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EDITORIAL.

Perhaps, barring the Bible, the most necessary and frequently used book of our libraries is a dictionary; not simply a long list of words and meanings, but a historical treatise of words, and a reliable authority for reference. We clip the following from the Leeds Mercury, London, Eng., June 12, 1895:

"We have no hesitation in stating that the Funk & Wagnalls' Standard Dictionary is the best and most complete dictionary of the English language now in existence."

Their ad, on another page speaks for itself.

The music department, as with all progressive institutions, will, with its next recital to be held Wednesday evening, change the order of its exercises. Instead of being simply a musical program, the selections will be interspersed with literary productions by representatives of the Philalethean and Philophronean societies. This is a decided change for the better and our gentlemanly and obliging musical instructor, Prof. Meyer, is certainly up to the times in his manner of entertaining an audience. "A musical program, no matter how good, can not help but grow tiresome when of any great length. But in the Prof.'s exercises we see a happy medium with excellent chances of both instruction and enjoyment.

All are cordially invited to attend, so come out and show your appreciation of the department, the Professor, and that finest of fine arts, music.

On the afternoon of November 1, representatives from Heidelberg University, Capital University, University of Cincinnati, Western Reserve University, Miami University, and Otterbein will meet in the Neil House, Columbus, O., to perfect the organization of a State Oratorical Association.

Otterbein was at one time a member of the present Oratorical Association, but for reasons, or rather for no reasons, well known to all, was shut out in the cold and ever since has wandered over the state in a suit of homespun seeking a congenial habitation. At last the opportunity presents itself and there is every indication that we will soon be a member of as flourishing and talented organization as the present one. All the above named Universities are first-class in every respect, and indeed Otterbein is not ashamed of her literary reputation. Our literary societies are among the best in this or any other state, and we gladly welcome an incentive to higher and more polished work along this line. Give us half a
chance and we will speedily show of what material we are made and what we intend to do with our opponents—the rival association.

Since everything is opening up so auspiciously let all lend a helping hand. If the organization is successfully accomplished, it is needless to say we are here to stay, and we need have no trouble showing the people that there are orators outside the favored few. Give the embryo association your wholesouled support, talk for it, write for it, work for it, study for it, and finally pray for it.

The Aegis has nothing but words of praise and commendation for the new organization, and here's to your long life and successful contests, with a large crop of college spirit and strings of gold medals.

It is a matter of surprise that the faculty should again, after an unsuccessful effort last year, try to popularize junior-senior publics. It was once a custom in Otterbein for juniors and seniors to pass through this ordeal, but it was hoped that this custom had yielded its place to something better. The class of '95, against the solicitations of the faculty, refused to perform, yet they ask the present junior and senior classes to revive a custom which they were either unwilling or unable to impose upon former classes.

If the only object of the faculty is to promote good speaking in Otterbein, to prepare students for a creditable showing on commencement day, and to prepare them for usefulness by facile expression of the knowledge here acquired, then all will commend their motives, but we doubt the wisdom of the means they wish to employ for such a happy end.

Every student in Otterbein already has ample opportunity for drill, identical in kind with that of junior-senior publics. It is generally known that students in all the literary societies are unable to meet all the demands made by their respective societies, because it takes too much time from their regular work. It may be urged that the society does not bring them before the public. Each of the societies have two or three public sessions each year, and the principal performers of each are juniors or seniors. With but few exceptions, all the members of the class of '95 performed in public in their senior year. Then, we do not believe the method as good as that of the literary society. The generous, healthful rivalry of the literary societies causes each performer to do his best at open session, but does any such influence as this exist to recommend junior-senior publics? It savors too much of public school boys “speaking their pieces.” To grind out mechanically a production and then to deliver it under protest will and cannot be as effective and successful as free and independent effort along these lines.

Some students, otherwise brilliant, have no ability along this line, and to such, it is injustice to place them in such an unfavorable position; others need no such drill for they will eagerly perform these duties in society.

If the faculty persist in urging these publics, students will have either to neglect their literary society work or their regular college work.

THE PREACHER AND THE COLLEGE.

BY S. W. KEISTER.

The missionary apostle surely understood himself when he said to a young man preparing for the ministry, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed”—“That the man of God may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

Among the professions none can be higher or more important than the ministry. The pulpit and its complement, the church, must present to the world the ideal life in matters of morals and religion. The preacher must in the truest sense be a teacher. He must recognize the “Word” and the multiplied moral and spiritual needs of his parish as his text-books. With both of these he must be conversant if
he would be the most successful, and if conscientious there will be an ambition righteously governed to excel, and make his field fruitful even beyond that of his neighbor.

He is a teacher; pre-eminently a teacher; a teacher of the "Word." The great truths of prophecy, example, precept, promise and doctrine must be to him verities. God has not thrown the rarest jewels of religious truths on the surface of the printed page. Far below word and sentence lie the richest gems of God's great thoughts, purposes and plans. He who is best able to analyze and synthesize the "Word," and then skillfully apply truth to the ear and conscience of the waiting multitudes will realize the fruitfulness of Christian endeavor.

A warm religious nature with a soul full of enthusiasm may be able to arouse and excite for a time but not edify and permanently build, so the pulpit and pew may be able at all times to give a reason for the faith entertained and the hopes that anchor the soul to the church, and the head of the church, even Christ. Edification is not the result of religious zeal and an undisciplined brain. The pulpit demand is a cultured head, a warm sympathetic soul life, and an enthusiasm that will incite not to impulsive activity, but a steady growth in spiritual things. I plead for the very best brain power the schools can furnish for the pulpit. Make the pulpit the teacher of righteousness pre-eminently so. "Knowledge is power." The brain and soul life constitute the minister's capital. To this let him add daily, or intellectual bankruptcy may chagrin the years he had hoped would be the most efficient. Nothing less will meet the demands of the times nor the requirements of Scripture. An able minister, when contemplating the subject of preparation, said: "If I were sure of living ten years, I should spend nine of them in preparing to preach during the tenth." His ideas of preparation may have been beyond what the Master would require, but nevertheless must have weight in impressing upon him who is preparing for the pulpit the absolute necessity of the best possible equipment.

The teacher in the pulpit must be able to draw from the treasury of the "Word" the deep things of God, stimulate in the hearer thoughts and aspirations that will influence life for good, and even startle the auditor with the wonders of God's love to the race. In the college, the coming preacher lays the foundation upon which in active ministerial life he must build his fortune. The opportunities offered by the colleges of to-day in religious work, affords the student abundant facilities to supplement the work of the class room. The knowledge thus imparted by the college of to-day, is practical as well as theoretical. The day is here when a classical training in some college is fundamental unless natural gifts and the closest applications to books have thus fitted the "called" for office of the ministry. Ignore not the value of the class room, must be the motto of him who would be recognized among the pulpit thinkers of his time. Underrate not the work of the Christian college in the years of preparation. God never places a premium on ignorance, neither will the community in which the minister is called to perform his God-given task. Never was there a time when the demands were more emphatic and the appreciation more marked than now for a cultured ministry. Happy is the man who can bring into his pulpit efforts the potential energy of thorough preparation. Would the minister make truth plain, and be able to aptly apply it, he will have stored the mind with a reservoir of truth from which he draws in well chosen words, logically arranged. Learning obscures not the truth, but brings it to the light. The college is the workshop and the successful preacher of the next generation will be the one who enters and there dares to do and be all God and his tools will make him. There is a future not only bright with anticipation, but in the to-morrow blissful with realization to him who will pay the price. The coming pulpit will tell who.
TRANGE, majestic and mysterious is the colossal figure and peculiar genius of Lord Byron. The distant pyramid cold and formidable, the culture and grace of a Parthenon, the thrilling pulsating temper of a Parisian mob do not equal this character bold and cowardly, broad, liberal and narrow cultured and selfish, a grace beautiful and boorish, a noble manhood and a pining woman, a love sacred, grand and awful.

The product of a family of nobility his first literary work was not only met with applause by his friends but it startled the world. Society hastened to pay him homage and in an instant, like the mad rush in storming the Bastille, that brilliant intellect had become a master. He wrote with great rapidity, and more from impulse than from sober reflection. He had little success in attempting to revise his writings. What he had written was written. And what he felt impressed to write under a certain impulse or thrill had to be written then or it would be forever lost to him. He was anything but a poet of the imagination. His imagination was either sluggish or excessive and objects seen by this faculty were distorted and ugly. He merits still less distinction as a dramatist. His characters always repeat themselves and are always the same for the different poems. The names may be changed but the characters remain the same. His women like his men are all one breed and such as he has come in contact with in daily experience. Yet with all this his poetry is pure and typical. His style was distinctively and peculiarly his own. He was a true poet. You may wonder how this can be and be wanting both in imagination and dramatic genius. The literary merit of his poems arise out of the naturalness and carefulness of a tried experience. He is purely a poet of experience. He cannot write from mere reflection. He must come into actual contact with the world which contact suggests the plan and argument of the poem. With all this Byron's poems have soul, they pulsate with life and feeling. You can feel the throb, admire the grandeur, love the art.

It matters little whether he is delighted by the charm of his own matchless genius or brooding over a sad and miserable defeat, he never lost sight of himself. He was always reflecting upon himself either for good or ill. A fact boldly manifested in every effort. Though he is not read with the same pleasure that we read a Tennyson, a Roe, a Schiller, a Wordsworth, or a Browning, he yet deserves the rich honor of occupying a place among the world's greatest poets.

Fare Thee Well! is one of his minor selections. It contains fifteen stanzas of four verses each and is written in trochaic meter. The occasion of the poem is one that has been suggested by the sad condition of his domestic relations. Whatever may be the verdict of time with reference to this event of his life, it is a conscious truth that Lord Byron has been miserably misrepresented. Society has been and is still partial to Mrs. Byron. She alone has a just cause of complaint. But let it be remembered that he was not alone to blame. She was fretful and peevish and wanted to be fondled and caressed. Just as if a great man had nothing else to do than to please her vanity. She did not have the patience, candor and womanly dignity to grant to her husband the privilege of winning for himself, through arduous toils, literary distinction and for his wife a joyous livelihood and lasting honors. She complained that he courted his books more than he did her, and she grew angry and restless at his industrious seclusion. She did not have the capacity to appreciate the happy environments of the great poet.

Already a great master he need only write and the voices of grateful readers were ready to sound his praise. On the contrary she tried to hinder his usefulness by preventing his study. She could not sympathize with him in his rapacious desire for books, learning and distinction. He was too great and despondent for her, she
too impatient and fretful for him. She finally came to the conclusion, natural to such minds, that he had married his books instead of her, and accordingly asked to be relieved of her vows. It was granted. This is the occasion of a poem considered by some a real literary gem. It is clear and pure in diction, sublime and pathetic in sentiment, rich and beautiful in composition.

It displays the penitent, tender and unselfish spirit of a man morbid society chooses to call the profligate Byron. In this brief effort he is so forgiving, kind and thoughtful, the sentences are so simple and elegant, yet each verse breathes forth a remorse painful and contented, a feeling shattered and pitiable, a love sacred and mystic,—a grandeur that has fallen.

It presents to our view a character tortured, wrenched and racked by a mighty convulsion of forces into a thousand fragments which are the rich though highly colored particles of a colossal manhood bold and frantic. We become lost to ourselves with the ease and ofttimes awkward phraseologies. This phrase, "Pride, which not a world could bow," seems stained and unnatural, but we scarcely notice it unless we pause especially to observe the rhetoric. The poem is one of pure experience. We can feel the tingle, the throb and sadness of a broken heart in this stanza:

"Fare thee well and if forever
Still forever fare thee well
Even though unforgiving, never
'Gainst thee shall my heart rebel."

Byron had the candor and nobleness, though a sot and a licentiate, to confess his weakness. A thing which his haughty wife and a hateful society were too unforgiving to do. Observe the true poetic ring and elegance in these lines of frank and open confession:

"Though my many faults defaced me
Could no other arm be found
Than the one which once embraced me
To inflict a cureless wound."

Here again we are brought to face that horrid melancholy which was so characteristic of him but which contains a sublimity we almost admire:

"These are words of deeper sorrow
Than the wail above the dead,
Both shall live, but every morrow
Wake us from a widowed bed."

The true poetic idea stands boldly to the front in every clause. The grace and elegance of the entire poem is shown in those few stanzas in which he expresses that deep love and parental affection of which he was thought to be ignorant. With Byron we can feel the sacredness of such tender ties the hallowed memories of home, the sanctity and purity of marriage. Listen to Byron's own words in this rich display of poetic genius:

"And when thou wouldst solace gather,
When our child's first accents flow,
Wilt thou teach her to say, Father!
Though his care she must forego?
When her lips to thine is pressed
Think of him whose prayer shall bless thee,
Think of him thy love had blessed."

The thought of the poem is clear and concise. The style is of the most refined English. And in many respects it is representative of Byron. It is somewhat a purposeless effort being prompted by his saddened impulses. The circumstances under which it was written impress a greater truth and teach a more important lesson than the poem itself. Yet it is one of those poems that is rich and unique and one that pleases and beautifies. We will take a little time to examine the moral facts alluded to in the poem:

The fact that there are more highly educated men than there are women, is no reason why the most intelligent of either sex should not find in each other the most useful relations and the most perfect counterpart. The law of the "survival of the fittest" ought to have full sway. Furthermore, because women, considering them as a class, know but little more at fifty than they do at twenty-five, is no reason why men should be so indifferent in their selection of a life companion.

There is no excuse for men, or for women
either, selecting those who are much their superior, and for whom they have little or no adaptation. They can only hope to deceive and the fancied imaginations with which they enter upon their new life, must dwindle into discontentment and failure. This is a selfishness that is scarcely ever spoken of and never emphasized. We are not worthy of those who are superior to ourselves, and it is the height of selfishness to ask them to become miserable that we may be happy. We are inclined to think that because of gross ignorance, these sacred vows are regarded with too little concern. The people are not well enough informed about their own physiology, the facts of Human Science or Biology. Nine-tenths of the people know practically nothing about human nature and Heredity. Most of them cannot tell what heredity is, much less define any of its laws. So that about nine-tenths of the people are not prepared to enter the nuptial state.

So many parents now days have such a delicate modesty that they cannot afford to teach their children the ways of life. As if God could do anything mean. The hope of this reform lies in the young men and women of our colleges. And yet, every day I see sad and miserable mistakes. And if our college students cannot be sober enough to learn and practice these truths and thereby help renovate and purify our social condition, how can we expect the common laboring classes, who cannot but imperfectly know these things, to purge this ungodly society. These are the basic principles of society. They are the solution to every question of the race, and the continued perpetration of these vices is the defeat of the Golden Rule.

Now let us apply them to Byron, for he teaches us this lesson by his own sad experience as related in the above poem. Because Lord Byron failed to recognize the essential truths he failed in his domestic relations, and failing here, failed in his manhood, despised his own morals and forever tainted that poetic and literary genius with a bitter, recoiling and enslaving despondency that marred a curious majesty. True to nature, true to life, true to himself he has left us the rare legacy of a proud and classical intellect, embellished in song and story, towering with the envied gifts of poets, and fragrant with the blossom of truth that can know no decay and crowned through the ages as the master mystery.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

Sunday, Oct. 13, the college pastor delivered a special sermon to young women.

The day of prayer for young women was observed Thursday afternoon, Oct. 10. The meeting was well attended and the interest was good. Leader—Miss Guetner.

As a result of last month’s joint missionary meeting, a missionary study class has been formed, of about thirty members, which is taught by the college pastor. The class will take up the study of India, as outlined by the S. V. M. F. M.

Miss Shanklin led the missionary meeting on the 29th inst., subject, “The present day miracles in the foreign field.” The following missionary program was rendered: “Africaner, the Hottentot terror,” “The Chinese opium smoke,” Miss Fox; “Maskepetorn, the Indian chief,” Miss Aston; “The colonists of Sierra Leone,” “The New Zealand converts,” Miss Duncan; “Old Calaboe,” Miss Newcomb; “The Pentecost at Hilo,” Miss Shoemaker.

The meeting Oct. 1, was very impressive. It was the regular evening for the business meeting, the most important part of which was the reception of members. The membership committee, in securing names for membership, used a plan called “The broken tens,” which was suggested at the Lake Geneva summer school. Twenty-seven names were received. Appropriate Scriptural texts were read by the old and by the new members. Mrs. Miller gave a short talk on “The Duty of the Association to its members.” Miss Ada Lewis spoke a few minutes on “The duty of the members to the Association.”
Y. T. C. A. NOTES.

Dr. Garst led a very helpful meeting of the association recently.

Mr. Gilbert, '97, is our efficient treasurer. If you are indebted to him for dues, when you see him, promptly hand him your money and thus save him trouble and pass him on his way rejoicing.

Joint meetings of the association are always quite helpful and pleasant, and we would suggest that they occur more frequently. The working of both associations always becomes more efficient when they are brought to know each other better by frequent joint meetings.

The association work of the past month has been signalized by an increased zeal along the line of Bible study. Classes have been organized and nearly the entire membership has been pledged to take a course in one of the classes. Dr. Garst will teach a class in devotional study, Dr. Scott will have a class in geographical study, and Rev. Fries will conduct a class in the study of foreign mission. Every student should identify himself with one of these classes. There is no charge and all are welcome.

It is quite gratifying to note that the attendance at the Thursday evening devotional meetings does not diminish as the work of the term goes on. Habit has much to do with a student's attendance at religious services. Your time may be very valuable, but it can never be more profitably spent than at a devotional meeting in the fellowship of men who have come in vital touch with Christ. The earlier the student learns this, and disciplines his life to it, the sooner he will grow into that full and broad and deep life which he hopes some day to attain. Take a firm stand early, fellows, and stick to it.

FOOTBALL MATTERS.

OTTERBEIN 14, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY 6.

The above score is sufficient to cheer the hearts of the Otterbein team and the "rooters" thereof, for it proves the oft-repeated statement that O. S. U. cannot defeat us in football. The weather was clear and bracing and in all respects Saturday, the 12th inst., was an ideal football day. A large crowd of Ohio State University students and their friends came up on the Columbus Central cars to witness the game, apparently confident that O. S. U. would defeat us. Otterbein students turned out en masse to see the game and all were well repaid by the exhibition of an excellent game of football.

Ohio State won the toss and chose the north end of the field. Lloyd kicked off for Otterbein and the ball was downed on O. S. U.'s 30 yard line. They lost the ball on four downs and on the first play after Otterbein obtained possession of the ball, Teter encircled Dunlap's end and made a touch-down within two minutes from the time the game began. Failing to kick goal the score stood 4 to 0 in Otterbein's favor.

O. S. U. took the ball, Dunlap kicked off for 20 yards, and Gantz carried the ball back to the center. By steady gains Otterbein forced the ball into O. S. U.'s territory, and only lost the ball on four downs when it was on O. S. U.'s 3 yard line. O. S. U. lost the ball on downs and after again changing sides, O. S. U. kicked the ball for 20 yards. Stoner brought it back and bucked for the remainder of the distance, securing another touch-down. No goal. Score Otterbein 8, O. S. U. 0.

Time for the end of the first half was called with Otterbein in possession of the ball in O. S. U.'s territory.

In the second half Dunlap kicked for 30 yards. Lloyd's kick was blocked and losing the ball on a fumble, O. S. U. obtained the pigskin and carried it over the goal line, scoring their only touch-down and that on a fluke. Dunlap kicked goal. Score Otterbein 8, O. S. U. 6.

Otterbein kicked for 20 yards. O. S. U. made good gains but soon lost on downs. Teter then made a run of 35 yards again around
Dunlap's end, and aided by splendid interference scored a third touch down for Otterbein, followed by kicking goal.

The ball was then advanced forward and backward without material gain on either side, until time was called for the end of the game, with the ball in O. S. U.'s territory in Otterbein's possession.

Teter and Stoner, Otterbein's half backs, did phenomenal work, while the team work was excellent throughout.

The interference was formed somewhat slowly, but with this exception the team did remarkably well and the science displayed was probably never surpassed before on the Otterbein gridiron.

Apropos of some complaint over the decision of referee Garst, and some misrepresentation in regard to rough play, it might be well to say that it was probably the fairest, cleanest game throughout, that has ever been played by our teams.

Dunlap, Giessen and Thurman did good work for O. S. U. The O. S. U. line however could not stand the heavy, persistent bucks of Otterbein, while Dunlap's end was encircled a half dozen times.

The line up was as follows:

O. S. U. Otterbein
DeLong Center Captain Seneff
Creelius Left Guard Haller
Johnson Right Guard Rhodes
Dunlap Left Tackle Long
Thurman Right Tackle Kunkel
Dunlap, Captain Left End Gantz
Titus Right End Moore
Nichols Quarter Ball
Giessen Left Half Back Teter
Richt Right Half Back Stoner
Hawkins Full Back Lloyd

College yells, howls, horns, horsefiddles and shouts galore gave expression to the students' appreciation of the excellent work of the team. In the evening the Euterpean band of the college gave an open air concert on the postoffice corner for the benefit of the team. The enthusiasm of the students over the game is an excellent thing, as the players feel like training harder and doing better work when the student body evinces appreciation of their efforts.

OTTERBEIN 8, OHIO WESLEYAN 4.

Nothing like it for years; even old Alumcreek swelled with pride and overflowed the adjoining fields when our grand old football team returned from O. W. U. laden with the spoils of battle.

Chances were certainly against us when the stalwart team, her subs, friends and manager left us for Delaware Saturday morning. With one man sick in bed, another unable to walk, and new men in their places, defeat seemed certain. But Fate's decree was not so, and after a hard fought contest, O. U. won with the above score.

At 3 p.m. all was ready. O. U. won the toss and chose the west goal. Farrar kicks off, Stoner gets ball and goes to 30 yd. line. Two bucks and an end run by Lloyd gives us 15 yds.; a long kick by Lloyd, caught by Farrar who is downed with no advance. O. W. U. loses ball on four downs. Teter gains around right end. O. W. U.'s ball. Again O. U.'s ball, which she immediately loses to O. W. U. Some gain, but lost on a fumble by Webster. O. U. took her across; called back; a buck for 10 yds.; two bucks with no gain, when Stoner bucks the line for a touch-down. Stoner fails to kick goal. Score, O. U. 4, O. W. U. 0.

Farrar kicks off. Teter makes a fine run to center using excellent dodging tactics. Three minutes stop for Teter's haxcident. Here the teams each give a series of bucks with no advance, when a tackle buck by O. U., a sharp play by Rhodes, gives Long a clear field and he makes a beautiful run of 45 yds. scoring O. U.'s second touch-down. Stoner fails goal. Score, O. U. 8, O. W. U. 0.

Farrar kicks off. Ball gets ball and makes 10 yds. gain; Teter gets 10; Stoner then makes one of his phenoms, a 25 yd. run. Another long run by Stoner. Time called with ball near O. W. U.'s goal.
Here O. U.'s supporters attempt to take the field and are themselves taken in.

Second half. Lloyd kicks; Bass downs it on 25 yd. line. O. W. U. loses ball on downs but again takes it. Long run by Welch; lost on a fumble; again taken on downs. Farrar makes a long kick which Lloyd attempts to stop, when Beacom grabs the ball and scores O. W. U.'s only touch-down. Farrar fails goal. Score, O. U. 8, O. W. U. 4.

Lloyd kicks off; Bass gets ball but drops it. Here Lloyd is hurt and Barnard is substituted and plays well. O. U. loses ball on downs. Bass gets 15 yds. and Welch 8. Time called.

DELAWARE.
White Norton
Reichelderfer Sollers
Flanagan Westervelt
Beacom, Capt. Martz
Farrar Bass
Welch

NOTES.
O. U.'s backs are simply "out of sight," and our line is, so our opponents say, unbuckable.

Our team and visitors have nothing but praise for the treatment received at Delaware. Thanks. We will do our best to return it.

Everybody played ball, and Delaware says its the best game of the season. Our team deserves our hearty support. Fellows, let us give it.

Delaware seems to be deficient in college spirit. A college with 1000 students ought to turn out more than 200 people to a football game, such as last Saturday's was.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.
Fisher, of Buchtel, coached Denison until last Saturday, the 12th. With good material Denison promises to show up well by the end of the season.

Holly Farrer, who coached our team last season, is with the Delaware team.

Jenkins, an ex-Otterbein student of '93, is playing center for Kenyon. He made the only touch down for Kenyon in the game with the University of Cincinnati last Saturday.

The schedule as arranged at present is as follows: Oct. 26, Ohio Medical University at Westerville; Nov. 2, Kenyon at Gambier; Nov. 16, Wittenberg at Westerville; Nov. 28, Thanksgiving, Denison at Dayton.

The football management is working on a souvenir of the Otterbein and Denison teams to be published about Thanksgiving. It will be a work of art and every student should subscribe for one at the earliest opportunity.

Kenyon has a right guard who weighs 256 pounds. Cincinnati bucked him a half dozen times last Saturday and claim he is easy. Stewart, captain of last year's Adelbert team, is their coach, while Sawyer, of Williams College, is playing half back.

From all indications, the Thanksgiving contest between Denison and Otterbein at Dayton will be one of the greatest games of the season. Last year's game resulted in a tie, 6 to 6, and previously both teams had each won two games. This the last game will decide the series, and as both teams are nearly evenly matched it will be a contest well worth witnessing.

EXCHANGES.

The University of Pennsylvania has sent a geological expedition into central Africa.

The U. S. government lost its suit to recover $15,000,000 from the Stanford estate, much to the joy of the friends of Stanford University.

An exchange gives the following comparative list of the number of books in the libraries of some of our largest universities and colleges: Harvard leads the list with 430,000; Chicago comes next with 250,000; Yale third with
180,000; Columbia, 155,000; Cornell, 150,000; Pennsylvania, 100,000; Princeton, 91,000; Lehigh, 90,000; Michigan, 80,000; Dartmouth, 73,000; Amherst, 61,000; Johns Hopkins, 60,000.

It is stated that the board of directors of the Catholic University, at Washington, has decided to receive applications from any persons desiring to enter that institution and receive the benefits of its educational facilities. Only priests were admitted hitherto, but, in the future, not only laymen, but either men or women may attend all the lectures, although women will not be allowed to matriculate.

The Standard contains in its list of synonyms about 60,000 words, of which 33,000 are discussed or illustrated; the Century contains about 61,000, of which 12,000 are discussed or illustrated; the International contains about 34,000, of which 8,000 are discussed or illustrated. The name of James C. Fernald, of New York, as editor of this department of the Standard, is sufficient guarantee for the quality of the work.

"It is sad to see the amount of padding in the college exchanges," appeared in the columns of one of the best college papers which this country affords. We do not want to appear pedantic in the sense that we assume to know just what constitutes good substantial college-journalism, but we well know that if the pages of college papers were less padded with frivolous personals and verbose attempts to give to airy nothing a name, and contained more articles like, "The Classics and English Literature," "The Golden Age of Athens," or "The Evolution of Character," all of which appeared in the latest exchanges of the AEGIS, that college-journalism would come nearer serving the purpose of its existence.

The Wittenberger this year appears in a very unique and artistically decorated cover. It is a good example of what the mind of the artist is capable of doing. To cultivate the taste is surely an essential part of education. Some one has said that "The taste is the balance wheel to all the mental accomplishments." It is that power of the mind which judges and enjoys beauty and propriety. To neglect the cultivation of the taste is surely a serious omission. Let taste—the aesthetic—be cultivated. Let paintings decorate the walls of our colleges and homes, and statuary stand in and adorn the corners, let vines climb gracefully over trellis work, and flowers bloom under the windows. Our colleges, as far as they can be made, ought to be filled with works of art.

"Ah! oui, c'est quelque chose d'avoir reussi"—"Ah! yes, it is something to have succeeded," appeared in the columns of one of our exchanges. These are the words of Louis Pasteur, whose death has lost for science one of its noblest exponents, and for humanity one of its greatest benefactors. We might make mention of Von Helmont, Scheele, Rutherford, Priestly, Cavendish, and cease only when we have exhausted the registry of chemistry's buried greatness, yet there has been no one more pre-eminently fitted to diadem the world of chemistry than Pasteur, from the time that it found its first life to the eventful present. Pasteur's discoveries, in every line, are eminently practical. He never received any $10,000 reward as was awarded recently to the discoverer of argon, yet his discoveries are of a more practical value, than the discovery of argon can possibly attain. Pasteur lived and died a poor man.

An interesting article appears in the October Century on "The Marriage Rate of College Women." The author has carefully compiled statistics from some fifteen colleges. Figures show that the alumna marries later in life than other women, for 9.7 per cent. of all girls between fifteen and twenty are married. The most rapid increase in the rate for women in general is between the ages of twenty and twenty-five; while virtually no college women marry before twenty, and the most rapid in-
crease in their rate is between twenty-five and thirty. The exact figures are given as follows:

"Under twenty-five years old college women rarely marry. Of 277 graduates of the latest three classes, but ten are married. If these younger classes are left out of account, so that we consider women who have passed twenty-five, we find 32.7 per cent. married; after the age of thirty is passed, 43.7; after thirty-five the rate becomes 49.7; while those who have passed forty years, 54.5 per cent. are married. The census tables do not fix exactly the general marriage rate of women of this age, but it is not far from 90 per cent. The ultimate probability of a college woman's marriage, therefore, seems to be below 55 per cent., against 90 per cent. for other women—not quite two-thirds as great." The article, as a whole, is suggestive and worth reading.

**LOCALS AND PERSONALS.**

Mrs. J. Hillhouse visited college friends during the fair.

Laura Ingalls has been quite sick but is able to be out again.

Prof. Wagoner enjoyed a visit from his father and mother recently.

E. E. Hostetler is president of Y. P. S. C. E. for the ensuing term.

Miss Cora Shaner spent Sunday, the 6th inst., among her O. U. friends.

Owing to sickness, J. F. Lasure was obliged to leave school and return to his home.

If you want to see a quiet studious place, enter the library. Prof. Scott keeps excellent order.

Miss Lou Mainhardt, of Johnstown, Pa., spent several weeks with her friend Miss Katherine Thomas.

N. E. Cornetet entertained his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Halliday, of Hillsboro, quite recently.

A number of students attended the lecture given by C. O. Powers upon "Where the Other Half Lives."

J. B. Gilbert, '97, was called home on the 14th inst. by the news of the death of his uncle, D. O. Kinnel, of Dayton.

W. W. Longman has been confined to his bed with malarial fever, but is better now and we hope will soon be up and around.

John Koepke, a former student and at one time a member of '96, has again returned to finish his course. He will go out in '97.

The event of the season: The announcement of senior and junior publics. References as to veracity of statement—any senior or junior.

Miss Bertha Smith, of Cardington, is one of the late arrivals. She will take regular college work, probably entering the freshman class.

The chorus class interests the ladies of the University very much. Miss Wheeler is desirous of making this an excellent organization.

Many of the students aided the U. B. women in their dining enterprise at the fair. Several of the Profs. were also seen upon the grounds.

Musical ranks will soon have the acquisition of a saxaphone. John D. Miller is the possessor and the instrument is said to be an excellent one.

Miss Anna Knapp, having spent the summer at Chautauqua, and after making a short visit with her parents, returns to take up musical work.

Welmer E. Bushong, of Dayton, entered for work the first of the month. His father, Rev. T. F. Bushong, coming with him, remained a day or so.

In the person of George Barlow Kirk, of Morristown, Otterbein secures a fine young man and one who will rank high in whatever he undertakes.

Class prayer meetings have again been revived mainly through the efforts of the sophomore class. All classes should take an active part in such work.
J. W. Stiverson visited his many friends at Logan last week.

W. C. May, an old student, is back for another year's work.

Prof. Bonser was in town last Saturday week looking after his college work.

W. R. Rhoades enjoyed a visit made him by his sister, Miss Ella, of Fostoria.

Forrest B. Bryant spent a week at his home in Dayton owing to the illness of his brother.

Among the many friends of Otterbein in the village last week we noticed Rev. E. S. Lorenz.

James Kohst and sister, of Burbank, have entered college, Mr. Kohst for a course and his sister as a musical student.

J. M. Martin has been elected business manager of the Aegis, filling the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of D. L. Davis.

J. P. West spent several days at his home in Logan, due doubtless to the meeting of the Scioto conference which met there.

Miss Alice Dixon, of Croton, spent Sunday, the 6th inst., with her many O. U. friends. She will be in school again next term.

In the absence of our pastor, Rev. C. L. Collins preached Sunday, the 29th inst. Much favorable comment was made upon the sermon.

A large delegation of boys took in the O. S. U.–Buchtel game, Saturday, Oct. 5. Much interest was manifested as regards the relative merits of both teams.

Miss Faith Linard has been the recipient of a short visit made by her father. Mr. Linard rode the entire distance from Dayton to Westerville upon his wheel.

D. I. Lambert, one of '97's sons, has been dangerously ill for several weeks past. His face has been missed, and we are glad to report that he is slowly convalescing.

J. P. West has the honor of presiding over the harmonious meetings that the Republican club engages in. The club took part in the recent celebration at Columbus.

The many friends of F. S. Minshall are especially glad to see him enrolled as a student of O. U. Fred put in the entire summer at Chicago. Congratulations, '96.

The juniors have organized for the year with J. W. Stiverson as president; Miss Sherrick, vice president; H. H. Haller, secretary. Give them a hearty welcome and get expelled.

Here comes the sophie crowd like a Roman phalanx on a Westerville street. They have organized with Miss Pruner as president; Miss Aston, vice president; Miss Barnes, secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Columbus, recently spent a day with us. Mr. Johnson at one time was a student at O. U. and had but little difficulty in recognizing many that he at that time knew.

The Democratic club consists of L. K. Miller, president; J. F. Yothers, secretary; and W. L. Richer, treasurer, and nine members. Although in the hopeless minority, the "Campbells" are not losing their grip.

The most imposing object at the Westerville fair was the mammoth grand stand. This calls to our minds the many other buildings around Westerville and vicinity that have been planned and supervised by Lawrence Barnard, '94. The gentleman is having wonderful success with his work as these various buildings conclusively prove.

The Otterbein Republican club was organized three weeks ago with an enthusiastic membership of over 40. J. P. West, of Logan county, was elected president; P. R. Good, vice president; B. L. Kumler, secretary; L. A. Bennert, treasurer. An executive committee consisting of M. H. Mathews, P. R. Good, J. E. Eschbach, J. B. Gilbert and R. A. Longman, was appointed by the president. Several meetings have been held and great interest has been manifested by the boys in the gubernatorial and legislative campaign.
The Buckeye Printing Company has turned out considerable excellent work the last two or three weeks. The baseball and AEgis stationery are especially satisfactory.

The Euterpean band has secured a large quantity of the best and latest music, and they expect to make this year's work excel all previous efforts. Watch for future developments.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Shull, of Marcellus, Mich., are both in school. Mr. Shull taught greek at North Manchester college last year, leaving O. U. the previous year. We are glad to welcome them into our midst.

The seniors have re-organized and elected the following set of officers: Pres't, W. L. Richer; vice pres't, L. K. Miller; sec'y and poet, Miss Helen Shauck; historian, J. E. Eschbach; treas., Miss Lula Baker.

Prof. Meyer has presented the University with a collection of minerals acquired mainly in Missouri. Many thanks, professor. If a few more liberal minded persons would present such collections as they happen to possess, we would soon have need for special quarters in which to display them.

Miss Luella Fouts, '89, again has charge of the gymnasium, but will mainly confine her instruction to the girls. The work is interesting, instructive and very fascinating, and every girl should join one of the classes. Miss Fouts spent the summer at Chautauqua, following this special line of work, and remembering the benefits accruing from last year's work, we can foretell many good results this year.

The seniors and invited guests chartered a street car on the evening of the 16th inst., and enjoyed a “trolley” party, the first in the history of Westerville and of Otterbein. The party spent the evening in Columbus banqueting in a prominent banquet hall in the city. A royal good time was enjoyed and was but the inauguration of a series of social events which this class will enjoy in this the closing year of college life. The party consisted of the follow-

ing, two were not able to be present owing to illness: Messrs. Hostetler, Richer, Stoner, Eschbach, Clements, Rhoades, Martin, Schrock and Anderson; Misses Shauck, Doty, Thomas, Mauger, Lula Baker, Verna Baker, Shoemaker, Knapp and Mrs. Anderson; the last four named were invited guests. The party returned about midnight waking the town with class and college yells and other demonstrations of class spirit.

Drs. Scott and Garst will have charge of Bible classes during the coming term. These are to meet weekly and every student should connect himself with one of these or enter the class of our pastor, Rev. Fries.

Prof. Rudolph Wagoner, '92, has been made happy by the reproduction of his likeness in the form of a fine baby girl. At present writing the young arrival, by the efforts of her pater, has become efficient in the multiplication table up to the 6's, and no doubt by the time this reaches our readers she will be engaged in the differentiation of algebraic and transcendental functions. The AEgis extends its congratulations.

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DEATH OF D. L. RIKE.

David L. Rike, the president of the Board of Trustees of Otterbein University, and the life long friend of the institution, passed from this life to the great beyond, at 12:20 on the morning of Wednesday, the 23d inst.

For some time past Mr. Rike has been failing in health, and for the past several weeks, he has been confined to his home and bed. In spite of his having arrived at the advanced age of 71 years, it was hoped that he might recover, but every effort that medical skill could put forth proved unavailing, and he gradually sank until shortly past midnight on the morning of the 23d, when he peacefully breathed his last.

Dr. Sanders announced his death to the students at chapel Wednesday morning, and amidst profound silence and attention, indicative of the high esteem in which the deceased was held, told the simple story of his noble life and example, and of his connection with the college and its work in the most trying hour of its history.

Mr. Rike was a noble example of a self-made man. Born near Dayton he began business there when still a young man, and grew with the city until at the time of his death he was at the head of the largest dry goods house in the Miami Valley. For over fifty years he has been a member of the United Brethren church, being one of the founders of the First United Brethren Church of Dayton, of which he was an active and prominent member at the time of his death.

Aside from the interest he manifested in educational and church affairs, Mr. Rike was noted for his connection with a large number of charitable and benevolent enterprises, and in all such undertakings he was always at hand with prayerful financial aid. For twelve years he has been president of the Board of Trustees of the University, and has at various times contributed liberally to its support, his gifts aggregating fully $25,000. He had the institution

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and its interests in his heart as few have had, and his death is an almost irreparable loss to the college.

Mr. Rike was a grand, noble man, and a true Christian citizen. He enjoyed the unbounded confidence and respect of his fellowmen, such as few men possess. Of modest demeanor, kindly spirited, generous and benevolent, he was beloved by all and won to him friends whose only consolation in this the hour of their bereavement is the fact that his spirit is in a better country.

While Otterbein University lives and prospers, and the great work of education which he so ably and effectually assisted advances, the name of David L. Rike will be fresh in the minds of the friends of the institution and of the church, and his memory will be kept green and fragrant by the flowers of love and gratitude.

J. A. Howell, '92, spent a few days at his home week before last.

ALUTINAL NOTES.

O. L. Shank, '95, spent several days including Sunday, the 13th inst., with his old associates. The visit was quite short owing to his school demanding his attention.

B. L. Seneff, '94, instead of being president of Western College, Iowa, as reported in our last issue, is president of Westfield College, Illinois. The mistake was due to information that now shows itself not authentic. The faculty of this last named college also has two other of Otterbein graduates enrolled—A. C. Streich, '93, and Miss Sadie Newell, '95.

C. B. Brown, '93, a rising lawyer of Hicksville, has been nominated for senator upon the Republican ticket of the thirty-second district. The Republicans carried the district in 1894 and have strong hopes of doing the same this year. The Aegis wishes the gentleman success in his political venture and will closely watch the result. It might be well to state for the benefit of Mr. Brown's many O. U. friends that he was married last January, admitted to the bar in June and soon we will salute him as senator.

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