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## EDITORIAL.

THE work of the literary societies for the year is nearly over. Another year has been added to the many gone before in the illustrious history of Philomathesian and Nu Pi Kappa. The past year has seen a consistent continuance of a hearty interest in these two societies. While the combined membership does not comprise as many men as might be wished, the number of men who participate is large enough to warrant genuine satisfaction; for we must remember that the day when every member of the student body belonged to one or the other of the societies is past and gone. The work done by the societies this year has been productive of good results. Interesting and instructive programs have been presented and a broadening influence has been felt.

The work of the literary societies is a large one. There is nothing outside of the curriculum

that can be used as an educating agency, as a means to culture, to as great a degree as these societies. Outside reading is good. Such must be commended. The work of the literary societies goes farther than outside reading for it applies that reading. Some may little value at the present time the training gained in expression in the meetings of the literary societies. The testimony of those who have gone before evidences that real good accrues from the acceptance of the opportunity of public expression of thought. The training that one receives in either Philo or Nu Pi Kappa may appear to be limited in extent but it is surely of lasting strength. This fact is demonstrated by the progress made by individual members of the societies.

There is present here at college, in form of these societies, an opportunity to gain a possession of great value, the ability of self-expression. Nothing else in college presents the same opportunity in as large a manner. There can be no doubt of the future of the societies. What they have to offer is of so much value as to be eagerly seized upon by each succeeding generation of students. We urge, however, that a larger number avail themselves of this opportunity, than now do so. The loss is theirs. Backed by a history of note and guaranteed by a fine value in the present, Philomathesian and Nu Pi Kappa are bound to hold a large place at Kenyon.

Through the efforts of the members of the societies two intercollegiate debates were held in Gambier this year. It happened that in neither contest did victory come to Kenyon. This should not cause any cessation of enthusiasm. It is not the winning of debates that is of value. The training secured in preparation and participation far outweighs the more material fact of victory or defeat. That such contests continue is the earnest hope of many. Let the present members of Philomathesian and Nu Pi Kappa, strive to leave as a legacy to those who are to come after the legacy of a hearty interest in literary affairs.

Reunions of both societies are planned for Commencement week. This will bring together the past and the present. Old members can again, in fancy, stride the hall of debate discussing with fever heat the questions of state rights, of slavery and secession. The present members will be enabled to see just how large a place the literary societies formerly held.

### Wres Weldon Dudgeon.

Wres Weldon Dudgeon entered into rest Friday, May 17th. A member of the Sophomore Class, deeply interested in every undertaking of his college and his class, he will be greatly missed. Possessed of a genial happy character, friendly and pleasant to all, his cheerful presence was ever in demand. The funeral services were held on Monday, May 20th, at the Union Grove Church. Members of his class acted as pall-bearers.

### A BUNDLE OF RECOLLECTIONS.

By A. D. ROCKWELL, M. D.

When a boy at school, in the preparatory department of Kenyon College, I first caught a glimpse of three men destined to become famous in our national history, and with all of whom in after years I had the honor and pleasure of agreeable acquaintance. I refer to Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, Edwin M. Stanton and ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes. At this time Mr. Chase was Governor of the State of Ohio and Mr. Hayes a rising young lawyer of Cincinnati.

Mr. Hayes was a comparatively recent graduate of the college and the two had come to attend the Commencement exercises, the one by special invitation as Governor of the State, the other comparatively unknown, yet none the less welcome.

The Governor was the central figure. Wherever he went he was followed by admiring crowds, and many predicted for him far greater honors; indeed, the highest was confidently believed to be within his reach. I suppose, in his wildest dreams of future advancement, our modest and unassuming Mr. Hayes, as he sat with the less distinguished alumni on the platform, never once thought of himself as a Presidential possibility; yet he finally grasped the prize, while Mr. Chase, with his high ambition and expectation ever before him, failed to reach the goal, like those other great statesmen, Webster, Clay and Blaine. Probably no college of its size has sent out more men to achieve high national and international reputation than Kenyon. I have only to mention besides these three, the names of Stanley Matthews, Judge David Davis, President of the Senate, and Henry Winter Davis, a list of which any of the great universities might be proud. After leaving Mr. Lincoln's Cabinet, Mr. Chase was appointed Chief Justice of the United States, and a few years subsequently he suffered a

slight stroke of paralysis from which he never fully recovered.

He was sent to me for treatment and the month of our association was one of the most interesting of my life. Mr. Chase was a man of magnificent presence, somewhat cold and repellant in his greeting, and yet with an urbanity on occasions that was very attractive.

His nature was imperious, a characteristic that had become accentuated through his high positions, and habits of command, but was now associated with an intense irritability from physical causes.

The first few visits were quite unsatisfactory. My patient was evidently suffering from much mental as well as physical depression. He hardly ever spoke unless spoken to and then only in monosyllables. Our association was getting to be exceedingly monotonous and to have a great man as a patient was not quite up to expectation. One day Mr. Chase apprised me that he did not like to sit in the waiting room for people to stare at him, and wanted to know if I couldn't see him at some other hour. I appointed half past twelve and he was promptly on hand but in no better or more communicative mood than before. I had tried on a former visit to talk about Kenyon College, and our common interest in it, and now ventured to say something about the late Civil War, in which I had been an humble actor and he a great historic figure, but all in vain.

The next day, at 12:30, the Chief Justice failed to appear, but came at one o'clock, while I was engaged with another patient. He knocked vigorously at the door, but I gave no heed until through with the work in hand.

On going into the reception room I found it empty, but saw Mr. Chase leaning against one of the pillars of the porch outside, his carriage gone, and he himself in a seemingly unhappy frame of mind. I went immediately out and the following conversation occurred:

"Good morning, Mr. Chase." No answer.

"Won't you walk in?" "No."

"I am sorry to have kept you waiting but you were half an hour behind your time and I had another engagement at one."

"I won't wait."

"Will you come in tomorrow?" "No."

"Good morning, sir," and with that I withdrew, sorry to have lost such a distinguished patient. Two or three days after, I received this laconic note:

"When I was at your office on Friday last, I was impatient and I fear rude. I regret it. If your engagements take you down this way I should be pleased to see you."

Now this recital illustrates how a story only

partially told may give a totally wrong impression. My first experiences seemed to show a man unreasonably irritable and altogether disagreeable. But this was not the real Mr. Chase. He was fighting against almost overwhelming odds.

There was a physical basis for all this bad temper, and when he realized his discourtesy, the greatness and inherent nobility of his nature reasserted itself and he made the "amende honorable." On the following day I went to the Brevoort House where he was stopping. He received me very cordially in marked contrast to his previous greetings, introduced me to his two daughters, Mrs. Sprague and Miss Chase, apologized again, saying, of course had my appointments which must be kept.

(To be continued.)

(NOTE: The foregoing is an extract from an article by Dr. A. D. Rockwell, '03. We print only that part concerning the three noted sons of Kenyon—Chase, Hayes and Stanton. This article presents these men in varied light and represents the testimony of one whose observation is wide and whose knowledge is deep.)

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on May 16, 1907, Track Manager Judd reported on the Inter-class Track Meet as follows:

Gate Receipts . . . . . \$7.30

Expenses . . . . . 3.35

Profit . . . . . \$3.95

Tennis Manager Southworth was authorized to sign contracts for a tournament with Oberlin at Gambier, June 14, 1907, and one with the University of Cincinnati at Cincinnati, May 21.

Manager Chase reported on the Wooster debate:

Receipts . . . . . \$12.25

Expenses . . . . . 25.40

Balance-O. W. U. debate . . . 2.00

Loss . . . . . \$11.15

Mr. Platt reported for Baseball Manager Southworth on the games with Baldwin and Case:

Total expenses . . . . . \$117.45

Received from Baldwin . . . 50.00

Received from Case . . . . . 47.50

Loss . . . . . \$19.95

The report on the entertainment given by the Puff and Powder Club on May 1st showed a profit of \$52.97.

#### PHILOMATHESIAN.

The last meeting of Philo for the year '06-'07 was held on Wednesday, May 15th. The meeting was devoted to the election of officers for next year and addresses from the retiring officers and other faithful Philo men of the Class of '07.

Mr. Chase, '08, and Mr. Sykes, '08, were nominated for the office of President. Mr. Chase thanked the members for the honor of nomination but said he would be unable to serve, should he be elected. Mr. Sykes was then chosen unanimously. Other officers were elected:

Vice-President, Mr. Bland, '10.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Knapp, '10.

Curator, Mr. Thompson, '08.

The program committee was chosen as follows: Vice-President, Mr. L'Hommedieu, '08, and Mr. Denny, '10.

After the election of officers, many inspiring addresses were made by the retiring members and some of next year's members. All were grateful to Philo for what it had done for them and expressed best wishes for a bright and prosperous future for the society. Its long and honorable history was reviewed. Determinations were made to bring the society back to its prominent position in the college. Every student should belong to one or the other of the literary societies and next year an effort should be made to bring this about.

Plans were also discussed for a reunion of Philo men Commencement week and a committee was appointed to make necessary arrangements. Among those who spoke during the evening were Mr. Patterson, the retiring President, President Sykes, Mr. Judd, Mr. Oldham, Mr. Riley and Mr. Brown, '07; Mr. L'Hommedieu and Mr. Chase, '08; Mr. Barber, '09, and Mr. Bland, '10.

#### ASSEMBLY MEETING.

The regular Assembly meeting for May was held on Monday evening, May 6th. After the routine business of the assembly had been dispensed with the annual election of officers was held. Mr. L. P. L'Hommedieu, '08, was elected President. Other officers were elected as follows: Vice-President, R. Cahall, '08; Secretary, B. F. Jefferson, '08; Treasurer, Prof. L. H. Ingham. The executive committee was chosen as follows: Prof. Reeves, Chairman; Carleton, '09; Luthy, '08; Clarke, '08; Finnell, '08; Hughes, '08; Morrow, '08.

Various business of importance was arranged. The amendment concerning the awarding of K's was laid upon the table. The meeting then adjourned.

## WOOSTER-KENYON DEBATE.

The second annual debate between the University of Wooster and Kenyon College was held Wednesday evening, May 8th, in Rosse Hall. The question discussed was: "Resolved, That Cuba should be annexed to the United States." Wooster, who had the affirmative of the question, was represented by A. O. Caldwell, E. P. Carson and Philip Landes. Kenyon was represented by P. K. Chase, H. W. Patterson, and M. C. Platt. Dr. Reeves presided. The Judges were Prof. Denny of O. S. U., Judge Waite and Judge Berry of Mt. Vernon.

Carson opened for Wooster and defined the question as meaning peaceful annexation. He maintained that Cuba had failed of self-government. That the present system of intervention was inadequate and annexation was the best solution, was stated as the contention of the affirmative.

In opening for the negative, Patterson briefly outlined the history of the question and maintained that not only was the Platt Amendment adequate but it was the only just and expedient policy. The negative demanded the affirmative to state upon what grounds and in what nature Cuba was to be annexed.

Caldwell outlined the relations of Cuba and the United States. Annexation, he argued, would bring stability of government, increased prosperity, real independence, and all in all, far better conditions than now exist.

Chase, for the negative, told of the political importance of the policy involved in the Platt Amendment. He maintained that Cuba should be given the opportunity to work out its own destiny. Good government would develop; perhaps slowly but surely.

Landes told how the United States would benefit by annexation. In a speech brilliant in metaphor but ringing of jingoism, he told of the great future of Cuba. In answer to the question of the negative he said that Cuba was to be annexed as organized territory. Annexation with ultimate statehood was manifest destiny.

Platt showed that every economic advantage obtainable under annexation was already secured by trade conditions. Should increased commercial advantages be desired, reciprocity treaties could provide for it. Platt showed that the operation of the present system guaranteed law, order and protection of property.

The rebuttals were sharp and lively. The negative seized upon the proposal of the affirmative to annex Cuba as organized territory, pointed out the danger of immediate statehood, and then proceeded to show that Cuba and the

Cubans are not fit to become a part of this country and citizens of our republic. The Wooster team were coherent and clear. Their team work was excellent. The Kenyon team stuck to the special issues and had the debate been decided upon these issues would have fared better. The judges unanimously awarded the decision to Wooster.

## TRIAL BY JURY.

On the evening of May 1st, the Puff and Powder Club and the Glee Club presented a program which has never been surpassed if equalled during the past few years. This production took the form of a minstrel show and the presentation of Sullivan's musical farce, "Trial by Jury." Both parts of the program were rendered with surprising excellency. The display of ability was more than anyone had looked for and the large audience present were warmed to a high pitch of enthusiasm.

The minstrel show was the first for several years. Although in former years such an entertainment was agitated, many hesitated to carry out the idea. The production of May 1st evidenced beyond a shadow of a doubt that such an entertainment can be given with success. As interlocutor, Mr. Eddy was dignified and stately. The end men all performed their stunts with professional skill. Each did his part to enliven the evening. The local "hits" were clever. The singing would have done credit to black-faced comedians of the widest reputation. Mr. Childs and Mr. Goldsborough rendered solos in fine manner and were repeatedly recalled to the front.

During the intermission, Messrs. Sheldon, Finnell and Rankin captivated the audience with their performance on the mandolin. Rag medley was rendered. Mr. Rood gave several whistling solos. These were one of the features of the evening.

Of the "Trial by Jury" we hesitate to write. It is to be doubted if the written word can give any approximate amount of due credit. This musical farce, clever and witty in itself, was placed upon the boards in a manner that would have credited men accustomed to such as their life's work.

In make-up and in action, Mr. Cartmell, who took the part of the leading lady, set a standard that may be taken hereafter as a criterion. His performance was marked by a skill that was remarkable, and everyone who saw the production, agreed that his make-up was perfect. Mr. Marsh as Judge, Mr. Cahall as defendant, Mr. Riley as counsel, Mr. Shaw as usher, in fact, the whole cast were excellent. The jury, in its

make-up, represented "all sorts and conditions of men." The bridesmaids were pretty and coy. The singing throughout was of high standard. Rumor has it that mayhap we may witness this performance again this year. We trust that such is the case for in all truth, the production is, in many ways, the high water-mark of such effort.

## PROGRAM.

## PART FIRST—KENYON MINSTRELS.

Interlocutor, Mr. Eddy.

ENDS—BONES	ENDS—TAMBOS
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Sheldon
Mr. Rood	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Lord	Mr. Beatty

Assisted by Kenyon Glee Club and Orchestra.

1. Grand Opening Chorus..... Entire Troupe
2. "Let Me Down Easy"..... Mr. Lord
3. "Down in the Depths"..... Mr. Childs
4. "Let it Alone"..... Mr. Rankin
5. "Bamboo Baby"..... Mr. Goldsborough
6. "The Jonah Man"..... Mr. Sheldon
7. Grand Closing Chorus..... Entire Troupe

## INTERMISSION.

Rag Medley, Messrs. Sheldon, Finnell, Rankin  
 "Cavalier de Rusticana" (whistling solo),  
 Mr. Rood

## PART SECOND.

"Trial by Jury"—A Case of Breach of  
 Promise..... Sullivan

## CAST.

Judge..... Mr. Marsh  
 Plaintiff..... Mr. Cartmell  
 Counsel for Plaintiff..... Mr. Riley  
 Defendant..... Mr. Cahall  
 Foreman of Jury..... Mr. Childs  
 Usher..... Mr. Shaw  
 Bridesmaids—Messrs. Goldsborough, Judd, Dav-  
 ies, Downe, Cuff, Scott,  
 Jurymen—Messrs. McGlashan, Platt, Coolidge,  
 Crosby, Kapp, Youmans, Beatty, Knapp,  
 Rankin, Rood, Siegchrist, Wiseman.

SCENE—English Court Room.

Musical Director, R. D. Cahall.  
 Accompanist, F. R. Tshan.

ORCHESTRA—Leader, J. E. Thompson. First  
 Violin, H. K. Davies, J. E. Thompson; Sec-  
 ond Violin, G. A. Wieland; Cello, W. E.  
 Gorsuch; Viola, F. R. Tshan; Cornet, R. A.  
 Gorsuch; Clarinet, L. H. Ingham; Bass,  
 E. B. Gorsuch; Trombone, C. C. Childs;  
 Drum and Traps, H. L. Foltz.

The four literary societies at Purdue decided to suspend the publication of the college annual this year.

## NU PI KAPPA.

With a full attendance the Nu Pi Kappa Literary Society held its annual election of officers, May 15, for the ensuing year. The following is the result:

M. C. Platt, '08, President.  
 B. L. Jefferson, '08, Vice-President.  
 Wm. Cuff, '10, Secretary.  
 Wm. Seth, '08, Treasurer.  
 L. Brigman, '09, Critic.  
 W. V. Morrow, '08, Censorer.  
 P. A. Doorman, '09, Sergeant-at-Arms.

A committee was then appointed by the new chairman to arrange for the Nu Pi Kappa reunion to be held next Commencement. It is hoped that we have with us then some of the most famous members of the organization.

The literary program for the evening was interesting, in that it was composed mainly of the discussion of things now existing. Mr. Jefferson spoke on the recent New York Peace Convention, telling what it accomplished and of the rational men of whom it was composed.

Mr. Rankin gave a resume of the fairy play Peter Pan, as he saw it played by Maud Adams. Question: Is the success of "Peter Pan" due to the skill of the actress or to her popularity? Certainly there are few who could successfully reproduce such a play with as great success.

Mr. Lord spoke on current events, chiefly of the recent trouble in India. The meeting then adjourned to meet again on May 22.

## FOOTBALL.

Manager Sykes of the football team, has arranged the following schedule for the season of 1907:

Oct. 5—Otterbein at Gambier.  
 Oct. 12—Case at Cleveland.  
 Oct. 19—Wooster at Wooster.  
 Oct. 26—Heidelberg at Tiffin.  
 Nov. 2—O. S. U. at Columbus.  
 Nov. 9—Denison at Gambier.  
 Nov. 16—W. R. U. at Cleveland.  
 Nov. 23—O. W. U. at Delaware.

The outlook for the coming season is exceptionally bright. Captain Clark will again lead the team, nine old men returning while this last year has shown some promising material in the Freshman Class. We resume connections next fall with W. R. U. whom we have not met in football for several years.

While a little early to "dope" the strength of the other teams, a thought of our own promising outlook cannot fail to awaken a little post season enthusiasm.

## THE THIRD LARWILL LECTURE.

Kenyon men are just beginning to realize what a place the Larwill Lectures are to have in the literary life of the Hill. The unusually high standard set by the first two addresses was fully lived up to by the third lecture, which was delivered in Philo Hall on May 10th.

The lecturer was Dr. Albert T. Hale of Indianapolis, whose timely articles in the "Reader" upon the South American question, have aroused much interest. His address, which was prepared especially for his Kenyon audience, was a comprehensive study of the Monroe Doctrine. Dr. Hale drew his material largely from his personal observations during a year's journey through South America.

The address traced the history of the Monroe Doctrine from its formulation and showed how many different interpretations had been placed upon it. In treating of the present status of this great principle, Dr. Hale gave a very vivid account of South American civilization. His comparison of the too little known Argentine and Brazil with the countries of Europe brought forth many startling points in favor of the former.

The lecture was pervaded throughout with a dry humor which held the audience to the very end. It was without doubt one of the most enjoyable literary events Kenyon has had for several years.

## PITTSBURG ALUMNI DINNER.

An enthusiastic informal dinner was given by the Pittsburgh Alumni Association at the Duquesne Club on Thursday evening, May 9th. This was the first meeting held by the Association for some time and the success of the occasion was largely due to the efforts of Mr. C. C. Hammond, '03, the acting Secretary.

Twelve members were present, with President Peirce as the guest of honor. Mr. John A. Harper, the President of the Association, acted as toastmaster. Speeches were given by the Rev. W. M. Thompson, the Hon. James Denton Hancock, O. K. White, Albert Gallatin Liddell, Fred J. Hartman and President Peirce.

President Peirce's remarks were along the line of college successes during the year and its needs. Of particular interest were the reminiscence remarks of the Rev. Thompson, Judge Hancock, and Toast-master Harper, all of whom were in Gambier about the same time.

An interesting feature developed during the remarks of one of the speakers which led to a rather spirited debate on "intercollegiate ath-

letics." The older "grads" led by Judge Hancock and Mr. Harper maintained that entirely too much stress was being laid on intercollegiate athletics. They held that athletics as practiced in their college days was in many respects superior to present day sports. Messrs. Little, Liddell and Wallace argued for the present day system. Neither side yielded.

A number of excellent suggestions were offered as to meeting the needs of the college, one of which, in particular, was taken up by the Association. Further announcement pertaining to this will probably be made at Commencement time. Suffice it to say that it is concerned with an imperative need from the alumni standpoint.

The following men were present: President Peirce; The Rev. W. M. Thompson, '58; The Hon. James Denton Hancock, '59; John A. Harper, '60; Otis K. White, '81; J. O. Little, '96; J. J. McAdoo, '99; James O. Wallace, '02; Albert G. Liddell, '03; C. C. Hammond, '03; James W. Hamilton, '06; Fred J. Hartman, '06; George Blake, ex-'07.

## COLLEGE WORLD.

Mrs. Russell Sage has given \$2,000,000 to found a college at Far Rockaway. The college will be known as Sage College, and the surrounding campus as Russell Sage Park. It is understood that Mrs. Sage will give liberally to the endowment fund also.

The cost of maintaining one student one week at the University of Michigan is \$3.82, at Wisconsin \$9.80, at Illinois \$7.59, at Chicago \$8.69, and at Harvard \$10.37. These figures are going the rounds of the college papers and quoted authoritatively. From our own experience we think them decidedly too low proportionately. If we consider aside from board, lodging and books, such expenses as clothes, fraternity, laundry, etc., we think the average would more nearly approximate \$9.00 weekly and over. It certainly costs the average man here at Kenyon \$350 for the thirty-six weeks of the college year. This approximates \$9.73 weekly.

Andrew Carnegie has agreed to provide half the expense of the necessary equipment for the new science hall at Denison, and also to give \$40,000 for a library building, provided Denison raises an equal sum.