

1106-01-499 **J. J. Tattersall*** (tat@providence.edu), Department of Mathematics, Providence College,
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In November 1888, the New York Mathematical Society held its first meeting. Earlier that year, Benjamin Finkel, an undergraduate at Ohio Normal University, began editing a weekly column devoted to mathematical problems and their solutions in the college's newspaper. A few years later, in an effort to improve high school teaching in America, Finkel founded and co-edited with John M. Colaw the *American Mathematical Monthly*, now the official journal of the Mathematical Association of America. We focus on the contributors and their contributions to the mathematical department of the *Ohio Normal University Herald* and the influence of the London-based *Educational Times and Journal of the College of Preceptors* on the column. (Received August 31, 2014)