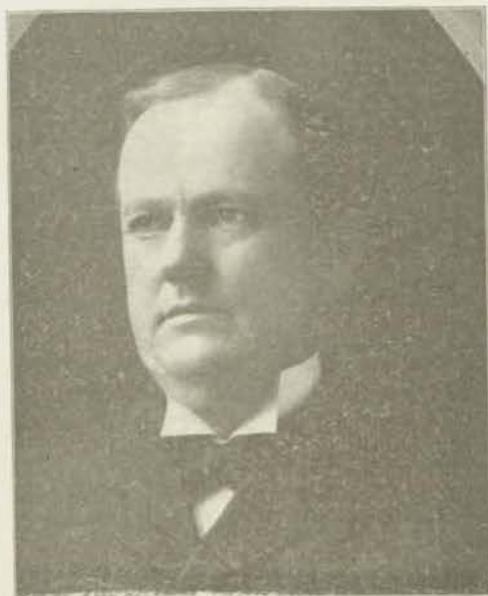
Yes, we of the twentieth century dissipate the golden haze of the distant hills. We tear holes in the wings of the fairies.



Death of Prof. A. B. Shauck

Professor Albert Berry Shauck, '74, died very suddenly at his home, 51 Lexington Ave., Dayton, Ohio, on Sunday evening, December twenty-fourth. Although Mr. Shauck's health had not been as rugged as usual for the past few months his condition was not considered serious. Up until the time of his death he was actively engaged in the professional duties that devolv-

well known as an educator throughout the state. His career in the public schools covered a period of seventeen years, during which time he held many positions of honor and responsibility. In 1891 he established a college preparatory school in Dayton which has gained for itself an enviable reputation, not only among the colleges of the state but throughout the country.



Professor A. B. Shauck, '74.

a graduate of Otterbein, who recently died at his home in Dayton.

ed upon him as principal of the Shauck Preparatory School, of which he was the founder and proprietor.

Professor Shauck was born at Johnsville, Ohio, sixty-two years ago. After his preparatory training he entered Otterbein University and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1874. He then entered the profession of teaching as principal of the schools at Hilliards, Ohio. From the start he achieved a marked degree of success and soon became

and stands as a monument to the efficiency of Professor Shauck, who was a recognized leader in educational circles.

The following is taken from the account of his death in the Religious Telescope:—"The death of few laymen in the church would cause a greater sense of loss than that of Professor Shauck. An alumnus of Otterbein University, always interested in its welfare, ever engaged in promoting the educational work inside

and outside of the church, with a keen, discriminating mind, and with a heart beating in sympathy with every good cause, he was a man among men. As a member of our First Church, and teacher in the Sunday school, he filled a large place, one which it seems impossible to supply with a worker of equal ability and devotion. For twenty-five years he has conducted a private college preparatory school in Dayton, and through it his high ideals and manly life entered into the character and the plans of hundreds of young people. No one sat under his instruction but grew in his estimate of life, its meaning and its purpose. His ability was recognized by the Young Men's Christian Association, and he

was made dean of its faculty of instructors. His alma mater had his best thought and planning on its board of trustees. Last quadrennium he was a most efficient member of the executive committee of Bonebrake Theological Seminary, always standing for high ideals, both in the material things of the Seminary and in the equipment it provided for its students. His stand always was for the best possible school preparation and educational efficiency for the ministry of the church, and that without any sacrifice of heart, power or spirituality."

Through the death of Professor Shauck Otterbein University has lost an honored alumnus and a loyal supporter.

Alumni Association

The Alumni Association consists of all graduates of the school in any department. Heitherto it has been an organization which has been of no material benefit to the College. But now since the Alumni are rapidly approaching the (1,000) mark it was thought by members present at the last meeting in June 1911, that this number of graduates ought to be able to render some benefit to the College, as is done by other institutions. At this meeting a committee was appointed to devise some method by which the different interests of the Association might be united in one purpose. It was thought by the Committee to distribute this work so as not to impose a burden on any one. In view of this fact a Captain has been appointed from each class to look after the interests of his own class by securing

the attendance of as many of the class as possible at Commencement and the Alumni reunion and banquet, and secure an average of one dollar or more per member for his class. This money is to be in absolute control of the Alumni and to be devoted to some specific interest of the institution as the association may determine at its annual meeting. A special effort will be made to hold reunions of the classes of '62, '72, '82, '92, '02.

It is hoped that the efforts, that are being put forth to more thoroughly organize the Alumni Association so that it may be a material benefit to our College, may produce results, and that at our next Commencement June 6-13 a greater number of Alumni may be present than ever before.

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EDITORIAL

It is easy enough to be pleasant
When life moves along like a song
But the man worth while
Is the man who can smile
When everything goes dead wrong.

A great many of the people of this
world have not yet learned the art of
smiling when things do not go as they
feel they should. Everywhere can we

read on the faces of those we meet
grief, and discontent. How much bet-
ter it would be if on these same faces
we could see a smile. We occasionally
see students in college who really
seem to be making life a real drudgery.
They are not smiling "when every-
thing goes dead wrong." There are
causes for this which may seem legiti-
mate at first but surely after a little
reflection they appear different. Some
students may be overworked; others
may be pressed for money and not
able to see their way through another
semester; and still others may find
their studies very difficult. Whatever
may be the cause there surely is no ex-
cuse for down-heartedness. All these
things may cause struggle but by fac-
ing a struggle with a smile and a light
heart it will soon cease to be a strug-
gle.

"Don't be a grind" Is this good ad-
vice? Anyhow we hear it said quite
often and usually coming from a reli-
able source. Now it depends a great
deal on what a person means when
they make the statement. If they
mean that a person should not try
to do their work with a thoroughness
which is commendable, we do not
agree with them. We understand it
as meaning that a person should not
put all their time on their books and
outside work, in whatever line it may
be, but that each day should contain
some recreation. This may be in the
form of amusement, of friendly chats,
or of reading. But we must be aware
that we do not spend too much in
these ways. What we want to do is to
strike a happy medium.

How often have we been admonish-
ed to put "First things first." So often
that we sometimes fail to give any
heed to the admonition. Our attention

has been called to the fact that too many outside attractions come on the same evening as the regular Y. W. C. A. meeting. These come in the form of class pushes, bob-sled rides, class plays, etc. This greatly effects the attendance at the weekly meetings and consequently effects the interest. The attendance is thirty-five out of one hundred twenty-five members where it should be at least one hundred. We make a plea to the students that they put "First things first" and in so doing we feel sure that Tuesday night will be set aside as sacred for the girls.

As present Editor of the Ægis I intend to resign my position with the

publication of this issue. Mr. R. B. Sando present Athletic Editor will be elected to fill the vacancy. I wish to thank all who have assisted me in the work and hope that they may give Mr. Sando the same hearty support.

Day of Prayer.

Next Thursday, Jan. 25, the Day of Prayer for colleges will be observed. A special program will be arranged. Immediately following an address by J. Horace McFarland of the National Civic Association will be given. Mr. McFarland has a nation wide reputation as writer and speaker. We should consider ourselves fortunate in being able to secure such a man.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

Y. M. C. A.

Dec. 14—The meeting on this date was led by C. V. Roop. His subject was, "The Transfiguration." "The three men, Peter, James, and John were with Jesus in nearly every important event." "They were taken out alone to think and pray; a good practice for us here in college." "Peter liked the mountain top and suggested three tabernacles. Although the mountain top was good, duty lay in the valley below." "In our visions, the one thing we need to see is 'Jesus only.' He is the way, the truth, and the life. Morality is not sufficient."

The meeting was thrown open for remarks. The opportunity was improved by Van Saun, Nelson, Bun-

gard, Yabe, Flora, Hetzler, White, Cook, and Phinney.

The meeting closed with a resolution to augment the Y. M. C. A. attendance after the holidays.

Jan. 4—Dr. F. E. Miller spoke to the men on the subject, "Law." The following are some of the points he emphasized.

"A fast train making the run from Chicago to New York is surrounded by an infinite number of laws; any one of which being disregarded may mean defeat and ruin. There is intelligence back of every great system. A world thrown together by haphazard combination might be destroyed by changed conditions in a second of

time. There must be a God who created, plans and controls.'

'Take the master machine from the shop and disorganization begins.'

'Law is the method but not the power.'

'Law is not the thing, but the line of operation, and leads us back to the operator.'

'We need to be constrained by law so as to use things constructively.'

'The field of love is the greatest field of law, and the law of love is sacrifice. Again, sacrifice begets love and the reward for sacrifice is love in return. God so loved the world that he gave. Then we are under love as a law, and not to love Him is to disobey the greatest known law.'

Jan. 11—The meeting for this date was led by G. D. Spafford on the subject, "Big Things."

The leader emphasized that we are all admirers of big things and difficult propositions.

"Every man should be tied up to something big, something that will stretch him to his greatest capacity. The big things should be an altruistic cause."

A few causes mentioned as exemplary in this line were, temperance, purity for men, political purity, international peace, and world-wide missions. Emphasis was laid on the reasons for a specialist in missions and suggestions given as to how to get about it.

Things Worth While for the Young Man.

[An address delivered to the Young Men by W. E. Diggs, of Cincinnati.]

A good character is the greatest of all human achievements. It is heaven's greatest blessing. Character is worth

while. It is the thing which outweighs, outruns our performances. It is an indefinable something in a man which you cannot lay hold of, but which, as in the case of Henry Ward Beecher, caused men to say he still walks the streets of Brooklyn and goes in and out among his people, just as effectively and as beautifully as he did when alive. The reason we feel one man's influence and not another's is character. It is said that those who listened to Lord Chatham felt that there was something finer in the man than anything he said. This was his character. We need talent, but far more important is the power to have the talent trusted.

Heroes of the past were great in character. It is the foundation of all true courage. The only way to achieve character is to build it up day by day, week by week, and year by year; in the home, on the street and in every walk of life. Build it up in your treatment of your associates, of your superiors, of your subordinates, and in your dealing with men.

Honesty, good character, industry and wisdom are of God and bring blessings from His infinite storehouse.

Taking a million people, in round numbers, covering a period of 30 years, 326,000 have college or higher education; 658,000 high school training; 12,000 common school training, and 2,000 wholly without education.

In this time, 10,704 were selected in the United States ostensibly from this number, who became notable. Of those without any education at all none became notable; 24 from self-training; 278 from home training; 1000 from the ranks of the common school; 1600 from the high school; and 7,709, or more than 72 per cent of the number had college training.

Of the 2,000 without education none became notable; of the 12,000 from the common schools, one out of every 8,812; of the 658,000 high school one for every 404; and of the 326,000 college educated, one for every 42.

Let me further illustrate; out of 84,000 prisoners, who were once innocent children in the home, 57 per cent never entered a Sunday school or Church; 13 per cent cannot read or write; 50 per cent never beyond the fourth grade; less than 5 per cent reached the high school with indifferent records; 5 per cent came from broken homes; 85 per cent no trade or avocation; 50 per cent from the ranks of the unemployed.

The proper home training, moral influence, school advantages, definite avocation, and regular employment were seriously lacking. The presence of all these will prevent crime, degeneracy and pauperism. The result of this prevention will make good boys; good boys make good men; good men make good citizens, and good citizens make good homes. The security and safety of our country rests in the American home.

"Better than gold is a peaceful home,
Where all the fireside blessings come
The shrine of love and the heaven of
life
Hallowed by mother, or sister, and
wife."

Every young man should look forward to establishing a home for himself. I have before me young men who are soon to face the stern realities of life; who will occupy a variety of positions, and sustain a variety of relations to society and our country.

Bushnell said, "Each life is a plan of God," and a part of that plan is the peaceful, joyous, harmonious home.

I do not desire to hold up vast riches

as ideal, nor as the measure of success. To have a well rounded life means reasonable financial success among other things, but success does not hinge on it.

Money will take you every place but heaven and buy you everything but happiness; but money, for its own sake, is not worth while, for things worth while must endure. The selfish, avaricious, moneyed man knows little of happiness, whereas the man with little money with a good character and a clear conscience may be supremely happy, and above all, contented.

It is not necessary to be a brilliant young man or a genius, to succeed in life. As a matter of fact, brilliancy in a young man, as well as the elements of a genius, are more often a handicap than a help, and few exceedingly brilliant men meet with ultimate substantial success. Proper motives, stability of heart as well as limb, do much for us in working out success. Courage in a young man is fundamental, as battles were never won by discouraged people. No laurels were ever given to cowards. Fortune crowns only heroic souls. Victory perches only on the banner of those who, in the face of all difficulties, move forward.

The man who wins is an average man,
Not built on any particular plan,
Not blessed with any particular luck,
Just steady and earnest and full of
pluck.

When asked a question he does not
"guess"

He knows, and answers "No" or
"Yes";

When set to a task that the rest can't
do

He buckles down till he's put it
through.

For the man who wins is the man who
works

Who neither labor or responsibility
shirks

Who uses his hands, his head, his eyes,
The man who wins is the man who
tries.

Some young men have a consuming desire to do the great things only. Success in life does not hover around greatness, and the lofty position, so called, is not always desirable. Do your simple duty, do common things in an uncommon way and you will reap great reward. The small thing or act often brings the greatest achievement. Be not afraid of modest effort.

Frankness, sincerity, personal purity, supported by a temperate, honest life, are worth while and mean success. All men who are truly big, and if you please—great, are sincere and unaffected.

Gladstone's whole career of sincerity and honesty suggested force, determination and ability. He had a goodness of a dignified quality, a goodness that became an early habit, a life ruled by earnest piety. In an impeachment proceeding Gladstone once said that he "admired the man who never fails; indeed, it is his business not to fail; but all honor to the man who had the courage when he does fall to rise again." If you have made any resolutions for January 1st that did not take, try it again February 1st; "He who rises every time he falls, will some time rise for good and all."

Don't grumble, don't bluster
Don't dream, and don't shirk,
Don't think of your worries
But rejoice in your work.
The worries will vanish,
The work will be done,
No man sees his shadow
Who faces the sun.

The masterful genius, James Whit-

comb Riley, who as a boy was dull, weak and frail of body, never getting above the primary classes in school revealed the secret of his success in the following, which he recently composed.

"If the day looks kinder gloomy,
An' your chances kinder slim;
If the situation's puzzlin'
An' the prospects awful grim;
An' perplexities keep pressin'
Till all hope is nearly gone—
Jest bristle up an' grit your teeth
An' keep on keepin' on."

Today there is greater demand for young men than ever before. There is plenty of room at the top of the ladder while it is crowded at the bottom. Have it said then when your race is ended that your life was really worth while.

Y. W. C. A.

December 18.—"The Spirit of Christmas." The leader Lydia Nelson read as a scripture lesson Luke 2:1-21. Miss Denton and Myrtle Saul sang a duet.

Some expressions gleaned from the various talks are as follows:

"We cannot help but be happy and have the Christmas spirit."

"Keynote of Christmas is good cheer, good fellowship and good will to men."

"There should a personal interest between giver and taker."

"The best way to celebrate Christmas is to do service for some one whom we have never before served or from whom we receive no return gift."

"Do something to please the Christ Child and be strengthened by being wiser, better and more loving."

"Live closer to Jesus Christ who was born so many years ago. Be happier by doing for others and then we will have the true Christmas spirit."

Jan. 9.—Leader Leila Bates. Subject, "Our Difficulties. Meet them, greet them, beat them." Scripture lesson, Phil. 1:20-28.

"Some of those things which seem as if they are difficulties, vanish when they are met."

"Our difficulties would not be nearly so hard if we had greater faith in Christ's power to sustain us at all times."

"The ability to overcome difficulties is often measured by our attitude toward those difficulties. If we take them to our Father in prayer we may be conquerors instead of being conquered."

Jan. 16—After a season of song and prayer, Grace Brane, as leader, read portions of Psalms 27, 42, 46 illustrative of the subject, "Sunshine and Rain." In her comments she likened sunshine and rain to our joys and sor-

rows. Moses, David and Job were all men of great depth of character. Very probably their trials and troubles which they overcame were in a great measure a means of acquiring such characters. The Twenty-Third Psalm was cited as a panacea for all "blues." Another way to forget our own sorrows is to minister to others.

"A merry heart doeth good like medicine."

"The inner side of every cloud
Is bright and shining;
I therefore turn my clouds about,
And always wear them inside out,
To show their lining."

Hazel Codner and Edith Gilbert gave splendid reports of the Y. W. C. A. convention at Toledo. Dr. Clark was mentioned particularly in his talks on the "Christ, Broad Life" and "Christ, High Life." The broad life of Christ is approached by love. The highest altitude is to love and to love is to serve.

The Curriculum

L. M. MOORE, '11

You say Latin, Ah me!
That is great stuff, you see,
For it mixes you up to a "frazzle," Te-
he.
It is monstrous for boys,
And the girls it annoys,
For it casts a dark shadow on all their
joys
With its "orum" and "arum," and
"sim," "sis," and "sit."
Ist nouns and its verbs make you get
up and "git."

And Greek that's a fright

Like the shades of the night—
Though the Prof. seeks to lighten with
intellect bright.
It makes the preps dance,
And the freshies all prance,
As they bunt up against a dark Greek
circumstance.
How its ha, has, and han,
Bewilder the brain,
Make one scratch his head, and then
scratch it again.

There's French, My oh my,
And Dutch, say lets sigh,

Yea Spanish, it brings the salt tears to
the eye;
These make up the course,
And you can't ride a horse,
You must just dig it out from no trans-
lated source.
The brain, how it whirls,
You forget e'en the girls,
And near it transforms you to glum
bookish churls.

Aint Philosophy great?
Why it most stirs up hate,
As its principles gyrate around in your
pate.
Gets you up in the air,
Till you simply don't care,
When you make your descent if you
light anywhere;
But you dig with your might, for a
faint gleam of light,
Till at last you come out, as from
shades of the night.

Aye, the grim monster "Math.,"
Like "Goliath of Gath,"
With the strength of a Hercules blocks
up the path.
It presents such a maze,
Of tangled up ways,
To reach a conclusion, the mind it dis-
mays;
With its "sines" and its "cosines," its
"angles and stuff,
You thank the good Lord if you pass
with a "bluff."

And the Chemistry pill,
Sure, get it you will,
And when you've left college it
operates still.
Things sizzle and siz,
Boil, bubble and fiz,
Till exit you go, and your coat-tails

just whiz.
How with "ions" and "molecules,"
"atoms" and things,
Its term file before you in limitless
strings;
All matter dissolves,
Thin gas it evolves,
Till far up in either your brain it re-
volves.

How dimly appears through the vis-
tas of years
The story of man with his hopes and
his fears,
Down far distant mazes of history's
lane
You must walk with the seers of the
ages again.
But hate or despise, you cannot devise,
A means to escape what in history lies.
Then Browning, Longfellow and
Tennyson too;
In English will give you a plenty to do.
Yet music and art, come in for their
part,
And haunt the whole length of the
course from the start.

So in matchless array, prepared for the
fray,
The "curriculum" blocks every step of
the way;
If in it you plunge, and flounder and
lunge,
From out your gross nature, the dross
'twill expunge;
Until, Thank the Lord!
With head under "board,"
And arm over "sheep-skin," you'll
have your reward.
Then out in the world with a large
pompous mein,
A man among men it is yours to be
seen.



J. O. Ervin, '02, has accepted a position as principal of the Orrville High school. J. O. Ervin moves from Van Wert.

"Bill" Titus has returned to the teaching profession. He is now teaching in Salmon, Idaho.

Prof. and Mrs. W. A. Kline, of Lancaster were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Everal.

Mrs. Anna Baker Newton, '98, of Hamilton and Miss Mary Baker, '06, of Elwood, Ind., were guests at the W. O. Baker home during Xmas vacation.

Prof. and Mrs. J. A. Wagner, '11, of Thornville spent the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wier of Westerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Strahl, '08 and '09, and little son, of Hopedale, were guests of the former's parents over Xmas.

Homer Gifford, '11, and Bessie Daugherty, '11, were at home in Westerville for the holidays.

Prof. S. J. Kiehl, '09, was in New York and Jersey City during the holidays.

Dr. Gustav Meyer director of music in the college at Amarilla, Texas, was home for a few weeks visit with his family.

The Misses Catherine and Rachel Seneff who are teaching at Beaverdale and Walnut, Pa., spent the holiday vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Seneff, '91.

David Seneff, class of '97, and the great football star recently visited his brother, B. L. Seneff here.

Mr. E. L. Weinland of the class of '91, and a citizen of Columbus has been appointed by the Supreme Court of Ohio as a member of the State Bar examiners.

Miss Edna Moore, '04, who has a leave of absence for this year from the University has recently returned from her trip through Europe.

Ira D. Warner class of '11, recently closed a very successful revival as pastor of the First United Brethren church at Chattanooga, Tenn. He had sixty conversions, and 45 accessions to his church. This revival was held without the aid of an evangelist and consequently Mr. Warner preached every sermon. We are glad to hear of his success.

FORENSIC DEPARTMENT

Much enthusiasm and interest was shown by contestants in final debate preliminaries in College Chapel Monday evening, Dec. 18. Twelve of the contestants tried out for the debate teams, and for two hours the judges were obliged to sit and listen to the pleas of the debators on the "Initiative and Referendum."

The judges of this contest were: E. H. Cherrington, Editor of the "American Issue"; Lowery F. Sater and Franklin Rubrecht, both attorneys of Columbus.

The affirmative team which will oppose Ohio at Westerville is as follows:

D. A. Bandeen, '14.

C. R. Layton, '13.

H. E. Richer, '14.

Alternate—R. E. Penick, '13.

The Negative team which will debate Wittenberg at Springfield is as follows:

R. L. Harkins, '12.

G. E. McFarland, '12.

J. O. Emerick, '15.

Alternate—E. F. Canfield, '15.

Teams at Work.

Since the holidays each team has been working on their briefs. Prof. Bale expects each of the men on the teams including alternates to be so well acquainted with the question that he may be able to debate it from any angle.

Society Triangle Called Off.

Owing to the fact that the Athenian Literary Society of O. S. U. wants to debate before our intercollegiate debate, and for the reason that Varsity men are to be barred the Philomathean Literary society last Friday evening decided not to debate. On the same evening Philophroneia Literary society decided to arrange a triangle Wesleyan providing the committee

appointed reports favorably.

Ashland vs. Negative.

The Ashland debate team will meet the Negative team at Otterbein about the last week in March. From reports Ashland is expected to send a very strong foe against Otterbein, for on many different occasions it has sent out some of the best College debating teams in the State.

society debate with O. S. U. and Ohio



Edith Wilson did not return after the holidays.

The first floor girls and a few others took advantage of the leap year and gave a party, in the library Saturday evening, Jan. 6th. A very enjoyable time is reported.

Veda Vansickle has been on the sick list but is able to attend her classes again.

Ada Brown, a student of last year, has resumed her studies in the art department.

A very pleasant surprise party was given Saturday evening for Magdalene Zinsmaster. The out-of-town girls present were Mildred Cook and Katherine Karg.

Luella Sollers entertained a number of Hall girls at a week end home party at her aunt's home in Columbus.

At the regular meeting of the Religious Educational Association Wednesday evening, January 10, Rev. Mr. Shane addressed the young men. The address was interesting and practical. The influence of the one in college preparing for religious work and the similarity between college life and practical work were well impressed upon the hearts of the audience.



Otterbein 34,

Bliss 24.

Bliss Business Colloge of Columbus opened the basketball season on the local court with an interesting game, Dec. 16. The visitors did not show the team work and accuracy in goal shooting that the home team displayed, and Otterbein had no trouble in winning the game, 34 to 24.

The line-up:

Otterbein

Gammill R F
Campbell L F
Rogers C
Fouts R G
Cook, Capt. L G

Bliss

Valentine
Adler
Davis, Knight
Click, Capt.
Stump

Summary—Field Goals—Gammill 6, Campbell 5, Rogers 2, Fouts 1, Click 4, Adler 2, Stump 1, Knight 1. Foul Goals—Campbell 6, Click 8. Referee, Edwards of North High school.

Findlay 36,

Otterbein 24

Otterbein met its first basketball defeat of the season on the afternoon of Jan. 6, when the team lost to Findlay College on the local court, 24 to 36.

The game was featured by the fast pass-work of the visiting team, and the hard-luck shots that Otterbein narrowly missed on numerous occasions.

The line-up:

Otterbein

Gammill L F
Campbell R F
Rogers C

Findlay

Urich
Behney
Smith

Cook

Fouts

L G

R G

H. Barnhart

F. Barnhart

Summary—Field Goals — Gammill 3, Campbell 2, Rogers 1, Cook 1, Fouts 3, Ulrich 3, Behney 7, Smith 3, F. Barnhart 1. Foul Goals—Gammill 2, Campbell 2, Behney 6. Referee—Edwards.

Otterbein 49,

Heidelberg 23

Heidelberg University from Tiffin played on the local floor, Saturday evening, Jan. 13. The visitors did not put up a very strong fight, and Otterbein experienced no difficulty at all in winning by a one-sided score. Otterbein showed the best team work displayed this season. In the last half the entire second team went in and did well.

Gammill and Campbell starred at forwards, and Fouts at guard, while Darcy was best for Heidelberg. Roth, the visiting team's centre, sustained a broken wrist in the first minute of play.

The line-up:

Buckingham,

Gammill, Foltz, R F Smith
Campbell, Bandeen L F Darcy
Rogers, Lambert C Roth, Andreas
Cook, Hall L G Crobaugh
Fouts, Hartman R G Goode

Summary — Goals — Gammill 6, Campbell 7, Rogers 3, Cook 2, Fouts 1, Lambert 1, Buckingham 1, Darcy 3, Smith 1, Andreas 1. Foul Goals—

Darcy 11, Campbell 8, Bandeen 1. Referee, Edwards of North High School.

Basketball Schedule.

Manager Flora announces the following schedule of games yet to be played:

Jan. 19, St. Mary's at Dayton.

Jan. 20, Marietta College at Marietta.

Jan. 27, Open.

Feb. 2, Marietta at Westerville.

Feb. 8, Ohio University at Athens.

Feb. 16, Western Reserve at Westerville.

Feb. 23, Heidelberg at Tiffin.

Feb. 24, Findlay College at Findlay.

March 1, Cincinnati at Westerville.

E. N. Funkhouser, '13, has been elected football manager for next season.

T. H. Nelson, '13, has been elected Assistant basketball manager, to fill out Mr. Funkhouser's unexpired term.



Attractive covers, characteristic of the Christmas season, added much to the appearances of many Exchanges

received by us last month. Throughout most of them the Christmas spirit manifested itself, both in poetry and prose.

The Alfred Monthly deserves mention for enclosing a Christmas greeting on a loose leaf. Your number is filled with readable articles.

The High School Journal, Pittsburgh, Pa., holds first place among the high school papers this month. The journal is full of life, and the cover is in harmony with the season.

The Lesbian Herald comes to us again with its wealth of rich productions. It has a high standard, and the girls of Frederick, Md., are to be commended.

The December **Acropolis** continues to grow—a characteristic of the modern high school—and we greet its coming with eagerness. Your fiction, as well as your jokes, is quite original.

The Black and Red contains two stories especially pertinent to college life. "The Banquet at the Circle" and "Where Frank was Tempered."

Among the other exchanges "The College World," **M. H. Aerolith**, and "The Washington and Jeffersonian" deserve worthy mention.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Resolutions to tell the truth were materialized even before New Years Day. The Senior class in the presentation of "Dobson's Wife" impressed the value of honesty while every one was laughing at the many ludicrous situations. The play was well presented from start to finish.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 17, the chapel choir rendered a beautiful Christmas Cantata entitled "The Hope of the World." A large congregation was well pleased with the manner in which the choir reflected the efficient direction of Professor Resler.

A New Year has been ushered in. New resolutions have been made—perhaps already broken. But nevertheless a promising year is before us, full of opportunities for all and especially for the girls who have waited so long in vain.

For the past three years Otterbein University has been remembered at the approach of the Christmas season by a gentleman of Buckhannon, W. Va. This year Mr. Phillips sent us three barrels of beautiful holly which the students appreciate very much. Mr. Phillips' Christmas gifts are to us reminders of the greater good that he is doing for the University.

Rev. S. F. Daugherty was the recipient of a Smith-Premier typewriter at the Christmas season. The machine was a present from the members of Dr. Sanders Sunday school class composed of the young men of the University.

Christmas presents galore: candies, fruits and whatnots were sold by Y. W. C. A. girls Saturday December 16 in the Association building. The sum of \$45 cleared from the sales paid the girls for their efforts.

The Juniors have decided for various reasons to postpone the giving of "The Young Mrs. Winthrop" until the 7th of February. The Seniors have set a good standard and the Juniors are striving hard to excel. The presentation of the play following closely upon the closing of the first semester will probably cheer the hearts of those who have flunked in their mid-year examinations.

Prof. Snively—"Is it 'the five minutes are up' or 'the five minutes is up'?"

Williams—"Why the five minutes are about up."

A large part of the Cellar Lumber Co.'s possessions were destroyed by fire Jan. 6. The frozen condition of the water hydrants prevented efficient fire fighting.

Freshman—"I thought you took up latin last year?"

Sophomore—"I did but the faculty encored me."

Fashions are raving and good looks are deceiving.

Sleep.

Of all the many hardships
That come in winter's clime,
The one that gets me hardest
Is getting up on time.

I love the crackling wood-fire
That in the grate does roar
And while it glows I often stay
Up half the night or more.

So cheering are the flames
When I take the last peep
There I resolve to early rise
And not waste time in sleep.

When the chilly morning comes
It brings the clock's alarm
Which has no bad intention
And really does no harm.

To rest a minute longer
And to shade my eyes
I turn back from the window
Then Gee! How time flies.

I hear the bell now ringing
And scramble to the floor
It is the call to chapel
I'd dreamed two long hours more.
J. S.

CONSERVATORY NOTES

Mrs. J. J. Knox of Columbus has given a prize of \$25 for the best first year work in the Art department. Mrs. Knox has been a friend of the girls in this department for a number of years and last year her prize was \$10 for the best oil painting.

Mrs. William Clark of Westerville a former graduate of the studio very agreeably surprised Mrs. Scott last week by giving a prize of \$5 for the best cast drawing. Mrs. Clark gave a prize last year and the repetition is much appreciated.

The Choral society, assisted by Neddermeyer and ten selected soloists from his concert company will render a concert Jan. 24. Prof. and Mrs. Resler have been training the voices for the past semester and the concert promises to excell all past renditions.

The concert will be dividen into three parts. The first miscellaneous selections by the choral. The second part will consist of work mostly by the Orchestra and the closing number will be Longfellow's "Village Blacksmith." Neddermeyer will accompany with his chimes and anvils.

When the Lambert Music and Art Hall was built several years ago the Columbus Pharmica Company provided the art studio with a most generously equipped medicine cabinet. The first use made of the equipment was on the day of the dedication of the building when the aged mother of the woman in whose memory the Hall was built, fainted from the exhaustion occasioned by climbing three flights of stairs to inspect the commodious quarters of the art department. From that day on Mrs. Scott says that the

girls have found in the medicine chest a cure for every ache and they all gratefully sing the praises of the beneficent donors.

Not long ago the Liggett Company bought out the Columbus Pharmica Company and they have demonstrated their kindly feeling toward the college by replenishing the supply of drugs and increasing the equipment. Mrs. Scott says they are now able to ease any pain, no matter how severe, even to the binding up of broken hearts. Of course the girls will not need much aid but the director wishes to say through the columns of the Ægis that if any of the boys are suffering from such an unfortunate condition she assures them that their equipment is ample to relieve the anguish.

This manifestation of interest upon the part of Liggett's is greatly appreciated, only by Mrs. Scott and her department, but by the whole college and the Ægis wishes to remind the students that they can best show their gratitude by giving them the benefit of their patronage when in need of anything in that line. Watch their ad announcements as they appear from time to time in the Ægis.

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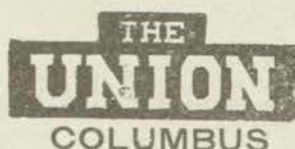
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