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EDITORIALS.

WITH this as a guarantee of her ability, the new COLLEGIAN Board makes her obeisance to the literary world and begs the indulgence of her patrons. Remember, O faultless reader, we are but mortal. We shall make mistakes, and many of them; but have you not? Perhaps not, but acknowledge that your next door

neighbor has, and judge us not too harshly. Realizing that the policy of our predecessors has been a most successful one, the paper will undergo few changes; and endeavoring to further the interests of Kenyon College it will continue to be the instrument of her best friends—Alumni and students alike.

THERE is nothing more fascinating than beauty of nature, and it has been the boast of Kenyon men, from time immemorial, that in this respect our college stands without a peer in the land. A more beautiful campus than this one (when well kept) is seldom met with, but for several years it has steadily degenerated, and lack of care every day makes itself more manifest. The drive which enters the park at the northeast corner is graveled no farther than the chapel, but instead of being stopped here, carriages are allowed to cross the path in front of Hubbard Hall and proceed along side of the middle path as far as they choose to go. This has been so long overlooked that there is now a driveway running the length of our campus, parallel to the gravel walk, which is almost always used in preference to the one which is built back of Ascension Hall. If those whose duty it is to protect the park are determined that the campus shall be disfigured by a driveway, why not bring a landscape gardener here, and lay off one which may not utterly "kill" the effect of a beautiful lawn. Nor is this all we complain of; trees are every year cut down from among those on the side of the hill, back of "Old Kenyon," and this year

some have gone from that part of the campus nearest town. *Cutting trees*, the very things that characterize this place; trees, the like of which (if it were possible to transplant them) could be sold to many colleges, even here in Ohio, for hundreds of dollars each. We know not why this is done, whether for financial or artistic reasons. If it be for what the timber is worth, let us suggest that Kenyon close her doors; if the management thinks that the place is improved by their absence, may we not suggest a change of management?

ABOUT a year ago the COLLEGIAN informed its readers that Kenyon College had a museum. We again affirm that it has. Naturally enough many students will doubt the truth of this statement, but if some foot ball player can be induced to kick in the first door on the right of the center hall of "Old Kenyon," you will find there a museum of some merit. It is not a large collection, but it is one of great value. Many specimens there can not be duplicated, coming originally from all parts of the world. Those sent from Egypt by the late Bishop Bedell are exceptionally attractive, and deserve more notice than they receive. Beside those in the room (which was formerly the Hall of the Nu Pi Kappa Literary Society) there are many "pieces" and cases of specimens scattered about through the several buildings of the institution which should be taken care of, on account of their market value, if for no other reason. If there is no room for the museum in Hubbard Hall, which is rapidly being filled, a room of sufficient size and presentable appearance could be found in Ascension. One needs only to see what we have to realize that this could and *should* be made an invaluable foundation for a much more extensive collection.

THERE is authority for the statement "that the faculty of the University of Chicago will be an American one. But six out of one hundred professors will be foreigners, and four of that six will give instruction in the department of *English*." Whether this be strictly true or not, the fact yet remains that many American college men can write English little better than they can Latin or Greek. While the course in English is broad enough, if rightly pursued, there is scarcely ever required any proof that it receives the application it deserves. English being our mother tongue, every examination should be graded upon its correct use as well as upon any knowledge of the subject matter it may be written to explain. Besides this fault in the English course there is another and more serious one. It is the lack of preparation. An overwhelming majority of Freshman, at the time of their admittance into college, know more about Homer's *Iliad* and the many hypotheses made concerning it than they know about any poem of Tennyson's; more about Virgil's *Æneid* than Longfellow's *Hiawatha*; more about Caesar than about Macaulay. The boy is not wholly to be blamed for this, since he naturally prepares himself only on what is required to enter, dreaming that all else will come afterward. He reads college catalogues, and they tell him he will be examined on so much of one classic or another, and on English *grammar*. Few of us who are in college study more than what is required of us, and a boy at High School will do the same. How much better it would be if, when entering, Freshmen were examined on the English *language*, how many fewer would be the graduating orations that were "cribbed."

MANY of the American college journals are just now publishing articles against college fraternities; these productions are

sometimes answered by the Greek-letter disciples, but oftener are left unnoticed. Without wishing to enter into a discussion of the matter, we would say that these articles come very often from colleges in which are established no fraternities, and the authors, therefore, know nothing whatever about the subject they waste a thousand or more words in trying to denounce. After one has studied the arguments which history suggests in reference to this, and has learned what an overwhelming majority of the college men who have attained prominence either in Church or State, are members of Greek-letter fraternities, it seems to us that he should hesitate before making such a statement as appeared in the March number of our esteemed, but, on this matter, uninformed and prejudiced contemporary, *The Owl*, that "The tendency of college fraternities is undoubtedly evil."

We know something of college fraternities and do not denounce them; nor will any who are devoted to the interests of Kenyon College, for there have been times in the history of this institution when, if fraternities had been abolished, its doors would have closed for lack of students. Since the establishment of fraternities here, about three-fourths of the valedictorians have been fraternity men, and many of Kenyon's most able and loyal alumni annually visit their *fraternity* as well as their *alma mater*.

As we go to press we learn the sad news that Professor Campbell, a young man who is connected with the Chemical Department at the University of Michigan, has lost his sight. The accident occurred while the Professor was making an analysis of the gas which arises from steel during the process of refinement. He had several glass vessels filled with this gas and was directly over his desk watching the effect of his experiment, when three

of the vessels exploded simultaneously, throwing pieces of broken glass into both his eyes. A surgeon was called, but could not save the eyes, and they were taken out. All the circumstances of the case combine to make it an exceptionally sad one. Although Professor Campbell was but twenty-eight years of age, he has a family who have the sympathy of all students. The truth of the proverb (for which we are indebted to the mythology of our Norse ancestors), that he who would gain all wisdom must pay an eye for it, is sadly true in every case, but here it is doubly severe, for Professor Campbell's profession is one which requires sight, and he will be compelled to give it up.

A REMINISCENCE.

The COLLEGIAN is in receipt of the letter which is printed here in full. It was written by one of Kenyon's early alumni, and will interest all Kenyon men:

EDITORS OF KENYON COLLEGIAN—I thank you for sending me the double number (January and February) of your interesting journal. I can hardly express to you the pleasure which its perusal has given me. The cuts are really beautiful, and they—especially the old college and view of Kokosing (it was Owl Creek in our day)—took me back to the early days of my boyhood, which were so happily spent amidst the delightful scenes and varied experiences of that early period of the institution's history. I seem for the moment to be transported in imagination to those scenes, to be wandering on the banks of the dear old river, or sporting in its lucid waters. I am again in my room in the old middle building, hard at work grubbing among the tangled roots of Latin and Greek, or reading at evening on the broad window seat, listening to the plaintive notes of the lone whip-poor-will, whose persevering though somewhat notorious song soothed my jaded spirits and stimulated thoughts of home and absent friends.

Of course distance lends enchantment to the view. Our experiences really were

of a very varied character, especially during the period of my first term at the college, in 1830, under good old Bishop Chase's administration. Then the old middle building was the only college edifice on the premises. Even Rosse Chapel was not then built. We all lived in the college, the Bishop and his family occupying apartments, and Mrs. Chase had charge of the boys' wardrobe. The long dining room was in the basement, and on Sundays it was used for a chapel. The kitchen was in a separate stone building in the rear of the college. I wonder if it is still standing. The *cuisine* was more substantial than elegant, more nutritious than appetizing.

How strange! Sixty years ago—more than half a century—yet the scenes and incidents of that early college experience are as vivid and as deeply impressed upon my mind as if they occurred only last year. The conspicuous figure that looms up in the foreground is the portly form of the grand old Bishop, who was constructed upon a large scale both intellectually and physically. His imagination always seemed to teem with splendid schemes of educational improvement, which stopped not short of a university which should rival Oxford or Cambridge in England.

When I returned to Gambier in 1834 and entered college, considerable improvement had been made, though even then things were in a decidedly primitive condition. But the work of improvement went steadily on during those six years of my residence—four in college and two in the Seminary. Rosse Chapel rose, then Bexley Hall, though its bare walls stood unfinished during my theological studies. The theological students, then not more than five or six, were accommodated by the "Middle Residence," then called Professor Kendrick's house.

Now how changed! I see from the descriptions and pictures that a great transformation must have taken place. The new church is certainly a gem. I was very much interested in the account of the meeting of the Alumni in November last. How I should have delighted to be present to participate in the interesting and spirited proceedings. It is very much to be hoped that so much "mind work" will not end in smoke. I should have

been especially pleased to meet several of the old "boys" of our day, particularly my old class-mate, Andrew E. Douglass. It is gratifying to know that he has not been blown up. The last I heard of him he had hazarded a connection with a powder manufactory. I remember he had a great liking for chemistry, and carried off all the honors of the class in that line.

My old friend John C. Zachos, too, I see has become Dr. Zachos, of New York, and is no doubt eminent in his profession.

That jolly, handsome young fellow, "Rud" Hayes, too, (I beg pardon—ex-President Hayes) reminds us that he still lives. Very appropriate it is that he should be President of the Alumni.

What surprised me most was to see the reminiscent letter of Rev. Heman Dyer, one of the conspicuous figures of old Gambier in its nascent state, and to learn from it that he "still lives" and that he has lost none of his characteristic love of a good joke. No doubt he is enjoying the placid happiness of a green old age. *Multos annos!*

Your notice in your "Exchange" column of "The Standard of the Cross and Church" brought vividly to my mind the form and features of my dear old friend, Rev. Wm. C. French, its able and, no doubt, now venerable editor. I once knew the paper as "The Standard of the Cross;" I wonder if the addition of "and Church" indicates an advance in churchmanship of my once zealous Low-Church, Evangelical compeer. No matter, his heart was always in the right place, as I had means of knowing, for we sympathized with each other and often took counsel together and walked to the house of God in company. I congratulate him on having a son to follow in his father's footsteps.

But old age is proverbially garrulous. I must not intrude too much on your patience and space, but I could not restrain my impulse to speak some of the thoughts suggested by the perusal of the journal you so kindly sent me. I only regret that I had not known of its existence before this. I shall take pleasure in reading it hereafter, and for that purpose I enclose herewith the money for a year's subscription, and beg to subscribe myself

Very truly and fraternally,

H. L. RICHARDS, '38.

REVERIES OF A SENIOR ON COLLEGE LIFE.

We have now reached the last chapter of our little booklet. Our Senior supports his "otium cum dignitate." He has bid farewell to the classics and devotes his time to astronomy, chemistry, geology, and similar studies. He almost invariably fills either the office of President or critic in one of the literary societies. His goal is, of course, class day and commencement.

There always used to be some skirmishing in the literary societies as to who should be elected orators of February 22. When this had been decided, and the evening had come around, there was the strife as to which orator had the better oration, and the anxiety as to which of the two would be victorious.

There were two phases of class day. One was the planting of the ivy by the Seniors, along with the reading of their class history, poem, and prophesy, ending with the supper at Madame Sawyer's or Major Rylie's. The other phase was the burlesque by the Freshmen.

Finally commencement morning dawns on Gambier Hill, and our worthy Senior murders Queen Elizabeth, Sir Walter Raleigh, or Edgar Allen Poe, for the last time. He makes his last bow to Ye Faculty, and his debut into the "wide, wide world" a wiser and better man.

I will conclude these witty remarks by asking (for my own information) what use is now made of the Philomathesian and Nu Pi Kappa Halls? What has become of "Blind Bartimeus" and other paintings which used to adorn their walls? Alas, these walls no longer echo back the eloquence of a Senior, the wit of a Junior, the wisdom of a Sophomore, nor the verdant bombast of a Freshman. They are but silent mausoleums of debates, forensics, declamations, and essays. *Philo et Nu Pi mortui sunt, requiescant in pace.*

ALLAN NAPIER.

Answer—The author seems to have been so sure that "Philo et Nu Pi" have been allowed to die, that he answers his own question to that effect, and we will add, for the benefit of our Freshman readers, that he implores Providence to "let their remembrance rest in peace."

Philo non mortuus est; non solum vivet sed etiam viget. The hall of Nu Pi Kappa now serves as a theatre, and "Blind Bartimeus" still adorns the wall opposite the stage.

We hope to see the present Sophomore class, which (its members inform us) is one of talent, revive the custom of February 22nd orators next year, and perpetuate that time honored custom of our predecessors.

Ed.

BOSTON NOTES.

On Friday evening, March 25th, Miss Elizabeth McMartin gave a most pleasant reception to the Gambier people who are at Harvard and Wellesley now. The evening was most delightful, and seemed quite like the old days at Kenyon. There were present: Miss Boswell, Miss Connell, Miss Cunningham, and Miss Kruse; Messrs. Crawford, Foley, Gould, and Ringwalt.

Prof. and Mrs. Strong are at present living in Cambridge; next to them lives Prof. Wright, a member of the Greek department here, who married the daughter of ex-President Tappan.

In the circular of the Harvard Graduate School, recently issued, appear the names of three men who are known at Gambier: Mr. Greenough White, who at one time taught English at Kenyon, Mr. Herbert Dewart, '87, and Mr. William Foley, '91. The two first mentioned are connected with the Episcopal Theological School here, while the last is a candidate for the degree of A. M.

The double number of the COLLEGIAN was duly appreciated by all the Gambier people who saw it. I think the COLLEGIAN has hit upon the proper method to bring before the eyes of the Alumni the needs of their Alma Mater.

W. H. F.

There have recently appeared in *The Catholic World*, three articles entitled "The Battle of Relief," "Nature Worship," and "The Key of the Ancient Religions." These meritorious articles were written by William Richards, '38, and reflect the ability of the author.

NEW BOOKS.

Through the kindness of the librarian, we are able to give a partial list of the new additions to our already valuable library. About seventy-five volumes have recently been purchased by the Hoffman fund. Under the head of biography are classed, *The Life of Wm. H. Seward*, Lincoln's great Secretary of State, in three volumes, by F. W. Seward; *Rodney*, by David Hannay; *Montrose*, by Mowbray Morris; *Wm. Gilmore Simms*, by W. P. Trent; and *Tycho Brahe*, by J. L. E. Dreyer.

Under travel, are *Siberia*, by George Kennan; *Makers of Venice*, *Makers of Florence*, *Royal Edinburgh*, and *Jerusalem*, by Mrs. Oliphant; also *On the Border with Crooke*, by J. G. Bourke.

The following books on Sociology have been added: *Lalor's Cyclopædia of Political Science*, *Political Economy*, and *United States History*; *The Theory of State*, by J. K. Bluntschli; *Congressional Government*, by Woodrow Wilson; *How the Other Half Lives*, by Jacob Russ; *Greater Britain*, by Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke; *Problems of Greater Britain*, by the same author; *Political History of Europe*, by Ernest Lavisse.

Under the head of fiction: three volumes of *Historical Novels*, by Wm. Ware; *Darkness and Dawn*, by F. W. Farrar; *David Grieve*, by Mrs. Humphrey Ward; *Betty Alden*, by Jane Austin; *Gallegher*, by Richard Harding Davis; *Blanche—Lady Falaise*, by J. H. Shorthouse; six volumes of *Edna Lyall's* later works; *Fire and Sword and the Deluge*, by the rising Polish novelist, H. Sienkiewicz; also, *Tales from Blackwood*, in six volumes.

Miscellaneous: *Haydn's Dictionary of Dates*; *Browning Cyclopædia*; *Biological Lectures*; *C. W. Beardley's English Surnames*; *The Franco—German War*, by Count Helmuth von Moltke; *Dictionary of Hymnology*; *Prose translation of Dante*, by Charles Elliot Norton; *The Choice of Books*—Fred Harrison; *New Theology*—J. Bascom; *History of Greece*—C. A. Fyffe; *Greek Inflection*—B. F. Harding; *History of Greek Literature*—F. B. Jevons; *Plato's Best Thoughts*, *Talks with Socrates* *About Life*, and *Manual of Mythology*, by Maxime Collignon; *Schonler's History of*

the United States; a new *Historical Atlas and General History*, by Robert H. Labberton; and *Introduction to Rhyme and Metre of Classical Language*, by J. H. Schmidt.

The autobiography of Secretary Seward calls forth especial attention. The three volumes are handsomely bound and well printed. The author takes us back to his college days at Union, tells how he and his room-mate purchased stove and cooking utensils, and shut themselves up in their room to work hard for admission to Phi Beta Kappa. And they were successful. From college life he takes us down through his Governorship, his term in Congress, and finally through President Lincoln's administration and the Civil War.

O. I. A. A.

The meeting of delegates from the several colleges of the Ohio Intercollegiate Athletic Association was held at Kenyon on Saturday, April 2.

At 2 P. M. President Watson, of Kenyon, called the meeting to order, and after the reading of minutes of the last meeting, the president read a letter from the Larwood & Day Company, of Cleveland, in which they offered to the winning club of the Association a handsome rosewood bat, mounted with silver, and the occasion of its presentation engraved thereon.

The following motions were then carried:—

Third Annual Tennis Tournament to be held at Akron.

Committee of three to be appointed by the president to draw up a system of rotation to be followed hereafter when deciding upon the place of holding the Field Day and Tennis Tournament.

Denison to be excused from paying Kenyon her forfeit money.

Each team to pay its entire expenses and to receive its own gate receipts.

Constitution to be amended to read that any agreement between two colleges, one of which has violated the section on "Forfeit," shall be null and void, except there be a written agreement between the managers of interested teams.

Each team to carry with it a student umpire from its own college.

Official ball to be the National League Ball.

Constitution as amended to date, to be printed by the Secretary, and assessment to be made on each college to pay one-fifth of this expense.

Fall meeting to arrange foot ball schedule to be held hereafter on first Saturday of October, and spring meeting on second Saturday of March.

Committee of five (one from each college) be appointed to draw up schedule.

The meeting was then given a recess, after which it accepted the schedule given below and adjourned.

SCHEDULE.

	At Adelbert.	At Buchtel.	At Denison.	At O. S. U.	At Kenyon.
Adelbert	May 28	May 14	May 18	May 26	May 31
Buchtel	May 28	May 7	June 2	June 3	June 4
Denison	May 28	May 7	May 6	May 30	April 30
O. S. U.	June 11	June 10	April 22	June 9	June 9
Kenyon	May 5	May 12	May 26	April 28	June 9

State Field Day to be held at Granville, May 19.

KNIGHTS OF THE QUILL.

THE WESTERN COLLEGE PRESS ASSOCIATION HOLDS A VERY SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN CHICAGO.

On the morning of the 16th inst., college editors began to arrive at the Grand Pacific Hotel, until the hour of eleven found about twenty-five gathered in room twenty-two. At 11:30 President Stone called the meeting to order, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Of the men who helped form the Association last year but five were present: Messrs. Stone, Kiler, Johnston, Farris, and Williams. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the following college papers were admitted to membership in the Association: The *Hiram Advance*, Hiram, O.; *Michigan Law Journal*, Ann Arbor, Mich.; the *College Rambler*, Jacksonville, Ill.; *De Pauw Record*, Greencastle, Ind.; the *Educator*, Grand Rapids, Mich., and the *Cardinal*, Madison, Wisconsin. The *Yellow and Blue* will take the place of the defunct *Chronicle Argonaut*, of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Under the head of miscellaneous business, the time of holding meetings was then discussed, and a majority seemed to favor the latter part of May. It was also considered expedient that the annual elections of the several editorial boards should

be held about two weeks before in order that all colleges who might find it convenient could send the editor-elect and his predecessor, thus obtaining the benefits of the experience of the older men, and acquainting the younger with the successful methods of conducting a paper.

A motion was then passed looking to the more perfect dissemination of college news. It provides that every college paper published less frequently than once a week shall send a postal card to every member of the Association once every two weeks. This card to contain such items of interest concerning itself as the college sending it may think best.

The annual election then took place and resulted as follows: President, Ralph Stone, U. of M.; Vice President, W. M. Farris, N. W. University; Secretary and Treasurer, R. D. Smith, Eureka College; Executive Committee, L. C. Williams, Kenyon College; C. A. Kiler, University of Illinois; P. S. Reinsch, University of Wisconsin; A. D. Dorsett, of De Pauw University, and Ralph Stone, of the University of Michigan. At a subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee L. C. Williams was elected Chairman.

The meeting then adjourned to re-assemble at the banquet, which began about two o'clock in room forty-four of the hotel. Twenty-six sat down at the table, and from careful observation we are inclined to agree with Lowell's "Mr. Homer Wilbur," who derives the word "editor," not from *e-do*, to publish, but from *ed-o*, to eat. After full justice had been done to the viands, four good papers were read and discussed.

Mr. P. S. Reinsch presented "How to Make the Literary Department of the College Paper Successful," advocating, among other things, book reviews and more and better poetry.

Mr. A. D. Dorsett's theme was "The Freedom and Power of the College Press." He enlarged upon the thought that "Freedom is Power." If the college press attains its greatest usefulness, it must have freedom to express its opinions fearlessly.

Mr. C. C. Pritchard then followed with a paper on "The Power Behind the Throne." He maintained that a sound business management is essential to the success of even the best of editors.

"Remuneration of College Editors," by Mr. C. A. Kiler, advocated the exemption of managing editors from the payment of college dues, from rhetorical work, or that their work on the paper should be considered equivalent to so many hours per week on the regular college schedule.

Among the points considered in the general discussion which followed, were more careful proof reading and better poetry in our western journals.

Thus closed the first annual banquet of the W. C. P. A., successful in every respect and sure to command the respect and interest of all wide-awake journals in the west.

On the way to the meeting the COLLEGIAN representative visited Ann Arbor, and is especially indebted to E. D. Bast, of Kenyon '93, now of U. of M. '93, for his kind hospitality. The U. of M. men know how to royally entertain their guests, and Kenyon men, until they have an opportunity to reciprocate, can do no less than give hearty expression to their appreciation of such favors. The visit to the Harvard of the West will long be remembered with pleasure. While at Chicago, owing to lack of time, we were unable to call upon as many alumni as we desired to see, but had evidence that they are awake to Kenyon's needs, and thoroughly loyal to their old Alma Mater.

In conclusion, we earnestly desire that the membership of the W. C. P. A. be increased in Ohio, and solicit applications for admission. The Association is a success and will benefit Ohio journals.

THE NEW CATALOGUE.

The catalogue of Kenyon College for '92 makes its appearance as we go to press, and is as unique in its appearance as in the matter it contains. It is a neat little volume of sixty pages, bound in heavy brown paper. Several pages are devoted to the history of the institution and to its present constitution, which went into effect in August, 1891. Following this is a description of Gambier, and the grounds and buildings of the three departments, the Collegiate School, the Theological School, and the Preparatory School.

The discussion of the "Aids to Instruction," "Physical Culture," and the several courses of study is then introduced, after

which are taken up the eleven chief scholarship funds in the order of their establishment.

The last forty pages of the book are devoted to the curriculums of the three departments, and to the names of students regularly pursuing studies under these.

The catalogue contains the announcement that the chairs of *Mental and Moral Philosophy*, *English Language and Literature*, and of *Modern Languages* in the Collegiate School, which have been temporarily occupied by Hosea W. Jones, D. D.; C. Theodore Seibt, S. T. D., and Mr. Charles F. Brusie, will be filled before the beginning of the next collegiate year.

The only other vacancy is that of the Bedell Chair, of New Testament Instruction, which may or may not be filled, at the discretion of the Trustees.

ALUMNI NOTES.

'56. It is a noteworthy fact that every member of the Class of '56, which graduated with ten men, is still living, and with one exception, they all possess their first wives.

'60. Matthew Marfield has been elected Counsellor for the District of Columbia, and his address is Washington, D. C.

'70. W. P. Elliott, the efficient Secretary of Kenyon's Alumni Finance Committee, recently spent some days in Cleveland in the interests of the College.

'83. Elliott Marfield now holds the position of city editor on the editorial staff of the *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

'88. Rev. Geo. F. Dudley is a student of theology at Oxford, England.

'91. Joseph Motoda was recently awarded the "Pierre Jay Missionary Prize" at the Philadelphia Protestant Episcopal Seminary. This is a prize of \$100 given for the best essay on "*Foreign Missions*," and among Mr. Motoda's antagonists were graduates from Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, and other institutions.

'91. R. B. Hubbard is in San Francisco where, with the hearty co-operation of C. P. Sinks, '84, he is endeavoring to form a Kenyon Club. May the project meet with success.

'91. W. R. Gill is with the Pennsylvania Coal Company, of Cleveland, Ohio.

FIELD DAY AT CHAMPAIGN.

The Western Inter-Collegiate Field Day will be held in the Athletic Park of the University of Illinois, or Champaign, Friday, May 13.

This will be conducted under the auspices of the University of Illinois Athletic Association, to whose committee Kenyon students are indebted for an invitation to participate. The objects of this meeting are three: To lower Western college records, to promote Western college athletics, and to organize a permanent Western Inter-Collegiate Association. This will undoubtedly be the largest gathering of amateur athletes ever held in the West. Medals to the value of over \$600 will be awarded, and delegates will be present from colleges in all the Western States.

The events of the day will be, 50-yard dash, 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard dash, half-mile run, mile run, standing broad jump, running broad jump, hop, step, and jump, pole vault, ball throw, two mile safety race, 120-yard (42 in.) hurdle, hammer throw, and putting shot.

THE NEWS.

Piatt Riley, of Cincinnati, stopped off on his way through to visit his old Kenyon friends April 12.

L. C. Williams, '92, represented the COLLEGIAN at the recent meeting of the Western College Press Association, an account of which appears in this number.

Hawthorne (Bexley), who has been at home sick, is now much better, and will return shortly.

T. R. Hazzard (Bexley) took a trip east, spending two weeks in Philadelphia and New York, visiting his sisters.

Miss Rust gave a delightful entertainment to several of her friends on the evening of April 16.

D. W. Thornberry, '95, conducted services in one of the missions on Easter Sunday.

The Trustees of Kenyon met in Gambier the second week in April. A report of business transactions will appear in the next number.

Hon. Columbus Delano will deliver an address, the third number on the Lecture Course, April 27.

The young ladies of Harcourt returned from their Easter vacation April 17; the preparatory students two days later.

W. N. Kennedy, '92, spent a week in New York attending the fifty-ninth annual convention of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, held with the Lambda chapter, Columbia College.

The nine has not yet been organized, but the candidates are daily in the field practicing for the first game of the O. I. C. A. A. on the 28th. There was a game on the 7th between the Collegiate and Academic schools, which resulted in a score 14 to 4 in favor of the College.

An instructive innovation has been introduced into the college. The class in Constitutional Law meets Monday evenings at the home of Prof. Devol, where a chapter of some treatise on law is read and discussed.

The already severe rule pertinent to chapel attendance was, at the opening of the term, made more strict, and the duty was rendered more irksome by the President's announcement to the effect that all students entering after the Chaplain shall have begun services, will be marked and demerited as if absent, thus doing away with all "lates."

The indoor contest of the gymnasium class of the Academic school took place April 11. Six medals were awarded:—three for the "Best Athlete" contest, one for the German horse, one for the horizontal bar, and one for the parallel bars. The successful contestants were Messrs. Tinney, Lowe, Blake, Wilson, E. L. Werner, respectively. Werner winning both the horizontal and parallel bar medals.

Let everybody attend the first ball game at home, to be played with Denison, April 30!

The Y. M. C. A. of Princeton, recently forwarded to the management of the World's Fair at Washington, these three resolutions. That the fair be not opened on the Sabbath; that no liquor be sold on the grounds; and that no impure art be exhibited.

EXCHANGES.

The *Palo Alto* for March, published a supplement containing portraits of the foot ball teams of University of California and Leland Stanford Junior University. The average weight of former team is 173 pounds, that of the latter is 170½ pounds. The previous good reputation of the paper, in other respects, is fully sustained.

The *Daily Princetonian*, coming from New Jersey's great University, is conspicuous among our new exchanges. It is a large, four paged sheet, published, previous to April 11, as a tri-weekly. On April 11, it appeared as a full fledged daily, a change fully warranted by an increase of almost one-half in the number of students during the past six years.

Pennsylvania University is having serious trouble concerning free trade and protection. The resignations of seven Professors have been asked for, including that of Rev. R. A. Thompson, Professor of History and Political Economy, who has been teaching protection to his classes.—Ex.

The *Niagara Index* for April, contained a valuable article entitled "Student Conversation." The article deplores the great prevalence of slang, "a sort of college dialect," which finds expression in student language. Lengthy comment is not necessary on a subject so personal in its application. While "college dialect" may pass muster in a college circle, its introduction into the drawing-room cannot be tolerated. To be on the safe side, cultivate a style suited for all surroundings.

The *McMicken Review* announces an innovation at University of Cincinnati. Seniors will wear Oxford caps and gowns on class day. In assuming credit, "for being the first ones to break the spell which seemed to be resting heavily on western colleges," we think they presume too much. Kenyon never neglects to observe this time-honored custom. However, we heartily commend their good taste in adopting this custom.

Lincoln, Nebraska, whose population has increased from 20,000 in 1885, to 60,000 to-day, bids fair to become a great educational center. Six hundred students are in attendance at the State University, seven hundred and fifty at three denomi-

national colleges, four hundred at a business college, three hundred at a conservatory of music, and by the transfer of pupils from a recently burned normal school in Iowa, the Lincoln Normal College is likely to have a thousand more. The total number of young people being educated at Lincoln will then be three thousand.—Ex.

At last, plans for forming an Inter-Collegiate Athletic League in the west, are about to materialize. As we go to press, the *U. of M. Daily* reports that a meeting has been called, to be held in Chicago, for the purpose of adopting plans relative to the new venture, at which meeting the following universities will be represented: Northwestern, University of Wisconsin, University of Minnesota, and University of Michigan. It is proposed that base ball games be played in the spring, foot ball in the fall, and that an annual field day be held, to which members of the League shall send teams. We know of no reason why such an enterprise should fail, if properly managed. The great enthusiasm brought out by foot ball in Chicago last fall, is a proof that eastern scenes can be reproduced on western territory. Certainly such cities as Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Milwaukee and Detroit, can assure patronage sufficient to make the attempt worthy of trial.

Perhaps the finest exchange coming to our table this week, both from a literary and typographical point of view, is the *Kenyon Collegian*. It contains besides interesting reports of Alumni reunions, several excellent views of scenes in and about Old Kenyon.—Ex.

At the annual spring elections the following officers were elected:—

Athletic Association—B. H. Williams, '93, President; W. R. McKim, '94, Vice President; A. H. Commins, '94, Secretary; W. B. Beck, '94, Treasurer; W. S. Walkley, '92; R. J. Watson, '93; C. V. Sanford, '94; F. J. Doolittle, '94; A. J. Bell, '95, Executive Committee.

Philomathesian Society—C. T. Walkley, '92, President; B. H. Williams, '93, Vice President; W. R. McKim, '94, Secretary; A. J. Bell, '95, Treasurer; W. S. Walkley, '92; R. J. Watson, '93; A. H. Commins, '94, Programme Committee.