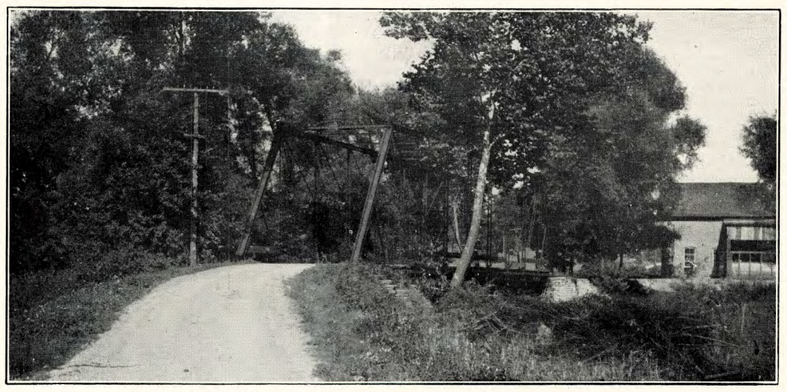
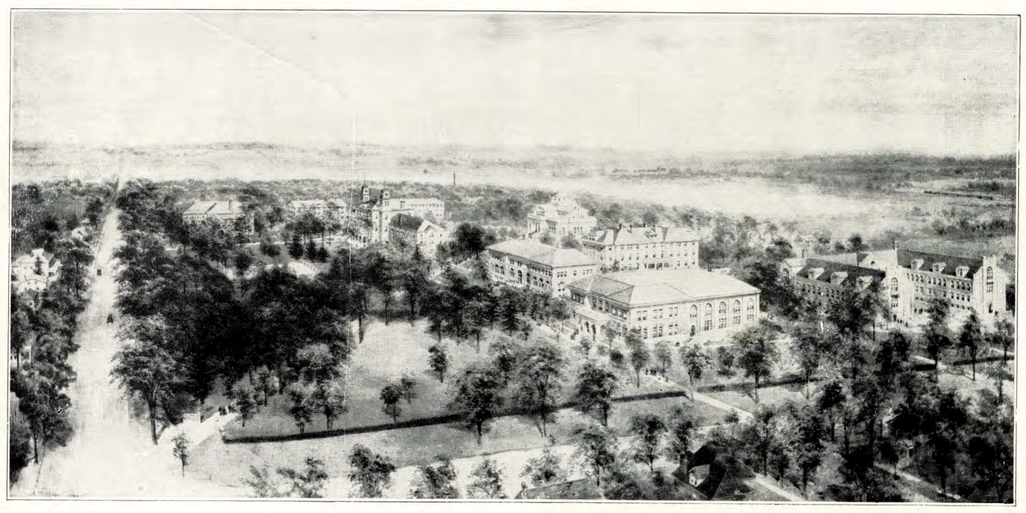
Oxford, Ohio, the Home of Many Educational Activities

Standing upon the tower of Miami University one summer's day, Bayard Taylor, America's poet-traveler, looked out upon Oxford and the surrounding country and said: "For quiet beauty and scenery, I have never seen anything to excel it, except in Italy." No better description can be given, no higher words of praise, than this simple utterance of the poet.

Oxford, as its name implies, is an educational center. It is distinctively this. The earliest land grants stipulated that the town and the country roundabout should be set aside for educational purposes. It has always been a college town; it always will be. Manufacturing is unknown there; it is not a market save in those lines of business which naturally flourish in any little town; it is preeminently a place of learning and culture. It has been truthfully said that the very air in Oxford is different; for the presence of the university and colleges is instinctively felt, and naturally the people fall in with the line of thought and action of its professors and instructors.



SCENE ALONG THE TALLAWANDA NEAR OXFORD



BIRDSEYE VIEW OF MIAMI

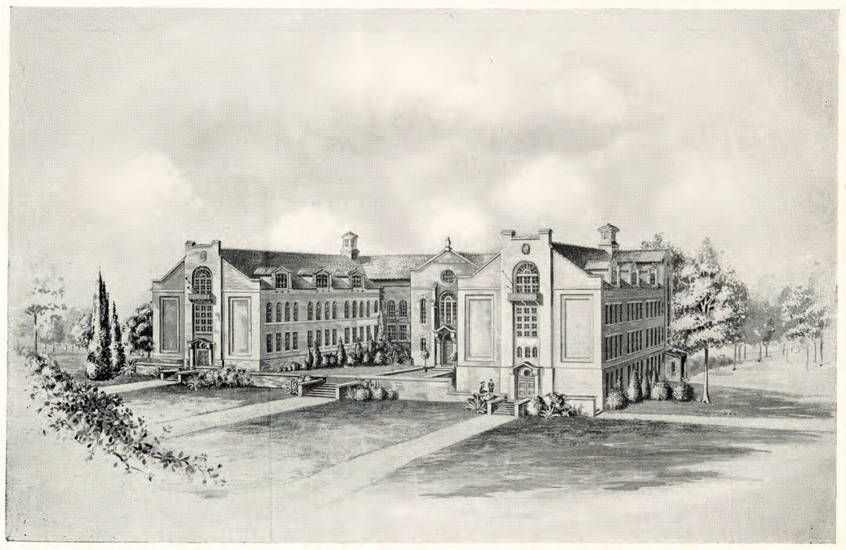
The town, which is just one mile square, was laid out in 1810, but was not incorporated until thirty years afterward. It has enjoyed no phenomenal growth except in an educational way. In 1830 its population was 737; in 1910 it was 2,017. This, of course, is exclusive of the student population, which, at almost any season of the year, will bring the total number of inhabitants up to 3,000 or more.

As a place of residence Oxford is also notable, and many beautiful and costly homes line its pretty streets. The village owns its own electric light plant and water works, and is provided with a splendid new sewerage system.

Some idea of the advantage offered by Oxford as a place of learning may be gained by the brief statements of its educational institutions which follow.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Miami University, today one of the leading institutions of learning in the Middle-West, was originally provided for in the Federal Land Grant of 1787, and was founded by the legislature of Ohio in 1809. As a university, it was formerly opened in 1824, having previously existed as a preparatory school. The first class was graduated in 1826, and since that time thousands of young men have left its halls, many of whom have risen to ranks of eminence in religious, business and professional life. Today Miami University has eleven thoroughly modern, well-equipped buildings, and a faculty of fifty members. The buildings are situated on a campus of 65 acres, acknowledged to be one of the most beautiful and healthful college grounds in the country. Since 1887, women have been admitted to Miami, and the annual enrollment exceeds one thousand students. No college in America offers better courses, more perfect equipment, or higher moral conditions than Miami University.



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This institution, conducted by the State of Ohio in connection with Miami University, was established in 1902 to furnish well-trained and efficient teachers. A staff of 31 professors and several student assistants furnishes the instruction in the college, and no charge is made for tuition in any of the courses. A model school is maintained in connection with the college, thus giving each student the most practical training in all branches of common school education. Just now the Normal College is adding great strength to its agricultural and nature-study departments. Teachers in Ohio who are desirous of becoming more effective in their work, thereby being guaranteed better employment and higher wages, will find no institution more beneficial.

OXFORD COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.

Founded in 1830, Oxford College is the oldest Protestant institution for women conferring the B. A. degree in the United States. The plant of the college is valued at $175,000; its endowment is $100,000. The faculty numbers more than twenty scholarly women, and in addition to the four-year Liberal Arts course leading to the B. A. degree, there are exceptionally strong courses in Music, Art, and Expression; also a two-year course in Domestic Science. The enrollment at the college this year numbers 150 young women.

WESTERN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.

The Western College for Women, founded in 1853, is located on an estate of 350 acres just outside the corporate limits of Oxford. This institution offers strong courses in the classics, science, literature, pedagogy, art and music, leading to the B. A. degree. With an endowment of $300,000, this college owns property valued at $400,000, and is recognized in educational circles everywhere as an institution of the first rank. Nearly 250 young women are attending The Western this year, the largest enrollment in the history of the institution.

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