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— The Association of Ohio Colleges, during its meeting at Wooster, Dec. 27, formally adopted the resolutions of the American association for the advancement of science and the American philological association, concerning the degrees of S.D. and Ph.D. Henceforth the sixteen colleges comprising the association are in honor bound not to confer either degree, except upon examination. 

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