SUMMER SCHOOL IDEA

Pres. Clippinger Writes Upon a Subject Very Near to Heart.

The Summer School is growing in popularity everywhere. This is due to two prominent causes. First, there is a strong demand on the part of public schools, high schools and colleges for a higher degree of efficiency, and the colleges and universities in order to provide this need, are responding with well organized summer schools. Second, there is a pedagogical and economic reason.

With reference to the first, it may be said that there never was a higher standard of teaching efficiency than at present. This demand has only begun to manifest itself, however, and the time is fast coming when the teacher who fails to improve himself from year to year through special means will be relegated to the shelf. Scientific tests and standards of measurements will soon be applied to the growth of the teacher as well as to the growth of the school. At the same time it is coming to be recognized that adequate financial support must be given those who are willing to make this special preparation.

Economically considered there is little reason why a school, more than a factory or store, should close down for four months simply because it is summer. There is no sound pedagogical reason why school should not continue during eleven months in the year and six days in the week. This (continued on page three.)

LAST MEETING

A Fitting Climax to a Successful Project.

The closing story hour last Friday night was a marked success. The Misses Streeter and Packler and Mr. Robert Trump led in story telling. Miss Sutherland gave a short talk and a story from her school experience, Mr. Neese played a saxophone solo and Prof. Trump closed the hour with a short speech. The attendance at these meetings have gradually increased, the circle more than doubling in diameter during the summer. It has drawn the attention of many not in school and has proved too successful to not become a regular feature of the summer session. Those in charge of the story hour feel much gratified over its success.

PROF. E. A. SANDERS

Sees Great Improvement in All Life.

Remembering the interesting talk of last summer on trees, many came at chapel hour last Tuesday to hear Mr. Ernest Sanders on Plant Breeding. He spoke mostly of corn, the old Peruvian variety; its improvement by selection, the importance of it compared with other crops, and the influences from Reversions, Combination and Mutation in corn. He ended with a prophecy of great advancement that the coming century will see in the knowledge of life, and the great possibilities of this knowledge for the improvement of man as well as the improvement of plants and animals.

ON THE JUMP

Public Speaking Department Flourishes Under Prof. Bale.

No department in Summer School this year has had a more enthusiastic head than has the public speaking department. Careful study has been required upon the theory of public speaking. The latest and best outlines on effective speech have been studied, supplemented by lectures from Mr. Bale. Not only has time been given to theory, but much practical work has been done. Mr. Bale has had a great deal of experience, both in debating and in coaching of debating teams and is very capable of instructing in this work. He will have charge of the debating contests of O. U. this coming year, and since he has some of his men preparing, even now, for the coming debates, we may look for a winning team at Otterbein next year.

Mr. Bale is a graduate of O. S. U. while he was at State he was twice a member of the debating teams. He is very strong in this line of work and has brought many new ideas in public speaking to Otterbein. Everyone is unanimous in the opinion that Mr. Bale should become a member of the public speaking faculty in a very short time.

On last Monday evening the Jones Club entertained itself. As one of their number explained it, "We had a galaxy of games. We played every game invented." About twenty were present. The Misses Wood and Bale gave piano selections and Mr. Briner entertained the guests with a cornet solo. Punch and watermelon were served.
HOLD REUNION

Otterbein People in Chicago Hold Luncheon.

President Clippinger writes that the Otterbein people attending the University of Chicago held a luncheon at the German building in Jackson Park, Chicago, Thursday evening, July 30. Those present were: Pres. Clippinger, H. B. Drury, K. J. Stouffer, C. H. Kohler, L. E. Walters, W. A. Weber and three invited guests, Messrs. Chapman and Morgan of Campbell College and Rev. Raymond Swisher of Vermillion, O.

Vacation Journey No. 2.

Those who came out at 3:15 last Thursday spent a very pleasant half hour listening to Miss Sutherland on the beauties of Paris. She told of the church of the Magdalene, the Royal Palace, the Louvre, and the city in general. Miss Sutherland seemed to enjoy most her visit to the Louvre and particularly the Venus of Milo there. Her descriptions were very fine and amusing incidents of the trips combined with the descriptions made her talk one of the most interesting we have had this summer.

Recital.

Prof. Grabill’s music pupils and Miss Denton’s vocal pupils will give a recital on Wednesday evening at 8:00 o’clock. The program was given in the Review last week. It was composed of twelve numbers, ten selections on the piano and two songs. Hard conscientious work has been done in the music department this summer and since some of the music class of 1912 will be upon the program Wednesday we are assured a strong musical event.

Man’s Physical Well-being.

Monday morning Prof. James Warren Ayer gave a short talk principally on the physical side of man’s development and the importance. Mr. Ayer made a record for Otterbein in track work and concerning athletics, speaks from experience. An interesting feature of his talk was his discussion of the oculist and the optician. The field of each was clearly stated and the evil done the public by misrepresentation, etc., of each was brought out.
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may sound radical, but the only reason we have for our present system is tradition. Originally for economic and religious reasons it was neither possible nor practical to do so and the Puritanic insistence that Saturday must be set apart as a preparation for Sunday and the industrial demand that boys and girls help their parents in summer established a custom of which we are still the slaves. Why should a teacher, more than a preacher, lawyer, doctor, merchant or laborer, demand one day out of six and three or four months out of twelve for rest. If he needs it, there is something wrong with his methods of work, recreation, rest or exercise. The balance of God's toilers get only from one to four weeks of rest. Of course if he works more he should be paid more pro rata.

The University of Chicago is setting the pace along with Columbia and a few of our State universities in doing the highest grade of graduate work. In Ohio a number of first-class colleges are beginning to see their opportunity and are furnishing courses for public school teachers, principals and superintendents as well as for their own students who want to shorten their college career.

The University of Chicago will register nearly 3000 students this summer, and has perhaps 100 or more instructors, besides half a hundred special lecturers. The type of work done is the highest most of it being in graduate courses.

Otterbein seems to be meeting the needs of her own and a constantly growing foreign constituency. The Normal school with its splendid equipment and methods, the regular college and academy courses in addition to which are provided the regular instruction in music and art make it indeed the real Otterbein in miniature during the summer.

It is too much to predict that the day is not far distant when from the middle of June to the first of September a full force of teachers with an increased number of students will be found doing regular work, thus making useful for the entire year the splendid buildings, laboratories, library, dormitory and other equipment? Far from being sensational it should be looked upon as rational, pedagogical and economical.

W. G. Clippinger.

Mrs. R. H. Wagoner, daughter Marie and son Wilbur left Saturday for Lakeside where they will spend several weeks.

Prof. J. P. West and family left for Dayton last Saturday where they are visiting the brother of Mrs. West. August first will find them in Westerville again.

Maude Alice Hanawalt leaves for Chautauqua, N. Y., Friday for a two weeks stay. She will accompany the Paces who have a cottage on the lake at Beechwood. In the party will be Mr. Arthur Pace, wife and son Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pace, and Miss Hanawalt.

Last Saturday evening the following persons were entertained at the home of Miss Maude A. Hanawalt east of town. The Misses Denton, Comstock, Lillie Henry, Viola Henry, Maude Owings, Katharine Seneff and Messrs. Brooks, Trump, Kiehl, Downing, Sanders, and Hanawalt.

A score of young people were very pleasantly entertained last evening at the Dormitory by Miss Grace Denton. The game, progressive house, took up most of the evening and was enjoyed by all. Refreshments, consisting of peach ice cream, wafers and mints were served at an hour just giving the guests time to depart before seriously fracturing the ten o'clock rule.

L. E. Custer, '10, who has been pursuing electrical and mechanical engineering in Boston Institute of Technology visited his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Custer, last week.

The Rev. H. A. Sechrist, field secretary of the U. B. church erection society, returned last week from a very successful trip through Iowa. He secured nearly fourteen thousand dollars in less than four weeks.

President Clippinger, who has been attending Chicago University, will return Thursday morning. He is very interested in the University there, evidenced by his remarks upon its works in his article.

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ALUMNALS.

Hercule B. Drury, '10, who has been pursuing work during the summer in the University of Chicago, has been appointed to the department of History in the Academy adjacent to Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas.

Lester J. Essig, '10, called in Westerville last Monday.

C. D. Yates, '11, left for his home in Latrobe, Pa., Monday. He returns to his work at Marion the first of August.

LOCALS.

Westerville is to have something new in the shape of a street carnival given by the M. E. church August 11th and 12th. Something original is promised for the event.

Do not forget that there will be an Otterbein day at the Miami Valley Chautauqua this year on August 8th. No set speeches are billed nor is any program announced as a general good time is desired. With Lutzenruster president of the association and Mr. Harris Bear assisting, everyone that attends is sure of a good day. Everyone interested in Otterbein is invited to attend. Come out and see your old friends and get your Otterbein spirit renewed.

Prof. Weinand has convinced us that the human body contains sulphur. It must be in varying amounts for some people make much better matches than others.

Chemistry students are happy that labatory work is practically finished, for heretofore they have not been able to get a minute in the library, recitation and laboratory periods covering the whole time that the library is open.

Miss Jennie Wise returned to her home in Johnstown, Pa., Saturday.

The Misses Leo Wise and Pearl Shaffer left Friday for their homes in Marysville and Granville respectively.

Misses Weaver, Groff, Grindell, Schaff, Seneff, Dick, Valentine, and Mrs. Heitschue.

Miss Methered says Mr. Bennett is all right. He's not so very tall and then after he is married he will settle down some.

Simon surely has a good imagination: he says that every time he sees Miss Cobleitz in her blue dress he gets the mal de mer.

We are sorry to have Miss Kelse leave us at the last week of school. Mr. Bale thought that perhaps she felt she wasn't getting enough in his class to justify the "hollerin'," but she says, that isn't it at all.

The Art department has no 'little trouble in getting suitable studies in still life. We suggest Mr. Snyder.

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A. E. Brooks was in town a short time this week. He will engage in Y. M. C. A. work at Findlay next year.

Miss Hendricks at the store—"These eggs are very small—you must have taken them out of the nest too soon."

Channing Wagner has again felt the call and has favored the village with a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Saul, of Harrisburg, Pa., visited Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Downey and other friends in Westerville the forepart of the week. Mr. Saul graduated from Otterbein two years ago and has since been teaching in the Harrisburg high school. He was married last month.

Prof. W. V. Wales, who has been teaching in the Newark high school was in Westerville Wednesday and Thursday. He will teach in the Akron schools next year. Mr. Wales graduated from Otterbein last year and received a post-graduate degree last commencement.

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