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FIRST PLACE

Otterbein Wins Out in the State Contest

THE sixth annual contest of the Ohio State Oratorical Association was held at Tiffin, Ohio, Friday night, March 15th. The colleges represented were Otterbein, Heidelberg, Antioch and Baldwin. H. M. Roby, of Otterbein, won first place. His subject was "America's Place in the Twentieth Century." J. H. Horning, of Heidelberg, won second place, C. A. Taylor, of Antioch, third place, and Miss Gertrude Aikins, of Baldwin, fourth.

The contest was one of the best and most enjoyable of the association. A large and appreciative audience was present. Delegations from all the colleges represented were present to cheer their orators on to victory. The productions were of a high character and well delivered. Excellent music both vocal and instrumental was rendered by the students of Heidelberg, and the audience was highly pleased with the program throughout.

Following is the standing of the different contestants:

JUDGES	THOUGHT AND COMPOSITION				MANNER AND DELIVERY				FINAL AVERAGE
	REV. D. J. MEASE	PROF. G. P. GORDY	REV. E. E. BAKER	AVERAGE	HON. W. S. KERR	E. B. KERR	C. T. M. NILES	AVERAGE	
CONTESTANTS									
Roby (Otterbein) ..	93	90	95	92½	80	79	88	82½	87½
Horning	94	75	85	84½	90	84	91	88½	86½
Taylor	89	80	80	83	88	86	90	88	85½
Aikins	91	78	75	81½	84	80	89	84½	82 5 6

THE BANQUET

The Heidelberg people proved themselves excellent entertainers in the banquet that followed the contest. About eleven o'clock one hundred and fifty guests repaired to the first floor of the gymnasium, where they were served to everything that makes an occasion of this kind enjoyable. Mr. Cocayne, of Heidelberg, Miss Nichols, of Baldwin, Mr. Trump, of Otterbein, and Mr. Schull, of Antioch, responded to toasts. Mr. Geckler, of Heidelberg, then closed the banquet with a toast in which he consoled the victors and congratulated the defeated because their number is growing rapidly.

The next contest will be held at Otterbein, and we hope she may prove herself as good an entertainer as our Heidelberg friends.

THE WINNING ORATION

America's Place in the Twentieth Century

U. M. ROBY, '01

THE history of our earth as written in its rocks teaches us that through countless ages the forces of nature worked to one great end, and that each succeeding period of that history marked a higher stage in the development of a world fit for the habitation of man. Through clinging moss and waving fern, through flowerless shrub and giant forest, through sponge and fish, through crawling reptile and man-like ape, the eye of science traces that infinite thought which finds its fullest and its final birth in God-like man, the

crowning work and masterpiece of the eternal God.

With equal certainty human history teaches us that from the time of earth's first recorded potentate, each nation has filled its own appointed place. Kingdoms, empires and republics, all have had their mission, have performed their part and contributed their share to the progress of the race. He fails to read history aright who does not see in our present day civilization the contributions made by the various nations that connect us with the gray dawn of history's morning. In Chaldea, washed by the waters of the Euphrates, and in Egypt, the gift of the Nile, the race was taught its first lessons in the arts and sciences and was then started on its long journey to higher attainments. The one, noted for its restless activity and enterprise, sent forth a father of the faithful to people distant lands. The other, noted for its unchangeableness, as bodied forth in its massive pyramids, furnished in after years a refuge for the famine stricken children of that same father of the faithful, and trained in its courts the great lawgiver who should lead the people of Jehovah from a land of bondage to one flowing with milk and honey. Assyria, Babylon and Persia made possible the conquests of an Alexander, who spread Greek culture and learning among barbarous nations and savage men. Rome, seizing the sceptre from the hand of tottering Greece, brought the world under her sway and gave to modern Europe and England that which is best in their civilization, the Christian religion, the Jews contribution to the progress of mankind.

Thus nations have sprung into existence, civilizations have flourished and then disappeared forever from the eyes of men. In these man has not walked in a vain show, nor have nations and civilizations played an aimless part, for the death of the old was the birth of the new. The accumulated weaknesses, imperfections and corruptions perished with the decaying nation, and that which was good passed over to the new, was planted in a virgin soil and was nourished in new environments.

The torch of learning that was lighted in old Egypt and Chaldea, that was kept burning by the culture of the Greek, the strength of the Roman and the religion of the Jew, still burns in the life of England and America, and were it possible to take from that flame the single contribution of any nation, its light must be dimmer for the loss.

If then it is true that

"Thro' the ages one increasing purpose runs,"

it is fitting that we should inquire what place our nation holds in the eternal purpose, what part we are to play in the century whose threshold we have just crossed. He must be ignorant of our nation and her history who is not persuaded that America is to play a leading part in the great drama of the ages. Her origin, her development, the great natural resources at her command, give emphasis to the thought that America is to occupy the highest place and that she is to be the leader of the world in the twentieth century. In her origin America was favored above all other nations. It was not an accident that this continent was discovered when Europe was emerging from the dark ages, when the thoughts of men were being widened with the process of the suns, nor yet that it was kept from colonization for more than a century after its discovery. It was not an accident that the old world was robbed of its choicest sons in order that the germs of life might be planted on this side of the stormy Atlantic, nor that Pilgrim, Puritan, Huguenot, Quaker, and Cavalier, urged on by their love of liberty, sought homes in the new world bringing with them all that was best in the life of the nations whence they came. It was not an accident that the civilization of America was rocked in the cradles of the old world, nor that the best of her founders came from that isle that for centuries has been the bulwark of civilization,—sturdy, liberty-loving old England. These were not accidents and to day the American citizen, beholding the decaying civilization of France and Spain, thank God that these

things were, so that the Anglo Saxon and not the Latin civilization should be planted on these goodly shores.

But it was not enough that good seed be sown in order that this nation might become what it now promises to be. The land itself must be such as would meet the conditions involved in developing these germs of life. Here again we see the purpose of Him who sees the end even from the beginning, for the land thus guarded until a people was prepared to inhabit it, was the choicest land of the whole earth. It was not a land which could support a savage population and bring them to a high degree of civilization, nor was it a land in which civilized man could find a home, reap harvests from its bosom which he had not sown and pluck from its grasp the treasure for which he had not toiled. On the contrary it was a land which yielded its riches to him only who bestowed upon it earnest and patient toil. The pilgrim fathers, accustomed to trial and hardship as they were, stood aghast at the sight of its dense forests, its lofty mountains, its majestic rivers. Fierce storms, the horror of the wilderness, the dread of savage beast and the terror of still more savage men, would have appalled the hearts of men less resolute. But they faltered not. They believed their times were in His hand, and in His name they grappled with the terrors of the new land and conquered them. How well they did their part and how nobly the land responded to their efforts, the history of the nineteenth century shows. Suffice to say that, with tireless labor, they transformed the wilderness into a pleasant land and uncovered treasures of which they had never dreamed, wealth of soil and forest, mountain and river, rivaling the fabled Eldorado and far surpassing any other land of which history makes mention.

Standing now on the threshold of the twentieth century, America may well be proud of her past history. She has grown from a few scattered colonies clinging to the shore of the Atlantic into a great nation spanning a continent and reaching out her arms to the isles of

the sea. Her wealth has increased almost beyond compare, and where a century ago her voice was unheard in the council of nations, she now speaks as with the voice of authority. It is true that her record is not untarnished. She has made mistakes. National sins have flourished and at times it seemed that this nation had forgotten the principles of liberty and righteousness which called her into being. But when the nation was aroused to a sense of her sin, no sacrifice was too great in order that she might right the wrong and return to the God-given principles of her founders. She has not escaped the struggles that fall to the young life of any nation, but through them all she has preserved her integrity, and stands facing the future with undaunted front. In the first blush of her young national life, already the envied of nations and hope of a world, America enters what promises to be the brightest century that has blest old mother earth since that glad dawn "when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy," a past rich in experience, a present full of blessing, a future bright with promise. Young, vigorous, prosperous, unlimited resources at her command, an infinitude of opportunities before her, well might God say to this nation "Rejoice, O America, in the days of thy youth."

I am not unconscious of the magnitude of that which I am prophesying for America—the leadership of the world in the twentieth century. I appreciate the world problems that are demanding solution, and am not unmindful of the latent strength, the capacity for development, and the high type of life a nation must possess that she may be the guiding star of mankind in this century. I would not boast of my country, nor presumptuously claim for her a place in this century which she is not fitted to fill; but in my heart I believe such is her destiny, and I see in those things which have been and are contributing to her greatness, and in the manifest favor of Almighty God, that which will make it possible for her to occupy that exalted position.

The nineteenth century will go down in

history as a century of world wide preparation and this preparation points to the speedy civilization and Christianization of all mankind. The new era upon which we are entering will be preeminently a spiritual one. Development in all departments of human activity will be startling, but the greatest progress will be toward Hegel's goal of all history,—resemblance to God. Whole peoples will be lifted from their present plain of existence into a fuller and better life, and the gospel of the lowly Nazarine will be incorporated into the life of every nation. This will be the crowning work of the nations that are called Christian, and in this work America will be the leading spirit. For this she was founded, for this she has been equipped, and for this she will give of her life and treasure, until the earth is filled with the light of His presence and until truth and right reign universal. Says one writer "America has the opportunity for realizing the ethical ends for which men exist that has ever been granted to any people of any age." And what an opportunity that is. What a destiny for a nation,—to be raised up to do His bidding and to hasten the coming of that

"far off divine event
To which the whole creation moves."

Is it apparent then why the best type of civilization and christianity was planted in the choicest of all lands? A land surpassing in unbroken extent the greatest monarchies of all time? A land whose fertility of soil is inexhaustible, whose broad rivers are sufficient to float the commerce of nations, whose mountains are great storehouses of richest minerals, and their sides covered with magnificent forests? A land in whose bosom are great beds of ore, unmeasured seams of coal, immense reservoirs of gas and oil, and upon whose broad fields harvests may be grown to feed a world? Through these God is furnishing America some of the requisites for the spiritual conquest of mankind. Through Cuba, the Philippines, Africa, China, and Japan, God speaks to America as surely as he spoke to Moses through the burning bush, or to the people of Israel from

the mount that burned with fire, and He would apprise America of her high destiny by the magnificent opportunities for service and leadership He is giving her, opportunities that have never been given to any other nation.

When the civilization and christianization of the world shall have been accomplished, the solution of the world problems will have been found. We cannot doubt that were the precepts of Christ followed by all nations that then would dawn the golden age of which the poets sang and for which the Christian prays. The war drum then will throb no longer, the battle flags then will be furled, for war will be no more. The conflict between capital and labor will then be a thing of the past, for men will be brothers. The great curse of intemperance, which is now reaping its ghastly harvests of human souls will then have disappeared before the aroused conscience of a Christian world. The wail of the widow and orphans will then have lost its note of woe. The cry of the oppressed will be hushed. Man's inhumanity to man will no longer make countless thousands mourn, for right will triumph "and the kindly earth shall slumber lapt in universal law."

In the commercial and industrial worlds America has conquered because she gave herself to the work. What heights then will she not attain when she gives herself to the spiritual realms as she will do in this century? Her inventive genius will traverse boundless space finding out the forces which God has placed there to be the servants of those who have the skill and intelligence to discover them. Her philanthropists will outgive a Peabody or an Armour. Her statesmen excel a Webster or a Lincoln. She will have greater writers than a Poe or a Whitman, sweeter singers than a Longfellow or a Whittier, preachers more eloquent than a Beecher or a Talmage, and in music, art, the love of the true, the beautiful and the good, her name will shine the brightest star in the galaxy of nations.

Then give old glory to the breeze, let its folds unfurl o'er the land of the free and the isles of old ocean, let it be the emblem of

liberty and truth, bringing inspiration and hope to a race until the earth is ripe for the parliament of man, the federation of the world.

A Handful of Moss Pinks

I. N. BOWER, '03

SAY, Hadley, what's the matter with our going after flowers, Saturday," said Warner to his chum as they were just leaving the room where they had been attending a recitation in Botany. "I'm willing, but where'd we better go? Let's ask Prof.; say, Professor, where is the best place to go for flowers this time of year?" The old professor seemed rather pleased with their enthusiasm and answered, smiling, "Just now the best place I know of is up on the bluffs along Barker's Creek, about two miles from here. If you go east to the county line road and then turn north you will have good roads all the way. You'll find bluets and moss pinks there, and several other plants that grow nowhere else about here, besides all the common plants that are in bloom now."

So very early the next Saturday morning they set out to go there, each carrying an airtight tin box to put specimens in. It was a bright morning in early May, the first bright day after a series of very heavy rains. The cool northwest wind had that peculiar bracing property that is so noticable in clearing weather; the air was clear, and weed and tree and distant hill stood out in sharp relief. Soon they reached the bluffs and eagerly clambered about through the rough gullies and out on the overhanging cliffs, finding the desired botanical specimens in abundance. The beauty of the masses of flowers, the grandeur of the rugged bluffs, the splendor of the morning, and their own youthful spirits all conspired to them light-hearted. Even the spice of danger added pleasure to their rambles. Presently they came out on an over-

hanging bank which the stream, swollen by the recent rains, was fast undermining. This bank was not solid rock like the other cliffs, but was made up of clay and gravel that had been deposited there in comparatively recent times and was of a very yielding character.

"Oh, look at those moss pinks!" said Hadley, "they're right out on the edge, but I'm going to have them," and he rushed out as near the edge as he dared and soon had his hands full of them. Then, all at once, with that peculiar swiftness that marks such landslides, the whole face of the cliff, slipped off and splashed into the water, thirty feet below, carrying Hadley with it. Warner standing back perhaps ten feet from the edge, saw the ground sink before his eyes, saw his friend disappear as if the earth had opened and swallowed him. For a moment he was stupefied. Shaking with fear, he approached the edge of the bank and looked over, expecting to see his friend struggling in the water. But what was his relief to see him standing on the top of the fallen mass of earth which extended above the water and formed a slight shelf against the side of the clay wall. With quick revulsion of feeling, they now treated as a joke what might have been so serious, and both began to laugh.

And now the question was, how was Hadley to get back? The shelf of debris on which he stood sloped off on all sides into the deep, swift stream, he could not swim, and of course he could not climb up the perpendicular wall of crumbling clay. Worst of all, the swift current was rapidly washing away the heaps of loose dirt and it was only a question of a few minutes till he himself would be whirled away by the pitiless waters. In an excited tone he cried, "Say, Warner, help me out of this; this dirt's washing away under me." Now Warner began to think in earnest. He thought of a rope, but had none with him, and of calling for help, but the nearest house was a mile away and to go for help was entirely out of the question. Then he tried to think of a

substitute, a vine, a pole, anything, but alas, the scrub cedars that dotted the cliffs were the only large growth and they were altogether useless. Almost in despair, he turned about, and started to pacing up and down, hardly knowing what he did. Suddenly he noticed at a little distance, a crumbling rail fence. "The rails," he thought, "but what's the use, a ten-foot rail won't reach thirty feet; but he might sink them in the mud and climb up out of immediate danger,—why can't he use them to hold him up and float down stream." All

All this had passed through his mind almost before he had started for the rails. Quickly grasping two rails, he rushes back to the bank and just in time, for Hadley's foothold has crumbled away beneath him till the water is up to his armpits. Carefully Warner lets first one rail and then the other slide down beside his friend, they are seized and placed one under each arm, and a moment later the swift current carries him off his feet and he goes drifting down stream until he reaches shallow water, and in a minute clambers out, wet and dripping, teeth chattering with cold and fright, but safe.

The Humanitarian, Charles Dickens

JUST one month distant from us the old towers of southern England by day and the stars by night, witnessed the messengers hurrying to and fro in their yachts across the Solent; the ears of the whole world were listening for the click of the telegraph key; the business, the pleasures and the sorrows of individuals and nations waited on the last breath while the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and the Empress of India, was falling into her dreamless sleep. The good Queen died. Time stopped to count the pulses of change. Another date was added to the long roll of history. The whole earth draped herself in the folds of drooping flags to the memory of one of whom it may be said:

"Her court was pure, her life serene,
God gave her peace; her life reposed;
A thousand claims to reverence closed
In her as mother, Empress, Queen."

A happy and contented people recognized that their claims were closed and sought to make paltry recompense by the very best of earthly tributes and benedictions. The very air was made fragrant by the lilies of the valley and beds of violets, and floral tributes from the hands of yeomanry and gentry, from dukes and from kings, from Mrs. Garfields and from Presidents. The royal bloods donned their regalias of trappings and laces, of insignia and prowess. Silently in purple drapery the funeral barge moved up the Thames to Windsor Castle, the tapers were lit in the Albert memorial chapel and the miserere was moaned from the chapel organ making the air quiver with wailing requiems.

If on the yesterday of February 2d, any one of us had been seated on a favorable citadel or acropolis, where we could have looked out on four millions of people, where we could have seen the world's greatest naval pageant, where we could have seen prancing steeds and all that which enters in 'o the inventory of such a gorgeous fanfare, I say, if any one of us had been there at that time there surely would have come trooping up before us some inquiries, and among the number there might have been this one,—“Have all the English monarchs been hearsed away amid such tender scenes truly merited by a good and faithful ruler and freely given by a united and contented people?”

To reconcile any doubts and misgivings that we may have, we need but draw aside the curtain that holds enveiled the plain of England's national life. We find the plain bears many marks of the presence of awful visitations. Visitations like unto the red winged lightning, which stretched the plow boy cold and dead in his half-plowed furrow; visitations like unto malarias from a thousand bogs, humid plains and stagnant rivers waited with poison on their wings, standing ready to depopulate whole families and towns; visitations like unto

chario'ed hurricanes giving rein to boisterous steeds and driving over many a weary traveler, hurrying him beneath the forms of those kindred in blood and feeling, visitations like unto earthquakes growling and threatening for scores of years, finally breaking through the thin crust and opening wide their horrid mouths toothed with the granite of jealousy and religion to devour the unfortunate; visitations like unto war drawing his sword and taking an awful oath to crimson every river and redden every land with human gore; visitations like unto a lean faced villainous famine standing ready to steal the children's bread and stack their withered corpses upon domestic altars in sight of a starving parentage.

If I have overdrawn these pictures, if I have wandered from the truth, then let the soil stained with the blood of a St. Alban's, find justification to a lesser charge; let the traditioned and chro'icled accounts of a King John lisp no longer on the lips of men, but vanish from the pages history; let the Gunpowder and Rye House Plots and the bloody assizes take unto themselves the flesh and blood of phantoms; let the placard bearing the words—"This house to let, unfurnished," and the Junius Letters be relegated to the age of legend and superstition; and let us forget the thought couched in the following:

"O cruel lamps of London, if tears your light could drown,
Your victim's eyes would weep them, O lights of London town."

"England, what for mine and me
What hath bread tax done for thee?
Crushed thy hearts, crushed thy land,
Hunger stung thy skilled right hand."

"When will thou save the people?
O God of mercy! When?
Not kings and lords, but nations!
Not thrones and crowns, but men!
Flowers of thy heart; O God, are they!
Let them not pass like weeds away!
Their heritage a sunless day,
God save the people."

"When I am dead,
Let me be used with honor; strew me over
With maiden flowers, that all the world may know
I was a chaste wife to my grave; embalm me,

Then lay me forth; altho unqueened, yet
Like a queen and daughter to a king, inter me."

So I might go on and weary you with hints at the ways in which English men were entirely oblivious of the fact that all are children of a common parentage, with kindred ties and common interests, and make it a climax by saying there was such a place as the Marshalsea and the New Gate.

We find that workmen in factories were paid barely enough to afford them a mere subsistence, and in the great coterie of evils comes the employment of women and children. Workmen united and parliament suppressed the trade unions. We find few palaces but many hovels. We find the people becoming riotous and discontented. During the latter part of the eighteenth century a few philanthropists in and out of parliament did what they could for the amelioration of the lower and criminal classes. A few foundling hospitals were established, corn laws were repealed, slavery was abolished and laws were passed restricting the labor of women and children. Parliament appropriated money for public educations.

Divine providence always has in training some commanding genius for the control of great crises in the affairs of nations and peoples. The number of these leaders is less than the centuries, but their lives make up the history of human progress. Through Oliver Cromwell, Brougham, Lord Ashley, and all the epoch makers that especially prepared England for the entrance upon the period when the serf becomes the freeman, when the *homo stultus et crudelis* becomes the *homo sapiens et benignus*, none stand out in greater brightness than Dickens, the man; than Dickens, the philanthropist; than Dickens, the humanitarian.

But you say that Dickens was not the first to use his pen and voice in defense of those of whom it may be said, that their lot forbade to, to command applause, or to despise the threats of pain and ruin. To be sure the philanthropic movement was not absent from English fiction prior to the time of Dickens for we find the

author of *Pamela* spinning the warp and woof of his histories to the end of bringing out a figure, an action, a lesson in which he emphatically gives expression to the notion that all humanity is inlaid with cords which respond to kind words of approbation or which chill and curdle with awe at the sight of misery and the sound of distress, no matter whether the particular individual is a king or peasant, lord or common.

We find Fielding in his unfaltering endeavor painting pictures of what he saw, trying in his way to relieve and elevate those whose conditions in life made them amply justifiable in appealing to a tender humanity. We find Goldsmith in turn doing what he could, but while all these and others in unmistakable tones did contribute something in minor key toward the effort of relieving the distressed, yet the time was not ripe, so it was left to Dickens to contribute in major key that which found its many counterparts in a responsive people. In the language of Mr. Cross, "Dickens became a sort of professor of humanitarianism and he held his position for nearly thirty years, disturbed now and then by a critic or reviewer who questioned his knowledge. The light of that knowledge which was indeed somewhat false and misleading and the light of an imagination of strange and alluring splendor he turned upon a great variety of English scene and character, but especially upon workhouses, debtors' prisons, pawn-brokers' shops, hovels of the poor, law offices, dark streets and dark alleys, all the London haunts and lurking places of vice, crime and pain. His theme was always the down-trodden and oppressed. He was their advocate. For them each of his novels after *Pickwick* is a lawyer's brief." So if Dickens did not portray the conditions as they existed it can not be imputed to him as a sin of omission for we find him trying to acquaint himself with all classes. He visited jails and prisons and made a painstaking canvass among the hovels of the poor.

It is impossible to insist upon accuracy in every detail. The novelist must be granted greater range or more freedom in handling the facts than the one who narrates history. Dickens always tried to ascertain the whys and wherefores which when found he used as a foundation upon which he reared a structure that stood out in bold relief against the sham and heterodoxical principles that gave it life. So we can say in the language of Cross—"Accept the premises of Dickens and every detail follows."

It may be said that he was prone to exaggeration; perhaps he was but this exaggeration only added weight to his pen which he so forcibly used in creating and disseminating influences that bore fruit long hoped for and timely. His pen put in disrepute and did much to relegate to a wholesome oblivion the knights and ladies and the tournament. He compares and contrasts the relations of the poor and the rich, underground tenements, sewing garrets and model cottages. He enters a plea for the oppressed in combat with the oppressor. He wrote for the multitude and pleased them. In one sense he sustains the same relation to the down-trodden of England that Harriet Beecher Stowe sustains to the ones who once wore the shackles. His characters are a part of literature and his works will furnish to all future times an important commentary on the nineteenth century.

Daniel Webster said upon one occasion that Dickens had done more to ameliorate the condition of the English poor than all the statesmen Great Britain had sent into parliament. It is impossible to calculate the harm he might have done but we find his influence always thrown in the scalepan of goodness. We may meditate over the tombs of England's kings and queens, statesmen and jurists, authors and poets, bishops and divines, we may exhaust the registry of England's buried greatness, a registry that would certainly diadem the lustre of any country, but among all these the one whose mission it was to make people happy

and who did what he could "to lighten" as he says, "the lot of those rejected ones whom the world has too long forgotten and too often misused," is a star of the first magnitude, and the world will ever remain a debtor to the humanitarian, Charles Dickens, who said, "Be good and love; believe that humanity, pity and forgiveness are the finest things in man; believe that intimacy, expansion, tenderness, tears are the finest things in the world. To live is nothing, to be powerful, illustrious is little, to be useful is not enough. He alone has lived and is a man, who has wept at the remembrance of a benefit given or received."

Y. M. C. A. Notes

The Presidents of the Y. M. C. A.'s of Ohio convened in annual session at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, on March 14th and continued in session until the 17th.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 14th, the Association elected the following officers for the coming: President, W. E. Reibel, '02; Vice President, A. L. Boring, '04; Recording Secretary, C. O. Callender, '03; Corresponding Secretary, E. B. Parker, and Treasurer, Wm. Dellar, '05. The installation services will be held some time in April.

The close of this term also marks the close of an unusual series of evangelistic services, which continued for nearly six weeks, conducted by the Associations. Every effort was made to quicken the spiritual life and to bring the unsaved and indifferent face to face with their soul's salvation. R. J. Head, '01, preached every night for three weeks in the Association building to a large and appreciative audience composed of students. A daily prayer meeting was held from 12:30 to 1, and group prayer meetings from 4 to 5. The climax was reached during the week when Rev. F. P. Rosselot, pastor of our church at Toledo,

was with us. He is a man of power and influence, entering upon a service of this kind with his whole heart. It was a week of conflict between sin and righteousness, and eight confessed Christ. The spiritual life of both Associations has been deepened and intensified, and from henceforth more aggressive Christian work will be done.

The adoption of a Constitution and By-laws supplies a long felt want in the Association. Heretofore it was largely controlled by the International Constitution. But this was inadequate to meet all the requirements of the local Association. The committee is to commended for their faithfulness and excellent work done. As they will be published in pamphlet form every member should acquaint himself with the same.

The joint session on Tuesday evening, Feb. 5, was one of unusual interest and marks the beginning of practical work in the Associations of Otterbein. Realizing the importance of the "Forward Movement in Missions," and wishing to have a part in the Evangelization of the world in this Generation, steps were taken to support an Otterbein graduate in the foreign field. Subscriptions were taken and from present indications the Associations will contribute several hundred dollars to this work. Let every student give this plan their financial support, as it will prove a wonderful blessing to Otterbein University.

The state oratorical contest held at Tiffin, O., March 15, was a victory for O. U. and the appreciation of this was manifested to our representative on Saturday night about 10 o'clock by a serenade from the college band and the student body.

Readers you may think of many things that you would like to have, and think you cannot afford to get them, but the Annual you can not do without, and it will ever be a pleasure to you.

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Editorial

ALL of us have an irrepressible admiration for the spectacular. We are hero-worshippers by nature. We praise and envy the glamour and glory of those who fill the public mind. The inward pain and longing of the great are never known. Happy, thrice happy would it be if we could only see things as they are. Contentedly, joyfully would we live in our common mediocrity. Blessed in our peaceful though humble station we still would strive to be nobler still long for the higher things, though we never will reach the highest nor realize our ideals.

THERE have been many inquiries in the past few years in regard to the fact that there never has been a complete file of the ÆGIS kept in the college library or in any other place to which the students had access. No one seemed to know where all the back numbers could be found. Neither did any one take the trouble to look them up. Noth-

ing was ever done until Professor Miller presented to the faculty a complete file of both the ÆGIS and the Record. The faculty had them handsomely bound and placed in the library. Many thanks are due to Professor Miller for his thoughtfulness in saving every copy of the ÆGIS and for his generosity in thus presenting them to the college

DOES the world want you. It has such low ideals, such a limited appreciation of what is high and noble in life that there is danger of its not seeing the conditions necessary to its true progress and that it will neglect the priceless treasure which you are able to offer. What if the world would not notice the precious pearls you could cast before its eager, trampling feet? In the rush and turmoil of a doing working world, thoughts which you consider sacred and imperishable will vanish into nothingness. Tremble then, dreamer of dreams as the realities of existence force themselves upon you. May the disillusioning process, which may soon come, be not more than you can bear. The shadowy fantasies of youthful enthusiasm, the vague longings for glory may be torn away; but fear not, it is only the world stripping you for hard work. It wants you and wants you at your best. Therefore it compels you to set aside every weight, the vanities which do so greatly encumber you and to run with patience the race which is set before. And remember, whatever is true, whatever is just, whatever is good, whatever is praiseworthy, all these will endure.

THE clamor of nations, of peoples, the family of mankind, has always been for freedom. This aspiration is perfectly natural. It is not a desire which man has artificially fostered and acquired in himself, but an essential, primitive, inherent principle in the very nature and constitution of man. It is a creation of God and not of man; it is nature not

mere acquired habit or adopted custom. But let us not mistake the meaning of freedom. There are some who confound it with licentiousness. To them it means absolute unrestraint, the absence of all law and morality. This is in a great measure the view and interpretation of modern anarchism. Such a conception is dangerous as well as pernicious. Freedom that admits of no repression or prohibition by law, that asserts there can be no prescribed definite course of action in human conduct is worse than no freedom at all. In its consequence it is equal to the most rigid, ignoble subjection. This in truth is not freedom at all but bondage. The awful penalties which follow from a failure to respect and obey corresponding laws are inevitable. We can seldomly escape the consequences of our errors. If we do insist on being absolutely free in the determination and choice of our actions we are not free from the consequences which necessarily follow. There are only two ways to be entirely free from pain and suffering and that is to live in perfect obedience to law and in perfect conformity to necessary prescriptions. Freedom then consists not in loose and haphazardous action, but accurate and systematic application under definite rules and precepts. Freedom is not exemption from the observance of law, but reverent obedience to law. To do not what we will but the will of our Father in heaven, is freedom; not any way but the straight and narrow way leads to the land of endless Freedom.

Y. W. C. A. Notes.

Our attendance for the past term has been very good.

Tuesday evening, March 12, Rev. Rosselot, of Toledo, and Rev. John spent the prayer meeting hour in our Association.

Miss Ora Maxwell led our meeting the evening of March 5. The topic was "Living

Letters" with II. Cor. 3:2, 3 for reference. The girls were very earnest in their testimony and a helpful hour was spent together.

Our Association dispensed with its meetings Feb. 19 and 26 in order to join with the student body in the evening evangelistic services.

The annual election of officers Tuesday evening, March 19th, resulted as follows: Norah Shauck, president; Marguerite Lambert, vice president; Elsie Lambert, recording secretary; Besse Detweiler, corresponding secretary; Iva Riebel, treasurer.

Alumni

'78. Mary Nease Keister, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., visited her daughter, Miss Alice, and other Otterbein friends recently.

'94. Katharyn Cover Beverstock, of Lexington, O., has been unfortunate in having her home destroyed by fire recently.

'94. J. Shoemaker has severed his connection with an oil company and has gone into partnership with a prominent lawyer of Pittsburgh, taking the study of titles as a specialty.

'99. Samuel Zechar was in town this week visiting friends. He has just resigned his pastorate at Eldorado to accept the position of Assistant Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Newark, O.

'66. Hon. John A. Shauck lectured in the Association building on the evening of Feb. 22, on International Law. It was given in the interest of the class in that study, but the faculty and students were invited to share the opportunity. The lecture was interesting and instructive. At its close an informal reception was given him in the Association parlors.

'83. T. H. Sonnedecker, Professor of Greek and secretary of the faculty, Heidelberg University, Tiffin, O., has had three opportunities in this college year of seeing some of

his younger sisters and brothers of his alma mater, at his field of labor. The football boys, Y. W. C. A. delegates to the state convention, and delegates to the oratorical contest.

'97. D. I. Lambert, Lane Theological Seminary '00, is pastor of the Presbyterian church at Wapakoneta, O. His efforts have been accompanied by important results in the development of his pastorate.

DAYTON ALUMNAL MEETING

The annual meeting of this Association was held in the First U. B. church, March 7. The retiring president, S. E. Kemp, '70, made a splendid address upon the subject: "Our College Needs."

The Association is in full sympathy with O. U. and the need of improvement in our educational work. Its membership is about four hundred.

Professor E. G. Pumphrey, '91, reported for the banquet of last year, and Miss Cora McFadden, '77, as treasurer of the organization.

The following officers were elected: President, Prof. J. P. Landis, '69; Vice President, E. S. Lorenz, '80; Secretary, Dr. W. L. Kline, '94; Treasurer, Miss Cora McEadden, '77.

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Locals

The points now stroll to the sugar camp.

Amy Esterline spent several days with us recently.

Mary Noble has gone home for a couple weeks' vacation.


The Seniors donned their caps and gowns for the first time this week.

All the classes and societies are having their pictures taken for the annual.

Monday the 18th, was the first appearance of baseball fiends on the diamond.

Bertha Monroe and Miss Cormany have been quite ill but are convalescing rapidly.

The new baseball suits are here and soon the diamond will present two teams all in good uniform of the tan and cardinal. The schedule




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for the year is about complete, and we expect to publish it later.

Mr. Reisling, the famous football player of O. M. U., will coach our baseball team.

We are sorry to say that a good number of students will not return for the spring term.

Telephones are all the rage yet and many students are having them placed in their rooms.

W. T. Trump was chosen as delegate to the state oratorical contest, P. H. Kilbourne having resigned.

The church choir will give a sacred concert on Sunday evening, March 31. You can't afford to miss it.

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The measles have been among us for some time, and several have had long and hard struggles with them.

Mary Best pleased the Franklin county teachers in their last session by the excellent rendition of several solos.

J. L. Shively is now a full fledged Senior. We surely congratulate the gentleman in being so fortunate to graduate with the present class.

Mrs. Lambert and her son, of Anderson, Ind., were here recently and her daughter, Marguerite, returned with them owing to ill health.

The Philophronean society gave a mock trial on Friday evening, March 1. The session was quite a success and their guests were much

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It is a sad fact but, nevertheless true, that while Otterbein is co educational, this does not seem to be sufficient; for the girls' gymnasium class gave a "co ed." party and each member was permitted to invite a lady friend as her lesser half. A jolly time is reported in the event.

The Arthurian Club met at the home of Prof. Zuck Saturday evening, March 2d, Miss Jessie Kohr presiding. An interesting program was enjoyed by all, the Club having for

its discussion Dicken's "Our Mutual Friend." After the program Prof. and Mrs. Zuck entertained the class in their own delightful manner, and with their usual charming hospitality.

Easter is not here by the calendar, but the store is ready. The Necktie cases are abloom with richly tempting Ties. The windows and store with the latest patterns of Dress Shirts and different colors and styles for the Hosiery Department.
J. W. MARKLEY.

The last game of basketball was played on Thursday morning, Feb. 21st, between the Academics and Seniors. The game was most exciting and until the last few minutes no one could tell who would win, when the Aca's scored the winning point. This has been our most successful year in basketball and we hope

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The Philatheans gave an enjoyable open session on the evening of February 27. The following is the program:

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Biography.....	Queen Victoria
	Ethel Yates
Piano Trio.....	Hochzeitsmarsch. Mendelssohn
	Myrna Brinker, Mary Baker, Harlette Cormany
Paper.....	Music
	Vida Shauck
Paper.....	Progress of American Art
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	Emma Guitner
Vocal Solo.....	"Beloved, It is Morn." Florence Aylward
	Vida Shauck
Critique.....	Fairy Tales.
	Irene Aston
Music..	"Love's Dream After the Ball." Houseley
	Glee Club
	Adjournment

After enjoying the dignity of wearing caps and gowns and making a great impression upon everyone and even upon the camera of a well known photographer, the Seniors in order to prevent narrowness of mind and character set apart Thursday evening as a time for jollity and recreation. To our surprise the social committee called us to congregate in two bodies, at a couple of well known homes not far distant from our to be headquarters. Where will they take us? and will it be far? were some of the questions arising. At a few minutes after 10 o'clock all had congregated

and the secret was made known. The inspection committee gave their report and declared everything coming their way, as all necessary nails, spikes, screws, latches and locks had been carefully laid aside, and McMillen had been transported to his haven of rest. The magnificent, attractive, and beautifully adorned library hall was the chosen abode for the grand soiree. The many attractive homes and halls about the town and college, the Association parlors, the gymnasium, etc., could not be compared to this hallowed and secret yet public place. For the first time in the history of Otterbein the hearty cooperation of the faculty, in granting us the use of a hall so artistically decorated and so elaborately furnished, with upholstered chairs and tables quite extensive, and coal and oil to burn, was enjoyed immensely.

The oldest living member of the faculty and our present president were some of our honored guests and never during the entire evening did either look upon us with scorn, but with a pleasant face as natural as could be painted by a skilled artist. Our conduct in both words

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and deeds was free from reproach by them. The long tables were placed end to end and the length was made sufficient to seat the entire class at one sitting. A monstrous table we will say, in width, as well as length. But more pleasing and elaborate than anything mentioned above, was the sumptuous repast. We are also glad to announce that a new chair will be added to the institution by the contribution of the girls; that of a culinary department. We feel assured that the coming generations will thank the girls of the class of 1901 for their initial work in this department. The feast being over, then came the hour of social delight. Toasts prepared and unprepared, toasts long and short, deep rooted and shallow, serious and comic, classical and not classical, different and indifferent, wise and otherwise; there was no subject or phase left untouched for we had everything to our hands no matter whether right or left as we were surrounded by writings of every description. The mirth continued until a "quarter of eight" and after

preparing a fine breakfast for the janitor as a token of our kind regards and respect, and another for the librarian, which was placed upon her secretary with a few words of explanation and the compliments of the class, we replaced the tables, returned the lights, refiled the books and returned to our homes, respected and repaid many times for being permitted to fulfill the request of visiting the library more frequently.

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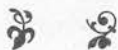
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