

Introduction to Dr. Garst's "History of Otterbein University"  
by Dr. T. J. Sanders:

"(Speaking of John, the Disciple) - - - impelled by the Spirit and exhorted by his disciples and contemporary bishops, before he went hence, to put in writing what he for so long had preached and taught. The result was the most influential book - - - .

"In like manner the author of this volume, Dr. Henry Garst, moved by the Spirit and urged by his friends, has set himself the task of making forever permanent the history of the first sixty years of Otterbein University. He is fitted as no other living person for the performance of this task. He is an eye-witness, covering the entire period, or a contemporary of eye-witnesses. Since 1853, as student, professor, preacher in co-operating territory, president, secretary and treasurer, college pastor, and as historian, he has been most closely identified with all its life and history. In all the fifty-four years he has given the college in every way unflinching loyalty and devotion, and in all the great crises he has thrown himself, with all his splendid powers, unreservedly into the breach.

"HE IS A RARE MAN, GREAT AND GOOD; A MAN OF MATURE JUDGMENT, EXTENSIVE RESEARCH, RIPE SCHOLARSHIP, LITERARY TASTE AND ABILITY AS A WRITER, AND, IMBUED WITH THE LOVE OF TRUTH, HE HAS PLACED ALL LOVERS OF HIGHER LEARNING, AND ESPECIALLY ALL FRIENDS OF OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY, UNDER LASTING OBLIGATION FOR THE WORK UNDERTAKEN AND COMPLETED IN THIS VOLUME."