

## CHURCH AND PARISH REGISTER.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—This department of the paper is commended to the attention of our pastors and churches, and friends are requested to bear in mind that its value is largely dependent on their fidelity in furnishing the material. We invoke their co-operation to this end. Send on the news.

NOTICES AND APPOINTMENTS.—Notices and appointments are published on the Eighth Page. In order to secure prompt insertion they should be forwarded so as to reach the office on the Monday previous to the date of publication.

**CHICAGO.**—Union Thanksgiving Services.—The Universalist churches of Chicago united in a morning service at St. Paul's Church, Prairie avenue and Thirtieth street, on Thanksgiving. Dr. Canfield presided and Rev. T. B. Gregory, of the Church of the Redeemer, preached the sermon. Among other good thoughts presented were the following:

Generally speaking, Thanksgiving Day is devoted to the offering of thanks for benefits received. But in the light of the splendid altruism of our time, the thought is a poor one. I will not say that it is not noble to be thankful for benefits received; but I will say that it is nobler to be thankful for the privilege of benefiting others. We may not be able to refute Pope's canon that "happiness is our being's end and aim," but down in our hearts there is something better than happiness, and when we are ready to crown some one with immortality it is upon the brow of a Florence Nightingale or a Father Damien that the crown is to sit. It is along the line of self-sacrifice that the finest blessings cluster, and if we would find them it is along that way we must travel.

**Church of the Redeemer.**—Rev. Elmer J. Felt, National President of the Young People's Christian Union, addressed the Unioners of the congregation of the Church of the Redeemer and visiting members last Sunday evening.

The services were held in the main auditorium and the address was helpful and inspiring as it outlined the work of the Union and exhorted to action in the service of the church. The weather in the evening was not propitious, or a much larger audience of young people would have greeted the National President. It was, however, a pleasant occasion and the young people were glad to greet their President and listen to his message.

**Urbana and Rev. L. J. Dinsmore.**—By a slip of the pen in our last issue we placed Rev. L. J. Dinsmore at Decatur, on an engagement with the parish for six months. He has accepted an engagement at Urbana, Ill., for that length of time. We regret the mistake and trust no inconvenience will result to Bro. Dinsmore or the Urbana people therefrom.

**ILLINOIS.**—Dixon.—The opening program of the newly organized entertainment committee of the Universalist church was given Tuesday evening, November 26, at the church and was greeted with a large attendance. It was an auspicious opening and the committee are to be congratulated upon their success. The audience was generous in its applause and there was scarcely a number on the program but that received an encore. At the conclusion of the interesting program, which included recitations, songs by a quartette, solos and instrumental music, cake and coffee were served and an hour spent in pleasant social enjoyment.

Miss Eva Emmet Wycoff, of Chicago, is to give a concert in the church December 12.

**INDIANA.**—Muncie.—The ladies of the Muncie church served their annual Thanksgiving dinner, which was a great success. They netted almost forty dollars. The day was propitious in every respect.

## MICHIGAN LETTER.

## PLYMOUTH.

This thriving town was the scene of much Universalist activity on Wednesday and Thursday November 13 and 14. People from the neighboring towns gathered in goodly numbers, and the following clergymen were present: T. W. Illman, Grand Rapids; W. S. Goodell, Eagle; Lee S. M'Collesier, Detroit; and Olivia J. Carpenter, acting pastor of the place. The meeting was called for the purpose of establishing a church if possible, so all services were arranged with reference to that end. The meetings opened at half past ten o'clock on Wednesday morning with a sermon by Rev. Lee S. M'Collesier, who spoke upon "The Holiness of All Times and Places." In the afternoon Rev. Thomas W. Illman preached upon the theme "The Stilling of the Waves," a sermon full of spiritual power and suggestion. This was followed by practical remarks from Miss Carpenter and Messrs. Goodell, Illman and M'Collesier on the purpose of church organization. In the evening the hall was filled with representative people of the town to hear what the clergymen had to say on different phases of Universalism. The themes and speakers were [1]. "The Universalist View of Atonement," W. S. Goodell; [2]. "The Bible Doctrine of Punishment," Lee S. M'Collesier; [3]. "Sinners and Other People," T. W. Illman. As an introduction to this meeting, Mr. E. L. Freeman, of Detroit, President of the Y. P. C. U. of Michigan, gave an interesting address on the work and plans of the young people of the church. On Thursday morning a large audience gathered to hear a sermon on, "Universalism, the Spirit of this Age" by Rev. W. S. Goodell. It was an excellent analysis of the general tendency of all faiths toward the real faith of our church. This was followed, as on the day before, by general addresses on the need and help of church organization. In the afternoon the session came to its culmination of purpose, for then a church was organized, and members were received into it; and the new

church was welcomed to the Association of Michigan Universalist churches. Mr. M'Collesier stated the reason for the present movement and received the new members. At the table of communion he was assisted by Mr. Illman, and Bros. Carpenter and Goodell acted as deacons. The service was impressive and full of religious significance. Mr. M'Collesier expressed especial pleasure that he was allowed to thus see a practical result of his work in coming out here at occasional times for services, and to welcome into the church so many with whom he had been associated in joy and sorrow. Twenty-four men and women were baptized and given the right hand of fellowship. There are many others who will soon follow, and a church building will ultimately be the result of this movement. For the present the congregation, composed of some of the best and most prominent people of the town, will worship in the hall. Miss Carpenter, who has gained a strong hold on the parish at Farmington, will take charge of this mission. The two places being only eight miles apart can be very well worked as a circuit for the present. In the evening Mr. Illman preached a sermon on "The Future World," and so this series under the supervision of the officers of the State Convention came to a worthy close. Much credit was due to Mr. R. C. Safford, who is the real starter of the movement, for his careful arrangements for the comfort of the guests and to the ladies of the parish for their bountiful dinners and suppers. One item should not be passed over and that is that the communion service used at this meeting was the service of the Methodist church. In recognition of this a motion was passed instructing the clerk to express the appreciation of the new church for this favor. The officers of the church are: Moderator, Mr. R. C. Safford; Clerk, Mrs. Alma Bryant; Treasurer, Mr. Geo. Bryant; Deacons, Messrs. Hurd and Tuttle.

## EAGLE.

We regret to chronicle the departure from our State of Rev. W. S. Goodell, who has been so faithful a worker among us. He has accepted a call to the church of Clarendon, N. Y., near his old home, and near Dr. Fluhrer, another emigrant from this section. We do not blame him for this step for we feel that the change of climate will be beneficial to him and his family, but we do deeply regret his going away from us. He has been an earnest pastor at Portland and Eagle, his two pastorate in this State. The Eagle church is wholly his creation for he first held occasional meetings there and afterward built the neat house of worship. He has been a success among the young people; and in the Convention and at special meetings, he has been a reliable and wise helper. We are sorry he has gone but we congratulate the society over which he shall minister.

## PORT HURON.

Whether this place is to be pastorless or not we do not know, but disloyal as it may seem we will express the earnest wish that Mr. Couden may be elected as Chaplain of the House of Representatives at Washington, where he now is putting in his best efforts to convince the congressmen that they ought to vote for him. Of course they ought to vote for him! He is the man for the place and we shall be proud to see him there; and what other theology is so well equal to the confusions of that body of men? Its spirit is the only one that can bring order out of chaos there. So if Bro. Couden goes from us he goes in a good cause, and he may become an important factor in the salvation of our nation. Anyway some of the prayers we have heard him make ought to move men to virtue and honesty if their hearts are not already turned to stone.

## PORTLAND.

We understand that arrangements are on foot here to provide this parish with a new pastor from "way down East" who shall also look out for the church at Eagle. We will give facts in good time.

## BAY CITY.

Rev. C. E. Tucker has formally resigned here and his resignation has been accepted. Before accepting this place he was in business in Pennsylvania. He finds it impossible to carry on both church and office and as the renewal of prosperity has increased his business enterprise, he feels it best to give up his church duties. We congratulate him on his business success, but regret that he leaves the State. The parish speaks kindly of him as man and pastor and he leaves with its good wishes. This parish though not so active now as usual is not without plans for pastor and new church and the guiding of its wise and wealthy men is sure to bring all things round to the best results.

## CONCORD.

The Y. P. C. U. of this society recently gave a successful entertainment for the general uses of the young people. The night of the entertainment was stormy and the young people were in the blues, but people dared the storm because they said, "these young folks always have something worth hearing."

## DETROIT.

The Y. P. C. U. are arranging for an entertainment to be given on December 6th. This is for the benefit of the national organization. Sunday, December 8th, Mr. M'Collesier takes charge of the men's class at the leading Congregational church of the city and speaks on "Prison Reform."

This class is composed of about seventy-five men and they discuss under a leader some practical topic, meeting at the same hour as the rest of the Sunday-school.

Tuesday, November 19, Mr. M'Collesier lectured on "Old Concord and Old Cambridge" at Jackson in the popular course at the Unitarian church of that city.

## BATTLE CREEK.

The Independent Congregational society of this place is to hold a series of meetings the second week of December, —11th and 12th, in connection with the installation of its pastor, Rev. Thos. J. Horner, and has invited the Universalists and Unitarians to be present. Rev. Chas. G. Ames, of Boston is to preach the installing sermon. Michigan Universalists are requested to bear this meeting in mind.

Word has come to us of the death of the son of Rev. W. F. Dickerman formerly of this State and now of New Haven, Conn. He was a young man of eighteen and of great promise. Many of us remember him and would extend to his parents our sympathy and the assurance that we are sorry with them in this bereavement.

L. S. M'CO.

DETROIT, NOV. 28.

## NOTES FROM LANSING.

—Rev. Charles Legal has been giving a series of Sunday evening sermons on doctrinal subjects which have received considerable attention. At some of the services the attendance has been so large that it was necessary to bring in chairs.

—Memorial services for son of Rev. Mr. Dickerman, the former pastor, whose decease is recorded elsewhere, were held in the church Sunday evening Dec. 1.

—Christian Union is no longer a hope but a reality in Lansing. The most fraternal spirit exists among the different churches. We have a Pastors' Social Union and Federation of Churches for municipal and moral reforms, in which all the pastors unite.

—The annual union Thanksgiving service was held this year in the Central M. E. church in the evening and the sermon was by the pastor of the Universalist church, Rev. Charles Legal. The Journal in its report remarked that the discourse was "eloquent and able." The speaker began by showing how Thanksgiving Day was indigenous to America and of its relation to the other great holidays. He called attention to the antiquity of the custom of setting aside one day in the year as a time for giving thanks. The custom of the ancient Hebrews, who celebrated annually their liberation from Egyptian bondage by feasting and prayer, was mentioned.

"Gratitude," said Mr. Legal, "is the basis of thanksgiving. But what is the basis of gratitude? It must have a firm and enduring foundation. It must rest in the hearts of every human being. It must never crumble or change. It is a foundation not of material, but of spiritual construction. If the material is the basis of gratitude then only a very small portion of the people of this great nation have anything for which they can be very thankful."

—The congregation was one of the largest ever assembled in Lansing and the innovation of holding the union Thanksgiving services in the evening proved successful beyond all expectations.

## The West.

**WISCONSIN.**—La Crosse.—The Society of Earnest Builders connected with the La Crosse parish has disbanded after a very useful career. Their work deserves honorable mention. The Society has been a very efficient auxiliary in parish and church work and it only relinquishes the field now in order to allow the Y. P. C. U. to continue the good work. The Earnest Builders put in the Sunday school annex to the church building, added afterward the library room and have helped to place the organ. The church is now complete in its appointments and the special work of the "Earnest Builders" is accomplished.

The farewell social for the Society was given last week at the home of Dr. Ladin, when the record of the Society was dwelt upon in complimentary terms by Dr. Ladin and the pastor, Rev. C. C. Conner. The Society has been in existence eight years and has expended \$225 and earned \$4,000 which has been devoted to St. Paul's church of La Crosse. Truly a good record.

## OUR IOWA BUDGET.

We are always glad to get good news from the more remote parts of our State. Lately we get some encouraging word from the southwest. At

## VILLISCA

where we have a promising and energetic society, Rev. W. Franklin Smith lately preached a few times in the Opera House. Audiences increased, and the friends were so well pleased that at a parish meeting Bro. Smith was invited to become their pastor for so much of his time as they could pay for. The invitation was accepted on condition that some other near by place might be secured to co-operate with Villisca, possibly Red Oak. We hope and trust such an arrangement can be made, that Bro. Smith and his talented wife may be a power for good in Iowa Universalism. Here we see the need of an active, devout and wise State Missionary and Superintendent to act in such cases that people and pastor may be brought together and work go on for permanent results.

## OSAGE.

Osage is alive with interest in the coming Christmas entertainment. The newly re-organized Y. P. C. U. has it in charge which means that it will be a real success. The Sunday evening service, November 24th, conducted by the Y. P. C. U. was so decidedly satisfactory, that the older people of the parish voted

unanimously that the young people take charge every fourth Sunday when the pastor preaches at Otranto. They are now making preparation to hold a mysterious "Bloomer Social," whatever that is. Who can guess? The workers have lately had the great pleasure of adding to their number a young lady who is teacher of elocution and physical culture in the Baptist seminary there. We welcome her to the joys of a free and blessed faith, the only Gospel of consolation for the world's bereavements.

## CHARLES CITY.

Our brethren have just had a little taste of evangelical bigotry, which, while in itself deplorable, yet we doubt not will redound to the good of our cause there and elsewhere. It but makes more intense the conviction of every thoroughbred Universalist that we must must have our own row, preach our distinctive doctrines that people may intelligently choose between our Gospel and the other, plead for membership, gather in the converts and place little confidence in the sugar-coated professions of orthodox love. A good brother sends the following from the Daily Herald, which shows one of the results of union revival services under the Rev. Mr. Otis:

## Thanksgiving Service.

At a parish meeting of All Souls church, called after the evening service, November 24th, Mr. Otis, together with the majority vote of the congregation, was appointed to draft resolutions giving reasons why we hold a separate service from the other churches, and said Committee reports as follows:

WHEREAS, Having enjoyed the past five years the privilege of taking part in the union Thanksgiving service with the other churches of this city, and

WHEREAS, Now being denied that privilege by the personal request of Revs. Messrs. Gould and Beach, as represented by them of Rev. Mr. Otis, together with the majority vote of the Congregational and Methodist societies and the wishes of the prominent members of the Baptist church, and

WHEREAS, Being ordered and directed by the President of the United States and his excellency, the Governor of Iowa, to abstain from labor and observe the day as becomes a Christian people, and as the constitution of the United States and the States of Iowa grant us the privilege of worshipping God according to the dictates of our own conscience,

RESOLVED, That we hold a Thanksgiving service in All Souls Church at 7:30 P. M. and that we cordially invite the people of this community regardless of sect or creed to unite with us; there to offer up heart-felt thanksgiving for past blessings and pray for the coming of the spirit of Christ, which shall make all men brethren.

RESOLVED, That we take up a collection for the poor as has been the custom in the past; and we appoint a Committee of two to act in conjunction with any other Committee appointed by other churches for like purposes; provided such union seems pleasant and satisfactory to all concerned.

Dr. E. D. Bishop,  
Rev. J. M. M'COLLIER, Com.  
J. H. O'NEAL.

We hope that some good angels of peace and wisdom and brotherly love will soon go to Clarinda and Storm Lake and revive our churches there. Their inactivity is giving the opposition their coveted opportunity to win our children, young people, and not a few lukewarm, vacillating adults. Oh, brethren let us "be faithful!"

## RELIGIOUS BUSINESS HONESTY.

We ask and require strict business honesty in the secular world, in the payment of obligations, as agreed, or in a reasonable time. If honorable, able, and justly generous, we render a reasonable equivalent for all goods or services which we receive from others. We should emphasize the practice of the same honesty in the business affairs of the church as between ministers and parishes, as to the relation and obligation of the individual member to his church both local and general.

We have heard of a Sunday-school which had let its bill for supplies run from year to year until it was a large sum. This is all wrong. Poor pay means poor credit with the public for Christian zeal and honesty. In this closing month of 1895 let churches Sunday-schools and Y. P. C. U. arrange for money and pay their debts. Individuals likewise.

E. P. S.

WATERLOO, IA.

**MINNESOTA.**—Owatonna.—We are moving in a new channel of success. Our congregations are increasing. Two of our ladies recently given a birth-day party. Receipts \$50.25. The young people have recently given a play which was quite successful. The ladies are hard at work preparing for their mid-winter fair.

For the first time in the history of Universalism in Owatonna the Union Thanksgiving sermon was preached by the pastor of the Universalist Church. The services were in the Methodist church. Six churches were represented. We all feel hopeful over our future.

**KANSAS.**—Seneca.—The Y. P. C. U. of Seneca held a sunrise praise and Thanksgiving service at 6:30 A. M. November 28, at which about thirty people were present.

The members sang and prayed and read Scripture and spoke as they are not wont to do usually, inspired by the real feeling of thankfulness that pervaded their hearts. A collection was taken for the poor of our little city. Then just as the sun was peeping over the eastern hills we sang "The morning light is breaking," and closed with the Y. P. C. U. benediction. Some hot coffee was ready, of which each one partook and departed feeling it good to give thanks for the blessings of life.

The Junior Y. P. C. U. also had a meeting. At 9:30 A. M. they came, each one carrying something. A short lesson was had on the subject of the "Widow's Mite" after which they sang "Little hands be free in giving" and were dismissed with the benediction. They had brought a surprisingly large amount of food and some clothing for the poor, and a committee of older people immediately set out to distribute these where they were needed.

**MISSOURI.**—Kansas City.—After four years of persistent work inaugurated by Dr. Shinn, who gathered together a handful of our faith and started them along the road toward gaining a pastor and a church the friends here reached their first objective point and on Sunday, December 1, listened to the first sermon by their new pastor, Rev. Charles R. East, who came here from Northfield, Vt.

Although a strong wind drove the snow and sleet through the air, making the weather exceedingly uncomfortable to church goers, a good audience gathered to welcome Bro. East and his wife, and listen to the very excellent sermon that he preached on "The Universalist Idea of Sin."

The sentiment of the people on short acquaintance is that Bro. East has the qualities necessary to make our church a prominent feature in the mission field of the Central West, in which work he will be ably seconded by the many amiable qualities of Mrs. East.

The next objective point will be a new church building and the Ladies' Aid Society will hold a three days' fair December 18, 19 and 20 to raise money for the building fund which they have been adding to for five years.

In the issue of this paper of November 16, it was stated "that after struggling to exist for four years" we were about to have a minister; the writer objects to the statement, and appeals to every fair-minded reader to decide if present conditions don't rather point to commendable progress and success rather than a brave struggle for existence.

## OHIO NEWS LETTER.

## COLUMBUS.

The recent lectures of Dr. E. L. Rexford on "Why I am a Universalist and Unitarian?" attracted congregations which filled every portion of our Columbus church, and reports were liberally published in the city papers. He began on Sunday evening, November 24, a series upon "Getting Religion." The following are the topics: 1. "A Child Getting Religion;" 2. "Religion for Young Men and Women;" 3. "Religion for Middle Life;" 4. "The Religion for Old Age;" 5. "A City Getting Religion." In view of the fact that Rev. B. Fay Mills, a noted evangelist, is now holding meetings in Columbus, these sermons can not fail to be advantageous to rational views of religion. Dr. Rexford preached Sunday morning, November 24, on "The Sting of Death."

## A "FELLOWSHIP SUPPER."

On Thursday evening, November 21, All Souls Church in Cleveland gave a Fellowship Supper in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the organization of the church, full reports of which were published in Cleveland papers. The constitution of the church requires such an observance every fifth year. Tables were set in the auditorium, and each table was decorated with chrysanthemums and other flowers. At the conclusion of the elegant supper, Mr. W. F. Adams, toast-master, called out addresses as follows: "After Five Years," Hon. George L. Case; "The Sisterhood of Churches," Rev. Dr. J. S. Yeager, of Epworth Memorial Methodist church; "The Brotherhood of the Ministers," Rev. Dr. James L. Cheney, of Williams Avenue Baptist church; "What the Church Ought to be," Rabbi Moses J. Grier, of Wilson Avenue Jewish Temple; "The Preacher and his Church," Miss Lucy J. Crobaugh; "The People and their Church," Dr. H. L. Canfield; "Liberty and Union—One Evermore," Rev. Marion Murdoch, of the Unitarian church. We regret that our limited space prevents any synopsis of addresses; but they were all appropriate to the occasion. The meeting closed with singing the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds," etc.

## PALESTINE.

Miss Mae Louise Tucker, one of the faithful young workers in our Palestine church, writes: "Our Union is not dead; we have been tolerably active during the summer and fall. We raised eighteen dollars for the Greenville church. Dr. J. P. MacLean preached his first sermon as our pastor November 10. His morning sermon was on the 'Resurrection,' evening subject, 'Man.' Both sermons were excellent. There were large congregations, and Grandfather Hill was able to be out. The Woman's Alliance hold their devotional meetings monthly. On December 1 they are to hold their first meeting in the church. On Saturday evening, November 30, the ladies will serve supper for the benefit of the church."

## PLAIN CITY.

Our church in Plain City, though without a pastor, is not dead or sleeping. The Sabbath-school recently had a social, by which over ten dollars were realized. Another one is to be held December 7. The Secretary is in correspondence with the church in regard to securing a pastor, and we hope soon to report that it has been accomplished.

## NORWALK.

A correspondent from Norwalk informs us that the Y. P. C. U. has paid all of its debt. The Sunday-school gave an en-

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tainment recently, which realized over twenty dollars which enables it to close the year free of financial obligations, and enables it to meet all demands promptly. The school is gradually increasing in numbers, and hopes are entertained for a steady growth. The members of the Alliance are preparing some clothing for needy scholars. The Alliance had a sale November 19, by which they made, above expenses, over twenty dollars.

## MILFORD.

The Missionary Alliance at Milford is collecting literature to send to the hospital at Gallipoli. The attendance at Sunday-school is increasing. The Mission Band held an interesting meeting November 19. The ladies are expecting good results from their fair to be held December 7.

## FARMERS STATION.

Rev. O. G. Colegrove preaches at Farmers Station on the second Sunday of each month. At the communion service held November 10, four young people united with the church. On the evening of that day Bro. Colegrove preached in New Vienna, and had a large congregation and good attention. The Harvest Concert, by the Farmers Station Sunday-school was a grand success. The decorations were beautiful, and the church was crowded. A phonographic concert, given under auspices of the Y. P. C. U. realized eleven dollars, of which the Union received one-half. Rev. E. V. Preble and Miss M. A. Bortle visited the church in the interest of Buchtel College, November 15.

## DUDLEY.

Some eighteen years ago a church was organized by Rev. J. W. McMaster, at Dudley, a small hamlet in Noble county, and a neat church erected. Prosperity was enjoyed for some time, when deaths and removals and other adverse influences, greatly weakened the church, both in numbers and financial ability. But there are a few faithful souls left, who desire to keep aloft the banners of God's universal love. At their request the Secretary visited Dudley and held services on the evening of November 22 and 23, and twice on Sunday, November 24. In spite of inclement weather the attendance was good, and a young lady united with the church on Sunday evening, and others will in due time. We had an interesting meeting with the young people Sunday morning. The Y. P. C. U. composed of six young women is a source of strength to the church. The church is needing some repairs, which we trust will be made soon. We are satisfied that with proper encouragement and assistance the church may again become strong. We hope to make another visit there soon.

## EATON.

Our correspondent at Eaton writes: "Our church is working along quite well in all of its departments. The Y. P. C. U. is growing both in numbers and interest. The Sunday-school is holding its own, and the Missionary Alliance is doing a good work."

## ARE YOU PLANNING FOR REVIVAL MEETINGS?

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meetings will be held in our churches during the present season, especially in those which have only monthly or semi-monthly visits from their pastors. A series of well conducted meetings will not fail to arouse a larger interest in the membership, and will often result in making valuable additions. We hope to be able to report many such meetings and to chronicle numerous accessions to church membership.

## PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

—The annual fair of All Souls Church, Cleveland, was held on Wednesday of this week.

—Mrs. Sara L. Stoner delivered a Thanksgiving sermon in her Jeffersonville church November 24.

—Our church in Blanchester united with other churches in a Thanksgiving service at the Free Will Baptist church.

—The ladies of our Greenville church served supper on Thanksgiving Day, to assist in paying the small debt on the church.

—Rev. O. G. Colegrove preached at Centerfield, December 1, in exchange with Mrs. Sara L. Stoner, who supplied the pulpit at Blanchester.

—In our report of Montgomery Association, we failed to mention New Madison as being represented. Mrs. I. N. Lockett was the delegate and was present.

—Rev. Dr. Rexford addressed the students of the Ohio University in the chapel, November 20, on "True Courage and the Conditions under Which it Exists." The State Journal says: "The address was witty and eloquent and was highly appreciated by all who heard it."

—Dr. Cone, President of Buchtel College, completed his sixtieth year, November 16, and the college and preparatory faculties made him a "surprise visit," which was a pleasure to all who were present. An impromptu feast and impromptu addresses made the evening a delightful one.

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