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EDITORIAL.

LET the sweet past bury its dead, and the ambulance move on to the hospital, but happy to say no O. U. football player will be seen in the procession.

Football for '95 is over, and as predicted in our September ÆGIS this has been our most prosperous season and we close our books square with the world. Truly, football is the college man's ideal, and with as much improvement next year as has been the past one the most prejudiced of observers can have no ground for objection.

Much of the brutality of former years has been missing, and as a result few accidents, none very serious, are reported. This year's team was perhaps the best ever representing O. U. on the field, and as but two members go out in '96 there is no reason why next year's record should not surpass '95's. If only we could get a little more of that fiery, invincible spirit infused into the prospective player earlier in the season, much of the present difficulty might disappear, and coach and captain be permitted to turn their attention to more important features.

The personnel of the team was of a high order, the playing of the clean, gentlemanly sort, and victory the result. Many are the commendations on '95, and since you carried the "pigskin" to so many victories, we have no hesitancy in insuring you the thanks and admiration of O. U. students, faculty and alumni.

COLLEGE spirit must be a wonderful spectre and a most attractive influence to the practical world of to-day when they see it staggering along under the load of pettish tricks, boyish pranks, and criminal assaults with which so many college students attempt to burden it.

College spirit is that manly and admirable spirit which booms and arouses your college, your football, baseball and athletic clubs, which puts new life in yourself and all with whom you come in contact, and not that slinking, contemptible disposition which destroys property, assaults your fellow student or subjects to the deepest humiliation your closest friend or perchance an unfortunate enemy.

It would appear from past events that some O. U. students had a misconception of college spirit, and were laboring under a very cloudy delusion but the sooner they get out of the fog and see things with a sensible student's eye the better it will be for themselves, their college, and the student body in general.
Some of the jokes (?) and fun (?) witnessed in O. U. of late and passing criticism under this harboring name would certainly be condemned by a half-witted Hottentot, and we would pray desistance if for no other reason than good to our college and colleges everywhere. We can dispose of all healthy college spirit at a high premium, but can't you see, kind reader, that childish play is a drug on the market?

THE Arts and Letters Co., 874 Broadway, N. Y., favored the AEGIS with a very neat volume, entitled "Essays and Fables." The author of the book is John Bryan, of this state. The fables are well written and are not only well worth the reading for the good Old English diction made use of by the author, but also for the many aptly drawn morals. Freedom and justice seem to be the two main ideas of the book. The book also contains quite a number of touching poems, which though somewhat peculiar in style, nevertheless they are interesting and very readable.

The book is printed on beautiful cream tint paper, with uncut edges and can be ordered from the above company.

THE following communication addressed to the Financial Engineer of the OTTERBEIN AEGIS, explains itself, and we hope that any of our subscribers who are in arrears may, upon seeing this, be constrained to do likewise. There is nothing like starting a new year with your subscriptions paid up.

Greensburg, Pa., Dec. 9, 1895.

DEAR SIR:—You will please send me my bill for your paper for the years not paid. I am in arrears for one year it strikes me, and would square accounts thereby giving you new capital to push your work for the future. Call on my treasurer, Mr. Spayd, and have him settle, or send same to me.

W. D. REAMER.

WHY not open the library all day? Many of us have recitations the entire afternoon, consequently our library time is limited to less than an hour each day, and while our tastes would incline us to much work in the library, the rules now in force do not permit it. Again, some students are quite a distance from the college, and at times only one hour intervenes between recitations. If compelled to go home and return that is about all they can do, and the hour is wasted.

If the chapel can't be open give us the library and we will not only employ otherwise wasted time, but employ it to good advantage to ourselves.

COLLEGE life is a period of character forming. Habits of study formed in college will be a part of the student's character in after life. It is deplorable to hear students boasting about how they get through recitations with little or no study; just as if the sole end of a college course were to "get through." Such habits are degrading, while the habit of doing more than what is required will surely lead to future success and promotion.

OUR chapel exercises might be made more interesting as well as profitable by occasional talks from the professors. Short talks upon questions of vital importance would surely be well received by the students. No other time is so opportune for giving instructive, helpful and lasting impressions as the chapel hour.

TO be yourself may be good or bad. To follow your own inclinations regardless of the welfare of others is extremely selfish. But to adapt yourself conscientiously to your surroundings without becoming artificial is certainly commendable. Be yourself, but be your best self.

The January AEGIS will contain a critique by Miss Lula Baker, a story by F. S. Minshall, and in all probability an article by Judge Shauck. You will want a copy, won't you?
HENRY WOODFIRE GRADY is dead! The South's fame crowned son, her lover and her champion, the one man eloquent, the pre-eminent citizen of the whole Republic, has passed to the loftier life of the world beyond.

It was on a bleak December morn in eighty-nine, just as the darkness of the night was breaking away into the dawn, while love kept watch by the bed of pain and breathed sweet benedictions on his dying brow, that his sweet spirit slipped its moorings, sailed out into the shoreless and sunless sea of an awful eternity, and attuned its voice with the symphonies of heaven. The rich shut up their stores, the poor ceased awhile to beg, the scholar closed his book, the editor in his sanctum dropped his pen and bowed his head in holy reverence. Men, women, little children, all speaking a common complaint, cast their garlands at his grave until Georgia's land was fragrant with the perfume of flowers watered by the tears of a loving people. Silently, tenderly, mournfully, they buried him beneath the earth, and the annual of his life was complete. Poetry sings of its bards, war boasts of its heroes; philanthropy dwells on its charities, and love whispers of love; but here is a character, a mission which masters them all.

It was some forty years ago, in Georgia, that he was born. The dark portentous clouds of rebellion were just gathering. In his youthful years he witnessed the awful storm. He saw the heaps of ashes that marked the places of beautiful homes struck by its gleaming lightning. Looking out over fields in which “by night the cotton whitens neath the stars, and by day the wheat locks the sunshine in its bearded sheaf,” he saw them swept by its crimson flood. Over Appomatox's hills he heard the thundering of cannon and the tread of disbanding armies. Locked in his mother's arms, soft whispers told him of a father slain in battle; seated at her side he read the story of war's cruel carnage.

He grew into manhood and in all the land there was no manlier man. Trained in the hall of the university, he drank deep from the fountains of knowledge. Every subject and every condition received his closest and most thoughtful attention. Nothing escaped him. He walked out into the bare and unploughed fields of the South. He saw the rivers, as they wound like silver threads among the hills, run wanton to the sea. He looked upon the vast resources of the South undeveloped and unsought. With sweet compassion he heard the wail of suffering and sorrow. And while the North kindled its hatred and the South fanned the last embers of a lost cause, he waited and watched.

Suddenly a great mission, a mighty duty impelled him. No common theme, no southern vision, no distempered dream now inspired this man. His path though difficult was plain. He took up his pen and wrote, and on his page he showed such nobleness of purpose as has not been manifest since the wrist of Greeley rested. There was no subject within the range of the press which he did not discuss with a clearness and vigor that were convincing. His editorials were not echoes of public opinion—they made public opinion. His thoughts and purposes were the guides for his people; they were a part of their progress. Whether building up industry or founding eleemosynary institutions for the poor; whether sowing seeds of kindness and mercy, or teaching lessons of patriotism and love; whether elevating the morals of men or developing the poetry of his state; whether converting the feelings of sectionalism or solving the problem of a race, his pen was ever powerful and his influence potent. It has ploughed most noble furrows in the fallow fields of his country and its impress will remain till the sundown of time.

Charming as his pen was it failed in comparison with his tongue. Eloquence, the supreme gift to genius, was pre-eminent in him. It dwelt on his tongue like perfume in the heart
of the flower. Words of charity and forgiveness flowed forth as honey comes from the mysterious alchemy of the bee. Thought gushed out in streams of opulence and his soul-voiced itself in music sweet as any melody ever harped by Orpheus. With the eloquence of a Mirabeau, the magnetism of a Napoleon, the strength of a Phillips, he so crystallized in the mind of the people the one great subject upon which he spoke, that it became the all-absorbing problem of the age.

A race of slaves mingling with a race long accustomed to rule the slave—two races almost equal in number but vastly unequal in intelligence and responsibility, suddenly coming to enjoy equal civil and political rights—this was the appalling condition of the problem upon which his genius and eloquence were wont to dwell. No problem so difficult has presented itself in the last half century to try the wisdom of philanthropy or the greatness of statesmanship. But Grady, brilliant as an Athenian, tireless as a Spartan, prayed his people to love their country, to honor their home, to right the wrongs of slavery, to consecrate themselves to the Union. This done, a vision of surpassing beauty is unfolded to his eyes. "I see a South," said he, "her streams vocal with whirring spindles; her mountains showering down the music of bells as her slow moving herds go forth from their folds; her rulers honest and her people loving; her homes happy and their hearth-stones bright; peace and plenty in her fields; her two races walking together in peace and contentment; sunshine everywhere and all the time, and night falling on her generally as from the wings of the unseen dove."

His words infused new spirit in the South. She applauded and approved; while the North struck by his eloquence and the magic of his words, paused awhile as if in the midst of an awful storm, and then went on as before, adding injury to insult, anger to jealousy, creating estrangement instead of love. He saw the bitter strife go on; the awful problem become more portentous. His great heart throbbed with anxiety, duty stung him to the core. His opportunity came and he seized upon it. With an eloquence and patriotic force probably never equaled in this country he planted the standard of the South on the historic fields of the North. There within touch of Plymouth Rock and Bunker Hill, where Webster thundered and Longfellow sang, Emerson thought and Chauncing preached, there in the cradle of American letters and American liberty, he pleaded with the North for patience, confidence, sympathy; give us your sons as hostages, said he; and loyalty to the Republic. That would solve the problem. That would remove race prejudices, dislodge sectionalism, redeem the Union.

The picture which he painted with his eloquence was reproduced but few weeks ago when the gates of the exposition opened in his adopted city, and North as well as South and the nations of the earth contributed to its wonderful success. His dream was realized as the curtain was lifted from the greatest display ever made in the South; but, alas! he was not there to witness the fulfillment of his prophecy when he said:

"And we shall not fail. God has sown in our soil the seed of his millennial harvest, and he will not lay the sickle to the ripening crop until his full and perfect day has come. Our history, sir, has been a constant and expanding miracle from Plymouth Rock and Jamestown all the way—aye, even from the hour when, from the voiceless and trackless ocean, a new world rose to the sight of the inspired sailor. As we approach the fourth centennial of that stupendous day—when the old world will come to marvel and to learn amid our gathered treasures—let us resolve to crown the miracles of our past with the spectacle of a republic, compact, united, indissoluble in the bonds of love—loving from the lakes to the gulf—the wounds of war healed in every heart as on every hill serene and resplendent at the summit of human achievement and earthly glory—blazing out the path and making clear the way up which all the nations of the earth must come in God's appointed time."

The next day he gave in the same city his
last prophesy to the world. Men might go on threatening fratricidal strife and infamously fan the embers of war, “but just as certain as there is a God in the heavens, when these noisy insects have perished and their pestilent tongues have ceased, the great clock of the Republic will strike out the slow moving tranquil hours, and the watchman from the street will cry, ‘All is well with the Republic; all is well.’”

His mission was now complete, his duty well performed. Death soon came. On Christmas, a day which his pen alone could fittingly describe, and his boundless charities celebrate, they buried him in Atlanta’s sunny field. The world never saw a prettier funeral. Silence was supreme. Not a sound save the reading of Scripture and the melody of music broke the stillness of the hour.

Thus in a moment one of the brightest stars that ever set the firmament of our national glory, dropped into the awful sea of eternity. But unlike the meteor that flits across the sky and then goes out forever, his star deepens in splendor, the skies open up their everlasting gates and its glory streams down on his people as they lead from one triumph to another.

But we must make an end. Eulogy cannot recite his virtues, nor words measure his charities; visions cannot see the splendor of his prophesies, nor dreams fancy the boundless sunshine of his soul. Mind fails in comprehending him.

O Grady! Thou great and princely gentleman—great in everything that makes men great—sleep thou content. A monument builded as deep as thy sympathies, broad as thy nature, high as the flights of thy oratory, beautiful and sublime as thy patriotism, shall speak thy praise eternal. Fame has chiseled thy statue in the marbles of heaven. Eloquence has made thy name immortal. Wherever a sunbeam has trembled or a teardrop sparkled; wherever sorrow has oppressed or joy enlivened; wherever innocence sat enthroned or virtue lost its valor: wherever a race was ennobled or friendship builded its altar; there will be thy glory.

“Brave seer! Thou didst both North and South disarm! Leap, lightning, from your wires, the clouds among, And flash his eulogy the heavens o’er.”

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**AT TWILIGHT.**

HELEN SHAUCK, ’96.

In the gray and purple twilight,  
When the weary day is done;  
And the golden stars in heaven  
Shine out brightly one by one.

When amid the darkened forest  
Fitfully stirs the gentle breeze,  
Making long and wavering shadows  
There amid the maple trees.

Under the quiet hush of heaven,  
Free from the cares of day at last,  
Do our minds turn slowly backward  
To the sweet and sacred past.

All the present cares and heartaches,  
All the struggle and the pain,  
Seems to vanish quite forgotten  
When the past returns again.

All the pleasures and the gladness  
And the hopes so grand and high,  
Seem to rise to us unbidden,  
Underneath the starry sky.

And the sweet, strong bonds of friendship,  
Which no troubles or regret  
Crowding in our present lifetime  
Can cause us ever to forget.

Ah! no years of separation,  
No past or no present pain,  
E’er can break that tie so sacred,  
E’er can loose that golden chain.

We can almost hear the ringing  
Of the dear old college bell;  
We can almost see the campus,  
Where the shadows rose and fell.

We can almost see the sunshine,  
As it flickered to and fro,  
On the walls of dear old Otterbein,  
Ah! many years ago.

We can almost see the sunshine,  
Ah! no years of separation,  
No past or no present pain,  
E’er can break that tie so sacred,  
E’er can loose that golden chain.

And a longing overcomes us,  
With its deep and hopeless pain,  
Just to see those dear old faces  
And to live that life again.

All comes in one wave of memory,  
At the setting of the sun,  
All the sweet past on us crowding  
When the weary day is done.

Katheryn D. Cover, ’94, of Shauck’s, spent several days during the first week of this month with her O. U. friends. She was entertained by Miss Katheryn Thomas.
KELLER. MONTGOMERY. STIVERSON. COCKRELL. MOORE. GILBERT.

HALL. KUNKLE. RHODES. KOHR. A. GANTZ. M. GANTZ.

LONG. STONER. BARNARD, (Coach.) SENEFF. DEMPSEY. POWELL. MINSHALL.

THOMAS, HALLER. LLOYD. BALL. C. TETER. COMFORT. W. TETER.

OTTERBEIN TEAM, 1895
FOOTBALL AFTERMATH.

In Thanksgiving day, the last and crowning game of the season of '95 was played in Dayton before a crowd of some 1200 spectators, and with our old time rivals, the Denison team. The day was a charming one. Above, the sky was clear and sunny, and the air was balmy. With the exception of a poor entrance to the grounds, and an abundance of mud therein, everything was as good as could be desired.

Dayton was greatly stirred up over the game, and Denison sympathizers could be seen flaunting the crimson and howling furiously, while the Otterbein rooters had tan and cardinal ribbons and chrysanthemums in profusion, and made the old "war-hoop" heard wherever they found themselves.

As early as 1:30 p.m., football enthusiasts began to come and continued to pour into the grounds until 2:30, when time was called for the beginning of the first half. Denison won the toss and chose the south goal. Otterbein kicked off; the ball was carried back 3 yards. Several bucks were made with no great gain, when Otterbein got the ball and Teter gained 15 yards, followed by Stoner who gained 10 yards. Then Denison took the ball on a fumble, and soon after made a run of 75 yards to a touchdown, which was not allowed as Lieut. Hart, the referee, had blown his whistle before the ball had gone 2 yards. Then Rhoades made a star buck of over 30 yards, which was one of the best features of the game and elicited great applause. The ball was advanced by Otterbein to the neighborhood of goal several times, even at one time making first down on the 1-yd line, but two fumbles and a mistake in signals lost it, and time for the first half was called with the ball on Denison's 5-yd line.

Score 0 to 0.

The second half was almost a repetition of the first. Denison kicks off; Teter gets ball. Stoner bucks; no gain. Long bucks 6 yards; Stoner 7 yards; Teter 3 yards; Long 1 yard; Rhoades 5 yards; Stoner 3 yards. Then Teter goes around the end and like a flash goes down the field, dodging his opponents until 75 yards had been traversed, and he is at the 2-yard line. Here Referee Withoff, of Denison, got in his work and called him back on alleged foul interference. Denison took ball, but lost it on downs. Then Stoner bucks for 6 yards; Long 12; Rhoades 3; Stoner 4; Teter 5; Long 1; Stoner 4; Teter ½; Rhoades 2½ yds. Then Denison gets balls on downs but makes no gains. Otterbein takes ball and makes no gains. Denison then gains 5 yds, 1 yd, 3 yds in succession, but Otterbein carries it back the same distance.

By this time the ball was at Denison's 3-yd.
line, and the crowd had become so excited as to be unmanageable. Seeing that the game was up and that the next play by Otterbein would send the ball over the line, Denison's referee, Mr. Withoft, called the game on account of darkness, and the Denison team walked off the field refusing to play, thereby virtually acknowledging defeat. The result was a great disappointment to Otterbein players and friends as we had expected to win and had the game in our grasp several times, while without a doubt we would have won in another play, as Otterbein had been forcing the playing during the entire second half.

The individual plays were excellent, the team work was good, only one or two fumbles being noticed. The condition of the field had no doubt a great deal to do with the result of the game. The ground was wet and muddy, and great difficulty was encountered in getting a start, thereby rendering momentum plays of little value.

JOHN THOMAS, JR., MANAGER.

Mr. John Thomas, jr., '98, has just closed a most successful football season, from a financial point of view. He began the season under most discouraging circumstances. A debt of $100, the purchase of new uniforms, and a coach under contract, made hustling necessary. Mr. Thomas proved himself equal to the emergency, and as a result of hard work and careful management on his part he was able to meet all the expenses of the season, pay off the $100 debt, and turn over a surplus of several dollars to the official board. The gentleman deserves the respect of every student for the excellent manner in which he has performed the duties of his office.

E. S. BARNARD, COACH.

Ernest S. Barnard, the Otterbein coach, has been identified with organized athletics ever since their inception in Otterbein. For three years he captained the "scrubs," and assisted materially in strengthening the 'varsity, by the addition of new players who had distinguished themselves by good work on the second team. During the greater portion of the season of '93 he managed the team. He has acted as referee and umpire at nearly all the football and baseball games that have been played by Otterbein teams. As coach of the football team he has given universal satisfaction. Being personally acquainted with all the old players he enjoyed a greater advantage than has been the case with any coach we have had from a distance. The tactics employed this season were based upon the good features of the old plays which had proved successful in the past three or four seasons. These plays were collected by Mr. Barnard, improved upon, and formed the basis of a new system which has proved the best yet used by any Otterbein team. The players
unite in giving "Rev" a full measure of praise for his services and devotion to the interests of the team.

D. H. SENEFF, CAPTAIN,

Has had four seasons' experience on the 'Varsity. He learned the game at right guard in '92. In the fall of '93, he was placed at center where he has since remained. Beyond all doubt, "Our Baby" stands head and shoulders above any center in the state. During his long experience he has never met a man who has been able to cause him much trouble. In spite of his weight—223 pounds—he does about as much tackling as any man on the Otterbein team. "Baby" will be with us one more season and then Otterbein will lose the best center she has and probably ever will have.

H. H. HALLER, '97, LEFT GUARD.

'Arry 'Aller has just completed his second season as a 'Varsity player. He is a strong, fearless player and well deserves the reputation of being one of the best guards that ever wore an Otterbein uniform. With two seasons experience and such recognized ability, we may expect great things from Harry next season without fear of disappointment.

C. C. COCKRELL, '98, RIGHT GUARD.

This has been Mr. Cockrell's first season as a regular man on the 'Varsity. Not only is he a faithful, conscientious player on the field, but while off the field he gives further proof of the above qualities by a careful study of the rules and science of the game, which fact is bound to make him a shining 'Varsity light in the season of 1896.

W. R. RHOADES, '96, RIGHT TACKLE.

Has worn a 'Varsity uniform for two seasons. Last season and in the first four games of this season he played right guard, but it was thought that the team would be strengthened by placing him at right tackle. His work in the last named position proved the wisdom of the act. By his graduation, Otterbein will lose one whose place will be hard to fill as he has filled it.

M. D. LONG, '97, LEFT TACKLE.

That "Mid" is an athlete of first quality has been amply proved by his excellent record on both the gridiron and diamond. He is an enthusiastic player, and the earnestness and honesty of his work both in practice and match games has won the admiration of players and spectators. His labors have been justly rewarded by his having been elected captain for next season. His knowledge of the game, and enthusiastic way of going at things is sure to count in the development of next year's possibilities.

T. A. DEMPESEY, LEFT END.

"Tom" is a remarkably good player for his age. This was his first season, and he won his position by hard, steady work. He has a bright future before him on the football field if he continues to improve as he did this season.
F. B. Moore, Right End.

In Mr. Moore we have another man who was playing on the 'varsity this season for the first time. He is a hard, sure tackler and keeps a cool head, all of which are necessary qualities for a good end. The above qualities, together with this season's experience, will make him a strong man next season.

L. R. Ball, Quarter.

This was Mr. Ball's first season on an Otterbein team, although he came to us with considerable experience. He is a sure passer and quick starter, and has played a strong game during the entire season. It is to be hoped that it will be possible for him to be with us next year.

C. W. Teter, Left Half.

"Old Straight Arm" is a star in his position. He won a 'varsity uniform in '94 and remained at his old position during the past season. He has opened our opponent's eyes by the way he brushed off tackles. In addition to his ability in this line he possesses the faculty of following interference, which qualities make him a strong half.

C. B. Stoner, '96, Right Half.

This was the third season that "Pebble" has worn the tan and cardinal. He is a strong runner, an excellent dodger, and has a good "straight arm," and accordingly carries the ball forward a great many times during a game. His loss will be a heavy one to Otterbein's football interests.


Mr. Lloyd stepped into the position of full back this season and filled it in a way that reflects great credit upon him. He is a strong punter, a sure tackler, and a good bucker; and it is to be hoped that he will decide to remain at the same position next season.

We are sorry that our limited space makes it impossible to tell our readers all the good qualities of the other men. We can hardly call them substitutes, as most of them have played in as many contests as the above named. But with such men as Minshall, M. Gantz, Montgomery, Kunkle, Stiverson, Keller, A. Gantz, Kohr, W. Teter and Bash, in addition to those named, Otterbein should turn out the strongest team in 1896 that has ever represented her.

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Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

Miss Johnson led an impressive devotional meeting on the 10th inst. The subject was, "Commit thy way unto the Lord." Her beautiful touching words will not be forgotten by the girls.

Three Bible study classes have been doing good work the past term. An intense devotional spirit has been characteristic of each of these. Some of the girls were deprived of taking a course of Bible study on account of a lack of teachers. We sincerely hope that a sufficient number of teachers may be obtained next term, and that many more girls will take up the work.

An interesting service, led by Miss Good, was held Thanksgiving morning by the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. It was well attended, and a deep devotional spirit prevailed.
At the business meeting on the 13th inst., more than six dollars of missionary money was raised. Part on a five dollar pledge of last year and part on a five dollar share to support a lady traveling secretary of the S. V. M. F. M., for this year. This shows an increased interest in missions.

Mr. J. M. Brodoux, a traveling secretary of the S. V. M. F. M., conducted a joint missionary meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. on the 12th inst. It is to be regretted that the lecture occurred on the same evening, as this caused his talk to be limited. He presented missionary facts in a very striking and impressive manner. The missionary committees and the Volunteer Band received valuable aid from private meetings with him.

**POINTS.**

Some points are quite sharp, yet they cannot think, although they have a great deal of penetration.

Truly football has a strange conglomeration of terms to express its delights and sorrows. While the actors are rushing the "pigskin," their supporters "grunt" out their satisfaction; the rivals "squeal" on the decision of the umpire, and all together waste an enormous amount of superfluous wind in "rooting."

Football is done. The noise of the arena has ceased, and midnight stillness settles upon the scene. The Conscript Fathers dream away their long nights in peaceful sleep. The brave victors shake the arena sand from their shaggy locks, gloat o'er their laurels (?) and mingle with the multitude in revelry and mirth. Bacchanalian satyrs institute their orgies and shades from the under world, observe on earth, their nightly ceremonials. I saw several of them the night of the prep social, and the phenomenon went far toward confirming my belief of the "supernatural in the natural." Come to think about it, I saw the same spectres once or twice before. I took no thought of it at the time but think I can identify some of them now in the recitation room pawning themselves off for students, in reality the minions of Hecate.

It is about all one fellow can do, in this "wise and wicked world" to hold his reputation for "common horse sense," much less to attempt anything brilliant. He has to have his wits about him to keep people from growling at what he does, not mentioning applause; in fact if a fellow wants to hold his job on this green and grassy footstool, he has to be up to date and a hustling. I didn't find that out until I had ceased to be a prep, and my brilliant day was done (?), but the fellow who expects to carry a cart load of vices and the honors of his class all in one armful, is worshipping some other genius than the one that lurks around this institution, and the student who governs his physical and spiritual makeup by a flimsy, rattlettrap code of rules will be treated to a revelation, sometime before he graduates, that he'll not take much delight in asking his bosom friend to share.

Football is over boys, and by this time, at least, you have made your last will and testament; and now dear people and fellow students we are ready to be kicked off into abysmal oblivion. All we ever cared for was your smile and approbation. But lame, bruised and broken in spirit, you now deny us even that; I knew how it would be. I haven't much experience myself, nor very much sense either, but I saw and decided that thing long ago. But shove us off, the same old story. Perhaps some one else can amuse you till you want more football.

**ALUMNAL NOTES.**

O. B. Cornell, '92, is engaged in teaching at Hilliards, a small town west of Columbus. We predict for the gentleman great usefulness in this field of work.

Among the alumni at the Roger's reception were O. B. Cornell, '92, W. A. Garst, '94, Geneva Cornell, '94, Luella Fouts, '89, and Sarah Kumler, '89.
John A. Shoemaker, '94, is filling at present an important position with the Forest City Oil Co., of Forest City, Pa. There is quite a lucrative salary connected with the place and the Aegis is pleased to chronicle Mr. Shoemaker's success.

B. V. Leas, '91, of Delaware, spent Saturday the 16th inst. with his sister, Miss Flo Leas.

Ezra E. Lollar, '93, writes from Terra Haute, Ind., renewing his subscription to the Aegis. The gentleman is taking special work at the Indiana State Normal, better preparing himself for his work as a teacher. He will again take charge of the schools of Montrose, Co., in the capacity of superintendent.

Sarah B. Mauger, '95, spent Thanksgiving week with her sister, Miss Ida. The family has moved from Westerville to Ostrander so that Mr. Mauger may be near his work. This takes Sarah and her sister, Mary, from our town alumni.

J. A. G. Bovey, '92, spent a few days of last week with us, and after several days in the city returned to his work at the Seminary at Dayton.

M. B. Fanning, '94, is teaching Latin, Greek, German and French at a preparatory school located at Duxbury, Mass. The school is well located of considerable importance, and we understand the gentleman is giving excellent satisfaction. By the way, did you ever see a graduate of O. U. follow anything but a useful and honorable calling, and make anything but a success of whatever he undertakes?

G. P. Maxwell, '87, was seen at Columbus during the Mills meetings. The gentleman should have made us a visit.

PERSONALS.

Miss Marie Kemp spent Thanksgiving at her home in Dayton.

Miss Wheeler visited with Toledo friends several days, including Thanksgiving.

Miss Rowena Fowler, of Mt. Vernon, spent the 5th inst. with her college friends.

J. H. Martin, of Milford Center, spent Thanksgiving with his brother, J. M. Martin.

Miss Shaner, of Columbus, spent several days here, and rendered valuable assistance at the football concert, Nov. 16.

Pres. Sanders attended the Cincinnati alumnal banquet held last Friday evening. For full account of the association, see alumnal notes.

N. E. Cornetet gave good promise of a sick spell several weeks ago. It only lasted one week however, and we are glad to say the gentleman is out again.

Dr. H. A. Thompson, of Dayton, associate editor of Sunday school literature, spent a night in town a few days ago. You should make your visits longer, Doctor.

Rev. E. H. and E. S. Caylor, of Columbus, gave an entertainment at the chapel last Saturday evening under the general title of "Spiritualism, Its Fact and Fraud."

Rev. D. K. Fickinger filled the chapel pulpit Sunday morning Dec. 1. The usual missionary collection was taken after the sermon. In the evening the gentleman delivered his lecture on "Africa."

D. H. Seneff and J. M. Martin attended the installation exercises and the banquet given by the Eastern Star Order of this place, Friday evening, Dec. 7. Mr. Seneff assisted with the music, and Mr. Martin attended in the capacity of a reporter. Both report an excellent time.

Messrs. Stewart, John Miller and Richer, and Misses Myra Garst and Anna Knapp attended a reception held at the Roger's mansion, 1045 Neil avenue, given in honor of Mrs. W. L. Todd, at one time instrumental instructress of music in the conservatory. Music was furnished by Mrs. Todd and Mr. Miller.

Russell H. Conwell is booked for the next lecture on the lecture course, and every person should avail themselves of the opportunity to hear this distinguished preacher, author and orator upon what is universally considered his best subject, "Acre's of Diamonds." The date is Jan. 20, 1896. Remember.
THE CINCINNATI ALUMNIAL ASSOCIATION.

On Friday night, Dec. 13th, at 8:00, in the beautiful parlors of the Emery Hotel, in the Arcade, was held the second annual reunion and banquet of the Cincinnati Otterbein University Alumna! Association. This is a flourishing organization in that great and beautiful city, one of which the alma mater is justly proud. It was a delight to meet these friends of other years, and they expressed great delight in mingling together and recalling the experiences of college life. Again and again it was said that the student, while a student, does not fully appreciate the advantages, the pleasures, and the efforts of teachers in their behalf. Oh! that the student might know his opportunities and advantages and make the best use of them ere they pass. As Whittier would say: "Ah, that thou mightest know thy joy, ere it passes, barefoot boy!"

At about 9:00 o'clock, we passed into a beautiful private diningroom, and seventeen of us were seated around a long table. The menu was superb, and the service excellent. Nothing more could have been desired. Such a gathering and such a banquet would be a credit to any college.

Much credit is due Messrs. R. L. Blagg and E. R. Mathers in making this a success. And success for another year is assured, because Mr. Blagg is secretary and Mr. Mathers, president. In this association you will find Judge Phil. Kumler, S. J. Flickinger, at the head of the Associated Press; Mr. Mathers, in the Y. M. C. A.; S. B. Deel, attorney-at-law; Dr. A. A. Kumler, of Hamilton; Dr. C. R. Kiser, R. L. Blagg, attorney-at-law, and others, students of medicine and theology. T. J. Sanders.

LOCALS.

A large number of new chairs in the association hall add much to the comfort of those in attendance at the various meetings.

The work of closing up a term's work is quite tedious. Thesis writing, written reviews, and what not are all in order at almost the same time.

The Thanksgiving vacation from Wednesday until the following Monday was well received by the students, a large number going home and spending a few days.

The class in linguistic science was adjourned by Dr. Scott some two or three weeks ago. The class was probably a bright one, and no doubt had earned the early release.

The student body had the pleasure on Sunday, the 1st inst., of listening to the Rev. Mr. Beiderwolf, of the Mills evangelistic force, of the city. Many hearts were touched by his earnest words.

The "gym" is now being used by gentlemen as well as ladies. Classes meet regularly, and are taught by Mr. Louis R. Ball and Miss E. Luella Fouts. Both are well prepared to instruct in this department.

The lecture from Mr. Colledge, given on Thursday, the 12th inst., was well received. This was his first appearance before a Westerville audience, but he will be warmly welcomed should he return at any future time.

The students were favored on the 1st inst. with a sermon and lecture from Rev. D. K. Flickinger, for thirty years a missionary in Africa. Mrs. E. W. McDowell, a returned missionary from Turkey, in Asia, lectured the same evening in the Presbyterian church, and was enjoyed by a number of students.

Next term, a class in pedagogics will be instituted. It will be in charge of Pres. Sanders and will meet three times a week. In addition, those who desire to take this most excellent branch will be allowed to substitute this for some study that is found in the regular courses. The class will number about twenty, we should judge.

The class of young ladies in the college Sunday school taught by J. Maurice Martin tendered their teacher a reception and banquet on the evening of Nov. 20. The delightful affair occurred at the beautiful home of Miss Everal,
just west of town. The ladies, as well as teacher, had invited company. An elegant repast was served, followed by an evening of social pleasure and music rendered by a class octet and a class quartette.

The ladies of Philalethea royally entertained their friends on the evening of Nov., 21st, in the presence of a large and appreciative audience. It was the opening public session of the year for the ladies' societies. A strong literary program was rendered, participated in by Misses Guetner, Barnes, Snavely, Pruner, Murrel and Verna Baker. Loud applause followed each performance, showing unmistakable evidence of appreciation. As is always the case, the musical portion of the program was commendable in the highest sense, and was furnished by the ladies of the society, many of whom are representative musicians and are recognized as stars in the musical circles of Otterbein. The society glee club was assisted by Misses Newcomb, Creamer, Barnes, Miller, Ruth and Kemp.

At a recent meeting of the official board of the Athletic Association, M. H. Stewart, '97, was elected manager, and M. D. Long, '97, captain of the football team for the coming season. Mr. Stewart has been in college for six years, and has always been enthusiastic in football interests. He has had ample business experience, and under his management the football team of '96 will be sure of financial success. Mr. Long has been playing on our football team for several years and has been one of the mainstays of the team. He has also had a position in the first team in baseball. In both of these positions he has won an enviable reputation, both for his brilliant plays and for his cool self-possession. He has the qualities which fit him adequately to be captain of our football team. With these two men, and a good coach, the outlook for a successful football season is brighter than ever before.

The open session of the Cleiorhetean literary society, which occurred on the 5th inst., was one of the best sessions given in the college this year. Many were not able to gain admit.

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The session was a model one both in its literary and musical features. Misses Fowler and Ranck opened the program with a vocal duet which evoked loud applause from the appreciative audience. Miss Lambert appeared in a very pleasing recitation. Miss Linard rendered a piano selection from Haydn, which showed her to be a soloist of high order; at the close of her performance, the audience gave unmistakable signs of the highest appreciation. Mrs. Jones and Miss Duncan delivered respectively an invective and an eulogy on Marie Antoinette. At this point in the program, Miss Wheeler, instructor in vocal culture in the conservatory, sang a most beautiful solo. Miss Wheeler's voice is strong and sympathetic in quality, and her singing is marked by intelligence and taste. The performances of Misses Stewart and Barnes were very commendable. After a piano duet by Mrs. Grace Weinland and Miss Nettie Arnold, the Cleorhetean quartet closed the program. The ladies of Cleorhetea are doing most excellent work, and fully merit all the praise they receive. This session was a fitting close of the term's public sessions.
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