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COMMENCEMENT '91.

DEDICATED TO THE SENIOR CLASS.

To him who treads the classic paths of yore,
To him who lacks their skilled, instructive lore,—
To him who spends for naught the busy day,
To him who toils its endless hours away,—
The musy wand'rings of a poet wild,
The merry laughter of the happy child,
The brawling rill that hums a lullaby
To moss and fern as swift it ripples by,
The budding leaves of very early spring,—
To all, who list, sweet chords of music sing.
'Tis true! and yet these chords seem sweeter far
To youth, young manhood's prime, when first ajar
For him, the door he sees to honor, fame,—
To wealth and trust which he may dare to claim;
And thro' its shadowed portal faintly hears
The echoes from them struck down future years.
Young manhood's dream, how full of visions bright!
What fairy castles flash enchanting light!
How eager, too, to up and be away,
As hooded hawk, impatient, longs the prey.
The door's ajar. From these our classic halls,
Obedient to life's work and duty's calls,
Young man and maiden go to tread the way
Its portal leadeth—*where*, we may not say.
The busy world is beck'ning them to come
From that they hold most dear—the happy home
And shel'ring roof—inviting them to share
Its gilded heap, and gains so strangely rare.
Away they speed to join the toiling throng:
Yet, sweeter strains are struck, as forth the song
Swells from the "mystic chords" of coming years,
And fluting back, smites ready, list'ning ears.
Forth, forth, they go! each one his sep'rate way,
Alone, yet not alone, sweet mem'ries stay
To form a common band, a bond, to bind
Them all as one with ties wrought by the mind.
Can they forget? Can she, the lion's mate,
Forget the grumbling whelps that for her wait?
Can mother bird leave quite the hungry nest
And not return with something from her quest?
Can they forget? Can spring forget to strew
Its blossoms fair? the misty clouds to dew
The harvest fields ablaze with golden grain,
When summer warm smiles on the vale and plain?
Nay, 'tis not so! The moon shall wax and wane
These many times e're mem'ry's binding chain
Grows slack, then holds not, drops, and rus's away,
And those it bound forget life's youthful day.
Farewell to one—to all, a long farewell!
Go, noble youth, and seek to break the spell
That lends its charms to manhood's early day,
And God be with you hence—now and always.—

—J. A. HOWELL.

SOME PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

It is likely that the Trustees of Otterbein University, at their next session, will attempt to devise measures to promote the best interests of the institution. If they do that thing, they will wisely direct their efforts to secure two results; namely, to increase the number of students, and to better the financial condition of the college. These two things go hand in hand. An increase of students will materially aid in the solution of the financial problem. An improvement in finances will greatly increase the student patronage.

Having these two objects in mind, certain practical suggestions are in order.

1. The Trustees will surely outline the important work to be performed by those who are employed as agents of the University, and otherwise.

2. But there is a voluntary work that ought to be performed. Here is the inviting field of effort for those who will labor from a sense of duty and because of their love for the institution.

3. To be more specific. In the matter of increasing the attendance, the students have been in the past, and may be in the future, a most potent factor.

In the communities from which these students come there are many other young people, who will attend school somewhere. By the earnest efforts of our student friends, who are so enthusiastic by reason of the benefits they have received, these young people by scores may be secured to Otterbein University.

The avenues of effort are personal solicitation, at the Sabbath-school gatherings and in the Teachers' Institutes of the various counties. See to it, in so far as it may be possible, that the members of the Faculty and other friends of our college are invited to speak on public occasions. Then advertise them. Be aggressive. If, as we know, Otterbein University is as good as other institutions of learning, see to it that the people know it. It will be seen to that members of the Faculty respond to your invitations.

4. This article is an open letter of appeal to every graduate and former student of this school of learning. This institution, wherein you received so much benefit, asks you to assist in crowding its halls with young men and women thrilled with a desire for a higher education. Will you do what you can?

5. Perchance this article may catch the eye of some minister of the co-operating conferences. Do you remember your promise of less than a year ago? Have you preached that sermon yet you agreed to preach, taking for your text Otterbein University? If you have, it is well. If you have not, you are still at liberty to exhaust the subject.

The near approach of Commencement, when the students will depart for their homes, has called out these suggestions. Some one has assigned to me the following line as a subject for an address: "Light is the task when many share the toil." If there is an institution on the green earth to which the sentiment of that line is applicable, it is Otterbein University.

CHARLES A. BOWERSOX.

President Dwights, of Yale, who delivered an address on "Education" before the Twentieth Century Club of Chicago, recently, was so unwilling to have his remarks printed in the newspapers that the reporters who were present had their invitations politely withdrawn by the secretary of the club.

DANGERS THAT THREATEN O. U.

I am well aware that this is not a cheerful subject. The name of this journal, however, indicates that its office is to ward away dangers, of whatever kind, that may threaten O. U. Dangers, to be successfully averted, must be thoroughly understood. Their source and character ought to be well known. If the *ÆGIS* shall assist in this direction, if it shall raise the cry of warning, before it is too late to avert danger, it will earn the right to the name it bears.

We are proud of O. U. We are proud of its standing among the colleges of Ohio, of its pre-eminence among the colleges of the U. B. Church; in fact, of its entire history. But while I think it proper to rejoice in all that calls for joy, and to take pride in all that we may properly be proud of, I am, on the other hand, thoroughly settled in the conviction that we ought occasionally to take our "bearings," note our latitude and longitude, and dispassionately determine whether or not our skies are so entirely clear as they, at first glance, might *seem*.

Let me say right here, that I have no thought of indulging in personal criticisms; I shall not state, nor do I believe, that blame rests upon any particular individual, to the exclusion of others. I desire to indicate the dangers that threaten O. U., as seen from my standpoint, and let those, whose business it is to do so, locate the blame.

It would be more pleasant to dwell on the bright side of O. U.'s prospects, and there is truly a bright side. O. U. never had a better faculty than at present. The various "chairs" of the institution were never, on the whole, better filled, the literary societies were never more prosperous, the attendance of students was never, perhaps, greater. In these directions we have nothing to fear and much to be proud of.

The great danger to O. U. is, however, in the direction of its finances. I shall speak upon the authority of but one person. I am the mouthpiece of no clique or faction. I speak as a citizen of Westerville, as an alumnus of O. U., upon my individual responsibility, when I say that danger in the direction of O. U.'s finances is imminent and of a very threatening character. I know this kind of talk is not popular; I know that we have fallen into such a habit of glossing over matters that even our trustees, the men who ought to know all about these matters, come and go from year to year without ever getting an idea of the magnitude of the danger that threatens the college. With a debt of more than \$100,000, increasing at an average annual rate of at least \$5,000, with no gleam of the light of relief around our whole financial horizon, one may be pardoned if, in his brooding fancy, he pictures a hand writing on the wall.

I like to see men cheerful and hopeful, but cheerfulness and hopefulness of the Micawber or Colonel Sellers type never build nor sustain institutions of learning. If we are ever to see daylight in the direction of O. U.'s finances, our trustees will need to do something more than come up to their annual meetings, pass upon the report of their agents and committees, fill a few vacancies in the faculty, pass some self-congratulatory resolutions, and wind up with a prayer, thanking the Lord for the *abundant prosperity* of O. U. in the past, and committing it to *His* care for the future. All these things are well enough in their way. But I am "fully persuaded" that the Lord will never do

much for O. U. except what he does through human instrumentalities. And if his instrumentalities are weak, wavering and inefficient, the work will fail.

The methods of managing the business interests of successful institutions of learning have changed in recent years. Learning and piety were, at one time, about all the endowments thought requisite for a college president. To-day, even in church colleges, while the above are considered not less important, the candidate's *business faculties* are the pre-eminent considerations. Can he influence men? Can he secure money? Is he a financier? These are the questions. Let him fail in these things and the business interest of his institution will soon be affected with the dry rot. The man who "never learns anything or who never forgets anything" is unfitted to manage an institution of learning in this age.

There are many particulars in which O. U. seems to have fallen into a stereotyped way of doing things. Our agents must work, our teachers must teach, and our students must learn, in the way these things were *formerly* done. If a new measure is proposed or a new plan of action is formulated, we are met with the objection that "we have been accustomed to do things differently." Our agents must be *preachers*, our trustees must, in large part at least, be *preachers*, and we must, as far as possible, make preachers of all who attend O. U., and, no matter how many of them come, we must not charge preachers' children tuition. Now the Lord forbid that I should seem desirous of reflecting unfavorably upon the preachers. I have no wish to do so. I have "from my youth up" been taught to respect that class of men. I still think they are, in the matter of piety, about as good as average people. I was taught to think them much better. I think them endowed with ordinary human aspirations, and that they possess, at least, the ordinary amount of human frailties, but that they are endowed with more than ordinary, or even average, *financial ability*, I most seriously doubt. The fact is, wherever you find a preacher who possesses, or thinks he possesses, more than usual financial ability, you will find that he rarely sticks to his calling. He will ordinarily turn insurance agent or "commercial traveler."

Otterbein University belongs to, and should be governed by, no order, clique or class. It is the property of the *whole* Church. It should be managed by the whole Church, and that with a view to securing the patronage of everybody without regard to any church.

The United Brethren Church has already had enough preacher-owned, preacher-managed, and I had like to have said, preacher-bedeviled, institutions of learning. The preachers have done a great deal for the world and the Church along educational lines, and that is an eminently proper thing; but that they should on that account arrogate to themselves the entire ownership and control of all our educational institutions, is eminently improper.

Let one fact be noted. I have already stated that the literary societies of O. U. have been a grand success. If the affairs of O. U. had been so well managed as those of these societies it would to-day be enjoying an immense boom. These societies have succeeded because they have been managed by the young, the energetic, the enthusiastic. We need more youth, energy, and enthusiasm in the management of the parent institution. One of three things must happen, and that soon: the present managers of O. U. must either imbibe more of these qualities, or

they must vacate for those possessing them, or O. U. will cease, in the near future, to be an institution of learning located at Westerville, Ohio.

I, for one, heartily favor their vacating. A step or two in the right direction, has already been taken. One very proper step that I may mention, is in placing upon the Board of Trustees, *business men*. The Miami and the Central Ohio Conferences have taken the initiatory in this direction. If the other co operating conferences follow their example, something better still may be hoped for. By far the most promising step taken in recent years in the management of O. U. has been in giving the Alumni a representation in the Board of Trustees. There is but one objection to that step, and that lies in the fact that it is *only* a step. As at present constituted, one in ten of the trustees is chosen by the Alumni. The Alumni ought to have a controlling influence in this board. And when I speak of the Alumni I mean that body as a whole, and not the fifteen or twenty of them that may chance to be present at commencement from time to time. Under the present arrangement only Alumni who are in Westerville at the time of the election can vote. Last election fifteen Alumni voted for the trustee elected. There are 296 Alumni living. Not one in ten of these, as a rule, are, or can be, present at the election of the alumnal trustee. This ought not to be. Some plan should be devised by which every alumnus can vote whether present or absent. No class of persons have a deeper interest in O. U. than her Alumni. The fact that they were for years students in the institution and have had opportunities of learning her needs, of studying her character and organization, would lead to the conclusion that they possess the knowledge that will enable them to act intelligently as trustees. They are interested in her standing as a college, in her honor and advancement. Their standing among the educated depends primarily upon hers. An unselfish interest in her welfare, fortified by a knowledge of her needs, is the strong argument in favor of their being given a greater, if not a prevailing, influence in her management.

We have surely reached a point where a radical change of management is demanded. The responsibility rests upon the board of trustees. If they blunder they should be held responsible. Their blunders can not be atoned for by selecting *scape goats* from the faculty. The time for that is past. They simply undermine their own influence by attempting anything of the kind. Let the trustees do their work along financial lines as well as the faculty has done its work, and we shall soon be on safe ground.

A. W. JONES.

SYMPOSIUM,—SHALL OTTERBEIN HAVE A GYMNASIUM, AND WHEN?

To have a gymnasium or not to have one, is no longer a question that should cause any further discussion. The time has passed when mental culture alone will guarantee men success in life. To be sure, the thorough cultivation and development of the mind is a requisite for a successful life, but this alone will not prompt many of our boys to make the required effort. There must be something besides seven years of hard and tedious study of Latin and Greek to attract the boys to our colleges. Even the anticipation of being connected with one of the most pleasant Sunday-school classes, will not suffice.

There must be some incentive outside of the regular routine of college duties to induce our youths to take college education. To the young, gay and joyful mind what is more attractive than the many college sports? Innocent they are, and yet how useful and necessary. Never has there been such attention paid to gymnastic exercises and college sports as at present. Has it diminished the worth of a college training, or the proficiency of our many graduates?

To some who do not fully understand the matter it may seem that too much attention is being paid to these for the student's own good, while the majority realize their importance. Never, in the world's history, has there been such grand results attained by college men as at present. Who denies it?

This being the case, is there any reason why O. U. should not pay more attention to these, have a well-equipped gymnasium, and permit her boys to indulge in the useful training and the innocent sports as other colleges do? Surely there are none that will argue against the necessity of a well-equipped gymnasium for O. U. When shall we have it? Now is the accepted time, say the boys, and indeed there will be no better time in the future. Some think there are many hindrances to such a project. The most important is that we can not raise the money necessary until our college debt is paid. Men have been paying to this debt for years and it remains the same. Many are discouraged and will not give their further support. But these same men will pay very liberally to such a grand and useful acquisition to our college.

There should be no discouragement among its advocates if some man does not give at once \$5,000, but let each one make a liberal donation and the amount will be easily reached. Having this addition to our college will it not be more of an inducement to pay this much heard of debt?

The more property O. U. has the more interest will there be taken in her welfare, and when the final demand comes for the entire payment of this debt, our people will rally as in the past and overcome the debt, and look upon O. U. with love and admiration with her many facilities for the cultivation and development of the moral, mental and physical natures of her many sons and daughters.

B. V. LEAS, '91.

Among the many needs of O. U. and next in importance to the payment of the college debt is a gymnasium. No educational institution can afford too many attractions. Colleges that have most extensive facilities for moral, social and physical development secure the largest attendance, and are regarded as model institutions.

The modern educational idea is not only book learning but also judicious physical exercise, and that O. U. may secure this practical additional advantage, a gymnasium is necessary. What improvements have been made for the pride and comfort of the students and development of athletic sports, during the last five years, with two or three exceptions, are the result of the individual efforts of the students. As a rule, the church, O. U. and its patrons have been conservative along the line of advantages necessary to bring the University into prominence and into the notice of similar neighboring institutions. Our

students have few incentives to become members of college circles and associations. Our means of becoming skilled in athletic sports are practically nothing, or at least so until the present year. A gymnasium undoubtedly would obviate this difficulty and thus bring before the public not only the excellent material of O. U. but also the institution of which we feel honored to be members. Such an attraction would be a prime factor in securing a greater attendance and one of which every patron of O. U. might feel proud.

Now since it is evident that O. U. needs a gymnasium, let a plan be devised which will enlist the hearty co-operation of all parties interested, and with earnest, constant individual effort we will see the proposed institution in running order before holidays '91.

R. H. WAGONER, '92.

Every student at Otterbein knows that we need a gymnasium, and nearly every student, girl and boy, longs to have one, and have it first-class. We want one now—we do not want to be satisfied with the idea of having one ten years hence, even if we are called selfish. We want to be selfish enough to desire a gymnasium, when it will do the students that are at Otterbein now some real good.

Otterbein is becoming a better school every day. Faculty and students work together and take interest in everything that tends to improve. Otterbein fully expects in the near future to stand first among the colleges of her State, and she could do nothing that would put her ahead faster, than to have a splendid gymnasium for her students.

If we have a gymnasium at all, we want one that will be well equipped and large enough to accommodate fifty gymnasts. If we have a \$10,000 gymnasium, it will be one of the finest in the State, and such a gymnasium would soon become famous. Many students would come to Otterbein in order to put their bodies in a good physical condition, at the same time that they were stowing up knowledge for future use. Thus, a gymnasium would not only benefit the students who are here at present, but it would be a great feature in bringing in many new students. We are fully decided that we need a gymnasium, a good one, and need it now.

BESSIE C. KUMLER, '92.

A question quite similar to the one now bestirring the friends of the institution, yet differing widely in its scope, arose for consideration at the recent annual meeting of the Athletic Association. Deeply feeling the need of a gymnasium in connection with the development of athletic interests at Otterbein, the assembly was confronted with the question secondary to no other: Shall the "Athletic Association" have a gymnasium? Three important questions presented themselves to the committee then appointed to deliberate upon, and mature plans, if possible, for a small gymnasium, namely: Would a gymnasium benefit the members of the Association and school? Is there a need for the same? and, Could the Association with its limited means carry out any extended plan? The many benefits and needs of a gymnasium were imploringly evident to the committee but they soon saw that any plan would be thwarted by the limited means of the Association. The movement bore no apparent fruit. It was premature and too selfish in its purpose. Although

futile in itself it nevertheless foretold a much grander and more extensive plan, soon, we hope, to be fully realized. There scarcely appears to be a question as to Otterbein's having a magnificent gymnasium in the near future if we all but exert our influence in whatever way we may be able either by word or deed. Apparently no insurmountable obstacles obstruct the way to an early realization of this project. The faculty desire to see a neat gymnasium secured and the students more than desire it. Both see the benefits to be derived not only for the students, but especially for the institution, for it must necessarily be a great inducement to all, who may have their eyes turned toward this institution, and also many others. The need of a gymnasium we have often felt when seeing that our "campus" does not permit of a sufficient diversity of exercise and this only for the boys. Neither the benefits nor needs of a gymnasium will in themselves secure the same, but by impressing these upon the minds of all interested in this college and its prosperity, we hope soon to be able to boast of that of which we now dream.

A. C. STREICH, '93.

That Otterbein needs a gymnasium no one will deny. That she must have one if she wishes to hold her place among the colleges of the State is becoming more evident every day. The time has come when a young person desiring an education not only looks for a place where he may receive the best mind training, but where he may secure physical training as well. The day for weak-eyed, round-shouldered, flaccid-muscled scholars has past, and a strong and healthy body is now required to complete that "well sounded" manhood.

Since it is plain that O. U. must have a gymnasium if she wishes to attract her share of students, there remain two questions to be answered: (1) What kind of a gymnasium do we need? and (2), How can we secure it?

To anyone who has had experience in physical training the first question is easily answered. It must be a good, substantial building, and to accommodate the large number who will use it, it must be large enough for a large class to use it at one time. Then it must be well equipped with the best apparatus. All these things, together with a location could hardly be procured for less than \$10,000, which, by adopting the right method, can easily be secured.

The second question has already been answered by the Prudential Committee, which has authorized the construction and equipment of this building, and has appointed Profs. Scott and Guitner to raise the required \$10,000, which will be commenced immediately. No two persons could have been chosen who would have been better fitted for raising this money than these gentlemen, and our gymnasium may be considered a sure thing. Let each one give as much as he can and by next year Otterbein will have as good advantages for physical culture as any other college in the State.

M. B. FANNING, '94.

THE College has adopted colors which are expected to be permanent. The combination, which flew and flaunted marvelously on field day, are tan and cardinal.

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EDITORIAL.

COME TO COMMENCEMENT.

We would like to impress strongly on the mind of every alumnus and alumna of Otterbein that there are especial reasons why every graduate of the school should be in attendance at the season of the coming commencement. We believe that if it were possible to have the entire alumnal body present on that occasion that it would be with extreme advantage to the school. Your duty, ladies and gentlemen of the alumnal association, to the school did not cease with graduation. You, of course, each give assent to that truism. Just now your Alma Mater is in especial need of your counsel, your moral support, the practical wisdom of your years of experience. The present occasion is critical in Otterbein's history. We are on the eve of great developments, if we but show ourselves equal to the demands of our situation. Judiciousness now is future prosperity. Wise and careful steering will shortly bring us into open waters of abundant success.

We do not disparage the abilities of those who are officially entrusted with the control of the school. But they shall be the wiser for your advice and help. "In the multitude of counsellors there is safety." You can, of course, render suggestions from your distance, but they will be much more pertinent and valuable if they be the fruit of your personal observation of the ground. A substantial display of your interest in the school, in whose permanence lies the only value of your diplomas, would do particular good. Come up, renew the old enthusiasm of college days, and learn, at least, how you can work most effectually for the school in the sphere you occupy.

In addition to these considerations, the opportunity for reunion with old classmates must be, as ever, a strong magnet to every alumnus. The especially attractive program which the energetic executive committee of the alumnal association has arranged, ought to be a very persuasive inducement. The outline which they present in

their circular is auspicious of good things. Come to commencement, dear alumnus, for this reason, if no other.

The committee desires it said that they mailed a letter of invitation to every member of the alumnal association. Some they have discovered, have, by reason of change of address, not been reached, but they desire that none shall, on this account, think themselves slighted. Come one and all.

GOOD WORDS.

WE are glad to learn from so many sources that the ÆGIS is so highly esteemed and commended by the friends of O. U. Following are a few of the unsought, though greatly appreciated, words that have recently come to us from various persons:

From Dayton, O., comes this statement, "The ÆGIS is splendid; worthy any college in the land." From across the Atlantic is this, "Think you all deserve a great deal of credit for the bright, well-arranged paper you send out. Am sure it will receive a warm welcome from all friends of the University." Again from the west we receive the following, "Allow me to express a word of commendation for OTTERBEIN ÆGIS, whose cheery monthly visits to our sanctum recall many pleasant memories associated with college life at O. U. In workmanship it compares favorably with any of its kind. The candor with which it treats the various departments of college work, and the fairness with which it reports the doings of the four literary societies, commend it to every friend of the University."

While we are thus assured that our efforts to furnish a monthly periodical for Otterbein have not been in vain, we are conscious of a possibility for future improvement. One of our correspondents in giving some very wholesome advice speaks thus, "What you should be is a racy agitator for the success of your college. A bright, free, open arena for the free exchange of undergraduate opinion."

We heartily agree with this view of our mission, though we are scarcely ready to consent to making the ÆGIS entirely the product of undergraduates. We grant, nevertheless, that in the future the college and its interests would be more successfully promoted if the students themselves would take a more ready hand in the discussion of affairs relating to college and students. For this reason we ask that the undergraduates especially show their zeal for O. U. by availing themselves of the opportunity we present of expressing themselves upon any legitimate topic.

The ÆGIS is published with the express view of benefiting our college in whatever way is possible, and we believe there is no better method than by hearing frequently from the student body. Mention to us any topic you would like to see discussed.

THE readers of the ÆGIS will observe that this issue is devoted more largely than usually to matters pertaining strictly to the college which it represents. In doing this we feel that we in no sense transcend the mission of the typical college journal. Every college paper is expected to adapt itself to the requirements of the institution which it represents and for which it is published. From its inception the columns of the ÆGIS have been understood to stand open for the pens of all persons who desired in

any way to conserve the welfare of O. U. If this privilege has not been used to the fullest extent it is the fault of those who might have been expected to do so. A college managed as are most of the colleges of our land is of mutual interest to students, alumni, faculty, trustees, and a host of other friends, and it can be considered no act of presumption if they demand the privilege of being heard upon any legitimate subject pertaining to the institution. We enjoin upon all of the friends of O. U. that while they be scrupulously careful not to abuse this privilege, they avail themselves of it as the occasion may demand. With this platform distinctly understood we trust the ÆGIS may be of greater use in the future than in the past.

It is thought by some that the age of poetry is declining. Others vigorously affirm the opposite. However this may be, we do not believe the poetic era has entirely passed away. However much poetic taste may vary, we do not think there will ever be a lack of relish for some kind of poetry. Sometimes there may be an apparent apathy for the productions of living poets and, as some affirm of the present, the demand for poetry may be largely satisfied by the product of the past. We believe, nevertheless, that to those who are at all poetically inclined, it may be a source of profit as well as pleasure to practice the composition of verse. We would be pleased if we could occasionally receive a short, original poem for the columns of the ÆGIS. It would furnish a wholesome variety of matter and provide an incentive to poetic effort. No objection will be made to wit or humor, provided it be moderated by sense and propriety. Additional fitness will be secured if the poem refer in some way to O. U., or to college life and interests.

OTTERBEIN has reason to be proud of its faculty. The chairs are all filled with men of character, ability, and teaching power—men who command respect from men of like station and pursuits throughout the State. We make no invidious distinctions and disparage none of the other departments in remarking that in its classical faculty, Otterbein is particularly strong. Our Latin and Greek professors, both specialists in their lines, are men of reputation among scholars. Prof. Guitner, of the Greek department, though but fifty years of age, has occupied his present station for twenty-nine consecutive years. Yet in all that time Prof. Guitner has not fallen behind the forefront of progress in his line, and has steadily kept himself and his department abreast of the times. His grasp on the intricacies of the Greek language is marvelous, and his knowledge of Greek literature, life, and customs encyclopædic. His power of instructing is far above the average. The professor's plans for next year are such as will raise still higher the standard of his department and increase the range of electives. His name is a bright and shining light for Otterbein, standing as he does among the most efficient Greek teachers of the west.

It appears to us very patent that the only considerations that should govern the choice of instructors for any college, are, beside good character, a competent knowledge of the subject and ability to teach it. Some seem to think that financial ability or oratorical power are requisites of a good professor, but we do not see any foundation for such an idea.

It might be worth your while, honored trustee, when you come to attend the board's meeting this spring, to ask a student here and there what he thinks of college affairs. The students are close observers, intensely interested in the welfare and reputation of the institution, and not altogether without a modicum of sound gumption. They have the advantage of being constantly in sight of the workings of the school. While doubtless you will need to deduct something for youthful impetuosity and youthful lack of experience, you will have a residue which will doubtless be suggestive to you.

OTTERBEIN should have a college song. The present college year has seen the adoption of a fitting college cheer, and there is an equally urgent demand for an Otterbein song. We believe the college contains the talent, both poetic and musical, to produce a song that will do credit to the institution and be delightful to sing. Nothing would contribute more to genuine college loyalty and good feeling. It would be sung at home and abroad. It is to be seriously regretted that we have so long been deprived of the privilege of singing an Otterbein song. Who will take this matter in hand? The ÆGIS is ready to advocate or publish anything that will contribute to this worthy end.

ALUMNI.

S. B. Kelly, '86, was in town on business a few days ago.

'76, We are sorry to chronicle the death of J. Taylor Cochran, which occurred at his home in Pennsylvania last month. We are not advised as to particulars.

Mrs. G. W. Mowry, '77, who has been living in Columbus for some time has returned to Westerville, where her husband is foreman in the office of *Public Opinion*.

'84, L. C. Shuey, who is regularly engaged in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association in New York City, was one of the speakers at the recent State Y. M. C. A. Convention held at Durham, North Carolina.

'90, J. Stanley Wilhelm, who has stood at the helm of a school in Tennessee during the past year, has recently accepted work in Fostoria Academy, Fostoria, Ohio. He will assist in the summer Normal from June 15th to July 24th.

Prof. B. T. Jinkins, '83, superintendent of the schools at Sparta, closed another successful year of educational work two weeks ago. Prof. Jinkins has held his present position for several years, which insures that he is successful in that field of work.

Prof. L. D. Bonebrake, '82, superintendent of the Mt. Vernon schools, has been re-elected to the same position for next year. The advancement made by Prof. Bonebrake in his profession has been rapid until now he is recognized as one of the most prominent educators in Ohio.

Rev. J. I. L. Resler, '76, Mt. Pleasant, Penn., Mrs. L. A. Keister, '74, of Dayton, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Miller of classes '83 and '82, respectively, whose home is at Homestead, Penn., were in attendance at the funeral of their father, Rev. J. B. Resler, April 29th. Mrs. Miller will remain with her mother until after commencement.

EXCHANGES.

THE *Lantern*, of Ohio State, is to be a weekly hereafter.

IN the Inter-State oratorical contest, Indiana, represented by Frank Fetter, of the State University, took first place; Ohio came in sixth.

WE are free to remark that the *Owl* from Ottawa University is a magazine. We can not like the religion of our brethren in Catholic institutions, but we're not having any quarrel with them over that; and we must say that we, emphatically, do like their brains and their culture.

SAYS the *Earlhamite*: "The OTTERBEIN ÆGIS is a new comer and we are glad to welcome it. All Earlhamites will be interested in reading an exceedingly well-written production on 'Switzerland and the Swiss,' by Prof. Florence M. Cronise. Miss Cronise is well known to Earlham students, and her abilities no less appreciated."

THE following, though clipped from an exchange and not originally intended for Otterbein, is so exactly in play at the present time that we must print it. Its explanation will serve to relieve any apprehension that certain extraordinary noises around us may awaken in the minds of some:

"Hark," said a stranger in our village to his companion, grasping his arm. "Listen! What are those deep detonations?" "That noise?" replied the Soph. "O, that's only our college booming."

THE exchange man on the *Spectator*, of the Capital University, is a gentleman who, out of the large greatness of his heart, essays to serve as good mentor to all his brethren this wide land over. His criticisms are free as the wind, and have also some other characteristics in common with moving air. His remarks are more frequently notable for scurrility than for extraordinary sense, but like most critics he grows angry when anyone else trains guns on himself. He becomes absurdly irritated because somebody said he used too many adjectives. Awful charge! righteous wrath! And among other vaporings he talks of certain papers "no longer supplied by the thought of students, but by far superior minds foreign to them." They, he charges, "contain literary matter written solely by outsiders, not students. Is this fair or right? No." Why not, O judge? "This is a mean way of enhancing the value of the paper and an imposition." Thy name, Jealousy, is legion. It is not right because it enhances the value of a paper. Forsooth. It cannot, however, be thought marvelous that college papers who are not able to secure contributions from their faculties and alumni, should raise an outcry against those who "enhance the value" of their publication by inserting the wise words of older heads. We, at least, are not so small-minded as to be without appreciation of the value of our privilege of sitting at the feet of "far superior minds." We are thankful and proud, therefore, that the ÆGIS has the confidence and support of faculty, alumni, and friends who so willingly contribute to its columns. It is not merely a journal for students; it is a journal for the whole school. At the same time, we hardly need to repeat, our literary matter is not "written solely" by others than students. The students have been and are represented. There is plenty of room for all. We are desirous of having many articles from undergraduate pens. Send them in.

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COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

OUR readers will doubtless be interested in seeing a brief resume of the program of the exercises which will mark commencement week. Study this carefully, imagine how good it will all be, and then come and see how much better it is than you imagine.

The earliest entertainment which will rightfully be included in this list, will be the annual recital of the Davis conservatory of music on Wednesday evening, June 3rd. The exercises will be under direction of Mrs. Todd, the instructress in piano.

Thursday evening, the ladies' societies hold open sessions, which, if they be not entrancingly interesting, will differ very much from the usual character of the ladies' efforts. On the following evening both gentlemen's societies will install officers at sessions to which the public is invited. On these respective occasions the Philalethean and Philomathean societies will reoccupy their renovated and refitted halls.

Sunday morning Pres. Bowersox will deliver the baccalaureate in the chapel. There will be no other service in the town at that hour. The anniversary of the Christian Associations will be observed in the evening. The speaker has not yet been selected.

The anniversary of the literary societies will occur Monday evening, the 8th, at which the four societies will be represented each by an alumnus, as follows: Cleiorhetean, Miss Ida Miller, '87, Castine, Ohio; Philalethean, Mrs. S. W. Keister, '78, Dayton, Ohio; Philomathean, Rev. Dr. W. M. Beardshear, '76, president Iowa State Agricultural College; Philophronean, Prof. T. J. Sanders, Ph. D., superintendent of schools, Warsaw, Ind.

The annual university address will be delivered by Dr. Beardshear on Tuesday evening. His subject will be: "A Youth's Vision of Life." A first-class address is, of course, expected from the reputation of the speaker.

Wednesday afternoon the alumni meet, holding first a business session. They will dine together at the hour of five. The public meeting in the evening promises to be unusually interesting. The program will be unique. Music will be furnished entirely by members of the association. The speakers will be Dr. G. A. Funkhouser, '68, Dayton; Mrs. Laura Gardner Shrom, '71, Pittsburgh; and

Wm. M. Fogler, '78, Vandalia, Ill. This will be a genuine Auld Lang Syne reunion.

Class day exercises will occur Wednesday afternoon. We have no announcements to make at this time. The class seems to have material for putting up a very natural lot of monkey acting.

The grand culmination of all will be the graduating exercises Thursday morning. There will be productions full of thought and wisdom from the members of the class, the presentation of diplomas, etc.

An orchestral concert, under direction of Prof. Neddermyer, will bring the festivities to a close on Thursday night. The college orchestra, recently resuscitated, is practicing assiduously for this event.

Both gentlemen's societies at some time during the week will banquet their visiting alumni and friends. These are always very pleasant occasions, and they will doubtless show no exception to the rule this spring.

A FRIEND OF THE COLLEGE GONE.

No other death has recently occurred in Westerville which was felt as so sad a shock by the whole community as the sudden and unexpected decease of the Rev. J. B. Resler at an early hour Monday morning, April 27. In college circles especially did it seem a sore affliction, for Father Resler was known and regarded with loving respect by every professor and student. For years he had been one of Otterbein's staunchest supporters and counsellors. His interest in every phase of student-life and in the students personally was almost unbounded. In earlier years he was college pastor, reaping a wonderful harvest of souls, and afterward the institution's agent, in which capacity he accomplished a work whose marked efficiency is gratefully remembered. Until quite recently he was an active and prominent member of the board of trustees. Lately under age and advancing infirmities, he had retired from active service, but his zeal for every good work was not a whit abated.

Mr. Resler was born in Pennsylvania in 1821, having at his death almost completed the allotted "three score years and ten." He was ordained in 1845. It was his misfortune to have received only a meagre education, and it was because he so keenly and sensitively felt this deficiency in his equipment that he devoted his life so largely to educational agitation. His marriage in 1848 with Miss Emily Sharpe, who survives him, was blessed with seven children,—five of whom are still living—and it was the consuming passion of his life to place each of these in command of a college training. That desire he had almost accomplished. Three daughters and one son are on the alumna roll of Otterbein; one daughter was only prevented from completing her course by ill health; while the two youngest sons are now in school, one on the eve of graduation, the other a member of class '93. It was Father Resler's express wish that he might live to see his youngest child graduate, but this was not granted him.

The funeral services held in the college chapel on the afternoon of the 29th ult. were impressive and touching. Bishop Weaver came from Dayton to preach the funeral sermon—a magnificent discourse worthy of the grand man to whom it did honor. Dr. H. A. Thompson read a

beautiful biographical memorial, and Drs. Garst and Swain offered appreciative words.

The attendance of neighbors and fellow citizens was very large. The students sought to do the remains such special honor as was in their power. A small escort, representing the Philophronean Literary Society, of which the deceased was an honorary member, accompanied the funeral procession from the house to the chapel. Both the Philomathean and Philophronean societies attended the services in a body and marched beside the hearse to the cemetery.

The seniors sent appropriate condolences to their classmate, E. D. Resler, and the following resolutions were adopted by the Philophronean Society:

WHEREAS, We have been deeply saddened by the death of the Rev. J. B. Resler, one of the most esteemed of the honorary members of our society and the father of two of our most loyal active members; therefore,

Resolved, That, while we feel that the poor conventionalities of human words are utterly inadequate for condolence and consolation in a time like this, we cannot refrain from assuring the afflicted and sorrowing family that our truest and tenderest sympathies go out for them. Our hearts are pained at their pain. We remember especially the bereaved wife, to whom so many of us have looked as to a second mother and to whose kindly interest we owe so much, and the sons with whom we are so closely associated in college and society relations, and who are now deprived of a father's counsel and love. We pray that to the whole family God may be abounding rich in the blessings of his comforts and compassion.

Resolved, That we, as young men, do, and will, treasure the memory and sweet influence of Father Resler's life and character, trusting that we may attain some measure of that Christian manhood whose beauty he so well exemplified.

Resolved, That, in token of our sorrow, emblems of mourning be displayed in our hall for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy transmitted to the family, and copies sent to the OTTERBEIN *ÆGIS* and *Public Opinion* for publication.

G. W. JUDE,
A. T. HOWARD,
N. R. BEST,
Committee.

YOUNG WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

The third International Convention of the Young Women's Christian Association was held at Scranton, Pa., April 23–26. About one hundred and seventy delegates were present representing fifteen different States and Canada. Ohio sent nine, this being the largest delegation. The Scranton Association numbers nearly six hundred members, and they have several rooms nicely furnished for their different meetings. These, however, were too small for our accommodation during the convention and we were kindly offered the use of the Y. M. C. A. hall.

That the people of Scranton, as well as its Y. W. C. A., gave us a hearty welcome, was shown by their generous entertainment and faithful attendance at the meetings. The musical part of the program was under the efficient management of Prof. J. H. Burke, of Brooklyn, whose devotion in song awakened a kindred feeling in every heart.

The day sessions were held in the Y. M. C. A. hall and occupied mostly by the delegates with papers and discussions concerning different phases of the Y. W. C. A. work. The three International Secretaries, Misses Tarr, Dunn and Hall, were all present and offered many valuable suggestions. We may read much of the wants and needs of young women, but are not so forcibly impressed as

when we hear it told by those who have witnessed the questionable surroundings of many promising girls.

Prof. C. S. Beardslee, of Hartford Theological Seminary, who is considered one of the finest Bible students in the east, attended two of the sessions and gave at each one an hour of very profitable Bible study. Mr. John R. Mott, College Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. International committee, also presented some very important facts showing the needs and results of the Workers' Bible Training Class. At the close of the afternoon sessions the Question Box was opened and the puzzling questions answered by Miss Corabel Tarr.

The evening sessions were held in the churches and devoted to addresses by prominent speakers among whom were Rev. E. D. Burr, of Chicago, speaking on "The Value of the Y. W. C. A. to the Church," Mrs. C. K. Adams, of Ithaca, N. Y., on "The Highest Education"; Rev. Charles L. Thompson, of New York, on "The Y. W. C. A. of Tomorrow"; Miss Anna Downey, of Evanston, Ill., on "The Power of the Holy Spirit"; Pres. Bashford, of Ohio Wesleyan University, on "The College Graduate at Work", and Mrs. W. F. Bainbridge, of Brooklyn, on "The World's Call to Service." Mrs. Bainbridge has recently traveled around the world in the interest of missionary work and presented very forcibly the need of Christian workers in foreign lands.

On Sabbath evening a number of delegates gave addresses in the different churches, after which the farewell meeting was held in the Academy of Music. A large audience assembled to witness the close of the Convention and many were turned away for want of room. One delegate from each State spoke in this meeting, a few farewell words were given by the International Secretaries, then adjourned what was said to be the largest and best convention ever held in the interest of young women. A DELEGATE.

HURRAH!

A \$10,000 GYMNASIUM IN SIGHT.

We are the people! Progress, thy name is Otterbein. We are to have a gymnasium that will be the pride of our institution and the envy of our neighbors. How shall we express our rejoicing?

It had recently become known that certain members of the Faculty were willing to undertake, on their own responsibility, the construction of a good gymnasium. A petition was therefore circulated praying the prudential committee to authorize the attempt, with the understanding that the new building should not cost less than \$10,000. The petition was presented at a meeting of the committee on the 18th, and promptly granted. Profs. Scott and Guitner were entrusted with the duty of raising the money.

These professors promptly entered upon an energetic canvass. Results so far are remarkably encouraging. The Faculty gives \$2,000, to which sum \$500 will probably yet be added. Students and citizens are enthusiastic, and give to the limit of their ability. Outside friends are yet to hear from.

The reader should carefully consider our gymnasium symposium. Some of the articles were written before, some after the development of Prof. Scott's plans, but they all breathe a feeling that we must have a gymnasium. And we are going to have it.

FIELD DAY EXERCISES.

Never in the history of Otterbein University has there been more enthusiasm than was manifested at the recent field day exercises, which occurred on the 22d inst. Notwithstanding the threatening clouds and oppressive heat, 9:15 A. M. found the college grounds swarming with bright faces, fair ladies and hopeful contestants. For twenty minutes the Otterbein Euterpean Band entertained the visitors with several of its choicest selections, then to the Athletic Association, quite to their surprise, a beautiful flag was presented by the Misses Zheering, Scott and LeFever, as representatives of the young ladies of the University. This was of tan and cardinal silk, on which the letters O. U. had been very tastefully worked by Miss Prof. Cronise. President Kumler responded very fittingly on behalf of the gentlemen of the Association. The regular programme of the day was then begun, which resulted as follows:

Mile Run,—J. D. Riebel, 5 minutes 19 seconds; Tennis Racket, Markley Brothers.

Backward Jump—R. R. Combs, 7 feet 3 inches. Illustrated Poems—W. A. Doherty, Standing High Kick, Markley S. C., 7 feet 7 inches, Pocket Knife—A. J. De Lamater, Dinner Pail, W. O. Sanders. I. G. Kumler kicked for record, 8 feet 1 inch. Kicking Foot-ball, drop, L. A. Thompson 159 feet 9 inches; Chocolate Cake—J. Williams. Running High Kick—I. G. Kumler, 8 feet 3 inches, Bottle Perfume—E. P. Vance. Ten Hops, G. L. Stoughton 101 feet, 2 Pair Cuffs, Isaac Grubb. 100 Yards Run, W. Wortenburger, 11½ seconds. Running Slippers—Jas. Spooner, 50 cents, C. W. England.

Running Broad Jump, O. L. Shank, 19 feet, Sateen Shirt. W. Beal & Co., Barrel of Lime, Adams & Davis.

Relay—College vs. Preps. College Throwing Base Ball, F. J. Resler, 312 feet, Base Ball Shoes, F. A. Scofield. Running High Jump, I. G. Kumler, 4 feet 11 inches, Wall Bracket, H. M. Osborn. 100 yards backward, W. Wortenburger, 15¾ seconds, Box Stationery, E. J. Smith. Banana Race, H. S. Wait, Bottle of Odontophile, I. N. Custer. Adjourned until 1:15 P. M. Band Concert from 1:15 till 1:45, when the contests were again commenced.

220 yards Run, H. S. Wait, 26¾ seconds, Razor—S. W. Dubois.

Standing Hop Jump, Combs R. R., 24 feet 9 inches, Pair Vases, Andrus and Bonebrake. Tug of War, College vs. Preps. College Running Hop-Step-Jump, R. R. Combs, 36 feet 3 inches, Box Toilet Soap,—Beatty and Linabary. 1.5 Mile Run, H. S. Wait, 6 seconds, Clock—A. Spayd.

Standing Three Jumps, G. L. Stoughton, Shaving Mug—Samuel Jones.

Putting 16 pound shot, W. Wortenburger, 33 feet, \$1.00—G. E. Glaze.

Hurdle Race, 100 yards. C. B. Stoner, 30 seconds. Standing Broad Jump (without weights) G. L. Stoughton, 10 feet 3 inches, Box Cigars—C. E. Weibling.

Three-legged Race, R. E. Kline—Perdue; 220 yards, 35 seconds, \$1.00, Thomas Holmes.

Throwing 16 lb Hammer, L. A. Thompson; 58 ft. 5 in. Valise, J. M. Weibling.

Running Hop Jump, G. L. Stoughton; 27 ft. Pocket-scissors, F. E. Samuel & Co.

Potato Race, C. Kiser; 33 sec. Box of Cigars, Post Master and Assistant.

Standing Broad Jump (with weights), C. B. Stoughton; 11 ft. 2 in. Pocket Book, A. H. Keefer. Wheel Barrow Race, Mr. Trump; Glass Water Set, W. W. Moses.

Sack Race, Charles Snavelly; Chair, D. W. Downey. Consolation Race, 1 1/2 mile, 50 seconds, E. L. Jones. One year's subscription to Public Opinion Company.

After the various contests were closed, there was a game of ball commenced between the Otterbein team and the Defiance team of Columbus. Rain, however, compelled the players to stop during the last half the second inning, at which time the score stood 1 to nothing in favor of Otterbein with no outs and Combs on first.

LOCAL NOTES.

THE running track on the campus has been resurveyed and regraded. It has been reduced in length seventy five feet. It was by that much too long last year. It is precisely one-fifth mile now.

THE Freshman Quartette sang at the commencement of the high school at Hilliards, this county, on the evening of April 23d. They were well received, acquitted themselves with much credit, and gave high satisfaction.

WORKMEN have recently been engaged in repairing the roof and belfry of the college building. The latter, it appears, has been lately more ornamental than safe. The danger of its coming down prematurely has now, however, been removed.

AT the Galena high school commencement on Friday evening, the 15th inst., President Bowersox delivered the class address and the Philomathean orchestra furnished the music. We learn that Otterbein gained much prestige through this representation.

THE Y. W. C. A.'s officers for the coming year have been elected. They are as follows: Flora Speer, president; Della LeFevre, vice president; Myrtle Miller, corresponding secretary; Lesba Beardsley, recording secretary; Daisy Custer, treasurer.

THE concert given by the United States Marine Band at the Board of Trade Auditorium, Columbus, Thursday evening, April 30, was attended by a very large number of our musically inclined people. The general verdict is that the band is not quite equal to Gilmore's.

THE second concert of the band series was given the 7th inst., and the third the 20th. The first concert fully came up to the expectations of the people, the second was better still, and the third remains unexcelled. The special feature of the third was the contralto soloist, Miss Susie Rike, of Dayton, O.

A CITIZENS' committee of twenty five has been appointed to arrange for the next year's lecture course. R. L. Blagg and N. R. Best represent the students on the committee. If as pleasant and satisfactory a course is arranged for this coming year as was given last, the committee will merit the thanks of the whole student body.

CATCHER KUMLER, of the ball team, has resigned the captaincy of that organization, and First Baseman Resler has been chosen to that position. The change is made for the same reason that a like change was recently made in the professional team at Columbus—the desirability of having a captain on the diamond.

AT a meeting of the stockholders of the Philophroean Publishing Company, on the 16th inst., Messrs. W. S. Sackett, G. D. Gossard and S. C. Markley were elected directors of the company to fill places made vacant by the expiration of the terms of Messrs. Jude, Custer and Sackett.

THE Y. M. C. A. on the evening of April 30 was favored with an instructive lecture by Prof. Scott on the "Topography of Jerusalem and its Environs." The lecture was illustrated with a graphic sketch-map of the city. It was repeated by the Professor the following Sunday evening to an attentive audience at the Presbyterian church.

THE Town Streets, alleged to be an aggregation of ball players from Columbus, having been here last month and lost a game to our men, came again on Saturday, the 2d, thinking to retrieve their damaged reputation. The result was more disastrous than on the former occasion. It looked like this:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Otterbein	2	1	1	7	1	1	2	5	*	— 20
Town Streets.....	4	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	— 7

It must be confessed that we don't shout particularly over the victory, for the enemy were probably quite as much to blame for it as our own men. That club is a poor excuse.

AT the recent yearly election of officers of the Y. M. C. A. for 1891-92, the following list was chosen: President, L. B. Mumma; Vice President, A. T. Howard; Corresponding Secretary, T. G. McFadden; Recording Secretary, J. R. King; Treasurer, F. S. Minshall; Usher, A. C. Streich. Mr. Mumma being at present employed in the State Association headquarters at Cleveland, local affairs will be administered for the remainder of the term by the vice president. The new president will take hold next fall and it is confidently expected that the rare experience which he is now acquiring he will make of invaluable advantage to the work of the Y. M. C. A. in Otterbein.

IT is probably proper to say that there was no public rhetorical performance of the second division of the junior class this spring. Nor will there be. The second junior rhetorical is not, for it did not become. Certain members of the class objected to appearing in public, and declared that they would not participate. The faculty decided that they could not be compelled to do so. Other members saw the idea, and the whole division determined to quit. Henceforth it will be understood that public are "optional", and like other optional things, they seem destined to abide hereafter in the innocuous desuetude into which they have fallen.

ABOUT the greatest ball-playing seen in Westerville from time immemorial, was the game between the College team and the Buckeyes, of Columbus. It was a remarkably close game, and at the end of the first half of the ninth, the score was 2 to 4 in favor of the enemy. Then, when the last chance came, two bases on balls, three steals, a two-bagger by Stoughton, and a three-bagger by Thompson, made three more runs, and the score 5 to 4 in our favor. The Buckeyes seeing their defeat, gave up and let Thompson make a "heimlauf," which, however, didn't count.

LOCAL NOTES.

THE lecture course of this year paid out nicely.

THE juniors will banquet the senior class at Hotel Holmes on the evening of May 27. It promises to be a swell affair.

THE freshmen were photographed *en masse* the other day, and so obtained a very pleasant souvenir of the year spent together.

THE first of the series of monthly meetings of the volunteer band, was a pronounced success—interesting and profitable.

PRESIDENT BOWERSOX delivered the address before the graduates of Johnsville high school Saturday evening, the 17th. The Otterbein Quartette sang with acceptance.

AT a meeting of the students the other morning a collection of over \$20 was taken in a very few minutes to meet field day expenses. It don't take long for an Otterbein crowd to get enthusiastic over athletics.

WE have on our subscription list the name of E. S. Smith, Westerville, O. The papers thus addressed are not taken from the office. Any information concerning this person will be gratefully received at this office.

WE are sorry to record that it has seemed necessary to postpone the project which had been set on foot for the support of an Otterbein missionary in the foreign field. The plan has not been abandoned. It is hoped that difficulties which now seem insuperable can soon be cleared away and this very desirable advance in missionary effort be successfully accomplished in the not distant future.

PERSONAL.

PROF. GUITNER and family attended the funeral of Mrs. Guitner's great uncle at Pataskala on Friday, the 15th.

PROF. FLORENCE M. CRONISE was paid a flying visit on the 15th inst. from her cousin, Mr. O. H. Allerton, Jr., of Pittsburgh.

PROF. T. L. POTTENGER, superintendent of Johnsville schools, was in town this week, the guest of M. S. and F. M. Pottenger, his cousins.

MRS. G. W. SHERRICK *nee* Miss Emma Linton, for two years lady principal at O. U., delivered the address at the Woman's Missionary Meeting at Mt. Pleasant, Pa., April 23d.

H. R. CUMMINS, of Columbus, member of class '91 at Ohio State, was in town over Sunday, the 17th, the guest of J. D. Riebel. Mr. Cummins was a student here four years ago.

MISS CLARA KIMBALL who was a student in school last fall was married Thursday eve, the 14th inst., to Mr. W. D. Waters, at the residence of the bride's mother on South Vine street.

MISS MATTIE BENDER, Messrs. R. L. Blagg, G. W. Jude, J. R. King and R. A. Longman attended a joint convention of the Y. P. C. U. and the Ministerial Institute of Central Ohio Conference at Canal Winchester, the 11th and 12th inst.

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PERSONAL.

REV. W. J. SHUEY, of Dayton, attended the Resler obsequies.

E. G. PUMPHREY spent several April days at his home at Clayton.

P. O. MYERS, of Putnam county, has gone home on account of ill health.

CLEMENTS and Bender are the latest addition to the bicyclists of the school.

C. W. KURTZ filled the pulpit of the U. B. congregation at Columbus on Sunday, the 17th inst.

H. W. BEHYMER spent the last Sunday in April with his people at Mt. Washington, near Cincinnati.

DR. GARST was in attendance upon the sessions of the Board of Education held in Dayton on Monday, the 4th.

SEYMOUR TRACT, of Galion, stopped off in town on his way back from the Institute meeting at Canal Winchester.

U. S. MARTIN attended the celebration of the I. O. O. F. anniversary, April 26, by the lodge of his home town, Taylorsburg.

MISS GRACE FOWLER is pedagogue in a district near New Albany, while Miss Kinder is instructress in the Clark district just west of town.

W. D. BENNETT, of Vandalia, became so seriously afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism that he was no longer able to attend to his college duties, and had to be taken home. F. A. Anderson accompanied him, returning next day.

H. E. ALTMAN, of Bluffton, a student in Michael's Business College at Delaware, was the guest of his brother, W. Y. Altman here, Sunday, the 3d.

E. E. LOLLAR, Saratoga, Ind., of '93, who has been out of school this term, is back in Westerville on a visit and will probably remain until after commencement.

A NOTE in the *College Ensign*, of Woodbridge, Cal., shows that John H. Francis, '92's wanderer, was recently the guest of Bishop Hatt and family at that place.

MRS. DR. VAN BUSKIRK, of Canal Winchester, nee Miss Euphemia Downey, and whilom member of '93, sat among the students in Chapel one morning recently.

C. E. EBERHART, of the music department, has taken up his abode in Columbus, where he can have advantage of more frequent instruction from Prof. Neddermyer.

MRS. G. W. JENNER, of North Manchester, Indiana, mother of our freshman brother, M. B. Fanning, spent a week in Westerville, the latter part of last month, visiting her son.

PRESIDENT BOWERSOX showed his face among us Monday and Tuesday, the 4th and 5th. He had spent the preceding Sunday at Galion with the United Brethren people there.

C. W. DICKSON, who was engaged to teach penmanship for the college, has been compelled to give up the position on account of threatened sickness. In addition to the college class, Mr. Dickson had organized an independent evening class at the public school building which promised pleasing success. We are sorry that his work came to such untimely termination.

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