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RES. SANDERS has organized a class in pedagogics. This class will meet once each week. The object is to study the principles and rules of teaching as set forth by Rosenkranz. All those contemplating the profession of teaching, whether it be in the schoolroom, on the platform, or in the pulpit, should avail themselves of this excellent opportunity. The President will doubtless make this study a pleasure to all who enter it with the intention of broader development.

It is proposed to place the library under a board of control, composed of two members from each of the four literary societies and two from the faculty. This board is to have control in such matters as the arrangement of reading tables, heating, and conduct in the reading room. This is a step in the right direction, and it is to be hoped will lead to a similar system for the discipline of the entire institution. It is to be hoped that this last named matter will be agitated until it develops into something definite.

DISAPPOINTED by our alumnal contributors we have been obliged to rely entirely upon home talent for this number. We have no apology to offer for any of our contributions. They speak for themselves, and give us just reason to feel highly gratified on account of their excellence. There is a growing sentiment that the Ægis should publish more articles from the pens of the students, and while we expect still to rely largely upon our alumni and friends, yet in the future we will pay more attention to student talent than we have heretofore.

EVERY year, about this time, there usually appear sundry remarks, called a prophecy, on the prospects of a winning baseball team. And quite as often before the time for fulfillment of the prophecy, it has turned wholly, or in part, a fallacy, for one of Otterbein's most successful baseball teams came from the poorest prospects imaginable. The ranks that are broken, sometimes miraculously fill up from the new men, and especially this year our prospects for a successful season rest on our new men. The number and merit of these will be tested later by the opposition required for filling the vacant positions. Be this as it may, half the making of a good ball team is the support given it. A good solid financial foundation is necessary to the success of any venture. So two things will be required—self-sacrifice and unlimited support. Let those who have any skill compete for positions and also raise the enthusiasm of all to the highest pitch. It is needless
to mention the matter of support again, for we all know that if it is not forthcoming O. U. will not have the majority of figures required for many victories. However, as a summary, we would say the prospects are as good as usual and with the above mentioned requisites, we need not feel ashamed of our team.

The Christian Association sends a delegation of fifteen to the Newark State Convention. This delegation is by no means too large, as we need all the uplifting that we can get from this source. When a delegation of fifteen returns home full of enthusiasm for Christian work, it will doubtless add a new impetus to the work, which will be felt in large measure by all. The Association needs enthusiasm, as the record of this year plainly shows in the lax work done by some of its committees, and the general apathy which has prevailed to a greater or less extent. This is the time for a rally, and in remembrance of its past record, of which every member is proud, the Association should be brought back to its former enthusiasm and effective energy. Let every Christian boy be ready to rally about the old standard and do well his part, for in this is success assured.

The occasional recitals given by the pupils of the vocal department are beneficial and full of interest, not only to the pupils themselves but also to those fortunate enough to secure an invitation to the same. As vocal music is usually taught, merely practice and theory are the desired results. Music is a very personal matter and what the students really desire to learn is first of all how to perform and secondly how to enjoy their own performances. The studying of the musical works of great composers in much the same manner as Browning or Shakespeare is studied, will lead to success. The details of musical thought are much more clearly brought out, only when the pupil has given the subject itself real thought. For true musicians expend as much energy in interpreting the works of some good composers as is usually expended in a scientific study. This, we understand, is one of the aims of the recitals. Under the sincere and practical efforts of Miss Susan Rike much can be expected in the way of improvement and progress.

The seniors can now take a rest over the class representative question. The struggle has been a long and severe one between the two factions of the class, but the faculty has settled the matter in short order. It seems we are not yet ready for the new order of commencement exercises, and each senior will speak his piece as usual, make his bow, take his diploma, and go out in the world to try his mettle. The class begins to realize now that it is only a part of a greater organization, and that its most cherished plans may at any moment be overthrown if not in harmony with the powers that be. Perhaps it is well after all for senior dignity to be humbled once in a while, for it is a part of an education to learn to yield gracefully when defeated, a lesson which all must learn at some time in life, and if learned in college it is all the better, even if at the expense of senior dignity. No one questions the right of the faculty to have the kind of commencement exercises they may desire, and since the fiat has gone forth, the only wise thing to do is to yield gracefully.

In looking over the tables of the library we may see all of the American magazines of any note. Magazines on science, philosophy, history, poetry, fiction, current news, politics, religion, art, sporting, and almost everything else imaginable. This leads to the question as to whether we do not read too much circular literature and not enough of the classics and history. Many students, who can tell all about the latest scientific experiments, are well read in modern politics, or perhaps in the latest sporting or stage news, are ignorant of the world’s literary gems, or of the most striking facts in history. We cannot devote all our attention to the present and totally neglect the past, for without the past there is no present. There is not an institution to-day but has its
roots fastened deeply in the past, and unless this is taken into consideration in dealing with
great questions, mistakes and blunders will inevi-
tably follow, a fact which we frequently see
illustrated in the senseless political schemes
which some of our so-called statesmen attempt
to carry out. There is no way of judging the
future except by the past, and if we are not ac-
quainted with the past our powers of foresight
are crippled, and our usefulness impaired. If we
are laboring, as we should be, for the broadest
possible development, the voices of the past
should find our ears ready and eager to catch
their faintest echoes. The masters in literature,
philosophy, politics, and religion should be.
our teachers, and living in the present, under the
shades of the past, we should cast our eyes to-
ward the future and thus read her secrets. It
is well to make papers and books our compan-
ions, but our companionship should be broad
enough to give us a comprehensive view of the
age in all its relations.

REVIEW OF M'COSH'S PHILOSOPHY.

BY C. E. BYRER, '97.

THE WORLD is great. It is rich in the
products of the ages; rich in the im-
provement of its resources; rich in
power and mind; but richer still in the in-
tellectual accomplishment that has been the mark-
ed characteristic of its progress.

At every advancing step in every important
issue, whether it was the Greeks contending for
their cultured civilization upon the field of bat-
tle, or whether, surrounded by prison walls,
it was Socrates's parting words to a Crito;
whether in the sway of imperial Rome, or the
absolute jurisdiction of the Pope; whether in
French sensationalism or German transcendent-
alism; truth itself and all alone, had to fight
the very embattlements of a dark, mysterious,
and benumbing mythological tendency and rude
materialism.

Truth has fought all the battles of the world,
 enjoyed her conquests, and hastened her ad-
vance toward the real concealed in the ideal.
It is truth, and only truth, that has been put to
shame by the delay and retracings of the sickly
centuries that could give it nothing better than
the present, wounded by prejudice and unkind-
ness.

Mind is the wonder working instrument of
truth. Truth has no existence except in rela-
tion to things. And mind can not understand
it except in these relations. The world is rest-
less and selfish in its search after truth. Each
desires to trample upon the other, and to an-
ounce his theory as a body of established
truth. Hence, speculations may be hasty and
full of error.

Germany has passed through an important
crisis, but in England and the United States
thought is in a restless and transitional state.
For anyone to live at such a time and contribute
any great amount to the world's store of know-
ledge is, to say the least, remarkable.

In far-away Scotland, just one year before the
second War of American Independence, was
born in Carskeoch, Ayrshire, a life that was
destined to pierce the din and rabble of philo-
sophical inquiry. He received his education at
the universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh.
After his graduation, he entered upon the duties
of the ministry, which was his chosen profes-
sion. It was during the time of these labors
that he gave to the world the one great work
that marks the most important epoch of his
life. It was "The Method of Divine Govern-
ment." The Earl of Clarendon was so inter-
ested in the reading of the work that he forgot
to go to church. He afterward appointed Dr.
McCosh to the professorship of logic in Queen's
College at Belfast—a position which he held for
six years. In 1868 he was called to the presi-
dency of Princeton, which was gladly accepted.

During the twenty years of his presidency,
Princeton increased greatly in students and in-
fluence. During these twenty years he wrote
"Intuitions of the Mind," his first work on
metaphysics. It was this effort that entitled
him to a place among the giants of original in-
vestigation.
After retiring from the presidency of Princeton, he busied himself with original inquiry, that he might be occupied, and also with the hope that he might contribute something more to philosophy. He died at the ripe old age of eighty-four, after a very eventful career.

I can not stop to mention all the efforts that crowned his life, and especially his old age, but will name only the most important ones. Following "The Method of Divine Government" and "Intuitions of the Mind," came "Defence of Fundamental Truths," which is a review of Hamilton and J. S. Mill. Then, feeling the sad need of a history of the philosophical thinkers of his native Scotland, he wrote that cheerful volume which he called his labor of love; viz., "Scottish Philosophy." In this he shows how in such works of Lord Shaftesbury as his "Characteristics of Men, Manners, and Times," and "Sensus Communis," the Scottish School was begun, but to Francis Hutcheson belongs the honor of founding the school proper. He wrote other works, such as "Laws of Discursive Thought," "Christianity and Positivism," "Realistic Philosophy," and "Typical Forms and Special Ends in Creation." The subjects treated are of either a metaphysical or a theological nature. But his metaphysical works are no more theological than the theological are metaphysical. The two are handsomely combined. His writings are characterized by the modern method, which is that of induction. He was a very zealous and sincere advocate of what he considered to be the true philosophy. And yet he was not so earnest as to forget that he might be in error in some things. I think that it may be safely said that all his writings are characterized by a strange mingling of candor and confidence, anxiousness and hope. In other words, he put a conscience in all his efforts.

He was a firm adherent of the Intuitional School of Philosophy. He defines intuition very carefully, not leaving a stone unturned that will make the foundation secure for the superstructure he is about to build. He has little faith in such things as "innate ideas," "connate ideas," "a priori ideas," or "instinctive ideas or truths." Neither does he believe that empirical knowledge is the only source upon which we can depend. What these authorities call "ideas or truths" are not ideas or truths at all, but laws. The mind is not furnished with an idea or truth pure and simple upon which it builds its knowledge, but with laws. The idea or truth is the result of an operating law called into action by experience. So there is the law of the idea and the law of the truths which we call primary or axiomatic. The laws precede the ideas and are the foundation for them. The laws are necessary to the existence of mind; ideas are not. The ideas and truths are developed; the laws never. These laws, operating through consciousness in the unfolding of truth, constitute the furniture of the mind. This might be said, that we possess more ideas—developed by the essential laws of mind—than they did a century or two ago, since we have all the development and culture (by experience) since then. The vagaries of one age may become the stern realities in the one succeeding, out of which reality arises certain definite and indisputable laws with reference to that thing. Hence those living in previous ages could have no intuition concerning it. For how is it possible to have an intuition of a truth when nothing is known of the subject to which the truth relates? How can we have an intuitive truth of anything concerned in mathematics when we have never been made conscious that there is such a subject in the universe of man for consideration? It is preposterous to assert that we have definite intuitions relating to all truth. We have nothing definite until the law connected with the thing has been called into action by experience. The law in itself is not truth, and is worthless.

I do not believe, as Carpenter, that the laws become more numerous, but that the very first and fundamental products developed in consciousness multiply. The laws may become more potent, and may generate more and fuller conceptions of the things to which these laws, and only these, can apply. The ideas them
selves originate through our consciousness by the continual usage or occupation of the laws themselves. But these products which I say can be increased, are only the results of the natural laws of mind operating through conscious experience with the materials at hand. To this extent they claim experience as their boon companion. We must be conscious of a thing, conscious of a truth—the contradictory of which is unthinkable—relating to the thing, before we can have an intuition of the thing.

Dr. McCosh, although he advocates physiopsychical investigation as the proper method of inquiry, is somewhat inclined to pass over the empirical element of intuitive truth. I can not quite understand why there is such a sad omission of such an important subject by so many philosophers. There is no reason why the knowledge arising from our senses should be such a bug-bear to philosophers. We have them, and they must be accounted for, since their relation to knowledge is indispensable. Then why disregard them by saying that their errors are errors of judgment, and that our intuitions are laws governing just so much knowledge? The point I wish to make in the above is, that the law itself is not really intuitive until it is developed enough to act in accordance with the nature of the conditions, not only of the mind of which it is a part, but of the nature of the mind as it is found in its modified state in and because of the body. That is, mind itself must have a development sufficient to develop the a priori idea.

The nature of mind first develops generally, that is, as a whole (since mind must have a certain unity of development before it can comprehend even the particular), then particularly, that is, towards one regulating principal, then towards another as experience calls forth and want demands.

Intuition is only the nature of mind. It is only the way mind itself operates in its primary conditions that is, apart from the complex. It is the way mind commences to know conscious self and becomes conscious of things not itself. I am well aware that we can not say with certainty just what we get from experience and what we get from direct intuition. It is my opinion that they are inseparable. The one is not without the other.

The modern school, called Natural Realism, found in McCosh a warm defender. As his works plainly indicate, I am wont to call it Rational Natural Realism. He maintains that the general exists only in the particular.

He makes frequent reference to other schools of philosophy, even to those as obscure as the pre-Socratic schools. In fact a careful reading of his works will give you a pretty thorough knowledge of the most important schools and their main points of difference, commenting now and then upon their discrepancies.

Like Hamilton, who followed the spirit of Reid, he makes consciousness the central thought around which his system is built. In the rapid movement of the world it is difficult to say how long his works will be considered authority. Probably in a decade students will delve into his theology or philosophy only as the gems of a great master in bygone years.

Socrates's ethical philosophy is but a distant tower in ancient Athens. And students are curious to know how much of Plato is borrowed from the splendid genius of a Democritus who left us no writings. He was the father of Grecian materialism.

We are inspired by the lofty conceptions of a Plato, but grow tired of his painful abstractions, some of which are to-day intellectual mysteries. Neither can we sympathize with him in his disrespect for Democritus, to whom he was indebted for some of his opinions. We to-day see what Plato little realized, the antagonizing forces of the world gradually giving way to the rapidly advancing influence of a rationally natural materialism. In other words the uniting both of his system and that of Democritus. It took its first great step in that direction in the system of his pupil, Aristotle.

Thus what may time accomplish. The dreams of all can not be realized. All are anxious but none perfect. But truth has had its
onward march and finds its laurels among all the philosophies of the world. None are all right, neither are there any so erroneous as to be all wrong.

May the same scrutinizing inquiry, candor, earnestness, and love for truth that characterized the life and writings of Dr. McCosh inspire our youth to press on into the broad open future prepared for them by the bountiful toil of the ages.

CAREER AND MISSION OF THE LAWYER.

J. C. BLACKBURN, '95.

Among the world's pursuits, the legal profession stands unique and alone. Other professions and callings are bounded within their own narrow limits; but law touches every interest of civilized life and concerns every occupation of man. Its devotees glean their knowledge from every field of human industry. Its history is the history of civilization. Man in all his relations, human nature with its complexities, infinite in its possibilities of evil and good—these are the mighty forces which underlie the profession of law.

Amid the changes of time and place, human nature is ever the same. The experience of other ages, the conclusions of history and of the world's sages have formed a legal literature richer in its teachings, more profound in wisdom than that of any other science or profession. "Human law," says Burke, "is the pride of the intellect and the collected wisdom of ages." The Decalogue, the Twelve Tables, Magna Charta, and the Declaration of Independence, eternal monuments to the profession of law, the world bows in adoration before their divine truths!

The lawyer's is a high and holy function. His mission, to vindicate rights and redress wrongs. Men come to him in their hours of trouble, not such trouble as religion can solace, or medicine cure; but "trouble arising from innocence accused, reputation slandered, property invaded, or life endangered." Harassed by injuries, goaded on by outrages, pursued by the furies of fear and remorse, men flee to the law as an altar of salvation. Within the sanctuary of the lawyer's office, around which the law has drawn the sacred veil of secrecy, the human heart is laid bare; and to the lawyer's eyes human nature stands revealed as to its God. He sees man under the influence of every human passion, pride and anger, love and hatred, elation and despair. He gazes into the mysterious depths of man's soul, he traces and weighs the forces which control its actions. The soul is an instrument of infinite beauty and workmanship; the passions are the keys on which the skilled manipulator strikes; and the melody of the heavenly choirs, or the discord of Hades comes forth.

When the iron will is bent with disaster and the frail mind is overwhelmed with trouble they are clay in the hands of the able and trusted attorney. He brings nettles to their wounded feelings and poison to their bleeding pride and the passions of Cain stir within their hearts. He waves his magician's wand of legal lore over their fancied woes and they vanish as the shadows of night. He curbs the reckless and desperate character and reunites the severed bonds of friendship. Faithful but offended hearts he brings back into the bonds of amity. When error and folly have shattered the sacred family ties; when misery and despair have blighted the lives once happy and bright, he leads them back into the ways of virtue and of love; he rekindles the fires on the family altar and gives back domestic peace and purity, around which cluster earth's highest happiness and heaven's strongest hope.

When human and divine law demand vindication, when man's wrongs cry out to heaven for vengeance, who is the defender of the oppressed and the minister of justice?

The tears of the widow and orphan, the voice of Rachel "weeping for her children because they are not"—yea the voice of God summons him and, like the storied knight, single handed and alone he goes forth to battle. Alone? no! The spirits of the mighty dead are there. This
is the arena in which the mightiest intellects of the world have met in conflict. Cicero, Marshall, Webster, may the mantle of their greatness fall on them to whom they have bequeathed their weapons and their battles.

Here oratory, that golden plumed spirit of reason, mounts to her dizziest heights; and eloquence paints her most vivid and soul-stirring pictures. She clothes vice in a robe of virtue and transforms Lucifer into an angel of light. She not only convinces the intellect and pleases the fancy, but she storms the citadel of the mind, sways the will and moves men to action.

Go enter the courthouse, when a prisoner is on trial for murder. Behold the judges in their calm and placid dignity. Survey the countenances of the jury. See the anxious faces of the assembled multitude; then turn to the prisoner at the bar, in whose face ten thousand eyes like yours are trying to read the secret of his guilt or innocence.

The prosecution swear away his reputation, blacken his character, and by every device known to ingenuity, draw the cords of death around him. The press has condemned him unheard; his friends have fallen away; the rabble call loudly for his blood; the jury in thought have pronounced his doom. Gaunt death smiles grimly on her victim. Between the prisoner and the yawning felon's grave his attorney stands alone. Shall crimes be committed in the name of justice, and the innocent condemned under the sanction of the law? When a human life is laid in the balance, when waiting thousands hang on his every word, when the jury condemn or acquit in accordance with the pleas of the opposing attorneys—who, when his voice is the voice of Jehovah calling back from the shadows of death—who could fail to speak in a voice of thunder?

But when oratory, exalted by imagination and fired by passion, sends forth her divinest strains of melody, multitudes are swayed as leaves by a summer wind, and a garland of glory richer than Rome's triumphal chaplets crowns the victor's brow.

Caesar, Richelieu, ye mighty potentates who ruled the world, millions have ye doomed to death, but all the power of your realms would fail to bring back the vital breath again. The Cicero of the courts of justice speaks to the slain reputation, the sepulchered character, the criminal suspended between time and eternity, and they come to life again.

As justice is the culmination of law, and liberty is the perfection of government, the legal profession is the minister of justice and the guardian of our country's liberty. Its crowning light and glory, and the most sacred position in our system of government, is that of the judge. Set apart for their knowledge and their integrity, they are beyond the reach of popular excitement, and, in their secure elevation, they are left to the calm and fearless exercise of unbiased judgments. Our property, our liberty, and our lives hang upon their decisions. They are the high priests of our judicial system. The Temple of Justice is their shrine; in her Holy of Holies they dwell, and on her altars the fires forever burn.

The career of the lawyer is a life of unending conflict. Not a gladiator of Rome, nor a Bonaparte in the midst of war, was ever more battle-scarred than the veteran of the law. Contention is in the air they breathe. Strife is their vital breath. But strength is the product of strife, and power is the fruit of knowledge and incessant struggles.

Adamantine in character, familiar with every avenue of approach to men's minds and hearts, acquainted with every need of man, the law sends forth her legions into the conflict. The legislators, the reformers, are the adornment and product of law. "Call the roll of the legal profession," says Depew, "and you summon God's chosen ministers of reform." Our rulers and statesmen, our governors and presidents, owe their fame, their power, and their greatness, to the beneficent influence of law.

The principles of law by the wayside strewn sprang up and brought forth "the glory that was Greece, the grandeur that was Rome." In the
fertile soil of England and America it has grown deep and strong with the passing centuries. Its protection falls with a gentle caress on the heads of the weak—to the offender it is a sword of vengeance. Under its benign shadow, virtue flourishes and vice is chained. The teacher pursues his noble calling; the press radiates the light of progress; the minister incubates the principles of eternal life. The lawyer has taken individuals and bound them together into nations. He laid his hand on the naked savage and clothed him in the light of civilization. He seized the scepter from the tyrant’s grasp, and crushed anarchy in its infancy.

Human law is a reflection of the divine, and toward its ideal it is ever tending. Whether nations or individuals are concerned, its essence and spirit are arbitration. Hence law has tamed the spirit of war, ushered in an era of peace, and drawn closer the ties of universal brotherhood. Over the nations of the earth she is beginning to assert her sway, and whether the crime be committed among the serfs of far-away Russia, amid the defenseless Christians of Armenia, or the unfortunate of free America, justice shall be appeased and the claims of the law vindicated. The triumph of constitutional law over despotism and political chaos throughout the world is a thing of time. It means the triumph of right, of liberty, and of God. It has begun its march of bloodless conquest. It has been decreed by the fates. It will prevail. O law, mighty and supreme, thou “whose seat is the bosom of God,” and whose “voice is the harmony of the world,” whose majesty the thunders of Sinai proclaimed, and on whose altars the powers of heaven, and of earth paid tribute in the victim of Calvary, march on in thy triumphal career, strewn o’er by the flowers of purity, happiness, and peace, till heathen Africa confess thy power, robbery, slander and murder are known no more, and war and bloodshed have fled away forever. Then they who have expounded equity, and advocated right, and administered justice among men, will lay down their commission at the feet and receive the benediction of Him who is the author of all law.

A WHEEL WITHIN A WHEEL.

(Delivered by Miss Ada Lewis, President of the Y. W. C. A., on the Day of Prayer for Colleges.)

STRENGTH and harmony are two main elements in mechanism; the one is not to be increased at the expense of the other. A wheel within a wheel works in harmony with the larger and increases its power. Its circumference is not so great but its work is as perfect. Every part of the larger wheel comes in contact with the smaller one. There is union of forces, hence strength. The larger wheel deprived of its help within would not accomplish its intended work.

The Christian Association is one of the wheels within a wheel in the college. Touching every department, harmonizing all, it is the great spiritual factor. It draws within it the Christian and non-Christian student, develops and cultivates his spiritual nature. It cultivates that peculiar feeling between student and faculty, which should be a generous respect on one hand and a tolerating sympathy on the other. This wheel within a wheel makes practical the ethical principles and theories taught in the larger circle. The one complements the other. The Association touches the lost and silent chords of good and virtue in many a heart that would have gone untouched and unreached by the more gentle influence. The halls of a college are trodden by none more loyal, more jealous of its internal interests than the true Y. M. or Y. W. C. A. student.

The Christian Association harmonizes the discords that arise between societies and fraternities. Within the halls of the Association Building strife and enmity are forgotten, and in one common brotherhood they worship God. There the white and the blue are unnoticed; there the blue and white twine with the old rose, and under the tan and cardinal unite in one harmonious column.

To what does the alumnus look back with more tenderness, more reverence than the clustering memories of the Association life? There he was strengthened by the sweet communion
with Him who said "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." There, after a troublesome, weary day, the strong words of his fellows came like a balm to a weary heart.

The Association to the college is like a lubricating fluid for machinery, making all wheels move better; it is like a confessional to a church; it is like a summer's dew on the flowers—freshening and brightening.

What Christian college would be without its Association is indeterminable. The possibilities of the college with an Association is also indeterminable. The influence thereof should pervade every college hall, every teacher's life, every student's room, every church, every home; yea, every life in the whole place. The Association, four-fold in its nature—spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical—is intended to supplement the college work in one's life, to build a symmetrical character, not to allow one to leave the college halls only partly developed. If in a distinctly Christian institution, founded in the name of Him who rules the universe, where the precepts taught are distinctly Christian, if here one does not decide his future eternal life, it is sadly probable it will go on undecided. The Association's aim is to make practical, to beautify, to make desirable, even to glorify this higher life.

The echoes of a beautiful music strain will haunt the soul for many days. Even a hymn floating on the quiet evening air faintly caught across the campus, may find a responsive chord in some heart hitherto untouched. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

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**FRIENDSHIP.**

There are depths of human friendship,  
Which God alone can sound,  
There are loving links that bind us,  
To the lives we see around.

May we know the worth of friendship,  
And rejoicing know 'tis ours  
To live and learn its sweetness  
With its God appointed powers.

J. A. Howell, '92.

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**Y. W. C. A. NOTES.**

The annual election of officers will occur Feb. 26.

A missionary Bible reading was held on the evening of Feb. 11.

The International Committee has changed its headquarters from Venetian Building to 1004-1005 Champlain Building, State street, Chicago.

The Bible classes maintain their usual interest. Mrs. Sanders's class is beginning an inductive study of Genesis, having just completed a general study of all the Bible.

Our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Anna Jones, is not with us this term on account of sickness at home. She is preparing an exhibition of printed matter of our Association to be sent to the International Convention at Pittsburgh April 18-21.

A very interesting letter from Miss Cronise dated Rotofunk, Africa, Jan. 1, was read at the meeting Feb. 12. In her usual sympathetic manner she described her African home already dear to her. After the description of a meeting held in a little muddy village of poor neglected heathens she adds: "I wish you could have had a glimpse of them, one moment would tell you more than unnumbered pages could. No homes, no furniture, no civilization, no God."

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

It is hoped that our Association will catch an inspiration from the State Convention at Newark, Feb. 21-24. A large delegation will represent the Otterbein Association. The boys representing the Association in the convention have been instructed to pledge one hundred dollars toward the state work for the coming year.

The long-looked for lecture from Prof. Miller was finally given to a large number of the college men, on the evening of the 7th, inst. He spoke in a most interesting manner on "The Highest Choice," leading his hearers, step by step, up to his culminating thought, that of "seeking first the kingdom of God." He placed before the boys an exalted conception of life in
college, and emphasized the importance of the student using his intellectual culture as a stepping stone to a higher, broader and better Christian life. The professor is loyal to the interests of the Association and is quite a favorite among the boys.

The Association has been blessed during the past month with many helpful meetings. Prof. Zuck addressed the Christian Association at a joint meeting on the evening of Jan. 31st, the day of prayer for colleges. The professor gave an earnest, heart searching talk, suggesting in his closing remarks, the day of prayer for colleges as a fitting day for the student to form new resolutions, or to begin a new life on the basis of the teachings of the Bible.

A business meeting was held on the evening of the 18th, at which the committee appointed to nominate officers for the coming year reported. The report of the committee was adopted as a whole and the new officers duly installed. They are as follows: President, W. E. Crites, '97; Vice President, E. E. Hostetler, '96; Corresponding Secretary, J. Frank Yothers, '97; Recording Secretary, J. M. Martin, '96; Treasurer, Jesse Gilbert, '97; Usher, W. L. Barnes, '98.

The Association building is now kept open continually, for the free use of all the students. The "gym" now being furnished, affords an excellent opportunity for the student to exercise himself physically. Every student should feel free to avail himself of all the advantages afforded by the Christian Association Building. It is pre-eminently the student's own building, and it is proper and fitting that he use it for promoting his growth into a robust manhood as well as into a high ideal of Christian life.

PERSONALS.

F. A. Anderson, ex-'97, is traveling in Georgia.

Perry Flick, a former student, is visiting his mother.

W. G. Kintigh, '95, visited in Columbus last Saturday.

G. B. McDonald visited at his home in Logan last week.

Mr. McKenzie has been admitted to the freshman class.

Clifford Bouck entertained his mother a few days since.

E. E. Hostetler has been admitted to the junior class.

Mr. Brierly, of Dayton, visited his son, Will, last Saturday.

M. H. Matthews entertained his mother a few days last week.

O. L. Shank, '95, recently entertained Carl Semple, of Mt. Vernon.

W. A. Andrews, '97, has dropped out of his classes for the rest of the year.

Barrett Kumler, '98, is entertaining his mother, Mrs. S. E. Kumler, of Dayton.

Miss Ada McCammon was compelled to leave college on account of ill health.

Anna Jones, of the freshman class, has dropped out of her class for the term.

Miss Katharyn Cover, '94, of Shauucks, is the guest of Miss Katherine Thomas.

Helen Shauck entertained Miss Rowena Fowler, of Mt. Vernon, last week.

W. C. Whitney, '95, has been missing classes for a week on account of sickness.

Frank Stoner, an ex-Otterbein student, is visiting his brother, Birchard, of class '96.

Misses Ori and Geneva Cornell entertained a number of friends a few evenings since.

W. D. Gardner entertained his chum, Holly Farrer, of London, a short time last week.

Mrs. Geo. K. Brierly and daughter, Grace, spent a few days with Will Brierly last week.

Miss Jaque Fowler, of Mt. Vernon, has been the guest of Miss Eva Doty during the past week.

C. R. Frankum, '96, has been taking divers sleigh rides in sundry places with divers fair damsels.
John Thomas and Earl Ammon have been elected managers of the foot and baseball teams respectively.

Thursday evening, the 7th inst., Prof. F. E. Miller delivered a deeply interesting address before the boys of the Y. M. C. A.

Arthur Shank, '98, is at his home in German-town, undergoing treatment for his health. He expects to be in college next term.

Harry Rowland, '97, who has been compelled to absent himself from classes for a few days on account of sickness, has recovered.

On Sunday, the 10th inst., Wells K. Stanley, formerly of class '95, now an O. W. U. senior, spent the day with college friends.

Ernest Best, who has been connected with business ventures at Columbus and Plain City, is home for a few weeks' recuperation.

Miss Ada Markley, '97, has been compelled to remain away from recitations for several days on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Prof. Alice Bender, of the Business Department, has just returned from Cleveland where she had been called by the serious illness of her father.

Nolan R. Best, '92, who has been editing a paper at Plain City, has been compelled on account of nervous prostration, superinduced by overwork, to sever his connection with his paper.

### LOCALS.

The sophomores had a class picture taken several days ago.

Mr. Harry Haller has been boarding himself for the past two weeks (?)

Some of Prof. Scott's pupils claim that his latest motto is "Soc et tuum."

A number of the boys attended the Y. M. C. A. convention at Newark, O., this week.

Sunday, Feb. 3, the ladies of Saum Hall took dinner at the Holmes House, owing to a depleted larder, caused by a burglary the night previous.

It is said that Prof. Scott is contemplating a plunge into real estate transactions.

The average size of a senior’s head (actual outside measurement,) has been found, by investigation, to be 7 3-16. It is somewhat smaller than last term, owing to recent events.

They say that Walter Gump received the following for his valentine:

- Killibis Gumpibns who crack once morum
- Staleibs jokibus 'bout sweet giroum

A Philomathean orchestra has been organized by Mr. E. L. Weinland, director, composed of eleven pieces. The orchestra rendered excellent music at the open session, Friday, the 22d inst.

The local editor received two elegant lithographed valentines, for which he thus desires to thank the thoughtful donors. In this public manner only could they learn of his gratitude, as they evidently took especial pains to conceal their identity.

Friday evening, the 8th inst., the Philomathean Literary Society gave an open session, when the following program was excellently rendered:

- Music—Nancy Lee
- Review—Dr. Parkhurst and Municipal Reform
- Oration—Dr. Parkhurst and Municipal Reform
- J. P. West
- Essay—Friends of the Law
- S. C. Markley
- Music—Friends of the Law
- Philomathean Glee Club
- F. V. Bear
- Music—Moonlight and Music
- Mixed Quartet
- Address—Career and Mission of the Lawyer
- J. C. Blackburn
- Music—Philomathean Glee Club
- Paper—M. H. Matthews
- Piano Solo—Rhaphsodie Honeysuckle, No. 2
- Miss Lila Baker
- Oration—The Old and the New
- C. R. Frankum
- Music—The Parting Kiss
- Mixed Quartet

The day of prayer for colleges was observed by the Christian Associations on the 31st ult. Prof. Wagoner presided at the special morning service in the chapel, and four addresses were given, by W. H. Anderson, '97; Ada Lewis, '95; Prof. Miller, and Pres. Sanders. A joint meeting of the Christian Associations of great spirit and interest was held at the Association building in the evening. Prof. Zuck made a short but telling address, after which a number of students testified. The day was a good one throughout.
The chemistry class, under the efficient leadership of Prof. McFadden, are engaged in an analysis of the drinking water of the town, in connection with their other work.

The Philalethean Literary Society rendered the following program at their installation exercises:

President's Valedictory..................Edith Turner
Enology—Dr. Parkhurst.
President's Inaugural..................Sarah Mauger
The People Who Influence Us.
Reverie......................................Sadie Newell
Recitation.................................Fay Shatto
Sketch of Beethoven........................Anna Knapp

A special attraction of the musical program was a sextet by the senior girls, each member of the sextet having composed a verse of the song.

Monday, the 15th inst., at Chapel service, Prof. Haywood made a few remarks on the death of Mrs. Dr. Davis, the widow of Rev. Dr. L. Davis, an ex-president of Otterbein. He recalled reminiscences of the early work and life of the college, and spoke in eulogistic terms of Mrs. Davis's aid to her husband in his labors. Dr. Haywood has outlived nearly all of those who were early connected with the institution, and his remarks were well received and highly appreciated by the students.

Friday evening, the 15th inst., Misses Shauck, Doty, and Thomas, of class '96, delightfully entertained a number of their friends to a valentine party at the Holmes House, in honor of their guests, the Misses Rowena and Jacque Fowler, of Mt. Vernon, and Miss Katharyn Cover, of Shaucks. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Judge Shauck and Mrs. L. E. Kumler, of Dayton. The hostesses, elegantly gowned, received their guests in the large parlors of the hotel. The emblems of Cupid played a prominent part in the evening's entertainment, much merriment being caused by the game of Hearts, in which Mr. Ernest Barnard and Miss Jacque Fowler won the first gentlemen's and ladies' prizes respectively. At a late hour refreshments were served in the dining hall. A souvenir heart, with an appropriate valentine, was given to each guest. Those present besides the chaperones and fair hostesses, were Misses Crim, Leas, Sherrick, Updegrave, Pruner, Von Lunen, Fowler, Cover, Wardall, and Rike, and Messrs. Shauck, Miller, E. Barnard, Thomas, L. Barnard, Ammon, Gilbert, Stewart, Critte, Kumler, Gardner, Funkhouser, Matthews, and Holly Farrar, of London, O.

Saturday afternoon, the 16th inst., Prof. Susan Rike, of the Davis Conservatory of Music, gave a recital. The talent displayed, together with the training evidenced by the pupils, spoke very highly for the ability and efficiency of Miss Rike. The program, which is appended, was delightfully rendered.

**Afternoon with Schubert.**

Sketch of Schubert........................Miss Rike
(a) Hark, Hark, the Lark..........................Schubert
(b) The Shepherd's Lament..........................Miss Helen Shauck,
Little Boy Blue..................................Miss Eva Doty
The Pilgrim..................................Mr. Gantz
Duet—I would that My Love...........Mendelssohn
Miss Shauck, Miss Rike.
(a) Adieu..........................Schubert
(b) The Wanderer..........................Miss Anna Knapp.
'Twas April..................................Miss Shauck.
The Erl King..................................Schubert
Miss Rike.

**De Alumini.**

Rev. I. L. Oakes, '94, has given up his work in Union Biblical Seminary at Dayton, and taken the pastorate of the United Brethren Church at Galion.

T. H. Bradrick, '94, has been elected to the assistant secretariaship of the St. Louis, Mo., Young Men's Christian Association, and will enter upon his duties at once.

J. B. Toomay, '93, who has been in Yale Divinity School since his graduation, has just been awarded an important scholarship, which is always the object of fierce competition. This is not only a deserved testimony to Mr. Toomay's abilities, but a gratifying tribute to the merit of his alma mater.
Judge John A. Shauck, '68, took his seat upon the Supreme bench of the state, on the 12th inst. He was guest of honor at a magnificent banquet given at the Neil House by the Columbus bar the evening previous.

Geo. R. Hippard, '88, has been promoted to a position on the editorial staff of the Columbus Evening Dispatch. He went up over the heads of men much older in the service of his paper than he, but is sustaining himself in his important position like an old timer.

Rev. P. E. Holp, who has been called to the pastorate of the Rogers Park Congregational church, Morse and Forest avenues, will prove a valuable acquisition to Chicago. He is one of the church's bright and shining lights, and is well known throughout the northwest, the field of his labors, as an able lecturer and eloquent pulpit orator. By his more enthusiastic admirers he is known as the "Talmage of the west."

Rev. Philip E. Holp was born in Ohio thirty-nine years ago. He graduated from the Otterbein University, in his native state, in 1878. His theological training was acquired at Yale. He was a member of the famous "Yale-Dakota band," which went in 1881 as "home missionaries" to the Congregational churches of the then wild west territory of Dakota. He preached three years at Plainfield, S. D.; five years at Sioux Falls, S. D.; five years at Watertown, S. D., and one year at Waseca, Minn. He was an officer on Governor Mellee's staff.

As a preacher Mr. Holp has solved the vexed church problem of "how to fill the church Sunday evening" By his lecturers he constantly packs and overflows his church Sunday nights. His sermons have been widely circulated. In the brief time he has been preaching in Rogers Park he has more than sustained his reputation. His discourses are pointed and logical and he is a very effective preacher. He rises at times to sublimity and carries his hearers with him.

Mr. Holp has had some success as an author. He is the publisher of a book of sermons entitled "The Golden Age," and of a volume of "Popular Lectures." For ten years he has been in great demand as a lecturer in the northwest. In his Sunday evening lectures, "The Land of As," "Methusaleh Enoch," and "Talmage and His Tricks," he gained considerable fame. His most popular lectures are: The Almighty Dollar," "Simon Says 'Thumbs Up'" and 'Kisses and Kissing."

Mr. Holp is married and is the father of two children. His family will not move to Rogers Park until the first of the new year.—Chicago Evening Post.

Graduates and ex-students of Otterbein University met in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. last evening and took steps preliminary to the organization of a Columbus Otterbein Association. A temporary organization was formed with Mr. D. L. Bowersmith as chairman and Mr. E. L. Weinland as secretary. An enthusiastic spirit was manifest and there was a college "feast" in the air. Speeches urging the organization of the association were made by Judge John A. Shauck, Mrs. C. P. Landon, Major John Chapin, C. E. Rogers, E. C. Briggs, and others. President Sanders, of the University, was present, and received an enthusiastic welcome. In his customary pleasing manner he expressed the sympathy of the University for the movement, and gave encouraging reports of similar organizations which have been formed in other cities.

The common bond which joins persons whose college days were spent at the same institution is sacred as it is pleasant, and one which deserves perpetuation. At the meeting last evening persons met who had not seen each other for a score of years, and others made the discovery that persons with whom they had associated in a business way, perhaps for years, were ex-students of the same college, and a new and different friendship was immediately formed. There is an unusually large number of ex-students of Otterbein University residing in this city, and the purpose of the association is to bring them together in a social way. With the impetus which the project received last evening there is no question that the organization will be a success.

After a season of discussion, interwoven with interesting personal reminiscences and college experiences, a committee consisting of Judge J. A. Shauck, E. L. Weinland, Miss Sallie Kumler and G. R. Hippard, was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws to be reported at a fu-
ture meeting. Another committee, consisting of Mrs. C. P. Landon, Mrs. Harriet E. Smith, Mr. D. L. Bowersmith, Mr. C. E. Rogers, and Major J. W. Chapin, was also appointed for the purpose of arranging for a general reunion, at which it is expected to complete the organization.—Columbus Dispatch.

CLIPPINGS.

The University of Chicago opened with an attendance of over 1,000, Harvard reports 2,804 students, University of Pennsylvania 1,950, Princeton 1,130, Oberlin 1,300, Cornell 1,680, Columbia 1,552.

AS TO THE WEATHER.

Whenever they say "It rains cats and dogs," I always have wondered whether it wouldn't be quite correct to say, "We're having beastly weather."

—University Herald.

Students are too apt to conclude that the mere absorbing of books is getting an education. The sooner such false ideas are given up, the sooner will we receive the light.—Practical Student.

"Hit am one ob de fust principles ob jometry," said Uncle E'en, "dat er kaint make 'is life er complete round ob pleasure, an' at de same time keep it square."—Ex.

LATEST LAW IN PHYSICS.

The deportment of a pupil varies directly as the distance from the professor's chair.—Ex.

The lover is addicted to idolizing, the poet to idylizing, the tramp to idleizing.—Ex.

The teacher asked: "And what is space?"

The trembling student said:

"I cannot think at present,
But I have it in my head."

College students frequently underestimate the value of the work in English. There is nothing in the college curriculum that will bring more abundant returns for earnest, pains-taking labor than close application to the mastery of the English language. There is nothing that marks a cultured lady or gentleman so thoroughly as does the ability to use the English language fluently and skillfully.—Earthmite.

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