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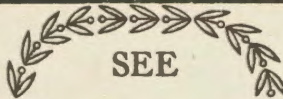
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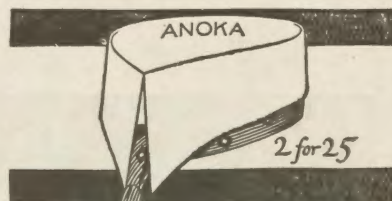
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## The Promise of History

(By J. R. Schutz, '14.)



SOMETIME, somewhere, in the deep, gloomy abysses of the fore-geologic night, the Creator of the world called the material of the universe into being; and when creation's dawn had shed its dim reflections upon the borders of this isle of ours, the germ of life was born. Life—what does it mean? Poets and philosophers have alternately called it "a fleeting dream," "the chemistry of being," "childhood of immortality." Yet what does it avail if men can but reiterate what others think? To say the final word is left to each man himself, and we eagerly revert to the open scroll of history in the hope that it will guide our judgment to the certain end, and to find unravelled here the things we would fain have known.

When we muse on history we think not merely of a compilation of statistics of the deeds of kings and feats of heroes, devoid and barren of all life and interest; not only of a chronicle of the vices and virtues of men who are no more—history will not allow itself to be cramped into such a narrow compass, but we give to it an ampler significance in realizing that all vicissitudes of time and place, no matter of what nature they are, physical or psychical or divine, or whatever they may be, make history. All nature is the stuff that creates history. It is a three-fold phenomenon; inorganic nature, organic processes, and,

in a special manner, man,—are the three factors that determine the course and flux of things. In this broader sense, history is the vast repository of fact to which we turn for information, and she tells us that there was a time when nature was unorganized, when disorder reigned supreme; but when the voice of the Eternal resounded in the solitudes and wastes of the unknown, mighty worlds rolled forth. The Omnipotent One called and the material came, and chaos became cosmos.

Evidences and reports are scattered, and few, and meager; only momentary glimpses permit us to see the method by which the state of things was changed; yet these are sufficient to show with unmistakeable certitude that the change was not wrought in a day, not in a score of milleniums, but in ages beyond the scope and ken of human measurement. Slow and tardy was the process if the records of Geology do not deceive us. But with unrelenting and continued energy the forces of the physical world laid down the massy beds of rock and gravel that invest the viscera of our globe. Details are unimportant. The fundamental point is that ceaseless change and activity that cannot bear a pause.

Organic life is a step higher in the cycle of nature. But its tale is similar. Ever since this offspring of the unknowable appeared upon the arena



of life it has been its enevitable portion to grow. It has well been said "that amelioration is the destiny of all organized nature." The testimony of Geology concurs with the experience of every day life and with the reason of man, to pronounce the truth that life once was incipient, confined to lower organisms, restricted in activity, and limited in all its phases; but as the silent ages slumbered heavily and languidly along, they yet imparted an impulse of life that with the accelerated course of time grew to prodigious proportions.

But man was no exception to the rule. Like all inorganic and organic forms of existence he had to grow, to pass through proteus shapes and forms of mental development before he reached maturity.

History records only some six thousand years, behind that time we see things darkly. But natural events know no precipitation, and it is reasonable to suppose that there is a vastness of prehistoric time unseen and unfathomable during which the mind of man was shaped and moulded before he awoke to the consciousness of himself and of his latent forces. However this may be, it is quite evident that manhood for the first time in our history assumed his eminently individual characteristics in the classic state of the Greeks. Here it was where his kinship to the God of ages undeniably revealed itself. Here it was where for the first time in human history man paused awhile to recollect, to look within, and look beyond; where he cast about to know the whence and the whither and wherefore of himself, but man was not yet destined at this time to cull the truth from the chaff, and so plodded on with a strange longing for truth, rest-

lessly toiling and searching and striving for something unpossessed and something yet unknown.

With the Greeks the muse of history assumed a greater significance than she had had, and ever since that time it is her doleful task to relate the rapid rise and fall of Empires and nations, yet comformable with the principle of the transciency of all forms of existence; no human enterprise has ever been permitted to form a monopoly on life for any length of time. Occasionally, a great and brilliant name flashes across the canvas of history, but the Hannibals, the Alexanders, and the Napoleons were laid low by the inexorable arm of destiny; and Carthage, Macedonia, Athens, and Rome,—all have had their day, despite the lustrous names and events that crystalize around their ancient lore.

"Have had their day"— strange pathos these words express. But such is the course of history. Since its primeval day this balance holds. Empires have loomed up in the vista of mortal things, have swayed the world and made it tremble for a solitary day, then crumbled to earth; Hellas dies, and Rome is born; the great ones of history have had their moments of brief glory, but their memory has been obliterated and their names assigned to oblivion; generation after generation has come forth out of the infinite store of life but generation after generation has been trodden into the dust. The ominous flood of life gushes along the centuries in flows and ebbs, but it holds its general course with ever increasing vigor and turbulence, never ceasing, never staying its spurts, and spues and foams to the surface the seething energies of its tumultuous bosom, and shortly buries them.

What does this portentous array of



events mean? That is the stern question that men have asked before, and is the question that the son of the twentieth century, standing at the headwater of this deluge of life, is called upon to answer. Every age had its questions, and every era its problems which it had to solve, but this is a question that has never been answered to the satisfaction of all. What is life? Whence does it come? Where does it lead to? Is there a great omnipotent intelligence that holds the destinies of being in his hands? And does he purposefully and knowingly conduct the processes of life to greater and greater ends? Such and similar questions array themselves in their relentless austerity before the mind, a conflict of sentiments ensues and rages without abatement, without respite, and convulses heart and soul of thoughtful men every day.

The man just crossing the threshold of his possibilities catches the contagion, and whether he refuses to listen or not, in this confusion of obstinate questionings, the clamor rises up from the secrecy of his self; "Give me life enduring or give me none."

Who shall give us certainty? Re-

ligion offers, but some shrink from her, pretending that she is diversified; reason is disappointing and unreliable; the powers of intuition are subject to error, yet History stands—the monument of truth infallible.

A rapid glance at its engravings upon the rocks of time teaches the lesson so grandly expressed by Tennyson.—"I doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs, and the minds of men are widened by the courses of the suns." It teaches the fleetingness and instability of life forms, of institutions, of monarchies; but the everlastingness of change is but subsidiary to some high purpose. Names and nations vanish, but it is only to clear the way for better ones succeeding. Aristocracy falls, and Democracy rises, greater things follow lesser ones; it is the economy of the universe that it rejects the present for the bigger future, such then is the verdict of history.

A large hint is irresistibly given, history suggests life itself sanctions, the will accepts, and the promise of history becomes the promise of immortality.

## A Fool There Was

(By H. B. Kline, '15.)

The news came to me with intensifying directness. Jones was seriously sick. I don't know why it affected me as it did for Jones and I had had no connection of any kind for twenty years. He had outgrown the small sphere in which I moved and had long since gone to larger spheres of activity, namely New York. Yet as I read the words printed in bold type on the front page, I was vaguely troubled,

I was not surprised, however, to find the news so prominently placed for Jones had grown to be the virtual Goliath of the Philistine camp on Wall Street and the question of his sudden death might upset the local market for weeks.

I was seated in the smoking compartment of the buffet car on a fast train bound for Philadelphia when I saw the headlines mentioned above.



The thought came to me that I might as well extend my trip the short distance between New York and Philadelphia and run up to see my old friend, Jones. As I debated this question my thoughts naturally turned to my former experiences with Jones and I sat there idly thinking.

I remembered the first time I saw him. We were both freshmen in college and had taken each other into confidences to drive out the ever persistent "blues." Many were the discussions we had in those days and always, I recalled, Jones took the side of Capitol. He came to college, he claimed, for the advance it would make in his earning capacity and always was on the look-out, for some means of snatching an almighty dollar. He worshipped money, not in the sense of a miser, but rather as a means to an end. That end to him meant power, the power to rule and dictate.

We left our Alma Mater as members of the same class and both settled down in the same small town. Jones early acquired the reputation of an excellent business man, and it was rumored that he was making money. Undoubtedly he was for he was engaged in everything that would turn a single penny into his private coffer.

In all this rush of money-making, however, he took time to court and marry a beautiful young girl of the town. Indeed this event in his life preceded the same in my own by several years. I took great delight in visiting their home and spent many a pleasant evening there, playing with their children, a boy with rosy cheeks and dark eyes and a little baby girl with doll-like features. It was a great pleasure for me to be associated with that home, and I watched the

children grow up with almost as much joy as Jones, himself, did. The boy grew to be a sturdy little fellow, fond of sports and outdoors, and promised to be an excellent example of a "chip of the old block." The girl was a dainty and demure little thing. She rather favored her mother and oftentimes I smiled at the sight of the two, working at some household task together, chatting pleasantly as two housewives over the garden fence. Jones and his wife were very careful in rearing them and I have never known a better pair of children, in behavior, politeness, or character.

During the time that his children were growing and being so excellently reared, Jones continued to make money. Money was his one aim and ambition but in this, the earlier period of his married life, he spent quite a lot of time with his family. He was not stingy and displayed nothing that would smack of "selfishness." He bought countless things for his home, his wife, and his children. Indeed they lived in luxury and his home, in a town of that size, was considered a palace. All these things were evidence of prosperity and Jones liked them. He and his family appeared at the theatre frequently, but only at shows of unquestioned merit. They attended all public entertainments of any sort and he was regarded as a progressive citizen and a town "boomer."

From the time when his little boy reached the age of ten, Jones saw less and less of his family. Money began to make heavier and heavier levies on his time and as a result his family suffered. His wife did not look just as happy and contented as she formerly did, I thought. His children, too, were different and in fact that old



time family unity was broken. Jones, however, was getting along famously in business. He was president of the town bank and owned the best grocery store in town. The hardware store was largely in his hands and he was the largest stock-holder in a string of creameries, which stretched all over the county. Each year his annual income increased, but his home life and social capacity decreased. Thus things went on. Jones became more and more a slave to business and less a loving father and a good citizen. Finally one day, he and his family moved to New York. They gave no reason and were asked none. They simply passed out of the town life to be forgotten by all except a few business friends.

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Jones had a suite of offices in one of New York's gigantic skyscrapers not far from the Pennsylvania Station. The door to the waiting room was very simple. The upper half was of ground glass and displayed these words, H. M. Jones.. That was all. There was no invitation to enter or command to stay out. Jones didn't believe in wasting time with unnecessary words. On entering I found myself in a magnificent group of offices. They were furnished throughout in mahogany. Everything was in tip-top order and it took only a single glance to tell that every thing was designed to produce the greatest efficiency. The chairs in the waiting room were of the deep-upholstered kind, which were calculated to induce in the minds of their occupants a feeling of respect and gratitude to Mr. Jones. No sooner had I hidden myself in the depths of one of these when a neatly clad office boy came to inquire my business. He informed me that Mr.

Jones had not been down town for several days being ill, but that the office had been given to understand that his condition was much improved.

It was with a certain feeling of awe and timidity that I approached the Jones mansion. It was a massive brownstone house, set well back from the street in the center of a rather small but exceedingly well kept park. It had an air of aloofness and disdain, which made it uninviting and repulsive. Resolving not to be defeated without an attempt, however, I approached the house and was ushered into the reception room by a very stiff and highly starched English butler. The inside of the house bore out in minutest detail the impression one received from the outside. The room was high and vaulted and had a distinctly cold and forbidding air. Every detail in its furnishings bore out the evidence of excessive wealth but that appreciation of beauty and harmony was lacking, which is so necessary in making an inviting and home-like effect. I was struck by the contrast of this reception room and the one I had formerly known in the Jones' other house, which had been of the semi-bungalow type. Something was lacking, I could not tell exactly what; and I wondered vaguely why.

In a few minutes Jones came down. He greeted me with a great deal of enthusiasm, more in fact than I had really expected, for I had not been quite sure of the way he would receive a friend whom he had not seen for twenty years. After we had talked for a few minutes about his health, the stock market, and the weather, and our conversation had settled down to the question of our mutual friends in the old home town, I had my first opportunity to observe him. He was



a typical picture of my conception of most New York millionaires. He had become very stout in those twenty years and almost completely bald. His face was extremely full and he was puffy under the eyes, while on his cheeks tiny swollen blood vessels showed like the veins in an oak leaf. His eyes were bleary and restless and wandered aimlessly about the room. I supposed this condition was due to his recent illness, but he told me later that too many high balls and after-theatre suppers were the cause of it all. Jones was not only changed in appearance but he was different in other respects also. He was very restless and something seemed to be on his mind. He would stop in the middle of a sentence to sit and think and then begin again where he had left off.

I did not get to see Mrs. Jones at all. She was attending a bridge party, her husband said and was going to a reception that evening. Indeed he assured me that he rarely saw his wife now, say once in a week's time. The family never dined together for business made great inroads on his time and his wife had countless social engagement to occupy her. The grill room of his favorite club was his dining room and often he never saw his home during an entire day.

As I was learning these facts I fell to wondering how the boy and girl had turned out. I remembered what fine, well-behaved children they had been but when I saw the change in their father I began to think that they must be changed too. My worst fears were soon realized. In a few minutes the son swaggered into the room. He was smoking a cigarette and was dressed in the latest mode. His cheeks were pale and drawn and his eyes had that vague stare into

emptiness so characteristic of rich men's sons. Seeing me, he stopped and stared, and when his father introduced us he merely smiled in a half-condescending manner and passed to the immediate business at hand. He told his father he wanted some extra money that week because "the fellows" were going to have a feed for some "special friends" of theirs. Without a word his father handed him several bills of large figure and he departed, without a thank you, as he had come, puffing a cigarette. His appearance brought up the subject of the daughter of the home and I was informed that Jones had not seen her for a week but that he understood she was out motor-ing with Algernon that afternoon, whoever that might be.

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On my return trip to Philadelphia, after my visit with Jones, I was very sad. I was sorry for Jones; sorry for him because he had so completely changed in those twenty years. His family had been broken up by wealth and had even, I was forced to admit, degenerated. He, himself, had done that. No one would have even thought the Jones of twenty years ago guilty of a high ball or after-theatre supper. No one would have suspected that devoted young husband, Jones, of not seeing his home for an entire day. And those poor children—I was almost moved to tears when I thought of that sturdy little chap as a cigarette fiend and that dainty little girl as an ambitious society butterfly.

As my thoughts ran on in this fashion, the idea came to me that Jones was only a representative of a very prominent type of man in our modern business world. He was a "Money-Worshipper" and would have money at all cost to himself. There are



countless thousands of such men in America today. One can find them not only in the murky streets of the great metropolis but even in the smallest village and hamlet of the land. Everywhere they may be found, always pursuing their one god, Money. They are never happy or contented and they know no family or home ties. Their whole life is centered around "the office" and "business" instead of "home" and "family."

Nothing is too great for this class of men to sacrifice in order to gain a few paltry dollars. Friends, home, wife, children, all these and countless other things which ordinary men hold dear are swept aside in a vain effort for wealth. Entire lives are spent in the pursuit of this fragile goal and when the last day comes the liver has only lifeless gold and perishable paper to look back upon. The old age of such men is not made bright by pleasant memories of days well spent and kindly deeds well done. They had no time for such things. For money such men mutilate their bodies and sell their souls. For the sake of money a father will rob his son and in turn the son will murder the father. Such men forget that money is not worth while when we give up our friendships for it or if we give up truth or exchange honour or prudence for it.

These men forget that hastily gotten riches have no character value. They do not consider that the man, who waters stock, who gambles, or who gets rich quickly through lies and deceit cannot develop character at the same time. Little care they that the get-rich-quick method holds no cultural value for the intellect. It is not theirs to note that the man who makes haste to get rich is merely a juggler, getting into his hands by trick what

others have produced. What business is it of theirs that a stock-waterer and promoter, carrying off stained millions, is as sickening a sight as a diseased creature in a hospital? They are too engrossed in business and money snatching to see or care about such things.

There is also a sad side to the lives of this class of men. With all their abundant wealth they have no real friends and few of any kind. A few parasitic business men cling to them for business reasons only. Even their very families are unfriendly. Often husband and wife never see each other for weeks at a time, while father and son are perfect strangers. A man of only money is a slave to money but this fact is too deep for them to grasp. When a man of this class dies his financial friends are really relieved because his departure gives them more room to operate. Even at the time of a friend's death their selfish spirit shows itself in this way.

Jones had become a typical man of this class in the twenty years which had elapsed since I last saw him. From a broad progressive citizen he had degenerated to the narrowest of narrow men. His life had about the same circumference as a silver dollar and his view of life was just about as wide in diameter. He was living his life, wrapped up in his own selfish purposes and as I thought of this and what his life might have been I was sad. He was a man of unquestionable ability and might have done much good in the world. As I thought of this, I imagined him sitting there beside me, with his puffy face and restless eyes and as I looked at that face the second time, I saw it, not as the face of my old friend Jones but as the face of "a fool there was."



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## College Friendships

"Keep thy friend under thy own life's key." "All's well that ends well"—Act. I. Sc. 1

"The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,  
Grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel."

—Hamlet Act I. Sc. 3.

All of us have often heard the sentiment voiced that college friendships are among the strongest bonds of human affection that are ever formed; that in post-graduation days the dearest and most cherished memories that come to a college man or woman, as well as the most helpful abiding and ever broadening mutual benefits are based upon friendships formed during college days.

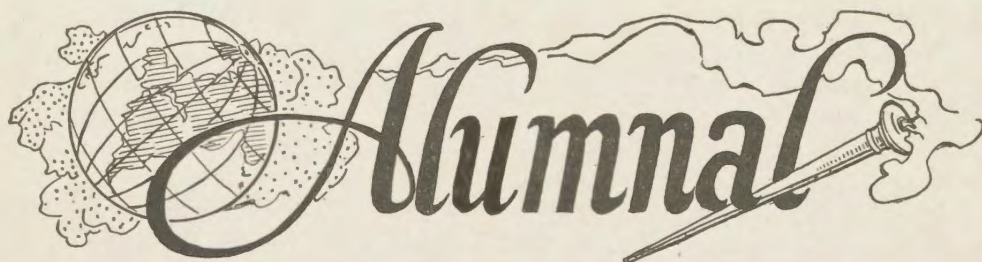
We, as college students, hear this sentiment expressed, we thoroughly believe in its validity, we rely upon our belief and yet, unfortunately, we so often forget or ignore the indispensable part that we must each one individually play if we are to come into the happy realization of our theory. This individualistic part that we must play may be realized by the exercise of two powers—selection and treatment.

Of first and prime importance is, of course, the matter of selection of ones friends. Here no hard and fast rules may be laid down. Some people are, by nature very slow, critical and deliberate in the selection of friends, while others form friendship "at first sight." The more psychologically wide awake we are the more immediate may be our recognition of a friend. But in all events, whether we are of the former or latter type, confidences and intimacies should be established only after thorough, critical and conscientious deliberation and thought.

After the proper friendships are once formed, after the power of selection has been exercised comes the far more difficult problem of treatment. And here is where so many of us are indiscrete. Some people seem to entertain the sadly erroneous idea that the ideal of true friendship is the disclosure to each friend of all the confidence and intimacies of every other friend. Some people seem to labor under the fatal delusion that the road to true congeniality and helpfulness is paved with the general divulgence of all things, both known, imagined and "heard" concerning ones friends.

There is something far finer in the old fashioned loyalty which forbade us to discuss our friends, than in our present day willingness to listen to criticisms of them and our pleasure in making them and their idiosyncrasies a subject of common conversation. It does not take a trained eye to see the faults in any of us, but the eye of true friendship, however keen, should at least be blind in public. Friendship is for happiness, for comradeship, for the amelioration of the loneliness of human life, for the joy of an unselfish affection and not association for mutual criticism and gossip. The most monstrous treachery to which humanity is heir, is the deliberate betrayal of the trust and confidence of a friend.





# Alumna

In the November Bulletin of the Shenandoah Collegiate Institute it is interesting to note the number of faculty members who are alumni, or who were once students in Otterbein. Prof. Edgar W. McMullen, '05, is professor of Latin and Science, and Prof. Elmer N. Funkhouser, '13, is professor of History and Greek, and is also the Associate Manager of the Institution. Prof. James H. Ruebush, the General Manager and Miss Alice M. Zuck, of the Department of Language, are former students of Otterbein. In the alumna column of the Bulletin are the names of several who have completed their college course at Otterbein: Rev. C. M. Good, '04, Rev. T. C. Harper, '11, and Mr. J. D. Good, '13.

'13. Rev. Glenn D. Spafford, pastor of the United Brethren Church at Hillsboro, Ohio, is the Editor of "The Assistant Pastor," a twelve page, monthly magazine, published in the interest of a better Hillsboro. The initial issue appeared in December, 1913, and contains much information of a religious nature, which makes the paper worthy of a place in all homes, regardless of denomination.

Rev. Spafford at present is holding revival meetings which are highly successful.

'85. Miss Tirza L. Barnes, Librarian at Otterbein, accompanied by her

mother, spent the Christmas vacation visiting her brother, Mr. C. C. Barnes in Washington D. C. While there they were joined by Mr. J. A. Barnes, '94, who came over from Boston for several days.

'11. Mr. Homer R. Gifford and Miss Emma Teausch were united in marriage on Dec. 23, 1913. The wedding took place in St. Paul's Evangelical church, Wapakoneta, Ohio, where Mr. Gifford is principal of the High School.

'11. Miss Helen Weinland who is taking post-graduate work in Columbia University, spent part of her vacation visiting her brother, Prof. L. A. Weinland, '05 in Westerville.

'91. Mr. E. L. Weinland, of Columbus, addressed the men's meeting held at Trinity church, taking his subject, "The Charter Commission of Columbus."

'08. Prof. J. H. Weaver visited in Westerville during the holiday vacation. Mr. Weaver at present is professor of mathematics in the High School at Williamsburg, Pa. He is also taking work leading to the Ph. D. Degree, in the University of Pennsylvania.

'13. Prof. L. M. Curts was the faculty delegate of York College to the Student Volunteer Convention at Kan-



sas City during vacation. Mr. Kiyoshe Yabe, '12, was a delegate from Chicago University.

'13. C. E. Hetzler, of Bonebrake Seminary, Dayton, O., is the author, composer and publisher of the Seminary Song which was adopted by the Institution and introduced in the Seminary Chapel service on Dec. 9. Since then the song has become quite popular, and is filling a long felt want, as Bonebrake never had a "college song." The song consisting of three stanzas and refrain is put in regular sheet music form and sells at twenty-five cents each.

'97. Rev. L. W. Lutz, Pastor of the U. B. Church at Chambersburg, Pa., has a church membership of 1275, and a Sunday School enrollment of 1715.

'11. Rev. Jacob F. Hatton, was transferred from Canton, Ohio where he was assistant pastor, to the pastorate of the U. B. church at Strasburg, at the last annual conference.

'87. Prof. F. E. Miller, who suffered from a severe attack of Laryngitis during the holidays, is again able to meet his classes.

'94. Bishop A.T. Howard landed safely in Freetown, Africa recently, and was gratified to see the great results accomplished there during the fifteen years since he was engaged in that Mission Field.

'05. Prof. R. E. Offenbauer, of Sandusky, was elected vice president of the Ohio High School Teachers' Association during the State Educational meeting held in Columbus the first week of January.

'06. Prof. William A. Weber, Professor of Religious Pedagogy in Bonebrake Seminary, addressed the Religious Education Association of Otterbein on Wednesday evening, Jan. 14.

'10. Prof. S. J. Kiehl, and wife of Columbus were Westerville visitors on Sunday, Jan. 11.

'13. Miss Evelyn Young, spent part of her vacation visiting her uncle in Sewickley, Pa.

'98. Mrs. W. B. Gantz of Los Angeles, California, is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. A. Barnes, in Westerville.



After a pleasant Christmas vacation, most of the girls have returned to their studies. Miss Florence Zinsmaster, on account of the illness of her mother, will not return.

Miss Esta Mae Moser, class of '13, spent the week end with friends here.

Misses Sara and Mary White have been visiting in the Hall.

Miss Clara Kreiling is the one new girl whom we welcome to our midst. All the rooms in the Hall are now occupied, but several girls leaving next semester, will make room for expected new ones.

Miss Anne Miller, Johnstown, Pa., was here for several days.

Mr. J. M. Cogan, Canton, O., visited his daughter Ruth.

The girls of the Hall who went to Columbus on the night of Jan. 13th to hear Mary Garden sing, in Memorial Hall, were disappointed for the lady was not able to fill her engagement.





## Y. M. C. A.

The Christian Association is starting on a new year's work and with the co-operation of every man in college we can make it the most fruitful in the life of the organization.

The Mission Study and Bible Study classes are being well attended and good interest shown in this important work. The devotional meetings are not attended as well as they should be.

Mr. J. R. Schutz who represented the Association, as a delegate to the National Student Volunteer Convention at Kansas City during the holidays writes the following:

"With evangelization of the whole world during the present generation for their purpose, over 5000 Student delegates, representing 755 colleges and universities of the United States and Canada, assembled in Convention Hall, Kansas City, Mo., from Dec. 31 to Jan. 4, forming the seventh quadrennial convention of the Student Volunteer Movement of N. America.

This was a really great convention, and its watchword, "The Evangelization of the world in this generation," which demands a vast consecration of lives of the students of our day to the work of the world christianization, took a powerful hold upon every delegate present, and cannot help but have a salutary effect upon the whole student life of America.

If the churches of North America are to wage triumphant warfare in the distant, defiant fields, the missionary facts and spirit must first dominate our seats of learning. The moral evils, the prevailing student temptations, the

unfavorable college traditions and customs, and everything else that is evil in modern college life must be overthrown if there is to be most largely developed among us truly world conquering power.

One of the most impressive things brought out during the convention was the fact of the unparalleled opportunities of Christianity among both primitive and cultured races of the far and the near East. All of the Non-Christian Nations are now in a plastic and changing condition, but they will soon become set and hardened in one of three molds. They will either revert to their heathen religions, or they will become agnostic, or they will become Christian. In which of these molds shall they be cast? That is the question that we as college men and women must answer within the next generation.

This Convention, which was by Dr. Mott, Dr. Speer, Sherwood Eddy and Mr. Bryan, pronounced the greatest convention ever held in the world, will certainly have a lasting and beneficial influence upon those who had the privilege to attend and receive its inspiration."

An interesting Christmas meeting was held on Dec. 18, 1913, led by Mr. J. B. Smith. The leader spoke on "The Christmas Spirit" stating that it was an occasion when we should give to those in greatest needs. Our gifts however trifling should be given without the expectation of something in return. Christ was God's greatest gift to mankind and we should celebrate the occasion of Christ's birth with this thought in view. The speak-



er said unselfishness was the true Christmas Spirit.

On Jan. 8 Mr. H. E. Richer opened the first devotional meeting of the New Year and spoke on "The Great Unknown." The coming year was the object referred to in the speaker's well chosen subject. He told how we were advancing slowly day by day and that we needed courage, determination, trust, and confidence to plan for the time ahead of us. Close fellowship with God and his son, Jesus Christ is necessary for our greatest success. God has a plan for each of our lives and we should try and discover his plan. God is the architect of life and the Bible is his blue prints by which we may build human character. He will safely guide us if we fully surrender to His will. We need to be yoked with God. This requires a surrender of sins and close fellowship with Him.

Jan. 15. Rev. J. E. Walters, pastor of the M. E. church addressed the men on "Ambassadorship of Christ." The speaker brought out the following truths. Every Christian is an ambassador of Christ. Angels could covet what a Christian minister has to do. It is a very high honor to represent God.

Young men should be careful how they live the Christian life for others are watching them. A man must be loyal to his country to be a good citizen and he must be loyal to Jesus Christ to be a good Christian. He should be guided by God's spirit and led by His will. The address was helpful and inspiring to all present.

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#### Y. W. C. A.

Dec. 9. Miss Carrie Miles, Leader. Subject, "Lions." In the time of Daniel, lions were used as a means of

punishment. In the time of Nero, Christians were thrown into lion's dens. We always think of strength when the word lion is mentioned. Samson, in going for his wife, killed a lion. On his return trip he found the carcass of the lion filled with honey and partook of the honey. At the wedding he propounded a riddle:

"Out of the strong came something sweet,

Out of the eater came something to eat."

Samson was strong and had a great desire. Ambition is a desire, with determination and will-power to carry out this desire.

It is only when we overcome the difficulties we encounter, that we grow stronger. Each new difficulty is a stepping stone to greater strength. If we had no difficulties we would never become strong.

Christmas lesson, Dec. 16. Leader, Miss Martha Cassler. Subject, "Celestial Harmony."

God said to Job, "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare! if thou hast understanding." Job was at one time terribly tried. Satan wanted God to send punishment on Job on account of the way he was living. So his flocks all died and his wife, through despair, wanted him to curse God.

When there was discord between Adam and God, Adam hid and was afraid. At the time of the flood there was no harmony between God and the people.

The night Christ was born there were shepherds on the hillside. It was a beautiful, clear night. The angel appeared, and celestial music was heard. The flocks were left to the mercy of wild animals. God is the Master Musician, and in order to have



harmony in our lives, we must fall down and worship him.

We often say that everything is going wrong, and the world is out of harmony. It is we who are out of harmony and if we are right with the world, all will be harmonious. We ought "to emphasize the glory and beauty of the things which make for harmony with God."

Jan. 6. Leader, Miss Dona Beck. Subject, Broken Promises.

The leader read the Parable of the Talents and applied it to the topic. At the beginning of this year our Master is giving us talents which we are to use to the best of our ability.

A resolution is a promise to one's self, and almost everyone makes them at the beginning of the New Year. If we double our talents we are keeping our resolutions, but if we hide them, the resolutions are broken.

We look forward to the New Year with great hope. It is a chance to turn over a new leaf in the book of our lives, and to start again to do our best, so that we may have nothing to regret. Almost all of us are thoughtful now,—perhaps sad, because we realize how much we have to do. We hope to be proud of what will be on the page of our lives at the end of this year.

A resolution may be compared to an ideal. Most of us never reach our ideal, because the more nearly we come to it, so much higher do we place it. It is a star toward which we are always striving and if we make no resolution, we will have no aim in view.

Our Master is giving us a new start at the beginning of this New Year, and if we are faithful and improve our talents, the Master will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou

into the joy of thy Lord.." But if we are unfaithful we will be punished by having our talents taken away.

"Be true to thyself, and it must follow as the night the day,

Thou canst not then be false to any man."—Shakespeare.

Jan. 13. Subject, Girls' Temperance Lesson. The leader,, Miss Ina Fulton, read from the fourteenth chapter of Romans, "So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God."

What does temperance mean? It means a tempering of something. It may also mean abstinence. There is temperance in the manner of dressing. Many sorts of dress have been condemned. The American girl is noted for her loud, shrill voice. Here we might be more temperate. Exaggeration is another place for abstinence. Slang is often freely used even by college girls.

The use of tobacco and liquor may not be one of our habits as girls, and might not be included in Girl's Temperance Lesson. But we can have some influence. A young man would probably not smoke if he knew it was offensive to the girl with whom he was walking. It would pay merely to use our influence. Christ says, "there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him that esteemeth anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean."

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'01. On January 15th, Rev. U. M. Roby, pastor of the First U. B. Church of Barberton, Ohio, died at his home, after an illness of several months. A fine, Christian gentleman and a loyal friend of Otterbein University has passed to his reward. The Aegis extends sympathy to his family and many friends.



# LOCAL ITEMS.

We note with sorrow that three of our most popular young men have departed from Otterbein to enter other work.

Harold C. Plott, for three years a student here, has accepted a position as professor of band instruments and director of Athletics in Leander-Clark College, where he will be associated with a faculty of which our old friends, Camp Foltz and "Jack" Mathers are prominent members.

All of Harold's friends, who are as numerous as his acquaintances, feel that he will "make good" and he takes with him the best wishes of the school.

The others who did not return to school after Christmas vacation are first-year men, Gara M. Procter and Donald G. McKinney, the former remaining at home because of the illness of his father.

J. Horace Hott and R. Glenn Kira-cofe entertained a number of friends at an oyster supper at the Ellis house Saturday evening, January 10th. Mr. Hott received the company with an address of welcome which was superior to any speech of its kind which has yet been recorded, and, at his instance, flash-light pictures of the assembly were taken after all hunger was appeased, and a happy departure of guests ensued.

Dr. Jones again evidenced his up-to-dateness and broad-mindedness in having Myrtle Winterhalter and J. R. Schutz, delegates to the Seventh Quadrennial Student Volunteer Convention of North America which was held at Kansas City, Missouri, from December

31, 1913 to January 4, 1914, report in the Senior Bible Classes the proceedings of the assembly.

Both gave excellent talks and gave many of the members of the classes new ideas regarding the Missionary work and more appreciation of and interest in the work of the small number composing our own Volunteer band.

The attendance at the Convention was 7500 and addresses were made by John R. Mott, Robert E. Speer, Sherwood Eddy, J. Campbell White, Dr. Horton and W. W. White.

Dr. Jones often spends a few moments in review of the important points of some of the good lectures we hear and in discussing some important topic of general interest.

## A Series of Shakespearian Recitals in Lambert Hall.

The Merchant of Venice.

Romeo and Juliet.

As You Like It.

By a fortunate combination of circumstances, Westerville will have the pleasure of hearing three members of the well-known Lyceum attraction. The Varsity Drama Club, in individual recitals. On Feb. 3, Mr. Anthony F. Blanks will read his original arrangement of "The Merchant of Venice." This recital will be followed in March by "Romeo and Juliet," presented by Prof. Ruth Jackson, now of the Department of Oratory at Ohio Wesleyan, and in April by "As You Like It," presented by Mary A. Dunham of the Department of Public Speaking of Wooster. Each of these recitals will



be prefaced by a brief dramatic criticism of the play. The work of these young artists can not be too highly commended. Their interpretations are not only entertaining but also intellectually comprehensive.

These recitals are directly under the patronage of the English Department of the Westerville High School. Tickets will be sold for the series of three and a few will be available for the general public.

At the opening number, "The Merchant of Venice." Prof. Paul Bain Parks, the splendor baritone soloist of William Street M. E. Church will sing a group of Shakespearean songs. This second appearance of Prof. Parks in Westerville will be most welcome news to the many admirers of his excellent voice.

A number of the students have been enjoying a few hours on the ice of Alum Creek and the pond near by. One fellow was so elated because of a glorious moon-light night that, becoming tired of skating, he took a swim.

There is not a fourth of the Otterbein men taking gymnasium work who need it and can enter the class. One reason for this is the fact that for a year or two this department of physical culture has been sadly neglected. However, this year we have one of the best directors in the country and he is giving his classes a thorough drill in calisthenics of the best kind. In connection, basket ball and volley ball leagues have been inaugurated and the work-outs are lively enough to keep everyone interested. Let us, who have declared that only our best athletes have any chance for physical training here, seize the opportunity which is afforded us.

Many Otterbeinites are excluding

themselves from one of the greatest benefits which is to be derived from the school, by failing to exercise the opportunity of reading some of the world's best magazines and papers which are to be found in our reading room.

For students wishing to secure general information of a brief nature upon the up-to-date topics of discussion and interest, the librarians highly recommend The Springfield Republicans. A large number of people look at the name of this paper and conclude that it is a publication used merely as a supporter of the Republican party. However, the word is used in its broadest sense as a glance over its items will prove.

If we give forth anything of value to the world, we must have that something in us and the way to get it is to become a reader of the good books, papers and magazines to which we have access in our splendid library.

A Wooster student named Yeager has been here for a few days selling aluminum ware for the Wear-ever Company, New Kensington, Pa.

## FORENSIC NEWS

On the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 16, there occurred in the College Chapel what was undoubtedly one of the most interesting and best rendered entertainments given here for some time, when Dr. Sherrick's Drama Class presented Sheridan's Comedy, "The Rivals." When we consider the fact that the class offered their services gratuitously in behalf of the Public Speaking Council, their fine efforts must be especially praised. And not alone they, but, also Prof. Blanks and Dr. Sherrick, who spent their best efforts



in so efficiently training the players. The play, although given for the purpose of aiding the cause of Public Speaking financially, nevertheless, also brought out the fact that we have some fine actors in school, and that we have a Professor who can train actors, which already makes us very hopeful that we shall have a successful Commencement Play.

Every member of the cast did most creditable acting. The heaviest parts and those affording the greatest opportunity for stellar playing however, were carried by Mr. Dailey, Mr. Newman, Mr. Richer, Miss Nellie Shupe and Miss Hazelle Cornetet.

All the others acted their parts well and showed that they would be capable of carrying heavier parts.

We certainly feel happy over the Drama Class's Venture, for "The Rivals" proved successful, not only for the entertainment it afforded us, but in the financial side as well.

That student total abstinence societies are alive and aggressive in nearly every European university, that student and faculty sentiment is slowly turning against alcohol and promising to revolutionize foreign university life, and that this movement is being favorably recognized and supported by the great foreign universities will be surprising news to many Americans in view of the wide-spread impression that Europe generally is liquor-soaked and absolutely impervious to temperance sentiment. But recent reports show remarkable developments along this line. In his late book on "The Anti-Alcohol Movement in Europe," Mr. Ernest Gordon states that the University of Utrecht gives, in its winter semester, courses on "Criminality and Alcohol," and "Ethics and Alcohol;" that the University of Giessen has also given

sors in medicine, economics, and ethics; and that similar beginnings are reported from the Universities of Berlin, Bonn, Strasburg, Vienna, Tuebingen, Heidelberg, Wurzburg, Kiel, Helsingfors, Munich, Prague, Basel, Goettingen, Berne, Freiberg, Lemberg, Geneva, etc. Thousands of students are enrolled in total abstinence societies that are not only striving to do away with student drinking but also to change public sentiment with regard to the use of alcohol. In Sweden and Finland, these student societies conduct anti-alcohol lecture courses and study classes among public school children with government backing and popular support (400 lectures by students being given in Stockholm alone in one winter); in Poland, they conduct miners' temperance institutes; in Germany, they lecture on university extension courses and in labor union meetings; in Switzerland they operate traveling anti-alcoholic libraries, give temperance plays and festivals, distribute literature and conduct temperance restaurants. But the main object of these societies is to discourage student drinking and their chief efforts are directed in this direction. Personal conferences, poster displays, lecture series, distribution of temperance literature, organization of volunteer and credit study classes, temperance plays, press clubs, alcohol-free restaurants: these are a few of the weapons which progressive students are using to lead their fellows and wipe out college drinking.

All these organizations, together with the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association of America, are members of the International Bureau of Abstaining Students with headquarters at Zurich, Switzerland, which is working toward a world-wide students' temperance organization.





Among our December arrivals, "The College Chips" Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, is very noteworthy. Besides its regular number of literary productions, it contains quite a few Christmas articles and stories.

In one article "A Xmas Reverie," the writer portrays good thoughts, an excellent choice of words, a vivid imagination, and the true Christmas spirit. In another article, "The Christmas Carol," we have the history of the Christmas carols given in clear and simple language. The author spares no labor in giving us a good and full history of the writing and singing of these carols.

We were much pleased with the following short stories,—"The Wrong Santa Claus," "A Christmas Story," and "Bill Matthew's Christmas." Each story is well written and contains a good moral.

We have no adverse criticisms on the other departments of the paper. They are all up to the standard for which the paper stands.

The December issue of "The M. H. Aerolith," Plymouth, Wis., comes to us with a number of good literary productions. Two of the long articles are written in German so we will only make comment on one article, an oration, "The Christmas Spirit." The writer grasped the correct idea of the subject when he said—"The Christmas Spirit involving the giving of gifts, the giving of thanks, the giving of self with both the gift and the thanksgiv-

ing must have some effect on mankind. And it does, for man's whole attitude toward the world is changed, changed to reflection of all the nobler sentiments to be found in the Christmas Spirit."

After much agitation, the ladies of Otterbein have finally succeeded, through the efforts of the Public Speaking Council, to arrange a triangular debate with Denison and Mt. Union Colleges on the "Minimum Wage Question." The try-outs will be held on Friday, Feb. 20. Much interest is manifested, and it is hoped that quite a number will try out for a place on the teams.

We were much pleased with the December number of "The Albright Bulletin," Meyerstown, Pa. Two of the articles are very worthy of mention, namely "Alexander Hamilton as a Statesman" and "The Triumphant Power of Volition." In the former we read "Alexander Hamilton was a statesman of the highest order, one who was filled with patriotism and love for his country. He demonstrated his sincerity for the people by toiling day and night in the preparation of a plan that he believed would save the Union." The article is truly a strong eulogy on our distinguished statesman, is well written and holds one's interest to the end. The article entitled, "The Triumphant Power of Volition" will be a help and an encouragement to any one who reads it. In this article it is made very plain that success does not always come in a bound. The essential part is to have a purpose and hold steadfastly and constantly to that purpose. In short, it takes grit, grip and gumption to reach one's goal.





**The Junior Class Basket Ball Team.  
Interclass Champions.**

#### **Varsity "O's" Awarded.**

On Dec. 18, 1913, at the chapel service, the football players who had played the required number of quarters were awarded their letters. With these were some basket ball, base ball, and track men who had not received their letters from last year. Dr. E. A. Jones was in charge of the program. He impressed the players by reminding them of the significance of the Varsity "O". Then the certificates, neatly bound in tan and cardinal-rib-

bon, were given to each of the fortunate men.

While superiority in literary work is to be coveted by all, superiority in athletics is also to be highly prized. To win a letter means much hard work, both in preparation for and in the playing of the games. These men deserve the praise of every Otterbein student.

#### **Officers Elected.**

At a meeting of the Otterbein Athletic Association, Jan. 13, C. M. Camp-



bell was elected vice president of the Athletic Board, to fill the unexpired term of H. C. Plott, who has accepted the professorship of band instruments in Leander Clark College, Toledo, Iowa.

The Athletic Board, on Jan. 8, elected E. B. Learish assistant basket ball manager. This came about through the resignation of P. E. Zuerner.

### Basket Ball Schedule.

Manager Miller has completed a good schedule for the Varsity this year. He has given us our full measure of home games, for which all should be grateful. Six games will be played abroad. Following is the schedule:

- Jan. 10—Capital at Westerville.
- Jan. 16—St. Mary's at Dayton.
- Jan. 17—Miami at Oxford.
- Jan. 24—O. N. U. at Westerville.
- Jan. 31—Miami at Westerville.
- Feb. 7—Ohio at Athens.
- Feb. 14—Heidelberg at Westerville.
- Feb. 19—O. N. U. at Ada.
- Feb. 20—Baldwin-Wallace at Berea.
- Feb. 21—Buchtel at Akron.
- Feb. 28—Wittenberg at Westerville.
- Mar. 7—Ohio at Westerville.

### Otterbein Vs. Capital.

On Jan. 10, the Capital University team, accompanied by sixty-five rooters, stormed the Otterbein camp. Capital was reputed to have a fast team, and few cared to predict the possibility of the Varsity carrying the big end of the score. However, when the game began, it was evident that our boys had a shade of advantage. In the first half they ran away from their opponents. Capital came back stronger in the second half, but even then were unable to stop the fast floor work of the Varsity.

Schnake took the honors in caging the ball, making nine successful shots. The low score of the opponents testifies to the good work of the guards. Campbell, Lash and Sechrist also played their positions well. Bandeen was especially good on throwing fouls, missing only three out of twelve chances.

For Capital, Reuter seemed to be the star. Pflueger, right forward, also did excellent work.

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Lash, Sechrist	R. F.	Pertner, Pilch
Campbell	L. F.	Reuter
Schnake	C.	Ice, Pertner
Bandeen	R. C.	Lenske, Richert
Converse	L. G.	Pflueger

Summary: Field goals—Schnake 9, Campbell 3, Lash 3, Bandeen 2, Reuter 4, Pilch 3, Pflueger 1. Foul goals—Bandeen 9, Pflueger 2, Pertner 2. Referee—Little, Ohio Wesleyan.

### Otterbein Vs. St. Marys.

On Jan. 16, the Otterbein quintet played its first game abroad. The game was expected to be a hard one. St. Marys is always one of Otterbein's strongest opponents and this year was no exception to the rule. The game was hotly contested and not until the final whistle blew was the game decided.

Campbell and Schnake were the chief basket locaters for the Varsity. Each made three successful shots. For St. Marys, Devereaux and Mahoney were the scoring machine, Devereaux making five and Mahoney four baskets. Norb and Sacksteder also did well for the Saints.

Otterbein 18		St. Mary's 28
Campbell	L. F.	Krusling, Sacksteder
Lash, Sechrist	R. F.	Devereaux
Schnake	C.	Mahoney
Converse	L. G.	Hart, Neary
Bandeen	R. G.	Sacksteder, Sherry

Summary: Field goals—Campbell 3, Schnake 3, Lash 1, Sechrist 1. Devereaux 5,



Mahoney 4, Sacksteder 2, Krusling 1, Hert 1.  
Foul goals—Bandeem 2, Mahoney 2. Referee  
—Pflaum.

### Otterbein Vs. Miami.

The game with Miami was almost a repetition of the St. Mary's game. The Varsity started off well, outplaying their opponents in the first half. Evidently the hard game of the night before still had its effect upon the team, for they were unable to get a lead on Miami. At no time did they show the form displayed in the game

with St. Marys.

Schnake was again the chief point winner, while Campbell and Lash tied for second honors.

Otterbein 20		Miami 30
Campbell	L. F.	Kersting
Lash, Secerist	R. F.	Minnick
Schnake	C.	Pierce
Converse	L. G.	Carlight
Bandeem	R. G.	Levering

Summary: Field goals—Minnick 5, Kersting 4, Carlight 3, Levering 2, Pierce 1, Schnake 4, Campbell 2 Lash 2, Bandeem 1. Foul goals—Bandeem 2. Referee—Stevens, University of Chicago.

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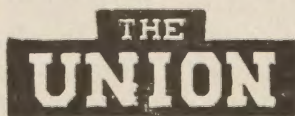
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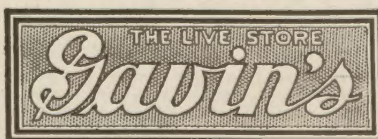
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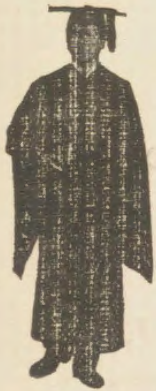
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