

Impressions of Oberlin College this Year.

transition (Oberlin and Oberlin college are both different this year from what they used to be. One is impressed with the feeling that this is an up-to-date college, which could not have been said of it ten years ago. During the last year two fine new buildings have been built and are now in use; the Finney Memorial Chapel and Carnegie Library.

h. The Chapel is a large, well-built stone and concrete structure finished in old English style throughout. The college has been contemplating the construction of the chapel for several years, but not until the summer of nineteen seven was it started. A son of one of the greatest college presidents, Charles Guerdison Finney, gave the larger part of the money with which to build it and also the land on which it stands. There the old red brick house of President Finney

stood, which for the past eight years or more had been used as a botanical laboratory. The chapel could not be built when the donor first offered the money, because the college and he could not agree on the plans of construction. The college desired to have a gallery of some size but Mr. Finney wanted it to have none at all. They finally made a compromise and the chapel was built with a small gallery. All the students of the institution can now have prayers together instead of part being at one place and part at another.

The new Carnegie Library is one of the finest buildings in Ohio. It is absolutely fireproof. The stack rooms are steel frames with glass floors and steel shelves. Even the roof is fireproof, being made of concrete on a steel foundation. The main floors on second and third stories are concrete and feel as solid as a stone walk or a brick pavement. The first floor is of mosaic work, the

stairway is marble, all door and window casings are of finely finished oak and together they leave an impression of stateliness and grandeur on the mind of the new student. In every room of the library there is a telephone which makes it very convenient. On the second floor is the main reading room. It occupies the whole front of the library and seems very large and magnificent in comparison to the ~~one~~ in the old Spear Library. This reading-room is meant for the use of students in the institution only. On the first floor there is a smaller reading room for the use of the High School students and townspeople. The Carnegie Library is a fine building and the students have reason to feel proud of it.

The new student in Oberlin this year rightfully feels that he is in a high class up-to-date college with the best of buildings and equipments.

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