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## EDITORIAL.

DR. FUNKHOUSER, while in attendance at the Educational Council, took the opportunity to present the interests of Union Biblical Seminary to those who contemplate entering the ministry. It is to be regretted that such a large per cent. of our college graduates who pursue theological studies, attend other seminaries. Especially is this a matter of regret since our own seminary affords such excellent opportunities, and in the most vital sense, compares favorably with those of any other church. No one doubts that the church has a mission; neither do they question the fact that cultured, consecrated, young men are needed for the performance of that mission. And for the most successful and effective work in the church, it is not only desired, but essential, that the preparation should be made in our own seminary.

RECITATION, what is it to "make" a good recitation? Is it to rehearse or recite what the student has already learned, or is it more than

this? It is vastly more. If that were all we might dispense entirely with teachers and classes; to recite best is to be awake to receive every new idea that the teacher may present, and to be on the alert for every original thought any member of the class may advance. The recitation hour is not the time in which to attempt to prepare a lesson for the next succeeding hour, but the place and time to be on the alert to receive any illumination that may be given upon the lesson under consideration. Not of little importance is it to the student to keep awake and to be attentive during the recitation hour. He who acquires from the recitation what may be obtained by careful attention, by this means alone, in a seven years' course would have acquired a liberal education.

THE findings of the Educational Council, printed in another column, ought to be carefully read and considered by all who are interested in the educational work of the United Brethren Church.

They will bear a little emphasis here. The satisfactory condition of the University in regard to the thoroughness of instruction and the number of students, should, it would seem, inspire confidence in any one whose faith has been shaken by doubts concerning the progressiveness of the school. We are glad that some of the members of the council visited the different departments, and examined the work being done. What should be made plain and clear to every one is, that there is nothing in or about the institution, either in regard to management or otherwise, which will not bear the closest scrutiny.

The enthusiasm and earnestness of the student body, did not pass unnoticed. Such evi-



dence of life and vigor as is shown by the students should be an inspiration to every friend of higher education. This in connection with the greatly increased number of students in the various classes is as good argument as any institution can bring, of its usefulness.

The present senior class numbers thirty-five members—the largest in the history of the college—yet it is only reasonable to expect a large increase in the number of graduates, each year, if the college is supported as it should be.

ITEM number three of the committee's report, as presented at the Educational Meeting, is very suggestive.

It seems strange indeed, that charges of bad management should have been made when the institution was being sustained, at an average cost of \$10,028 per year. These charges have, doubtless been made unadvisedly by persons ignorant of the real condition of affairs.

It is sincerely to be hoped that all such statements will cease, now that the examination of the Council has disclosed the true situation.

The assertion of the authorities, that Otterbein University has had but from one-half to one-tenth the means of other institutions of equal standing, doing the same grade of work, evidently has good foundation.

It might, indeed, be profitable for those who have expressed themselves as dissatisfied with the extravagance(?) of the salaries, &c., to study the above proposition—doubtless it would result in good to themselves and to the institution as well.

We appreciate the wisdom of Rev. W. J. Shuey when he said, "If you give me a 'nest egg' of five or ten thousand dollars debt, to begin with you don't need to enquire twenty years afterward *why* I am in debt."

There are critics and critics; but what Otterbein needs now is not critics but *friends*. It is a sad fact that the college is burdened with this present debt, but criticising those in charge, who never were (nor could be) responsible for its existence, will go a very short way in

removing the debt and relieving the embarrassment.

THE *New York Independent*, of Jan. 18th inst., contains an article, entitled, "The Colleges and the Supply of Ministers," which is very pertinent to the condition of O. U. in its present relations to the United Brethren Church.

The writer divides all colleges, in regard to the matter of religion, into three general classes, the first being those in which *as an avowed part of the work to be done*, an effort is made to impress the religion of the Bible on the students.

The second is composed of institutions like Harvard and Cornell, where the inculcation of the Gospel is assumed to be no part of the direct work of instruction, but where the way is open for churches to come in and accomplish all they can among the students.

The third class is composed of State institutions of learning and specially of the State universities of the South and West.

The writer by examining carefully the catalogues of Theological Seminaries finds that more than ninety per cent. of the Theological students are graduates from colleges which are distinctively Christian, belonging to the first class. To this class Otterbein belongs, and the church would do well to remember that most of her educated ministers were taught in the halls of this institution.

The article closes with these thoughts: "Certainly in view of these facts, the church must not permit the colleges from which she so largely draws her ministry to be overshadowed, or in any way to drift into inferiority.

"She ought to see that they keep step with the progress of the times in the best work of the higher education. This means always larger endowments, more and better buildings, stronger faculties, and a hundred other things which can be procured only by heavy expenditures of money.

"Let her remember, too, that the beneficence of private individuals is the only source upon which these colleges can draw for means."



A REMINISCENCE.

A. T. HOWARD, '94.

Late autumn's sun was ling'ring long  
Quite uncontent to sheathe  
His arrows shot athwart the plain  
That billowed far beneath.  
In grassy waves the prairie rolled,  
Had doffed their spring-time green  
And browner hues had donned, the while  
The frosts cut off and keen.

October time had summer been,  
November to a day  
Like June-land passed six months before,  
December like the May.  
Yet still betimes the cabineer  
At night who wander'd forth  
Felt at his side the piercing fang  
Of sleuth-hounds from the north.

He is a hero in the west,  
The cowboy wild and tough  
Who buckles 'neath his pistol brace  
A heart that's warm enough  
To risk its last throb for a friend,  
To die when it's required,  
A heart, a mind through all its course  
By manhood's love inspired.

The shifting wind, the hast'ning clouds,  
The firelight's saucy flare  
Foretold to him old nature's thought,  
They bade him read, prepare.  
He belted down his ulster coat  
About his sturdy form,  
Keen-scented as a bison bold  
He sniffed the approaching storm.

A little home, and pleasant, though  
'Twas rudely built and sodded,  
Stood on the plain. About it close  
Chaste pansies blinked and nodded.  
Rare traveler hither found his course,  
Becalmed like ship it lay  
When older ocean rests his head  
And sleeps the weeks away.

To Max McVerney life was woe,  
Unless his toil wrought weal,  
Though cared he naught for all his want.  
Its chill could ne'er congeal  
Nor break the bonds that held him true  
To her the best of wives,  
The mother of his little child  
That breathed their mingled lives.

The shadows deep'ning dark had changed  
The morning into vespere,  
Stilled were the creatures of the plain,  
The winds dared only whisper.

His home that morn McVerney left  
For miles his journey tended,  
The storm was near he questioned not,  
His coal supply was ended.

The league-like miles are ended now  
He turns his weary horses,  
With lash applied, forward they dash  
Like chargers in their courses.  
The winds have bolder grown and fierce  
They sweep with strong endeavor  
To block with snows the wheels, once stopped  
Two lives are stopped forever.

Say Max McVerney thinks of self?  
'Tis false! His wife is freezing  
And heeds he not dread dangers laugh  
In winds both chill and teasing.  
The course is lost, his eyes are blind,  
The snows come now in flurries,  
His horses stop. Despair he meets.  
He's lost upon the prairies.

The heart that's strong a fortress is  
Nor heeds it ere the danger  
That wolfs about its buttressed walls.  
Tis just as true nor stranger  
That manly hearts though beating warm  
With purpose kind are worsted,  
As castle walls though strengthened fall  
And castle gates are bursted.

The swarthy herders, buckskinned boys,  
Now weary with corralling,  
The last lone wand'rer from the herd,  
Round cheery fire are telling  
Of tales relating to the chase.  
But stop—through window glancing  
Comes unmistakably a sound  
Of horses' feet advancing.

The wheel that spins the social yarn  
Was stopped. They sprang excited;  
Unless by sheer necessity  
Could friend be thus benighted?  
With clothing drifted full of snow  
McVerney all forlorn  
Was fleeing death by snail-like pace  
And drifting with the storm.

His story brief of child and wife  
From frosted lips extorted  
Resolved them into action brave,  
His plan shall not be thwarted.  
"Old Leth'ry," well he's known to them  
Rough-faced, keen-eyed and tall,  
Companion he of many toils  
Is master of them all.

"A bilious night" the stranger said.  
"What's that?" "Old Leth'ry" turned  
To curse the craven speaking thus.  
His purpose changed. He spurned



To give a word of censure keen  
That last cruel sentence speak  
To one whom long exposure  
Now cowardice made weak.

"A bilious night," he chuckled low,  
"For either brutes or men  
Indeed much worse for freezing babes.  
I'll not be here again  
Till to your helpless child and wife  
Assistance I have borne  
Or on the plains this awful night  
Have perished in the storm."

Forth he rode, heeding not  
Careless of dying.  
Roared round him tempest stroke  
Titans defying.  
Thought he not danger near?  
Would he not see and fear  
Frost fiends that battled here?  
He knew naught *but* to help those,  
Those who were dying.

Hurled by the icy blasts,  
Stung by the frosty asps,  
Unhorsed he's lying.  
Wounded but conqueror still  
His is a kingly will,  
Lone, lost, he marches still  
Knowing naught but to help those,  
Those who were dying.

Long were the hours he spent  
Seemed there no help was lent  
No voice replying.  
When first he breathed a prayer  
Asking for guidance there  
Angels came flocking there  
Him led unerring to those,  
Those who were dying.

With arms so cold the child was chilled  
The little girl embracing  
The mother lay. Still-footed snows  
Their steps were swiftly tracing.  
A step was heard. It faintly came.  
'Twould soon be heard no more.  
Like hope deferred, unknighthed knight  
"Old Lethry" bursts the door.

Worn out with toils and all untaught  
A tender heart directing  
The fire gone out he builds again  
And scanty foods collecting  
Prepares them for the mother weak  
Who strengthened is confessing  
Glad thanks to him who saves her child  
And brings them aid and blessing.

Like suns returning kiss the mead  
When storms have spent their forces,

Life billows back the clouds of death  
She rifts them in their courses.

To night afar on western plain  
A child dark-eyed is teasing  
The father, kind to tell again  
Of him who once from freezing  
Preserved her mother safe and her  
When death cold-eyed was glaring,  
Of belted buckskinned hero brave,  
The angry storm-king daring.

The truth is sad to speak betimes,  
But truth must e'er be spoken  
Though cups of joy be overturned  
And human hearts be broken.  
Worn, wounded, warring with the storm,  
But parting courage never  
He lived, brought hope, then wearily  
He slept, will sleep forever.

The home is pleasant now and far  
By growing trees is shaded,  
And lawns are reaching everywhere  
By prairie grasses gladed.  
A monument of simple form  
For him who sleepeth lonely  
Beneath the sod, rich-grassed is reared,  
Is marked "Old Lethry" only.

## A BICYCLE TOUR THROUGH EUROPE

BY F. H. RIKE, CLASS '88.

### No. IV.

From Chamonix to Geneva is a distance of fifty-six miles; and is a most beautiful and interesting ride. It had rained during the night; and notwithstanding the fact that the roads were muddy and heavy, we left Chamonix at 8:30 a. m. and arrived in Geneva at 1:30 p. m., making the distance in five hours. Nearly the whole of the fifty-six miles was down grade, and miles of the distance were made coasting. It was a sunny morning after the rain, and the whole country looked radiant after its bath.

The road is narrow, at first, following in rapid descent the antics of the youthful Aire, as it tumbles downward in the gorge below; later, as the valley widens the descent becomes more gradual and the sight of orchards and cultivated fields with hamlets and villages dotting the landscape, was very attractive.

Many may remember that about the middle



of July, '92, the whole world was startled by the terrible calamity that happened at St. Gervais Bains. St. Gervais Bains was a health resort, situated about ten miles from Chamonix along the mountain side, a quarter of a mile from the Geneva road. It was a favorite summer resort; the sulphur springs being noted for their healing properties. Here one night a hotel full of gay and thoughtless tourists was totally destroyed by the awful force of a landslide. We passed the place two weeks after the calamity occurred, and the scene of desolation gave us some idea of the horror of that night.

The road was covered to the depth of four feet with clay, and out of the mud that spread for a mile over the valley we could see sticking here and there a stove, a sofa or some other article of furniture; and forces of men were working to secure the bodies of some who were still missing. It was too suggestive for anyone to care to linger.

Our way led through silanches and closes, where we took our second breakfast, and our last glimpses of the grandeur of Mt. Blanc. We passed omnibus after omnibus filled with tourists, making the trip so crowded together and on such uncomfortable looking seats, unable to perfectly enjoy the view, that they were objects of pity on our part, and we gave our Columbias a loving pat for the enjoyment and profit we were getting through them.

From Geneva to Chamonix the tourist travels from Switzerland into France, and five miles out of Geneva crosses the boundry line again and is upon Swiss territory. When first entering Switzerland, away up at Schaffhausen, along Lake Constance, we had had one wrestle with the Swiss customs and after much parley, which neither side understood, we had deposited seven dollars apiece on our wheels, and each had around the head of his machine a little leaden seal that showed duty had been paid.

We came across the custom house authority in the shape of a much uniformed "douanier" at a suburb of Geneva. We were riding three abreast. I was nearest the sidewalk, Irv. in the middle, and John on the outside. As we ap-

proached, the officer made a wild dash to the edge of the street and began yelling something. It did not sound like "stop" or "halt," and not relishing the idea of a labored conversation with the gentleman, and perhaps a detention of several hours while we unravelled the red tape that pertains to all governmental affairs, we kept on our way. When he realized that we were paying no attention he charged on us at the double quick. Irv. and I had a good start and were about to have a laugh at the officer's expense, when John, in crossing a tramway, took a slipping fall and landed at the feet of the pursuer. Of course we turned back. Our seals and receipts were sufficient passport and he had to let us go; but it was an effort, for I know he wanted only an opportunity to get even.

Geneva is a charming city situated on the shore of beautiful Lake Geneva. Its very interesting history dates from the first century. It is the largest and richest town in Switzerland and is a popular place of resort for travelers. The city is separated in halves by the Rhone, and the attractive part lies along the lake front. Here modern buildings, attractive shops and handsome quays give a beautiful effect. There was to be some military celebration, and from everything that could carry bunting, there floated proudly the tri-color of the Swiss. You would have imagined it were to be a G. A. R. encampment, but for the babel of foreign tongues and the absence of "Old Glory." In the evening from the quay we had a beautiful survey of the Mt. Blanc group. The lake with its deep blue color looked like a turquois set between the shimmering peaks of Mt. Blanc as the diamond on the one side and the evening-tinted clouds as the moon-stone on the other.

The shops were too much of a temptation to be resisted, and in Geneva we made purchases of a number of trinkets that pleased our fancy. We were all making collections of souvenir spoons and one of the handsomest in my collection comes from Geneva. We had expected our trunks here, but an American on a wheel is several degrees faster than the Continental Express, and we had to do Geneva in our bicycle



suits, by this time very rusty. One afternoon was delightfully spent in a lake trip to Lausanne, where several hours were passed in the quaint old shops and a visit to the very interesting old cathedral. The terrace upon which it stands is approached by a flight of one hundred and sixty steps. It was built in 1235, A. D., and was dedicated by Gregory X. in the presence of Rudolph of Hapsbury. It is remarkable for the symmetry of construction, and the interior presents more than usual attractions in its beautiful stained glass, carving, and historical monuments. We returned to Geneva by rail and made arrangements for our long trip to Paris, which we were to begin on the morrow.

*(To be continued.)*

### THE EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL.

The Educational Council, held here on the 16th and 17th inst., was a direct outgrowth of the Bishops' Council, which convened at Johnstown, Pa., on November 28, 1893. The number of those present was not as large as expected; sickness and other causes having detained many who had hoped to be at the session. Bishop Weaver, who was expected, and who is in hearty sympathy with the movement, was kept away through sickness; though a letter from him lately received gave assurance of his interest and faith in the successful outcome of the meeting.

When the meeting was called to order at 2:30 p. m. in the Philomathean Hall, there were about thirty-five members of the council present, and quite a number of interested visitors and students. Bishop Castle presided and Mr. J. A. Weinland acted as secretary. After a few brief remarks by the Bishop, all present joined in singing and were then led in the opening prayer by Dr. I. L. Kephart. Following this the Throne of Grace was petitioned in earnest prayers, led by Revs. G. H. Matthews, J. W. Lower and D. B. Kellar. Bishop Castle then addressed the council, recounting his experience at O. U. thirty-four years ago, and the circumstances that had made it necessary to call

the council, stating that its object was to devise ways and means for aiding Otterbein University, and by God's help to devise a plan to remove the load of debt that is threatening the future usefulness of the institution.

The Bishop said that it would be the saddest thing in the history of the United Brethren Church were this college to go down. His injunction, "Plan not for defeat, but victory," seemed to inspire faith and courage; and the council took up the work before it with an earnest zeal. President Sanders was then called upon to give some information regarding the school. At the close of his remarks, he moved that a committee be appointed to look over the field of work before the council; examine its scope and finally to report the findings of the council. The committee appointed was: Dr. Funkhouser, Dr. Garst, Mr. Fred Rike, '88, Rev. D. R. Miller and Mr. John Knox.

Dr. Garst then addressed the meeting, outlining briefly the "Knox" plan by which it is proposed to raise \$80,000 before the meeting of the Trustees in June, 1894. All persons contributing \$1,000 or more are, according to this plan, to be elected by the Board of Trustees to membership in the finance committee, which shall have charge of the financial interests of the University, and see that the moneys are properly applied, and that no more debt is allowed to accumulate. He further described an additional plan, adopted at the Bishops' Conference held at Johnstown, Pa., which proposes that an average amount of fifty cents per member be raised by contribution in all the co-operative conferences. The Doctor reminded the council of the paramount need of bravery and prompt action in the present situation. He emphasized the fact that for over forty-six years Otterbein University has wrought for good to the church; that during this time a large number of young men and women have gone from its halls to fill honorable positions, and that it is from here that the United Brethren Church receives the fresh and vigorous blood that is constantly adding to its strength. In all these years O. U. has kept abreast of the times, as has been at-



tested time and again, by comparison of its graduates with those of other institutions—the university has gone upon the principle that the youth of the U. B. Church deserve advantages equal to those of other denominations.

Turning then to the practical side, the speaker called attention to the undeniable truth, that to do this high grade of work Otterbein University has had only from one-half to one-tenth the means of other colleges which have been doing the same grade of work; a fact which almost of itself explains the existence of the debt which is upon the college at present, in spite of *rigid economy*. In conclusion, Dr. Garst urged the council to act at once; to pledge their individual support, declaring his willingness to do his part in the matter.

Rev. Swickard and Mr. John Knox followed these remarks with brief speeches. Pres. Sanders called the attention of the convention to the fact that the college has long been misunderstood and misrepresented; that there had been many claims of bad management, which are without foundation; that the management has not only not been extravagant, but has been rigidly economical. He called upon Prof. Zuck, who is the secretary of the institution, and who has the management of all its books, to state facts and figures to substantiate these assertions; and asked those present to feel at liberty to ask any questions that might be pertinent to the matters in hand. Prof. Zuck then set before the council the manner in which the institution was managed, the disposition of the different funds and the sources of receipts and expenditures. He produced figures showing the annual receipts and expenditures, beginning with the year 1880, at which time the institution was indebted to the amount of \$80,000. The figures showed that had there not been this immense debt at that time the college would now be about \$10,000 in debt, which, however, is not nearly a sufficient amount to make the difference between \$80,000 and \$122,000 which is the present amount of indebtedness. It was plain from this that what has been dragging the institution into debt for the past fourteen years

has not been its running expenses, but the burden of debt contracted from 1846 down to 1880. Several of those present expressed their surprise that the debt was not much larger than it is at present, when the facts in the case were disclosed to them. It was developed later by speeches that the institution has never been entirely free from debt. The meeting then adjourned to re-convene at 7:00 p. m.

At 7:25 p. m. the hall was again filled. After singing and an opening prayer by the Rev. Bookwalter, Mr. Fred Rike, Mr. Hartzell and Dr. Funkhouser made brief but encouraging speeches. Some questions regarding the disposition of the debt and conditions of assets of the university were raised by Mr. S. E. Kumler. Dr. H. A. Thompson was then heard. Among other things he declared that if the U. B. Church does not help Otterbein University it might as well quit work. W. J. Shuey followed with a very earnest speech, which was characterized by his usual reach of thought. He said: "When Otterbein University is forced to close its doors, I will want to join some other church." He pointed to the fact that the church is trying to support too many minor institutions, which are sapping the energies of our central colleges, and have brought them to the verge of ruin. His declaration that these "lesser lights" must go was received with considerable satisfaction.

Bishop Castle then called upon those present for pledges toward the \$80,000. The following amounts were subscribed: S. E. Kumler, \$2,000; Fred Rike, \$500; W. J. Shuey, \$500; Bishop Castle, \$1,000; Judge J. A. Shauck, \$500; Dr. Sanders, \$500; Mr. C. E. Mullen, \$1,000; Mr. J. W. Markley, \$500; Mr. Geo. Hartzell, \$500. Previously reported: John Hulitt, \$5,000; D. L. Rike, \$2,000; Jno. Knox, \$1,000; Dr. H. Garst, \$1,000; J. A. Weinland, \$500; C. W. Miller, \$500; A Lady Friend, \$500. Mr. S. E. Kumler proposed to be one of five to pay the President's salary for six months, while he canvassed Miami Conference in the interest of the college. Fred Rike on behalf of his father pledged D. L. Rike as



another of the five on this proposition. The council then adjourned to meet on Wednesday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

After the usual opening exercises on Wednesday morning, the report of the committee, appointed to prepare an account of the findings of the convention, was read and adopted. A number of speeches were made by various persons among whom were Bishop Castle, Dr. Kephart, Revs. Lower, Shepherd, Deaver, Bender, Mauk, Siffert, and Mauger, all of which touched more or less on the proposed fifty-cent plan. Rev. Matthews followed with an earnest speech. Rev. Stewart, D. R. Miller and Mrs. Sanders all made encouraging speeches, Mrs. Sanders speaking in behalf of the W. C. C. of O. U., and promising that by the end of the college year the women would have two votes in the financial committee.

At the call of those assembled Mr. Frank Resler sang a fine selection entitled "A Free Lance," Miss Lizzie Cooper playing the accompaniment. The council then adjourned. The findings were as follows:

"1. We find the University in very satisfactory operation so far as number of students, excellence of courses of study, thoroughness of instruction, are concerned. The classes—especially the more advanced—were never larger and the student body was never more enthusiastic and diligent, and it was an inspiring sight to see the college chapel filled with earnest young men and women who are in attendance as students at this time.

"2. We find that the one urgent need of the University, for the present outranking all others, is to pay its debt as the condition precedent to its development and enlargement in usefulness.

"3. We find that from the year 1880 down to the present the entire running expenses of the college, including salaries to professors, fuel, light, janitor service, &c., and excluding agents' salaries, interest on debt, &c., has on an average been only \$10.028 per annum. This is a marvelously low cost for the grade of work done. It evidences to a certainty that there must have been very moderate salaries paid and rigid economy exercised in the conduct of the college.

"4. We urge that the friends of the University

co-operate upon the plan adopted by the board at its session in June, 1893, to raise \$80,000 in sums of \$500, \$1,000 and more, conditioned upon the whole amount being pledged, by the adjournment of the board in June, 1894. All giving \$1,000 or more to be elected members of a finance committee who shall see that the money is faithfully applied to the payment of the debt and to see when the debt has been paid that no further debt be allowed to accrue. Our earnest counsel is that this plan be not embarrassed by imposing any other conditions upon pledges made, but that all who can aid, make their pledges upon the conditions of the plan adopted.

"5. To assure the success of this plan, we urge that the President and the regular agents of the college give themselves with intensity to the consummation of the plan; that the bishops, trustees, presiding elders, pastors and all friends of the University hold themselves in readiness to give all possible assistance in carrying the plan to success.

"6. We especially urge that Bishops Weaver and Castle and others of the bishops give such aid as they can in seeking out and soliciting persons able to give upon this plan and that all who have given pledges consider themselves appointed to do all they can to induce others to join in the effort.

"7. We urge all presiding elders in the conferences co-operating to make arrangements at their next ensuing quarterly conferences for the observance of Education Day on April 26, or a Sunday near that date not later than the month of May, 1894, and do what they can to give success to the effort to secure an average of fifty cents per member from all the charges on their districts as ordered by the Bishops' Conference held at Johnstown, Pa. This effort is to take the place of the Otterbein University assessments apportioned by the annual conferences, where such apportionments have been made and be reported on the conference charts.

"8. Finally, we as members of this conference individually and collectively, appreciating the fundamental importance of Otterbein University to the work and success of the church, pledge ourselves to stand by and aid the effort to help the University. Taking this interest upon our own hearts to do our utmost, with earnest



prayer to God for his help and blessing we would lay it upon the hearts of all our people in the co-operating conferences and bespeak the liberal aid of all whom the Lord has blessed with means to the end that the needs of the University may be relieved and its wants supplied."

The following persons from a distance were present: Rev. L. Bookwalter, Rev. W. J. Shuey, Ed. L. Shuey, S. E. Kumler, Fred Rike, Judge John A. Shauck, Rev. S. W. Keister, Rev. D. R. Miller, Rev. H. A. Thompson, Rev. G. H. Matthews, Dr. I. L. Kephart, Rev. J. B. Bovey, Dayton; Amos A. Farlow, Hicksville; Rev. J. F. Shepherd, Akron; Geo. Hartzell, Greenville; Rev. G. L. Bender, Harpster; Rev. J. P. Lea, Rev. J. W. Hicks, Fostoria; G. W. Deaver, Deavertown; Rev. J. W. Lower, Lima; Rev. W. G. Mauck, Basil; Rev. D. B. Keller, Auburn, Ind.; C. E. Mullin, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; Rev. W. O. Siffert, Navarre; Bishop Castle, Elkhart, Ind.

The meeting was very encouraging and has strengthened the faith of all in the firm intentions of the church to uphold the college.

### THE HEART OF MID-LOTHIAN.

The following is one of a number of brief critiques, which were read before the class in English Literature during the fall term of '93:

The name or title of this book gives no clue as to what it contains. The "Heart of Mid-Lothian" may have been the figure of a heart which was on the door of Edinburg prison, the prison itself, or a room in the center of the prison.

The plot is laid on Scottish territory. The narrative deals with the Scottish peasantry, and life of the eighteenth century. The leading characters are the three Deans: David, the father, Jaenie and Effie, the daughters, half-sisters; Mr. Butler, and Mr. Robertson, whose real name was George Staunton. Davie Deans was a Scotch Presbyterian of the very strictest of the Camorean type. His daughter, Jaenie, partook naturally of the religious turn of her

father, was quiet, retiring, modest, and religious, yet bold and courageous, having mind and will-power of her own. Effie was gay, fearless, not at all inclined to religion, and could not endure the restraints placed upon her by her father; in this latter respect being most unlike her sister, Jaenie.

Jaenie is the heroine of the novel. She is presented in a very realistic light and with such force of character that any one but a woman hater must thank Scott for her. She has very strong convictions, and a mind unclouded by anything false or unreal. Effie, so much her opposite, early began to show her waywardness by stealing away from home in the evenings to go to the village green, to play with congenial spirits. Here she met her lover, Robertson, an outlaw, who soon brought her into disgrace. She was blamed for killing her child in order to conceal her shame; and soon thereafter cast into prison. She was tried by jury for the crime of infanticide. Being unable to account for her child the jury pronounced her guilty, the judge pronounced upon her the penalty of death by hanging.

Jaenie was told by the court if she could testify in a certain way in Effie's behalf, her sister could be set free, but she saw that this testimony would be untrue. Her acquaintances, even her father, seemed to hope that Jaenie could give the needed testimony. She was convinced in her own mind that Effie was innocent of the terrible crime imputed to her. She loved her sister dearly, having been as a mother to her, and would willingly have given her own life to save Effie; but she could not compromise with evil, even if the end did seem to justify her action. No one felt such deep commiseration as she did for Effie.

Uncouth, uneducated and timid as she naturally was she determined to walk to London; first petition the Duke of Argyle in behalf of her sister, and if necessary go to the King of England. She set out with all her Scotch simplicity, being bare-foot with her shoes and some wearing apparel done up in a bundle which she carried in her hand. After going through most



trying and dangerous experiences, she appeared before the Duke, who listened to her story, and was favorably impressed by it. He advised her to tell a certain lady her tale the next day just as she had related it to him. Accordingly on the next day the Queen listened to the story of Effie's wrongs, and was so affected by it, that she commuted Effie's sentence from death to light banishment.

Jaenie returned to her father and lover, Mr. Butler, with a light heart. Her sister's life was saved, and the tarnish to her own fair name removed. George Staunton and Effie were now secretly married and went to France where Effie spent four years in hard study, trying to educate herself for appearing in the new position of Lady Staunton. She made rapid progress and returned to England with her husband, and was soon known in society as the accomplished Lady Staunton. She was too proud to publicly acknowledge her father and sister Jaenie.

Mr. Butler and Jaenie Deans were soon married, and lived together happily, enjoying the peace which a good conscience and virtuous life assured them. Lord and Lady Staunton lived uneasily and unhappily. They both felt their lives were a lie. Though they outwardly seemed happy, yet inwardly there was a burning consciousness of the falseness of their position. They spent years trying to find their lost child. Lord Staunton at last found him, and was killed by him, being one in a company which was attacked by a band of robbers to which his son belonged. The book ends with tragedy. The evil doers though wealthy suffered for their evil deeds.

I have read a number of Scott's novels, both social and historical; to my mind *The Heart of Mid-Lothian* is one of the best I have read. It is interesting from the beginning. The description of Scottish scenery must be true to nature, it seems so real. The delineations of character, with the exception of a few extremes, are natural and realistic. The mission of Jaenie to London was far beyond what we would expect of a Scottish lassie, or from any ordinary indi-

vidual, but just what Scott prepares us to expect from such a character as Jaenie. The narratives of witchery and robbery are much like those found in *The Pirate* and *Guy Mannering*.

One passage in this novel gives a better view as to what respect Scott had for religion than anything else I have ever seen from his pen. It occurs where reference is made to Jaenie's prayer for guidance. Scott says: "Without entering into an abstruse point of divinity one thing is plain—namely, that the person who lays open his doubts and distresses in prayer, with feeling and sincerity, must necessarily, in the act of doing so, purify his mind from the dross of worldly passions and interests, and bring it into that state, when the resolutions adopted are likely to be selected rather from a sense of duty than from any inferior motive."

In conclusion I may say, I believe *The Heart of Mid-Lothian* will repay any one who will give it a careful reading. Therein we find a high tribute paid to virtue; we learn that sin cannot bring permanent happiness even to those in most affluent circumstances; and that no matter what end we have in view, it is better to choose an honest rather than a dishonest means to secure that end.

B. L. SENEFF, '94.

#### Prof. Blackie's Rules of Conduct.

I. Never indulge the notion that you have any absolute right to choose the sphere or the circumstances in which you are to put forth your powers of social action; but let your daily wisdom of life be in making a good use of the opportunities given you.

II. We live in a real, a solid, and a truthful world. In such a world only truth, in the long run, can hope to prosper. Therefore, avoid lies, mere show and sham, and hollow superficiality of all kinds, which is at the best a painted lie. Let whatever you are, and whatever you do, grow out of a firm root of truth and a strong soil of reality.

III. The nobility of life is work. We live in a working world. The lazy and idle man



does not count in the plan of campaign. "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." Let that text be enough.

IV. Never forget St. Paul's sentence "Love is the fulfilling of the law." This is the steam of the social machine.

V. But the steam requires regulation. It is regulated by intelligence and moderation. Healthy action is always a balance of forces; and all extremes are dangerous; the excess of a good thing being often more dangerous in its social consequences, than the excess of what is radically bad.

VI. Do one thing well; "be whole man," as Chancellor Thurlow said, "do one thing at one time." Make clean work, and leave no tags. Allow no delays when you are at a thing; do it and be done with it.

VII. Avoid miscellaneous reading. Read nothing that you do not care to remember; and remember nothing that you do not mean to use.

VIII. Never desire to appear clever and make a show of your talents before men. Be honest, loving, kindly and sympathetic in all you say and do. Cleverness will flow from you naturally, if you have it; and applause will come to you unsought from those who know what to applaud; but the applause of fools is to be shunned.

IX. Above all avoid fault-finding, and a habit of criticism. To see your own faults distinctly will do you good; to scan those of your brother curiously can serve only to foster conceit and to pamper insolence. Learn to look on the good side of all things, and let the evil drop. When you smell the rose learn to forget the thorn. Never condemn the conduct of your fellow-mortal till you have put yourself dramatically into his place and taken a full measure of his capacities, his opportunities and his temptations. Let your rule in reference to your social sentiments be simply this: Pray for the bad, pity the weak, enjoy the good, and reverence both the great and the small, as playing each his part aptly in the Divine symphony of the universe.—*Selected.*

## ATHLETIC NOTES.

The first cross-country run for the winter took place Saturday morning, January 20. The participants were: Stoughton, R. Kumler, Shank, Whitney, Teter, Bates, W. Jones, H. Jones, Thomas, B. Kumler, McKeen, Andrews, Bennett and Markley. The distance covered was ten miles, but owing to the mud and water encountered, fast time was impossible.

The course was westward by a circuitous route to Flint, down the Big Four R. R. track toward Worthington, thence back to Westerville. This is a splendid exercise for mid-winter and one that keeps the muscles strong and healthy. It is not so violent as to keep anyone from taking part. Unlike the hare-and-hound chase, there is nothing in particular to impel the men on, and they are at liberty to choose their own pace.

These runs will likely be held every Saturday morning during the winter and spring, whenever the weather is fit.

Almost the entire athletic field has been ploughed up in order to level it. The dirt is being filled in the southwest corner which is five feet lower than the opposite corner. The work is being done now, so that the ground may be ready for base ball in the spring.

Some of the base ball men have been at work for several weeks in the basement of the gymnasium. During the holidays it was fitted up so that two batteries can work without hindrance. Captain Stoughton already has the names of sixteen candidates, who will try for positions on the team.

## Y. M. C. A.

The attendance at each session during the term has been unusually good.

Thursday evening, Jan. 18, the Bible Study Committee had charge of the meeting, presenting the thought, "How Christ Honored God's Word." An expression was obtained concerning the work



of Bible study during the past term, and the results in general were found to be encouraging.

If the first meeting of the term may be considered an index to the Y. M. C. A. work for the year, we have good reasons for anticipating increased results.

The Devotional Committee has furnished the Association with printed topic cards, of carefully selected topics and leaders, with the hope that the topics will be carefully considered, not only by the leaders, but by each member of the Association.

The first regular session of the Y. M. C. A. in the audience room of the new Association building was held on Thursday evening, Dec. 8. There were about forty members present. The meeting was opened by the president, and after a half hour of song and prayer service, the treasurer stated that in consequence of the added expenses of the Association, due to moving into and occupying the new room, about \$200 would be required to meet all expenses for the year. In just fifteen minutes \$90 were pledged, and a few minutes later it was announced that the amount had reached \$135. Within this time almost every member present had responded, and a deep feeling of giving as unto the Lord was present.

### Y. W. C. A.

MISS ADA LEWIS, CORRESPONDENT.

The first meeting of the new year was unusually well attended, every available chair being taken. A healthy spiritual interest and a remarkable good attendance has characterized our Association the entire year.

At the usual hour, the evening of the 16th, the day of the important conference at Otterbein, a joint meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. was held in the Association room, led by Miss Stevenson. The leader appealed to the Association to claim every promise of that wonderful 91st Psalm for Otterbein. Many of the delegates to the conference were present and gave earnest testimonies of Christian lives spent in the service of Him in whose interest Otterbein was built.

### LOCALS.

The attendance this term is remarkably large. Quite a number of new students have entered.

Miss Evalena Richardson, of Galion, Ohio, has returned to school after an absence of two terms.

Mr. G. W. Deaver, of Deavertown, Ohio, was here recently and remained a week visiting his son.

Mr. J. M. Martin, formerly an instructor in the Central College Academy, has entered the sophomore class here.

Mr. Chas. Snively, '94, who has been kept at home so far this term on account of sickness, has returned to school.

During the holidays Pres. Sanders made a flying trip through Western Pennsylvania in the interest of the college.

The seniors' "yell" has become more monotonous than "After the Ball," but they are not afraid to scream it anyway.

Miss Edith Sherrick, of Scottdale, Pa., formerly a student in Lebanon Valley College, has entered the freshman class here.

Mr. Carl Semple, of Mt. Vernon, who coached the 'Varsity foot ball team last season so efficiently, paid his friends here a visit during the month.

In the inaugural parade at Columbus on Jan. 8, Messrs. H. J. Custer, '90, Weinland, '91, and Cline, '94, played with the Pugh Videttes, and Messrs. Clements, Douglas and Evans assisted the Ohio State University in like manner.

The music during chapel exercises has been much improved since the new orchestra has been organized. The orchestra consists of Messrs. Anderson, Gilbert, Cline and Funkhouser, all of whom are excellent musicians. The addition of new song books has also made a great change for the better, in the singing.

The fact that Mr. Fred Minshall has embraced the Prohibitionists' faith, and the finding of a Prohibition paper in a stove pipe belonging to one of the Seniors, might seem to indicate an attempt on the part of some individual to defame the character of Mr. Minshall, as well as to injure the cause he supports. The fact that the Senior



was almost suffocated is a matter of minor importance.

Mr. Chas. Sniffin, of Columbus, visited Mr. F. O. Clements last week.

The sickness of a sister called Miss Flo Leas home over Sunday, Jan. 21.

Prof. McFadden has been chosen treasurer of the Ohio College Association.

Miss Wilcox, of Columbus, visited Miss Verna Fowler over Sunday, Jan. 21.

Bishop Castle conducted church services on Sunday morning and evening, the 21st.

Messrs. E. Ammon and D. L. Davis went to Columbus Tuesday night, the 23d inst., to hear Madame Patti.

Miss Cora Shaner, of North Columbus, formerly a student in O. U., was here a few days last week visiting friends.

The University has adopted standard time. Everybody is pleased with the change as it does away with much annoyance.

Mr. J. Q. Coover, of near Dayton, while on a business trip to Columbus recently, stopped here and paid his son a short visit.

President Sanders and Bishop Castle have already begun the work of soliciting subscriptions toward the \$80,000 movement.

A present, in the form of a weapon of defense, would doubtless be appreciated by the janitor. "Self-preservation is the first law of nature."

Thursday, Jan. 25, being the Day of Prayer for Colleges, was observed as a holiday. A special service was held in the college chapel. The opening prayer was made by Rev. Bushnell, formerly president of Central College Academy. Dr. Garst made some remarks upon the purpose of the day and then read a scripture lesson from Ecclesiastes, commenting upon the same. Rev. W. O. Fries spoke very earnestly upon the responsibilities resting upon the Christian student and emphasizing the significance of the Day of Prayer. Following this there was a number of brief talks by different persons, and several earnest prayers were offered. The meeting was well attended and was characterized by a spirit of earnestness and consecration to duty.

Who said A. T. Howard roomed in Dr. Garst's annex?

Mr. W. H. Rowe has returned home on account of sickness.

The new chairs in the Association building are quite an improvement.

The library is now open all day on Fridays—a step in the right direction.

On Thursday evening, Jan. 25, the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. held a joint session.

T. J. Jenkins has had the "blues" ever since his fellow countryman, Mitchell, was knocked out.

Mr. Snyder, of Portage county, entered school and finding that he could not take third reader concluded to study elsewhere.

We are pleased to see that Mr. N. E. Cornett, who was compelled to leave school last term on account of sickness, has resumed his studies again.

The De Moss family gave a "musical exhibition" in the college chapel the evening of the 22nd. The audience was both large and largely disappointed.

Mr. C. E. Mullen, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., who is a warm friend and earnest supporter of the University, was the guest of Prof. W. J. Zuck, the 16th and 17th inst.

W. G. Kintigh has a guitar. We state this for the sake of his friends, whom we desire to feel no unnecessary alarm on account of the sounds which issue from his room.

Bishop Castle conducted chapel services on Jan. 16, and afterwards gave a pleasant talk. On the following morning Dr. I. L. Kephart, editor of the *Religious Telescope*, conducted the services, after which Dr. Funkhouser and Rev. W. J. Shuey made short speeches.

Dr. Garst in his characteristic manner gave one of his excellent talks on the morning of the 22d inst. It was called forth by some actions on the part of a few students last term. Dr. Garst showed plainly his great interest in the student body, and the welfare of each individual in a manner that should indicate to all the students the great love he has for them. His appeal to



the gentlemen students was touching and forceful. No doubt many if not all the boys there purposed to be manly. The scene at the close of his remarks, in which a number of students implicated themselves in an action, which was compromising to themselves, was most unusual, and called forth the admiration of many who considered the act of confession a manly one.

At the induction exercises of the Philomathean Society, held on the evening of the 19th, the following rostrum officers were inducted: President, A. C. Flick, '94; secretary, W. A. Garst, '94; critic, W. H. Cline, '94. On the same evening the Philophroneans inducted the following: President, G. D. Needy, '94; secretary, A. T. Howard, '94; critic, B. L. Senaff, '94. The sessions of both societies were well attended, and in each the program rendered was a source of much gratification and interest to those present.

The college library is now graced with a life-size crayon portrait of President Sanders. It is a splendid piece of work, and attests the fine artistic ability of Miss Sevier, who presides over the Art Department. The portrait, handsomely

framed, was the Christmas remembrance of Miss Sevier. We all appreciate her kind thoughtfulness, and we are sure the face of our President, looking down from the library wall, will inspire every student that works there. We are glad to notice, also, that the attendance at the art room has almost doubled this term—a fact that evidences the recognized ability of the instructress.

#### COLLEGE NOTES.

Of 3,000 students now enrolled at the University of Berlin, 800 are Americans.

Wheaton College (Ill.) advertises as follows: "This institution is a school for workers. Its students have little time for athletics, college yells and nonsense."

It is proposed to erect a beautiful athletic club-house on Percy Field as a memorial to Mr. Witherbee, the Cornell athlete who was drowned last summer.

The rules of Oberlin College require students "to be in their rooms at 10 o'clock p. m." They say also that "gentlemen are not permitted to call on ladies during study hours."—*Exchange*.

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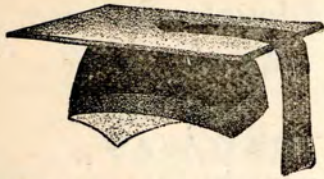
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Euclid Ave.....	8 52	8 11	1 12	3 40	---
Newburg.....	9 04	8 29	1 27	3 55	A M
Hudson.....	9 40	9 12	2 05	4 35	15 35
Cuyahoga Falls.....	9 55	9 30	2 20	4 50	5 58
Akron.....{ Ar	10 03	9 40	2 30	5 00	6 03
Barberton.....{ Lv	10 07	9 45	2 35	5 05	6 08
Warwick.....	10 22	10 01	2 53	5 21	6 27
Warwick.....	10 36	10 16	3 07	5 36	6 42
Orrville.....{ Ar	10 53	10 35	3 30	5 58	7 00
Holmesville.....{ Lv	10 58	10 42	3 37	Ar	7 20
Millersburg.....	11 14	11 14	4 09		7 53
Killbuck.....	11 35	11 27	4 20		8 02
Brink Haven.....	11 48	11 40	4 33		8 21
Danville.....	12 10	12 10	4 58	10	8 48
Gambier.....	12 22	12 22	5 09		8 59
Mt. Vernon.....{ Ar	12 32	12 40	5 27	A M	9 17
Mt. Liberty.....{ Lv	12 40	12 50	5 40	16 30	9 32
Centerburg.....	1 00	1 00	6 00	6 53	9 49
Sunbury.....	1 25	1 28	6 28	7 02	9 58
Galena.....	1 49	1 49	6 49	7 24	10 19
Westerville.....	1 54	2 06	6 54	7 28	10 23
Columbus.....Ar	2 15	2 30	7 05	7 40	10 36
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Galena.....	12 44	6 22	1 11	5 04	
Sunbury.....	12 48	6 26	1 16	5 08	
Centerburg.....	12 57	1 09	6 45	1 46	5 30
Mt. Liberty.....	1 17	1 37	6 53	1 56	5 40
Mt. Vernon.....{ Ar	1 22	1 47	7 15	Ar	6 00
Gambier.....	1 32	1 59	7 26		6 33
Danville.....	1 47	2 17	7 42		6 49
Brink Haven.....	2 18	2 30	7 51		6 59
Killbuck.....	2 31	3 03	8 21		7 33
Millersburg.....	2 31	3 17	8 38	5	7 45
Holmesville.....	3 27	3 27	8 48		7 55
Orrville.....{ Ar	3 05	4 05	9 25	A M	8 28
Warwick.....{ Lv	3 12	4 15	9 28	17 15	8 38
Barberton.....	3 33	4 37	9 51	7 34	9 01
Barberton.....	3 44	4 52	10 08	7 52	9 18
Akron.....{ Ar	3 57	5 10	10 25	8 09	9 35
Cuyahoga Falls.....{ Lv	4 02	5 20	10 30	8 14	9 40
Hudson.....	4 14	5 34	10 42	8 27	9 50
Newburg.....	4 27	5 50	10 55	8 45	10 05
Euclid Ave.....	4 50	6 30	11 30	9 25	P M
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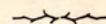


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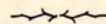
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