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## Conventionality

(Marie Wagoner, '17)

**T**HE world is full of nervous fidgety people who while they are not victims of any definite mental or moral abseesion, keep themselves everlastingly busy and wear themselves out with habits and fears that are wholly useless and unnecessary. It is always hard to remember that much which we think essential is merely a matter of habit and might just as easily, had it so happened have become habitual in the opposing direction. Some have formed the habit of complaining against everything that happens which not only makes them unhappy and uneasy but help to make those about them dissatisfied. Certain sensitive and self centered people get the notion into their heads that they are being terribly persecuted; they fancy themselves living a life of perpetual martyrdom. They have their feelings at their elbows and every time some one rules against them they turn their noses up and walk off dreadfully abused. These people are unhappy; they are constantly in fear of being hurt. Others are possessed of abseissions born of their physical appearance or determined by their undue tendency toward being too fat or too lean, they are continually asking, "Am I as fat as that one," "Am I as lean as that one?"

Although these habits and fears are the cause of so much unhappiness conventionality stands as the foundation of all these fears. Conventionality, that God whom we serve and to whom each one of us bows, becomes a monster to

us some times or another. We have all at times acted as though we were insane; have felt the urgent necessity of being unnatural; been in love with nonsense; exploded with laughter over jokes that were not in the least funny; shouted with enthusiasm over things that were not in the least important and wildly exaggerated our admiration of the ridiculous.

Why do we go up in ecstasies over some high class concert when it all was beyond us? Why do we say that a piece of sculpture is magnificent when as a matter of fact we know nothing of sculpturing. Simply because society deems it proper that we should admire and appreciate these things beyond our ability. Conventionality is a serious obstruction to man's advance in civilization as he is continually afraid to give vent to his feelings and emotions.

In the June number of the Ladies' Home Journal in 1913 there is an article entitled the "Bride who Breaks into Society." The article begins like this, "I had always lived in a small southern town where I was kin to half a dozen old families who opened every door to me. Hence when I went to the city I was prepared to find my next door neighbor waiting to welcome me on my front porch with a plate of biscuits in one hand and a jar of pickles in the other."

What a disappointment this girl must have experienced, for what would be more unmannerly in to-day's



society than to greet a new-comer at her front door with such things as these. No matter how much we ourselves would appreciate such an act of kindness we would not even dare such impropriety for fear our other neighbors might think we had not been reared properly.

The article continued, "I remained in my home over a week before my next neighbor called on me. A whole week in a strange place without speaking to a soul but my husband. One morning when I happened to smile at the lady next door I felt as if I had touched an iceberg or an Arctic breeze had blown past."

Why this coolness, unwelcoming spirit of society? The answer is merely superficial froth and foam of conventionality.

Probably a noble, kindhearted lady on account of ill health failed to call on a new-comer for a week after her arrival in the city and the community jotted it down as a law of etiquette.

That English form of hand-shaking was originated by a noble Englishman who had a boil under his arm and for fear of hurting it he raised his hand above his head and extended merely the tips of his fingers. This too went down in the law book of society as the only way to shake hands. It certainly is the coldest way and therefore


is a typical example of conventionality. All conventionalities originated in some such ludicrous manner and because we nourish and foster them our national good sense and our American good taste is misrepresented.

There is a vast difference between genuine, easy, natural manners and merely, transient superficial formalities, generally characterized as some type of etiquette whose death knell only serves to introduce another one equally offensive to really sensible people. But manners when conscious become artificial and therefore become conventionalities.

Let us get out of this chasm into which we have so pitiously fallen, let us break away from those formalities which society forces upon us and which keeps us constantly in fear of being criticized. Let us assert ourselves and throw off that cloak of conventionality, become old fashioned as they call it to-day, and give the world our true selves not bridled with the bit of conventionality nor checked by the whims and fancies of society. Let us be easy, natural, and as it were, childlike in all our actions seasoning them with good common sense of simplicity so that all associates shall be compelled to admit the genuineness of our every purpose, intent and motive.

## The Joy of Life

(Earl Brobst, '17.)

N the dim light of a tallow candle the miser sat counting his gold. Before him on the bare table lay the heap of glittering coins. What a joy to feel them, to touch them, those shining coins, as he arranged them in tiers! They were all of them his, and the joy that came,

the touch, the feel of them, was his alone. And in his thin, hunger-pinched face was reflected his happiness—the joy of selfish satisfaction.

One night, almost nineteen hundred years ago, in the garden of Gethsemane a man knelt and prayed and struggled that he be not required to make



the great sacrifice. And then, as he surrendered, as he gave over his own will, there came for him a great peace and calm. And in his face was reflected his happiness—the joy of noble sacrifice.

There is for each of us—joy of life. Some of us find it in the pleasure of the moment, the shallow, fleeting, selfish satisfaction of our desires. We chase this will-o'-the-wisp and try to create genuine happiness from hollow imitations. Then, for some of us it is the feel of those dollars, or perhaps we sit and dream of the time to come when we shall have accumulated great wealth, and the power we shall hold in the strength of our wealth. Or it may be that we dream and work toward great fame, when for us shall ring the applause of the world. All of it is pleasure. It is, in greater or less degree,—the joy of life.

But, in the end, is wealth and power and fame, with their passing pleasure, is all this the fullest measure of happiness? Is it the sort of happiness that filled the Savior when He said "Not My will but Thine be done?" Somehow, when we place them, the one beside the other, all this joy of wealth and power falls short. When we test it, it weighs light.

As Van Dyke speaks of simplicity let us think of happiness, for this happiness that outweighs our selfish pleasure is, after all, but simplicity of soul. It becomes for us a certain openness of mind to learn the daily lessons of life; a certain willingness of the heart to give and receive that extra service, that gift beyond the strict measure of debt which makes friendship possible; a certain clearness of spirit to perceive the best in things and people, to love it without fear and to cleave to it without mistrust; a kind sincerity of speech and action—these

are the marks of a simple life—a happy life—which is within.

Then, too, there is joy in work. Work to the average man means hard, anxious toil with disappointment in the end, and yet it should be for us our own individual part in the progress of the world. It has been said that the world's greatest tragedy is the belief of men that one's own part is too small, too insignificant to be of any worth. Whether he be farmer or miner or fisherman—those who turn the products of nature to the needs of man; or whether he be physician or preacher or teacher—those who keep men physically, mentally and morally fit for the work of their lives—each has his own part to fill in the great world's work, and in the conscientious performance of his duty to society there comes the deep realization of the joy of life.

Yet, still deeper and greater of all, the joy of self-forgetful service to others. Through it we bring ourselves to that true contentment which comes through sacrifice, to that nobility of character and purpose—most full and lasting of the joys of life. And with this, too, much time for books talk, for being made more kind and sympathetic through them and having that kindness and sympathy tell in our lives. Upon reflection we find that kindness and sympathy tell in our lives. Upon reflection we find that our most happy moments day by day are those when we are conscious that we have grown in manhood or womanhood through the companionship of good books and conversation with wise friends.

For life, after all, is a thing of human contacts and in the self-centered life there is something lacking, something which fails to satisfy. And fame and wealth at the expense of that which



brings the clearest and fullest happiness may cost too much and pay too little.

A youth stood with uplifted arms and faced the rising sun,

"O God," he prayed, with earnest eyes, "ere my short day be done,

O God of power, grant me power! O God of strength, grant me strength

To forge my way to fame, to claim a conqueror's crown at length.

Till when death's shadow creeps a-near, my name may show on high

Peerless amid earth's mightiest—then could I gayly die!"

A man, still strong but tamed by care, by tempering sorrow tried,

Knelt, ere he slept, in humbleness, a spirit purified.

"Grant, God of Love," he murmured low, "grant me the power of love,

The power to lighten tired hearts, the power cold hearts to move,

The sense compassionate, and ere my working soul takes flight,

Let me forget myself, to wake sun—startled by Thy light."

So may we when the evening comes, hold in our hearts the forgetfulness of self and the remembrance of the quick and firm response to every impulse of friendliness to those about us. And in our hearts to hold the song we have carried with us through the day. Thus may we come to feel in greatest measure the gentle, lasting joy of life.

## Positive Living

(A. C. Siddall, '19.)



WHEN the civilized world was ignorant of science when the soil was tilled in a very crude manner and before the dawn of any modern ideas, the Greeks, the cultured race of the time, discovered a peculiar rock formation which was then called "magic stone." Not odd in its physical appearance but mystical and phenomenal in its behavior for it would attract pieces of iron and hold them tenaciously by some invisible force. Not until the discovery and understanding of the laws of magnetism about 1500 A. D. were the properties of this rock explained and today we know it as common loadstone.

As it was with loadstone so it has been with human nature. There are some personalities which attract and draw people, but at first men could not explain why. Even today man knows more about everything else than he does himself. When the thinking world began to see successful men arise from the most adverse environ-

ments and others fail in the midst of opportunities the question naturally arose, why is this. So it was that serious consideration was slowly given to the study of the unseen force within the individual which vitally controls destiny.

Now, psychologists agree that the mind controls matter. In fact we read in the Bible, "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he." Therefore the propelling power in each life is to be found in the realm of the mental and spiritual, and an analysis of this sphere of a man's psychic being reveals the true explanation of the thing which in the past has been beyond the grasp of human understanding. It is now a recognized fact that every individual as he enters this world is endowed with inestimable possibilities and antithetical to these everyone possesses qualities which are commonly termed the attributes of the lower self. Thus man is indued with such a dual nature, the qualities which are desirable may



be considered as positive while those degrading are negative. A close research into the lives found in the world's laboratory discloses to the investigator the reality that the natural inertia of the human soul is downward, that the trend of the masses as to live negatively. It requires no initiative, no courage, no effort to drift therefore the majority are ever ready to follow the very few who through sacrifice and determination dared to strive and achieve. Not all so-called followers could be considered failures in this life but natural inquisitiveness would seek to determine the cause for such gradation in the degree of success as attained by mankind in general.

In view of the truth that negative and positive qualities are both present in embryo in every human being then it follows that the ascendancy of either of these characteristics determines the degree of success attainable. Almighty God has given each one incalculable possessions but destiny is created and mastered by the man himself. The old philosophy that environment was the controlling power, that circumstances were a deciding factor, is breaking down. For when a man once seriously says, "I will," there are no conditions which can prevent him, there are no difficulties so large as to discourage him because he sees not the obstacle but his goal. In fact this man has begun to develop those pleasing and progressive qualities which make and strengthen personality. He has started up in life, not because of his surroundings but, because of an ideal and here lies the secret for developing positive qualities. A high and legitimate aim will revolutionize any life; it will convert failures and followers into success and leaders, for, by the law of substitution as thrift, perseverance and purpose en-

ter, then extravagance, indcision and irresolution must disappear. Yet many men who have held aims lived disappointing lives because their goal was low and selfish. The ideal of Captain Webb was to swim the Niagara whirlpool and he perished in the useless attempt. Those who have riches as an ideal are dissatisfied when they have acquired them.

But if the setting of high aims nourishes these winning qualities, then what is the stimulus and where is the fountain head which actuates a man to so make the first resolve? Psychology reveals that the human mind is divided into two parts, the subjective mind and the objective mind. The objective is the seat of judgment, logical thinking while in the subjective is found love, religion and other emotions. Since the subjective mind gets suggestions from the objective and is amendable to control by it, then the importance of correct thinking can be appreciated. Scientists have found that anger, jealousy or hatred secrete a poison in the system which takes several hours to eliminate. If one receives bad news the appetite is gone. The subjective mind has taken control of the functions. So every thought that is transmitted from the objective to the subjective is constantly tearing down or building up our body, nerve and mind. So it follows if we think right we will act right. If a man thinks optimistically he will be an optimist no matter what happens. He will exhibit a conquering spirit which will inevitably win.

In the life of Dwight L. Moody this invincible, undaunting personality is exemplified. When a mere boy his father died and his mother was left to rear a family on the rugged hills of Massachusetts. Dwight received practically no education but about seven-



teen years of age he went to Boston to work for his uncle. While there he was converted and his burning ambition to save souls made his life decidedly positive and the most discouraging circumstances did not change him, for he lived for a definite purpose. Suppose this same character had never had dreams and visions of the broader life then those forceful qualities would never have been developed and the life of Dwight Moody would have been as barren and uneventful as those of the great masses who are satisfied with negative thoughts.

Even nature itself is striving to live positively. Notice the plant as it develops beneath the surface, it may

come in contact with a stone. But does it give up hope and discontinue to grow just because something is in the way. No, it surmounts the difficulty and makes it a support for later life. So every individual can make the obstacles stepping stones instead of blockades. This principle of perseverance changed Webster the farmer into Webster the orator.

Such a forceful character and coveted personality is in reach of all, but time is required to consummate its development. So if you would be successful, if you would do what men say cannot be done, then think positively, act positively and you are bound to live positively. ..

## Humanity's One Sin

Grace Moog, '17.

**A**T some moment in every individual's life, there has arisen the still unsolved mystery of the why of our existence. No one can tell us why the world is, or why we exist in the world although many theories have been advanced in this direction. But we do know there is a great Being, a great ruler, a God back of this universe to whom we belong, His creation. Certainly there must be some reason for His creation and He must have some definite plan with regard to us. Some think about it for a time and then stop thinking, get into a "rub" and accept things as they are with a I-don't-care-what-happens attitude. They become matter of fact and forget there is one great law governing their happiness.

Happiness? Yes! That is the one thing we crave and most of us find that the easiest way to obtain it is "to forget and just be happy" as we so often say. But we never really for-

get things that are a part of us. So moments of doubt and distrust creep in and we feel that nothing is worth while. Then we wonder why we are so miserable? We compare ourselves with others and it disturbs us to find they appear happy. Yes! They are lucky! Fate has always smiled on them and only frowned upon us. But is there such a thing as luck? Does fate govern us? No! We have reason and we have a conscience! We have power of choice, and we must not depend upon chance. That which is unforeseen will be found in our path and surprises lie in wait but life is not a lottery. We are not here by chance and we are not ruled by chance for we have the power to do with our lives what we will. But we overlook this fact and instead of seeking the causes of our unhappiness we just pity ourselves and brood over it getting still more unhappy. If we would analyze our feelings we would find our misery



due to just one thing. Selfishness!

Did you ever stand on the street corner of a big city and watch the people as they hurry past? It is very interesting! Young girls, some bright, cheerful, hopeful, happy; others their faces drawn into hard lines tired of their own lives and entirely uninterested in the life that is glowing about them. An aged woman comes along and drops a bundle. Who is it that picks it up and hands it to her with a smile? A young girl accidentally bumps into another. In answer to her "Oh please excuse me," from what kind of a character comes the "Certainly" accompanied with a smile? From what kind of a character comes the "Why don't you look, where you are going?" Which girl is the happier, the unselfish or the selfish one? This is only one incident out of many all about us every day. We never find happiness in looking for our own, but in looking out for the happiness of others.

Selfishness is the root of all the evil and misery of our race. Humanity has always suffered and will continue to suffer as long as the gratification of selfish desires rules men. No one is happy in sin. Physicians even tell us that every physical as well as mental suffering is due to the lust in the mode of living of the generations in the past. Browning says, "man seeks his own good at the whole world's cost:" It is true. We have minds with which to plan our lives. We know it and simply help ourselves. Many times we are simply unconscious of our surroundings. We forget there are people about us looking for happiness as well as we, and that a little consideration on our part may greatly aid them. We simply do not pay any attention, and another day we are surprised at the cool indifference shown

us by these same people. We are then, sad, lonely and unhappy just because we selfishly overlooked our duty of thoughtfulness and consideration of those about us. How easily all of this sorrow could have been avoided. Just a kind word or two on our part, at the right time, would have repaid us un-  
fold. Why is it we crave companionship and yet treat it so indifferently at times?

It is found very early in human history that "It is not good that man should be alone." We are not able to fill out our lives and give them ample proportions unless we take from others and give to them, in a sharing of the goods and the good. Thoughtfulness, consideration of others or unselfishness on our part will awaken a respond spirit from those about us. Good thoughts and actions can never produce bad results; bad thoughts and actions can never produce good results. Loving and unselfish thoughts crystalize into habits of self-forgetfulness for others which solidify into circumstances of sure and abiding prosperity and true riches.

Are you unhappy? Are you disappointed with yourself? Are you disappointed with those about you? Then with Clara Laughlin's, Mary Alice "just remember—and you've no idea how it helps until you've tried—that everybody about you feels the same, everybody's lonesome." That is the secret of a happy life.

"And if in thee more truly than in others,  
Hath dwelt love's charity—if by thine aid  
Others have passed above thee and if thou  
Though victor, yielddest victory to thy  
brothers,  
The conquering conquered, and a vassal  
made,—  
Then take thy crown, well mayst thou wear  
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—Samuel Waddington.



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## THE MISSING LINK.

There has been an abnormal discontent existing among the entire student body throughout this school year. To say the least it is very unpleasant and undesirable, and it undoubtedly it bespeaks a lack of sympathetic co-operation between the present administration and students.

There are generally two sides to every question, and generally more than one point of view to be taken into consideration. One party in the disagreement may say, "I have looked at this question from every angle and have thoroughly reasoned it out to my complete satisfaction. Therefore, if you agree with me you are right, if you disagree with my view point you are wrong." Such an attitude never offers a satisfactory solution to any problem. It does not harmonize with the American idea of democracy, since any form of government to long endure must rest upon the consent of the governed.

We do not propose to enumerate the various causes of discontent since already too much has been said on this subject. However, in general, the students feel that the faculty has been too arbitrary by imposing so many petty restrictions upon them; while the faculty feels that the students have become to lax along certain lines. Now, who has been at fault?

The greater part of the present condition is largely due to a missing link. In other words the faculty and students have failed to connect. There ought to be a common ground on which students and faculty could meet and discuss their common interests. We would suggest the Initiative and Referendum method of government in regards to legislative affairs of the student body. There has been too much mud slinging, too much knocking. We must get together. The missing link could be supplied if the faculty would place more confidence in the students, thus giving them a chance to prove worthy or unworthy.



**THE DULL SEASON.**

Did you ever happen to think what a dull season of the year this is? It isn't time yet for spring fever, the merry winter holidays are over, nothing is said of vacations and outings, there is no Fourth of July or Thanksgiving to look forward to and everything looks dreary outside. Of course when it gets real cold we can talk about the weather, but always there is the weather to contend with, and most of the time it isn't real cold, just common and sloppy. It is a splendid time to catch the grippe or worse yet, the blues. Instead of that though let's make something real fine out of these uneventful weeks. Why not read some of the books and stories we have been hearing so much about? We might take a little time to get better acquainted with our friends, too. Then there is that long list of letters which everyone owes most of the time. We ought to be glad for a little lull occasionally in this eternal rush and tear.

**TOO MANY BUNCHES.**

Yesterday the Sophomores had a class meeting in order to prepare for the coming Sophomore-Senior banquet. During the meeting, the president urged that the fellows get dates and that the girls should not be choicy. It seems to me that the president struck the nail on the head when he said,

"Don't be too choicy." For some reason or other it seems that this democratic school of Otterbein is getting to be entirely too undemocratic. There is too much division and too many so-called "bunches." Of course there are many people with whom it seems very hard to get acquainted but did you ever stop to think it might be yourself? And perhaps if you could get acquainted very easily with a person, you say you don't care for their style. But all of us have met many charming people whom at first we thought uninteresting. So let us bear this in mind; "Don't be too choicy" and in this way break away from this detestable cliquing.

**VALENTINE DAY.**

This is a day that older folks are supposed to forget but that children never did. Valentine Day which is wholly a day of sentiment is one of the red-letter days of the year. Who does not remember Valentine Day when he was little? On that day perhaps there was a valentine box at school. Then it was easy to tell who was the beau and belle of the room. Then each child was all a-quiver till he knew if some certain person had put a valentine in the box for him. Then the mischief-maker had his chance to send his ugly valentines. Oh, that day was one of the nicest in the year, not the noisest or best, but just the nicest.



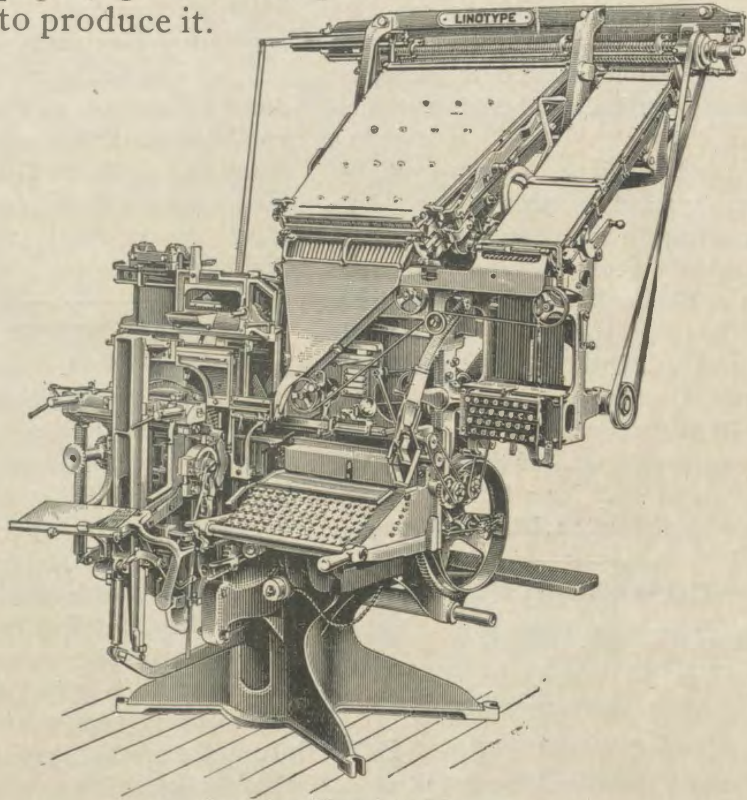




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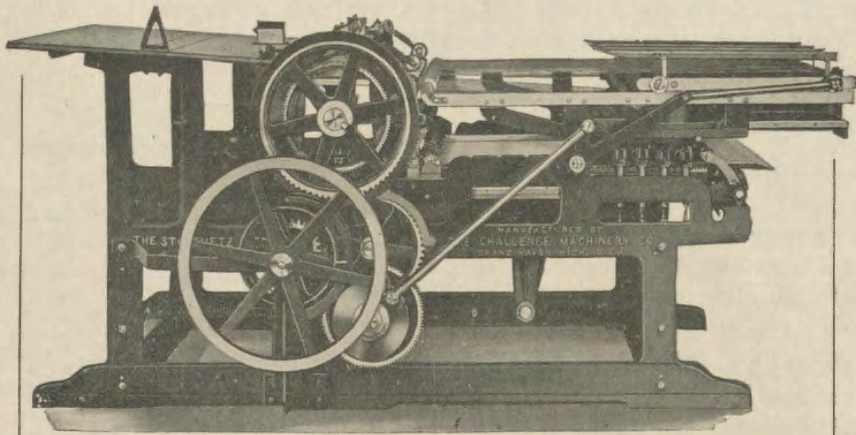
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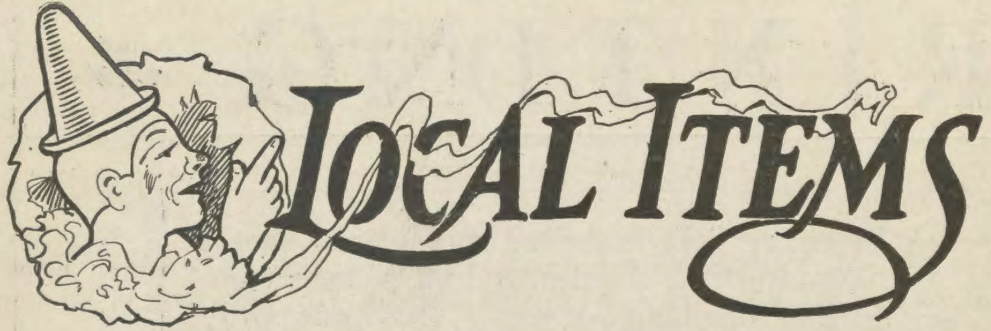
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The Second Annual O. U. Hambone Minstrel Show was staged Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, before a large audience. The program was well arranged and the darkies kept the audience in an uproar the whole evening. Financially, the Minstrel Show netted the Athletic Association about fifty-five dollars.

The local Intercollegiate Prohibition Association has been reorganized. The following officers were recently elected: President, R. M. Bradfield, '17; vice president, A. P. Peden, '19; secretary, J. C. Siddall, '19; treasurer, L. S. Hert, '20; and reporter, L. B. Mignery, '17. Plans are being made to enlist every Otterbein student in the work.

The fourth number of the Citizens' Lecture Course was given Thursday evening, Jan. 18, by the Panama Singers. The organization is made up of four talented musicians. They gave a varied and interesting program.

#### Patriotic.

"Our father spilled upon the ice  
Because he couldn't stand;  
He saw the glorious stars and stripes  
We saw our father-land."

Westerville is now in the midst of a Church Efficiency Campaign. Dr. A. F. M. McGarrah of Chicago was here from Jan. 19 to Jan. 22 and put

everything in readiness for the campaign. The churches are being studied in a systematic manner and it is thought that much good will be derived from the campaign.

Philophronea's second open session occurred Friday evening, Jan. 19. A very excellent program was rendered before a well filled house.

Walter Jones of Boston, a writer of note, has been visiting with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Jones, for the past few weeks.

The Science Club met Monday evening, Jan. 22, in Prof. Schear's recitation room. Ruth Fries read a paper on "The Production of Silk." Omer Frank spoke on "Glimpses of Australia." The following officers were installed: President, R. P. Ernsberger; vice president, Meryl Black; secretary, R. M. Bradfield and treasurer, Alice Hall.

The Annual Russell Declamation Contest was held in the Chapel Tuesday evening, Jan. 23. Miss Freda Frazier won the first prize by her excellent interpretation of Scheil's "Revelations in Housekeeping." To Miss Grace Barr fell the second prize. Miss Barr read "Bobby Shafts." The story of "The Cyclopeedy" brought the third prize to Ira Mayne.



The mid-term examinations were given from Thursday, Jan. 25 to Tuesday, Jan 30, inclusive. It is reported that every one has fully recovered. President Clippinger has announced that all those whose grades are below a certain standard will be carried on the "Hospital List" for the remainder of the year. If at the end of this time the grades are still below the average the student will be asked to leave schobl.

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 Prof. McCloy—"How does the moon effect the tide?"

The Quiet Observer—"It doesn't! It affects the untide."

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 John Garver was called home Sunday, Jan. 28, on account of the serious illness of his father. Mr. Garver, who is a trustee and a loyal Otterbein supporter, recently underwent an operation, and is getting along very nicely.

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 Friends of Philomatheia, who attended the Open Session of Feb. 2, report a splendid program. A large number of friends and old members were present and greatly enjoyed the session.

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 Another of the excellent recitals of the Department of Music was given Tuesday evening, Jan. 30. The numbers were all well rendered and greatly enjoyed by a crowded house.

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 Mr. O. H. Frank has accepted a position as teacher of Chemistry in Massilon High School. Mr. Frank will return in June to receive his degree with the present Senior Class. Another Senior, Miss Marion Elliott, has accepted a position as teacher in the schools at Spring Vallley, Ohio.

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 The second Freshmen Push was held in the Association parlors Wed-

nesday evening, Feb. 7. Approximately fifty freshmen, chaperoned by "Mother" Resler were present. The evening was greatly enjoyed, the only regret being that ten o'clock came too soon.

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 Harold Geiger was called home Thursday Feb. 8, on account of the death of his brother-in-law.

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 Saturday, Feb. 10, was Otterbein Day for Columbus. On that day the Sibyl pictures were taken at Baker's Art Gallery. That was the prime purpose, but incidentally a few students took in the shows.

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**Advice to Freshmen!**

Don't think that when a girl looks at you she's got a case on you, for we have noticed that many people will spend considerable time in menageries viewing the apes.—Exchange.

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 The subject for Inter-Collegiate Debate this year is "Resolved, That the United States Government should own and operate a merchant marine for our foreign trade, constitutionality conceded." The Negative team, composed of Captain A. W. Neally, R. M. Bradford, F. O. Razor and S. P. Weaver won an easy victory over Wittenberg in the College Chapel, Wednesday evening, Feb. 14. The same evening the Affirmative Team lost to Muskingum at New Concord. The Affirmative Team is composed of Captain V. L. Phillip, J. P. Hendrix, J. O. Todd and K. L. Arnold.

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**Y. M. C. A.**

L. B. Mignery, '17, led the meeting of Jan. 11, and spoke on the subject, "The Quiet Hour." "A lazy man never prays because the man who really prays must think."



The speaker at the meeting of Jan. 18, was Rev. Drake, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Napoleon, Ohio. His subject was, "The Indelible Ink of Sin." "Let each of you lead pure, clean upright lives, lives without reproach, so that in future years you will not need to fear that some passing wind will blow the leaves back and there reveal, indelible ink."

The Mission Study Rally was held the evening of Jan. 25. Doctor Jones addressed the members on the subject, "Missions." After the talk a goodly number of men signed up for mission study classes.

"An Inventory of Spiritual Stock" was the subject of a very interesting talk by President E. R. Turner, '17, at the meeting of Feb. 1. "Each of us has spiritual powers stored up within us. Let your life be such that you will constantly be adding good to your spiritual store-house."

The meeting of Feb. 8, is one that will be remembered for some time to come by all who were present. After the devotional exercises, a quartet composed of Messrs. Kelsner, Huber, Ward and Garver sang several selections. Prof. C. A. Fritz then read "The Lost Word" by Henry Van Dyke. Captain Sechrist then gave a good basketball pep speech. This was followed by some good yelling, led by Stanton Wood, in which all participated. The meeting was then adjourned to the Association Parlors where a light lunch was served by the Social Committee.

#### Y. M. C. A.

"Some facts about Y. M. C. A." was the subject Dec. 7. The leader, Rev. Burtner, made a plea for the students

to uphold the association standards. "This association stands for a very practical religion, the kind that helps a man during the week."

Rev. Schatzman of the Methodist Church spoke on the subject, "Science and Religion" at the meeting of Dec. 14. "Science does not contradict religion, it only strengthens it."

The New Year's Meeting, Jan. 4, was led by A. H. Sholty who spoke on the subject, "What is your Goal?" "Do not live in a hurry, with no time for silent thought, but give your better self a chance to come to its own."

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

"On the Watch" was the subject of a very interesting meeting led by Alice Hall, December 2.

Alta Nelson arranged our Christmas program. It was entirely musical and was quite original and entertaining.

The subject of "False Values" seemed a fitting one for the first meeting of the new year. Jessie Weir, who was the leader, made the meeting one of great inspiration.

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

Audrey Nelson was leader of a very helpful meeting January 23, having as her subject "Self-Forgetfulness."

January 30, Mr. Reibel, a well-known leader of the Student Volunteer Movement addressed the Y. W. C. A. His talk was full of interest and appeal. Lois Neibel was the leader.

Is there such a thing as "Pep" in religious activities? In a very splendid meeting, Helen Ensor convinced us that there is as well as in secular life.

"Heart Throbs" was the subject which Ethel Hill discussed. The meeting was one of interest and inspiration.



**COCHRAN HALL.**

Life at Cochran Hall surely is one—"awful" thing after the other! The first shock to our system was the raise in board—I mean the price. Now if it isn't the gas its the water—or rather the lack of it—that is bothering us. But we believe in patience and long suffering. "They also serve who only stand and wait."

Leah Jean Van Gundia and Lois Bicklehaupt were forced to leave school on account of ill health. We are sorry to see them go as quite a few girls from the Hall left this semester. However we are glad to welcome the new girls. Virginia Burtner and Elizabeth McCabe belong to our ranks,

now.

Miss Margaret Hall of Dayton was Ruth Frie's guest over the week-end. In her honor Betty and Jo gave a push in their room Friday night, and Sunday everal of their men friends were invited in to form a little dinner party. Miss Hall came especially to see the Antioch game Saturday night.

Quite a few of the girls went to the city to see and hear the operas that were given down there last week.

Did you know that Mr. Harris is now janitor of Cochran Hall? Well he is. If he continues to acquire such important positions he'll soon be president of the institution.



**Cincinnati 33—Otterbein 37.**

Jan. 20.—Otterbein encountered all they had expected when the much proclaimed down-staters journeyed northward to do battle with our warriors. The Cincinnati boys were told by their coach previous to the game that the world was theirs if they won. But happily enough that world did no change hands.

Turner went at his best. He ran the floor with deadly effect and still managed to hold his man to a few points. Fox led in scoring. This tall lad is showing us some fine timber. We shall bank on him next year. Captain Sechrist displayed his old style of basketball. Although George garnered but five buckets he was there all the

time working to his utmost. Justice excelled for Cincinnati.

**Otterbein 37**

Sechrist	L. F.	Brown
Peden	R. F.	Justice (c)
Fox	C.	Hachen
T. Brown	L. G.	Geenburg
Turner	R. G.	Patterson

**Cincinnati 33**

Goal—Fox 7, Sechrist 5, Peden 3, Brown 3, Justice 6, Hachen 2, Patterson 2, Miller. Fouls—Fox 5, Justice 6, Hachen 1. Time of halves—20 minutes. Referee—Hamilton, Notre Dame.

**Otterbein 33—Capital 23.**

Westerville, Jan. 27.—Our first meeting with an old foe, Capital, proved one of the hardest fought games ever witnessed by local fans. Otterbein walked all over the visitors in a sweetly revengful manner. Last year



our boys carried away the small end of the score after a bitter struggle. But the tables were turned this time by decisive victory.

The contest was rough. Personal fouls were numerous. "Red" Miller committed a sufficient number of them to be ruled from the floor. Barring his roughness, "Red" had been playing a sterling game up to that juncture. Capt. Sechrist was high man in scoring. George tore at high speed every minute, and grew stronger all the time. The Capital crew excelled in pass work but were woefully weak at hitting the basket. Ricket and Baumgartner displayed some great ability. The former's eye at foul shooting was exceptionally keen. His skill at that particular stunt chased our team harder than Capital's field scoring. Although Fox for Otterbein did not register a great number of his attempts at goal, his work otherwise was admirable. Peden unloosed an unusual amount of flash. He covered the floor in a very classy manner. Turner fought like fury every second, but this is nothing new for him. Brown was not in the game long enough to get mixed up extensively, but we are very sure that he would have put up his customary scrap.

**Otterbein 33**

Sechrist L. F.  
Peden R. F.

Miller, Fox C.  
Fox, Brown L. C.  
Turner R. G.

Goals—Sechrist 7, Fox 4, Peden, Miller, Bernlohr 2 Baumgartner, Kattner, Rickert. Fouls—Rickert 13, Fox 7. Referee—Sanders.

**Freshmen Girls 1—Sophomore Girls 0.**

When it comes to class spirit you can count on the girls being there as well as the boys. The flashy battle put up

by the "Fair" of the lower classes, preliminary to the Capital bout, was surely great. Both teams were evenly matched so that "stars" were hard to pick out. Several good chances to drop in counters were missed by both teams. Pass work, however was exceedingly clever. Captain Foor of the Freshmen glided gracefully here and there, always appearing at right place at the right time. Miss Keller amused the spectators by frequent feats of an acrobatic nature, yet her play was consistent. Miss Howard and Miss Tintman at guard held the Sophomore forwards scoreless, which fact bespeaks their ability. Captain Wilhelm, Miss Wardell and Miss Siddall were mainstays for the class of '19.

Miss Keller of the Freshman contingent scored the lone point of the game.

**Capital 32—Otterbein 27.**

Columbus, Feb. 2.—This was Capital's revenge. Though wresting defeat from our hands, it was only by a supreme struggle. Both teams had improved during a week's intermission and were primed for a royal time. The first half ended 18 to 8 against Otterbein. The second frame was the thriller. Captain Sechrist's artists came back full of pep and immediately drove the heat of the battle into hostile territory. George unloosed some pretty shots that certainly were sensational. Fox and Miller too contributed heavily toward their opponent's worry. Bernlohr glittered like a whole constellation for the Capital quintet. He is totally responsible for the victory, Rickert, too was strong.

**Otterbein 27**

Sechrist (c) L. F.  
Peden R. F.  
Fox C.  
Brown L. G.  
Turner R. G.

**Capital 32**

Mueller  
Bernlohr  
Baumgartner  
Winterhoff  
Rickert (c)



Goals—Sechrist 6, Fox 2, Miller 2, Peden, Bernlohr 7, Winterhoff 3, Rickert 3, Mueller 2. Fouls—Fox 5, Rickert 2. Referee—McClure, O. S. U.

**Kenyon 44—Otterbein 30.**

Gambier, Feb. 3.—Had our team been able to put up the same brand of play in the first half as in the second frame, the above score might read quite differently. The strange floor as is so often the case kept our men at sea for twenty minutes. The first half ended with the count against us 24-12. In the final period the Kenyon tossers registered but two points more than the Tan and Cardinal squad. The contest was characterized by much "bowling." The football instinct was to an uninteresting degree. White and Bauer starred for the Kenyon team. Captain Sechrist and Fox at forward worked well together. The remainder of the team put forth their usual brand of play. Captain Sechrist was high man again. Several of his baskets were thrillers, being one hand casts from difficult angles.

<b>Kenyon 44</b>		<b>Otterbein 30</b>	
White	L. F.		Sechrist
Sanborn, Abbot	R. F.		Fox
Bauer	C.		Miller
Zeman	L. G.		Brown
Love	R. G.	Turner, Ream	

Field Goals—Bauer 8, White 6, Love 3, Sanborn 2, Abbot, Sechrist 7, Fox 6. Fouls—Zeman 4, Fox 4. Time of halves—20 minutes. Referee—Thiele, Denison.

**Heidelberg 42—Otterbein 21.**

Saturday evening, Feb. 10, saw our varsity go down to defeat before our old rival Heidelberg. Although filled with sensational shots, the game was not exceptionally interesting. Heidelberg's team is a bear and to fall in defeat before it is no disgrace. After the close score to which we held them on their own floor, one would have expected a very close game. However

our boys were not able to pull together, largely because of the poor physical conditions of several of the players.

D'Arcy of Heidelberg scored the first points of the game by a field goal. Sechrist soon followed by a two point ringer for Otterbein. Heidelberg by a spurt gained a lead which our team was unable to overtake at any time throughout the game. The final whistle blew with the score 42 to 21 in Heidelberg's favor.

Sayger and D'Arcy were the main stay of Heidelberg's aggregation. Their floor work and scoring ability is exceptional. Turner played by far the best game for Otterbein. Many times through the game he brought the ball up the floor unaided and once threw a pretty field goal from the middle of the floor.

<b>Heidelberg 42</b>		<b>Otterbein 21</b>	
D'Arcy	L. F.		Sechrist (c)
Vosberg	R. F.		Fox
Kellev (c)	C.		Miller
Sayger	L. G.		Turner
Mohr	R. G.		Peden

**Music and Art 6—Sophomores 4.**

The second game of the girls inter-class series was played Saturday evening, Feb. 10, preliminary to the varsity game. The Music and Art girls carried the Sophomore feminine quintet to defeat in an interesting and evenly matched contest. In the first half the Sophomores took the lead, the half ending with the score 4 to 2 in favor of the "Sophs." In the second half the musicians and artists fared better and succeeded in caging two fouls and a field goal while the Sophomores were unable to do any further scoring. The game ended with the score standing 6 to 4 in favor of the Music and Art girls. Miss Rayot and Miss Wilhelm played the "leading roles" for the Sophomores while Miss Miles and Mrs. Siddal were the strong



contenders for the winners.

**Music and Art 6**

Miles

L. F.

**Sophomores 4**

Rayot

Mary Siddal (c) R. F.

Holmes C.

Clow L. G.

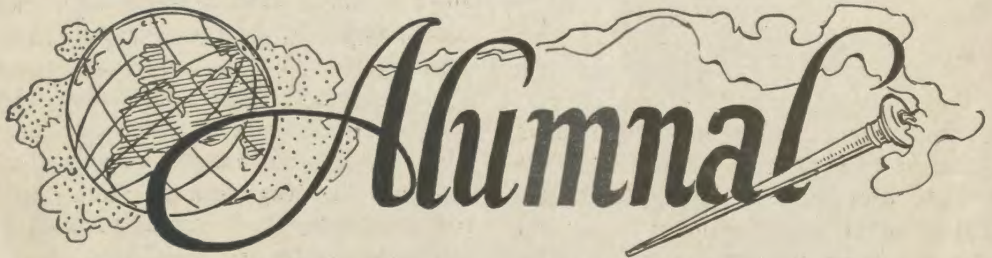
McDermott R. G.

Wilhelm (c)

Wardell

Marie Siddal

Shaffer



'05

H. M. Williams has been appointed as chief chemist at the N. C. R., Dayton, taking the place of F. A. Clements, '96. Mr. Williams is in charge of five departments.

'95

Mrs. Daisy Custer Shoemaker of Pittsburgh, Pa., is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary S. Custer here.

'72

A. B. Henderson of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, was called to Columbus, Tuesday, Jan. 30, on account of the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Henderson. Mrs. Henderson celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary May 10, 1916.

'85-'92

Prof. and Mrs. F. A. Z. Kumler have gone to Florida to spend a month or two.

'79-'77

Dr. G. P. Macklin and Dr. S. W. Keister were in attendance at the January Bible Conference at the St. Petersburg Baptist Temple, St. Petersburg, Fla. Dr. Macklin spoke, and may be invited to address next year's conference.

'91

E. L. Weinland, of Columbus, re-

cently underwent an operation for appendicitis in Grant Hospital. Mr. Weinland is secretary of the Board of Trustees.

'05

Rev. E. J. Pace, well known cartoonist of the Telescope, Watchword, and at least two Sibyls, is running a series of cartoons in the Sunday School times illustrating the Sunday School lessons. Mr. Pace is attending the Theological School of Princeton University.

'98

Mrs. W. B. Gantz of Detroit, Mich., is visiting her mother and sister, Mrs. R. A. Barnes, and Miss Tirza L. Barnes, '85.

'15

Clara Garrison recently presented to the college one oil painting of the interior of the college library.

'13

R. H. Brane recently entertained fifty business men in the parlor of the United Brethren Church, and launched a movement looking toward the establishment of a buying club of two hundred members. Such an organization would be of great benefit to the trade and through them to the consumers.

'98

Senator E. G. Lloyd is responsible



for a law recently passed by the Ohio Legislature appropriating \$200,000 for the erection of a Coliseum on the State Fair Grounds. This makes possible the holding of the 1917 National Dairy Exhibit in Columbus.

'07

W. G. Snavelly has been given a position as teacher of mathematics in one of the high schools of New York City. Mr. Snavelly took a competitive examination about two years ago.

'14

Mr. Harry Richer and wife and Rev. B. F. Richer held evangelistic meetings at Flora, Indiana, for three weeks preceeding Christmas. They were very well received, and are exceptionally successful workers.

'13

Henry M. Croghan and wife are living in Camden, Ind. Henry is assistant cashier of the Farmers' State Bank.

## 1876-1916

By Prof. D. N. Howe.

Just forty years ago today,  
From college scenes we hied away,  
A class of likely girls and boys  
With bouyant hopes and youthful joys.  
We counted then just fifteen souls  
Who'd rounded out the college goals.  
The ladies numbered only two;  
The gentlemen the rest, 'tis true.

One thirty years of life had seen;  
The youngest scare nineteen, I ween.  
Since then our years have even run;  
Two score have come upon each one.  
Three in our class had taken wives,  
And soon the others changed their lives.  
Now one has ten good girls and boys;  
Another has nineteen such joys.

Our college days were scarcely past,  
When avocations chose us fast:  
One into business straightway went  
And four their time to teaching lent;

The doctor cured all human ill;  
The lawyer tried all wrong to still;  
The preachers wife and preachers seven  
Began to point the way to heaven.

Ambitions then, the foe to ease,  
Brought in new ways our hearts to please.  
So six to college teaching went  
And four as deans their powers lent.  
One's widowed now, the Bishop's wife;  
One's queen of home and joy of life.  
Now only two to preaching stand,  
While three have gone to tilling land.

We represented states just three,  
But now we're spread from sea to sea;  
And two have died along the way,  
And only five are here today.  
'Tis sad to part with friends so dear  
And lose the friendships once so near.  
Who next his head to death will bow?  
And who'll be here ten years from now?





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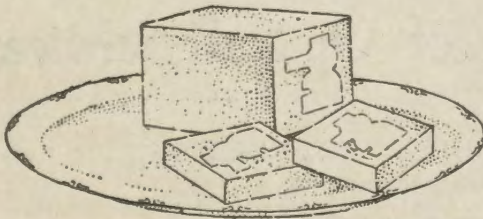
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