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## LECTURE

*Course Committee Offers Splendid Speaker, Hon. John Kirby, Jr.*

The Students' Lecture Course Committee has announced the second number of the series of lectures to be given by the Committee, during the winter months.

On Friday evening, February 3, the Hon. John Kirby, Jr., of Dayton, Ohio, will speak to the Students and Faculty, in Philo Hall. Mr. Kirby is President of the National Employers Association and has been very active in that organization for a number of years. He played a very conspicuous part in the Dayton Association, when that body was having trouble with the laborers some years ago.

Mr. Kirby has an entertaining personality and is a pleasing speaker and the Committee has been fortunate in securing him.

### "Play for 'Prom.'"

Rehearsals of "The King of the Philippines" which is to be given at Prom. week by the Junior class, with the assistance of the Puff and Powder club, are being held every day and from the present outlook it will be one of the best and funniest dramatic productions ever put on here in Gambier, with the exception of "The Mikado" given last June by the Glee club.

The cast has been somewhat changed since the first announced and is as follows:

John Graham ..... K. T. Siddall  
Stanley Graham ..... E. M. Anderson  
Dick Jordan ..... F. G. Clark  
Rev. Ambrose Meekham  
..... D. C. Wheaton  
Toddy Lane ..... K. B. O'Fenall  
Marie Graham ..... W. R. McCowalt  
Carrie Gilman ..... H. S. Johnson  
Priscilla Williams ..... J. E. Haines  
Jerusha Graham ..... F. E. Hauck

An amendment to the state constitution providing for the transfer of the last two years of the Medical school of the University of Colorado from Boulder to Denver, Colorado, is now pending before the people of that state.

## BASKETBALL

*Season Starts at Old Kenyon—Coaching Situation About the Same—Dr. Walton Has Arranged a Football and Tennis Schedule for 1911.*

Thus far the Kenyon Basketball team has successfully met the restrictions which the assembly imposed upon it last fall. Players and students alike realize that basketball has been far from a success in the past at Kenyon and they are pressing every point to revive the spirit in the game. For the first time in many years the members of the team are conscientiously training and practicing—

Although the season at Kenyon has not advanced sufficiently to make an accurate prediction of its outcome, it is certain that Kenyon is this year represented by a team which outclasses its predecessors. Too much credit cannot be extended the players in their efforts to round up a successful team this year.

In the three games preceding the formal opening of the season, the team has surprised the college with its commendable performance. The High School and Y. M. C. A. teams of Mt. Vernon have gone down to easy defeat through the superior training and teamwork of our players. In both games there was a snap which can only bespeak the ability of the team—although scheduled as practice games, both contests were attended by enthusiastic audiences, which left entirely satisfied with the performance of our men. The new system of electric lighting assists materially in making the game easy to observe.

On Saturday afternoon, January 28th, we met defeat by a close margin at the hands of the strong Otterbein team. The score, 31 to 27, in this instance, is the best evidence of the relative strength of the teams. It may be said that Otterbein has profited by an early season, but it cannot be denied that the team from Westerville presents championship material. Every instant of the game was marked by hard, consistent playing and all baskets were the reward of bitter struggles. The game started with a surprising rush and it soon be-

came evident that the teams were ed in caging the ball for the ed in following up the ball for the two first baskets and the remainder of the half saw Kenyon but four points in advance of Otterbein. The general playing of all the men cannot be criticized, but minor faults were obvious to the close observer. Gaines worked every second, and guarded his men in superior fashion, but he was deficient in following the ball after he had attempted baskets, and he carried the ball too far on the dribble so that he often had difficulty in recovering it. This criticism may be correctly applied to the playing of the whole Kenyon team and in many instances accounted for our failure to make baskets. The guarding of both teams was very severe in the first half and it is remarkable that no foul was called during the whole interval.

What the Otterbein team lacked in the first half in team work and judgment of baskets was redeemed in the last half for its speed and team-work netted it a victory in face of imminent defeat. Left guard Cook was easily the star performer of the day. So closely did he guard Beatty that th ismible forward was not permitted to show his ability as a player. Although Marty played a pretty game at guard his opponent was too lithe for him to guard closely.

The loss of the game by such a margin is a bitter disappointment but it is gratifying to see that our team s straining every effort to enjoy a prosperous season and it is the opinion of the students that the men on the team deserve much credit for team work in view of the lack of a coach.

### LINE UP:

Kenyon—27	Otterbein—31
Beatty	R. E. John
Weaver (C)	L. F. Young
Aves	
Gaines	C. Crosby

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## STANTON

*Some of the College Experiences of Edwin M. Stanton.*

*From records of an active life by Herman Dyer, D. D., published in "The Kenyon Book."*

There was another occasion where Stanton figured in a strangely ludicrous performance. One of the tutors had rendered himself very unpopular among the students. He had been guilty, as they thought, of some very dishonorable conduct. In some way he had acted a double part, and they were determined to be revenged upon him, and this is what they did. At that time, the students and tutors boarded together at the college commons. To preserve order at the meals, the members of the faculty took turns in sitting on a small elevated platform about the center of the hall. No other duty evolved upon this person than to sit there during the meal and see that everything was conducted in a proper manner. The students had fixed on the evening meal, which occurred about six o'clock, as the time when they would give expression to their sentiments. It happened to be my turn to preside at the table. At that time it was dark before six. On reaching the hall, I found everything in usual order. I was in ignorance of what was coming. Soon after I took my seat Stanton came to me and said in a low voice, "Mr. Dyer, there will be some disturbance here tonight, I have no time to explain, but it will have no reference to you, and I hope you will sit still." With this warning I did sit still and watch events. Nearly every student was in his seat and I noticed that the servants were uncommonly busy in bringing in articles of food, particularly bread, and also that the supplies disappeared with wonderful rapidity, but there was nothing to indicate what the fellows intended to do. Now, it so happened that this particular tutor sat at the extreme end of the hall, and that the only exit was

about the middle of the hall. There he sat in blissful ignorance on this memorable occasion. About the middle of the meal, at a given signal, the whole body of the students arose, and from one end of the hall to the other there was the cry of "Huxford!" "Huxford!" "The traitor," "The rascal!" "Give it to him!" "Let him have it," and in an instant the air was full of missiles of every description flying towards poor Huxford's head; loaves of bread, half loaves, balls of bread, pancakes, lumps of butter, cups, saucers, tea and water were cast at him, covering him from head to foot. For an instant he was utterly bewildered, and then, bounding up, he made for the door in double quick time, and what a gauntlet he did run! He had to make his way between two very long tables. As he started, some one cried, "Put out the lights," and out they went, and we were in total darkness. And now commenced an indescribable scene of confusion. They hooted, they groaned, they crowed, they cackled, they howled. All this time the poor tutor was making for the door, but the cuffs, the kicks, and the blows nearly stunned him. He finally reached the door, and took to his heels, followed by more than a hundred fellows shouting and screaming like so many demons let loose. He didn't stop till he was miles away in the country, and finally disappeared altogether. What became of him we never knew. In this affair Stanton was a leader. He was determined that the offender should be punished, law or no law, and was willing to suffer the consequences.

## BASKETBALL

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Marty R. G. Hall  
Snyder L. G. Cook  
Umpire—Van Voorhees.  
No. fouls—3.

### Coach Situation.

After a lengthy consideration of the advisability of securing one man to act as coach of all branches of athletics at Kenyon, the THREE hyell . ceO rf, coach committee has entered negotiations with several applicants for the position. The coach committee consists of the graduate manager and the several undergraduate athletic managers and their assistants. Although final jurisdiction is vested in this committee, its decision will be ratified by the executive committee.

At present the most prominent candidates for the position are Mr. Glen Grey of Oberlin, Mr. Waters of Williams and Mr. Watson of Williams; and it is probable that one of these three will be notified of his appointment in the near future. Mr. Grey's reputation as a player is well known to those who have followed athletics in Ohio. As Quarter-back and Captain of the Oberlin team in 1901, he distinguished himself in every contest and was the unanimous choice for all-state quarter-back. Through his individual efforts, he succeeded in scoring against Cornell in 1908 and 1909. In Baseball and Track he attained equal success. Mr. Grey acted as assistant coach of the champion Oberlin Team last year and his work in that capacity was highly satisfactory. Although a young man, he seems to possess those qualities which make for discipline and obedience. Mr. Waters' credentials come from good authority. He captained the successful football team of Williams college eight years ago and his ability as player and coach is unquestioned. Since Mr. Waters has not participated in athletics for some time, the writer is not familiar with his athletic record. At present he resides in Oberlin, Ohio, where he is recognized as an authority on athletics. Mr. Watson is also a Williams man and at present he is athletic director of an academy in Massachusetts. As player and coach of all branches of athletics, he is held in high esteem by those who are acquainted with his work and are interested in Kenyon's success on the athletic field.

The coach committee is confident that the selection of any one of these men will be attended by the support of undergraduates and alumni. A final choice will undoubtedly be made before the next Collegian is published.

After quite a little work Dr. Walton has been able to offer the following schedule for the Football season of 1911.

Sept. 23—Practice Game  
..... Gambier  
Sept. 30—Ohio Wesleyan,  
..... Gambier  
Oct. 7—Reserve ..... Cleveland  
Oct. 14—Allegheny ..... Meadville  
Oct. 21—Case ..... Cleveland  
Oct. 28—Otterbein ..... Gambier  
Nov. 4—Open.  
Nov. 11—Ohio State University  
..... Columbus  
Nov. 18—Denison ..... Granville  
Nov. 25—Wooster ..... Gambier  
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games are being considered for that date. The Ohio State game has been scheduled earlier in the season than heretofore and altho a number of good offers have been received for the Thanksgiving game there is some doubt as to whether a game will be played on that day. Mt. Union has been dropped from the schedule while Allegheny has been substituted.

No decision has been arrived at in regard to the new coach and it is very probable that nothing will be done until the latter part of February.

Dr. Walton has arranged a strong tennis schedule for the coming season.

May 13, Michigan will probably play here.

May 19-20, Wooster will send representatives for tennis, baseball and track to Gambier.

May 25, 6, 7, Kenyon is to play at Delaware altho the Ohio Conference Track Meet is to be May 26. The afternoon of the twenty-sixth no track events have been scheduled, so the tennis players may take part in the Delaware tournament.

Denison and Wesleyan wish to play here and undoubtedly dates for these teams will be agreed upon. Correspondence is also being carried on with some of the universities, both east and west for the purpose of arranging tournaments. Marty, the holder of six state championship titles, has been elected captain. Freshmen are eligible in the Michigan match and in any other tournament not in the Ohio Conference.

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## DR. DOWNEY SPEAKS

On Sunday evening January 22, the college men listened to a very interesting address by Dr. Downey, of the economic department, in the Sterling room. The talk was given under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews and was upon the subject, "The Benevolent Order of Nature," in which he pointed out the part that religion has always played in the economic life of history.

During the Convention of the National Association of Mine-Workers which was held at Columbus the past month, Dr. Downey spent two days among the delegates and officers discussing economic questions of the day. Dr. Downey never misses an opportunity to get the real practical side of economics as he has attended during the past years similar conventions of many of the most important labor organizations of the country.

## BEHAVIOR IN CHURCH

On Sunday morning, January 22, President Pierce delivered a sermon in the college chapel that struck a vital chord in the make-up of Kenyon men. One would hardly believe that the time would ever come when a minister—not to say the President of

the college—should be forced to preach a sermon to college men as to the proper conduct of themselves in a house of worship. Yet each and every one of us know that the attitude taken by some men toward the religious exercises held on this hill has been one which an ordinary child would not dare to assume.

It is quite true that some men, and perhaps a large number of the men in college, are not Episcopalians and hence it would hardly be fitting for "The Collegian" to speak to men for any lack of interest in a service to which they are not accustomed or in a church which they are not members. Still it is within the purpose of any publication like this one to endeavor to point out what is expected of the ordinary college man, especially in regard to behavior and conduct.

President Pierce in his sermon divided his material into three divisions: One, the duty of reverence, or our duty toward God. Two, the duty of worship, or our duty toward ourselves; and Three, The duty of good manners, or our duty toward our neighbor. It is in regard to the last named subject that we print part of the President's address.

"Thirdly, I would speak of demeanor in church from the point of view of good manners. On this point at least we are all agreed. To one the duty of reverence may not be clear, for he may not recognize the indwelling presence of God in this house; to another the duty of worship may not appeal for he has not yet passed through those experiences of life which show the individual man his dependence upon a higher Power; but the duty of courtesy will touch each one of us.

"It is a part of our college loyalty to believe and to prove that Kenyon men are gentlemen—gentlemen on the football field and gentlemen in the drawing room. But do not some of you, now and then, forget to carry your standards of good breeding to church? Take the matter, for instance, of rising during the Creed. The Creed, is, as it were, the national hymn of all Christendom. To one nation "The Star Spangled Banner," to another the "Marseillaise," to another, "God Save the King," to another "The Watch on the Rhine," is the musical symbol of his native land, which brings him to his feet in honor and pride. But it is the Creed which unites us all—Americans, French, English, German—in the brotherhood of Christian nations. We rise at the Creed because we are Christians and not Mohamedans or Confucians, just as we rise

when a national air is sung because we are Americans, and we do so whether we like the party in power or not, the country being something above and beyond all parties of today or of yesterday. So, whatever we may think of the Church and its interpretation of Christian history, we do honor in the Creed to Christianity itself, of which the Creed is the symbol.

"This, you may say, is not discussing the claims of courtesy upon you—it is introductory to that discussion. If you were in an assemblage of Harvard men, you would rise to your feet as quickly at the sound of "Fair Harvard" as you would at home in a Kenyon meeting when the familiar strains of "There is a Thrill" struck the ear, and so with a national anthem, in England, you would feel that you were offering a grave discourtesy to those around you if you did not show deference to their patriotic feeling. Now to most of this congregation the Creed is far more than any college song, far more than any national hymn; it is the symbol of our citizenship in the great commonwealth of Christian men of this and all other generations. Viewing it in this light few men will refuse us the courtesy of a deferential attitude towards it.

"Or, take another matter, that of reading and dozing in church. This means of course that you are bored. Whether you have occasion to be bored, is not to the point just now. You are bored, and so you read or doze. If you will give the matter a moment's consideration, you will agree that this is not good manners. You would not read in somebody's parlor when calling, no matter how bored you might be. You will say that you call of your own free will while you are here unfree will, while you are here under compulsion. Well, I should not say that the average college man always called voluntarily; it is not infrequently some impelling force outside of his own will and pleasure that takes him out to make visits. Now, if you would bear a duty call, as you would, like a man and a gentleman, without recourse either to literature or to sleep, can you not once a week in this church adopt a decorous and respectful manner? I am not speaking to you on behalf of the clergyman who has the discouragement of talking to an uninterested, inattentive, lounging group of hearers, but on behalf of that great majority of the congregation who are here for the reasons that I set forth in the other two parts of this address. It is part of the duty that

you owe your neighbor.

"If you will devote some thought to this matter, you will, I am sure, agree with me, that there is a manner which is suitable to the church, just as there is a manner which is suitable to the ballroom or a manner which is suitable to an afternoon reception. Looking at the matter from this purely external conventional point of view, let any loyal Kenyon man who is proud of the way his college mates look and act on one occasion or another, recall what he has seen and heard heard in the nave of this chapel on a good many Sunday mornings—the noisy entrance, the loud talking, the failure to participate in the service, the listless lounging attitudes, and I have no fear that he will not agree with me that some reformation of manners is desirable. I appeal to you out of consideration for others to give some attention to this question, and to decide if it be not your duty as gentlemen, in a matter which is of vital concern to so many would-be worshippers, to manifest at least a respectful, if not a sympathetic attitude."

These remarks, we feel, speak for themselves and we can but add that never again should a similar sermon or address be needed for the men of Kenyon.

## E. H. Jesson.

On Wednesday evening, January 11th, Mr. E. H. Jesson, Secretary of the Mt. Vernon branch of the Y. M. C. A., addressed the Kenyon chapter of the Brotherhood on "Social Conditions and the Responsibility They Place on the Shoulders of the College Man." Mr. Jesson, in his wide going about among boys, has come to realize fully what the example of the college man means to the boy yet in high school. The college man is looked up to and his ways are considered the right ways. This places a duty before him which he cannot side-step. To the college graduate, the business and philanthropic world is looking with expectation. He is expected to succeed in the former and bear his just share in the latter.

## Glee Club

The glee club trip, which was postponed at Christmas time is being planned for early spring, altho no definite dates have been settled as yet, the manager is corresponding with several places.

The new Carnegie swimming pool at Yale will be used this winter for a series of aquatic contests.



## STUFF

Worth While—Let us Have  
Discussion on These  
Points.

**Editor's Note.**—These editorials were handed in to Dr. Harrison's Eng. 5 Course and show some idea on our college life. If anyone disagrees with points in these articles, the Collegian offers an excellent place for an answer.

## POLITICS IN COLLEGE.

A college such as Kenyon has no place for politics in the management of student activities. The college is small and every man's ability is known by his fellow students within whose power it is to bestow college honors. College offices are indeed college honors and no man should seek any position of honor and trust other than through the most upright manner of doing his best for his college, and then if his fellow students so decide of their own free will, the candidate to be rewarded for his faithful service and ability. Politics necessitate underhand methods; they force scheming, promote secret canvassing, and make bargaining in votes and trading of offices a common thing. Politics are only used when a poor man is put up by his scheming friends, and it follows necessarily that the candidate is not evidently the popular choice. A good man has no need of underhand methods to elect him to places of honor, unless he is opposed by a faction that is seeking to advance its own interests by securing a monopoly on college offices. There is no reward for honest endeavor and faithful try-outs for positions either on teams or on student publications, for the new man knows a "deal" will ignore his efforts to do his best. The standard of excellence, both on a football team and on a weekly newspaper is noticeably lowered if the control of affairs is in the hands of a few men trying to run things. Morals as well are lowered, for a scheming man in college is not likely to reform when he leaves to enter the political field where he can perhaps serve his state. Politics are at the same time undemocratic and harmful. Hard feelings are created among the students and sectional divisional jealousies are bound to spring up, because then a person becomes known, not as a member of the whole implied stu-

dent body, but as a member of this or that college division. The great universities run their elections in the open and unhesitatingly solicit votes, for there, ability is not known and a candidate must be brought before the crowd, to secure his election, but in the small college, politics are indeed a most harmful institution.

The remedies that can be suggested are two, i. e. remedies that by the very nature of their method of doing, will effectually check politics, where the men themselves have not the will to discontinue the so-called "deals." They are the systems in use at Williams College and the systems in general throughout the greater universities, as Illinois or Minnesota or Michigan. In the first case, a Board of Electors, representing every element in the college, records every vote taken on any student activity, and where cases of bargaining are evident from an examination of the signed ballots, this or that element is barred from holding any office whatsoever for a period of two years. In the case of the Universities the candidates themselves actually seek supporters by exposing their own records and by asserting the policy they will follow if elected. Of the two, the former seems the better fitted for Kenyon, for we, as a college resembles Williams. The absolute disinterested vote for the election of athletic managers, editors and even players and reporters themselves will make for better teams and literary publications, and as the same blame falls upon no one element in case of things going wrong, as bound to happen in off years.

R. M. WATSON.

## BORROWING

Everyone who is at college acquires certain habits both good and bad, the sort of habits acquired depending almost entirely upon the character of the person. One of the worst of these habits is that of borrowing, not the occasional borrowing in case of necessity, but the continual indiscriminate borrowing of anything and everything that it is possible to borrow.

This habit does not always originate at college, but has often been acquired before the person starts to college. However, this is one of the places where it flourishes best and grows the quickest. It is so easy to borrow here. One is thrown among so many persons that someone is almost always able to supply his wants and when he has offended one person by borrowing from him there are always

others to fall back upon.

One of the greatest faults of this so-called borrowing is that it really is not borrowing but might be termed asking alms. The borrower sometimes says: "Lend me such and such a thing," but more often if the thing is easily replaceable and one of the daily necessities he says: "Give me such and such a thing." This is the most common way of borrowing tobacco, matches, stationary, pencils and such small articles. Of course even here there must be a line drawn, for almost everyone finds it necessary at times to borrow such articles and the most careful person is liable to forget at times to pay back. Again, the borrower often reasons in this way. He says: "I am borrowing from others and do not pay back the borrowed articles directly, but the person from whom I borrowed is welcome to what I have." Three times out of five the continual borrower does not have what a person wants for he knows where he can get it without buying it.

The care and return of borrowed articles of greater value than those mentioned above is another matter to consider. The person who borrows regularly is almost always a careless person and sets little value upon his own possessions, using them accordingly. Naturally this person does not know how a careful person values his possessions and therefore uses or rather misuses them in the same way that he does his own. The results are torn and disfigured books and ruined articles of clothing. It is very provoking to go to the bookshelves for a certain book or to the hook for a cap and find that it is not there, yet this will often happen unless one keeps everything under lock and key. It is not at all uncommon to hear the expression, "I never saw such a place as this. You can never get back anything you lend around here without asking for it two or three times and finally going after it," and there is a great deal of truth in it, for most men put off indefinitely the return of a borrowed article.

But aside from all of the harm that is done to the lender there is another and a worse side to the matter, the harm to the borrower. At first he borrows nickels and dimes and either forgets to pay them back or thinks that it is not necessary because it is such a small matter. Soon he is borrowing dollars with the same result. He borrows other articles and damages them, returning them without any compensation or ever an explanation.

This may pass very well in college. His friends will overlook it and his enemies, well, he does not care what they think. When he gets out into the world it will be different. He will be regarded as a dead-beat and a crook. Perhaps he will change, but this is doubtful. Habits are more easily acquired than given up.

R. E. COPELAND.

## ABUSE OF THE DORMITORIES

It seems like an absurd thing to speak of abusing the dormitories here at Kenyon. One would think that men, such as Kenyon puts forth and that have had the good home-training that the most of them have had, could not be accused of such a crime and yet it is only too true. And in fact it is not the minority that abuse the "dorms" but instead it is the large majority. We do not believe that this abuse is premeditated but merely has come about through carelessness on the part of some until it has become, as it were, contagious and spread like an epidemic among the students. This is especially noticeable the first part of the year, when the new men arrive. They are not accustomed to such habits of carelessness and are rather shocked and amazed to see them practiced. And at first they try not to let these habits influence them and are for a time successful; but by the middle of the year the majority have become as careless as their companions. It is amusing to see how thoughtless many students are in marring the woodwork and other parts of the buildings. Few men think very much about driving nails and tacks into the woodwork and panelling but pound them in where ever they wish to hang up some pennant, picture or drapery. Bottles are thrown around the halls and down the stairs, trunks and laundry-baskets are dragged up and down stairs and bumped into the walls often cutting deep dents and making innumerable marks and scratches. Water is thrown on the walls and ceilings of the halls marring the finish. Another practice which should be stopped, is the habit of throwing stones or other things through the windows thereby wilfully destroying property and putting persons in danger of being hit and injured. Frequently hard substances are thrown in the wash basins and bowls which may cause a stoppage in the sewer pipes, thus causing much trouble to the janitors and inconvenience to the students. These and many other things are

done thoughtlessly and if stopped, would add much to the character of the student body in general.

Then there is no reason why the rooms and halls should not be kept as clean and sanitary as our own homes. A few students chew tobacco and if they have a cuspidor, they frequently miss it in expectorating and make the floor foul; if they haven't a cuspidor, then they expectorate often on the steam radiator or in some corner of the room. This makes that room very unsanitary for the saliva evaporates and circulates through the air, making the air dangerous to breathe and leaving a filthy floor. Also students are very careless about throwing cigar and cigarette butts over the floor, making the floor dirty. If these same men who do this in the dormitory, do not do it at home or at the houses of their friends, why should they do it here?

Therefore it is our purpose in setting these facts before the students of Kenyon, to see if we can not arouse the home-training which seems nearly to have died out, and to get the men to think over these things and try and raise the character of our dormitory life.

PHILIP W. HULL

#### THE LITERARY SOCIETIES

As time goes on, the interest in the Literary Societies at Kenyon is gradually waning. A tone of levity is noticeable among the members of the three upper classes in speaking of the societies, and the contempt for them is thus handed down to one freshman class after another.

This tone should be suppressed. The literary societies are among the oldest institutions in Kenyon College, and their traditions are inseparably connected with those of our Alma Mater. There is not a student at Kenyon who would not strongly oppose the abolish-

ment of the societies, were he to examine facts and circumstances. Such an action would arouse the unanimous condemnation of the alumni, who still are loyal to their societies and perhaps these alumni would no longer be so anxious to contribute to the numerous other activities they are also called upon to support. The student body also must recognize that the literary societies are among the traditions which positively must be upheld. It is age and the traditions connected with it, that give Kenyon the prominent position she holds in this country, and it would be a great mistake to put an end to these traditions.

If the societies must be upheld, and the student body seems to agree that they must, in some way or other, why should they not be supported and made worthy of the name they have created for themselves in the years gone by? It is true that part of their old field of activity has passed away, and has been taken up by other forms of student activity, but they still are, or ought to be, paramount in literary affairs of the college. In the old days of Kenyon it was an honor to belong to Philo or Nu Pi Kappa, now it seems to be more of a joke. If the members of the societies would attend the meetings every week, get out the work assigned to them faithfully, and show a little of the famous Kenyon spirit in working hard in this direction, the Literary Societies would again be put on a plane of usefulness at Kenyon. If they must be kept up, and every one seems to concede that they must, let us, the men of the present generation of Kenyon, make them worth while.

ALAN G. GOLDSMITH.

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is fond of saying, whenever an opportunity arises, "The trouble with Kenyon students is that they are not students!" Whether it is true or not that Kenyon men are not noted for their devotion to their work, it is true that they always have had the reputation of being gentlemen. All over the country, wherever Kenyon men as a body are known this fact is remarked. At football games, at glee-club concerts, from visitors to the Hill, one is constantly hearing someone say, "What a nice gentlemanly set of young men they are." Now this reputation is something to be proud of and to be jealously guarded; for while good manners may sometimes be only an outward polish—a thin veneer on a worthless piece of wood, yet it is almost always true that the actions of men speak truly and loudly of their inward character and disposition. The fact that Kenyon men have earned this reputation in the past is good evidence that they have as a class been men of good sterling character—that they had in them generally good timber, which alone is susceptible of a really fine polish. It should be the effort of every succeeding generation of Kenyon men to uphold the standard of self respect, courtesy, consideration and refinement, which is the price that must be paid if Kenyon is to retain her present reputation.

There is one thing therefore which should be a matter of concern to every one who has the interests of Kenyon at heart: the growing tendency of the men to descend to low, loose and vulgar conversation. One cannot help hearing, when a crowd of the men are gathered together, stories, "gags," names bandied back and forth, which might perhaps be overlooked in a mob of dock walllopers and roustabouts, but which are certainly out of place among men of good homes and

breeding who are supposed to be engaged in the pursuit of education, culture and refinement. Nothing will more surely undermine not only the reputation of the college but also the characters of the students than this practice if it goes unchecked. It is subversive of all the principles of gentlemanliness, and would end in making the product of Kenyon not a body of clean respectable men but a lot of uncouth rowdies unfit to associate with people of refinement. Self respect, courtesy, consideration; these are the marks of the gentleman; and the man who allows himself to indulge in the habit of filthy conversation has none of them. He is not self respecting, or he would not make a cesspool of his mind and a sewer of his mouth; he is not courteous or considerate, or he would not dump his vileness into the ears of others who not only may not wish to listen, but who may—indeed must—be injured by it through the pollution of their minds and the lowering of their ideals.

It is because of Kenyon's reputation that one can still hope. Kenyon men may be thoughtless, but they stand for what is right when it is called to their attention. So there is no doubt that this danger will be averted, that this practice will be stopped, and that the sons of Kenyon will be saved the painful necessity of substituting a blush of shame for that "thrill of spirit" which love should impart "when turn our thoughts to Kenyon's glory."

WM. B. KINKAID

According to the women's physical director of the University of Minnesota, the girls from the country and small towns who enter the university are superior physically to those from the cities. The reason assigned is that the city girls do not take enough exercise.

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### Meetings keep everyone busy— Brotherhood and Literary Societies.

On Wednesday evening, January the twenty-fifth, the Kenyon chapter held its semi-annual election of officers with the following results: Director, Thomas, '12; Vice Director, Harkness, '12; General Secretary, Wonders, '13; Associate Secretary-Treasurer, McMasters, '13.

The longest committee report was that of the Committee on constitutional revision. It reported that the original constitution, drawn up in 1887 had been found wanting in several respects and therefore quite needful of revision. A revised form was submitted and after some discussion and amendments, was adopted.

Dr. Smythe was present and spoke highly of the advances that have been made in the Brotherhood work during the last two or three years.

The Kenyon chapter is gradually finding its sphere and in it is going to fulfill the promises that it has made in benefitting Kenyon College. As it comes more and more into its right it is taking up the work that would naturally fall to a branch of the Y. M. C. A. if there were such a branch here. A complete card index system is kept up giving to proper authorities, full information of the church affiliation of the Kenyon men both undergraduate and alumni. This system goes hand in hand with the "follow up" system of the National Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Y. M. C. A.

The Sunday evening services have been well attended and appreciated. During the next Semester the chapel will present a speaker in the Sterling room on every Sunday evening. These talks will be of an informal character and will be given in their main by members of the Kenyon and Bexley faculties.

There is a possibility of the club going to Cincinnati and Middletown, altho this is not certain. Painesville may be on the northern part of the trip with Cleveland, Sandusky and Toledo.

As is the custom, the glee club will give a Musical Comedy again this spring. "The Mikado" was rendered last year with great success and it is hoped the one this year will be as good.

### Alumni.

"Bob" Bentley, '10, is going to farm near Gambier next year.

Roger E. Reilly, ex-'12 and Jos. A. Morton, '12, are in business in Spokane, Wash.

The engagement has been announced of J. M. Daniels, ex-'11, to Miss Eloise Jenks of Omaha, Neb.

Stephen M. Young, ex-'11, was married on Jan. 18, to Miss Ruby Dawley, of Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Young will reside in Norwalk after Feb. 15.

Mr. James W. Hamilton, '06, has recently been admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania. Mr. Hamilton will soon open an office in the Lewis block in Pittsburg.

A large number of Kenyon men went to Columbus while "Madame Sherry" was playing there to see this most pleasing musical comedy.

W. T. Kinder, Carl Jones and C. J. Black will re-enter college at the beginning of the second semester.

"Buck" Weaver spent a few days on the Hill during the past month.

### LETTERS FROM ALUMNUS.

To The Editor of The Kenyon Collegian:—

I noticed in your issue of Dec. 12th you say that the Reveille was first published in 1858. I have a copy, Vol. I, No. 1, which was issued in Dec. 1855 at 5c. a copy. The Editors were J. J. Benedict, J. T. Chapman, J. T. Sterling, F. J. Tunnard, all of whom have passed away. This puts the Reveille far back in the history of Old Kenyon as the first college annual in Ohio.

Yours, Sincerely,

GEO. B. PRATT,

Class of '62.

### Nu Pi Kappa.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 25. Nu Pi Kappa held the first meeting of the new year. Seven men were proposed for membership and the matter tabled until the next meeting. The President was instructed to meet the President of Philo and with him request the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Athletic Association and the Lecture Course committee to honor the claim of the Literary Societies to Wednesday nights during the winter. Philo and Nu Pi Kappa have met on this night for a great number of years and have reason to expect younger organizations to at least try to meet on other nights.

There was some discussion concerning a debate to stir up enthusiasm, but a great deal of doubt was expressed as to the ability of Philo to make such a

debate even interesting. Perhaps after exams the other Society will prepare for a meet. The meeting was then adjourned in order to permit the members to support the team in Rosse Hall.

### "Prom" Preparations.

Arrangements for the Prom are already in full swing. All of the contracts are out, and the heaviest duties in this line are out of the hands of the committee. E. A. Wright of Philadelphia pulled the invitation and programme contracts. The invitations are now at hand and are similar to those of last year, which were also made up by him. The programmes are of a tan embossed suede and are combination card cases and dance programmes.

The catering contract goes to a new firm this year, which has offered better terms than the former caterers were able to give. This new experiment ought to be an improvement, for the caterer must and will make good.

There was some discussion of giving out a contract on the decorating, especially because of the hampering restrictions imposed on the classes by the board of trustees, but it was decided that the classes would do its own decorating and the class would do its own decorating formerly.

### More Money!

By the time this issue of the Collegian is in the hands of its readers, the library fund committee will be striving to collect the individual pledges which have been subscribed. The subscription is payable in two installments, the first half due on Feb. 1st; the remainder on the first of June.

It would greatly facilitate the labor of the committee if every student would have his amount ready. The matter might as well be attended to now, as later.

If all subscriptions are paid in full by the end of this school year, the committee will contribute the generous sum of \$500 for the new library building. Let every student aid the committee by paying the subscription on time.

### Old Men Back for Prom

The following men are expected back on the Hill for Prom: Lee Vaughn, '04; Ben Hayward; Carl Jones, '13; George Fullerton, '12; Fred Zinn; Don Henry, '11; Douglas Gardiner, '11; Wayne Stallman, '12; Paul Hann, '10; William Cott, '09; and Edward Peake, '11.

Forty girls tried out for a reading contest at Syracuse.

### Dr. Sterling Ill.

Dr. Theodore Sterling has been confined to his home with a serious attack of pneumonia.

### PROF. WEST SICK.

Prof. Henry T. West was forced to spend a week in Columbus under the care of eminent oculists. He has the sincere sympathy of every man on the Hill and that his trouble may be helped is the hope of all.

The following editorial will apply to Kenyon men as well as Hobart and it is something that every Kenyon man should read carefully:

### THE CHASE FOR COLLEGE HONORS

At present a man has succeeded in Hobart life, or, in fact in the life of any college, if he can spread his senior write-up thru several inches of the college year-book. And the man who, in his list, mentions scholastic honors is a rarity. College life seems to be degenerating into a mad chase for phrases to fill out one's history. And that splendid thing, College Spirit, is degraded by having it all done in its name. Men will work for a coveted position; then, when it has been won, when the honor has been achieved, make nothing of their opportunity. The position becomes meaningless: it has served its purpose in providing conversation at home; it has been described with delight to female friends. The position, once won, is a sinecure. Better one thing well done than two made hash of. There is more benefit to the individual, if less honor, in being useful in one thing than in being useless in two. These are fundamental truths which even college men realize, but to which they pay no attention. The "if less honor" clause makes it a horse of another color.

This is not a protest against college honors. But it is a protest against the hogging of college honors for the sake of the honor, and not for the sake either of the college or of the position. Hogging of that kind is not college spirit; it is lack of college spirit. And all praise to the man who recognizes the stopping point of his time and abilities; who, therefore, does well what he does, however little it may be; and who, therefore, displays real college spirit by leaving alone those things which others can do better. A man is benefiting both himself and the college by doing well as many things as he can; but he injures both by biting off more than he can digest.