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THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

FOOTBALL for the season of '96 is a thing of the past. The last kick-off, the last touchdown and the last goal have been made. The scores have all been summed up, old football suits doffed, black eyes cleared up, broken noses mended, old sores healed and even the long, shaggy locks cut off. Records have been made—some good, some otherwise. The manager has made his report, new officers have been elected for next year, the books are closed and the big round football, emptied of its wind, hangs limp on the walls of the relic room.

Let other colleges vaunt themselves on the great strength of their teams and the magnificent records of the past year. Let the most splendid eulogies be spoken by them over the spoils of their victories and the heroic men

who won their laurels for them. That is all right and timely. But be not deceived, let not your heart be troubled, look on them kindly. Believe me and hear the words from our holy corner. No college in Ohio has this year made a more honorable or a more enviable record on the gridiron than has Otterbein. The team began practice at the opening of the season with full determination to abide by the inter-collegiate rules as adopted by the convention of several of the presidents of our colleges, and this purpose was not deviated from in a single instance. Not even a coach was employed. There was no professional on hand nor was one ever asked to play. Every man on our team was an amateur, each one was a bona fide student, attended recitations regularly, made good standing in their class, and in every game showed themselves gentlemanly and cultured men.

Our engagements were with colleges of the highest repute, and even though the record of winning games is not such as would indicate it, those who are familiar with the work of football teams this season place us along with the ranking teams in Ohio.

As we promised in our opening number we have tried to do what we could to encourage and support the sport in our midst. Having done that we now gladly and heartily congratulate every man on the team on his splendid work during the season.

A MERRY Christmas and a Happy New Year! With this issue the ÆGIS appears for the last time in eighteen hundred and ninety-six. Before we shall make our next monthly visit the greatest and happiest holiday

season of the year shall have been passed. Accept from us then, friendly readers, our best and kindest salutations for these festive days. Let your hearts be glad, free your minds from care and may your soul rejoice.

Now at this time in our governmental life, when nations are coming to love each other better, when citizens are showing to each other the greatest respect and deference, when war is being averted by the strength of arbitration, when reason is triumphing over passion and selfishness, when truth is abiding in all places where ignorance, superstition, idolatry and the worst forms of vice have prevailed, even now when the hand of the all Beneficent One is seen more plainly than ever before, leading, guiding and blessing the people and countries of the world in all and with all the joys and happiness of life, may that message which the heavenly host heralded out on the first Christmas morn fill our souls with rapture and inspire our lives with grandest and sublimest pleasure—"On earth peace, good will toward men."

And when Christmas is past and you turn to the duties and demands of the new year take down from the shelf of your library that volume with Tennyson's "In Memoriam" and read and re-read that section on the "Old and New," and in that you will find the best and most fruitful thought for the beginning of the new year.

"Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true."

This, dear readers, is our message to you.

ORATIONS on commencement day at Otterbein are now a thing of the past. Accepting the conditions stated by the faculty the seniors have decided by a very large majority to have some orator and scholar of national fame speak for them on that occasion.

The idea that the graduates should speak on commencement so that their "folks" could

hear them is a little antiquarian and the present class desires to keep in line with the advance made by the last year's graduating class. Of course it would be nice if "our folks" and "other folks" could hear us speak on that day but how much more valuable to us will be the work which will be required to prepare an exhaustive thesis on some subject and present the same to the faculty, and how much more pleasing and instructive will be a lecture by some eminent scholar, than the six minute orations of more than thirty men and women with little experience and no fame as speakers.

The movement is in keeping with the progress of the times. Our neighbors at Ohio Wesleyan are trying to adopt the same plan, and if they push the matter rightly they will surely succeed. At any rate the plan may be said to be established here in O. U., and future graduates may look forward with pleasure to their graduating day and looking backward on us will call us blessed.

WE hear a good deal about "pushes" these days—class "push," society "push," college "push," "pushing" the football, and things like that. But how many consider that it is "push" which accomplishes wonders in the study room, on the athletic field, at the recitation, and even in all the affairs of life. It is men with "push" who make themselves felt and heard. It is the women with "push" who are pushing to the top rounds of the ladder of activity and, pushing the slow pushing men out of the way, are beginning to "push" one half of the world their way.

Yes, we all like to see people who "push" things. It marks the good student and makes him admired. It stamps itself on the good teacher, preacher, lawyer, business man and citizen. "Push" is the insignia of progress, it is the plea for a better and freer civilization. If good men and women everywhere will but stand together and "push" we shall soon "push" the infidel into the light of truth,

"push" the monopolist to the wall, "push" the demagogue from the nation's platform, and "push" the anarchist from the defense of the red flag.

AULD LANG SYNE. With this number of the ÆGIS we begin the publication of a series of reminiscences of old and famous alumni of the college. These articles will continue in each number until the end of the present college year. A notice of the name at the head of these articles will be sufficient recommendation for the excellence and importance of these letters and no one who is at all interested in the past history of Otterbein will fail to read them.

What we want now is for any and all who have any interesting stories or reminiscences concerning the college to send them in. Don't wait to be asked, but write a short letter and send it to us and we will publish it. Old alumni can help to make these columns interesting and instructive and we insist that you to send us a letter about anything which you may wish to write about. At any rate read the letters which we shall publish.

THERE seems to be some lack of interest in the work of the department of elocution and oratory. We believe there is not enough encouragement given this department by those who are in authority. To be able to speak well is just as essential as to be able to sing or play well. A good number are taking work under Professor Fox and are making rapid progress, but many more should be in his classes. The faculty should talk it up. Every student should consider the subject. We should have more orators and good speakers in college if some attention was given to work of this character.

THE concerts and recitals which have been given by the professors and pupils of the Conservatory of Music have been of very high

order and have merited for the professors and pupils the warmest words of praise. Such musical treats as we have enjoyed from this department are rare and too much can not be said in their honor.

The ÆGIS has been kindly remembered by Mr. F. W. Helmick, of the Union Music Co., of N. Y., with a number of their popular vocal and instrumental selections. Among these are the "McKinley Grand March," "Perfection Waltzes," and "I'll Start for Home Tomorrow." The dealers will mail these selections at half price to ÆGIS readers.

THE DAYTON ALUMNAL ASSOCIATION.

The Dayton Alumna Association of O. U. held its annual meeting Nov. 27, Fred H. Rike, president of the association presided. When we think of the almost insignificant beginning fifty years ago, and what has been accomplished, we look to the future with the most buoyant hopes. Officers were elected for the ensuing year, and a committee of five was appointed to devise ways and means by which the association can best aid in making the fiftieth anniversary celebration, to be held next commencement, successful in every respect. The association voted to raise money enough to cancel two of the bonds against the University and appointed a committee to formulate plans to that effect. A committee to arrange for the usual banquet during the holidays was also appointed. President Sanders, and Professor Garst and Prof. Zuck of the University were present and made interesting speeches. The meeting was well attended, considering the extreme inclemency of the weather. After adjournment the best of feeling and social intercourse was manifested by the membership of the association.

A chapel choir has been selected, and we now have something to look at during chapel service, as well as to listen.

WHAT IS "X"?

D. H. SENEFF, '97.

WHEN Paul Morply plays seven games of chess at once blindfolded, when young Colburn gives impromptu solution to a mathematical problem involving fifty-six figures we are struck with hopeless wonderment; such power is separated by the very extent of it from our mental operations. Colburn sees the relations of values and Morply that of moves with the same ease that most people grasp the relation of two and two. What is confusing and dazzling to us is simple to them and can be accomplished by little or no mental fatigue on their part.

We seek in vain for the mystery. It is private, as great a secret to those who have it as to those who have it not. Reflective consciousness is not able, if she would, to solve the problem. They cannot think otherwise.

The farmer boy who is an organized arithmetic and geometry will know the number of cattle in his father's herd, will know the number of acres in each field on his father's farm, the number of rows in the orchard and the number of trees in each row, and the fences and barn doors will soon be decked with his triangles and other geometrical figures. In short he sees nothing but number and dimensions. He feeds on them as another boy feeds on apples and nuts. But his brother loves application of force, his head is full of levers, eccentricities and sometimes wheels. He builds the cornstalk mill to run in the babbling brook or the windmill to spin continually on a pole raised to the breeze. After he has gone out to his engineering in the great machine-shop of a modern civilization and the inventors of the world are startled at his skill and knowledge of machinery, the old woodshed at home is lumbered with his mysterious contrivances.

Another boy is fired by the mystery of form. He will draw the familiar old cat and dog of the household. Barn doors, sheds, fences and even the walls of the home are the victims of

his merciless chalk and charcoal. He carves heads of animals upon his father's fruit trees and sometimes upon his mother's parlor furniture. He perches a cock on top of the barn, puts an eye and nose to his brother's triangles and paints faces upon the wheels of his mechanical brother.

In all these boys there is something more than ability, there is propensity and attraction irresistible. Their minds run, we say, in that direction, and they creep or lie still if turned in any other. The youth who will be great is always discontented with his work ready to rub out and begin over. He follows the prize, never quite touching that which draws him on. Plainly, the mere ability to do is dry and tiresome, but through that ability one tastes an intoxicating, seductive liquor, from which he cannot take his lips. It is the liquor of life. Some one has said, "Varieties of endowments are only so many pitchers dipped in one stream." Poet, painter, musician and mathematician, the gift is an accident, if I may name it such, of organization, the result is admission to that by which all things are, and by partaking which we become what we must be.

This organization however, limits the influence exerted by environment while environment limits and modifies the development of the capacity of organization.

But whence came the power of a Phidias which enabled him with such immortal art to create in carved ivory and fretted gold the Lemnian statue of the Parthenon and the Zeus of Olympia? Whence came the power of a Michael Angelo, Salvator Rosa, and a Rubens to paint in matchless beauty, on canvas and in fresco, the wondrous imagery of their minds; or of a Beethoven to record in his symphonies the rapture of his soul; or of a Scott to clothe with the habiliments of life the ideals of his brain; or of a Spenser, Burns, or a Byron to write such rhythmical beauty; or a Goethe to garnish with poetic dress the deep philosophy of his thought?

In what misty past were hidden the possibil-

ities of Dante and Milton, who made their visions of the eternal realm the subject of impassioned verse—gorgeous in its rich tracery of thought and sublime in its ostentation of bliss and woe? In what ancestral brain did sleep that unsurpassable power of a Shakespeare that read every page in nature's infinite book of secrecy; or where did smoulder the giant intellect of a Newton which weighed the planets and bound with the force of gravity atoms and worlds in a bond of unity?

I would not for a moment underrate the value of environment. Success or failure in life is largely due to it. But it is x —environment that has produced the minds of the first magnitude.

What then is the value of x ? x = the superior or divine nature which is innate in everything, that disposition or aptitude of mind which is peculiar to each man and which qualifies him for certain kinds of action or special success in any pursuit. Therefore x is the special mind-quality, the vision and faculty divine which constitutes the power of genius.

AULD LANG SYNE

MOUNT PLEASANT COLLEGE AND
OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY.

I. L. KEPHART, D. D.

Editor Religious Telescope.

IN June, 1857, Mount Pleasant College was united with Otterbein University. Professor L. H. Hammond, who was much loved and esteemed by all connected with the college, was elected to a seat in the university, and the following named students accompanied him to his new field: D. A. Tawney, Daniel Eberly, E. C. Ebersole, S. J. Baker, H. M. Crider, Samuel Keihl, John Erb, W. S. Pagels, E. B. Kephart, and I. L. Kephart.

They were all very strongly attached to the college and town in the Keystone state, and on

arriving at Westerville, were considerably disappointed at the appearance of things. The old frame chapel, the Ladies' Hall and Saum Hall constituted the university(?) buildings, and the town had a decidedly new and unfinished appearance. But the people, faculty, and "Buckeye" students gave them such a cordial reception that all soon felt very much at home, quartered in "Mother Arnold's Hash Factory," on Main street.

At Mount Pleasant College they were all members of the Philorhetean Literary Society, and at its last session there, it elected a full set of officers from the ranks of those who were going to Otterbein, and then adjourned to meet in Westerville, Ohio. The officers carried with them its charter, constitution, by-laws and books, and in due time the society held a session in a room in Mother Arnold's house. Having learned that there were already two gentlemen's societies at Otterbein, it was pronounced inexpedient to have a third, and a committee was appointed to inquire after and agree upon terms of union with one or the other of the societies already regularly under the university regulations. The result was a union with the Zetephrean society, on terms by which the name of the society became Philophrean.

In this way the "Mount Pleasant boys" all became full members of the society which met statedly in Miss Gilbert's recitation room on the first floor, south end, of the old frame chapel building. There were no massive curtains to the windows, no carved furniture, no brussels carpet, no brilliant chandeliers, no piano, only bare floors, homely benches, dim lamps, and a rough old stove; but the degree of enthusiasm was well up in the nineties, and such momentous questions were discussed as, "Resolved, That the signs of the times indicate the downfall of the Republic," "Resolved, That slavery ought to be abolished," "Resolved, That Christopher Columbus was a greater man than Washington," &c., as if the life of the nation trembled in the balance and would go up or down according as the question

was decided in the affirmative or the negative. Under such inspiring influences it is not to be wondered at that "the boys often made the welkin ring."

In the fall of 1859 the whole school was convulsed with excitement on account of the John Brown episode at Harper's Ferry. When the class in logic, taught by Prof. Streeter, met to recite on the day, and that at the hour (11 a. m.) when the old hero was to be executed, the writer of these lines moved (and the motion was seconded by him who is now Judge Kummer, of Cincinnati,) that in view of the execution then taking place, the class be excused from reciting, and the time be occupied in appropriate remarks by the professor. The motion was carried, (only two voting in the negative), and Dr. Streeter, an old-time Abolitionist, gave a stirring talk in which he forecast the future terrible strife, with great accuracy, as the sequel proved.

That fall the editor of the Religious Telescope, Rev. John Lawrence, came up by special invitation and preached the annual Thanksgiving sermon. The writer remembers the occasion well. He preached in the new, unfinished chapel building, (afterward burned down) taking for his text, Heb. xiii. 15-16. We students then looked up to the editor of a church organ with feelings of awe and reverence, as if he were a demigod; but since then the illusion has been dispelled, at least with some of us.

The presidential campaign of 1860 was an exciting time in the university. The great majority of the students were "for Lincoln," and politics ran high. The day on which Stephen A. Douglass spoke in Columbus many of us students went down to see and hear "the Little Giant." On our way home as "Stoner's hack" drew near "the half-way house," a seedy-looking, drunk man staggered out into the road, and all the Republicans on board the hack with one accord began to say: "Ah, there's a Democrat! Look at the Democrat! Don't you see the earmarks of a Democrat!" &c. But the two lonely Democrats on board protested that he was a Republican. When the

stage came to a halt the dispute was effectually settled by the drunk man taking off his old plug hat, swinging it in the air, and exclaiming, "Rah for Lincoln." The effect on the enthusiastic Republicans must be imagined.

During the campaign, students and professors eagerly availed themselves of the opportunity to hear the great speakers of that time. In Columbus such men of renown as Lincoln, Corwin, Douglass, Schenck, and Frank P. Blair spoke; and Salmon P. Chase, Samuel Galloway, and S. S. Cox spoke in Westerville. But the campaign resulted in Lincoln's election and the war came; and its disturbances and higher requirements forever severed many a student's active connection with Otterbein and thus cut their college course short, and one of that number is the writer of these reminiscences.

Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 18, 1896.

SOME O. U. BOYS IN THE WAR.

J. P. LANDIS, PH. D.

Professor in U. B. Seminary.

ONE of the *errata* of my life is that I failed to keep a diary during the thrilling years of the war; hence what is here presented must be wholly from recollection.

Of course when Fort Sumpter was fired upon the reverberations resounded through the recitation rooms and along the unplastered halls of the old college building which was afterwards burned, and awoke a thrill of patriotism in the hearts of all the boys in O. U. I do not recall that any of our boys left college to enter the first three months' service, but frequent visits were made to Camp Jackson at Columbus to witness the drilling, while our hearts were beating to join the multitudes who were offering their services to Uncle Sam. On one of my visits Otterbein almost fell into disgrace. As the insect is lured to destruction by the effulgence of the flame, so I was drawn by the brilliancy of the maneuvering battalions on the drill ground beyond the limit line, and presto

was marching at the point of a hideous bayonet to the guard-house. Ignominious situation for a patriot student of O. U., if he was only a "prep.!" Here I languished in durance vile for about one hundred and twenty seconds, when the officer of the guard, taking pity on my wretchedness, graciously released me, suggesting my withdrawal to regions less perilous, which hint I forthwith proceeded to adopt.

When the 46th Regiment O. V. I. was organized several O. U. boys went out with the brass band, among whom were Strasburg, Henry Guitner, and I believe, Mose Shauck. In August, 1861, S. E. Kumler, John M. Kumler and W. W. Mattox enlisted in the 15th Regulars. Of these John Kumler was killed on the bloody field of Chickamauga, Sept. 19-20, 1863. In Sept., 1861, after school had opened, Henry Rohlman, ready for the Freshman class, enlisted in the 18th Regulars, where he rose to the rank of Second Lieutenant. He was wounded at Chickamauga, captured, and afterward died in Libby prison.

The eleventh day of August, 1862, was an eventful one in Westerville. It was the day on which the "95th boys" left the peaceful shades of O. U. and of the village for the stirring scenes of the camp and the field. Among those who on that Monday morning filled the inside and top of the special four-horse omnibus which had been brought from the city to convey us to camp were: G. A. Funkhouser, John Mock, G. W. Schrock, A. W. Stonestreet, Harry Schrock, Henry Schrock, Ed. Ulrich and J. P. Landis. All Westerville was on the streets to bid us farewell. The stars and stripes were gallantly streaming from a short staff above the omnibus. Several fifes and drums were filling the streets with martial music; mothers and sisters and sweethearts were weeping like the daughters of Jerusalem; some of the boys were shouting; some firing pistols into the air; a few were weeping; I was choking down the biggest lump I ever had in my throat. At the edge we halted, gave three lusty cheers for "the Union," and we were off for the war.

In a few days Camp Chase was invaded by a

little army of the girls we had left behind us, come with no hostile intent, it may be imagined. The only slaughter that day was of "chicken and things," saving our usual rations of hardtack and — for another time. Our fair visitors left behind them not only chicken bones and many good wishes, but also a number of articles serviceable in camp life. I can myself speak one neat, commodious "house-wife," furnished with a hair-brush and comb, a toothbrush, thread, pins, needles, buttons, etc., for emergencies in camp and field, for in military as well as civic life too much responsibility must not be laid upon any single button.

In a few days thereafter we were on our way to Kentucky. First night out of camp, soldiers packed like cattle in box cars; tired and sleepy, too; lying on the filthy floor which had no soft side, curled up into the smallest possible compass for lack of room; the poetry of the situation not very apparent.

The first march was one of thirty-three miles in one day, from Lexington to Richmond, Ky. That first night's march! I can yet hear the rumbling of the heavy army wagons, the grinding of the artillery wheels over the stones of the pike, the doleful braying of the mules, the blare of the bugles, the orders of the officers, the rattle of the ramrods as we loaded our guns! Methinks I can still feel the dust grinding between my teeth, and the tender indentations in the flesh as the angular stones, as, during occasion momentary halts, we dropped to sleep upon the sold pike. Then came the order to double quick; next to throw away blankets, haversacks, "everything that impedes you." We rushed into Richmond about midnight, wet with sweat, and then slept on our arms on the downy side of a brick pavement, with the midnight sky for a covering. Before morning I was dreaming of "Greenland's Icy Mountains," Swiss glaciers and Rock Mountain blizzards. Next morning, as I sat on the mercilous curbstone, as variegated in aspect from sweat and dust of the day and night before as Jacob's "ring-straked, speckled and grizzled"

cattle, chafed from head to foot, feet swollen and blistered, stiff as a stick in every limb, no water with which to wash, nothing to eat. I soliloquized thus with my self: "If this is war, here is one boy who will not live to see very much of it, thank heaven." The sentiment was about equivalent to Hamlet's "To be or not to be, that's the question." The poetry of a soldier's career was fast approaching the vanishing point.

In our first battle, that of Richmond, Ky., Aug. 30, G. A. Funkhouser had a little piece of his manly chin clipped off by a minnie ball, and poor Stonestreet was killed, according to his own expectation. All the rest of us O. U. boys, except Ulrich who was not in the fight, were captured, but in a few days paroled. We all served three years. G. W. Schroch was the only other one of our number killed, at Mobile, Ala., April 8, 1865. Henry Schrock rose to the rank of Corporal; John Mock to Sergeant; S. E. Kumler to Commissary Sergeant, while the rest of us helped to put down the Rebellion as high privates. If the war had lasted long enough, we should all doubtless have achieved many additional honors, but just as we were ready to begin the ascent of the ladder of fame, Lee and Johnson concluded to surrender, and thus Otterbein was denied further military glory.

FOOTBALL.

FOOTBALL AT OTTERBEIN.

E. S. BARNARD, '95.

WHILE it is true that in the 70's and early 80's, Otterbein had a baseball team which was superior to the other college teams in the state, the athletic history of the college properly dates from the fall of 1889. It was then that Garst, '94, Barnard, '94, Thompson, '94, Shank, '95, Burtner and the writer of this article, by their united efforts,

succeeded in raising the sum of four dollars and purchased a football. The war began. Other pugilistic natures were induced to join the above mentioned "pioneers" and all assembled on the "field" back of the main building where we slugged, kicked, threw stones and bricks at each other, until the enthusiasts were in a very dilapidated condition, and the general public began to suspect that football was a rough game.

In the fall of '90 we renewed the strife, being assisted by I. G. Kumler, '91, A. T. Howard, '94, M. B. Fanning, '94, F. J. Resler, '93 and others. After about a month's "practice," we became so proficient in the art of kicking (each other), smashing noses and throwing bricks, that we were consumed with a desire to test our ability, in this line, with one of the neighboring colleges. Kenyon was the one selected for annihilation, but they did not consider us worthy of their steel and the Military Academy consented to play us.

Tradition says that we proved ourselves to be superior, in the accomplishments which I have mentioned, but the score at the close of the contest furnished most conclusive proof that they were our superiors in the art of football. After all the fragments had been removed from the field, it was found that our opponents had scored 48 points to our 6. We learned a few things in this game and after another short season of nose smashing Manager B. V. Leas, '91, arranged a game with Denison on Thanksgiving Day. When the Baptists got through having their fun, the score stood 44 to 0 in their favor.

We were willing to take oath that neither of the teams mentioned could "lick" us, and accordingly we were very much impressed with the fact that there must be something about the game of football, which we had not yet learned. Manager Leas was so filled with this idea, that he took the money which Denison had given us and engaged "Link" Artz, of Dayton—an old Dartmouth player—to come up and teach us the "few" things of which we

were yet ignorant. Mr. Artz, during the week he stayed in Westerville, did not teach us everything about the game, but he gave us a wonderful start in the right direction. As a result of his coaching we began the season of 1891 with renewed vigor, paid less attention to "brick throwing" and confined ourselves to football. O. S. U. fell before us by the score of 42 to 6, and one week later we marched into Westerville, after having taken revenge on our Baptist friends in one of the hardest fought games ever played in this state—our team having won by the score of 12 to 10.

The winning of these two games brought our team into great prominence and we accepted an offer from the Dayton Y. M. C. A. team to play in that city on Thanksgiving Day. Our previous contact with Y. M. C. A. representatives had been such as would lead us to believe that persons associated with that organization cared more for *right* than *might*. We accordingly anticipated a very pleasant time in Dayton. But our ideals were doomed. Before that memorable contest came to an end we had many reasons for wishing that we had continued to practice "brick throwing." The final score was Dayton 10 Otterbein 0. We came home sadder but wiser individuals and our watchword for the next twelve months was "*revenge!*"

1892.

The season of '92 marks an important epoch in Otterbein's football career, for it was during this season that the foundation was laid for the "Otterbein system" which was a style of play which has ever since been characteristic of Otterbein teams. The fundamental principles which were embodied in this system have never been lost during the radical changes, which the advancement of the game has wrought in the teams' tactics. We began the season along about the same lines and with the same ideas as those employed during the season of '91. But there was a marked difference in our practice; our players who had al-

ways been hard workers and conscientious in their practice, were listless and the possessors of "swelled nuts." They absolutely refused to indulge in any hard exercise, claiming that they would play hard enough when it was necessary. But when the time came for them to fulfill their promises, they were unable to do so and Kenyon defeated us by a score of 18 to 12 and Denison repeated the bitter dose one week later by the score of 20 to 10.

Then came the turning point in Otterbein's football history. We had become thoroughly convinced that we were not taking advantage of the possibilities of the game. Then it was, that Capt. Garst, '94, and the writer held a private consultation and after a season of head scratching and the use of some very strong adjectives (by Garst) we presented the team with a complete system of new plays and signals. Their worth was recognized by all concerned, and great enthusiasm resulted. A training table was started and the players awoke from the lethargy of the early part of the season. On the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day we defeated Wittenberg by the large score of 52 to 0. Thanksgiving Day found our team at Dayton, thoroughly trained and thirsting for revenge on their competitors and executioners of the previous season. What we did to that Dayton team was almost enough to make the trees on the old campus yell for joy. The final score was 16 to 6 in our favor. We demonstrated, to the complete satisfaction of the Dayton crowd, that it was a mistake when they taught Otterbein how to play rough football. Suffice it to say, that out of the seventeen men who represented Dayton from the beginning to the end of that game but five have ever again donned a uniform.

1893.

We began the season of '93 amid great enthusiasm and with an abundance of old and tried material. Experience had taught these men that games could only be won by the

hardest kind of practice. We won the first two games played, defeating O. S. U. by a score of 22 to 16 and Wittenberg, 48 to 10.

The next game we played with our "hoodoo"—Kenyon, and after experiencing all kinds of hard luck we lost a most stubbornly fought game by the score of 8 to 4. The writer of this sketch, at that time, actually knew about one-tenth as much about the game as he imagined he knew. With the presumed wisdom of his imagined knowledge and with the impetuosity characteristic of undergraduate enthusiasm, he saw fit to severely criticise the playing of Capt. Garst and lay the blame of defeat upon that gentleman. Mr. Garst was willing to do anything to make the team a success and placed more confidence in the judgment of the writer than that judgment deserved. He accordingly resigned his position as captain so as not to stand in the way of anyone who could, in the opinion of others, fill the position of quarterback better than he. Additional knowledge of some of the inside workings of that game and several years of experience have proven to my entire satisfaction that Mr. Garst was in NO WAY responsible for the loss of that game. His resignation and the rash criticism which brought it about were the greatest mistakes ever made in Otterbein football affairs. I make these statements, both as a matter of justice to the gentleman mentioned, and as a warning to the undergraduates that the greatest of care should be used, in the criticism of a player, and in placing the responsibility for the loss of a game.

Two weeks after the Kenyon defeat, we journeyed to Dayton, where we met the canvased warriors from De Pauw. In this game we were again defeated; the score being 24 to 0. But the score forms a very poor basis upon which to form an opinion of the game. The spectators assembled on that memorable occasion saw one of the grandest exhibitions of football and one of the most stubbornly fought games ever participated in by two

elevens. Every inch of the ground was bitterly contested and when time was called for the end of the second half, you may gamble on it, that everyone of the twenty-two men, who participated, was a living witness to the fact that there had been a game.

Otterbein then won two games, defeating the Mutes 56 to 0 and Denison 24 to 0. On Thanksgiving Day, the team went to Cleveland to meet Adelbert who, at that time, was claiming the championship of the state. Seven of the men who participated in that game, realized that this was the last game in which they would ever wear the canvas, and battle for the "tan and cardinal." The other four men became filled with the same spirit of determination and after that team had been playing for three minutes you could have knocked the eyes of the natives off with a stick. For at the end of that time Mosshammer was holding the pigskin behind Adelbert's goal. The goal was missed. At the end of seven more minutes Adelbert scored and they in turn failed to kick goal. The remainder of the game was a grand exhibition of skill and generalship, with the result that neither team could again score. The game was almost as good as a victory for our team as we had not hoped to make so good a showing.

1894.

Eight of our old veterans graduated in the spring of '94 so that the fall found us with barely enough men in college to form a team. On account of this scarcity of material, but three games were played. In the first, we defeated Ohio Wesleyan by the score of 16 to 6. We next tied Denison 6 to 6 and fell before Wittenberg on Thanksgiving Day by the score of 30 to 4—the largest score made against an Otterbein team since 1890.

1895.

The season of '95 found us with but little more material than that of the previous year. But by hard and conscientious work we succeeded in developing one of the strongest

teams that ever fought for the "tan and cardinal." At the close of the season we had six victories to our credit and one defeat. The actual scores were as follows:

Otterbein 14,	O. S. U.	6.
Otterbein 8,	O. W. U.	4.
Otterbein 12,	O. M. U.	0.
Otterbein 0,	Kenyon	24.
Otterbein 6,	Wittenberg	0.*
Otterbein 32,	Barracks	0.
Otterbein 6,	Denison	0.*

In addition to the above successful record in the number of games won, we succeeded in wiping out the last remnants of the football debt,—contracted in 1893, and closed the season with a slight balance on the debit side of our cash account, which accomplishment reflected great credit upon the business management of Mr. John Thomas, Jr., who had that feature in charge.

1896.

[By the Editor.]

The season of '96 has been somewhat of a disappointment to many of the alumni and Otterbein "rooters." Knowing the abundance of good material on hand we were led to expect great results. Owing to the stringency of the times and the difficulty in raising funds, the management was handicapped and a coach had to be dispensed with. However, games were arranged with the best colleges in the state and the team played good hard ball on every occasion, even going out of the state and making a creditable showing against one of the best elevens in the east. Although Otterbein loses this year eight men who have played regularly on the first team, still there is a good supply of material left and next season will find the college holding the same enviable position as in the past among the lovers of the sport in Ohio.

The following is the record for 1896:

Otterbein 38,	O. M. U.	0.
Otterbein 18,	Kenyon	6.
Otterbein 0,	O. S. U.	12.
Otterbein 0,	W. & J.	16.
Otterbein 6,	O. W. U.	8.
Otterbein 4,	O. M. U.	0.
Otterbein 0,	Wittenberg	12.

* Forfeited.

But cheer up, alumni and wearers of the tan and cardinal! Otterbein undergraduates never say die. The past season has been a valuable experience and you may rest assured that steps will be immediately taken looking to the development of a strong team for next fall. Let us all join hands and give those having next year's team in charge, all the encouragement and assistance in our power and our efforts will be sure to be crowned with success.

OTTERBEIN AT SPRINGFIELD ON THANKSGIVING DAY.

FOR the second time has Otterbein gone against the Wittenbergers on football day. And as many times have they trailed their plumes in the dust, only to raise and shake them however on some thankful day yet to come. At the appointed time both teams were on the oval ready for battle. But it was not the Wittenberg team that their president the day before, had certified would play. After awhile of parleying it was finally agreed to play the men on the field, although their faculty admitted that it was not strictly a college team.

For forty-five minutes both sides pushed and heaved, crushed and groaned, neither overpowering or piercing the line of the other, but both making slow and gradual gains at the ends. Twice did a lusty employe of the Wittenbergers make an end for short gains and touchdowns. As they swung together for the last time it was growing dark, when the captains decided on so many plays; after these the game was over and both sides seemed grateful for the first time that day.

Toward evening both teams fared sumptuously under the provision of the Lagonda Club. Toasts were answered by some of the prominent men of the club and members of the teams. The entire evening was whiled away enjoying the hospitality and privileges of this generous club. The Otterbein team then returned home, deserted their gridiron apparel only to reclaim it again, with the hope of better days.

LLOYD.

THEY HAVE FINISHED, BUT STILL LIVE.



M. H. STEWART, '97, Mgr.

THIS may be said of several members of class '97, who with the close of this season take final leave of the football team.

D. H. SENEFF,

Hercules in the center, has been with the team for five successive seasons. In '92 he played left guard, and during the last four seasons he has been "putting the ball in play." He also captained the team in '95. "Davy" was never particularly in love with the sport, but nevertheless the cause received his full support, and none was so able to "push it toward the goal" as he. His weight together with his activity made him a success in the game. He is 5 feet 10 inches high, weighs 224 pounds and is 29 years old. Otterbein's center is well known throughout the state as the best center in Ohio, and the vacant place will be hard to fill.

M. D. LONG

Has been with the team four seasons; three as left tackle, and during the last season has played left half. "Mid" has studied football in detail and has the science of the game "down fine." In the conflict he is quick to take in the situation, and goes at the enemy accordingly; tackling hard and sure. He was captain during the season just closed. Is 20 years of age, measures 5 feet 9 inches in height and weighs 186 pounds.

F. B. MOORE

Has played three seasons. During the last two he has been on the right end of the 'varsity team. Has been in every conflict and was disabled in one only. End is a hard place to play, but Moore has the nerve and muscle necessary to make it win. He is 24 years old, weighs 168

pounds, and measure 5 feet 11½ inches in height. When in training, his hair is one-half foot long.

H. H. HALLER.

The following is autobiographical: "I, Haller, have played football for six seasons. I have played three seasons as left guard on the 'varsity. I tip the scale at 200, and am now cutting teeth in my 27th year, with the crown of my head 6 feet 1½ inches above the sole of my foot. I never slugged any but blocked my man to stay. If I happened to get knocked down, I made it a point to get up again as soon as I could. I'm glad I lived to help swipe Kenyon."

C. S. BASH

Has played right guard on the 'varsity team during the past season. He is 29 years old, 5 feet 11 inches high, and weighs 190 pounds. Bash has the grit and muscle which well qualified him for a place in Otterbein's "invincible" line.

J. B. GILBERT

Has been with the team two seasons as left half, and one season as quarterback. When Jesse gets into the game he gets "full of it" and goes at the enemy with swift vengeance. He is 21 years of age, 5 feet 5¾ inches high, and weighs 157 pounds.

PAUL A. PRENTIS

Made a good record as full-back. He is 25 years of age, 6 feet in height, and weighs 178 pounds. Mr. Prentiss is our instructor in physical culture, and is a good all 'round



M. D. LONG, '97, Captain.

athlete. He punts well and his physical "makeup" enables him to hit the line for good gains.

CLARK BEACOM

As left end added greatly to the strength of the team. He was with O. W. U.'s team two years, and has obtained a good knowledge of football tactics. He is 23 years old, 5 feet 10 inches high and weighs 165 pounds.

While the team meets with almost irreparable loss in parting with these, yet there are many left who will rush the pigskin to victory over the last enemy. There are the Teter brothers, the Gantz brothers, the Lloyd brothers, Coover, Kunkle, Plack, Dempsey, Barnes, Altman, Thomas, Mathews, Lott, Springer, Shoemaker, and others who will contest it hotly for the cardinal and tan next year.

Following are a few data concerning the remaining members of the first team:



D. H. SENEFF, '97, Center.

W. F. Coover, '99, as left tackle has made an excellent record during the past season. He went on the gridiron for the first time this year and by his hard and steady work soon earned a position on the first team. He is 21 years old, 5 feet 11 inches high and weighs 176 pounds.

Another of O. U.'s champion tackles is Robert Kunkle, '00. This is his second year on the team and "Bob" has shown himself capable of handling easily any man whom he has met this season. He is 20 years old, 5 feet 10 inches in height and weighs 180 pounds.

In the same list comes Walter Barnes, '98.

He played right tackle in '93, '94 and part of '96. He is 22 years old, 5 feet 10½ inches high and weighs 167 pounds.

Tom A. Dempsey, '00, the well known champion "boy end," was with the team during '95 and part of '96. He is 16 years old, 5 feet 10 inches high and weighs 160 pounds.

Charles Teter, '99, has during the past three seasons, become famous as left halfback. He is 21 years old, 5 feet 9 inches high and weighs 158 pounds.

A. L. Gantz, '00, as right halfback has made an enviable record during the past season. Age 19, height 5 feet 10 inches, weight 165 pounds.

Another who deserves special mention is W. M. Gantz, '00, as fullback. For running with the ball, or for bucking line you may score one for Milt every time. Age 21, height 5 feet 10½ inches, weight 158 pounds.

W. Teter, '98, is an old "standby" in football, and by careful study and six years' experience, has gained a good knowledge of the game. He has made a good showing both as right half and as quarterback. Age 23, height 5 feet 8½ inches, weight 150 pounds.

In E. G. Lloyd, '98, we have an all around football man. He has been on the 'varsity team three seasons. Has played every position back of the line with equal skill. Age 20, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 157 pounds.

A review of this year's work on the gridiron and a description of the team would not be complete without a mention of the genial manager, Mr. M. H. Stewart, '97. He took hold of his work with considerable zeal, and despite the hard times and the demands of a campaign his management was quite a success. The games for which he arranged were all with colleges of high standing in football, and for this especially is he to be commended. Mr. Stewart did his very best in his position and merits the respect and praise of all lovers of the sport.

Rev. Shupe, editor of the Watchword, recently visited Otterbein and led chapel exercises.

LOCALS.

Thanksgiving's come, and football's o'er;
With cracked bones and muscles sore,
We pass into the winter's folds
To make the "Gym" chime as of old.

Prof. and Mrs. Frank J. Resler are spending Thanksgiving vacation at home, here.

Our oratorical contest will soon be here. Let all the orators begin to wet their whistles.

Harry Haller was called home to Dayton this week by the unexpected death of a friend.

The ÆGIS prints two hundred extra copies of this number to supply the orders for the issue.

Prof. McFadden—"What is the motion of the air in a wave sound?" Mr. B.—"Why, Professor, it just stands still, only it goes back and forth."

A very important Y. M. C. A. district convention was held at Denison University, Granville, this past week. For fuller account see other columns.

Examinations for this term begin on the 21st. As we go to press already scores of the students have gone to their homes. Vacation ends on Jan. 13.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 3, the Cleiorhean society gave a very unique and carefully prepared open session. Good music and good productions were rendered throughout.

Thanksgiving vacation extended from Wednesday evening to the following Monday morning. A great many of the students took advantage of the opportunity to make a brief visit home.

Mr. Cunningham, our very promising student, formerly successful evangelist, preached recently a very fine sermon in the college chapel. Mr. Cunningham has now returned to his home in Baltimore, Md., where he expects to spend his holiday vacation in evangelistic work. It may well be mentioned here, that

from fourteen to nineteen years of age, five thousand have been converted through his preaching.

Two splendid recitals have been given lately by the Davis Conservatory of Music. A third one was rendered on Saturday evening, Dec. 12. Those who miss these recitals, miss more than they think.

On Friday evening following Thanksgiving a party of seventeen couple were entertained at the home of John Beal with the New Man's Party. A dainty collation was served and a number of splendid musical selections given.

Recent circulars have been sent out from N. E. Fehr, Akron, requesting each college in the country to send orations delivered at their institution, from which one thousand of the best are to be published in a new volume now being prepared.

On the evening of the 15th President Sanders entertained the members of the Freshman class at his home. The evening was spent in a very pleasant manner, with parlor games and music. During the evening light refreshments were served.

The Board of Control of the Association building, have adopted almost precisely the same plan for the ruling of the gymnasium as was in vogue last year. Its control has been placed in the hands of the athletic board, who will maintain the same rules as were used during '96.

The invincible "Preps." still possess the fort. On the evening preceding Thanksgiving, Miss Nola Knox, of the preparatory department, entertained the Preparatory students in a most royal manner at her elegant and spacious home on North State street. All the Preparatory students declare it to be the "event of the season."

Professor Scott has recently had made an excellent portrait of Dr. Haywood and has presented it to the library. The work was ordered in crayon but Miss Sevier, who did the

work, very kindly made the piece in oil and presented her work to the library. The picture was provided with a beautiful frame by Mr. Miller, of Dayton. The portrait is a splendid likeness of Dr. Haywood and students and friends of the college will always feel most thankful to those who so generously made the gift.

Fitting services were rendered on Thanksgiving day at Otterbein. At nine o'clock the Christian Associations assembled in the devotional hall, and were led in a very spirited praise service by Mr. Cunningham. At ten o'clock the citizens of Westerville assembled in the chapel and united in a Thanksgiving service. The choir, selected from the different churches, rendered good music. The sermon of the occasion was preached by Rev. Mr. Myers of the Evangelical church. His text was, "Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord." After the sermon a collection was taken for the poor of our town. The service throughout was very fitting.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

Miss Florence Simms, the college secretary of the Y. W. C. A., spent Nov. 20th with us. In the morning she gave a very practical and helpful talk to all the girls of the college. The afternoon was spent in holding private meetings with the cabinet and different committees. In the evening an informal reception was given

her by the Association. Her visit surely has strengthened the Association, and the only regret is that she could not have remained longer with us.

A very spiritual thanksgiving service was conducted Thanksgiving morning in the Association building by Mr. Cunningham, under the auspices of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.

Miss Ellen Gronindyke, returned missionary from Africa, addressed the Association at the regular missionary meeting, Nov. 23, on the "Need of Practical Women in the Foreign Field."

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Our pledge to the state fund has been very successfully and fully met by recent contributions from our sacrificing members.

Our special worker's meetings, held each Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the prayer room, are promising of great success.

ALUMNALS.

'96—Prof. C. R. Frankum, of Dayton, Va., who has suffered recently from a severe attack of pneumonia, is again able to resume his educational work.

'94—We are informed of the recent arrival of a young lady professor at President B. L.

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'84—L. E. Custer, D. D. S., was present at a recent meeting of the Ohio Dental Society held in Columbus and took an active part in the proceedings. He was elected president of the society for the ensuing year. Dr. Custer has made some very valuable investigations in the dental art.

'93—Prof. and Mrs. F. J. Resler have just finished a very successful and pleasant term of work in the Iowa Agricultural College, located at Ames, Iowa, where they had charge of the Conservatory of Music. They are now spending a vacation at their home in Westerville, and will resume their work in Iowa after the holidays.

'96—Rev. R. A. Longman, of York, Neb., who was recently married to Miss Leoti V. Duncan, of Harrison, O., was given a royal reception in the literary halls of York College. The excellent music rendered added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Many were the expressions of welcome and good will to the pastor and his wife.

'93—A. C. Streich, the energetic professor in Latin and Greek in Westfield College, Illinois, is credited with having secured for that institution an excellent lecture course. Pres. Seneff says that Mr. Streich deserves much credit for his work in this enterprise which is meeting with the encouragement of the people by their hearty support.

'76—Dr. W. M. Beardshear, president of Iowa Agricultural College, recently left his home for a trip to South America. He expects to spend about two months in the United States of Columbia, seven hundred miles up the Magdalena river, in the state of Antioquia. Dr. Beardshear is to be congratulated on the large possibilities of observation and study which such a trip will afford.

'96—J. E. Eschbach is not only distinguishing himself in the schools of Warsaw, Ind., as an excellent instructor, but is also making a record on the athletic field. He is captain of the Warsaw football team, and plays quarterback. Although a majority of the Warsaw boys had never seen a game of football, on Thanksgiving day they defeated the Goshen eleven, a team which has been playing three years, by a score of 16 to 4.

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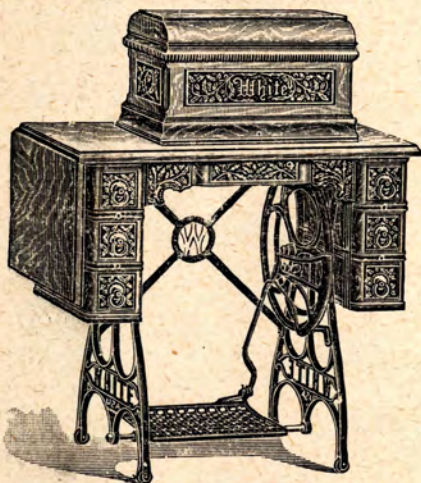
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