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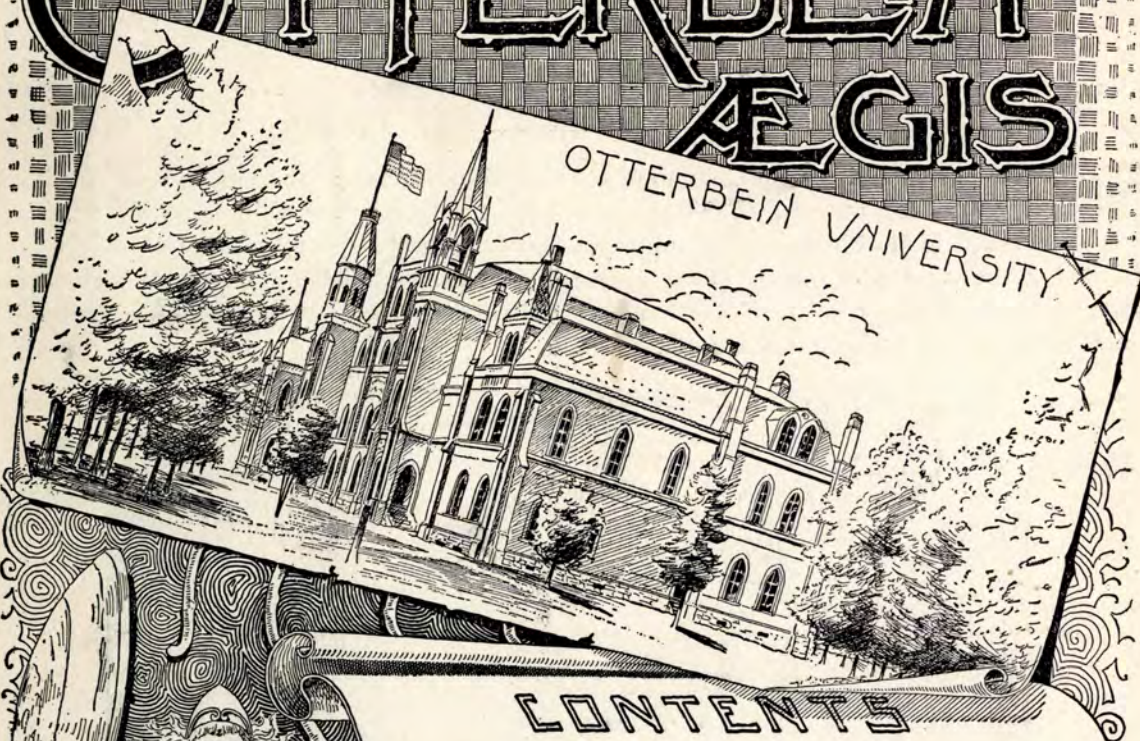
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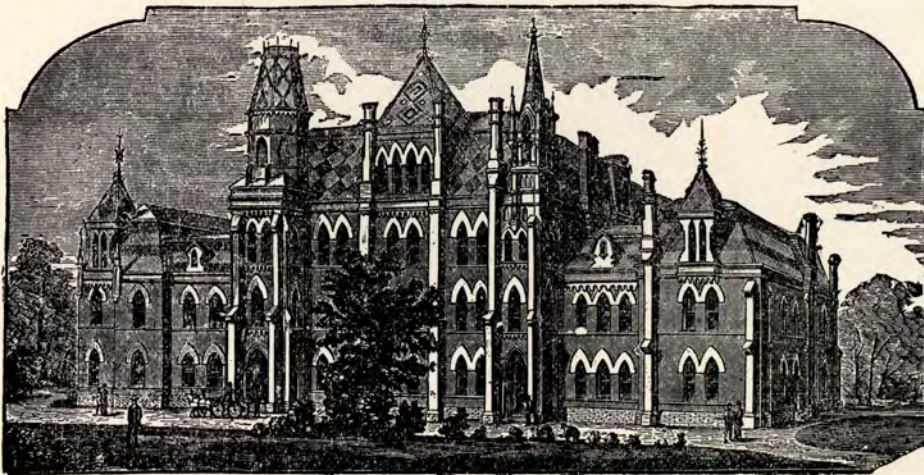
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FOR the forty-ninth time, Otterbein University has had its annual opening, and this has been the most promising one of the whole list. Never before were circumstances more favorable for a successful college year. The faculty are all specialists in their departments, and will not fail to inspire confidence and co-operation on the part of the student body.

The new electric road has brought the advantages of the city to our doors without its attendant vices; the business management could not be in better hands; the music and art departments were never better provided for; the athletic department is under a new and better method

of control; the religious advantages were never so well provided for; and the student body is as fine as ever gathered within college walls.

On Wednesday at 10 a. m., the college chapel was filled with students, professors, alumni and visitors to witness formal opening exercises. Dr. Sanders had charge of affairs. Music was furnished by the college band. After the usual preliminary exercises and announcements, Dr. Sanders made a few remarks upon the work of the coming year, promising that no pains or means would be spared to make this the best year for Otterbein in her history, and seasoning his remarks with a few bits of helpful advice.

Though the speaker of the day was delayed in his arrival, yet the audience was well repaid in waiting to hear the most excellent address of Dr. S. F. Scovel, Pres. of Wooster University. None of our readers can afford to fail reading his burning words, which the Dr. has so kindly permitted the ÆGIS to print in this issue.

FOOTBALL! What student's heart does not experience a deep feeling of pride and ambition at that magic word? Tired and dejected, homesick and forlorn, all is forgotten when with his "visible" point he stands on the side lines and his drooping ear catches the familiar sound "down" and on his sleepy and dreamy retina is pictured a mass of creeping, crawling and coughing humanity.

Football with all its defects (and what exhilarating sport has not defects) holds the first place in the hearts of college men. With the many changes which it has undergone of late years and a few to come in the future, football is fast strengthening its hold on the public mind and from present indications it will soon be impossible to displace it as a college sport. Nevertheless this year will decide its fate as such, for unless the latest rules are strictly adhered to Yale and the eastern colleges will drop it and that will end its college life.

But to the O. U. student football is particularly attractive since for several years we have stood among the first of Ohio colleges in this sport. Our chances this year are certainly flat-

tering for practically our old line is here as solid and firm as in "years of yore," two excellent backs are on hand and with Barnard, one of the best posted football men in the state, as coach and Davy "The Stone Wall" as captain we will be invincible. One thing alone remains and that the hearty co-operation of students, faculty and citizens. If we are to have football let us have a team to be proud of and if not then prohibit the game altogether.

HOPE, fear, and an immense amount of pride mark the feelings with which we greet you, dear readers, in this our opening number.

We are proud of the wonderful advance the ÆGIS has made in the few short years of its existence, and a deep feeling of satisfaction steals over our weak selves, when we recall that the year just closed was the most successful in its history.

To-day, we submit to you the initial number for '95 and '96, of the true representation of Otterbein, her interest at home and abroad, and would ask you, new student especially, to read, study and subscribe.

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Come 'old, new, and middled aged, and see how much we can do in one short year.

CONSCIENCE IN WORK.

BY DR. S. F. SCOVEL, WOOSTER, O.

QUESTIONS of detail in our education are interesting us just now, profoundly, and questions of detail have their importance. But always before them and always after them, come the great vital questions—why and for what end shall we do these multitudinous things at all?

How to do a thing is of very little moment unless we *mean* to do it. Seeking the method without any motive within would be Diogenes hunting a man in Athens and without any lantern. Trying to find the *how* without any *five why*, we shall probably make the brilliant discovery which a few students make every year—of how *not* to do it.

The intellectual world (the world of study) is just the place in which to see the importance of the questions about reasons and motives and all the impulsive forces of the inner life. Here it is that success depends most absolutely upon some aroused and sustained but spiritual impulse. Outward inducements are strong by their grip on our natural necessities. Breakfast is more indispensable than—Bacon.

And we scarcely need to emphasize the fact that if activity and impulse are anywhere appropriate, it is in the intellectual life. Ah! here is their normal habitat! Mental action is the true activity. Compared with it the transmission of light and electricity, and the vital processes of vegetative or animal tissues, nay, the traduction of its own commands along the mazy nerves and ganglia is slow and heavy. This is the supreme activity in its activeness. It is a working world we live in, young gentlemen and ladies. Beginning with the source of all life and being, we find it written, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work." Nature is incessantly active in building up and tearing down. The quarrel between the "Stoff" which would lie still, and the "Kraft" which would drive it about, is as unceasing as it was when

Heraclitus thought that flux and reflux was the whole philosophy of things. Rest is found nowhere in earth or heaven except as a condition for further activity. How shall it be otherwise—how can it be, than that the "soul shall be dead that slumbers." The man that does not get even with "Bru'r Rabbit" in the clever Southern sketches and "Wish he min" is literally "creation's blot, creation's blank." The man that works not intellectually, shall not eat, and never does, except as some soul kinder to him than he is to himself, puts something nourishing between the jaws which he only opens to yawn. How can an intellectually lazy man exist?

We need, then, to discover some principle applicable to all work, for work is universal, and work is really one everywhere. We need a principle applicable to every species of exertion, and one which shall stimulate under all discouragements, and find the way to good work through all difficulties.

We need not go beyond Christian ethics to find such a principle, nor can we find in any Moral Philosopher so well expressed as by that greatest of Ethologists (Christ excepted) St. Paul. Here it is as he writes to Roman slaves who knew all sorts of difficulties:

"Not with eye-service, as men-pleasers: but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as unto the Lord, and not unto men: knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.—E^PH. VI, 6-8.

We may call this *Conscience in work*, because, as a principle, conscience is inseparable from regard to the will of God. "Doing the will of God from the heart, as to the Lord and not to men."

The voice of conscience, when instructed and enlightened, is just the voice of God. We are under the domination of the highest form of religion, when we are under the control of an enlightened conscience, for that says right and wrong after God. This is the principle and its foundation.

CONSCIENCE FOUNDED ON REGARD TO GOD.

I. And first of all the benefits which do accompany and flow from conscience in work, is its power to dignify service of any kind, and to glorify intellectual endeavor.

1. It is a motive of universal power as to the *task*. Conscience in work does not regard the thing to be done at all in the human standard of comparison. Is it the thing which ought to be done? Then it has at once all the ineffable dignity of that genesis of oughtness which springs out, not from the *will* of God alone, but from unfathomable recesses of His most holy *nature*. Conscience goes even into sport and demands uprightness and fairness. Within student-lines it generally succeeds. Within the miserable professionalism which amusement is now assuming (principally through the stubborn laziness of human nature and the craving for excitement without exertion) it generally fails. But if conscience can dignify football and baseball and tennis-ball, as it does, it can dignify any solid work certainly, be that work much less attractive than those just mentioned.

Small wonder that when everything is to be done upon conscience, as related to Christ, the essential dignity of details in work bursts forth so plainly everywhere in the New Testament. The sparks from Christ's own carpenter-hammer illumine our theme, and the busy fingers of the tent-maker of Tarsus weave its tissues, and the net of the great fisher-man of Galilee drags it full of good fish to the shore for us. "I am among you as one that serveth." "Know ye what I have done unto you," &c. "If I, then, your Lord," &c.

The most marvelous characters of the whole Scripture galaxy go in this procession; Noah's 120 years of toil on the beams and planks of the saving ark; Abraham's journey and flocks and defense of Lot; Joseph's administration in Egypt growing out of his faithfulness at home and in prison; Daniel's pulse-eaten and astrologers-beaten, and then third rulership in the kingdom; John the Baptist's locust-and-wild-honey-enough independence, and then his immortal fore-runnership.

So with the *great* outside the scriptures. First, conscience in work; then success and glory.

2. And conscience is as indifferent to the talent as she is to the task. Modest gifts can be glorified by infusing them with conscience. Faithfulness is worth more than talent for the world's main purposes, as iron is more useful than gold. "The size of a man's shop is not of so much importance as the style of the work he turns out." Cries Talmage: "Blessed are all they who do their best in sphere resounding or insignificant." Conscience and common mind have pushed forward the world's work in safe grooves and steady progress, whilst the lofty tumblings of genius, destitute of conscience, only result in perpetual disaster and shame.

So another ordinary work will be well done only when conscience is put into it. A high regard for the moral sense is not the equivalent of genius, but it comes pretty near it. A man may be thoroughly conscientious, and yet not have the skill to make a good house, or shoe, or web of silk, or carriage, or poem, or speech. Yet we can better spare the skill than the conscience; for skill in itself, even the highest, gives no assurance that the work done will be according to ability. Books are made, nails are driven, seams are sewed, ships are navigated, laws are enforced, in the most successful way when they are veined and arteried with conscience.

More and more of this spirit is to be desired. Brilliant opportunities may never be given us. Magnificent talents may not be vouchsafed us. But something to do and somewhat to do it with are given to us all; and conscience in our work will reveal the true dignity of everything we are really given to do, and will help every man of us to make the most of the materials and forces afforded us. It is not so much a meteoric shower we want as more starlight.

II. Conscience in work is a force to honesty.

1. It leaves no room for discussion concerning always doing for others what they have a right to expect of us and what we are under engagement to do—whether that engagement be implied or expressed. Conscience *will not*

slight work. That is a high and noble principle which conserves manhood in the least thing in which is concerned the honor of having acknowledged and met every just obligation.

2. Concerning work done but not well done, no deception can live under this conscience toward God. The attempt to deceive one's self with its infallible tendency toward low standards and the attempt to deceive others are alike distasteful when God is present *to* our thought as present *with* our thought. God's coming into the camp puts away the unclean thing! He hates a lie and will punish a liar. The devil loves a lie and a liar, and is the father of lies, a liar himself from the beginning. Conscience will not lean that way by a hair's breadth. How quickly it sees, with an eye of flame like that of the risen Christ, the true character of the subterfuges with which men beg permission to say some lying word or do some lying action. "Others do it!" What's that to conscience? "He'll never know it!" But I will know it, says conscience. "Only this once!" But once stains the soul indelibly. "I don't like to do it but am compelled to!" But who compels where God disallows? "It's smart to outwit men, even though we lie in order to do it!" But *you* will smart with the stroke of eternal justice if you do.

3. And especially is conscience a force to honesty because of the omnipresence and omniscience of God. The Lord is not only "at hand," but hath "beset me behind and before." Such knowledge is too wonderful for us. But not a thought can escape Him as no word can. What a stimulus to think well and act honestly! "In the elder days of art" says Longfellow men wrought the "unseen" part carefully for the gods saw everywhere.

"Let us do our work as well,
Both the unseen and the seen.
Make the house where God may dwell
Beautiful, entire, and clean."

III. *Conscience in work makes God-pleasers and not man-pleasers.*

"Not with eye-service as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God

from the heart; with goodwill doing service, as unto the Lord and not unto men."

1. What a change as to dignity and power of motive enters with the change of front toward God! The great and mighty God! "The invisible, immortal, only-wise God!" To substitute Him for man! This is moral revolution; but this is what conscience does in our daily work in the study and the class-room. That is to substitute a hydraulic press for a hand pressure in holding us up to steady exertion. That opens vistas of infinite extent from our work to the throne of God. That puts life and vigor in the lamest purpose. Oh that all students might be able to realize in one sense what Malebranche held and "see all things in God."

2. How tricky and vain does man-pleasing make us; because men are at best but uncertain and they are often vain and always more or less ignorant and unwise. We may seek to please even the best man we know and we shall be found making use of his foibles and peculiarities.

3. Man-pleasing keeps one at best always on his own level. It is human achievement, human perfection, and human power which is contemplated. Great as this may be it soon exhausts itself. Cante's religion of humanity soon became an orange-skin, the sport of those, even, who inclined to his philosophy. Mere philanthropy has always failed to stir men. The deeper sense must be reached from a higher elevation. "Heart within and God o'er-head." These two cannot be separated. It takes both to move men above themselves. He that lives man-ward soon rises to the limit of man's power; but in living toward God we gain a whole empyrean in which to rise.

4. Relation to Christ is so much more than any other relation that in pleasing Him we find ourselves comparatively indifferent to the situation which others would make for us. "He that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: Likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. Ye are

bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men." (I. Cor. vii: 22-23).

Here, then, is the choice to be made. "Ophthalmodoulos" or "Doulos Christou!" which? "Anthropareskoi" or "Kurtopareskoi!" which? Ah! that choice means happiness in the university, success in the greater life-school and a diploma at the judgment seat.

IV. Conscience in work perpetually elevates the worker by elevating his motives.

Motive is a real question always, but most vital as it respects the subjective effect of motive upon ourselves. What you work for, will always largely determine what you will be. This is the deeper meaning of our Lord's utterance "They have their reward."

V. Conscience in work produces always the best work. It is as good for the work as the worker.

"Your best," says Conscience, and her firm lips will not be persuaded to say anything less or other. Every man who has not done his best under given circumstances, knows he has not been conscientious. As Carlyle puts it in his great University Inaugural (1866): "And that is the thing a man is born to in all epochs. He is born to expend every particle of strength that God Almighty has given him in doing the work he is fit for; to stand up to it to the last breath of life and do his best." Better phrase he could not have found in all the tongues, and yet that is the phrase with which conscience incites every humble worker everywhere.

Keep on doing your best, says Conscience. To have done it yesterday calls not for something other to-day but opens the way to do now the very self same thing and that will open the way to-morrow and so on to the end. She does not dandle you for doing that which it is but just and reasonable you should always do. And that is the meaning of Christ's wonderful words—"Ye have done that which it was your duty to do." Not that duty withholds the keenest approval but that her approval is so sincere that it flushes the heart with hope of being able to do that thing again.

[The subject was illustrated from tradesmen's

experiences, from the rise of mechanical arts and artistic industries and then it was said].

So with the student.

Put the conscientious man to work with the knowledge the past has accumulated and the apparatus its skill has invented, and the infinite material which God has created in mind and matter, in things terrestrial and things celestial, in things seen and in the unseen holy; and what shall not be discovered and classified and systematized and explained. Under the simple power of conscience which finds nature at her best (for she has the truth of God in her and the true-hearted shall know her best) and which puts man at his best, and elevates all his powers to their highest tension and makes the intellect keenest and the affections warmest and the will firmest; what product too brilliant to be hoped for! The world languishes intellectually for want of the dominion of conscience. We sail in no straight lines but tack and strain and creak in every timber for want of the steadfastness in application and truthfulness in statement, and continuity of character and that true ratio of progress in successive generations which the domination of conscience would bring us! And as to that whereunto we have already attained we are much more indebted for it to conscience than to intellect! We worship smartness, the idol which would feed our vanity and stop our progress as the tropical abundance depresses the indolent nations; while we treat conscience, the eternally disturbing and critical and dissatisfied spirit, the secret of all our statics whether as individuals or communities, as scarcely worthy our notice! We worship the drones and forget the queen!

VI. Conscience brings good cheer in work, and and great heartiness.

I. Sometimes men say that work done from a sense of duty is hard and dragging work. The fact is that it is the lack of this very sense of duty which makes the work hard and dragging. Duty, once fairly seen, gives wings to the soul. There is a real rapture in duty. It is at times seraphic, and it is always cheerful. Where we mistake, is in supposing that we are working

under a sense of duty when we are really doubtful as to where our duty is, or unwilling to do it, and burdened with that unwillingness that takes off our chariot wheels.

2. No! No! As St. Paul has written it in this great passage (Eph. vi, 6-8): "Doing the will of God *from the heart*," contrasts on one side with the misery of man-pleasing (the most fatiguing and disheartening of all employments), and is complemented on the other side by the satisfying expression, "*With good will* doing service as unto the Lord." The cheerfulness of such service is reflected from the heartiness of Ezra, who, in all that he did, "did it with all his heart and prospered." This then, is the thing to be done—to put duty and good cheer together. They are as inseparable as the two blades of the scissors; as complementary as friction and motion.

3. And see how the good cheer and heartiness of the thoroughly conscientious worker lightens toil. It has summoned all his manhood to the appointed task, and lifts easily with the whole shoulders and spine, and leg-force what would tire his one arm to death. He is all there. He is level with his work and stays there. How he goes from one success to another. No conditions follow after him like ghosts. He hews to the line and even makes good use of all the chips. What a joy it is to see him do things, and keep doing them day after day, and do more of them every year. He rarely ever gets sick, while there is a surprising suspicion that the giant figure with the scythe must be following, very closely, some continually complaining but conscienceless workers. He enjoys the life of a genuine student, too much to intermit it for a day. Expectations realized are the best basis of hope, and the conscience-supported worker knows that he can do to-morrow what he did yesterday. Ah! What good cheer it is. Such joy as this prepares for all just refreshment and recreation, and as readily scorns all the false stimulants and false excitements which the poor, shaky, infirm-willed and weak-conscience student is ever affirming to be necessary to his life and peace.

4. And how plainly such heartiness in work endears its results to all who are affected by his work. No man can receive anything through such work without admiring it the more.

When Dr. Osgood addressed the workmen who wrought the wonderful memorial Bryant vase in the centennial year, he said: "The work is careful and exquisite, and every line and feature is proof to all of what some of us know from observation, that heart as well as time has gone into your toil; and that you have entered into the spirit of this commemorative gift to the patriarch of American letters."

There it is, young gentlemen and ladies! That is joy and life to your teachers, which has been done with hearty good-will, and therefore good cheer. Do all your work thus, if you would make home and college alike happy in you, and proud of you. And what is the way to this good-will and heartiness in all your intellectual toil, enlivening its dry-as-dust roots, glorifying its minutest particles, shining through all its complicated angles, fragrant through all its sickening odors, nerving to comprehension of the most abstruse proposition, and sharpening the taste for the most delicate discriminations. What is the way to it, but the good old-fashioned, everlasting, indefatigable, indefeasible (i. e. undefeatable) thing we call *conscience*?

Nothing else can bring such good-will and so much heart into our work. When once it has made our work wear its own true colors, and stripped away all that with which our laziness, and sinfulness, and fearfulness has besmirched it, then we begin to know what the glory of mental exertion is, and what the joy is of the mental power to which it leads. Don't look outside for the things which are to make your work pleasant, but look inside. Look inside of it and inside of yourself, and you will be as sure to find it, as you will be sure to miss it the other way.

Suffer conscience to have nothing to do with your work, and *you* will presently want to have as little to do with it as possible. You will find yourselves "worked to death," before your tasks are half done, unless you put conscience

into every hour and make that way open for good cheer to come in. It does not enter by any other door. Any other motive can only bring a fire-fly into your darkness, while this throws all the windows of the soul wide open to the sunlight and God.

What moping owls we have been to try to work without it! What eagles we may become if we experience its full power!

VII. Conscience helps the work and the workman at the same time by being ever mindful of the final issues.

It is ethical (as it is scriptural) to find in conscience a reference to the future tribunal: "Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free."

1. The reward is magnificent. It will be given to every man of all men, whoever he may be, who comes within its distinct and specific term. For every good thing the reward shall be found waiting. For a nail well made or a sermon well studied; a picture well painted or a window-pane well puttied; a difficult case supplied with all that materia medica can furnish and medicines mixed with brains and experience besides, or the head of a pin well shaped; a knotty point of law cleared up for justice, or a trip-hammer well handled, or a room well swept.

So for every inflection of the great conjugation of the school verb! What a con-ju-ga-tion a school or a college curriculum is, to be sure! How many things are yoked together here from English Grammar to Shakespeare; from Caesar to Plautus; from Alpha to Homer; from Arithmetic to Calculus; from Physical Geography to Physics; from United States History to the Philosophy of History; from Perception to History of Philosophy; from Politics for Young Americans to Political Economy; from "ā, bay, tsay, day" to Schiller and Goethe; from "orange" and "oranger" to Moliere and Racine; from words to thoughts, and from things to thinking. Oh what a wilderness of little and large, with importance and immediate interest playing hide-and-seek with our prepossession and dislikes; and yet, "whatsoever

good thing any man doeth" therein, "the same shall he receive of the Lord."

Yes, the reward is as certain as the Lord's knowledge of our every thought-process (and of every moral-process which accompanies or flows from it) is accurate.

What shall interfere now, with his serious purpose, and his sustained endeavor and his good will and heartiness, who will believe that?

Under what other flag shall we enter upon a school or college campaign? If you cannot conquer *in hoc signo*, then conquest is impossible.

Reward beyond our utmost imagination shall be even one approving syllable from the lips of Him that loved us. Aye! Aye! One glance of His eye, one motion of an outstretched hand, would be matter of eternal joy. And if we be faithful over our little to-day, He will make us rulers over "many cities" to-morrow.

And what is the way to this reward? Just the same supremacy of conscience which we see illustrated absolutely in the life of Christ, and relatively in every Christian life; just the inflexible doing the will of God from the heart; "with good will, doing service as unto the Lord."

Oh, to be able to bring conscience into that unquestioned regnancy which is its right. Oh, to see every face illumined by it, and the crown of reward visibly growing about the brow of every student.

2. But there is here, as everywhere, a shadow. Yet that shadow, even may be made helpful. Conscience aids us to do our work well, because it has a wise fear of the punishment reserved for those who will not be faithful. (Col. III, 25.) "But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons." The punishment is sure and it shall come to all alike.

No professional man is above it. The physician, minister, or lawyer, who neglects the interests of the poor or obscure committed to his care, will be held to the same sharp account as the man who promises to do work of such a quality and produces only an inferior one. A contractor and a laborer are alike here.


So must it be in the student life. He that does his work without conscience or against conscience fails of all that conscience secures, and must encounter the inevitable consequences. School and college obligations go higher than home or faculty. He who gives, requires. No talent may be wrapped in a napkin in the hope that the absent Lord will forget to whom it was entrusted. The fruits of this vineyard as of all others will be demanded in their season.

The golden season of youth rendered brighter still by special opportunities to gain the pure gold of knowledge in human and divine things is the last of all seasons to be given up to unfaithful and neglectful work. At any other season neglect will bear less bitter fruitage. You can mar the Sevres vase only while it is plastic.

How surely we receive in ourselves the due reward of our deeds! There is a singular crescendo in this matter, and the senior collegiate has more to suffer from any previous lack of conscientious devotion than the junior preparatory. And the professional man of thirty years' experience has more to suffer than the undergraduate. We only come to comprehend the wide-spreading roots of sorrow, our previous neglects have planted when the time for possible correction is already past. And this is a type of what shall be still more sadly true in the spaces beyond the narrow isthmus on which we are now living. Oh for wisdom and grace to see what infernal mischief the devil can work out for us, if he succeeds in concealing the rewards and punishments of our nearer and farther future which depend upon conscience in our work or its omission.

LAKE GENEVA.

W. E. CRITES.

N the shores of Lake Geneva, Wis., from June 21 to 30, 1895, was held the annual Y. M. C. A. conference for college students. There were in attendance 319 students, representing 120 colleges of 15 different states.

The first session was held on the evening of June 21. Mr. John R. Mott, college secretary of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., conducted the opening service. After calling attention in some well chosen words to the object of the conference, he gave some practical suggestions as to how to get the most out of the meetings. The remainder of the evening was devoted to the announcement of the arrangements in order that the regular work of the conference might begin the following morning.

It was planned that the entire morning of each day should be given to meetings each one hour in length. No meetings were held in the afternoon until 6:30, and the time from then until 9:30 was divided between the Bible classes, life-work meeting on the lake front, and the platform meeting.

A series of association conferences were held in which the Bible study department, the work for new students and like subjects of vital importance to the individual association were discussed. Two Bible classes were conducted daily. The class in devotional Bible study was under the leadership of Prof. W. W. White, of the Bible Institute, Chicago. The personal workers training class was conducted by Mr. Gilbert A. Weaver, of Pennsylvania.

At the life-work conferences held at twilight on the lake front, strong appeals were made to young men to enter such callings as the ministry, missionary work, or association secretaryship. Not every man is called to such works as these but he should be ready to go wherever God wants him. In the quiet moments spent on the lake front, interrupted only by the rippling of the waves on the shore, many a soul found peace in accepting the plan of God concerning his life. State delegation meetings were held at different times in which the work of each association could be considered minutely.

Other meetings, as presidential conferences, missionary institutes and conferences for summer speakers in missions were held at which certain men were expected to be present. At

the platform meetings lectures were given on subjects of vast importance to every Christian life. Some of these deserving special mention were: Bible Study for Personal Growth, by J. R. Mott; Baptism with the Holy Spirit, by R. A. Torrey; Winning Souls the Christian's Business, by Dr. H. A. Jackson, and Studies of the Four Gospels, by Robert E. Speer.

The "quiet Sunday" was a day long to be remembered on account of the rich experience it brought to many lives.

The closing service was held on the evening of the 30th. Mr. Speer directed the thought of the evening taking as a text Christ's words to Philip, "Have I been so long time with thee and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?"

It is entirely impossible to express the inspiration a conference of this kind affords. Every student who wishes to make his life count for the highest good can certainly afford to practice some self-denial in order to obtain the helpful influences of such a summer school.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

The first devotional meeting was held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 10. A very interesting and helpful meeting was enjoyed by all present.

A joint missionary meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. was held Sept. 24. The following program was rendered: "Why Should I Study Missions?" by Miss Guetner. "Why Should I Pay to Missions?" by Mr. Head. "Why Should I Pray for Missions?" by Miss Good. "Why Should I be a Missionary?" by Mr. Seese. Miss Ervin gave a report of the summer school held at Lake Geneva. Leader—Mr. Anderson.

The girls of the Y. W. C. A. tendered a reception to the new girls Wednesday evening, Sept. 4. About seventy were present. After spending some time very pleasantly in a social manner, the president, Miss Ervin, gave a brief history of Association work, and welcomed the new girls to our midst. Refresh-

ments were served. Miss Barnes, principal of ladies' department, told the girls "Why she is a member of the Association." Miss Snavelly, the vice president, gave a short address upon our motto.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Jesse Gilbert led the meeting on the 12th inst., subject, "The Lord our Refuge." The meeting showed an increased interest in the association work.

Remember the hour for devotional service, 6 p. m. each Thursday at the Association Hall. Arrange your studies so as to be able to attend. You are always welcome. Help the Y. M. C. A. and it will help you.

The first meeting of the year was led by J. W. Stiverson, a veteran worker and member in our association. The meeting was intensely interesting. The association hall was well filled and it was pleasing indeed to note the interest taken by new students who constituted a large part of those present. The leader appeared at his best and gave an inspiring talk on the theme based on I. Thess. v:21, "Hold fast that which is good."

It is always pleasant to see a member of the faculty drop into our devotional meetings. The female members of the faculty are of course excusable but we can think of no plausible excuse for the others. It helps the meeting because it makes the student feel that his teacher desires to be his companion as well as teacher. The teacher certainly has something to teach those about him in the Y. M. C. A. meeting as well as in the class-room. The student learns as much from man as he does from the same person as a dignified professor.

No feature of the college life is opening up with brighter prospects, than the work of the Y. M. C. A. As the year of college life opens the student can find no better time to form new resolutions for a stronger and better

Christian experience. It takes courage in college to keep a resolution and to lead a clean-cut, white life, and no element in the university is so well fitted to aid the student in this as the association and fellowship of Christian young men. Let every student, new and old, feel it his duty to be present at each meeting and to aid in developing the moral honor and spiritual strength of our institution.

LECTURE COURSE.

The lecture course of last year was not fruitful of very strong commendations, either from the general public or the student body, but this year the citizens of Westerville and students will have the privilege of listening to as good a course of lectures as the country affords.

This is not merely said to advance the sale of tickets or to enlist the co-operation in general, but with due regard for truth, we conscientiously feel that we cannot be extravagant in our language when speaking of such a course as we have been able to procure this season. As not all the subjects have been decided upon we can only give the names and dates, which enter into the course of this year. New York Male Quartette, Oct. 30; Wm. A. Colledge, Dec. 12; Russell H. Conwell, Jan. 20; Dr. Lyman B. Sperry, Feb. 12; Miss Vandelia Varnum, March 7; Robert McIntyre, March 24. Anyone who is at all acquainted with the material in the lecture field of to-day needs only to hear the name of a Sperry, a Conwell or a McIntyre and not to be influenced by the florid and profuse decorations of rhetoric.

It is with a marked feeling of pride that we are able to present such a course and hope that all who can possibly make it convenient will avail themselves of the opportunity of coming in touch with such representatives of the world's best thinkers.

Quite a number of new houses have been constructed in Westerville during the past year.

LOCALS.

We are glad to see the great interest taken in the Y. P. S. C. E. Last Sunday evening the association hall was crowded, all the seats were filled, and very many were compelled to stand. Most of the students were in attendance.

The university authorities have procured the services of two janitors, Mr. Matthews and the old veteran McMillen, who seemingly has made a study of human nature, for he is acquainted with the traits which betray each student's individuality.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 12, "Old Aeolus" made manifest his rage by commissioning "Notus" and "Eurus" to do his bidding. On Friday morning were to be seen limbs of trees and various objects scattered helter-skelter.

Everything in and about Westerville this year, has seemingly caught the spirit of the age, and is up to date and on time. Even the little hand-book, which was some four weeks late last year, this year was ready for pocketing when the student first stepped on the depot platform.

We are inclined to think that our conveniences for obtaining mail are wanting in improvement over that which we enjoyed last year. This year our mail is carried by the electric line, and judging the coming year by the experiences of the past two weeks, I am certain that we shall hear many wishes for a change.

On Saturday evening, Sept. 21, an entertainment was given under the auspices of the Otterbein Athletic Association, in the gymnasium. Notwithstanding the attractions which a Minerva park made possible, the meeting was very well attended. The college band added much to the success of the occasion. As the shades of night were falling, the band grouping itself in a circle before the association building, made the air resound with melodies and harmonies, real delights for the soul.

Refreshments, suitable to the season were served. All were pleased and well satisfied with the opportunities as well as pleasures of the evening.

The electric railroad, which for so long a time only could exist in the imagination of the students and citizens of Westerville, now exists in all the wonderfulness of its realities. If the conveniences made possible by the electric road, shall be judiciously taken advantage of by the student, it will contribute much to his good, but if otherwise, I doubt not but that it would be better if it had never been wrested from the realm of the fanciful.

The college library of this year stands in marked contrast with that of last year. It is very evident that some one with an eye for arrangement, has found employment during the months of vacation in the library rooms. The changes made have been the result of the work of Prof. Scott, assisted by Profs. Zuck and McFadden. Prof. Scott has been chosen college librarian, and E. E. Hostetler, assistant. The students appreciate the improvements very much.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 19, the two societies sustained by the young ladies of Otterbein University, met in their respective halls. This being the evening for reorganization, the following officers were elected for the coming term: Philalethean—Pres., Miss Shauck; vice pres., Miss Sherrick; sec., Miss Thomas; critic, Miss Guitner; censor, Miss Lula Baker; chaplin, Miss May. Cleiorhetean—Pres., Miss Flook; vice pres., Miss Arnold; sec., Miss Waters; critic, Miss Ervin; directress, Mrs. Jones.

On Saturday evening, Sept. 7, the Young Men's and Young Women's Associations gave a joint reception to the students. The evening was fair, in fact all the external conditions were of such a nature as to make it possible for the occasion to be productive of that which proved to be inviting in every respect. A card having on its face the name of the bearer

sandwiched with two short sentences, thus: "I am" *name* "who are you?" served the purpose of an introductory committee. The evening was very pleasantly and profitably spent in renewing old acquaintances and in forming new. Though most of the students had met with one another, either in the recitation room, on the lawn, or in some desirable place previous to this gathering, yet this was the first time for this college year that the students, as a body had congregated. As iron sharpeneth iron, so the beaming countenances of the fellow-students and professors, made cheerful by the heart's finest music, had the desired effect of lacerating the bands which are prone to fetter a selfish ego, and did much to engender a mutual and beneficial relationship. A short program was rendered during the evening, most excellent music being furnished by Miss Wheeler, professor of voice culture, and Mr. F. J. Resler. Prof. W. J. Zuck gave a short address, which being both pleasing and inspiring, enlisted the most earnest attention of all. His words were very appropriate to the occasion, and could not help but find lodgment in the minds of all who heard him. He especially emphasized the work of the association, and dwelt upon the relations which the student should sustain toward association work. The Rev. Kohr, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. Fries, the college pastor, each responded to the call of President Crites with a few well chosen words. It would certainly be a wise step if the authorities, who hold sway, were to depart from their accustomed precedent of only making provision for such a meeting once a year, and instead, to arrange for meetings of such frequent occurrence as not to interfere with the best interests of the student's life. Whatever of loneliness, whatever of homesickness that seemed to cast its spell over one's life occasioned by the breaking away from one's home relationship, were no doubt banished from all, and the testimony of all bears witness to the fact that the evening was very enjoyably spent.

PERSONALS.

Frank Oldt, of Dean, is a promising student.

Jesse E. Lott, of Toledo, is in for a college course.

Rev. C. Whitney spent a few days of last week in Westerville.

R. L. Kunkle, of Galion, is showing great interest in football.

W. L. Richer made a business trip to Columbus last Saturday.

W. O. Fries, college pastor, had charge of chapel exercises Sept. 5.

Prof. McFadden's daughter Meta, is taking work in O. U. this year.

J. O. Ervin, brother to Miss Myrtle Ervin, entered college this year.

James Fouse, brother of W. H. Fouse, '93, entered college this term.

Ernest Barnard is doing good work with the football team this fall.

Milton L. Weekly, of Wilbur, W. Va., is here to take a course in art.

Emerson Zuck, son of the professor, counts himself a college student now.

Jesse Gilbert leads the singing at chapel; Miss Lula Baker presides at the piano.

Many of the students attended the Sunday school picnic at Minerva park Saturday, Sept. 14.

A match game of football between the first and second teams was played Saturday at 9:30 a. m.

The friends of Samuel Zechar are glad to see him back in college after an absence of two years.

D. H. Seneff has purchased D. L. Davis's interest in the firm of Davis & Stewart. They have secured the room just south of the post-office and handle a line of goods strictly up to

date. See their advertisement in another column of this issue.

Miss Mary A. Kemp, Lewis R. Ball and Robert Funkhouser are new students from Dayton.

R. A. Longman shows his loyalty to Otterbein by bringing with him this year his brother, W. W. Longman.

Lou Ball, of Dayton, formerly gymnasium instructor in Western College, Iowa, entered at O. U. this year.

Clarence C. Mathews, of California, O., and J. W. Mathews, of Forestville, are in for a course in college.

J. M. Martin, '96, spent three weeks of his vacation in Westerville engaged in reporting for *Public Opinion*.

Virginia sends us two new students this year; J. S. Gruver, of Reliance, and Otto W. Burtner, of Mt. Clinton.

After a year spent in Avalon College, Mo., Arthur Bender has returned to Otterbein and will go out in class '97.

Findlay sends us twin brothers, R. A. Wales and W. V. Wales. It will be difficult to distinguish one from the other.

Katherine Thomas, Helen Camille Shauck, Ida Mauger, N. E. Cornetet and W. H. Anderson are members of the senior class.

Orray D. Zuck, owing to ill health, was obliged to again return home. Orray's Mt. Pleasant friends have gained and we have lost.

A few old faces are missed from the customary resorts, but the many new students to a certain extent suffice to fill the aching void.

Three new students come from Peru, Ind., this year: W. L. Richer's sister, Effie R. Richer, and his two cousins, Anise Richer and Katie E. Richer.

Dr. G. A. Funkhouser, of Dayton Union Biblical Seminary, conducted chapel exercises

last Thursday morning; he also gave a very pleasing and helpful talk on "The relation of the *now* to the *then*."

A few new students came in last week among whom were C. P. Cornetet, Moberlytown, M. S. Bishop, of Muncie, Ind., and Robert Funkhouser, of Dayton.

C. W. Snyder, of Burkett, Ind., R. M. Montgomery, of Kokomo, Ind., and F. J. Leasure, of Kewanna, Ind., were students of North Manchester college last year.

Misses Katie Brant, of Frankfort, Ind., Anna G. Lollar, of Saratoga, Ind., Estella Hall, of Logan, and Grace Wallace, of Harshman, are among the new students at the Hall.

Prof. Zuck's senior classes have begun the critique work, which so largely makes up their work. The forming of literary criticisms by the students is said to be of much benefit to them in after years.

Saum Hall girls to the number of nineteen showed their loyalism by attending our Sunday school picnic in a body. The girls took in the various sights to be found at Minerva park but preferred boating to other sports. They made a merry crowd and added much to the picnic.

D. H. Seneff and R. A. Longman, recently from supplying Pennsylvania with school supplies, delight their friends by relating stories concerning how they took the wily(?) Keystoneans in. They report a good time as well as a financial success for their vacation's work. They, however, left a little money in Pennsylvania.

The musical department enters upon another year of its existence under as flourishing conditions as could be desired. All taking instrumental instruction speak in the highest terms of Prof. Meyer, and Miss Wheeler plainly shows her proficiency. Recitals will be numerous and whatever each pupil acquires in the way of ability he will be given an opportunity to display.

ALUMINAL NOTES.

John B. Toomay, '93, spent his summer vacation at Westerville.

James A. Barnes, '94, is spending a short time with his parents.

W. A. Jones, '95, has taken up his work in Ohio Medical College situated at Columbus.

Rev. R. P. Miller, '83, and wife spent the summer in Westerville with their mother Mrs. Resler.

J. C. Blackburn, '95, is discharging the duties that devolve upon a schoolmaster at Madison, Pa.

W. C. Whitney and wife, '95, intend to spend the year in training for their future work as missionaries.

Richard Kumler, '94, is visiting his numerous Westerville friends. Dick can always rest assured of a hearty welcome at O. U.

C. A. Funkhouser, '95, is teaching in Montgomery county. His many Otterbein friends look for a prosperous and happy future for him.

Frank V. Bear, '95, and wife have been visiting his parents at Gratis, O. Mr. Bear expects to enter the Theological Seminary at Kenyon college.

Maud Acton Bradrick, '93, left two weeks ago last Tuesday, the 2d inst., to assume the principalship of the ladies' department at York College, Nebraska.

W. B. Gantz, '95, has been both seen and heard upon our streets for the last few weeks. He is here for a short time getting ready for a theological course at Chicago.

Irvine O. Horine, '94, and Miss Anna Ayers, a former student of O. U., were united in the bonds of hymenial bliss at Frankfort, Ind., Aug. 25. The couple will reside at Castine, the home of the groom. Otterbein friends wish them much happiness in their married life.

Mr. F. J. Resler and wife, both of '93, have

left for Mt. Vernon, O., where Mr. Resler assumes charge of the music in the public schools. Mr. Resler achieved an easy victory in securing the appointment, due, we should say, to true merit. Mrs. Resler accompanies her husband, and will assist him in his work.

The ÆGIS has at hand cards announcing the marriage of W. A. Evert, of Bloomsburg, Pa., and Anna May Thompson, '92. Miss Thompson has been engaged as lady principal at Lebanon Valley College for the past year. She now appears in a new role. Many congratulations and wishes for a happy and prosperous future.

B. L. Seneff, '94, has been selected as president of Western College, Iowa, and ere this, has entered upon the work that so distinctively rests upon one filling such a position. The gentleman is well endowed with the characteristics necessary for success in life, and his friends say that still greater results may be expected.

W. Grant Kintigh, '95, is engaged in the capacity of superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant, Pa., schools. The school system embraces three buildings and the position of superintendent is not at all easy to fill. We firmly believe that Grant is equal to the occasion and wish that his labors, the coming year, may be endowed with much success.

ATHLETICS.

In athletics as in other departments Otterbein is always making progress. Two years ago the finest college gymnasium in the state was completed. Last spring the Board of Trustees elected an athletic committee to look after the physical side of the student body. The athletic committee has secured Lloyd Thomas, of Springfield, as physical director. Mr. Thomas is a thorough athlete and fully capable of filling the position to which he has been elected. Last spring he won a national reputation, while pitching for the Amherst college baseball team, by shutting out Yale without a hit. Mr. Thomas will give especial attention to the baseball team in the spring.

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Barberton ..	10 22	9 53	2 38	5 22	6 24	---
Warwick ..	10 36	10 10	2 53	5 40	6 39	---
Orrville } A	10 53	10 30	3 18	6 00	6 59	---
} L	11 01	10 35	3 22	Ar	7 04	---
Holmesville	---	†11 05	3 52	---	7 34	---
Millersburg	11 37	11 16	4 02	---	7 44	---
Killbuck ..	11 48	11 29	4 14	---	7 56	---
Brink H'v'n	---	11 55	4 39	---	8 30	---
Danville ..	---	†12 11	4 59	10	8 40	---
Gambier ..	12 32	12 20	5 07	---	9 00	---
Mt. Ver } Ar	12 40	12 35	5 22	A M	9 15	P M
} Lv	†1 00	L 12 45	5 27	†6 30	9 10	5 30
Mt. Liberty	---	---	5 45	6 48	9 37	5 49
Centerburg	1 25	1 15	5 54	6 58	9 45	5 57
Junbury ..	---	†1 35	6 11	7 22	10 03	6 7
Galena	---	†1 38	6 17	7 27	10 13	6 21
Westerville	1 54	1 52	6 29	7 41	10 25	6 33
Columbus A	*2 15	2 15	†6 55	†8 10	10 50	7 00
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Columbus L.	*12 05	*11 55	†6 00	†5 30	†3 30	8 00
Westerville.	12 28	12 21	6 27	6 02	3 55	8 25
Galena	---	†12 32	6 40	6 17	4 10	8 38
Junbury ..	---	†12 36	6 44	6 22	4 13	8 42
Centerburg	12 57	12 57	7 04	6 31	4 36	9 02
Mt. Liberty	---	†1 05	7 12	6 52	4 45	9 10
Mt. Ver } Ar	1 17	1 27	7 28	7 10	5 02	9 30
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Gambier ..	1 32	1 52	7 47	---	5 35	---
Danville ..	---	†2 10	8 04	---	5 53	---
Brink H'v'n	---	2 20	8 12	---	6 08	---
Killbuck ..	2 16	2 52	8 42	---	6 37	---
Millersburg	2 26	3 06	8 53	5	6 49	---
Holmesville	---	†3 17	9 08	---	6 59	---
Orrville } A	2 59	3 55	9 57	A M	7 33	---
} L	3 04	4 05	9 42	†7 15	7 38	---
Warwick ..	3 22	4 28	10 02	7 34	8 01	---
Barberton ..	3 34	4 51	10 17	7 52	8 18	---
Akron	3 50	L 5 20	L 10 36	8 12	8 40	---
Cuyahoga F	4 02	5 34	10 48	8 25	8 52	---
Hudson	4 15	5 50	11 02	8 40	9 06	---
Newburg ..	4 50	6 30	11 42	9 25	P M	---
Euclid Ave.	5 01	6 44	11 57	9 38	Ar.	---
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