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# The Kenyon Collegian.

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## Editorial.

SINCE the committee from the student body reported to the Faculty in favor of adopting the "honor system," the Faculty has accepted the report and the system has become a permanent institution.

That we could return our committee to the Faculty to report the complete success of this first trial of the system, is indeed a matter of the greatest satisfaction to all. A little reflection on past conditions, and a frank admission of their evils, and we cannot but congratulate ourselves on having escaped from them; we hope, never to return.

That these evils, namely dishonesty in examinations, ever existed at Kenyon, has now become to most of us a deep regret. Together with Kenyon's reputation for pluck and spirit, which we have all helped maintain, she has enjoyed another, equally dear to us, the reputation for "fair play." In our good fellowship here at college, in our respect for the rights and feelings of one another, we have established customs which have become traditions, and of which we brook no violation. Our dealings at home and abroad have been

characterized by a spirit of honor. How then are we to reconcile to this spirit these evils, this dishonesty we admit? Our defense is that we have but fallen into conditions that existed here before us. This is but shouldering the blame on others no more guilty than ourselves. These conditions were not instituted in a day, nor in a year. They came gradually and each year contributed something to their strength. We are not their authors, yet we are equally guilty since we were parties to their growth. We were not their victims but their promoters.

Now that the honor system has been tried, and, despite the many predictions to the contrary, proved successful, it is but just that we give the Faculty the credit they deserve. Our request to be trusted absolutely did not meet with the fate it might seem to have merited, in view of our reputation. Our laxity of morals on such occasions and our regarding it as established custom to give and take as much help as possible, was as well known to the Faculty as to ourselves. We have certainly to thank them for their willingness to confide in us and their hearty co-operation in our plans.

The few attempts at violation of the system we need not mention, for they are equally unpleasant to all, and we feel that they have met with their just disapproval. The work of investigating them on the part of the committee, however unpleasant, was necessary, in order to give a just report to the faculty of the success or failure of the system. Hereafter, therefore, since the honor committee must be a permanent institution let us suggest that they not only be empowered but instructed to investigate such cases in the future. Probably the fact that all violations of the honor system will be investigated, and no particular effort made to keep them secret, will make them at length, as we hope, unheard of. However, the honor system, we believe, has passed into a tradition at Kenyon and as such we have no fears with regard to its future success.

THE Faculty has also decided to adopt the semester system next year, so that the college year will be divided into two terms

instead of three. This action is highly commendable, for it will save a great deal of time which is now being wasted, and will probably induce more consistent work in daily recitations than is noticeable at present. We trust that at least one week in each term will be devoted entirely to examinations. At present the term examinations are crowded into three days, so that some men are compelled to take three or four long examinations in one day. This is a great injustice. A long examination is a great nervous strain, and it is an exceptional man who can do justice to more than one a day. If a full week is devoted to examinations next year, although the work to be covered will be much longer, the strain is likely to be much less trying, since most of the examinations could not be made much longer than they are at present.

THE basket ball team up to this time has not been successful financially because of the poor support given it. It is unfortunate that those on whom the main burden of supporting athletics naturally devolves, the students, have not attended the games in great numbers. It is true that so much has been going on this term, particularly before Lent, that it is hard to find any time to attend the games, but it is equally true that no one would like to feel that he was partially responsible for the financial loss which has made it necessary to cancel the rest of the home games, and may compel the Assembly to cut out basket ball entirely. Rather than feel this everyone would willingly make a strong effort to go to the games, or at least buy a ticket. We hope that if any more basket ball games are played here the attendance will be better than it has been in the past. Even if basket ball is dropped, however, there are plenty of ways left to show your college spirit.

The success of our athletics next year, and even the maintenance of them at all, is largely dependent upon the support given to the various departments of the Assembly for the rest of this year. Bear this in mind, and do not begrudge time or money to anything that will help athletics.

### The Recasting of the Old Bell.

At the annual meeting of the Alumni Association in June, 1899, on motion of the late Rev. Alfred F. Blake, a committee, consisting of Mr. Blake, Mr. Burr and Professor Benson, was appointed "to investigate the condition of the old bell, now said to be cracked, with a view to having it recast."

During the ensuing year, the chairman of the committee was removed by death and Professor Benson was compelled to relinquish as many active duties as possible. In the Spring of 1901 President Elliott appointed Mr. Burr chairman and added to the committee the names of Talfourd P. Linn, '72, and Francis W. Blake, '80. At the meeting of the Association in June, 1901, the committee reported most favorable terms for recasting the bell, extended by the courtesy of Mr. Clinton H. Meneeley, who placed the chime in the Church of the Holy Spirit. The committee having been empowered to act, an effort was made to raise from the members of the Association the funds necessary to accomplish the work. So far as possible, every member was given the opportunity to make a contribution. A pleasant feature of this undertaking has been the almost invariable expression by the contributors to feelings of pleasure and privilege in lending their assistance. As soon as a response had been obtained that justified action, a contract was made with the Meneely Bell Co., of Troy, N. Y., and the bell was shipped to them for recasting.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, 1901, the same mellow tones as of yore rang through the bright, crisp morning air. First, tolling off the years of our Alma Mater in seventy-six firm strokes, then breaking forth in full swinging reverberations, it rang out a prophecy of Kenyon's prosperity and usefulness; and, as it were, adding its voice to the song of thanksgiving swelling up from o'er this broad land to the "Source whence all our blessings flow."

The inscriptions on the new bell are a brief history and dedication.

THE OLD BELL,  
CAST IN 1836.  
PROCURED BY THE EFFORTS OF  
ALFRED BLAKE, OF  
THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS,  
TO WHOSE MEMORY THIS BELL, NOW RECAST,  
IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED BY THE  
ALUMNI OF KENYON COLLEGE,

A. D., 1901.

And on the opposite side the lines:

RESURGENS CANTO  
VIBRANS GAUDEO  
AD STUDIUM, AD STADIUM  
AEQUALITER VOCO

being, in a measure, an imitation of old bell inscription adapted to the present uses of the bell.

The new bell is provided with the best modern mountings, having a rotary yoke, so the damage which destroyed the old bell, by the clapper always striking on the same parts of the rim, can be easily obviated.

To the committee this work of restoring the voice of the old bell, a voice interwoven with duties and pleasures of cherished days, has been both a privilege and a source of enjoyment. They are grateful for the prompt and generous response from the members of the Alumni Association, and join you in congratulations over the successful issue.

To show that there have lingered memories associated with the old bell, the letters from a few of the older Alumni are subjoined. From the general tone of these it would seem that the curfew was not so much an object of aversion as the reveille.

OTTAWA, ILL., Aug. 1, 1901.

DEAR SIR:

Enclosed find my contribution towards recasting the old college bell. I am sorry to learn that the old bell was cracked, and that it

now gives forth a "melancholy clank." Its "clear note" was once a familiar sound to me, many, many years ago, but sometimes I didn't hear it when it called us to prayers at six o'clock on a cold winter's morning; at least such was the excuse we gave for our absence. It used to ring ten minutes in order to give us time to get there, and lucky was the boy who did not get his coat tails caught in the door when it was closed.

Oftimes I would lie in bed till it was half done ringing, and get there in time; of course, only half dressed and unwashed. We went to breakfast immediately after prayers, and sometimes I would lose my breakfast by not "hearing the bell." In the early forties the college owned a bull. He was kept with the herd of cows at Milnor Hall. The curator of the Philo Society about this time, in his report, undertook to show the difference between the "College Bull" and the "College Bell." How well he succeeded I have forgotten—but the old bull, (I remember him well) has long since been butchered, and the old bell is now cracked. "*Sic Transit Gloria Mundi.*"

Yours Truly,

A. W. GRIFFITH, ('47.)

ATHENS, TENN., July 29, 1901.

DEAR SIR:

Enclosed find my subscription for recasting the old bell. Many pleasant associations with it; some not so pleasant; to wit: its matutinae tintinnabulations early on a cold winter morning, which must be obeyed under penalty of demerit marks.

Yours truly,

JNO. W. F. FOSTER, ('48.)

ANACOSTIA, D. C., Aug. 1, 1901.

DEAR SIR: Enclosed find contribution to help pay for the recasting of the *old bell* and will retell the *old story*. Whilst I was in college some students did not enjoy hearing that bell ring for prayers. At that time the bell had a round cast-iron ball for a "clapper" and a chain attached. When the bell was inverted the ball and chain were on the bottom as in a cup. So one very cold night they inverted

the bell and poured in a pitcher of water. The bell did not ring the next morning. The water froze solid and held the tongue.

I think that was in the winter of 1859-60. If either Professor Benson or Peter Neff are living they will remember that "college prank." It was not the only one that was played in those days.

For many years I have had a "class reunion" any time. There are not a dozen living who were in college when I was, 1867-1851. I am a "relic of a departed generation."

Yours respectfully,

EDWIN H. GRANT.

(Professor Benson says that while Dr. Grant may have reason to remember this particular incident, *he* cannot vouch for the exact procedures on that occasion.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Aug. 15, 1901.

DEAR SIR:

\* \* \* As this recalls very many pleasant associations in the past, I enclose you my mite for this praiseworthy object.

Very respectfully,

H. S. BELL, ('52.)

"THE PROPHET'S CHAMBER," SHELL LAKE, WIS., Aug. 9, 1901.

MY DEAR SIR:

This is the third appeal for funds for the Theological Seminary and College within ten days. My pocket book would not hold out long under such calls. But please accept a very small mite to help repair the old bell we loved to hear in the *evening*, but not in winter at the early dawn when sleep was sweet to the eyes and slumber to the eyelids.

Truly yours,

JAMES TRIMBLE, ('52.)

TRENTON, N. J., July 27, 1901.

\* \* \* Thinking of old days and how we used to scuttle out early on dark winter mornings; and also how the old disturber of our slumbers will have risen from its ashes and been renewed, it might not be inappropriate to inscribe on it as a motto applicable to bell and student alike, *Resurgam*.

Very truly yours,

JAS. P. STEPHENS, ('59.)



DUNDEE, ILL., July 26, 1901.

\* \* \* One of my class-mates of 1862 put his head out of the college window as a nice young lady wearing large hoops (the fashion of the day) was walking down the college path, and cried, "Look at the bell(e) with two clappers." How will that do for an inscription?

If pressed for it I could give the names and all. The student is dead, but the belle is still alive—alas,—married, and a good fleshy matron.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. B. PRATT.

ABERDEEN, S. DAK., July 27, 1901.

DEAR SIR:

Enclosed find my contribution towards reconstructing the old college bell, and if you can wait till I go back to Gambier I will resurrect and furnish you a clapper taken from the old bell on a dark night, about forty years ago, and carefully put away where none but myself will ever find it.

Very truly yours,

J. L. BROWNE, ('64.)

July 26, 1901.

DEAR SIR:

I am sorry to say I have never been able to do anything for "Old Kenyon," but I will this time, out of my abundant poverty, contribute to make the old bell even better than it is cracked up to be.

Horace was my favorite author at college, and a number of mottoes come to me, but they are too long, most of them, and I can only suggest that old chestnut from Lib. I, Carmen XI, "Carpe diem."

"Ehue! Fugaces, Posthume, Posthume, Labuntur Anni."

I haven't seen Kenyon since 1865, but I cherish the hope that I may go back once more before I die.

My last *classical* association with Gambier was, the ride down in the old stage just as you come in sight of Mt. Vernon.

An old graduate, who was a fellow traveller, wished to show he had not forgotten all he had learned at Kenyon, quoted the words, "facilis decensus *Averni*." "Yes," said the stage driver, "that's Mt. Vernon."

I wish you success in your efforts, for although my hair is getting

gray, and my eyes dim, my heart is warm for Kenyon and I can still do "stunts" in the gymnasium that my boys can't do.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. HENRY SMITH, ('65)

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### College English.

It will be acknowledged that a man should come to college with an ambition to attain the highest possible degree of culture and education. Every man enters college with some hopes for his personal benefit, and it is reasonable to say that on the average this is his ideal. It must seem that the great majority of college students, if they are striving toward this end, are doing so in a very slovenly and unsatisfactory manner. Such is the impression of any one visiting a college, such the opinion of the professors, and of the students themselves. There may be some who are conscientiously trying to do their best, but their number is small.

The impression of cultivation is made by manners and speech. Manners come with experience. To cultivate good manners all that is needed is intuition and an observing and retentive mind with a knack of application. Intuition tells one not to make a noise when eating. It is observation that tells one which knife to use. But it is experience and application that change observation into intuition.

To obtain culture of speech long years of study, perseverance and energy are required together with a great amount of practice. The conversation of the cultured man should show familiarity with all the arts and sciences, and these in their broadest meaning. One who did not know enough of history to tell when the battle of Waterloo occurred or who the Prime Minister of England is would not be considered cultured. Yet how many college graduates are ignorant of things much more important.

But cultivation for the American includes among other things a thorough knowledge and understanding of the construction and use of his native language. A man who uses beautiful English we immediately infer has a well developed and thoughtful mind, because we know how much care and thought was required to acquire a knowledge of the minute details of rhetoric and grammar which we discover in his speech. But the man who is careless of his tongue. How do we look at him? We consider him uneducated, for an educated man is careful to express his thoughts to the best possible advantage. How few college graduates in their conversation show a good choice of words, a proper pronunciation and careful attention to grammar.

Here is a boy coming to college with great ambitions. His efforts toward self-improvement are going to take up every minute of his time. Among other things he is going to pay careful attention to his English. He has brought with him a dictionary, a grammar and a book of synonyms as reference books. He will watch the conversations of his associates for mistakes, and the speech of his professors for corrections. His companions will be as anxious in their pursuit of knowledge as he. His professors' English will be worthy of emulation. Why is such not the case?

His hopes are rudely shocked. As soon as he arrives he hears his mother tongue butchered. His professors are no exception. He hears one use unfamiliar pronunciations. He looks them up, sees that most of them are secondary and some are not even permissible. He thinks that one affected in his speech. The students in their zeal to appear educated use long words, mispronounced and with no idea of their meaning.

He himself can discover mistakes in newspapers, magazines and late books. What false ideas will he unconsciously gain. Of course he passes over many mistakes that he doesn't recognize, for his knowledge is very limited. He expects to derive benefit from his English course, but finds he is supposed to know more than he does, and his instruction is based on this supposition.

It is not all his fault that he is so ignorant. His training has been misdirected. The rudiments of the language were intrusted to his intellect when he was a child of seven. The American child's mind is swamped with definitions whose meaning he can not grasp. After the age of incomprehensible definitions he reaches that of incomprehensible rules. Always he is pushed on and on before he can understand what they are trying to teach him. When he comes to college he finds his knowledge superficial. He can only succeed by beginning again and by working hard and conscientiously. And how many will do this?

Good English has become almost a thing of the imagination. Where is the future to obtain its knowledge? If the average college student represents the future pure English in conversation bids fair to become a lost art.



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Rest.

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When the moon shines on the ripples,  
As they lap the meadows green,  
And my bed is by the window  
Bathed in the golden sheen,  
And the midnight toil is finished  
And my throbbing temples rest,  
Oh, I love the hour when Fancy lays  
My head upon thy breast.

When through my lazy lashes  
Full tender gleams the moon,  
When the sighing elm boughs lull me  
And the stars, they vanish soon,  
But thy face still bends over me  
Ah me! how sweet my rest,  
When my guardian angel, Fancy, lays  
My head upon thy breast.

And when the dew-dropped meadow  
All fragrant hails the morn,  
And my eyelids open slowly  
At the breaking of the dawn,  
Thy sweet face glides by murmuring  
In accents soft and true,  
"Till the moon shines o'er the elm tree,  
Till then, my love, adieu."

Oh, always when the moon shines  
On the rustling of the leaves,  
Or when the bare boughs drearily  
Sough in the cold north breeze,  
In the glorious gold my face is bathed,  
How infinite my rest,  
In the sweet still hour when Fancy lays  
My head upon thy breast.

D. M.

### Resurgens Canto.

Rise up, O Bell, and sing once more  
Old Kenyon's glories as of yore;  
From crest to crest ring wild and free,  
The changes of her history.

#### VIBRANS GAUDEO

Resounding, glory in thy height,  
Shout, valiant in thine ancient might  
Shout wild and clear from shore to shore,  
To those who prized thee years before.

#### AD STUDIUM. AD STADIUM EQUALITER VOCO

Shout out through work or revelry,  
Where Kenyon aims still strike for thee  
Those strains that memory can not sever,  
For Kenyon hearts are thine forever.

J. C. D. McKim.

### Amicitia.

With dawning sun the sky is bright,  
The trees are clad in living green,  
The birds with chatter joyous, light,  
Greet fairest morning ever seen.  
But black the clouds that o'er me roll,  
My thoughts are draped in deepest gloom,  
No more earth's joys enchant my soul,  
My heart is in a cold, dark tomb.  
Farewell my friend.

The sky with clouds is dark and black,  
The rain comes down with mournful plash,  
A chilling wind blows at my back,  
Or beats my face as with a lash.  
But in my breast the heart leaps fast,  
A radiant smile shines on my face,  
My lot in happier days is cast,  
Than pen of poet e'er could trace.  
Heigho, my friend.

My friend in thee, the sky is bright,  
For thee the trees wear gorgeous hue  
In thee, for thee, my pipe burns bright,  
Thy heart, it is my castle true.  
Oh ! loving friendship how it binds,  
Our hearts with fetters bright of gold,  
We'll toast 'mid bitter winter winds,  
The sweetest story ever told,  
A trusty friend.

M.

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SNOW.

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Beautiful snow, beautiful snow,  
Gleaming, glittering, white and fair,  
Veiling earth's blackness wherever I go,  
Covering her ugliness everywhere.

Spotlessly white, spotlessly white,  
Vestal garment, sign of worth,  
Color of innocence, badge of right,  
How I covet thy robe, Old Earth.

Oh ! my soul, this thought give thee sigh :  
When shall God cover thy sin and shame ?  
Shroud it and hide it from earthly eye,  
To the Omniscent 'tis ever the same.

Burn out, my soul, thy old filthy dross,  
Hiding-place none for thee may be found.  
Suffer for others ; reckon not thy loss,  
Fairer shalt thou be than snow on the ground.

Tear from thy heart foul selfishness' curse,  
Care not whether men blame or extol,  
Flee from ambition—no liar is worse—  
And snow shall be black to thy whiteness of soul.



### Edith's Violin.

Edith took it from its case,  
That stolid thing of wood ;  
She lifted it up near her face,  
How well it understood !  
Then, while I burned with envious ire  
She laid her dimpled chin  
All pink with girlhood's first faint fire  
Upon her violin.

No wonder that it sudden woke  
To ecstasy of life,  
Such touch from granite might evoke  
Love's rapture and love's strife.  
No wonder then, that Edith's bow  
Drew from each trembling string,  
Such harmony as heaven must know  
When chanting angels sing.

Oh ! I am but a stolid thing  
With lips that mutely fail,  
My heart's pent melodies to sing,  
In passionate plaint or wail.  
But if Edith once should rest  
That little dimpled chin,  
Against my stolid, wooden breast,  
I'd shame her violin.

W. H. R.

### Mr. Dooley and the Faculty Meeting.

"Well," ejaculated Mr. Dooley, as he swept aside the glasses and settled himself for a smoke, "it surely was an inther'sting thrip, Hinnisey, but I'm divillish glad to be home agin' just the same."

"Tell us about it," said Mr. Hennessey.

"Ye have no idea, me lad," remarked the philosopher, as he filled his pipe, "ye have no idea sittin' here comfortable behind this bar an' swooppin' lies in a thruly civilized way, what people may be sayin' an' doin' all over this br-r-road land of ours."

"Now, whin I wint to personally superintind the delivery of that case to the chaplin,—who says he don't relish Neil House drinks (an' I don't blame him)—Oi had the haziest kind iv notion, Hinnissey, about the governin' body of a institooshin iv high learnin'. Sometimes Oi've run acrosht thim in a business way, but Oi niver befoor tackled thim on their home grounds, as ye might say.

"Well, afther I'd delivered that case, I hunted up th' presidint to settle up that old bill he's had runnin' wid me for years. 'He's gone to the faculty matin' they said.

"He kin go where the woodbine twineth whin Oi git through wid him, siz I, but where is this tay party,' siz I.

"Well, they showed me where it was and I rapped at the doore—an' there was the faculty! Wud ye belave it, Hinnissey, Oi recognized almosht ivery wan of thim. There was the prisidint an' the parson an' the other long parson; there was the sporty gint wid the light mustache that wint to shlope (but not to rist) in me brother's bar in Baltimore. There was the little froggy from Purrdoo that thrived to dishcount twinty percent f'r cash from the price iv a beer—ye rimimber him, Hinnissey?

"There was others besides. Two iv thim sat in a corner an' talked in low conspirituos tones, an' looked at the long parson an' thim at the Purrdoo man. Wan iv thim had whiskers an' a low, deep growl, an' looked something like a man Oi wansht knew be the name iv Burt; an' t'other wuz a shtumpy giloot wid shtraw hair that shtood up loike a Fiji oislander's an' r-reacted wid vigor r-r.

"The prisidint met me wid a disharmin' shmile that made me feel most div'llish onaisy. 'Ah, Mr. Dooley,' siz he, givin' me hand a hearty grasp iv welkim, 'I'm glad to see ye,' siz he, an' he showed me into his pylatial antechamber to wait till the matin' was over. 'Twill be but a minut', siz he. So there I sat an' listened to thim.

"'Shall we fire him or shall we not?' siz the Fiji oislander.

"'The mosht pithetic inshidint in me byehood,' remarked me frind the parson, 'was whin I shpied a gentle tortoise beneath a quiet peaceful meddow flower. Ah, gintlemin', siz he, 'as I liftid up me

gonk to swot him, a voice widin me cried, 'tis wrong, 'tis wrong, 'tis wrong. 'Twas me first conception iv an inner consciousness,' siz he—'oh but ye ought to see tortoiseshell comb,—I'm f'r firin' him,' siz he.

" 'Whatever use has he made iv his oppoortoonities,' siz he iv the ominous growl. 'That schame iv his f'r holdin' ixaminations in Ross Hall ownly resulted in our gittin' the honor system,' siz he 'an' cut me out iv sivinteen ixamination jokes, which have been a bond,' siz he, 'betwane mesilf an' me pupils f'r ages past.'

" 'The honor system didn't work so bad in Frinch,' siz the parson. 'No. n'r in mathematics,' siz the Purdoo man. 'Shakespeare says, in his Areopagitica,' siz he, 'Honor and shame from no condition rise,' but a good many conditions seem to rise from the honor system,' siz he.

" 'Tis lucky there's no patint on jokes,' siz the long parson gruffly.

" 'Gruffness might be taken as a sign of ill temper,' makely remarks the prisidint.

" 'Anyhow its a co-sine to it, siz the Purdoo man with the laugh of a hardened criminal, 'but to git down to business, gintlemin,' siz he, 'Oi have six bottles iv beer in this room,' siz he, 'an' if I kape me job it'll be half a dhrink all round.'

" 'An' if ye'll elect me,' siz the long parson, 'we'll dhrink the beer an' I'll stand good,' siz he.

" 'No sinsible man,' siz he iv Purdoo, 'is goin' to vote f'r any goggle-eyed rhombohedral parson.'

" 'Tay magnopere contemno,' wuz the pr-r-rompt reply—which, Hinnissey, is wan iv the most scurrilous an' back bitin irenics of the German sceptics.

" 'Oi'm a man iv pace, as ye know,' siz me whiskered frind, 'an' whin ye git to dhrinkin' an' fightin' 'tis time f'r all self-respetin' Quakers to withdraw,' siz he. 'Agatlytuky,' siz he as he lumbered hivily out iv the room—that's a classikil raymark, Hinnissey, an' manes 'Let somebody ilse put up f'r the dhrinks.'

"An' so they proceeded to the ballot an' it turned out there was only wan vote f'r the Purdoo man.

"'It's up to me,' siz the long parson, as he signed a chick f'r ninety cints, 'an where did you lave the beer, *skelyotaty pantone*'—an endearin' term, Hinnissey, much in use among the Acadians.

"'Under our Quaker brother's chair,' siz he, 'an I shpake up f'r his share,' siz he.

"'Woe is me,' siz our Baltimore frind, 'let us put no confidence in Quakers.'

"F'r the beer was gone, Hinnissey, the beer wuz gone, an' so wuz the prisidint whin I shteped into that room afther half an hour's waitin'."

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### College News.

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On January 23, in the Philomathesian Society, was held the preliminary for the 22nd day debate. Subject: "Resolved, that the United States should accept the proposed Nicaraguan route through the Isthmus in preference to the Panama route." Affirmative, Messrs. Stewart and Abraham; Negative, Messrs. Davidson and Rodgers; Judges, Messrs. Roudenbush, Cummings and Daniels. The decision was in favor of the affirmative. Mr. Abraham was absent.

After the decision was brought in Mr. Stewart and Mr. Davidson were elected to contest with Mr. Huston and Mr. Roudenbush, of Bexley, for the 22nd day debate.

Mr. Stewart's argument, though very well delivered, showed lack of preparation. His points were exceedingly well stated but his rebuttal was much better than the foundation of his argument. He won the decision by making an unrefuted point.

Mr. Davidson was well prepared. As a whole his plan was good. He delivered his statements well, though at times he abandoned himself to bursts of oratory. Assertion went a great way with him and many of his points, for that reason, seemed unsubstantiated.

Mr. Rodger's fault was disorder. All the points he wished to establish were accompanied by proofs, but his conclusions were vague and too much by far was left to be inferred.

On the whole, we should say that the negative paid too little attention to rebuttal. Mr. Stewart was insufficiently prepared, Mr. Davidson was superficial, Mr. Rodgers was vague.

The 22nd day debate will come on the 21st of February this year, so as to allow the Bexley men to go to their missions. The subject will be "Resolved, that United States Senators shall be elected by the direct vote of the people." Philo has the negative.

The preliminary debate showed the need of the course of argumentation which was lately established under the English Chair as a Junior Elective. So far, the project has proved eminently satisfactory and successful. A debate is held by the class once a week, and a very considerable interest is shown in these debates.

The Sophomore and Freshman basket-ball teams played on Saturday, January 5. The score was 21 to 16 in favor of the Sophomores. Two minutes before the end the score was 16 to 12 in favor of the Freshmen. The Sophomores did not exhibit much clever basket throwing.

Father Huntington was in Gambier on the 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th of January. During the course of his stay he delivered a series of exceedingly interesting lectures which were well attended by the student body. Father Huntington is so well known that it is unnecessary to dwell on his abilities as a preacher.

At the Faculty meeting in the last week of January it was decided that hereafter the school year be divided into semesters. Examinations will occur at the end of each semester, the first semester ending at the last of January. This will allow the football players to catch up in their work and will do away with one series of examinations.

President Peirce attended the dinner of the Alumni Association of Cincinnati, on the third of February, at the St. Nicholas hotel. On

the 19th of February he will deliver a lecture at the Western Reserve preparatory school at Hudson.

A handsome pulpit has been placed in the Church of the Holy Spirit as a memorial to the Rev. Alfred Blake, '29, and the Rev. Alfred F. Blake, '62, by the members of the family. It is constructed of polished oak and brass, and the symbolism used throughout the ornamentation of the Chapel has been closely followed out in each detail of its decoration.

Mr. James H. Dempsey, class of '82, who is a member of the law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland, has promised to provide each year the salary of an assistant in the English department. This will make it possible for the college to extend its course in literature, essay and rhetorical study, besides devoting more time to oratory.

Mr. Dempsey is one of Kenyon's best supporters, and this display of generosity is but one of his many acts of munificence.

Mr. James P. Stephens, '59, of Trenton, N. J., who has been such a tireless worker and substantial supporter of Kenyon for many years, has again declared his willingness to help the college. At present the endowment of the McIlvaine Professorship of the English language and Literature is about \$13,000. It was originally intended that this sum should reach \$30,000.

Mr. Stephens proposes that if the college will raise the balance of about \$17,000, for the complete endowment, he will contribute a similar amount, the same to be expended for the erection of a stack room for the library and the establishment of a system of water-works for Kenyon College, Gambier and vicinity.

The sum is to be known as the James P. Stephens' Trust Fund.

As a guarantee of his good faith, Mr. Stephens has deposited with President Peirce a check for \$7,500, and he will add to the same as convenience permits. Mr. Stephen's offer continues until commencement week, and it is sincerely hoped that his generosity will meet a liberal response upon the part of the Alumni and friends of Kenyon.

### Socals.

On Saturday evening, January eighteenth, the Roney's Boys Concert Company visited Gambier and gave a concert for the benefit of the Bedell Mission. There was a good attendance, and a very enjoyable program was rendered. Mr. Roney was formerly choir-master of Grace Church, Chicago, and his singers are mainly taken from the boy-choirs of that city. He was the trainer of the phenomenal boy-soprano, Kavanaugh, and he has followed out the experience gained then in offering to the public a very unique performance.

There is nothing so sweet and *spirituelle* as the boy voice; and the wonderful training and technical accuracy of which it is capable was well exemplified at the concert here. Although many may have heard truer and better voices than that of the first soprano, yet we venture to say that no one has ever heard his runs and trills with the flute accompaniment surpassed. Not only were the boys wonderful as singers but they also showed great instrumental skill, considering their age. The costumes may have seemed somewhat unnatural and ludicrous to many, but, altogether, we have to thank Mr. Roney for a very novel and pleasant evening.

Wednesday evening, January twenty-second, Dr. Ion Jackson, whom most of us remembered from last year, gave a song recital at Harcourt. Mr. Jackson is deservedly a favorite in Gambier, and all the lovers of good music endeavored to hear him. The most noticeable feature of the program was a trio of new songs, the words being taken from the sonnets of English and American poets. They were very dainty and pretty, and the last, "If You Were Blind," was particularly pleasing and well sung. Mr. Jackson repeated three Scotch ballads he had sung the year before, and they were greeted with great applause. The last number might be called in its intent the "German Robin Hood," and was powerfully rendered. We are always glad to hear Mr. Jackson and hope he may be with us often.

The Misses Jenks, Brooks and Foster, of Harcourt, assisted by Mr. Franz Skogland, gave a recital to their Gambier friends Saturday evening, January twenty-fifth. The program was remarkably well rendered and was enjoyed to the fullest extent. Miss Jenks received a large bunch of roses from her girl friends, and all felt that they shared in the pleasure they took in showing their appreciation. A dance followed the recital and put a fitting end to a very delightful evening.

### Alumni Notes.

'76. The Rev. Rolla Dyer, '76, Bexley '85, has taken charge of the parish at Dresden, Ohio.

'70. Mr. William P. Elliott, of Chicago, Ill., spent a few days in Gambier, last month.

'82. Mr. John Trafford Brazee, is connected with the State Department of Insurance, Columbus, Ohio.

'86. The Rev. George C. Cox, rector of the American Church, at Geneva, Switzerland, in a recent letter, sends affectionate greetings to all old college friends.

'84. Mr. Josiah Ohl, of the Atlanta Constitution staff, was sent to the Philippine Islands to make thorough investigation of the conditions there, and to send back impartial and unvarnished reports. His letters have attracted widespread attention, both on account of the frank statements, and of the evident endeavor to keep strictly to the facts.

'92. The Rev. Louis E. Durr, '92, Bexley, '94, has assumed the rectorship of St. Mary's parish, Hillsboro, Ohio.

'96. The Rev. Edwin B. Redhead, of Ravenna, Ohio, visited in Gambier for a week in the latter part of January.

'97. The Rev. William Alfred Grier, of Toledo, Ohio, attended the addresses delivered by Father Huntington last month.



'97. One of the most important social events in Cincinnati last month was the marriage of Miss Florence Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Allen, of Cincinnati, to Mr. Harry Sawyer, '97, of Cleveland. The wedding took place in the Church of Our Saviour, on Jan. 16, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Phillips, assisted by the Rev. Elmer E. Esselburne, Bex. '96, of East Cleveland. Mr. Raymond T. Sawyer, '00, was the best man, and Messrs. Phil Stanberry, '98, and Walter Collins, '02, were ushers. Among those present were: Chas. T. Follett, '96, Constant Southworth, '98, Rufus Southworth, '00, Hart Stanberry, '00, and the Rev. R. L. Harris, '96, and Mrs. Harris.

The following, from the Boston Herald, will be of interest to many of our readers.

The Rev. Murray Wilder Dewart, who became assistant to the late Rev. Percy Browne, last June, has been unanimously elected rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, St. James street, Roxbury. Although Mr. Dewart has not made a formal acceptance as yet, it is expected that he will do so this week.

St. James Church has been without a rector since the death of the Rev. Percy Browne, and during that time Mr. Dewart has been holding services every Sunday.

Mr. Dewart was born in Ohio, and when very young moved with his family to Minnesota, where he attended the Minnesota University. He studied for the ministry at the New York General Theological Seminary. Then he came to Cambridge and graduating last June at the Episcopal school, and immediately took up his work at St. James' Church as assistant. He is twenty-seven years old. He is a brother to the Rev. William H. Dewart, assistant rector of Trinity Church, and their father, the Rev. J. H. Dewart, is well known in Ohio and Wisconsin, where he has had several very important churches.

'64. James Lee Wells, who was defeated in the recent municipal election in New York as candidate for the presidency of the Borough of the Bronx on the Fusion ticket, has been appointed President of

the Tax Board by Mayor Low. Mr. Wells was Tax Commissioner during the Strong administration.

'86 Bex. The Rev. David H. Greer, D. D., of New York, who recently declined an election as Bishop of the newly organized Diocese of Western Massachusetts, has refused to allow his name to be used as a candidate for the office of Bishop-Coadjutor of Pennsylvania.

'86. Colonel John J. McCook, of New York, is one of the thirty prominent men chosen as members of the Arbitration Committee of the National Civic Federation at their last annual meeting of that organization.

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### Obituary.

Mr. Richard A. Morris, a matriculate of the class of '53, died at his residence in Terre Haute, Indiana, July 4, 1901. Through the influence of Mr. I. N. Whiting, of Columbus, Mr. Morris came to Kenyon and fitted himself as a civil engineer. He then entered the employ of the Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railway, and later became an officer of that corporation. He was also identified with banking interests and the hardware business. Despite this busy commercial life, Mr. Morris found time to cultivate a true and intimate knowledge of the best in literature and philosophy. He left the record of a pure and unblemished character, and his genial and gentle personality will long survive in the memory of his acquaintances.

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Mr. Ulysses D. Cole, '62, died at Oxford, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1901. After he had graduated he enlisted in the Union army and served until the close of the war, leaving the service as captain of the One Hundred and Seventy-fourth O. V. I. After the war Captain Cole lived at Rushville, Ind., where he practiced law. He left a widow, a daughter and a sister, the wife of Senator Fairbanks.

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Mr. Eugene Brooks Douthirt, '94, died of consumption at Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Dec. 28, 1901.

## Basketball.

The basket ball season started out in a very unsatisfactory way. The team took an unusually long time to round into shape and was handicapped by the absence of Morris in the first two games. In addition to this the home games have been unsuccessful from a financial point of view, and on account of the poor support given the team it is probable that no more games will be played here this year.

Kenyon lost to Wooster University on January 18th by the score of seventeen to fourteen. Kenyon had had no practice for over a week, and the lack of team-work and training was very disastrous. The team was in wretched shape, but managed to come within one basket from tying the score.

The line up was:

| Kenyon.                  | Position.          | Wooster.    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Brandon.....             | Left Forward.....  | Mespey      |
| Collins (C).....         | Right Forward..... | McWeld, (C) |
| Zollinger, Stauffer..... | Center.....        | McConnell   |
| Coolidge.....            | Left Guard.....    | Beggs       |
| Jackson.....             | Right Guard.....   | Cooper      |

Halves, twenty and fifteen minutes. Referee, H. F. Williams. Umpire, Gorman, Brown. Timers, McDonald, Wallace. Goals, Wooster 5, Kenyon, Brandon 2, Collins 1, Zollinger 1. Goals from fouls, Wooster 2, Kenyon 2. Score, Wooster 17, Kenyon 14.

On February 1st, the Kenyon team seemed to be in much better shape, defeating the O. S. U. '04 team forty-one to six. The game was closer than the score would show. Kenyon's basket throwing was fairly accurate, while that of O. S. U. was very poor.

The line up was:

| Kenyon.          | Position.          | O. S. U. '04. |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Collins (C)..... | Left Forward.....  | Medberry      |
| Brandon.....     | Right Forward..... | McClure       |
| Morris.....      | Center.....        | Martin        |
| Coolidge.....    | Left Guard.....    | Payne         |
| Jackson.....     | Right Guard.....   | Sheneger      |

Halves, twenty and fifteen minutes. Referee, H. F. Williams. Umpires, Zollinger, Cornell. Goals, Kenyon, Brandon 5, Collins 3, Morris 3, Jackson 2. O. S. U., McClure '01. Goals from fouls, Kenyon 2, O. S. U. 3. Score, Kenyon forty-one. O. S. U. '04, six.

### Intercollegiate.

On February 22nd President Gilman, of John Hopkins University, will formally withdraw from the Presidency of that institution, which he has held for over twenty years, and Dr. Ira Remsen, who has been elected to succeed him, will be formally installed.

The authorities at Boston Tech have established a "kommer" similar to those of the German Universities, where beer is served at mass meetings of the student body. Harvard recently adopted practically the same system.

American residents of Montreal have subscribed a fund of \$9,000 for the foundation of a fellowship on political economy at McGill University, to be known as the William McKinley Fellowship.

Northwestern University is to have a new athletic park, and \$20,000 is to be spent in making it one of the largest and most perfectly equipped fields for athletics of any college in the West. The new park is to be situated about a mile from the Campus on Central street, at the intersection of the North Shore Electric and the Chicago and Milwaukee electric roads.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Hopkins of Kansas City, has been elected to the presidency of Williams College.

Students who represent the University of Texas in inter-collegiate debating or oratorical contests are excused from examinations between the time of their selection and such contests.

An intercollegiate Lacrosse League has been formed by Johns Hopkins, Swathmore, and Lehigh. The University of Pennsylvania and other colleges may be admitted to the organization later.

A classical club for the purpose of promoting interest in philology and archæology has been organized among the graduate students and Seniors at Columbia.

The University of Wisconsin has increased from 481 students in 1879 to nearly 3,000 this year.

Princeton is to have a new gymnasium costing about \$225,000.

Columbia has recently received \$100,000 for the purpose of endowing a chair in Chinese language and literature.

At a recent meeting of the Executive committee of the Intercollegiate Gymnastic association held in New York, it was decided to hold the annual Intercollegiate gymnastic meet in Philadelphia on March 21st.

There are fifty-nine students on the University of Chicago Weekly, including editors, reporters and artists.

Invitations to participate in the Henley regatta to be held at Dublin in July, 1902, have been received by the University of Pennsylvania, Cornell, Harvard, Columbia and Yale, of the United States; McGill and Toronto Universities of Canada; the College of the City of Sidney, Australia; Leipsic University of Germany, and Oxford and Cambridge Universities of England. Lord O'Brien has offered a loving cup worth \$1,250 for the winning crew.

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### The Old Year.

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Lingering, old friend, I bid thee fond farewell  
With one long hand-clasp, for the thread is spun.  
A few more turnings of the shuttle—then  
Come other spinners, for my day is done.

When with the golden years of sunny youth  
I, too, have sunk into oblivion,  
Still in the century you ushered in  
The world will not forget thee, nineteen-one.

Golden the past—time's oil on troubled waters,  
Storms of the present quickly pass away,  
And, looking back, the conqueror sighs to see  
Fading the morning star of Youth's bright day.

—Ex.