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EDITORIAL.

We are late in going to press this month, due to the fact of changing our publishers. Under our present arrangements we expect the future numbers to appear at the regular time.

We are glad that we can promise our readers that the very excellent article "A Bicycle Tour in Europe," by Dr. L. E. Custer, which we published last year, will be continued beginning with the next issue, by F. H. Rike, class '88.

We would like to call attention to our subscribers that a number of subscriptions are due. Any one knowing themselves to be thus indebted will confer a favor upon our publishing company by sending in their subscriptions as early as possible to the Subscription Agent, R. E. Bower.

The Elocutionary Department under the supervision of Edwin D. Williams, of King's School of Oratory, Pittsburgh, Pa., is starting out with very good prospects. Some of the students have taken up the work, and others have made arrangements to do so, soon. Too much cannot be said of the importance of this line of work. Grace and ease should characterize every person who appears before the public, and every public speaker should possess a full, round, musical voice. All these can be accomplished through the study of this art. We would advise every student to avail himself of the privilege while he has the opportunity.

Many a student in his anxiety to grade well in his classes denies himself exercise and cuts short his hours of sleep for the sake of having more time on his studies. Not a few claim that they suffer no harm by such a practice; but they evidently have not yet learned how long accounts nature keeps. It is not too much to say that a student who does not take an average of seven or eight hours sleep nightly will pay for his neglect sooner or later with interest terrifically compounded. You can't afford to get good grades at such cost. Save your sleeping hours intact and suffer nothing to break in on them. If lessons are still unlearned at bedtime, let them go.

School opened September 6th under most auspicious circumstances. The great majority of old students have come home again to O. U. and a goodly number of novitiate have taken shelter beneath her fostering wings. We are now in the early dawn, as it were, of the school year. Away off in the distance stretches the days, weeks, the months of college life, each beginning to glow with the beauty and fragrance of dormant possibilities. Soon they will kindle
into realities or blacken into the "might have been." Let us work and watch and pray that hopes which are now blossoming into existence may develop into the fruits of wisdom and success. Eternal vigilance and effort is the price of any worthy prize. Let that be our motto and when the college bell calls us to recitation for the last time its chimes will be the prelude to a richer, fuller, nobler life.

To the ladies is due great credit for the interest they have shown in athletics. They are not only willing to appear at all games and contests, waiving handkerchiefs at every successful play on the side of the tan and cardinal, but they are willing to show their interest in the raising of funds for carrying on these contests. They have planned and are now making an Otterbein quilt, which is to be embroidered with the names of Otterbein students, alumni, and friends. The quilt is being made of cardinal and tan silk blocks, and when completed will be sold to the highest bidder. It is desired that as many as possible of the friends of Otterbein will have their names placed on this quilt in order that it may be thoroughly representative. All are urged either to hand or send their names, accompanied by from 25 cents to any larger sum that you may be willing to give, to Mrs. John A. Shanck, Westerville, O. You will in this way not only secure a place for your name on this beautiful Otterbein quilt but you will be giving your support to a worthy cause.

It is no reflection upon the ability or insight of the average new student, to say that very few men or women who enter our colleges really understand what an institution of collegiate grade proposes to accomplish for its foster children. They have had no chance to get an appreciation of college ideals. Most of them are impelled to seek education by that never-satisfied thirst for knowledge which "springs eternal" in the youthful breast. It is very good that that motive avails to bring so many within the reach of the charmed college influence. But it is a happy day for the student when first he sees the fundamental truth that knowledge is neither the final result nor the object of a college's work. He then begins to appreciate the real value of the mental training for which the curriculum is designed to furnish the most favorable opportunity. It is, as the Aegis has always maintained, a minor matter how many new items of fact a student acquires from day to day, but it is a matter of supreme concern whether or not each day's work contributes its share to the deepening, broadening, and strengthening of the soul. Not knowledge, but culture is the aim of true education,—a truism whose importance excuses its frequent repetition.

As we take up the work of another year, in the various phases of school life, we miss the earnest, faithful, and enthusiastic efforts of the class of '93. Most of them have found useful employment and they no doubt will make themselves felt wherever they are. Miss Bradrick is employed in the Columbian Exposition. A. C. Streich has very hopefully entered upon the year's work at Western College, Toledo, Iowa, as Professor of Ancient Languages. E. E. Lollar with his bride, née Flora Speer, has become a resident of the Centennial State where he is the superintendent of the Montrose Public Schools. Mr. Toomay enters Yale for a Theological course. W. H. Fouse has taken charge of the schools at Corrydon, Ind., where he will teach the "young idea how to shoot." W. W. Stoner is occupying the chair of Greek at York College, York, Neb., where Miss Miller is, also as his better half. F. J. Resler is trying his fortune in Southern California where he expects to enter business. E. E. Everitt is teaching near his home at Teheran, Ill. C. B. Brown has been very active during the summer in the politics of Northwestern Ohio. We have very favorable press comments of his convention work and we understand that he is a very promising candidate for State Senator on the Republican ticket. Miss Cooper is teaching music and has quite a large class, and Misses Irwin and Smith are taking much needed rest.
OTTERBEIN AEGIS.

The future of college athletics lies with the present generation of students. No wide-awake man can be deaf to a growing voice of public protest against the extensive attention now given to athletics in all our colleges. Of course the objections raised are against abuses of innocent and beneficial sports; but, as always, the objectors do not discriminate, and by reason of the abuses denounce the whole system. Candid college men will acknowledge that the abuses complained of are all too prevalent. Overstrain of muscles, excessive indulgence in violent exercise, neglect of class work, rowdism, and gambling have, in greater or less degree, sprung from the "athletic craze" in many places. Men who thoroughly appreciate what true athletics means to our schools, ought to compel faculties to prohibit entirely our choicest places. Men who are loyal sons.

The name of mother, formed by trembling lip,
That dreams not that it falls on mortal ear;
Of innocent and beneficial sports; but, as always,
That woke and stirred with sweet inducing power
And darkness, with its quiet awesome tread,
A voice that soothes his childhood's little pain,
Upon a tented field all white and gray,
That seems so loath to let it from it slip?
And kiss hath touched its course must trace.
Some nightly revellers who praised their cheer,—
His lips must speak, the tear its course must trace.
Some sleepy dreamer's yarns of days gone by,—
That wakes the memory of his childhood's love,—
The sentry's measured beat, the night bird's cry.
As if he watched the outposts of the dead.
He pances now before the cheerful blaze,
That manliness of boyhood's happy hour.
Its living embers catch his steady gaze.
What doth he see in them to make a tear
His lonely bivouac, whose fire aglow
Come coursing down his cheek, to let them hear
Lit up around the finely fitting snow,
The name of mother, formed by trembling lip,
A face he sees within the glowing coal.
That now rush in like waves with stormy foam:
That seems so loath to let it from it slip?
A face that calls to mind the sweets of home,
A face which last he heard at parting say,
The night was closing fast, the shadows lay
Within the blaze he sees his mother's face;
That wake the memory of his childhood's love,—
A face he hears for him in earnest prayer,
The only sounds which broke the wintry air,—
That wishes to the silent grave!
Some nightly revellers who praised their cheer,—
In the realm of trained muscles are compatible
As if he watched the outposts of the dead.
What doth he see in them to make a tear
With muffled tread,
What doth he see in them to make a tear
That wishes to the silent grave!
A voice which last he heard at parting say,
A voice that soothes his childhood's little pain,
"God lead my boy the right and manly way,"
Of many a sleeping soldier's head.
"O mother, plead no more! I've come to stay,
"What music hath the clash of arms for thee!
"Homesick and sad, from thee no more to stray.
"Come, let me see my dear old home again,
"My boy, hast thou returned to me to stay,—
"Stay, stay with me! My hair hath silvered fast
"That dreams not that it falls on mortal ear;
"O stay and bear them to the silent grave!
"Stay, stay with me! My hair hath silvered fast
"This coat of red, the home spun cloth
"But it is true! he sees his mother now,
"The cold wind's sigh brings back a sound again,—
"That manliness of boyhood's happy hour.
"I'll soon be home, my time hath nearly run,
"Of winter's wind as sobbing it moans by!
"But I would that it were true, not just the sigh
"Of winter's wind as sobbing it moans by!
But it is true! he sees his mother now,
And kiss hath touched her dreaming soldier's brow.

HE DREAMT OF HOME.

By John A. Howell.

Founded on fact.

The night was closing fast, the shadows lay
Upon a tented field all white and gray,
And darkness, with its quiet awesome tread,
Paid court to many a sleeping soldier's head.
The only sounds which broke the wintry air,—
Some nightly revellers who praised their cheer,—
Some sleepy dreamer's yarns of days gone by,—
The sentry's measured beat, the night bird's cry.
His lonely bivouac, whose fire aglow
Lit up around the finely fitting snow,
A stalwart soldier kept with muffled tread,
As if he watched the outposts of the dead.
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Come coursing down his cheek, to let them hear
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O would that it were true, not just the sigh
Of winter's wind as sobbing it moans by!
But it is true! he sees his mother now,
And kiss hath touched her dreaming soldier's brow.

"My boy, hast thou returned to me to stay,—
A second time thou wilt not go away?
Stay, stay with me! My hair hath silvered fast
Since you and I have seen each other last.
My trembling feet are lapped by death's cold wave,
O stay and bear them to the silent grave!
I'll soon be home, my time hath nearly run,
Life's day is on the wane, fast sinks its sun.
Come doff this coat of red, the home spun cloth
Of simple blue is far of greater worth;
What music hath the clash of arms for thee!
Set such aside, thy mother's warrior be."

"O mother, plead no more! I've come to stay,
Homesick and sad, from thee no more to stray.
Come, let me see my dear old home again,

Miss Isabella Seveir, of the Columbus Art School, has taken charge of the Art Department. The room formerly occupied by Prof. Zuck has been fitted up for this work. The room contains many charcoal and oil sketches from life and nature, that ought to inspire any one, having a love for the beautiful, with a desire to become proficient in this accomplishment. The work is starting off with very flattering prospects. A fair sized class is already at work and making commendable progress, and a number more are becoming interested.
All that I used to love, my mother, when  
A simple boy, I roamed the fields around,  
And made them all my happy hunting ground;  
I fain would see them all again, so come  
And show me round the long forgotten home.  
I've wandered far but ne'er have found a place  
So sweet as that where smiled thy loving face.—  
Ne'er found a spot that bid my heart rejoice  
As that which echoed with thy saintly voice.

"Sweet mother mine! I see the old arm-chair  
Still nestles in the chimney corner there;  
The quaint old grate still sheds its ruddy glow  
On thy white brow and sire's head of snow.  
The cuckoo clock makes music yet I hear;  
It rivals still the old clock on the stair;  
I love them both, I missed them when away,  
They've ticked some goodly hours in life's young day.  
The old well creaks the same, the bucket bears  
Its thirsty draught as once in by-gone years;  
I see again my own rough little stool!  
The dinner pail which bore its worth,  
To me it is the sweetest place on earth;  
I value home now that I have  
No foreign sod shall be my winding sheet.

"He dreamt of home," his brother soldiers said,—  
"His mother, boys,"—as each one passed the dead.  
Can love forget? Yes, when the eastern wave  
Sways not with beams that in it playful lave;  
When rocky bluffs, the valley's flinty spire,  
At eventide are bathed in living fire,  
And wake not in the closed, cold, human breast,  
The man, the soul, to all that's pure and best.

OPENING ADDRESS.

BY W. O. FRIES, FOSTORIA, OH.

I am not unconscious of the high honor conferred upon me in being invited to deliver an address on this occasion. My feeling is somewhat like that of the celebrated John B. Gough on a certain occasion when attending commencement exercises at a college. Concerning a portion of the literary exercises, he said: "I was exceedingly anxious to understand an address called a salutatory which was delivered in Latin. I knew not a word of Latin, but I felt that the gentleman who was speaking so fluently and gesticulating so earnestly was saying something worth hearing. I remembered the English was in part derived from the Latin, and I listened attentively for some minutes to catch a word I could understand, and directly it came. The speaker, looking me right in the face, with hands extended, and in an emphatic tone, exclaimed, 'Ignoramus!' I understood it thoroughly at once and I spoke right out in meeting like a Methodist and said, 'That's a fact.' I feel very much that way to-day, and that someone better qualified than myself should have been selected to address you. But I shall adjust myself to the task assumed and do the best I can. Out in Leadville some years ago the people were accustomed to putting arguments in the shape of bullets, and expressing their disapproval through the shot-gun. In a little chapel there was suspended, just above the head of the organist, this pathetic request, "Please don't shoot the organist, for she is doing the best she can." Will you kindly make the application at the present time?

I congratulate you, young men and young
ladies, for having come to an institution of learning.

Your purpose is worthy of the highest commendation, and all who respect good intentions and value good character will rejoice in your coming.

It is in school—in the college or the university, that the best instruction and the most thorough drill are secured for life’s duties. It is true that some who have been denied the college and university preparation have achieved wonderful things in the battle of life. They were styled “self-made men”—men who have “whittled themselves out with their jack-knives,” as Holmes would say. But every one of these founded a college by his own fireside, and was professor and student at the same time. Franklin, Washington, Peabody and Girard rose to national and world-wide fame without college or university training, but they set the highest value upon the training which the college and the university afford. Franklin founded the University of Pennsylvania; Washington stipulated for the college training of the children of whom he was guardian; Peabody has scattered his millions in this and other countries to help the poor to education in high grade schools; Stephen Girard gave his millions to the institution which bears his name. Thus these and others who have won distinction without the help of the higher institutions of learning have expressed their idea of their importance, and their appreciation of them by their munificent donations to found and support such institutions.

In college you come in contact with some of the best minds and hearts of the country, and through the law of association you imbibe the best there is for body, mind, and soul.

I congratulate you for having come to this institution.

Otterbein University has made a record as an institution of learning which entitles her to a prominent place in the front ranks of American schools. I rejoice that she is accorded this place. Her graduates and students have gone out into the various professions, and have risen to eminence; and to-day many are not only commanding respect and honor by their useful lives, but the world is putting down the shining shekels into their coffers. When you have graduated from this institution, you enter the company of a mighty, noble band of earnest, faithful toilers and helpers in the field of human endeavor, of whom you need not feel ashamed.

The experienced and efficient faculty will not only give you knowledge and culture, but also inspiration to reach your lofty ideal of individual character and worldly achievement. These, who are to become your instructors, are not novices in the profession, but skillful in the pedagogic art through years of study and practice. Rub up against them hard and you will be better men and better women for it. The numerous courses of study, and the several departments offer to you whatever may be suited to the peculiar bent of your mind. Here is science, philosophy, literature, music, and just whatever you may desire as a foundation for any professional superstructure.

The musical status of Otterbein University is recognized and commended wherever the institution is known. Suffice it to say, you will not be taught to murder in song the gospel sentiment of any poetry. You will never hear a quartette from Otterbein singing as did a certain one of which I have heard. A fine tenor voice rang out the words, “Send down Sal—Send down Sal—Send down Salvation from above.” Then a beautiful female soprano voice thrilled the audience with the stirring thought, “I want a man—I want a man—I want a mansion in the skies.” Then came the subdued, tender, touching tones of the alto voice, “I’m for sail—I’m for sail—I’m for sailing toward the heavenly land.” Then the basso profundo gave forth the nauseating sentiment, “I’m a pil—I’m a pil—I’m a pilgrim and a stranger.”

The range of culture imparted by Otterbein University commends it to you. It does not enter one department of human culture, and there expend all its energy, but it goes into every department—into every realm of a human being, and strives to give culture to it. The
University seeks to promote not only intellectual growth and culture, but also physical, moral, social, and spiritual development. It looks after the heart as well as after the head; it looks after the physical as well as the social and spiritual. The grand aim and purpose of Otterbein University is to develop and send forth to bless the world, broad minded, strong muscled, pure hearted, genial dispositioned, and gospel spirited men and women. What more could you ask for in any institution?

The religious phase of the University promises to be a source of blessing to you. Since proper religious faith and conduct is the crowning glory of manhood and womanhood, you are to rejoice for what will here be done for you. Dr. Swain, the faithful and efficient college pastor, said in an article in the Religious Telescope over one year ago, when speaking of Religious Life in Otterbein: "Everything in Otterbein is thoroughly organized, and much of the machinery is geared and double geared and some of it I believe sextuple geared; for there are many of the young people who often attend as many as six different kinds of meetings on one Sabbath."

Another thing which I cannot overlook is the character of the town to which you have come. It is not only intellectual, but moral. All over this state, and into other states where our church exists, its moral crusades have been heralded. But of course you need not expect to find everything around here sanctified, or that the millennium of perfection has commenced among Westervillians. Dr. Swain, in the same article to which I just alluded, used these words: "Although Satan has received many a wound at Westerville, and has often been left for dead, yet it is pretty generally understood by Christian soldiers that he has even more than 'seven lives,' and often out of his very ashes when your back is turned but for a moment there spring up two or three little devils, which have a marvelous capacity for growth unless throttled at once." Look out for these little devils. Throttle them and pitch them back into the pit whence they came.

While I am extending congratulations, I want to congratulate, in a special way, the young ladies for being present. A half century ago not so many of your sex would have been present. You are living in the most remarkable and illustrious age of your sex. No other generation has enjoyed so much, or been promised so much as yours. The present is one unlimited opportunity, the future is indescribably glorious. You may take the world. Someone has said "the coming man will be a woman." You now stand by the side of your stalwart brother, and think and plan and act with all the liberty that he enjoys. I am glad you are preparing yourselves for the opportunities before you, and the responsibilities which await you.

By means of culture and Christianity we may hope to see the evil wrought by Mother Eve largely overcome by her redeemed and dutiful daughters. I know of nothing that forebodes better things for this world, than the education, conversion, and consecration of womanhood. Our manhood may be educated, refined, and religious; but an uneducated, unrefined, irreligious womanhood will keep humanity groveling in the dust until doomsday. There is something in uncultured womanhood that knocks man off the track of social enjoyment, secular success, and moral improvement. Woman holds the key to many a situation, and what she says or does brings victory or defeat. I am reminded of the man who tried for the first time to talk through a telephone to his wife. Adjusting his mouth and ear to the instrument, he called out, 'Hello, Sarah!' But there was no answer. Again he called out with more emphasis, 'Hello, Sarah!' Still there came no response. Again he called out with more emphasis, "Hello, Sarah!" Still there came no response. Adding still more emphasis, he cried out at the top of his voice, "Hello there, Sarah!" Just then the lightning struck the wire, ran down into the instrument, leaped out into him, rolled him over the floor, and wiped up things with him generally. Slowly gathering himself together, he remarked, "That's Sarah; it's just like her." Educate woman and man will never mistake the electric lightning.
for a charge from her battery. Her voice will be the inspiration of his life.

You are now again in school.

Here is a question: What is the object of your coming? The young men and women of to-day are to be the future kings and queens of the world. You are here preparing for your coronation. There is a peculiar but impressive form of preparing for the crowning of a king in certain parts of Africa. A public meeting is held. The candidate for the royal office, after washing, is dressed in an expensive cloth and shirt. Loaded with corals around his neck, arms, and feet, he appears and sits on a large arm-chair, and is exhibited to the people as their king amid loud exclamations and praises. When silence is effected, a chief advances, and on getting near the king gives him a crack on the head, saying, "The country will soon be in your hand; mind it well." Another comes and gives him a box on the ears, saying, "Keep your ears open; do justice, and give right judgments." Another comes and gives him a thump on the forehead, saying, "Keep your head clear, and pity the poor;" and so on till twelve or fifteen chiefs have duly impressed the king concerning his official duties both by word and thumping. After this the priests appear with their sacrifices, and killing of goats and fowls, to propitiate the gods and the forefathers.

You are now in training for induction into your royal offices which are awaiting you. These professors are going to sound your heads, and, if possible, fill up all the vacant portions with such knowledge as will best qualify you for life's duties. The ancients used to say that Vulcan struck Jupiter on the head and the goddess of Wisdom jumped out. This is an illustration of what these professors are going to do. They will feel and thump your heads until wisdom appears.

The desire uppermost in your heart, and the vision that floats before your mind in regard to your work here is success. Yes, this is what you are to strive after. But what constitutes real success in college life? A writer answers this question in these words: "The very first essential is that you shall have a correct conception of the value of a collegiate education. Don't allow yourselves to be persuaded that success comes from the mastery of nonessentials. The ambition to excel in athletics, to secure the highest marks in the recitation, to cut the largest swath in the social world, to pose as a Warwick in the domain of college politics, is not of a very high order. It goes far to neutralize every earnest outreaching of the heart and mind after the essentials of real success. Away with such false and pernicious ambition. You cannot afford to chase soap-bubbles. Fix your purpose for the attainment of the best thing. Be satisfied with nothing less."

Let me specify a few points of success which you may reach this year:

1. Acquisition of knowledge, that is, facts and truths which are of a fundamental character.
2. Some culture and discipline of physical, mental, moral, social, and spiritual powers.
3. The setting up of an aim in life, through an enlarged and correct conception of God's purpose for your life. May I suggest that through this year, and all the years of your college course, you try to enter into God's thought and purpose concerning your life and work. Since I came I asked a young man, a new student, if he had made choice of life's work. He replied that he had not, but he hoped during his course of study to have his mind and heart lead out to what God intended him to do. To all thus undecided as to life's work, let me say, keep your eyes open for the providences of God, and your ears open to hear that still small voice that may whisper, "Walk in this way."

Again, I would have you remember that whatever degree of success you may have, in this year and all the coming years of life, it will be the reward of endeavor, not the result of accident. Rufus Choate, when someone remarked that great achievements often resulted from chance, thundered out, "Nonsense! As well talk of dropping the alphabet and picking up the Iliad." It is the application of brain and muscle that brings glorious results. Per-
serverance achieves victory. Study the lives of men of genius and you find that activity and perseverance were leading peculiarities. Their genius sprung from their devotion to labor. Obstacles did not intimidate them, labor did not weary them, drudgery did not disgust them. It was not the magnitude of the Grecian army, nor the martial skill of Achilles, that conquered the city of ancient Troy, but ten years' dogged perseverance. It may have been this achievement of victory through ten years of endeavor that gave birth in the mind of Grant to that memorable utterance, “I will fight it out on this line, if it takes all summer.” Let this be your purpose and endeavor, and the Appomattox of school life will be reached in due time.

The real purpose of your presence here may be stated in that significant word, EDUCATION. You have discovered elements in your being which are capable of improvement. You realize that you are not now what you may become. What a privilege! It is proof of man’s high and holy origin; only God could make man capable of development. Truly, the grandest thing to be on earth, except to be God, is to be a man.

There is a tremendous dynamic force stored up in the human mind. This rightly developed and applied to the accomplishment of valuable ends is what crowns man with glory. In the mind of man is all the human enginery of this world. Education is to arouse and apply this latent force. Cicero says: “If to native ability there is added education, there is wont to come forth something eminently unique and illustrious.” Then seek a broad, liberal culture. Seek the symmetrical development of your entire personality. The culture of the physical, intellectual, moral, social, and spiritual natures come within the provisions of this college course. Your natures crave such a development as this. There is an intuitive longing for knowledge and truth. There is a mental craving as well as a physical sense of hunger. The mind wants the food of truth as well as the stomach wants the material bread. It is worthy of note that for all mental craving there is some objective truth to satisfy. There is enough truth lying about us and within our reach to satisfy the cravings of our mental, moral, and spiritual appetites. No one need suffer any shrinkage in nature because of any scarcity of supply. General Lee once found a straggler from his army eating green persimmons, and the General asked him if he did not know they were unfit for food. The man replied: “I’m not eating them for food, General; I’m eating them to draw up my stomach to fit my rations.” No one need allow his nature to shrink and shrivel for want of truth. There is enough; only gather it and use it.

In your efforts to acquire culture, expect to meet with difficulties. Hard study, long and painful research, and persistent endeavor are requisites for culture and knowledge. The tender blade struggles to pierce the dark sod ere it reaches the realm of sunshine. The nuggets of precious metals are brought from under mountains of earth. The pearls of the sea are found far below the surface. Culture is won through the pangs of mental application. Every work of genius has upon its fair pages the sweat stains of brain and heart. Hall Caine says every story he writes is a terror to him; it glows out of the future spectre-life and threatening. Tennyson spent years in writing “In Memoriam,” and Gray’s “Elegy” was the product of seven years of critical thought. There is not only a long stretch of text-books from the primer to physics and philosophy, but years of laborious thought and intense application. Paderewski saw the delectable kingdom of music before him for toilsome years ere he reached it. But the college years, and the multiplicity of books, dwindle to insignificance in the thought of the determined student. Like the Grecian runner, he looks neither to the right nor to the left, but keeps his eye fixed upon the shining goal—a cultured mind and heart. In reaching this goal, industry performs the major part. A great citizen of New Hampshire once said, “I never ask whether a young man has genius. I ask only whether he has industry.” If you have genius,
you may make life a noble triumph; you may not. If you have industry, you may make life a triumph greater than those who have only genius. The unity, however, of genius and industry promises the noblest triumph.

EXHORTATIONS.

I. *Don’t be in a hurry to get through your college course.* I have heard of students boring a hole through trigonometry, and then saying, “I see through trigonometry.” Well, your hurrying through college may result in just about as much real good, as looking through trigonometry does for those students.

The world needs cultured men and women but it can afford to wait. An extra year in school means more blessings to the world and greater good to yourself than can be calculated.

The Savior was thirty years preparing for three years’ work.

II. *Utilize your opportunities for work.* Consider each moment golden in value. Have a purpose in whatever you do. Frederick Harrison says, “Every book taken up without a purpose, is an opportunity lost for taking up a book with a purpose.” Lord Chesterfield has truly remarked: “Every moment you now lose, is so much character and advantage lost; as, on the other hand, every moment you now employ usefully, is so much time wisely laid out, at prodigious interest.” Remember that the ghosts of murdered opportunities are by far the worst ghosts by which any man can be haunted.

III. *Be thorough in your work.* Grasp ideas and hold them separate and distinct from others. Encompass them. Lincoln said he wanted to bound an idea. He wished to know its connections on the north, south, east, and west. Many educated people fail to hold their thoughts in clearness, and then are unable to express them with force. One secret of the power and influence of Wendell Phillips was the clearness in which he held his thoughts, and the clearness with which he uttered them. The forcefulness of his expression was a result of the clearness of his thoughts as he held them in his mind.

The secret of clearness of thought is thoroughness of study. One of the most important words in our language is *thoroughness.* In commending that element of character implied by this word, a bishop once spoke most highly of the practical wisdom of a certain young lady who said she could always tell the character of a young man by the way he blacked the heels of his boots. In nothing is the presence or absence of the element of thoroughness more manifest than in the regard that is paid to little things, the little proprieties, duties, and services of everyday life. He that is faithful in that which is least, will also be faithful in much.

Let your motto be *Thoroughness.* The motto of one of the most influential firms of publishers in this country is “*Tout bein ou rien*” — “Do it well or not at all.” The corner stone of this great publishing house is said to be built upon this laconic sentiment. It has been said of the ancient Egyptian architects that “they built like giants, and finished their work like jewelers.” Go thou and do likewise.

IV. *Don’t yield to mental indolence.* You may be tempted to do this, but this is the sublimest temptation of those who possess some of the attributes of a genius, and who have learned to do their work easily. “*Work up to power,*” was the wise counsel of one of the greatest educators of America. Some natural ability—facility of expression, and originality of thought may tempt one to depend on the inspiration of the moment in your school work. How often this inspiration turns to perspiration instead. Here is a maxim that needs to be at the foundation of all expression: “*Nothing worth saying comes without thinking.*”

Bacon said, “*Men must know that in this theatre of man’s life, it is reserved only for God and angels to be lookers-on.*” We are the performers. Make broad application of this thought: The moment of idleness is the moment of temptation. An idle brain is the devil’s workshop. Keep the mind occupied in diligent research after knowledge.

V. *In your studies try always to discover the higher principles and laws which govern and ennoble being.*
Every man is set upon an ascending line of human life. You never find God calling a man downwards, diminishing the volume of his manhood, checking his aspirations, putting him down in the scale of his being. All the Divine movement is an upward movement.

Mark Hopkins said, "In some way all sin and corruption in man is from his yielding to a lower law or principle of action in opposition to the demands of one that is higher." Likewise it may be said that all righteousness and improvement in man are from his yielding to a higher law or principle of action in opposition to the demands of one that is lower. Adverse laws and principles abound. Let us be obedient to the higher and the highest. "There is but one failure, and that is, not to be true to the best one knows."—Farrar.

VI. Develop heart-power.

This is what a thoughtful writer says: "It is bad enough to have an empty head, but an empty heart is worse still. For, other things being equal, a man's force in the world is just in proportion to the fulness of his heart. We have known men who were seemingly without heart,—icy, phlegmatic, cynical, unimpassioned beings, incapable of a really warm and generous impulse. Such men are mere ciphers in society; they accomplish no good. There may be a prim correctness about their behavior, but as regards any moral force in the world they are nobodies; they carry no momentum. Suppose the fires of a locomotive engine are out, or nearly out, you will not make it go at express speed by giving it a fresh coat of paint. But you may as well think to do so as expect by any outward culture to make one who is destitute of heart a real power in the world. Heart is power."

VII. Get in close touch with your instructors, the pastors of the town, the doctors, the lawyers, and the lecturers that come in your midst.

Says a writer in a religious journal: "One of the greatest advantages of a college life comes from personal contact with one's instructors. The culture derived from such contact is far superior to that extracted from books. The new student is inclined to look upon his professors as austere men, clad in ice, to be gazed at from a distance, and approached, if at all, only at times of most urgent necessity. This is all a mistake. College professors are very much like other men. Due deference should always be accorded them, but the student will lose inestimably who wholly ignores them. Merit the respect and sympathy of your instructors, and your acquaintance with them will prove a bene-diction." Converse with the leading and influential men of your acquaintance. By pursuing an industrious, noble, manly and womanly course you will gain their friendship and esteem, and receive their help. In later years you will count among your greatest youthful privileges your personal and intimate intercourse with your professors, pastors, and others who appreciate proper endeavor upon the part of the young.

VIII. Be modest in your success.

Let others praise your endeavor. Whatever may be your achievements, do not blunder in publishing them to others, as did a Frenchman of some literary distinction. After studying English a few months, he wrote to an American friend: "In small time I can learn so many English as I think I will come at the America and go on to the scaffold to lecture." When you enter again the presence and company of your loved ones at home, do not overstate your acquirements. Be not as the son of a certain farmer of whom I have read. He had been to college and was in primary Latin. When he came home at vacation he was turning English into Latin. Standing one day with a fork in hand near a heap of manure and a cart, meditating more about Latin than labor, he said to his father, "Father, do you know what fork, cart, and manure would be in Latin?" "No, sir," spoke the father somewhat impatiently. Joseph said we would call them "forkibus, cartibus, et manuribus." The father replied, "Well, now, if you don't take that forkibus pretty quickibus, and pitch that manuribus into that cartibus, I'll thresh your lazy backibus." Joseph saw more comfort in labor than Latin just then.

IX. Engage in Christian work.
Join the religious societies of the University. Put yourself in line with the successful Christian workers. What a wide and valuable field is open in college life for Christian students to do good. The church and the world need trained hearts and hands for service, as well as cultured minds for thought. Those students, who, during their college days, are most interested and most energetic in Christian work, are the most influential, the most sought after, and the most successful in the work of life. The student who ceases to be active in the various departments of Christian work surrenders, in a large measure, his individuality, brings his own spiritual life into stagnation, and fails in his duty to his fellows and his God.

Make much of your years in college. Make them the best years; full of persistent study, full of upright living, full of good works, full of devotion to true character, full of loyalty to Christ. Strive to develop in your life the excellence of Plato's ideal man, the sincerity of Carlyle's original man, the naturalness of Emerson's great man, and besides and above all these, endeavor to measure up to the Bible standard of a righteous man. And living, shine with virtues that will not grow dim through years, and dying, bequeath to your race, your country, and your church the priceless legacy of a character as bright as it is beautiful, and as influential as it is imperishable.

September 6, 1893.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, We the members of Otterbein Philalethean Society, deeply regret the loss of our sister, Miss Belle Kumler, whose amiable disposition endeared her to all her associations,

Resolved, First, that we recognize that God, who doeth all things well, has taken from us our dear sister. Although we are sincerely grieved, after a season we shall meet her when the mists have rolled away.

Resolved, Second, that notwithstanding the failure of the human heart to express the sympathy which it would like to bestow upon the afflicted friends of our dear sister, we would show them that we realize how keenly they feel the loss and that we extend our deepest sympathy to them.

Resolved, Third, that we cherish the memory of this one whose Christian graces endeared her to all and whose kindness has been felt not only by her society but by other friends as well.

Resolved, Fourth, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the society as a permanent testimonial, that a copy of them be sent to the bereaved family, and that they be published in the Otterbein Ægis.

ADA LEWIS,
KITTIE COOPER,
ALMA GUINNER,
Committee.

WOMAN'S DAY.

Sunday, Sept. 24, was set apart to be observed by the Woman's Missionary Societies of the U. B. church as Woman's Day. The Local Society at Westerville observed the day as follows: At the request of the Society the pastor, Dr. Swain, preached an excellent missionary sermon in the morning. At 3 p.m. a woman's missionary prayer and experience meeting was held led by Mrs. Barnard, which was attended by over 30 women of the church and congregation. In the evening a varied program was presented by the missionary society consisting of: Talk, "Feast of Ingathering," Mrs. T. J. Sanders. Poem, "The Crops were Light," Grace Fowler. Arguments for missionary work presented in five minute talks or papers. "Why Engage in Missionary Work," Mrs. J. E. Guittner. "Reflex Influence Upon the Worker," Mrs. H. Z. McFadden. "Results of Missionary Work," Mrs. N. K. Miller. "Can we Afford to Give to Missions?" Mrs. H. Garst. Recitation, "Our Part," Florence Redding. A collection was taken, amounting to $49.19. The ingathering committee reported ten new names secured for the society which makes a total membership of 68, and nine new names for the Young Ladies' Band. The chapel was very beautifully decorated with grain and gold-enrod.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION NOTES.

The first Cabinet meeting was held last Saturday. The standing committees were reorganized and filled out, and the work for the year, to some extent, planned.

The opening meeting led by J. A. Barnes was specially marked with the deep religious feeling,
—filling every one present, and the active part taken by the new students.

Our old Association Hall, so dear to many of us, during the summer was changed into a recitation room, and we are obliged to meet in Miss Barnes's room till our new building is ready for occupancy.

In the absence of Mr. H. Milliman, Chairman of the Religious Meetings Committee, and Mr. A. G. Bookwalter, Recording Secretary, Messrs. D. N. Scott and J. Eschbaugh have been appointed to fill their respective places.

Word has reached here that L. L. Doggett, assistant State Secretary for the past five years, has been granted a leave of absence for two years for study abroad. Mr. B. M. Hogen, of Oberlin, has been appointed in his place. He will visit Otterbein Sept. 26-28.

The Hand-books for '93 and '94 are the most complete ever published by our Associations. The picture of the new Association building is an additional attractive feature.

They reflect the highest credit for literary ability and good judgment upon the publication committee, which consisted of J. D. Riebel, Mary Mauger, S. C. Markley and Daisy Custer.

Mr. D. W. Lyon, traveling Secretary of the Students' Volunteer Movement, will visit our Association Oct. 19-20. Mr Lyon was the director of the Missionary Institute at Lake Geneva last summer, and has been for over a year the representative of the theological seminaries of the United States and Canada on the Missionary Executive Committee. We are expecting great things from his visit.

The following are names of those who have paid subscriptions to date in part or in full to the Association building: May Stevenson, $10.60; Elvah Hamilton, $5; J. H. Shoemaker, $5; J. I. L. Reesler, $10; Mrs. Anna Jones, $50; Dunn, Tait & Co., $25; Weisman & Hedges, $10; E. B. Grimes, $10; Mrs. L. K. Miller, $10; Charles Funkhouser, $5; Warren Thomas, $25; S. E. Kemp, $35; Barry Kumler, $25; C. R. Kiser, $10; M. J. Comfort, $25; George J. Comfort, $15. J. R. Bright, $27.05.

The Fall Campaign under the leadership of J. A. Barnes was most successfully conducted this year and is deserving of special notice. Long before school opened the work was fully planned out, and a special sub-committee had canvassed the town and a complete list of available rooms, with their descriptions and prices prepared.

Other sub-committees met the new men at trains and assisted them in securing rooms and boarding; another took the religious census.

Preceding the Joint Reception Saturday evening, a very pleasant and profitable hour was spent by the young men in Philophronean Hall. The work of the Association was here outlined by the different committee chairmen.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

S. C. Swartsel took a flying trip to the "Windy" City last week.

Rev. C. E. Pilgrim will follow evangelistic work the coming year.

Bert Bradrick is the latest arrival from Cairo street of Midway Plaisance.

Mr. B. F. Huffman, a survivor of the Johnstown flood, has entered school.

Miss Maude Barnes has been out of school for a few days on account of sickness.

Quite a number of old students who were absent last year are again back to O. U.

C. F. George was confined to his room a few days last week on account of sickness.

Dr. Garst was at Dayton the 22d inst. attending a meeting of the Board of Education.

Miss Annie Knapp will again resume her studies here after a short visit to her home.

W. D. Kail, who has been teaching during the last year has again resumed his studies at O. U.

Mr. B. L. Senef, with his family, has moved here from Scottsdale, Pa., and will enter the senior class.

F. H. Rike, class '88, was in Westerville, Sept. the 9th and 10th, visiting his many friends of this place.
Prof. Zuck expects to attend Allegheny conference which is to be held at Mt. Pleasant, Pa., his old home.

The Freshman class is conspicuous for the absence of ladies, only four at present being among their number.

Rev. M. F. Scouten, of Marion, Ohio, was here the 26th inst. making arrangements for his son to enter school.

President Sanders was absent a few days recently attending the Congress of Religions at the World's Fair.

Mrs. G. W. Jenner, of North Manchester, Ind., is spending a few days here visiting her son, Mr. M. B. Fanning, '94.

The students were seated Monday morning at prayers, and now woe be to the fellow who finds some other man's seat.

A. T. Howard represented the college at the Central Ohio Conference, in a very neat and stirring address, Sept. 27th.

R. A. Longman, after a very successful year as pastor of the U. B. Church at Harrison, Ohio, has returned to complete his course.

Alvin Light and Jesse Gilbert, of West Side, Dayton, entered school last week. Milton Matthews of the same place is expected soon.

Mr. Thoman, of Leesville, Ohio, has returned to O. U. after an absence of two years. He brought his friend Mr. McKean with him.

John Nave has been secured as instructor in penmanship. He has organized a class that meets in the business room at one o'clock each day.

W. E. Bovey, class '92, spent a few days here visiting his father and host of friends before returning to Union Biblical Seminary at Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. A. C. Flick, '94, who has been working for the Western School Supply House, of Chicago, during the past summer, entered school again this week.

The Athletic Association has prepared a fine tennis court on the athletic grounds. A goodly number have joined the club, the cost of which is one dollar.

Judge John A. Shanuck and family have taken rooms in the new house of Mr. Mossman on College Ave. We note with pleasure the bi-weekly visits of the Judge in our midst.

At a world's championship contest recently held at Chicago, Mr. R. E. Kumler, '94, took third place. All the leading athletes in the country were present at this meeting.

Prof. Wagoner occupies the room formerly occupied by Prof. Haywood, where now you may hear the hopeful "prep" singing out the Latin declensions and conjugations to various meters.

Rev. S. M. Hippard, the former financial manager of the college, but now pastor of the United Brethren Church at Middletown, Ohio, made a short business trip to our city during this week.

Misses Cook, Turner and Shaner, in company with Messrs. Stewart, Whitney and Barnard, rode over to Dublin on their wheels Wednesday evening, where they spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Miss Cook.

Rev. R. L. Swain, our college pastor, has resigned to take effect Sept. 24th. He preached a very interesting sermon to a large and appreciative audience last Sunday morning. Rev. W. O. Fries, of Fostoria, Ohio, has been secured to fill the vacancy.

T. G. McFadden had his wheel stolen from the front porch at his home on the 7th inst. He quickly circulated the fact and a description of the wheel. It was recovered at Black Creek, but the thief was discharged on account of some discrepancy in the trial.

The sad news of the death of Rev. E. A. Starkey, class '79, of Los Angeles, California, has just reached us. Mr. Starkey has been working faithfully and untiringly in the U. B. Mission of that city, and his death is probably due to over-work and anxiety.

Rev. W. O. Tobey, class '66, and family, formerly of Sturgis, South Dakota, at present the pastor of the Presbyterian church at Milford Center, Ohio, have been visiting Prof. J. E. Guitner during the past week. Mr. Tobey conducted chapel exercises the 28th inst.

The Students' Prohibition Club met the 25th inst. and reorganized. I. L. Oakes was elected president for the coming year. The club decided to have Rev. G. P. Macklin, class '79, and the candidate for Governor, to deliver an address here during the present campaign.
OHIO GERMAN CONFERENCE.

It was the new and delightful experience of the undersigned to meet our German brethren in their annual conference, which convened in Portsmouth, Ohio, September 21st. To one who from boyhood had studied with interest and profit this people, the original stock of the church of the United Brethren in Christ, solid, pious, thrifty, benevolent, thoroughly doing an evangelistic and missionary work, and always working at a disadvantage, the visit was one of no little interest. This is a body of intelligent, well-dressed, evangelistic workers. To my mind, however, one of the most important steps ever taken by the conference was at this session, when almost unanimously it stepped out and committed itself to higher education by voting co-operation with Otterbein University, and electing trustees. This is an advance step, and the conference honors itself and also Otterbein University by this action. Surely, these are auspicious times, and we should courageously go forward.

Rev. C. Streich was again elected presiding elder. I shall not soon forget the many courtesies received from these dear brethren.

T. J. Sanders.

—Religious Telescope.

The period of a “generation” has been lengthened; it used to be thirty years, and later increased to thirty-four; now a scientist says the average term of human life has increased in the last fifty years from thirty-four to forty-two years.

Some land in Paris has been sold at the rate of $2,000,000 per acre, some in London for what would net $5,000,000 per acre, and some in New York for a sum equal to $8,000,000 per acre.

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