

the Dr., who was always a favorite with his fellow students, I presume very regularly "put in" a welcome appearance. J. J.

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Ohio Wesleyan University, Nov. 15, 1870.

DEAR ARGUS: When has the Alma Mater of Methodist colleges heard from her beautiful daughter the Ohio Wesleyan? Many months have passed, and only her general reputation, "known and read of all men," it is true, has gone up in maternal greeting. And now have you time and space for a more particular word concerning how we are getting along so far away from home? And first, we commence the college year of 1870-71 with an enrollment of 311 students. 200 of this number are of the college classes, viz., Seniors 37, Juniors 37, Sophomores 55, Freshmen 71. The remaining 111 belong to the Preparatory and Academic departments, a majority to the former. From various recitation-room evidences, it is apparent that not a few of even candidates for college standing might be properly conditioned in spelling, reading, writing, etc., after the manner of other colleges, some of which are acknowledged models. Would it not be better in nine cases out of ten, for both college and student, to require the fulfillment of these conditions before admission? Such a requirement strictly carried out would raise the standard of our common schools throughout the country, and thus benefit not only those who do not, but also those who afterwards do, go to college.

Too frequently the Alumni of our colleges betray an inexcusable ignorance of the very elements of English grammar, especially of

orthography. To remedy this evil, let our colleges have a chair of English literature, ranking in importance with that of Greek, Latin, or Mathematics; and let them also require for admission a preparatory training in that department as well as others. It ought to be thought a higher accomplishment to be able to use well our native language than to decline *logos* or conjugate *amo*.

The Ohio Wesleyan sustains a share in the general interest concerning the improvement of college campi. The following from the minutes of the Cincinnati Conference will give an idea of the work:

"Your committee has heard with great pleasure that the Rev. Joseph Creighton, of the Ohio Conference, having resolved to plant on the grounds of the University a specimen of every shrub and tree that will grow in this climate, has labored in this enterprise for several years at great expense and encouraging success, and that Mr. J. R. Wright and Mr. P. P. Mast have recently employed a scientific gardener to lay out walks and ornament the grounds in the most approved style; we therefore recommend that the Conference express to these gentlemen its gratitude and high appreciation of the enterprise commenced, and thus far so successfully prosecuted." The Alumni and students of the O. W. U. and the Methodists of Ohio very heartily join in this expression of "gratitude and appreciation." The fine sulphur spring, of which Dr. Elliott said, before Ohio Methodism had fixed upon this as her educational center, "God Almighty never made another such a spring, and here must be our University," has been improved at great expense, and made a "thing of beauty," as well as a source of health and comfort. It is within a few steps of the Alumni Hall,