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### On the Cover

**T**HE CROWD leaving Rosse Hall at the conclusion of the 130 Commencement. Photograph by D. Garverick Studio, Mount Vernon, O. Other Commencement pictures in this number by Guy Lipps Studio, Mount Vernon; Bradford Connor, '61; and the Garverick Studio.

**The President's Inauguration . . .** As reported in the Spring Bulletin, the inauguration of F. Edward Lund as president of the College will take place on October 4. Alumni who plan to return to Kenyon on this occasion should notify the Office of the Alumni Secretary not later than September 15. It is not anticipated at this time that a special mailing on the inauguration will be sent to alumni.

**General Foods Fund Gift . . .** The General Foods Fund, Inc., has selected Kenyon as one of six institutions to receive a grant of \$25,000 for 1958. The other recipients are Colby, Harvard, New York University, Princeton, and Yale. The Fund, an independent foundation sponsored by General Foods Corporation, has made education grants of nearly \$1.8 million since its formation in 1953. Kenyon's grant, which will be held in endowment, will be known as the General Foods Fund. Income will be applied toward operating expenses and faculty salaries.

**Debate . . .** The Kenyon debaters were highest negative team at the Pitt Spring Novice Debate Tournament held at William Pitt Debating Union in Pittsburgh. Members of the winning team were Donald McCreery, '59, of Lakewood, O.; William Hartman, '61, Toms River, N. J.; John Stanley, '60, Rye, N. Y.; and Ziad Khaled, '61, Jerusalem, Jordan.

## Gleanings

**Commission on Advanced Placement . . .** Bayes Norton, professor of chemistry, completed a three-year term last spring as chairman of this commission, which establishes the general policy direction of the advanced placement program of the College Entrance Examination Board. Alumni will recall that this program originated in the School and College Study of Admission with Advanced Standing, a project with which our late President Chalmers was so closely identified that it was often known as "the Kenyon Plan." (The purpose of the program is to permit able and ambitious students in the nation's secondary schools to enroll in special courses with some expectation of receiving credit and advanced placement in college.) Mr. Norton continues as a member of the commission and during 1958-59 will also serve on the examiners committee for chemistry. Edward Harvey, professor of French language and literature, is a member of the examiners committee in French. In late June, Mr. Harvey was associate chairman of the Advanced Placement Conference in Foreign Languages held at The University of Toledo.

**Lilly Endowment Gift . . .** A gift of \$5000 from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., has made possible the appointment of a committee which will undertake an intensive survey of Bexley Hall. The committee will explore the seminary's finances, its policy on admissions, its curriculum, and the area of its support, and will serve in an advisory capacity to the president and the board of trustees. Members of the committee are the Rt. Rev. Arthur C. Lichtenberger, '23, Bex. '25, Bishop in the Diocese of Missouri and chairman of the joint commission on theological education of General Convention; Wilber Katz, sometime dean of The University of Chicago Law School and a trustee of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary; the Very Rev. Gray M. Blandy, dean of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest; and the Rev. Walter N. Roberts, president of the United Theological Seminary and president also of the American Association of Theological Schools.

**New Trustee . . .** At the luncheon meeting of the Kenyon Alumni Association on June 1, George Farr, Jr., '26, was elected to a three-year term as an alumnus trustee. Mr. Farr is a partner in the law firm of Spieth, Bell and McCurdy in Cleveland. He began the practise of law in that city in 1929. From 1937-41 he was assistant county prosecutor in Akron, and during 1942-43 he was a special attorney in the chief counsel's office of the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Washington, D. C. He returned to Cleveland in 1943, and has done legal work for Kenyon since 1946. Since 1956 he has been a trustee of the Cuyaboga County (O.) Bar Association, and last year he was president of the Civil War Round Table of Cleveland. He is agent for the class of '26 and alumni president of Phi Chapter of Delta Phi fraternity. . . . At the same meeting, the Rev. Stuart G. Cole, Bex. '28, was re-elected to a second three-year term as an alumnus trustee. Mr. Cole is rector of the Church of the Ascension in Lakewood, O.



From:

W. E. Frenaye

Alumni Secretary

THE 130 COMMENCEMENT now belongs to the past. The sounds of the three-day weekend echo ever fainter in these ears: former president Peirce's clear and polished nonagenarian voice will be heard again when the first release in the *Voices of Kenyon* series is available; the lusty singing of the caned and hatted class of '28 will be heard again in five years; the Commencement speaker will, we hope, return to tell us again of our educational heritage; even the imperious alumnus will come again next year to inveigle a harrassed alumni secretary into a room with a private bath.

A varied and sentimental and exciting Commencement was number 130. What, however, was number 130 *not*? Historically, alumni associations had their beginnings in the reunion, which was designed to continue the fellowship which is a traditional part of college life in America. Certainly, the 130 Commencement of Kenyon College was true to such a tradition—and this tradition is one whose continuance should be cultivated. An additional tradition, supplementing the reunion-fellowship, has been instituted at many of Kenyon's better sister-institutions. It is the encouragement of intellectual purpose in alumni associations. *Alumni associations are by definition societies of educated men and women.* Is not, then, a primary purpose of an alumni association educational? And how can the intellectual purposes of Kenyon alumni best be served?

AN EXAMINATION OF WHAT KENYON has done toward the continuing education of its alumni will reveal to us what Kenyon has *not* done. (An example of the latter is that commencements, in their alumni phases, have not been directed toward the intellect by either the College or the Kenyon Alumni Association.)

On the positive side, the *Alumni Bulletin* has attempted to balance the

social aspects of alumni activity with the educational main currents of the College. It is hoped that the content of the *Bulletin* has real intellectual worth.

The series of lectures by faculty members on "Teaching at Kenyon," delivered at the last seven homecomings, has given alumni a clearer picture of Kenyon's intellectual life as seen by professors in the various departments of instruction. This program will be expanded.

DURING THE UNDERGRADUATE PERIOD, and in the years immediately after graduation, much is done by the faculties and the administration to encourage Kenyon men to continue their education beyond college. Proof of this fact lies in the cold statistical evidence: 57 percent of the class of '58 are going immediately into the world's finest graduate and professional schools.

Economics 111 is not taken merely in order to dispose of Economics 112. Faculty members not only encourage more education after Kenyon, they maintain contact with their former students in the graduate schools. They ask these men or their schools which areas of study prepared them best, which might be improved.

The long-range commitment which begins when the student arrives on the Gambier Hill is deserving of support by the alumni, who are, after all, those very same students four to forty years later.

The American Alumni Council (the trade organization of alumni directors) suggests that the following basic principles of continuing alumni education serve to guide member institutions and their alumni associations:

Alumni associations have no desire to usurp or duplicate the existing alumni education activities of institutions of higher learning.

Alumni associations may most proper-

ly operate alumni education programs which correlate the past education and the present circumstances of their alumni.

In suggesting programs which "correlate past education and present circumstances" we do not imply support of any particular moot philosophy of education. Each institution reflects a philosophy of its own choosing, and this fact is a unique strength of our system. We mean instead that each association, employing its institution's chosen philosophy, has a special responsibility steadily to carry to its members the current relevance of the education which grew from it. For the liberal arts college, this might mean challenging the alumnus to use the breadth of intellectual experience given by the liberal arts for more fore-sighted judgment of the issues of the day. For the technical college, this may mean emphasizing new ideas and techniques in the field of specialization. For the professional school, this may imply concentrating on the development of the profession. Whatever the form, such efforts must grow from the special emphases of the alma mater. The closest cooperation with academic officials is necessary.

The forms of such programs will vary widely. Many agencies of communication already exist. The club meeting, the reunion time, special publications, and the alumni magazines are obvious existing media. The magazine has been overlooked most generally and most surprisingly.

In continuing alumni education there are unusual opportunities for cooperation among institutions of like philosophy and their alumni associations.

Past efforts in continuing alumni education have sometimes been quickly judged unsuccessful because popular response in the early and experimental years has been less than overwhelming. Such judgments often have been too abrupt. We urge that new programs be planned with the expectation of small beginnings and slow growth. The habits of generations cannot be changed in a day.

The new programs would be those the alumni want. Certainly Commencement, when the largest number of alumni are back, should be considered as an appropriate occasion for alumni education. Much might also be accomplished through and by local Kenyon alumni clubs.





At left, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom in their library. At right, Mr. Ransom receiving the degree of Doctor of Letters at the 130 Commencement.



IN A NATION whose literary life is wedded to the colleges," *Time* wrote in its May 12 number, "quiet, courtly Poet John Crowe Ransom has for years been one of literature's most influential college teachers. An ironist of edged eloquence, Ransom has published only a few dozen sharply tooled poems, but they are among the best written in the U. S. this century. A critic of high reputation, he has never allowed his views to fossilize; he can retreat with grace from an untenable position, or with great courtesy flay the hide off a literary wrongdoer."

The magazine added, "Courtesy and a decorous spirit—as well as immense poetic acuity—are what Ransom's followers praise him for, and he began early to collect followers. As a young instructor at Tennessee's Vanderbilt University in the early '20s, he became a founder

and chief literary exhibit of a band of southern poets (Allen Tate, Robert Penn Warren, *et al.*) called the Fugitives. . . . Wrote Tate later: 'Gently and always implicitly, [he] referred our young aberrations of mind and manners to an order of courtesy above us all . . . He has kept before us the example of a classically educated intelligence . . . He is one of the first poets, in any language.' "

Mr. Ransom came to Kenyon in 1937, and during this twenty-one year interval,

JOHN CROWE RANSOM: POET, CRITIC, editor, father and friend of the new poets and professors who now, in your 70 year, hold up the standard of poetic achievement recognized by the whole world of letters. Your Kenyon community is happy and proud, on this occasion, simply to hold the mirror up to you and let the world see the undistorted image. You have taught us that the artist does not simply hold the mirror up to nature, but the mirror image of you, sir, is sufficient. We want to see you as you are.

## John Crowe Ransom

Mr. Ransom outside his home.



as *Time* observes, Kenyon "has become a focus of literary ferment rivaled by few colleges." The magazine described *The Kenyon Review*, founded in 1939 by Mr. Ransom, President Chalmers, and Philip Blair Rice, as "one of the nation's best and healthiest literary quarterlies."

In June, Mr. Ransom retired to an *emeritus* status on the faculty, but we shall have him for one more year as editor of the *Review* and permanently as a neighbor in Gambier. He and Mrs. Ransom are building a house immediately to the east of their present home.

At the 130 Commencement, the College conferred on Mr. Ransom the degree of Doctor of Letters. The citation made to him by President Lund expresses eloquently the pride we take in his achievements, the pleasure we feel in his company, and our affection for him.

Looking at you thus, we remember your poems that make a miracle of language. We are glad with a healthy provincial bias that the language you have honored is English, and American, and Kenyonese. We remember the no less sensitive critical insights you have given us into this wonderful language of poetry, in volumes of philosophical appraisal. We remember the rare courtesy with which you have talked to us about these things, and to the world at so many places where you were invited to speak. We remember that people everywhere see our community in the best light, through the lens of your *Review* which you have been editing for decades here on this Hill, making our home a Mecca of the literary imagination.

Finally, looking at you thus, we remember with pleasure that your Olympian preoccupation does not prevent you from loving a ball game, a horse race, a political campaign, a televised Western, and tomatoes in your garden.



From:

*Skiff Falkenstine*

Director of Athletics

THE 1957-58 SCHOOL YEAR saw the athletic fortunes of the Lords drop almost to an all-time low. In only thirty-two percent of our contests did we emerge victorious. The outstanding team of the year was the swimming team (see *Spring Bulletin*), which won its fifth straight Conference title.

The last Lord lacrosse team to be coached by the most successful lacrosse coach in the Midwest, Bill Stiles, finished the season with a six won-four lost record and second place in the Ohio college league. Graduation and academic losses

athletics, and received the Kenyon Klan Cup. Furthermore, he was selected to play in the collegiate All-Star North-South game at Adelphi College, Garden City, N.Y., on June 7—only the third Kenyon player to be thus honored.

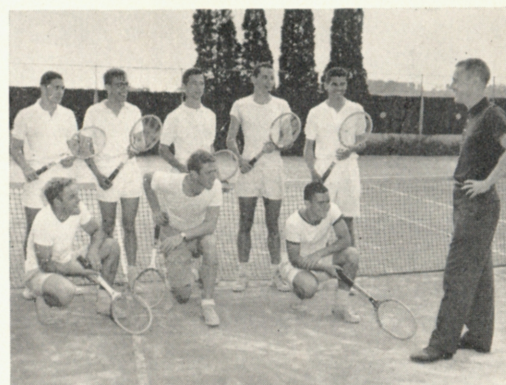
Jack Anderson of Youngstown, O., a junior attackman, led the team in scoring with twenty-seven goals and ten assists. Close behind him was sophomore Bruce Hobler of Catonsville, Md., who scored nineteen goals. Hutch Hodgson, an outstanding freshman athlete from Louisville, Ky., did a fine job on defense all spring.



from the great 1957 team were not overcome. Oberlin replaced the Lords as Midwest champs, but only after two hard-fought battles. The first loss to Oberlin came at the end of an epic struggle on pre-freshman day at Gambier. The Yeomen won in a double overtime battle by a score of 9-7.

The team was guided all season by the outstanding play of Co-capt. Don Peppers, '58, of Cincinnati, who alternated between midfield and attack positions and completed a record of twenty-one goals and twenty assists. He was chosen by his teammates as their most valuable player and gained possession of the Robert A. Weaver trophy. Peppers, who was also co-captain of the soccer team, was named athlete of the year by the Kenyon Klan and the faculty committee on

*Above*, the lacrosse team. Front row, left to right: Banning, Kellogg, Buffalin, Peppers (co-capt.), Mason (co-capt.), Meyerhardt, Schneider, Scott. Second row, Farr, Anderson, Mulholland, Warnes, Riddle, Carpenter, Weidenkopf, Ashley. Third row, Brown, Yeager, Powdermaker, Hodgson, Hobler, Fauver, Barber (mgr.). Back row, Stiles, Baum (coaches). *Below, right*, the baseball team. Front row, Whiteman, Brown, Berg, Bennington (capt.), Richards, Holmes, Roane. Back row, Bradshaw (mgr.), McCabe, Henry, Troike, H. Blake, Leahy, A. Blake, Roche, Falkenstine (coach).



The tennis team. Front row, left to right: Romero, Templeton (capt.), Mason, McArdle (coach). Back row, Russell, Muir, Coleman, Gibbon, Pantzer.

Seniors who will be sorely missed are Don Peppers and his fellow co-captain Tom Mason, an able defenseman from Chagrin Falls, O.; Dick Meyerhardt of St. Louis; Jim Buffalin of Elmira, N. Y.; Fred Kellogg of Southwick, Mass.; Bob Holstein of University Heights, O.; and this year's Anderson Cup winner, Larry Schneider of Cleveland Heights, O.

THE LORD DIAMONDMEN, PLAYING erratic baseball through their schedule of twenty-two games (the biggest schedule in Kenyon history), won only five contests. The team got off to a bad start by losing six out of seven games on a spring trip into Kentucky and Tennessee, and never recovered after returning for Ohio Conference action. The Conference record was four wins in fifteen games played. Inconsistent pitching and a lack of hitting power were costly. Six games were lost by one run (including two to Ohio Wesleyan, the undefeated Conference champs).

Ray Brown of Hadley, Mass., junior second baseman, led the team in hitting (.300), fielding, runs, hits, and stolen bases. His teammates selected him to receive the John Drake trophy, which is given to the outstanding member of the squad.







The golf team. Left to right: Crawford, Dicus, Swing (capt.), Reed, Bergold, Turner (coach).

Seniors playing their last for the Lord cause were captain and first baseman Ron Bennington of Circleville, O. (1957 Drake trophy winner); the stellar fielding centerfielder Marty Berg of South Euclid, O.; the versatile John Richards of Mount Vernon, O. (who defeated Denison 4-3 in the season's finale); and leather-lunged pitcher-outfielder Charley "Maryville" Adams of Tiffin, O.

THE RACKETMEN, UNDER THE ABLE coaching of Ed McArdle (who is leaving Kenyon after a one-year sojourn as soccer and tennis coach), placed third in the Ohio Conference tournament after a highly triumphant nine won-three lost campaign. Ohio Wesleyan and Denison took the one and two spots.

Eric Pantzer, '59, of Indianapolis, captain-elect for 1959, led the team throughout the season. He entered the Conference tournament undefeated, but there he was downed while playing in the number four singles spot. Next most consistent point-getter was freshman Guy Gibbon of Milwaukee, playing number five. John Templeton, a junior from Hinsdale, Ill., playing the tough number one spot for the third straight year, had a good season although he was hampered by an ankle injury. Junior Frank Coleman of Pittsburgh showed flashes of great tennis playing number three. Other squad members seeing action were sophomores Duncan Muir of Glendale, O., and George Russell of Akron; freshman Bob Moser of Buffalo and Sterling Louthan of Short Hills, N. J.; and senior Dave Taber of Wheaton, Ill.

THE 1958 LINKSMEN DID NOT WIN A match, but the season was completed and

golf remains as a varsity sport. Sophomore William Reed of Columbus, O., and freshman Bob Crawford of South Euclid, O., show great promise.

The football schedule for next season is: September 27, Wooster at Gambier; October 4, Otterbein at Westerville; October 11, Capital at Gambier; October 18, Marietta at Marietta (night); October 25, Oberlin at Gambier (Homecoming); November 1, Mount Union at Gambier; November 8, Hiram at Hiram.

*Help is needed to recoup the Kenyon athletic fortunes. Alumni are urged to be on the lookout for students who are athletically inclined and yet still able to meet the rising academic standards for admission to the College—and the increased cost of the Kenyon education. Notify the admissions department of all such likely candidates—then do everything in your power to interest them in coming to the Hill.*

## Mildred Irene Kimball

ON JUNE 30, an era ended when Mildred Kimball retired as dietitian of the College. The "last of the Bobbsey Twins" has had the sole responsibility for the management of Peirce Hall since the retirement in 1956 of her long-time fellow worker Lillian Chard, and she has carried on superbly in one of the most demanding jobs on the Hill. The meals served at the College have won praise not only from visitors but from a more exacting group of critics: the students and the faculties. Since 1938, when Miss Kimball and Miss Chard first came to Kenyon, they have maintained consistently high standards—and they have done so despite desperately inadequate kitchen facilities, insufficient help, and an expanding student body.

A retirement alters not only the personnel of an institution but something of the physical look of a place. We will miss very much the splendid spectacle of Miss Kimball and Miss Chard progressing at stately pace through the streets of the village in the ancient College station wag-

on which they have used for every conceivable kind of errand. Local rumor has long maintained that this vintage vehicle is held together only by lengths of macaroni, hairpins, and the iron determination of the ladies themselves.

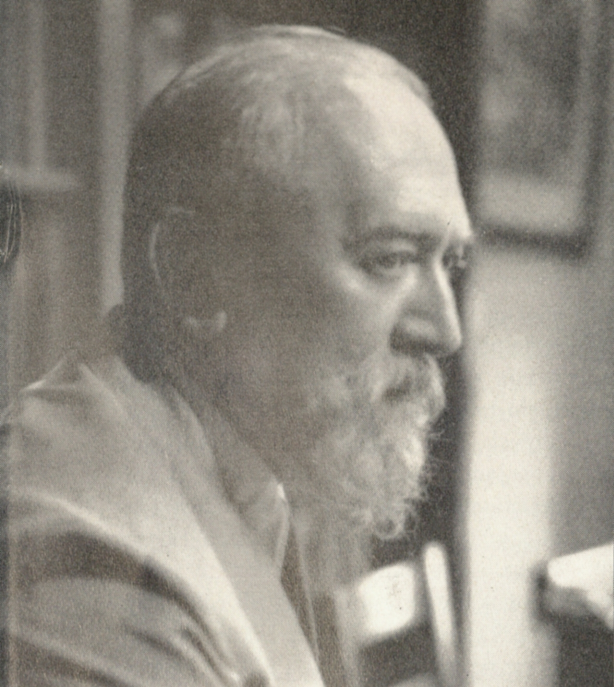
Miss Kimball was born in Wisconsin and educated at The University of Minnesota. In 1923 she went to Rockford College as dietitian, and there she remained until coming to Kenyon in 1938. At the 1956 Commencement, the College conferred the degree of Master of Arts, *honoris causa*, on both Miss Kimball and Miss Chard. The citation to Miss Kimball noted that every day "for eighteen years you have forced us to remember that the word 'education' is founded upon the Latin for 'nourishment.' . . . Under your efficient care, Peirce Hall has greatly helped to make this College 'a gracious and a comely place.' For these years of service and friendship we are deeply grateful."

And, indeed, we are grateful, and delighted to know that we shall continue to have Miss Kimball and Miss Chard in our midst, in their white Colonial house with its handsome furnishings and collections of china, porcelain, and glass.



Miss Kimball (left) and Miss Chard.





# MOSES HADAS

## amateur & Professional

THE 1958 COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

*Photograph by Blackstone Studios, Inc.*

THERE IS something particularly solemn and moving about the graduation of a liberal arts college like Kenyon and a traditional divinity school like Bexley Hall. All of you young men have graduated before, from secondary schools, and many of you will graduate again, from professional or graduate schools. But preparatory and graduate training, even in divinity, differs from the kind of education you have received here, not only in degree but in kind. Your secondary schooling was a virtual bread and butter necessity, to enable you to carry on the business of staying alive in a society where secondary education of some sort has become mandatory and to provide a foundation for maturer study. Profound or subtle ideas you may have encountered you had not the ripeness or experience to realize and assimilate. The graduate schools to which some of you will proceed are essentially professional. Even when they are concerned with arts and letters, to say nothing of law or medicine or engineering, their business is to train experts in a given craft. Even graduate faculties of divinity focus upon technical scholarship and assume the familiarity with subject matter provided by such institutions as Kenyon's college department and seminary. The special glory of the undergraduate, and especially of the liberal arts, college is that it is in the best sense amateur. There are few things so pure left in our busy lives. Here, young men who will turn

to business or farming or the learned specialties for their careers, with no thought of becoming professional philosophers or scholars, steep themselves in literature and philosophy nevertheless. And the men who guide them in their quest are no less pure; applied in other fields, their talents and devotion and demanding apprenticeship would surely bring them rewards more dazzling.

SHARING THE AMATEUR ADVENTURE OF intellectual discovery and attainment creates a stronger bond than sharing bread and salt and shelter. Men who have entered upon their humanity together are more closely knit than men who have merely existed together; that is why we find the moment of parting so affecting. And the bond of the common intellectual experience extends over time and space. All of us who have assimilated the same books and music and art, at whatever time and place we live, become part of a single texture and are closer to one another than we are to merely physical neighbors. This bond we all feel, though like all profound feelings we seldom articulate it. The union is like a good marriage between a man and woman, of which Odysseus says that "it is a joy to their friends, a grief to their enemies [in this case the people who call us egg-heads], but they themselves know it best."

The tradition of which we have become a part and must in turn propagate

will be carried on—of that there can be no doubt; institutions where liberal arts and the religious legacy are cultivated will survive because humanity must have them. But our backs are to the wall. Demands for other and more professional types of education have become so exigent as to infect even devotees of amateur education with honest perplexity. It may serve to clarify our thoughts on the relative claims of the two approaches to education if we look at the history of the tension between the two. We must begin with the Greeks, whose most important legacy to posterity was not their literature or their philosophy or their art but the thing which subsumed their towering achievements in these and other fields and which determined the direction of European civilization—the notion of what an educated man should be.

The earliest European institutions recognizably analogous to our own colleges were two rival schools founded in Athens early in the 4th Century B.C., one by Plato, who is a household word, and the other by Isocrates, who is now only a seminar word. But it was Isocrates' system, to our good fortune, which prevailed in Europe. Plato's education was specialist and exclusive. Cobblers must stick to their last and flautists to their flutes, and not meddle with crafts for which they have not been trained. But neither should non-specialists vote or read a book except under professional direction. For the directing specialists, to be



sure, Plato's training was very demanding. Its basis was a hard core of mathematics, and it was limited to chosen disciples who must have long and continuous personal contact with the master. In the defense of his career in the Seventh Epistle, Plato states that no one could ever learn his doctrine from books. However Aristotle may have deviated from Plato in other ways, in education he even outdid his master's professionalism. The Aristotelians established research programs in various subjects, and attained high professional proficiency in several. But something went out of life. In the classical period any gentleman was expected to be able to accompany himself on an instrument, to perform competently in the gymnasium, to read books; now instead of amateurs there were only virtuosi and champions and philologists. And there was another difference. In the post-Aristotelian age, when the insulation of the city-states was broken down and men had to find a new outlook upon the world, Stoics and Epicureans tried to help individuals redress the imbalance between the newly-enlarged world and newly-diminished man; the Peripatetics kept to the shelter of library and laboratory.

For Isocrates, the pre-eminence of man and his main objective was the word. *Logos* does not yet have the mystical meaning it has in the Fourth Gospel, but it is moving in that direction. Greek is to barbarian, Isocrates said, as man to animal. Man's distinction is *logos*, and the Greek's distinction is good and plentiful *logoi*. The more words a man knows, the more things he can remember and think, the fuller human being he is. And when Isocrates says "Greek," significantly, he is not speaking of race; Greek, he says, is defined by education, so that we are, by his courtesy, all Greeks. And this expansion of humanity, significantly, was made an express part of their program by both Stoics and Epicureans. Indeed Epicurus, who seems to have learned the device from Euclid, wrote textbooks to enable all men to learn his doctrine, and even graded textbooks—The Smaller Epitome, and the Larger. This constitutes a very meaningful departure from Plato's exclusiveness. All men

capable of participating in the humanistic legacy are now invited to do so, each to the extent of his capacities. As contrasted with Plato's professional approach Isocrates' could only be called amateur. It is in effect our liberal arts education—the assimilation of the humanistic legacy through a traditional canon of books. It is this legacy which has given European civilization its characteristic contours and its essential unity.

SHOULD WE PERPETUATE THIS LEGACY, and can we? Many thoughtful people who believe that we should are afraid that we cannot, because the demands of our way of life leave no room for humanistic preoccupations. Some believe that we should not, and their position is indeed the more respectable intellectually. The old, they argue, has become so laden with connotations grown irrelevant that its artificial propagation hampers natural and necessary innovation. If we carried this line of reasoning to its logical conclusion we should have to abolish all familiar symbols of language and the arts and communicate only through mathematics. There is a kind of stark fascination in this program, but I cannot believe that it needs to be refuted in this company: we will not throw the baby out with the bath water.

More commonly the debate centers not on "should we" but on "can we." Humanistic education is a lovely thing, it is acknowledged, but it is a luxury we can no longer afford. The impulse of its defenders is then to insist on its practical value. This is a tactical mistake; the essential characteristic of liberal arts subjects is that they must be impractical. The study of Latin, for example, cannot be defended on the ground that it helps spelling; it may, but spelling can be learned more economically from a spelling book. Latin and similarly impractical subjects are a refined kind of play, to be carried on in an amateur spirit, and require no further justification. Not for its own sake, but only incidentally, play does produce practical results, perhaps indeed more important than results consciously striven for. Play may be the most characteristically human activity of all; in his illuminating *Homo*

*Ludens*, the Dutch scholar Huizinga suggests that all great advances in civilization have arisen out of what is essentially play. The seminal theories which have transformed science tend to come not out of an engineering but out of a liberal arts atmosphere.

For a spectacular illustration I turn again to antiquity. The most impressive physical achievement of the Greeks, in my judgment, was their spread of hellenism over the entire near and middle east in the century after Alexander the Great. The only analogy that comes to mind is the spread of English culture in America; but whereas the English found a few neolithic aborigines, the Greeks encountered the heirs of proud and ancient civilizations from whom their own ancestors had learned, and who now accepted Greek values to the degree that they looked upon themselves as barbarians. How did the Greeks do it? Not by force of arms: Alexander's 30,000 Macedonians could easily be swallowed up. They preserved their identity and propagated their way of life by education. The first thing that any handful of Greeks did when they settled in a new place was to establish a *gymnasium*, and ruins of Greek theatres are found everywhere that Greeks settled, even in Babylonia. But the interesting thing is the curriculum of the schools. They did not teach the technology which made them efficient and which the natives admired, but Homer and tragedy and Plato—which were as "classic" to the hellenistic age as they are to us. It was the shared experience of a common body of literature which enabled the Greeks to preserve their identity and their unity, and which enabled them to determine the directions culture would take. Through centuries of history all literate Europeans were, by Isocrates' definition, Greeks. The humanistic legacy was not an object of antiquarian curiosity but a common possession. It was not, as the Peripatetic tradition would have made it, the preserve of professional scholars.

IT WAS DURING THE 19TH CENTURY that it came into danger of becoming so. Students of literature felt obliged to emulate their brethren in the natural sciences,



and, like their colleagues in ancient Alexandria, made their specialty into a kind of priesthood, not accessible to the uninitiate. Books were transformed into laboratory specimens. The laboratory work was enormously impressive, but even the experts often forgot what the ultimate objective of their craft was. A professor started a course on the *Oedipus Rex* by declaring the play most worthwhile because it offered so many grammatical anomalies, and another on his deathbed deplored his wasted life; if he had limited himself to the dative of the agent, instead of rashly undertaking to study all datives, he might have achieved something. But the chief losers were ordinary readers, whom the priestly exclusiveness tended to rob of their birthright.

In our own time, technology has enhanced the position of the expert and endowed him with something like a priestly mystique. If a cobbler cannot be trusted with a flute he can certainly not be trusted with a television receiver. But dependence upon the expert has spread to areas where we could better shift for ourselves, and in consequence it has become as difficult for an individual to retain intellectual independence as in the most credulous of the middle ages. Periodicals which circulate in the millions, television programs which are seen by millions inculcate ideals and aspirations which experts have decided we must adopt and follow. I do not mean to imply that publishers and broadcasters have entered into a conspiracy to enforce uniformity and discourage independence, but the effect is the same. When we are told that we must buy one brand of soap rather than another, there is no great harm. When they convince us that we must, to maintain prestige, buy automobiles which we privately consider monstrous in design and garish in color, the corruption is more serious. But what if the same devices should be employed to corrupt us more fundamentally in our judgments of good and evil?

We are in danger of corruption when we abdicate to the professionals in areas where professionalism is out of place. The only effective prophylactic is the stalwart spiritual independence which a liberal education encourages. This does

not mean that innovations, even in spiritual life, are to be excluded. We want new and deviationist books and pictures and music, but we need our own gauge by which to test them. A man who had never read a play might be entranced by the flimsiest melodrama; a man who has read many plays has a basis of criticism. The new play need not, indeed should not, be an imitation of the ancient, but its merits can be more surely judged and its innovations appreciated by reference to the existing legacy.

That is why the liberal arts kind of education is more essential today than it has ever been in the past. We need a proportion of people with sufficient ballast and sufficient perspective to resist the professionals when they poach beyond their proper jurisdiction. That is why it is incumbent upon the newly-initiated stewards of the humanist tradition to cherish the legacy with special care, not to be content with "but they themselves know it best," but to feel a special responsibility to strengthen and propagate it. You are the salt of the earth, and if the salt have lost its savor wherewith shall it be salted?

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## Report on Seniors

**T**HIS YEAR'S seniors in the undergraduate department have exhibited an unusual degree of scholarly accomplishment. Fifty-seven percent of the class will begin graduate study in the summer or autumn, many of them with some form of assistance.

Three men will spend a year abroad on Fulbright scholarships—one in England at The University of Sheffield (Todd Bender of Uniontown, O.) and two in Germany at the universities in Strasbourg and Friburg (Walter Edelman, North Tarrytown, N. Y., and Ronald McLaren, Butler, Pa.). Clifford Slayman of Canton, O., has been named a fellow of The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. Jerry Carlson of Jamestown, N. Y., will go to Vanderbilt University as a Henry G. Dalton Fellow in American Studies. Eugene Nassar of Utica, N. Y., a 1957 graduate who was a special student at the College during 1957-58, is the recipient of a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford. (Another major award to a member of the class of '57, John Cronin of Cincinnati, is the Adelaide Cox Fellowship in German Literature at The University of Chicago.)

Six seniors were offered Woodrow Wilson scholarships, and three of these were accepted. Two men were offered, but did not take, National Science Foundation fellowships. Two graduates will go to Yale and The University of Pennsylvania with medical scholarships. Other medical schools which have accepted Kenyon men are Buffalo, Rochester, George Washington, Jefferson, Temple, and Hahneman.

Among the law schools in which members of the class will enroll are those at Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Michigan, Western Reserve, Chicago, Virginia, and Ohio State. Candidates for advanced degrees in the arts and sciences, in addition to the award winners noted above, will go to Brandeis, Carnegie, Rutgers, Case, John Hopkins, Yale, Purdue, and many of the state universities. Three men will prepare for the ministry; two will enter the business schools at Chicago and Pennsylvania.



# The Class of '58

## *Recipients of the A.B. Degree in Course and with Honors*

- CHARLES Gordon Adams, Jr., Tiffin.; major in biology  
David Clark Adams, Pittsburgh; *cum laude*; history  
Harvey Martin Adelstein, Beachwood Village, O.; *cum laude*; economics  
Leif Ericson Ancker, Shaker Heights, O.; English  
Jon Paul Barsanti, Battle Creek, Mich.; *cum laude*; honors in economics  
John Frederick Beese, Jr., Uniontown, O.; economics; commissioned second lieutenant in Air Force Reserve  
Todd Kay Bender, Uniontown, O.; *magna cum laude*; high honors in English  
Ronald Kent Bennington, Circleville, O.; *magna cum laude*; economics  
Martin Allen Berg, South Euclid, O.; history  
Donald Richard Bivens, Columbus, O.; history; *in absentia*  
Donald David Bly, Bryan, O.; chemistry  
John Edward Bowers, Cincinnati; classical languages  
Keith Alan Brown, Pittsburgh; English  
James Arthur Buffalin, Elmira, N. Y.; German  
Dean Burgess, Norfolk, Va.; English  
Jerry LeRoy Carlson, Jamestown, N. Y.; *cum laude*; English  
John Chambers, Westminster, Md.; English  
Stephen Ira Chavin, Brooklyn, N. Y.; *cum laude*; pre-medical curriculum  
Benedict Gaitano Ciaccia, Rochester, N. Y.; mathematics  
Michael Stocke Cobb, Carbondale, Ill.; French  
Donald Robb Cochran, Jr., Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.; English  
James Richard Conway, Jr., London, O.; history  
Peter Pickin Conway, London, O.; Spanish  
William Bradley Cowles, Pittsburgh; economics; commissioned second lieutenant in Air Force Reserve  
Thomas Meade Crawford, New Castle, Pa.; chemistry  
John William Davis, Bradford, Pa.; *cum laude*; philosophy  
James Mulcare Donovan, Longmeadow, Mass.; *cum laude*; English  
Walter Lucian Edelman, North Tarrytown, N. Y.; *magna cum laude*; high honors in history  
Robert O'Dea Edington, Wyoming, O.; economics  
Robert Martin Ehrbar, Wilmette, Ill.; *cum laude*; philosophy  
Niels Ortved Ewing, Louisville, Ky.; English  
Adolph Faller, III, Chicago; biology  
Robert Nichols Farquhar, Dayton, O.; political science  
Philip Burton Fogel, Brooklyn, N. Y.; economics  
Stanley Gowan Fullwood, Riverside, Ill.; psychology  
Gale Alvin Giles, Hamilton, O.; Spanish  
Andrew Ritchie Graham, Chittenango, N. Y.; history  
Richard Harry Haude, Cuyahoga Falls, O.; German  
Paul Franklin Hill, Ashland, O.; *cum laude*; history  
Barton Hoexter, New York; biology  
Alan Craft Holliday, Bay Village, O.; history  
Robert Alan Holstein, University Heights, O.; political science  
Eugene Hutchinson, Gary, Ind.; *cum laude*; political science  
Eric Peter Stone Jacobsen, Philadelphia; political science; Distinguished Air Force Graduate  
David Calhoun Jones, Jr., St. Louis; French  
Howard Patterson Jones, Essex Fells, N. J.; economics  
John Stearly Keene, Madison, Wis.; English  
Frederick Elliott Kellogg, Southwick, Mass.; economics  
John Thomas Kysela, Lakewood, O.; economics  
Charles Owen Lawson, Orchard Lake Village, Mich.; English  
Jerome Jordan Looker, Columbus, O.; *cum laude*; chemistry  
James Alexander Martin, Bellefontaine, O.; French  
Thomas Albert Mason, Chagrin Falls, O.; *cum laude*; economics  
Ronald Eugene McLaren, Butler, Pa.; *magna cum laude*; high honors in philosophy  
Richard Louis Meyerhardt, St. Louis; economics  
Riggs Sproule Miller, Lake Forest, Ill.; history  
Ted Carroll Moody, Mount Gilead, O.; physics  
Thomas William Moore, Jr., Houston; physics  
David Russell Morgan, Salisbury, Conn.; French  
William Raymond Morrow, Gifford, Pa.; *cum laude*; honors in philosophy  
Robert Einsohn Mosher, Larchmont, N. Y.; *magna cum laude*; mathematics  
Dale Allen Neuman, Elyria, O.; *cum laude*; honors in political science  
John Paul Niemann, Winnetka, Ill.; economics; commissioned second lieutenant in Air Force Reserve  
James Eugene Parsons, Rochester, N. Y.; *cum laude*; English  
Donald Peppers, Cincinnati; German  
Robert Goffredo Pierleoni, Rochester, N. Y.; political science  
Robert Stanley Price, Philadelphia; *magna cum laude*; high honors in political science  
John Henry Richards, Mount Vernon, O.; psychology  
Julius Sander Richter, Philadelphia; *cum laude*; pre-medical curriculum  
Lee Alan Risley, Fairborn, O.; *cum laude*; honors in philosophy  
Paul Hilmer Sandstrom, Erie, Pa.; pre-medical curriculum  
Lawrence Robert Schneider, Cleveland Heights, O.; *magna cum laude*; honors in political science  
Robert Kent Scott, Cuyahoga Falls, O.; *summa cum laude*; highest honors in political science  
Richard Thomas Selway, Lansing, Mich.; political science  
William Wayne Shannon, Cincinnati; *magna cum laude*; honors in political science  
David Merle Shearer, Pittsburgh; *magna cum laude*; pre-medical curriculum  
Morton Alkins Silver, Swampscott, Mass.; *cum laude*; mathematics  
Clifford Leroy Slayman, Jr., Lake Cable, Canton, O.; *summa cum laude*; highest honors in biology  
Howe Carson Stidger, Fostoria, O.; English  
William Edwin Swing, Mullens, W. Va.; history  
David Fairman Taber, Jr., Wheaton, Ill.; economics  
Thomas Hiroshi Teruya, Lanikai, Hawaii; biology  
Allen Boyer Timberlake, Steubenville, O.; *cum laude*; physics  
John McLellan Titchener, Columbus, O.; *cum laude*; honors in philosophy  
Joseph Martin Topor, Jr., Chicopee, Mass.; history  
William Cook Wallace, Princeton, N. J.; history  
Stephen Murray Washburn, Kansas City, Mo.; history  
David Russell Willson, Hinsdale, Ill.; *cum laude*; honors in political science  
William Thomas Wilson, Shaker Heights, O.; economics; Distinguished Air Force Graduate  
Charles Elliott Woodward, Watertown, Conn.; economics  
Joseph Dominick Yourno, Utica, N. Y.; *magna cum laude*; classical languages



The  
Commencement  
Weekend  
1958





*Arrival . . .*



*At the Tent . . .*



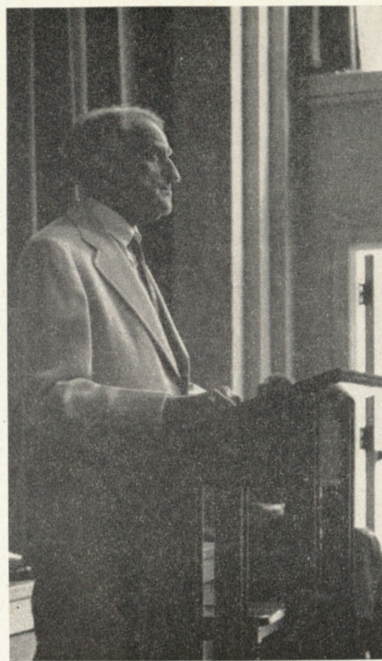
*And while the grownups were enjoying themselves . . .*

. . . so were the children (at Kokosing Camp in Gambier).





*Alumni Council  
Meeting . . .*



Former president Peirce addresses the meeting.



*Above*, a part of the audience. *Below*, Mr. Peirce and Guy W. Prosser, '16, of Cleveland.



*Alpha Delt Centennial . . .*

On East Wing's terrace.



*At left*, at the Alpha Delt banquet on May 31, the Kenyon chapter presented Carl R. Ganter, KMA, '99, of New York with a cup in recognition of his many years of devotion to his fraternity. (A similar award was made to Stuart R. McGowan, '28, registrar of the College, for his long service as resident counselor.) Robert W. Tuttle, '37 (center), of New York was toastmaster at the banquet, and the principal speaker was the Hon. James Garfield Stewart, '02 (right), of Cincinnati. The diners paid tribute on this occasion to Harry Wolf, KMA, '96, of Muncie, Ind., who is the oldest living member of the local chapter.



*Softball Game . . .*



*Conversations in Sunlight . . .*



Left to right: Mr. Peirce, Henry Grund, '08, of Cleveland, and Wendell Beggs, '08, Columbus, O.



At left, The Rev. David W. Thornberry, '96, Bex. '98, of Birmingham, Mich. (with pipe), and Dana Hill, '17, Lakewood, O.

*Ladies' Luncheon  
at the Country Club . . .*





## Reunion Luncheons and Dinners . . .

*At right*, the Class of '08. Back for this Commencement were Wendell Beggs, Columbus, O.; Ralph Gordon, Norwood, O.; Henry Grund, Cleveland; Fred McGlashan, Zanesville, O.; Raymond Cahall, Gambier.



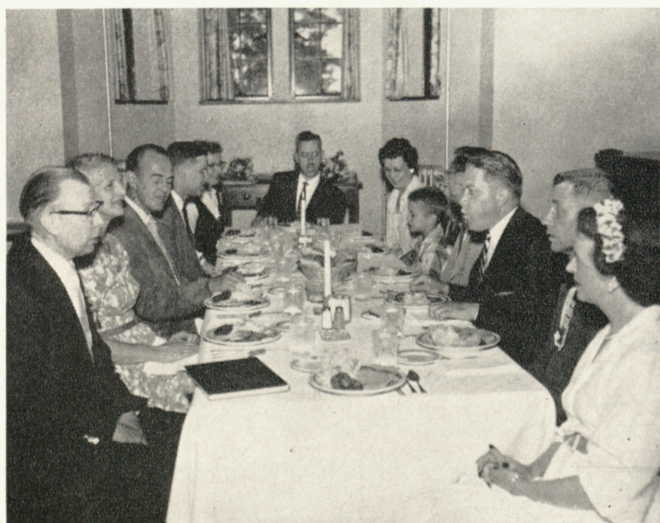
*At left*, the Class of '18. Back for this Commencement were Walter Faben, Montpelier, O.; the Rt. Rev. Arthur McKinstry, Easton, Md.; Clarence Platt, Mansfield, O.; the Rev. John Putt, Griggsville, Ill.; Adyen Remy, Crestline, O.; Wendell Stillwell, Mount Vernon, O.; Pierre McBride, Louisville, Ky. Former president Peirce was a special guest at the dinner.



*At left*, the Class of '28. Back for this Commencement were Francis Bruce, Shaker Heights, O.; John Carroll, Kissimmee, Fla.; the Rev. Stuart G. Cole, Lakewood, O.; Neal Dow, North Durham, N. C.; G. S. Foos, Springfield, O.; R. B. Janes, Princeton, N. J.; Thomas P. Jenkins, Indianapolis; Stuart McGowan, Gambier; Louis Samotus, Scarsdale, N. Y.; D. Morgan Smith, Elmhurst, Ill.; Edward Stanton, Bay City, Mich.; Robert Weh, Cleveland; and Russell Wiandt, Youngstown, O.



*At right*, the Class of '33. Back for this Commencement were Henry Burr, Kansas City, Mo.; James Clark, Canton, O.; Robert Knowles, Solon, O.; Frank Lindsay, Decatur, Ill.; Charles Munson, Summit, N. J.; Edward Owen, Sharon, Pa.; Alfred Perkins, Naperville, Ill.; William Reutter, Detroit; Chester Smith, Detroit; Kenneth Swift, Mount Vernon, O.; and Henry Wilcox, Monroe, Mich.



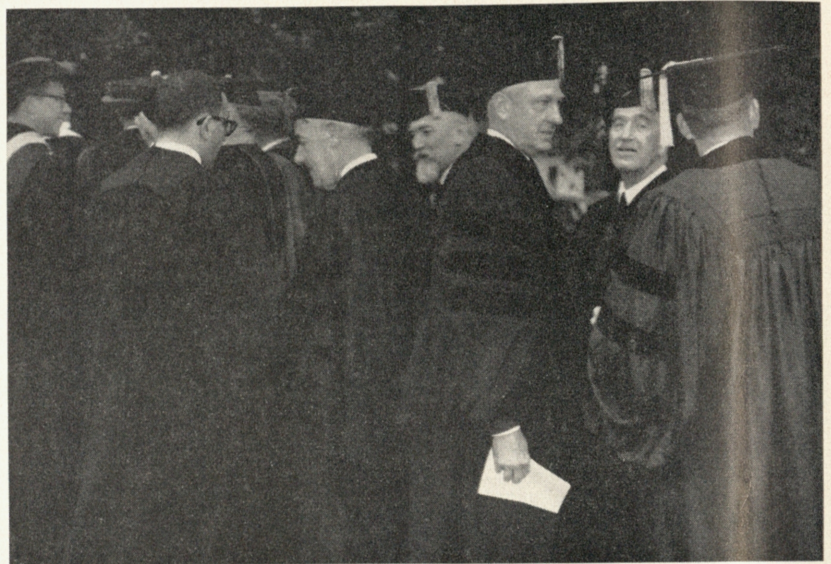


## Commencement Day . . .



*Above*, the Rev. Kenneth H. Gass, '38, Bex. '40, Hon. '58, of Birmingham, Mich., and the Rev. B. Whitman Dennison, chaplain of the College. *At right*, holding program, Barry Bingham, Hon. '58, of Louisville, Ky. To the right of Mr. Bingham, facing camera, is William M. Milliken, Hon. '58, of Cleveland.

The procession forms.

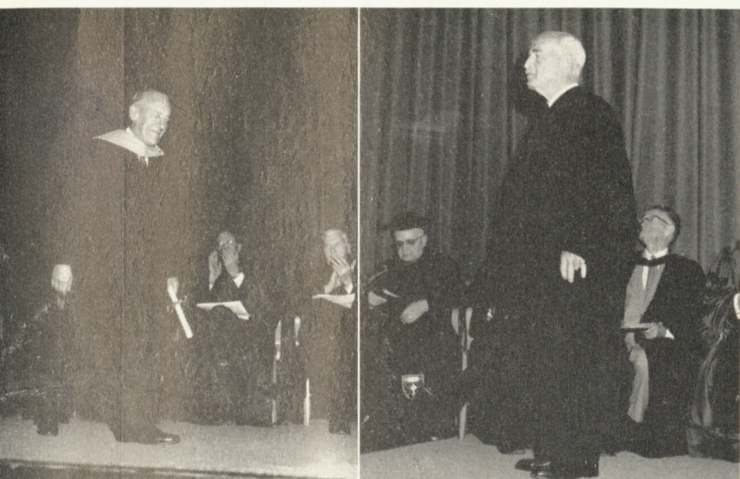


*Above*, the Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, Bishop in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, and Mr. Peirce. *At left*, going from left to right: President Lund; Moses Hadas, Hon. '58, of New York; Kenyon C. Bolton of Shaker Heights, O.; and John Crowe Ransom, Hon. '58, of the Kenyon faculty.





*In Rosse Hall . . .*



*Above, left, the procession enters the Hall. Above, right, Clifford L. Slayman of Canton, O., receives his diploma from President Lund. Mr. Slayman graduated *summa cum laude* with highest honors in biology. Far left, Detlev W. Bronk, Hon. '58, of New York. Left, William M. Milliken, Hon. '58. At right, the Very Rev. Lloyd E. Gressle, Bex. '43, Hon. '58, of Wilmington, Del.*



*New Bachelors . . .*





## Commencement Luncheon . . .



Above, in profile with his back to the camera, is Mr. Bingham. To the right are President and Mrs. Lund. At left, facing camera, is Mr. Bronk. At right, Mr. Bronk (in profile) and Mrs. Lund.



## Going Home . . .



## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

**B**ARRY BINGHAM, Doctor of Laws. Mr. Bingham is editor-in-chief of the *Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal* and *Louisville Times*, and president of the Courier-Journal and Times Company. Citation: "Because of your awareness of the responsibilities of a free press in a troubled world, you have used your influence to develop and maintain the moral leadership as well as the physical power of this Republic. . . . Daily you demonstrate that the quality of a newspaper is more significant than its bulk."

**DETLEV W. BRONK**, Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*. Mr. Bronk is president of The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. "As a scholar, you have . . . applied the tools of the chemist and physicist to the study of the 'physiology of sense organs and of the nervous system.' . . . As an administrator, your ability has been recognized by appointments as president of The Johns Hopkins University . . . the American Association for the Advancement of Science . . . [and] the National Academy of Sciences. . . . As an educator, you have sought constantly to improve the institutions which you guide by the introduction of new educational programs of outstanding merit."

**THE REV. KENNETH H. GASS**, '38, Bex. '40, Doctor in Divinity. Mr. Gass is rector of St. James's Church in Birmingham, Mich. "As chaplain to the late Bishop Keeler, you were one of the two Americans present at the historic consecration of Bishop Santos Molina of the Spanish Reformed Church in Madrid. You are one of the few who have been invited to preach to Queen Elizabeth and the Royal Family at the Chapel Royal in Windsor Great Park."

**THE VERY REV. LLOYD E. GRESSLE**, Bex. '43, Doctor in Divinity. Mr. Gressle is dean of the Cathedral Church of St. John in Wilmington, Del. "Chairmanships of committees and diocesan departments seem to gravitate to you. Parochial missions spring up under your touch. . . . In your many concerns for the Church you have not lost sight of two important facts. The true minister of Christ must be a man of consecrated learning, but above all he must have a concern for souls."

**MOSES HADAS**, Doctor of Humane Letters. See page 9.

**WILLIAM M. MILLIKEN**, Doctor of Humane Letters. Mr. Milliken is director *emeritus* of the Cleveland Museum of Art. "The acquisitions made during your twenty-eight years as director . . . bespeak your knowledge and connoisseur's eye. . . . Your particular achievement is the collection of medieval art . . . but you have given close attention to many periods and many kinds of expression . . . and all of the treasures which you have assembled attest to your firm vision of what a museum should be."

**JOHN CROWE RANSOM**, Doctor of Letters. See page 4.



# Reminiscences

WILLIAM FOSTER PEIRCE

## *on the Kenyon Campus*

**T**HANK YOU, my good friends. Do you wonder that I feel speechless after receiving such an ovation as that? In my short life I don't think I've ever had quite such a heart-moving tribute as the one that you have just given me. To stand here, in this environment, and on this occasion is a quite overwhelming experience, and its emotional reflex is very great indeed. I frankly feel so inexperienced, so youthfully timid, that it's very hard for me to speak coherently. So I'm going to fall back on the prerogatives of old age, and speak to you for a very few moments with what I might call nonagenarian garrulity.

Well, to speak of my age first: for the last ten years it has been forced upon me, literally rubbed in, that I was growing old. When my dear good friend and fellow classmate of '88, Walstein Douthirt—he was Kenyon '88, I was Amherst '88 (you see, this is the 70 anniversary of my graduation)—turned 80, he wanted to throw a really impressive birthday party at the Waldorf in New York, and I was honored by being present. And he had a good time—he liked the party so much that he thought it would be a good plan to celebrate a birthday twice a year. As his was in September, and mine in early February, he held a party on each of those dates as long as he lived. And I had two appointments, quite apart from any business connection in New York, and they were always very happy events. Dear

old chap: he was eager to return at this Commencement, and I feel like pausing for an instant in memory of the fact that he is not here. He had made me promise that we would come back to Kenyon in '58. We were going to stay at the Curtis House, I remember, in Mount Vernon. He had several friends there, and there was to be a real celebration. But four years ago—about—his health broke finally, and he died something like three years ago. Since then, my neighbors in Harford County, Md., have been celebrating birthdays; and my 88, and my 89, were at home. Then, when 90 arrived in '58, my dear friend Fred Clark arranged a special grouping of men with whom we had been associated to our advantage in New York—and it quite revived in my mind the feeling that had been continuous for the last ten years: of reaching a milestone in the metropolis. And now I've proved to you the fact that I have 90 years behind me.

**I** BELIEVE THAT OUR RESOURCEFUL AND very efficient alumni secretary derived from one of my letters the title for these wandering, rambling remarks: "Reminiscences on the Kenyon Campus." And so my very first reminiscence on the Kenyon campus is this: 62 years ago yesterday, Memorial Day, I first saw Kenyon College and fell in love with it. After graduating at Amherst, I spent some time in graduate study at Cornell and then in preparatory teaching; but my very first "nibble," so to speak, at college instruction, was at Ohio University at Athens. I was fortunately released in February to take the substitute's position for an absent professor at Ohio University and I arrived in Athens a quite inexperienced New Englander, narrow in point

of view and very youthful. Many of my friends and associates in Maryland would say that I was just a "damn' Yankee" and, at Athens, I think I was the most homesick lad in the state of Ohio at that time. I'd never been familiar with soft coal or muddy water; I'd never lived in the immediate vicinity of an insane asylum; and the only going institution, it seemed to me, in Athens *was* the insane asylum.

They had the only decent drives. If one was taken out—this was before the days of motor cars, you realize—the only place to drive was in the grounds of the asylum, which were infested by inmates, usually in groups. The man in whose house I roomed was a "graduate" of the asylum. The man next door had been in the asylum and was about to be returned. He needed it! However, this Mr. B—— (that was the name) had gleams of intelligence, and I found him not uninteresting, especially in his views of domestic matters. He had been a man of some property, but his insanity developed along the line of attending every auction—every real estate auction—and buying in the property, no matter how much it cost. His affairs had been put in the hands of trustees—his son-in-law was the head of this group—and he was very resentful of the situation. A real estate auction was about to be held, for example, during my brief period of residence. He insisted on having the money for it. His wife refused him. He threatened suicide. He said it didn't phase her. "She knew I wouldn't do it." However, he had his revenge. It was a particularly rainy season—O! the rain fell in torrents down in Athens, and the deep clay mud was bottomless. However, equipped with a raincoat, a good waterproof hat, and a small watering pot, he carefully went to each flower bed regularly, day after day, and out of the mud he succeeded in cutting out turf which he arranged on one of the flower beds in the form of letters. And PG was so . . . embossed, shall I say, on the mud below. Every passerby was asked what PG stood for. Petticoat Government!

I think you will agree that *that* chap had graduated from the asylum, although he was a little queer.

Editor's Note: This, in somewhat abridged form, is the text of the address delivered by former president William Foster Peirce at the meeting of the Alumni Council on May 31. As noted elsewhere, the complete text will presently be available on a long-playing record—the first in the new *Voices of Kenyon* series.



WELL. I MENTIONED MEMORIAL DAY. On the 30 of May, at dear old Dr. Theodore Sterling's invitation, then acting president of Kenyon, I arrived by the CA&C from Athens to talk with him about a possible connection with the College. And I fell in love with Kenyon College the moment I ascended the Hill. It seemed to me that I had graduated from Purgatory into Heaven. At that time, there were locust trees in front of what is now the President's house. The odor was charming. I stayed at the old Kenyon House, which has long since disappeared, and was so impressed by the place, by the cordial welcome that was given me by the acting president and by the senior professor, dear old Dr. Edward C. Benson of the department of Latin, that I felt that my future *must* be here.

And so, at some little monetary sacrifice, for I'd been asked to return to Ohio University on a permanent basis, I was happy indeed to take refuge in Gambier. And I could wish that every man who has left Kenyon could find somewhere the same glorious opportunity for one's life that I found here.

I said a moment ago that I fell in love at that moment, and it was genuinely so. The College seemed to me to represent beauty in distress, for it had passed through a rather dark period. When, four years later, I graduated from teaching to administration, in '96, there were only thirty-two students returning to College the following autumn. Ascension and Old Kenyon were only partially occupied. So much clamored to be done here, and it seemed to me that it would be the most glorious achievement that one's life could possibly gain if one could work for the development and progress of Kenyon College.

Well, the forty-one years that followed were full of happiness for me. There was a great deal of worry, plenty of disappointment—I can hardly understand why some men appear to look back on their life with unmixed satisfaction. I cannot do it, for I realize the board of trustees took a very inexperienced youth and gave him great responsibilities. And in intelligence, in maturity of judgment, in discretion, and tact, he lacked a great deal. As I look back now, I can realize

that so many, many decisions were imperfect or mistaken. I *might* have done much better than I did had I known what I came to know later. But I can, with utter conscientiousness, say this: that from the moment that I arrived in Gambier, 62 years ago yesterday, the welfare of Kenyon College was the governing purpose of my life, to which all other considerations whatever yielded.

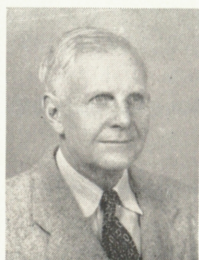
I might go on indefinitely, my dear friends, in chatting about Kenyon College—what I loved in it, the friends and associates that are so dear to me; but you know I belong to a past generation, and that in itself is a moving experience, one that I'm not quite accustomed to. Perhaps I shall live to *grow* accustomed to it. I don't know—it isn't coming very rapidly.

LORD ROSEBERY, WHO WAS THE PRIME minister of England in my early days here at Kenyon, had cherished, too, a great, an overwhelming love for his college. He prepared for Oxford at Eton, where he took particular interest in boating. He was the most prominent oarsman on the Eton crew, and he loved above all the music that the crew felt to be their

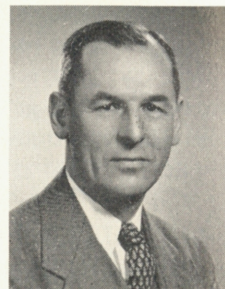
peculiar own—that is to say, the "Eton Boating Song." Lord Rosebery lived for a number of years after retiring from office. His interest in college matters was always very active, and when his final illness came on he especially asked—this was in 1930—that arrangements might be made so that the last sounds that would ever reach him on earth should be the "Eton Boating Song." And it was so arranged. A recording was ready, and that beautiful tune was played again and again in his last hour.

When I read of this, in 1930, it impressed me very deeply. For I felt then, and I feel now, that the music of Kenyon would be a very precious thing to hear as one sinks into one's last unconsciousness. When I think of the lovely voices that I've heard, that I expect to hear tonight and tomorrow night, I should like nothing better than to hear, at the end of life, certain Kenyon songs.

But, my dear friends, I've dropped reminiscence. I've been talking about the future, which is outside my subject, and which I have no business to mention, therefore. And so, I thank you for your kind indulgence and patience, and say good morning.



## VOICES OF KENYON



A series of 12" long-play records, preserving the voices of men who have made Kenyon great, is in preparation. The first album (available in September) offers the address made by William Foster Peirce at the Alumni Council meeting on May 31, 1958. To be heard on subsequent records: President Chalmers, Charles Coffin, John Crowe Ransom, Charles S. Thornton, Corwin Roach, and other members of the faculties, together with such "sounds of Kenyon" as the Chapel bells, a fraternity "sing-down," and the uproar at a football game. Estimated price: \$1.50 per album. Quantity will be determined by the extent of alumni interest. If you believe that you will wish to purchase one or more albums in the series, write the Office of the Alumni Secretary to this effect. *Orders will be taken at a later date.*



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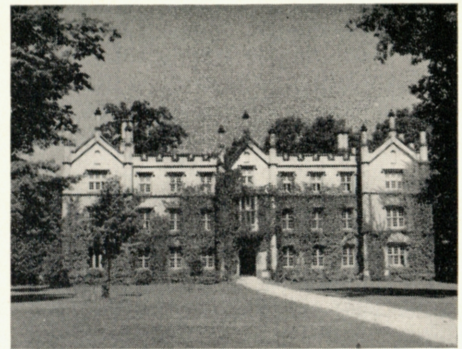
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### *Recipients of the B.D. Degree in Course and with Honors*

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Henry Durthic Moore, Jr., Columbus, O. (received Certificate in 1957); *cum laude* (Ohio State University); since 1957 has been at St. John's Church, Columbus (Diocese of Southern Ohio)

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Jess Ernest Taylor, Oakland, Calif. (Pacific Bible College of Azusa); assigned to All Saints' Church, Cincinnati (Diocese of Southern Ohio)

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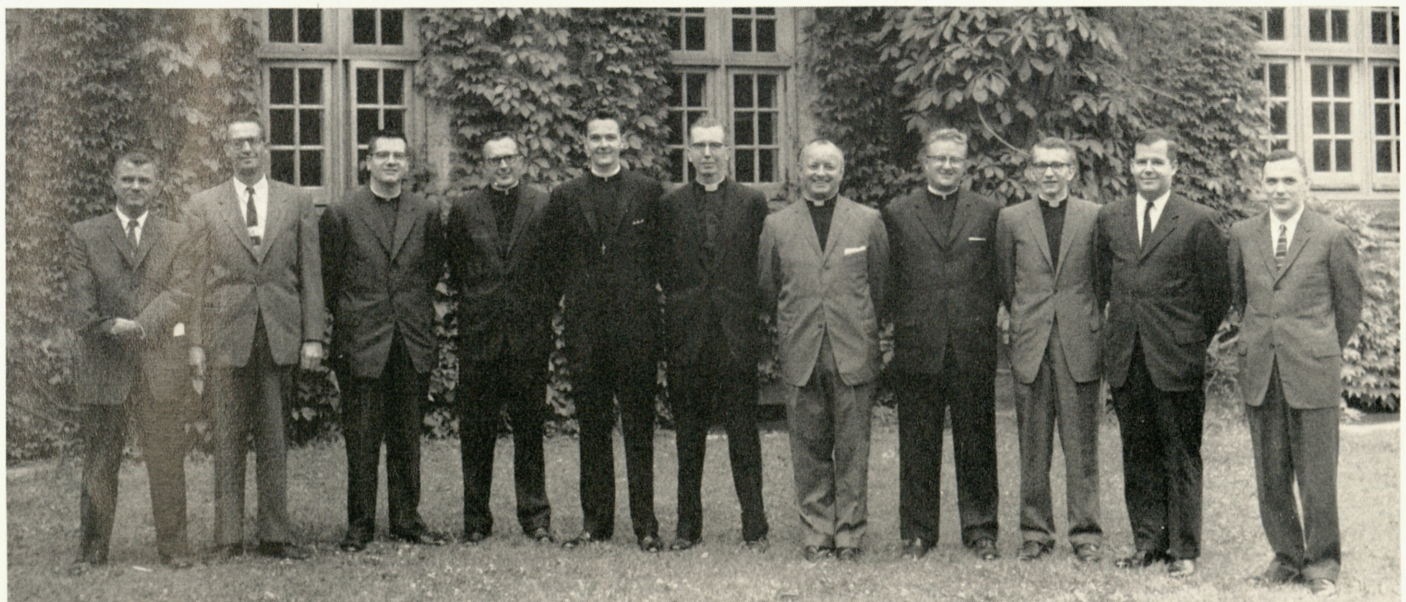
Robert Harris Walton, Bay City, Mich. (Central Michigan College); assigned to St. Stephen's Church, Wyandotte, Mich. (Diocese of Michigan)

Bruce Earl Whitehead, Marathon, N. Y.; *magna cum laude*; high honors in systematic theology (Syracuse University); assigned to Emmanuel Church, Adams, N. Y. (Diocese of Central New York)

Robert James Yonkman, Grand Rapids, Mich.; *cum laude* (Northwestern University); assigned to Christ Church, Charlevoix, Mich. (Diocese of Western Michigan)

Left to right: Robert James Yonkman, Bruce Earl Whitehead, Thomas Downs Hughes, Stephen Palmer Pressey, Charles Melvin Vogt, Jr., Quay

DeBure Rice, Thomas Robinson Ashton, Jess Ernest Taylor, Raymond Richard Tickner, Arthur Reed VanDeventer, Robert Harris Walton.





# Gifts to the College

## A REPORT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

THE ALUMNI may not be surprised to learn that Kenyon College and its development office have themselves suffered a bit of recession during the past year.

The result of a decade of work was the very substantial total of gifts and bequests for the year 1956-57 of over \$1 million. And while that decade showed years in which our total received was less than \$225,000, the average for the ten years was \$579,000. The year 1956-57 was a particularly fortunate one not only in gifts from the living, for the bequests of Sherman M. Granger, '90, and Mrs. Granger, and of Henry P. Weaver accounted for \$600,000 of the total. True, we still have a full month, and what is usually a very good month, to go before the books close for 1957-58, and I would estimate that we will end up somewhere near the figure which we reached last year—exclusive of the two large bequests.

The Kenyon Fund has done somewhat better than last year, and is now close to \$40,000; the Annual Bexley Campaign of the seminary has also concluded another successful year.

Bequests this year have come from the estates of Dr. Theodore M. Cartmell, '03 (\$21,000), Hermann Albright, '16, Homer Giessen and Mabel Higgs. And, from the estate of our late, beloved Professor Richard C. Manning, we have received \$5000 for the purchase of books for the library and \$10,000 to endow the Russell Devol Scholarship, named in honor of Mr. Manning's father-in-law, a long-time member of the Kenyon faculty.

The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges went somewhat over its previous year's total at \$837,340, but, because of the addition of two new members to the college group during the year, the Kenyon share was a few dollars less than the amount received in the previous year. Contributing this year to the Kenyon share of \$24,442 were 962 corporations (for an average gift of about \$25.40). I think we may look for gradually increasing gifts from that source, subject always, of course, to the state of the national economy. The OFIC goal for two or three years has been \$1 million, and we are getting close to it. President Lund, Bill Thomas, and I all worked on OFIC solicitations this year.

In addition to the corporation gifts which came through the Ohio Foundation, twelve corporations contributed a total of \$56,375, all of which is expendable and is not for endowment. (The corporations are Equitable, Merrill Lynch, Standard of New Jersey, Household Finance, du Pont, Pullman, Procter and Gamble, Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Sears-Roebuck, Union Carbide, *The Youngstown Vindicator*, and General Foods.) The General Foods gift came within the last few days, and is a result of the work done this spring by President Lund and Bill Thomas. One of our recent goals has been to be included in the General Foods program, and this therefore is a particularly welcome gift.

*(Mr. Brown continued with his report after pausing here for an announcement by Donald C. Mell, '21, a trustee of the College.)*

Editor's Note: A less detailed version of this report was delivered by Robert B. Brown, '11, at the alumni luncheon on Sunday, June 1. At this same luncheon it was announced that the board of trustees, at its annual meeting, had appointed Mr. Brown vice president *emeritus* of the College. Mr. Brown retired as vice president on June 30.

AFTER SPEAKING AFFECTIONATELY OF WALTER F. TUNKS, '10, Bex. '15, who died on January 14 of this year, Mr. Mell, an old friend and associate in Akron, particularly in the affairs of St. Paul's Church (where Mr. Tunks was rector for more than twenty years), announced the establishment of a student aid fund in Bexley Hall in his memory.

The fund, to be known as the Walter Tunks Memorial Fund, is being handled by the Rev. James M. Lichliter, Hon. '56, Mr. Tunks's successor at St. Paul's, and Mr. Mell as trustees. Gifts aggregating \$7500 have already been received. The fund was established to answer "scores of requests that a public memorial be set up in memory of Dr. Tunks," and will be used to assist deserving students in the seminary. Mr. Mell said that contributions might be directed to St. Paul's Church, Akron, and should be marked for the fund.

NOW, JUST TO MENTION A FEW GIFTS OF PARTICULAR interest: the Firestone Foundation this year supplemented its usual gift of \$10,000 for scholarships in Bexley Hall with a gift of \$5000 for current operations at the Hall; an anonymous alumnus repeated his gift of the last two years of \$3000 for the faculty sabbatical program; Earl D. Babst, KMA, '93, raised to \$25,000 the endowment established by his former gifts for the purchase of books in the library in memory of Ralph Curtis Ringwalt, '94; and Irene du Pont made an unrestricted gift of approximately \$34,500. A memorial by a great many of his friends has been established in the Bexley Hall library for the purchase of books in memory of the Rev. Edwin B. Redhead, '96, Bex. '00, who died in October 1957. It was Mr. Redhead, you will remember, who was responsible with former president Peirce for the Rauh bequest, which gave us the David Lewis Scholarship Endowment and Lewis Memorial Building.

Our librarian, Edward C. Heintz, has organized a group known as the Friends of the Library, and this group made its first contributions this year. Several of the trustees are contributing the cost of a very valuable survey of College business operations, and the College is now operating largely on Kearney and Company's recommendations. George Gund increased the amount of his scholarship fund by several thousand dollars. Philip R. Mather, with his usual generosity, made a large contribution to the College which has not yet been allocated by the trustees. Additions also were made to the Fred B. White memorial in the seminary. Charles Greaves, '24, made a sizeable contribution to the printing of the Kenyon songbook and underwrote the entire job, for which I know the alumni are most grateful.

An alumnus who wishes to remain anonymous contributed a little over \$4000. This gift has provided the Kenyon Singers with blazers and accessories; it will also complete the decoration of the Speech Building lobby, provide a tape recorder for the philosophy department, slides for the pre-medical club under the biology department, and add generously to the Kenyon Fund. The National Institutes of Health has repeated its grant to Professor Charles Thornton for special work, and the Social Science Research Council is continuing its grant to Professor Charles Ritcheson. An anonymous alumnus has arranged a gift of \$8000 to the seminary, which will give Corwin Roach a sabbatical year, beginning in September. Charles C. Riker, '27, has presented the library with a sub-



stantial part of his valuable Yeats collection. Mel Southworth, '07, has made his annual contribution in the form of a complete supply of fine stationery. The members of the class of '58 have informed us that the class gift will take the form of a whirlpool bath for the athletic department. The bath will be installed before September at a cost of some \$500.

The trustees of the Charles E. Merrill Trust have not been able as yet to make any distribution of income, but their efforts to secure legislation in favor of the beneficiaries have been successful, and the Kenyon share will in the future be a very important addition to our annual income. Latest word from the administrator is that there will be a further delay of from six to nine months.

As usual, this report will be completed to June 30, and in September it will be published in detail and circulated to the alumni in the form adopted last year.

NOW LET ME SAY SOME SPECIAL THANKS AS I CLOSE THIS report, which is my final one—the last of seventeen. For the College and every member of it, I thank all of those alumni (especially the class agents), parents, friends, corporations, foundations, and others who have contributed in any way to Kenyon's resources during the past year. My thanks go to the alumni, individually and collectively, for their kindnesses and support not only during the past year but during all the

years since my work started here in 1941. If Gordon Chalmers were here, I should be expressing to him my gratitude for his confidence at the beginning and for his support through the years when we were establishing the alumni office on a permanent basis, during my term as dean of students through the critical war years, and later in planning and setting up the development office.

I have already expressed my gratitude to the trustees and to the members of the faculties, but I do it here publicly; and, lastly, I am indebted to President Lund for making what threatened to be a trying year a most pleasant and satisfactory one.

I am sure every alumnus agrees with me that we are fortunate indeed in our new president. He arrived on the Kenyon scene only last October, but, having done a great deal of homework in the meantime, he is now well into Kenyon problems (I am sure he will agree with that) and is proving in my opinion exactly the kind of leader Kenyon needs in these times. And Mrs. Lund has won our hearts as a friend and as a gracious and charming hostess in Cromwell House.

Henceforth, I shall sit on the benches and listen to what I am sure will be magnificent reports from the officers, and particularly from my able and most welcome successor, Bill Thomas.

## OBITUARIES

ELEANOR MAUDE  
HICKIN  
1876 - 1958

WILLIAM H. EISENMAN, '03, died at a hospital in La Jolla, Calif., on May 30. He had suffered a heart attack the previous day at his vacation home in Palm Springs. Mr. Eisenman was secretary and a founder-member of the American Society for Metals. In addition, he was managing director of the National Metal Exposition and Congress, one of the nation's largest industrial expositions. For twenty years he also directed the Western Metal Exposition and Congress held biennially in Los Angeles. Shortly before his death he launched a similar metal show for the Southwest in Dallas. Under Mr. Eisenman's direction, the American Society for Metals grew from an organization of less than 200 members to one containing more than 30,000 members in 105 chapters in the United States and Canada. Recently, he donated a 100-acre tract of land in Geauga County, O., to the ASM, and there the society's new \$2 million headquarters are under construction. During World War II, Mr. Eisenman served as secretary of a special committee of twenty scientists which worked on wartime metals problems and on metals conservation under the auspices of the National Academy of Sciences. At its commencement on June 11, Western Reserve University conferred posthumously

on Mr. Eisenman the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*. Mr. Eisenman is survived by his wife. He was 73.

WILLIAM J. FINLAY, JR., '08, died in New York on April 22. Until his retirement eight years ago, Mr. Finlay was associated with The Texas Company. Two sisters survive him. He was 74.

HARRY S. LYBARGER, KMA, '10, died in Coshocton, O., on May 12 after a long illness. Mr. Lybarger taught at Coshocton High School for nearly forty years and, in addition, practised law in Coshocton for twenty years. At one time he was city solicitor. He was 69.

ALEXANDER U. SPAIN, '29, died at the age of 51 on May 31. Mr. Spain was senior partner in the law firm of Spain, Spain, and Spain in Warren, O. He was a past president of the Trumbull County (O.) Bar Association and a former counsel to the Home Owners' Loan Association. He is survived by his wife and one daughter.

WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED OF THE deaths of JOSEPH MARTIN WEAVER, '04, of Eastland, Tex.; THE REV. HORACE W. WOOD, '11, of Redlands, Calif.; and GUY W. BAKER, '16, of North Hollywood, Calif. We have no further information about any of these men.

ELEANOR M. HICKIN, librarian at the College from 1922-46, died on June 4. She was a life member of the M. J. Clark Memorial Home in Grand Rapids, Mich. Burial was in Elk Rapids, Mich.

Miss Hickin was born in the United States, but her childhood was spent in England. She returned to this country in her late 'teens to complete her formal education—first at Oberlin and then at The University of Michigan, from which she earned the A.B. degree. She received her library training at the School of Library Science of what is now the Drexel Institute of Technology.

Before coming to Kenyon, Miss Hickin was a reference librarian at The University of Michigan. Her professional experience also included work at Alma and Oberlin colleges and in the Grand Rapids public library system.

During her twenty-four years at Kenyon, Miss Hickin built up the collection in the main library from 27,000 to 61,000 volumes, and the collection in Colburn Hall, the theological library, from 12,000 to 20,000 volumes. Under her supervision the College files of Government documents were completely organized and indexed, and thousands of items of Kenyoniana were assembled in useable form.





## The Centennial of Beta of Ohio



## Phi Beta Kappa

IN JUNE, the Kenyon chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa observed the 100 anniversary of its founding. A centennial meeting was held during Commencement weekend and three alumni were named as honorary members of the fraternity. The men are Charles C. Riker, '27, executive secretary of the Eastman School of Music; Dr. Robert H. Noce, '35, director of clinical services at the Modesto (Calif.) State Hospital; and David L. Posner, '43, of the Lockwood Library at The University of Buffalo. In the photograph below are members of the Phi Beta Kappa who attended the special meeting. Among those who are visible in the front row: President Lund; Moses Hadas, Hon. '58; John Crowe Ransom, Hon. '58; Raymond D. Cahall, '08; Carl R. Ganter, KMA, '99; Philip Mather; the Hon. James Garfield Stewart, '02; the Hon.

John W. Ford; Edson Forker, '16; James Boyd, '24; Richard Salomon; George Brain, '20; and Paul Titus.

During the year 1957-58 a series of lectures was sponsored at the College by Beta Chapter, including the address by Arthur Bestor published in the *Spring Bulletin*. Other speakers were Brand Blanshard and Frank E. Brown of Yale, and Herbert J. Muller of Indiana University.

On December 5, chapter members met in the sitting room of Sunset Cottage, the Cahall home in Gambier. It was at Sunset that Beta was founded in 1858. The photographs above were made on this occasion. *Left*, chapter president Paul Titus proposes a toast to Beta and its members. *Center*, informal moment. *Right*, Mr. Cahall and Charles Ritcheson, associate professor of history.

