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HOMECOMING

Is Occasion of Senior Fall Dance
Held Nov. 28 and 29
in Rosse Hall

MUSIC IMPROVES AS EVENING ADVANCES

Attractive Girls From Scattered
Localities Grace Hill
and Dance

Homecoming was the occasion of the annual fall dance which took place Nov. 28 and 29, in Rosse Hall. For once the varying weather of Gambier co-operated in making the event highly successful.

Vivid decorations were in tasteful harmony with the fall season and Hal-lowe'en. Colored lights, scarlet leaves and striped awnings formed a brilliant contrast to the great black cats and shadowy ghosts that lurked in dark corners and hung in threatening groups above the heads of the dancers.

The music furnished by the Ohio Ramblers showed a steady improvement as the evenings gained age. The next fall dance will do well to compare with the one we have just enjoyed.

The patronesses for the dance were Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Janes, Mrs. Walrath and Mrs. Wiper.

There follows a list of the guests: Mrs. H. T. West, Mrs. W. P. Reeves, Mrs. C. L. Brooks, Gambier; Mrs. Hale Sturges, Mansfield; Mrs. C. M. Cott, Akron.

Misses Jane Lewis, Margaret Lewis, Margaret Fell, Martha De Bus, Margaret Rowe, Sarah Weaver, Mary With-row, and Sophia Shultz of Cincinnati; Margaret Allen, Alice Barger, Hortense Orzen, Alice Metcalf, Marie Harlach, Anne Voloshen and Nancy Gaffney of Cleveland; Virginia Hughes, Ruth Anne Lilbaugh, Nellie Blair, Rosemary Schmidt, and Augusta Friend of Columbus; Jean Turner and Margaret Obenour of Youngstown; Helen Campbell of Massillon; Mary Harris and Mary Louise Green of Canton; Misses Gertrude Dickey, Mansfield; Dorothy Henning, Toledo; Nellie Libby, Worcester, Mass.; Marian Schulz, Marietta; Wls.; Margaret Winter, Oberlin College; Jane Seger, Adrian, Mich.; Katherine Young, Virginia Alsdorf, Louise Sawvel of Mt. Vernon; Sarah Cunningham, Gambier; Virginia Holmes, Nancy Powell, Betty Lou Wright, Ida Mae Speck, Hannah Reeves, Charlotte Davies of Harcourt School, Gambier; Elizabeth J. Glutz, Shreveport, Penn.; Sibyl Lewis, Warren; Myrtle Dubbs, Gertrude Haganberger of Detroit, Mich.; Martha Swinhart and Alma Wara, of Barberton.

Webster Letter Thought To Be In Library Files

Almost coincident with the 75th anniversary of the death of Daniel Webster, on October 24th, the Mt. Vernon Banner reprinted from an old issue the statement that the Kenyon College library possessed a letter written August 5, 1815, by President Wheelock of Dartmouth College to Webster, retaining him in the celebrated Dartmouth College case and enclosing a fee of twenty dollars.

Because of the immense importance of the decision in this case, and the repute of Webster's argument when the matter was heard by the Supreme Court, the value of such a letter is obvious. Nothing, however, is known of it at the library. Dr. Peirce suggests that it may have been lost in the fire, or that it may be in the vault in Ascension.

HARCOURT WILL BRING ARTISTS TO ROSSE HALL

Through the influence of Mrs. J. D. Ireland, of Cleveland, a Harcourt trustee and member of the Dobbs Ferry Alumnae Association, a number of well known artists are being brought to Gambier this winter.

These entertainments, which are being sponsored by Harcourt school, include Baron Rubenstein, pianist; Miss Harriet Elles, Henry Turner Bailey of the Cleveland Art Museum, and Capt. Simmons of the Blossom Sargasso Sea expedition.

Baron Rubenstein, the first on the entertainment list, is scheduled for Nov. 29. At his performance, which is to be held in Rosse hall, a nominal charge for admission will be made.

On Oct. 10 a reception was held at Harcourt by the Board of Trustees. The Board, a number of friends and parents were present. It was announced at this time that plans for the new building at Harcourt are as yet indefinite. There is to be a meeting of the Board sometime before Christmas when the matter of construction will again be taken up.

Thirty-six girls are studying at Harcourt, about 40 per cent of whom are new students. A majority of the school is now made up of girls from outside the state; New York, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Indiana, and West Virginia are some of the states represented. For the first time in a number of years, however, there are no representatives from below the Mason and Dixon Line.

Miss Quinn and Miss Seese have recently been added to the Harcourt faculty. Miss Quinn is in charge of athletics, while Miss Seese, who is the sister of Ed Seese, Kenyon '17, is teaching English and History.

JOHN M'CLAIN, '27, PLANS TO RAISE SON TO BE PLUMBER, SAYS MAGAZINE ARTICLE

By A. S. GERHART

The November number of the Popular Science Monthly carries an article, "I'm Going to Raise My Boy to be a Plumber," which ought to be of a good deal of interest to Kenyon men. Although another name is signed, we understand on excellent authority that the article was written by John W. McClain, 1927.

We also gather that after "Johnny" departed these shores last June he became pretty much discouraged at the reluctance of certain firms to bid for his exclusive services; and in order to warn others he set out to show the foolishness of ever going to college.

Anyway, up in the Cleveland Public Library he collected hundreds of thousands of examples showing how much better off a plumber's apprentice is than a boy who has loafed four years in such centers of culture as this. He even destroys the fond illusion that the college man can be 'played' to do better in the long run; and he tells a lot of the uncomplimentary things that such persons as construction engineers and corporation officers think.

As we ponder the subject we are able to recall just one mitigating circumstance. This comes from an entirely different source, but unless we are very much mistaken it disproves almost everything in the well written and interesting article, and pretty well establishes not only the value of a college education, but of the particular brand served in North Leonard.

The circumstance is this. Johnny finally landed down in Wall Street, working for Otis and Company, and his first job was being errand boy. One day his boss asked him to go out and get him a sandwich. Without stopping even for a game of pool, Johnny returned, and proffered the article.

RUSSIAN SYMPHONIC WILL RETURN HERE

Flonzaley Quartet, With Classical and Folk Music Also Scheduled

Those who heard the concert of the Russian Symphonic Choir last year will be glad to learn that a return engagement has been secured for Thursday evening, January 19. In addition, it has been made possible to bring another organization of the highest achievement to the Hill. This is the Flonzaley Quartet, which will give a concert of classical and folk music in Rosse Hall on Tuesday evening, December 6.

Made up of an Italian, a Swiss, a Belgian, and a Russian, the Flonzaley is a truly cosmopolitan organization, rehearsing its programs in its chateau beside Lake Geneva during the summer, and playing throughout Europe and America during the winter. Three of the four artists have played together since the founding of the organization twenty-three years ago. They are therefore able to play with the perfection of a single unit. No other performers of chamber music, with the possible exception of the London String Quartet, can equal this group. It has been recalled repeatedly to play before our colleges, Williams holding the record with sixteen appearances.

The seat subscription of over 80 per cent of the student body has made it possible to bring Kenyon into line with those other institutions, which afford their students the opportunity of hearing these European artists.

RESERVE

Claims Complete Migration From
Hill When Colleges Clash
in Football

HERMIT CLUB SCENE FOR FESTIVE SPREAD

Alumni and Undergraduates Ap-
preciate Dance Given at
Hotel Winton

Kenyon recently migrated in a body to spend a week end in Cleveland. The original intention was to witness a football game with Reserve, but through the inefficiency of a majority of the team the spectacle assumed the aspect of a track meet.

As is the habit of old Kenyon men, the somewhat ignoble defeat at the hands of the Reserve team "Platz," failed to stamp a permanent record of dismay on the countenances of the alumni. The voices of the grads rang out at the half in total unconcern of the non-scoring Purple machine, and the Reserve-Kenyon dance afforded an opportunity to forget the woes of the afternoon.

A dinner was given in honor of the Kenyon team at the Hermit Club on Saturday evening. Ernest Dempsey, '11, presided and solicited toasts from Alonzo Snyder, '85, Steve Newhouse, '28, acting captain and D. Morgan Smythe, '28, manager. The orchestra of undergrads furnished music at intervals, accompanied by occasional song.

The dance at the Hotel Winton was voted a tremendous success. Several liberal gentlemen on the third and fourth floors kindly donated their rooms for a few old time get-together meetings and "discussions." Everyone appeared exceedingly congenial and a great many motions were made. After more and more arguments were brought forth, several enthusiasts were seen to detach themselves from the throng of pleasure-mad youth and sit in deep contemplation of the evening; the weight of so many and varied "discussions" evidently bore too heavily on the minds of the debaters.

The spectacle of multitudes of beautiful girls was indeed a stimulant to the gullible souls of the Gambier bachelors who are isolated so many months on their womanless plateau, and once again revived their interest in this dreary world.

STATISTICS SHOW OHIOANS IN LEAD

Enrollment Is 252; Canal Zone, Japan,
And Nineteen States
Represented

Exactly two-thirds of the Kenyon undergraduates come from homes in the state of Ohio, according to the latest information from the Registrar's office. The present enrollment is 252 of which 168 reside in the state.

The records also show that nineteen states, the Canal Zone and Japan are represented at Kenyon. Next to Ohio's overwhelming majority, come Michigan with nineteen and Illinois with seventeen. The other states rank as follows: Pennsylvania, ten; Indiana and New Jersey, five each; New York, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Japan, three each; Kansas, Oregon, Kentucky, Iowa, and Massachusetts, two each; Washington, Missouri, New Hampshire, Minnesota, California, and the Canal Zone are each represented by one undergraduate.

While all four classes are overwhelmingly Ohio residents, the senior class is the largest in proportion of "home grown." Only 20 per cent have homes without the state.

THE PATH

THOMAS PRITCHARD JENKINS, '23, is the recipient of a copy of Well's "Outline of History," given as a prize by R. C. Ringwalt, '95, of Mt. Vernon, O., for the best essay concerning a solution of the problem on the examination. Contestants included members of Mr. Ringwalt's course in argumentation and debate, which was offered last year.

HORSEMANSHIP has found two devotees at Kenyon this fall in "Duke" McLain and his protege, "Chink" Webb. Discouraged with the meagre prowess shown in athletics, they are inaugurating a new sport. There is a distinctly chivalrous bearing about these two gentlemen as they come charging through the village, or cantering along the wayside paths.

KENYON was aroused in the early evening of Nov. 5 by the measured tolling of the signal bell. Those who inquired about the sound learned that the team had won a football game; but that the bell, so long accustomed to be silent, could no longer peal out the victory as was its custom in busier years.

CAMPUS

KENYON ORCHESTRA HAS BEEN ORGANIZED

Steps have been taken toward the organization of a dance orchestra of Kenyon men. Already the orchestra has made one trip, going to Cleveland, October 22 to play at the banquet given for the football team by the Cleveland alumni, and the members hope to play for a series of informal dances at Kenyon this winter.

There are at present only five members, but it is the intention to add more as suitable talent appears. The men who now compose the orchestra, which is as yet unnamed, are Russell Hargate, piano; William Stackhouse, drums; Donald Henning, violin; James Blankmeyer, banjo; and James Irvine, saxophone.

ASCENSION HALL WILL HAVE NEW FACE

They are turning Ascension hall around; not literally, of course, but they are putting the front where the back used to be. As a matter of fact, Ascension was originally planned with its east face for the front. The convenience of other entrances, however, eventually brought this "front" the associations of a "back." So, now they are bringing it back again.

With the work on the interior nearing a close, the attention of the reconstruction men has been turned to this east face of old Ascension. They are making a main entrance directly opposite the tower entrance on the west. From this and from the building's basement, a wide staircase will give access to the rooms above.

This entrance, new though it may be, is an interesting one, both structurally and historically. Work has been going on for a month or more on a huge monolith of free sandstone. While the rock in Ascension and other Kenyon buildings was brought from the old stone "church quarry" and this rock was taken from the quarry on Dave Lepley's farm, the material is the same. It is a massive thing, six feet long, three or four feet high and two feet thick, and weighing two and a quarter tons. It will form the keystone of the arch above the new entrance, being flanked on either side by similar but smaller sandstone blocks, themselves, 350 pounds in weight.

These are the plans for Ascension hall. Although it was hoped the building would be completely finished by the first of the year, it may not be ready then. For, after a month's labor on the huge rock a flaw was discovered. Another may have to be procured, which would mean just another month of work before Ascension hall could receive its re-christening.

NORTH HANNA SCHOLARLY DIVISION

The newly organized division in North Hanna showed its scholastic ability for the second semester 1926-1927 by having six men on the merit list and by winning both the division and freshman honor cups.

SCHOLARSHIP GIVEN BY HAYES MEMORIAL

Announcement has been made that the trustees of the Rutherford B. Hayes Memorial Foundation have established at Kenyon a scholarship which provides assistance to some student chosen by the President.

The announcement also states that Dr. Peirce has been made chairman of the book purchasing committee of the Foundation. As this committee will spend \$50,000 for books to add to the Hayes Memorial library, the collection will be one of the finest procurable of early American histories, especially those of the Northwest Territory.

REVEILLE STAFF MEETS IN CAUCUS

J. B. Sturges, editor; W. S. Todd, business manager; D. J. Hard, advertising manager, and Stanley Wilson, circulation manager, have met in caucus to organize detailed plans for the forthcoming 1929 Reveille.

The entire staff has also, incidentally, held a meeting at which specific assignments were made. T. F. Rose will edit the calendar of the journal—that name fits it as well as any will. T. W. Taylor will have charge of sports; R. B. Baxter will supervise organizations; G. D. Hitler, classes; F. B. Schoaff, faculty; W. B. McLain, fraternities; J. R. Morrill, proof-reading; C. M. Cott, advertising and alumni combination section.

The excellent imitation wood-cuts made for the book by P. C. Hamblet and Edward Southworth, who have already completed their work, which will be put on display at the library next month.

Assisting sophomores include: J. M. Irvine, R. E. Kenyon, J. G. Hoyt, L. B. Wilson, H. W. Coffin, Joseph Ralston, R. Wells Simmons, Richard Decker, A. W. Rose, C. T. Malcomson, G. H. Jones, C. L. Morrill, Alexander Wood, Joseph Davis, Bruce Mansfield, K. A. Drake, H. H. McFadden, Thomas Wickenden, and Dayton Wright. From this group, the staff for the 1930 Reveille will be selected next May.

MOROCCO VOLUMES TO BIND PORTRAITS

The Hon. Francis Junkin, Deke alumnus, has presented two volumes to West Wing, in which are to be inserted the photographs of every member of the Kenyon chapter. The first of these volumes has been filled with pictures of the alumni and the second has already received a small portion of its quota. These portfolios are exquisitely bound in morocco leather with gold tooled borders.

BUZZARDS BLIND; WINDS WHIRL

Whittier could have found no inspiration in Kenyon's first snowfall—a wet, ugly affair Nov. 4. Flakes have been numerous since then, accompanied for the most part, by bleak, dreary weather. Incidentally, chess boards are making their appearances; bridge is claiming recruits; books are finding some circulation; even, studies are beginning to attract considerable attention. Well, winter is here, prophesying the fact that the poor boys will no longer be able to enjoy campus sports. (Particular attention is drawn to the absence of those pseudo-football games in front of Old Kenyon.)

LORD JEFF VISITS KENYON

Walter Gelhorn, Amherst, '27, was a visitor last week at Kenyon. During his stay on the Hill, he was the guest of the Kenyon chapter of Alpha Delta Phi, for which fraternity he is the traveling secretary.

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William Edward McQuown
Charles Dicky Marsh
Wilfred Beuregard Myll
Charles Cook Riker, Jr.
Howard Raymond Rusk
Graham Walton
Homer Coleman White
Benedict Williams
Dan Quinby Williams

THE CLASS OF 1928

Stephen Edward Bartko
John Franklin Correll
Robert Brown Jones
Louis Frank Walter Samotus
David Eugene Stamm

THE CLASS OF 1929

Philip Coburn Hamblet
Edward Southworth
Luman James Morgan
James Roy Morrill, Jr.
Charles Schriver Reifsnider, Jr.
George Wakefield Needham Riddle
Thomas Hanford Sheldon
Alexander Umberto Spain
John Braddock Sturges
Norman John Thurston
Virgil Walling
William Edward Way
Russel Thomas Wlandt

THE CLASS OF 1930

Robert Atkinson Baltzell
John V. Cuff
Alwyn Spearman Gerhart
James Milton Irvine, Jr.
Augustus Alfred Koski
Philip Monroe Brown
Alfred Lucius Lyman
Henry Hunter McFadden
Frank Charles Manak, Jr.
Donald Bruce Mansfield
Clinton Lincoln Morrill
William X. Smith
Robert Perry Weed

CHANTING PARSON REHEARSES CHOIR

A chanting parson, so prone to indulge a choir during rehearsals with personal interpretations of what the "peppy" Episcopalian service should be, sallied forth on several occasions with voluntary aid, "so welcome and eagerly received," with the apparent intent of transforming the institution into a veritable band of syncopated jazz.

Having read the complete epistle, (to furnish proper setting) the chanting parson tested the choir on its attack on the Gloria. Not satisfied, he repeated his reading from "the Lord's book," and forthwith, was accorded a stomp, a rhythmic gesture, and then a military, thunderous volume of "hallos" reminiscent of the Battle of Waterloo. "Ah, that's fine," commented the parson.

The choir started a hymn and really finished the first couplet, before the parson had a chance to interpolate with, "I might say something right in here too. This is something most choirs get caught on. We have to be on our toes all the time you know. Before you begin your hymns, I'd like to remark concerning the responses during the communion service. Now, let me repeat the service, and you respond. The Lord Jesus Christ—on these two commandments hang all—etc."

The choir responded. "Now just one more word and then I have to leave."

Forthwith, the pastor chanted on one note or another, the Sursum Corda, asking and pleading for a real good service Sunday.

A few additional suggestions were kindly offered; the rector left (one hour after entrance); and the choir began practice.

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CAMPUS

MECHANICAL GENIUS
DISCOVERED ON HILL

Within the last month, one of the men working at the college heating plant at the foot of the Hill has proved himself a hero of singular achievements and of sterling integrity. It all happened in the course of fulfilling the prophecy made last summer in the announcements to students that "two new wells have been drilled . . . and these will be pumped by compressed air."

This compressed air pumping system is effected by lowering to the bottom of the two-hundred foot well a large brass cylinder having an air line of one and one-fourth inch pipe, and a water line of four inch pipe. The air is forced down through the smaller pipe, while the water and released compressed air flow up through the larger one. The brass cylinder with its one hundred and fifty feet of both small and large pipes weighed about two tons. The problem was to lower the apparatus to the bottom by means of a derrick. The casting and pipes were being let down with perfect ease until at about forty feet from the bottom, the brake drum on the derrick slipped, the chain was released from the vertical pipes. Down went casting, pipes, and all, through the remaining forty feet of water. Pandemonium broke loose! There lay several hundred dollars' worth of castings and pipes, beneath the surface of the water.

The ranks of college engineers, as well as the supervising engineer of the contractor appeared at once in full array to peer down the chasm in utter dismay. Mr. Mosher of the Thatcher Heating Company, of Akron, said he was sure the apparatus could be salvaged by lowering another pipe and screwing it onto the threaded cap of the smaller pipe. Mr. Ingleston (our own wise engineer) said that the casting and pipes would all be drawn forth—if, indeed, they could be—in small pieces. A number of other equally sage bits of advice and conjecture were offered, but no one seemed to have a very clear conception of a method of achieving definite results.

Finally Mr. Mosher succeeded in trying his own plan. After the fishing about in the water finally was rewarded by getting a pipe screwed to the smaller pipe, all went very well, and jubilation was at hand. The derrick was attached to the new pipe, and the raising began. The whole mass rose a few feet, when suddenly the derrick pulled faster, and up came the small pipe. There was no trace of the remainder of the apparatus, save a broken end to show where the small pipe and the casting had once been joined. The consternation which then ensued was greater than before. There seemed to be no possibility of getting the pump, and the only solution was to fill the well and drill another.

Among those who came to view this second catastrophe was "Charley" Carpenter, who is a regular employee at the heating plant. Charley looked at the ruin and set his mind to work on a plan for saving the pump. He must be a genius, for after a short time he shouted "Eureka!" All those present asked him what his plan was, but for fear of losing his future sole rights to his invention, he closeted himself with his forge at the heating plant for a few minutes. When finally Charley had finished his executive session, he appeared with a truly remarkable device made from some scrap iron.

This was a bar about three feet long, with an eye on one end to hook to the derrick. Near the bottom, fastened with an iron pin, was a smaller piece with teeth on one end. When this lever was lowered into the four inch pipe, it dropped, making a firm contact with the sides of the pipe. Thus was the entire pump raised at last.

When it appeared, the dire predictions of Mr. Ingleston were fulfilled the large pipe had telescoped into the cylinder. This was soon remedied, and a new pump was lowered. And now, due to the marvelous genius of Mr. Carpenter, the work is advancing with great strides toward the completion of the filtration and settling basins.

NU PI KAPPA BEGINS
AN ACTIVE YEAR

Twenty new members were admitted to the Nu Pi Kappa literary society at a meeting held Sunday evening, November 6, in Middle Leonard. The enrollment of the society now consists of thirty students and faculty members, and plans have been made for a year which promises to be both interesting and instructive.

A novel feature of the meeting was a short review of the history of the organization and the reading of the original constitution. Nu Pi Kappa began in 1832 as an off-shoot from Philomathesian, due to the feeling between the northern and southern men on the question of slavery; and the formation of the new society was interesting on account of the intensity of feeling which existed between the two factions. There were also on exhibit a number of letters of acceptance of membership from nationally prominent men.

During the past three or four years, the program of Nu Pi Kappa has not been as definite as it might have been; but, with the increased membership, the society hopes to accomplish a great deal during the coming year. Discussions on the latest books will form a large part of the program; the intention is to do away with written papers in favor of formal discussions. Meetings are to be held monthly, and it is hoped that a new book may be discussed every time, with occasional meetings led by various faculty members.

The new faculty members elected to membership are Professors Radford, Coulson, and Coffin, Reverend Ball, and Phil Hummel, the Alumni Secretary. Ned Porter is the freshman elected to the society, and will serve as Secretary-Treasurer. The other new members are Messrs. Wahn, Walling, Cameron, Beidler, Baxter, Squibb, Scherr, Hitler, Bissell, Seltz, Poe, M. Kawasaki, and Hamblet.

CLIFF HORTON
THE BARBER

Pool Room In Rear

PHILO MEETS IN
WEST WING

Philomathesian Society held its initial meeting of the season in the West Wing Bull's Eye on the evening of Sunday, Oct. 16. President Pierce, Dr. Reeves, and Dr. Coulson were present to greet the eleven new men. Each member of the faculty offered suggestions for Philo's ensuing year.

Eugene Stamm, the president, presided at the meeting; and Lynny Wilson was elected secretary.

The faculty members of the society are: President Pierce, Professors W. P. Reeves, R. B. Allen, R. D. Cahall, R. C. Lord, W. H. Coolidge, E. H. Johnston, P. W. Timberlake, John Coulson and Benedict Williams.

The active members are: R. E. Atherton, E. S. Clark, J. H. Converse, E. C. Howe, T. P. Jenkins, R. E. Kenyon, H. R. Maxon, H. H. McFadden, J. H. Morrill, L. F. Samotus, P. B. Schoaff, D. E. Stamm and C. W. Hughes.

The associate members who have recently accepted invitations are: J. W. Adkins, J. V. Blankmeyer, Donald Henning, William Hicks, J. A. Hughes, C. J. Lester, R. C. Lord, Jr., C. L. Morrill, John Murdoch, Dwight Smith, W. I. Thompson, D. B. Wright and Sydney Smith.

WILL AL SMITH
SPLIT DEMOCRATS?

What sparkling orations were delivered in Dr. W. P. Reeves' English 7 class Nov. 2, when eight quasi-debating neophytes argued on the question—Resolved, that the nomination of Al Smith as presidential candidate would be disastrous to the Democratic party. Stanton, Stevenson, Stamm, and Sturges defended the anti-Smith faction, in opposition to Boudreau, Bruce, Carroll, and Comstock. Dr. Reeves considered the advocacy of a debating team.

SMOKER FURNISHES
- OPPORTUNITIES

Middle Kenyon gave a smoker, Oct. 20th, for several members of the faculty. The guests were Dr. Reeves, Dr. Manning, Prof. Ashford, Dr. Coulson, Dr. Timberlake, Prof. Coffin, and the Rev. Mr. Bailey.

The time was spent in pleasant conversation, with Dr. Reeves giving an interesting corner talk upon the history and rules of the Ohio Athletic Conference. After the discussions had drawn to a close, refreshments were served.

MARK ROSENTHAL
BOOSTS KENYON STYLES

Mark Rosenthal, of Rosenthal's, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, evidently thinks that Kenyon men are very well dressed; at least he gave John Starbuck, an authority on college dress, that impression. Mr. Starbuck travels about from college to college, taking careful note of the styles he sees. Most of his time is spent on the Yale and Princeton campuses, but occasionally he visits middle western schools such as Ohio State, Michigan, and Illinois universities. In the first part of September, Mark wrote him a letter about Kenyon.

In part, this letter said: "I might call your attention to the fact that our college trade comes from Kenyon College. Kenyon is very English in atmosphere, at least as near English as a middle western school could be. It reminds me somewhat of Princeton, although Kenyon is a much smaller college. It has a very cosmopolitan group, probably eighty-five percent of whom come from wealthy families. It is known in Ohio as the rich man's school, and is often referred to as the 'Little Princeton of Ohio.'"

"This spring we put across the 'beer suits' to the Kenyon students, but made no headway in other schools. Next year we hope to put out an entirely new and original idea for the Kenyon boys, as many of them know we copied the 'beer suit' idea from Princeton."

"I hope you will grant me the pleasure of visiting me in Mt. Vernon and permit me to introduce you to this college."

On Thursday, October 27, Mark brought Mr. Starbuck to the hill for an inspection tour. The latter seemed to be impressed very favorably with the dress he saw on the campus, but he regretted that he could not be here to see the men in their Sunday finery.

MARK HANNA
(W. C. Colwill)

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The Advisor System

A puzzled freshman came into the room the other day, dropped his books on the desk, and asked, "What does the faculty advisor list mean? I just noticed that professor — is mine. How is he?"

So the subject of faculty advisors was raised among the men sitting around the room. Each one in turn tried to recall his own professor and gave an opinion of him. We found that some were entirely satisfied; others partially so; and more were not at all in sympathy with the idea.

For years past, the entering students have been assigned indiscriminately to the several members of the faculty under an advisor list. The individual continues to be each year under the supposed supervision of a certain professor, who is to give him aid and advice when necessary for the welfare of the student. In the event that the professor is permanently absent from the college, his group is handed over intact to his successor. Just the fact that the arrangement is arbitrary prevents it from being satisfactory.

Now it very often happens that the student and his advisor are not in harmony with each other. The former may be interested in sciences, the latter in arts; and they find it difficult to agree upon the courses the student should take. The relationship terminates, and the two may never meet again in the relative positions of advisor and advisee. The student, if he desires, often turns to someone who is in sympathy with him and seeks the friendship of the professor of his choice. This man is satisfied not by the impersonal selection made for him, but through his good fortune in finding someone who can understand and guide him.

But the majority of the students make no attempt to meet their advisors; indifference on the part of the older men and the shyness of the younger freshmen restrain them from paying the first call on their advisors. If they are not urged to do this by their associates in the divisions, they never will.

Unfortunately, these are the very men who should have advice as soon as they enter. Many promising men leave Kenyon at the end of the first semester or the first year because they have not been able to adjust themselves to the new experiences of the life here. Something should be done for these new men; and, if the upperclassmen can not help them, an effective advisor plan should be devised.

Under the new curriculum in practice this year, the student arranges his courses with the head of the department in which he expects to major. This is in a technical sense an advisorship; but it does not occur until the middle of his sophomore year, and so leaves the student, in many cases

floundering around for a year and a half without direction and without a definite idea of what his four years at Kenyon should mean to him.

If a remedy is to be devised to correct this situation, it must consider and treat the problems of the entrant at the beginning of his very first year. We suggest that a series of conferences should be held with the new students during the opening weeks of the school term. The individual should be studied personally and with some discrimination. An effort should be made to understand him, and then, with the knowledge gained, to give him that advisor who could be most beneficial to him.

Such an arrangement abolishes the present arbitrary system and substitutes for it one which should create a real advisor-advisee relationship between the faculty and undergraduates. To acquaint the student early in the year with his professor, and to show him the benefits he may derive from that acquaintanceship, would, we believe, make the advisor list mean something to every undergraduate.

BOOKS

SOMETHING ABOUT EVE, by James Branch Cabell. 1927. Robert M. McBride and Company, New York, \$2.50.

WOMEN! How they ruin man's destiny!

That, in brief, is the theme of Cabell's newest offering, on which he has been working for nine years.

Packing in anagram after anagram, simile after simile, and symbol after symbol, Cabell has woven a blanket picture of man's "brief disporting in the sunlight between those two eternal darkenesses." Not so moralistic, perhaps, as Bunyan's portrait of Christian's travels, not so fantastic as Dante's "Divine Comedy," this book gives another view to the aims and results of man's existence.

At the beginning of the book, we find Gerald Musgrave, nibbling his pencil, endeavoring to produce a literary masterpiece. The Syllan appears to him and offers to exchange places. Identities are traded, and young Musgrave glides off on his journey to Antan. Horvendile, one of Gerald's friends in the art of magic, furnishes the stallion, Pegasus, for the ride.

Full of ambition, eager to reach his kingdom of Antan where he shall rise as king above the geniuses of all time, and zealous for fame, Musgrave begins his travel.

He encounters Evasherah, Evaine, varvan, Eyadne, each of whom reminds him of his quasi-wife Evelyn of Lichfield. Eve! Each lures him temporarily from his path, but each time he regains his footing, thrusts aside her beauty and charms, and continues.

The climax is reached when he comes to Maya, where he delays long. Maya, that ugly, unresponsive, indifferent soul, becomes the mother of young Theodorick Quentin Musgrave. Some such Maya would have to be the one.

Each day Gerald anticipates as being the last in this place, but each day he grows less avid for the attainment of Antan. He watches Francois Villon, Odysseus, Solomon, Merlin, and Nero pass by—he watches from the dwelling of Maya, where he seems imprisoned.

"You are content, you are lost." That aphorism is thrust in Gerald's face. He is content.

And, Gerald remained with Maya for thirty years. He sees his own son, Theodorick, start out on that eternal quest for Antan; Maya, the indifferent, runs away, and Gerald returns to earth, an old man, content now with scribbling—disillusioned. Why does man succumb so willingly to this thing, woman? Woman—who so consistently hinders the fulfillment of man's destiny! This invective is the core of the book.

The usual Cabellian style adds much to maintaining continual interest in this colored, philosophical writing. The work, along with the rest by the same author, so pregnant with learning, wit, and cleverness, should cause contemporary novelists to stop their scratching in disgust.

J. B. S.

INTRODUCING--



Last month, "Dicky" Doolittle, proprietor of the general store in Gambier

"Mr. B.—what did I talk about a week ago last Thursday?—Hmmm. Well, if you had been paying attention you'd have heard me say that the reason for Chaucer's immense and lasting popularity was that he wrote with an idea,

KENYON ADVANCE WAS ISSUED HERE FIFTY YEARS AGO

Some of the older graduates may be interested in recalling that fifty years ago last month the first number of the Kenyon Advance, a monthly, was issued by four members of the class of 1878.

Just what lead to the publication is rather obscure. There are but three copies of the Advance in the Library and none of these is of the first volume. However, it would seem that the Collegian, which had been published for six years previously, had fallen into debt and ill repute, and that it was thought better to start a new rather than to try to continue the old paper.

The following year the staff of the Advance was increased to eight men drawn from the junior and senior classes; and the paper was published continuously until 1885, when the Collegian was revived. The first number of the new Collegian says that its predecessor had not been financially successful. But as the Collegian was continually asking afterwards for money it may be assumed that it had been found by that time that there was little magic in a change of name.

It is unfortunate, by the way, that there are so few copies of the old college papers in the Library. As has been said, there are but three copies of the Advance; there are only a few of the fourteen volumes of the old Collegian. Perhaps some graduate may be able and not unwilling to supply the missing numbers.

using good, old Anglo-Saxon words. His stuff is just as good today gentlemen as it was six hundred years ago.

"Now, I wonder why that is? Can't you see that Chaucer understood people. Mr. B.—read that passage, beginning with line 445, about the wife of Bath — There! Do you see the incongruity? That's the soul of humor, gentlemen. '—Hosbondes at chirche dore she hadde fyve!' That's great stuff, gentlemen, that's great stuff! And observe the minute attention to detail—and shoes ful moyste and newe.' Who beside Chaucer would think of mentioning moistened shoes? There's the reason for Chaucer's never-failing appeal,—shoes ful moyste and newe."

"And now someone read this little melody. It has a quality that no one before or since has been able to duplicate. It's the catchiest thing you've ever heard, te tum te tum te tum te tum te tum te tum. You don't realize the opportunity you're missing when you don't put words to that tune and use it as a college song. Sing it down on the football field or over in Rosse Hall; why it'd bring down the house! Great stuff, gentlemen, great stuff! Tum de tum de tum de tum de tum."

"What I've just said holds true for everything that Chaucer ever wrote. Take 'Troilus and Criseyde,' for example. A modern reader finds as much in common with those two as any contemporary of Chaucer. Human nature doesn't change gentlemen. Why we could take that story over to Rosse Hall today, put a bottle of beer, two cans of sardines and a keg of gunpowder on a table. Would we have a plot that creates suspense Mr. B.—? Certainly gentlemen, the audience would realize that that bottle of beer was a signal that something was going to happen. And then, if we touched a match to the gunpowder, what would be the result? It would bring down the house, gentlemen, it would simply bring down the house. Good stuff—bully good stuff!"

AN AMERICAN STUDENT STUDYING IN FRANCE

Neal Dow, '28, Returns after a Year's
Residence at the Sorbonne

By NEAL DOW

The hardest trial for the American student abroad is to cease to be American. He must do this before he can understand and appreciate the people with whom he lives. It is not an easy task. He becomes a freshman again. The freshman must lose his glorified high school ideas of college, an American student in France must not only lose his collegiate philosophy but he must overcome the ill-effects of living in an American atmosphere all his life. Nearly all of us are endowed with characteristics which are insignificant until a contrast reveals them in their true light. Such, at least was the experience of one who studied in France last winter. I cannot say that we lost all our Americanisms, but I am certain that we underwent some transformation. In September of last year we were all patriotic Americans; the following June there was not a person in the group who wanted to leave France.

For us, the first three months meant work. We were busy. Classes from eight-thirty to twelve, private lessons from two to four, then a little rest followed by a well filled evening—this gave us something to think about. Some time, each week, in spare moments, we had to read a book, compose two compositions, translate several passages from Wilde, or Defoe, or Elliot, memorize several verses from Victor Hugo, and learn a hundred odd idioms. Add to this the constant obstacle of conversing in a strange tongue and you can appreciate what we underwent during the first three months at Nancy.

NOT ALL WORK

Life was not all work. Classes over, we would collect on the Thiers terrace to forget the subjunctive and Victor Hugo for an hour and enjoy the blessings of a "regime mouille" and the delights of French pastry while the hotel orchestra proved to us that the French deserve the title, "a nation of artists." Or perhaps another afternoon, the one time when chaperones could be left at home, we would ease our minds of worry, and an overload of English in a stroll thru "la pepeniere."

And always we were seeing some new sight, arousing some new hidden interest hither to undiscovered, and ever learning new customs strange but charming. Seven o'clock—a knock at the door; "Viola de l' eau chaude Monsieur" and later the usual handshake and "Avez-vous bien dormi." At noon another light touch of hands with all the family and the customary questions: "Alors, vous allez bien? Tant mieux. Avez-vous bien travaillé?" The meal finished the same salutation was followed by "ce soir."

Once in a delightful routine, the weeks slipped by rapidly and we began to adopt these pleasant customs, but unfortunately we still remained surprisingly American. We preferred to be with American friends, partly of course, because English seemed still a little easier to speak. At dances the boys carefully avoided the kind patronesses who greeted them with: "Est-ce que vous connaissez de jeunes filles francaises." The American girls also preferred to dance with Americans. The New York Herald remained many times more popular than "Le Temps" or "Le Journal." In fact many of us even wanted water with our meals. I could not understand why a picture of a girl who was not my fiancée should make such startling comments. It was irritating to be recognized everywhere by the length of our trousers.

TRAVEL IN ALPS

Meanwhile we worked and the French came reluctantly. By September, several on the ragged edge talked of returning to the states for the opening of college. Then came a week of rest. We spent a few days in the Alps on a veritable travelling house-party. Grenoble, Chamonix, Saint Gervais-les-bains, Aix-les-Bains, Annecy cheered up a slightly downcast group. We began to understand why "la belle France."

A month later we discovered that our time had not really been wasted at

Nancy. We all knew enough French to pass the preliminary examinations. Then we went to Paris.

It is impossible for me to more than hint at the meaning of life at Paris, and its particular meaning for us. No one who has lived there is content anywhere else in the world. And no two people, probably, love it for the same reasons. Its attraction can hardly be defined; it is the atmosphere which makes the city. One French professor, describing the atmosphere, gave it as the cause for the Frenchman's love of the artistic. His desire to create one beautiful work of art rather than a thousand mediocre articles came not from an inherent ability in the Frenchman but from the atmosphere of France and, above all, of Paris. It is something that lives there and can not be carried away. A foreigner, without this artistic taste living in Paris several years, unconsciously absorbs a portion of it. It is much like wine, which obtains its own particular taste from the soil where it is produced.

PARIS IS CHARMING

I knew Paris as a student and such a Paris is indeed charming. What a different atmosphere from that of the American campus. There is no "college life" as we understand it. The student comes to Paris, lives alone with a private family, or perhaps, in a "pension" with a dozen other students some French, others Japanese, Polish, Indian, Scandinavian. One studies law, another medicine, another literature. One student attends classes and knows a few others who follow the same courses, but often has no more than fleetly acquaintances. My tutor in economic geography told me that in all his study on the faculty of letters and law, beyond a few friendships made in his Lycee, his acquaintances were limited to "Bonjour, ca va, etiez-vous au cours ce matin, etc."

Now, however, the situation has somewhat changed. There are students' clubs where we meet. There is growing up in the quartier de Montronge something resembling an American campus, "la Cite universitaire." Here several hundred students of all nationalities live in genuine American dormitories.

Education in France is self acquired. The university, assuming an intellectual curiosity, grants freedom. For an ordinary American student this is a revolutionary change. No required attendance, no daily recitation to prepare; that is a schedule which appears very attractive. It is, but, beware, too much freedom all at once might prove disastrous. The first semester examinations did prove a little difficult for us, but other considerations enter into a comparison of the results with those at the end of the year. The quality of our written and spoken French improved more in the last four months than in any other period of the year. By then the oral examinations were

"une vieille historie" and we had begun to understand the French tradition handed down from Descartes in his "Discours de la methode."

In any case, I personally found freedom very agreeable. It was a relief not to be compelled to sleep through uninteresting lectures. We attended classes to acquire knowledge, not for fear of separation from college. In one of my courses I missed but one lecture, the first. I had the misfortune to arrive three minutes late and the hall was packed to the doors. Thereafter I came an hour and a half in advance to obtain a seat. In another course I acquired practically my entire information from a textbook.

NOT LIKE A TOURIST

A year of study alone would indeed be dull, even in Paris. We had distractions. The casual American tourist goes to Montmartre to gulp champagne at one hundred francs the bottle or to see Josephine Baker or the Dolly Sisters. But a poor student

would rather enjoy the same champagne for thirty francs and see something less like Broadway. He seeks pleasure elsewhere. He frequents the Theatre Francais and the opera, and learns his way about the Louvre and the Luxembourg. Sundays find him at Saint Cloud or Versailles, in the Bois or visiting the Salon. Sometimes you see him walking slowly down the quays along the Seine searching through the fascinating little book stands. Or again you will find him at the "Deux Magots" under the shadow of Saint Germain des Pres in a quiet afternoon, discussing metaphysics or love. Every day brings a new adventure, reveals another interesting custom, awakens a new interest and the whole makes life at Paris a most fascinating experience.

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A. A. AUGUSTUS, TRUSTEE, PASSED AWAY, OCT. 18

Albert A. Augustus of Cleveland, one of Kenyon's most loyal trustees and ardent friends, passed away on Oct. 18. His funeral was held on Oct. 20 at the Augustus home. Funeral services were said by Dr. T. H. McWilliams of Cleveland and by Dr. W. F. Pierce of Kenyon.

Mr. Augustus was born in Chicago, October 23, 1860. In 1899 he went to Cleveland, where he and the late James W. Ellsworth, the father of Lincoln Ellsworth, North Pole flier, organized the Cambridge Colliers Company. This close connection endured until the death of Mr. Ellsworth in 1925. Their coal fields were the chief source of locomotive fuel for the Canadian Pacific lines.

Besides being the president of the Cambridge Colliers, Mr. Augustus was also vice-president of the Ohio Coal Operators' Association. It was in this last capacity that Mr. Augustus achieved his greatest fame. Most authorities give him the sole credit for settling the very serious bituminous coal strikes of 1922. This he did with the interests of both miners and operators in mind. The fact that the famous Jacksonville agreement of 1924 is modeled after his plan proves that the terms were satisfactory to all concerned.

For about ten years he had been a trustee of Kenyon College, and during that time he had always showed himself to be unselfishly eager to further the purposes of the college. In addition to his administrative capacity, Mr. Augustus was also closely connected to the college through his very absorbing interests in Shakespeare. He conducted many lines of research in this field, and for his broad knowledge of Shakespeare in all phases, Mr. Augustus was given the honorary degree of Master of Arts by Kenyon in 1919. He gathered not only a vast store of pleasure from this research, but also his philosophy of life.

SEA LAWYER FOR SAILORS IS KENYON ALUMNUS

"A 'Sea Lawyer' for Sailor Men!" is the title of an article in the September issue of "Success Magazine." It comprises an interview with Silas Blake Axtell, Kenyon '06, who is the one lawyer in the United States whose clients are none but sailors or laborers. He will serve no others.

Silas Axtell ("Big Axtell" they called him at Kenyon and they still call him that now) is the head of a firm of lawyers which is the creator of more legal opinions regarding maritime law than any other source in the history of the sea. He is responsible for most of the legislation now affecting the seaman whom he exclusively serves.

They call him the "friend of the sailor and the working man." This summer he joined a labor delegation in a tour of Soviet Russia. On returning to this country, every member of that delegation but one was loud in praising the innovations brought forth by that Communist nation. The one dissenter was Silas Axtell. Mr. Axtell bases his opposition chiefly on the avowed atheism of the Communist Party of Russia which is the guiding factor of current Russian life. Not content with mere tacit disapproval, Axtell has challenged the other members of the delegation to debate on any phase of Russian life which they saw in their tour. The challenge has been accepted, and there remains now to be chosen only the time and place.

KENYON ALUMNI RETURN FOR HOMECOMING

Fifty-seven alumni were on the "Hill" for the football game and social events of homecoming, Nov. 28 and 29. The list of the men is compiled by classes as follows:

Class of '85—W. E. Russell.
Class of '87—Alfred Granger.
Class of '88—A. C. Whitaker.
Class of '89—R. C. Ringwalt.
Class of '90—Dr. Rufus Southworth.
Class of '92—W. L. Cummings.
Class of '93—C. C. Hammond, T. J. Goddard.
Class of '94—W. F. Maury, J. C. Lockwood, Carl Weiant, W. D. Connor.
Class of '95—Willard Armstrong, Walter Collins.
Class of '96—H. C. Forester, J. L. Cable, A. L. and W. H. Brown.
Class of '98—G. K. Cooper.
Class of '99—John Skilton, M. H. Baker.
Class of '12—R. R. Harter, Lee Vaughn, R. A. Weaver.
Class of '13—Don Wheaton.
Class of '17—E. B. Davis, R. D. Nicholson, Andy Anderson, C. V. Sadler.
Class of '19—H. B. Puffer, W. C. Love.
Class of '20—K. L. Harper, J. L. Berkey, Max Long.
Class of '22—H. C. Ziess.
Class of '23—Alfred Kilgore.
Class of '24—James E. Brown.
Class of '25—R. C. Hyde, F. C. Lippman, Sutton Critchfield.
Class of '26—J. F. Furniss, A. W. Somerville, H. Bennet, Donald Gassman, B. R. Wood, George Shaffer, R. M. Thomas, R. B. Lyman, Lewis Ward.
Class of '27—Donald Zweigle, Burdell Rowe, C. D. Marsh.
Class of '28—F. J. Haller.
Class of '29—C. D. Roth.
Class of '30—Richard Roe.

ALUMNI

Hugh B. Clement, '86, distinguished architect of Detroit, died of cerebral hemorrhage on October 16th. Born at Hepburn, Ohio, and there raised and schooled, he was graduated from Kenyon, and later resided in New York; but his career was largely in Detroit.

Philemon B. Stanbery, '98, of Cincinnati, these many years a bachelor, was married to Miss Adelheid Rolles of Pomeroy, Ohio, on October 29th. An advance copy of the announcement was read at the meeting of the Alumni Council on the same evening, at approximately the hour of the wedding, and created such a sensation that a member was detailed to telephone him, but unfortunately a connection could not be put through.

Andrew W. (Chink) Sommerville, '24, of Dallas, Texas, who was mentioned in these columns last month as a new contributor to the Saturday Evening Post, spent several days in Gambier recently. He has resigned his position with a railroad to devote all of his time to writing. Apparently this move is profitable, for we are informed that four additional stories have been accepted by the Post for early publication. He will spend the early winter in the East in connection with his work, and in January expects to return to Gambier to take up residence for a few months of writing in this climate.

Recent graduates who are doing graduate work include Hamilton Slaughter, '26, and Levoy M. Lind, '26, (Harvard School of Business Administration), Ramsay Findlater '26 (School of Architecture, M. I. T.), Theodore Diller '25 (Harvard Law), and Dick Marsh '27. Slaughter and Diller are members of

HELP!

If 1900 Alumni of all ages would remain in one place, the Alumni Secretary's job of keeping the college address files up-to-date would be a simple affair. This is too much to expect, of course, but on the other hand, the existing percentage of alumni whose whereabouts are entirely unknown to the College—10 percent—is far too high.

At the present moment, the new Alumni Address Bulletin is about to go to press with a blank space after more than 190 names. Nearly a year has been spent in trying to locate these men, practically to no avail. Even the supposedly live Alumni to whom the Secretary appeals for information with printed inquiries to which is attached a self-addressed stamped postal card do not reply to a greater extent than 10 percent.

Little can be done now to better the present situation; but in the future, if all Alumni who change their address would simply send the college a postal memorandum to that effect, it could grow no worse.

the Gayden Club, Samuel K. Workman '26 is a professor at the University of Kentucky.

David L. Shannon, formerly of the class of 1923, has entered Western Reserve as a Senior, in order to prepare to enter the Law School of that University next year.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWSPAPERS

"New York, Oct. 29 (A.P.)—Manufacture of a high grade gas for use by gas utility companies, made as a by-product from the production of gasoline by a new cracking process, will be undertaken by the newly-organized Super Gas Corporation. H. M. Billingsley, (Kenyon '04), of Stevens & Wood, public utility engineers, and secretary of the Pennsylvania Gas and Electric corporation and Penn-Ohio Edison Co., is president.

"The manufactured gas will be fed directly from the super gas plant into the tanks of the gas companies. The gasoline made will be turned back to the oil companies supplying the crude oil used, or will be sold to the wholesale or retail trade."

Republican News, Mt. Vernon.

"The names of two natives of Knox County appear in the 1926-27 edition of 'Who's Who in the Nation's Capitol' in which Ransdell, Inc., list 6,000 of Washington's half million people, with biographies.

"One of these Knox Countyites is Oscar Sherman Adams (Kenyon '96), who was born near Mt. Vernon in 1874, the son of David W. and Louise (McElroy) Adams. He was educated in the Gambier schools and Kenyon College,

and is now geodetic computator and mathematician in the U. S. Coast and Geodetic survey. He has the degrees of B. S., A. M., and ScD. from Kenyon, and is a Phi Beta Kappa . . ."

New York Times.

"Dreda Aves, of Galveston, Texas, daughter of an Episcopal clergyman, and niece of the Bishop of Mexico (The Rt. Rev. H. D. Aves, '78, Bexley, '83.) is one of nine new American singers who will make their debuts with the Metropolitan Opera this season. She studied at Columbia, and sang as a contralto in church choirs."

South Bend (Ind.) Tribune.

"Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Lois Huber, daughter of Mrs. James W. Vicker, . . . to Donald Campbell Hager ('27)."

Cleveland Press.

"Declaration that he would fight for a tax reduction on smaller incomes instead of accepting the plan proposed by Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew Mellon (L.D. Kenyon '25) was made Tuesday by Robert Crosser ('97), representative of the 21st district."

"Whatever plan for cutting federal taxes we adopt, it must begin with a reduction in the taxes on smaller salaries," Crosser said.

"The man of moderate means is still the one who is paying beyond his proportionate ability, and he should be relieved. After this cut, some of the other proposals might be acceptable."

A man after our own heart, is Congressman Robert Crosser!

FIVE MEN PLEDGED AFTER RUSHING SEASON

The post-rushing pledging has resulted as follows: Delta Kappa Epsilon, John Kenneth Murdoch, '31, Akron, William Mahaffey, '31, Mt. Vernon; Psi Upsilon, Morinosuke Kawasaki, '28, Tokio; Delta Tau Delta, Harry Gorsuch, '31, Mt. Vernon; Sigma Pi, Arthur Delos Wolfe, '31, Cleveland.

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SUMMARY OF THE ALUMNI COUNCIL MEETING

And Present Activities

The Alumni Council held on October 29th another highly successful meeting, the Second Annual Meeting since the adoption of the council plan by the Alumni Association and its inception early in October of last year. The Secretary avails himself of the opportunity to place the story of the Council's present activities before all of the Alumni, since this November issue of the Collegian is being distributed generally to all.

Executive Committee

As preface to any account of the recent meeting must come a passing reference to that of the Executive Committee of the Council, which occurred on October 15th at the University Club, New York, under the Chairmanship of Earl D. Babst '93. Present for luncheon and the meeting to follow, in addition to Mr. Babst were Messrs. T. J. Goddard, Carl Ganter, Don C. Wheaton, Matthew F. Maury, and Wilbur L. Cummings. Business prevented the attendance of Clark Hammond of Pittsburgh, and Arthur L. Brown of Cincinnati.

With a view to smoothing the way for the business to come before the Council in two weeks, preliminary committee reports were heard, the most important of which was that read by Mr. Cummings, concerning the work and recommendations of the Finance Committee appointed last June to develop a Finance Plan. This was accepted and the plan approved with suggestions, to be recommended to the Council for adoption.

It was voted to join the American Alumni Council, the general association of alumni secretaries or other officers of all the leading colleges, thereby gaining recognition for Kenyon in addition to much beneficial help in the work of the Kenyon council. These and lesser matters, together with general discussion of future plans concluded the afternoon's work.

The Meeting of the Alumni Council

Nineteen of the thirty-one members of the Alumni Council, or 61%, all busy men of affairs, came together at Gambier on October 29th during Home-Coming week-end, and later at the Mt. Vernon Country Club to discuss conditions in the College, for whose welfare they are pledged to work in every possible phase.

President Matthew F. Maury '04 of Philadelphia acted as toastmaster and chairman of the meeting. Those present were Thomas J. Goddard '03, New York, Vice-President; Arthur L. Brown '06, Cincinnati; Don C. Wheaton '13, New York; Alfred Granger '87, Chicago; Leland A. Vaughn '04, Akron; E. M. Anderson '14, Chicago; Dr. Rufus Southworth '00, Cincinnati; Robert A. Cline '16, Cincinnati; Carl R. Ganter '99, New York; Wilbur L. Cummings '02, New York; Robert A. Weaver '12, Cleveland; Ralph D. Nicholson '17, Belaire; Clark Hammond '03, Pittsburgh; Fred H. Zinn '01, Toledo; Jay C. Lockwood '04, Toledo; Ralph C. Ringwalt '94, Mt. Vernon; Charles C. Wright '96, Cleveland; Dr. J. Ross Beiter '04, Canton, and Albert C. Whitaker '88 of Wheeling, W. Va., President of the General Alumni Association. Mr. Clarence H. Williams of Cleveland and Dr. Peirce were present at dinner preceding the business meeting.

Using the occasion to commend the Council for the serious work of its first year, and to definitely suggest matters which in his opinion should command its attention in the future, Dr. Peirce addressed the members at the conclusion of the dinner before returning to Gambier for another engagement. The one thing, he said in part, which every alumnus can do for Kenyon, almost regardless of his location, is to spread the name of the College, exert his influence with his friends and associates who have young sons growing up, and thus by bringing more applications to the Registrar from worth-while young men, strengthen the selective process of registration which even now, is yearly becoming increasingly selective. There should, however, be at least 300 applicants from which to choose the freshman class.

Mr. Wilbur Cummings, Chairman of

the Committee on Finance, who has had long experience in raising funds for Kenyon and other institutions, presented an exhaustive report on the method to follow in raising money for the Council's business. The plan provides for three classes of paid memberships, details of which will shortly be placed before the Alumni by Clark Hammond and the committee which will supervise its operation through Alumni Secretary Philip Hummel's office at Gambier. Encompassing the budget of the Council for the expenses of this office, the needs of the Athletic Committee, and the sundry purposes to which the council is anxious to lend aid, the plan not only does away with other general appeals to the Alumni except for major projects undertaken by the College, but minimizes yearly solicitation.

Report was also made by Mr. Cummings as chairman of the Committee on College Publications, covering its research into the Collegian; its financial footing, managerships, circulation, editorships, reportorial staff, and methods of compensation for editors. The Council is working hand-in-glove with the Collegian this year to help make it not only a better reflection of student life, but a more widely circulated and popular medium for personal news of graduates and former students, the Council's progress, all Alumni activity. Ralph C. Ringwalt '94 of Mt. Vernon asked each member present to become an Alumni reporter, with the Secretary's office as clearing-house, and to send in all material they can gather. He pointed out the newly inaugurated column "Opinion," and urged that the Alumni write letters for publication on any subject which interests them.

Athletics were discussed at length. Fred H. Zinn, chairman of the committee on this phase of the work, is devoting his able energies to bringing more success to the department by a plan to secure from Knox County and environs buyers of season tickets for home games, thus raising the gate receipts and creating more local interest and drawing-power for team material.

Change in Commencement Programme

Among the many items which the Council's efforts have touched, and very successfully last June, is the Commencement Programme. With all gratitude and without implying derogation toward past Alumni orators at Commencement, it has been thought better to eliminate the oration next June. Commencement will become more distinctly an undergraduate occasion, and more time will be available for the Alumni Business Meeting which of necessity must come between the exercises and the Alumni Luncheon.

Election of Officers

Election of Officers and elective members of the Alumni Council for the academic year 1927-28 was held, with the result that Mr. Maury whose efforts largely brought the organization into being will continue as President, and Thomas J. Goddard as Vice-President. To the Executive Committee were re-elected Carl R. Ganter and Don C. Wheaton, to serve three-year terms. Council-elected members to serve one year were retained from last year, including J. R. Beiter, C. O. Bubb, R. C. Ringwalt, P. B. Stanbery, and C. C. Wright.

Committee Meetings

Sunday, following this meeting, was for most Home-Coming visitors a leisurely day of wandering about at will. Not so the Council members; committee meetings and interviews between members and the Secretary covering matters too detailed to introduce into the Council meeting literally overlapped one another from early morning on, and when the last departed late in the afternoon, the entire meeting with attendant activities was conceded a splendid success.

What is the Alumni Council? Is a question heard not infrequently. Many students and neophyte Alumni have not yet had occasion to find out, and many of the older Alumni are simply conscious that something of that name has burst into print in the College publications.

For their information, then, it is a group of 31 men built around a nucleus of six elected by the General Alumni Association in June 1926 to put into effect the Council Plan which had been in process of investigation for several

years. Its membership is augmented by representatives appointed or elected by the various local alumni associations, and further by five men elected by the then existing body.

Its function does not differ particularly from that always undertaken to some degree by the General Association,—broadly, extending and advancing the interests of the College in the ways open to it. However, efforts and activity are centralized into a more closely-knit and wieldy organization, where men intimately familiar with the situation can exchange ideas. It is empowered to conduct business for the Association by that body, and presumably holds two meetings a year—the Annual meeting preferably in the autumn or early winter, and at Commencement time. Its business, when not in session, is in turn delegated to an Executive Committee of six men, a convenient number to correspond with one another, who can meet oftener than twice yearly.

The salaried Alumni Secretary occupies such capacity for both the Association and the Alumni Council, and maintains an office on the campus. Absorbed into the College life, he takes a hand wherever he can render service, fosters activity in the local associations, reports to the Council, and in general, acts as liaison between the Alumni, the students, and the Faculty.

Let no one suppose that by this centralization, the Council aims to exclude from participation any alumnus not a member. On the contrary, its very life depends on the interested support of all Alumni, who can communicate to it their ideas and their wants.

It is not feasible to enter here into details or even full mention of the many subjects now being considered by the Alumni Council, but with such a display of intensive unselfish interest on the parts of so many Alumni, the Council is now certain of increased prestige and value to the College, and unquestionably merits the support and attention of every Kenyon man. Its greatest success will come through similar expression from a larger majority of the 1900-odd Alumni. To many there is no keener pleasure than in serving their Alma Mater. More would find it so were they but to give themselves a chance.

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AN APPEAL FOR PHILO

If one cares to scrutinize the history of any society, he will realize that it does not make a straightline graph. That is to say, the society is sometimes an active, lively, resplendent organization, and at other times it is practically a nonentity.

Philomathesian Society is no exception to this axiom of social organizations. Were it one, it would be abnormal, and would have made its demise long ago. Since it isn't, a glance at its history shows a continual rise and fall between activity and inactivity. Those who have been on the "Hill" for the last four or five years know that during that time the society has been unfortunately, on the inactivity side of the graph. Since that is the usual length of a period, it may be presumed that the society is now ascending the scale of endeavor.

Philo now has a membership of thirty-seven, all of whom are thoroughly interested and genuinely enthusiastic. With that attitude it is hardly possible for them to fail in their present aspiration, to make Philo a vital factor in campus life.

It is the aim of the society to enhance the culture of its members and at the same time to render a real service to Alma Mater. The best way to accomplish this end is by reestablishing dramatics on Kenyon's list of activities. Not by reviving the old Puff and Powder Club, nor by starting anything of that nature, but by putting to best use the love of the dramatic, inherent in every man, will this be accomplished. By studying popular contemporary plays, and producing some of them later, perhaps, by presenting original works of Philo's members, that is how a truly unfortunate need of the college will be satisfied. These productions will be given privately, with absolutely no thought of public performances and trips usually attendant upon and detrimental to similar college enterprises.

Another important factor in the successful literary society is debating. It is one of the essentials in the development of the individual, and one which, sad to state, is generally neglected, or at least overlooked at Kenyon. The benefits reaped from debating are too obvious and too well-known to require more than passing mention. A contact is made between students and problems of the day which will engross their interest. And more than that, students gain the self-possession which is lacking in so many of the men now graduated from colleges and universities.

Being a group of aspirants to literary recognition, the members read original papers, which can be discussed after the reading in such a way that something of real worth is gained therefrom.

In these several ways, then, Philomathesian Society is striving to broaden the cultural and mental scope of its members.

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WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE TEAM

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The main fault is not in the team but lies with every college man at Kenyon. The fact is that we have NO student body! The college is composed of several groups either oblivious to, or jealous of every other man outside his own particular group. It is the fashion, the fad, the correct spirit here at present for men at the games not to cheer and support their team. It is considered extremely poor taste to evince anything but casual interest in the games. One must act bored at the performance of the men who are so foolish as to give up some personal pleasure to try out for the squad. As things stand now, the team tries to represent the college and the college tries not to be represented by that team. In former years the students refused to support professional players and the alumni have changed their policy. It is time now for the undergraduate body to change its policy of non-support.

The cry that there is a lack of candidates is a genuine one. The men do not try out for the teams. WHY? In the first place there is instilled a spirit of antagonism rather than one of unity. A man tries out only to please his personal friends and not for the good of the college as a whole. A candidate does not feel friendly to the very men playing at his side because he is loyal only to his group and openly distrustful of all others. For his reward, the men in his own division show their appreciation of a man's candidacy by jokingly telling him what a fool he is to try out for such a terrible team. The job is thankless.

Now to you calamity howlers whose

favorite cry in shadow of defeat is "Take him out!" we want to ask if you think a Kenyon coach has a fair deal when he gets no material on which to work, poor support from the students, and criticism for his thanks? Don't pass the buck to the coach when the fault is in yourselves. He is trying in spite of the obstacles we put in his way; we do not even try.

Until we can develop the spirit to slap a man on the back and honestly say "I hear you are out for football, Jim. Good, you will go great this Jim. Good, you will do great this dates, parties, and group hatred and cheer for a Kenyon team as a body of Kenyon men, we can expect no better results than our own half-hearted interest returns to us.

The question is not "Can the team make a comeback?" but "Can WE make a comeback. Can we get the old spirit that followed the team to Columbus and that beat Ohio State just a few years ago? That was Kenyon Spirit. Have we a vestige of it now? If we have let's show it.

F. T. M.

JOHN DEWEY'S LECTURES ARE NOW PUBLISHED

An elaboration of lectures delivered in Philo Hall in January 1926, by John Dewey, Professor of Philosophy at Columbia, has just been published by Henry Holt and Co. The book is called *The Public and its Problems*.

This fulfills the predictions of those who heard the original of Prof. Dewey's ideas, that, although they were too abstruse for oral delivery, many of them would furnish material for publication.

CORRECTION

The Collegian wishes to call attention to a reportorial error in the story about Ascension hall, on the first page of the October issue.

The statement that "the interior . . . will be finished for the most part in old oak taken from the fine oak finishings of Philo Hall" is erroneous. The wood that is used is planed from the structural beams of the building itself, and not from any oak in Philo Hall. That is preserved in its original state; only the surface is to be refinished.

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PROFESSOR REEVES TO ORGANIZE STRING QUARTET AMONG KENYON STUDENTS

Plans are now being completed for the formation of a string quartet to consist of men in college. Professor Reeves, who plays the 'cello, is very much interested in such a quartet, and is the instigator of the proposition.

Having found three violinists and a cellist in college, he is confronted only with the problem of a viola player. He has been unable to locate a man in college who owns a viola, but one has been ordered, and he hopes that one of the violinists may be able to fill in.

This string quartet, Professor Reeves believes, will form a good nucleus for an orchestra, should it be deemed worth while to organize one; and it is his wish that a Kenyon orchestra may develop from this group.

NEW FACULTY HOUSES ARE RECENTLY OPENED

Dr. Ball has moved into the new Faculty house given by Frank Ginn, '90. This house is located directly across the street from Dr. Waterhouse's home.

On the street behind Harcourt are two new Faculty houses; one is occupied by Mr. Wiper and Mrs. Wiper, the other is Miss Taylor's new home.

DR. RIGG ANNOUNCES INTELLIGENCE RATINGS

The results of the intelligence test given to the new men during the first week have now been determined. Dr. Rigg has given the list of the first ten men as:

Ives, D. S.
Carle, S.
Lord, R. C.
Nutt, D. E.
Janes, M.
Farley, C.
Greenalade, T. B.
Wolfe, A. D.
Porter, E. N.
Webb, W. R.

MRS. WEST IS CORDIAL HOSTESS

Mrs. H. T. West gave an afternoon reception Sunday, Oct. 9th, for the pledges and members of East Wing. The hostess' wish was to become acquainted with the new men of East Wing. Refreshments were served, and the guests enjoyed an exceedingly pleasant afternoon.

Other guests were Dr. W. P. Reeves, Prof. W. R. Ashford, and Miss Hannah Reeves, who is now attending Harcourt Place School.

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APOSTOLIC ABBOTS ASSAIL ANCIENT AISLES

Within the short time that has elapsed since the opening of the Divinity School, all of the bishops of Ohio and Southern Ohio have visited and lectured at Bexley Hall, much to the edification of the monks therein resident.

Both Bishop Leonard and Bishop Rogers were present at the ceremonies connected with the opening of the seminary's centennial year. The coadjutor gave a short address, welcoming the new men to the Hall. Bishop Leonard spent the first half of October with the students, delivering his lectures on Pastoral Theology to the Seniors, and on the Acts of the Apostles to the Juniors.

Bishop Rogers made another short visit when in Gambier to preach at the Church of the Holy Spirit, November 6.

Bishop Vincent was in the Hall during the week of October 22-29 lecturing to the Middlers and Juniors on the Prayer Book, and the proper method of reading the service. His interesting talks culminated in his sermon to the seminary on the Transfiguration; a sermon that will be long remembered for its wealth of thought and truth.

The coadjutor of Southern Ohio, Bishop Reese, came to Bexley on October 21 for a conference with the candidates of his diocese. The group spent a quiet afternoon discussing the program of the Church.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT TO BE BEXLEY SUNDAY

It has been suggested that the Dioceses of Ohio and Southern Ohio set aside the Third Sunday in Advent for the purpose of arousing interest among Ohio Churchmen for the Ministry. The day, according to the plan, is to be called "Bexley Sunday." Bexley graduates will be assigned to various Churches throughout the two Dioceses where they will preach sermons appropriate for the occasion.

The Publicity Committee is now working on this plan, hoping that it may be put into operation and that the results will be gratifying.

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INITIAL BEXLEY JOURNAL WILL SOON APPEAR

At the first meeting of the Publicity Committee it was decided to establish a permanent publication signal of the Bexley Society. It will assume a very conservative temper and will be designed to contain correct information regarding the alumni, news current in the Seminary, and articles of general interest to every clergyman. The first

issue of the Journal will be circulated in the fore-part of December. With in the next ten days the alumni will receive a letter explanatory of the new publication.

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SPORTS

GURGLING MOANS GREET
TEAM AT HOMECOMING

Urged on by the gurgling moans of a large homecoming game crowd, the football teams of Kenyon college and Ohio Northern university played through four languorous quarters Sept. 29, at Benson field. The final score was: Ohio Northern 47, Kenyon 0!

The Purple started out well. All through the first two periods they waged a nip and tuck battle with the Adaites, whose single touchdown in each quarter was the result of a Kenyon forward pass which went awry and was not covered by the passer, and a clever little quarterback sneak. During the first half, Kenyon, profiting by numerous Northern penalties, tossed away several chances to score by what looked like faulty brain work.

The second half, however, was quite a different story. Smashing at will through the weak Mauve line and completing a number of passes, Ohio Northern brushed down the field three times in the third, and twice in the fourth quarter. Kenyon, except for the notable work of Newhouse and Puffenburger, was no match for the fast-moving visiting team. The few Kenyon attempts to fight back were pitiful.

After the first half, the game was marred by penalties. Kenyon lost 105 yards and Ohio Northern 95 yards by various infractions of the rules.

The scoring:
OHIO NORTHERN 6 7 20 14—47
KENYON 0 0 0 0—0

KENYON SUFFERS
DEFEAT BY RESERVE

Playing her traditional rivals, Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, a rather inconsistent, weak Kenyon team went down to an inglorious defeat at the hands of the Red and White by a 37-0 score.

Although most of the college journeyed to Cleveland, it did little good; for, after the Kenyon crowd collected in the stands, they remained there for the entire game with frozen faces and poker countenances. This, however, was the case with the undergraduates alone. It seemed to be up to the alumni to keep up the spark of Kenyon spirit that has been dying during the past few years.

It seems a shame that the Alumni were forced to do all the cheering and singing; and even when the students were requested to join in, they seemed to regard it as a "high school stunt," and refused to leave the stands.

The game itself was a nightmare from the Kenyon standpoint. The much heralded Platz, of 'Plain Dealer' fame, justified his writeups by bewildering the Purple athletes with dazzling off-tackle thrusts and sweeping end runs. Kenyon could gain no ground by this method, and was forced to resort to an aerial attack. But Kenyon receivers were covered every time they crossed the line of scrimmage.

KENYON GOES TO THE EAST

On Oct. 15 Kenyon journeyed to Rochester University and suffered its York team by a 36-6 score.

As Rochester has not been defeated yet this year, Kenyon's showing in the east, considering this year's team and things in general, was quite good.

It is hoped that the first victory ever

scored by a Kenyon eleven over an eastern team will come next year in the game scheduled with Hobart, Oct. 20, at Geneva, N. Y.

RING THAT BELL; KENYON
DEFEATED MARIETTA

Already humbled in the mire of overwhelming defeat by five out of six opponents and faced with the possibility of a season devoid of victory, the Kenyon football team suddenly rose up in wrath against an unfortunate Marietta eleven and beat them 7 to 0, in a game played November 5, at Marietta.

In defeating the home team, Kenyon played by far its best game of the season, displaying the alertness and pugnacity so sadly lacking in previous encounters. For the first time this season, the team ignored the "breaks" that went against it by taking advantage of those in its favor. The line, which has been weak and erratic all year, showed admirably against Marietta and held that team for downs when additional yardage meant a score.

Marietta's most dangerous threat was in the first period. By massing an attack off tackle it carried the ball to the Kenyon fifteen yard line. Unable to gain with three line smashes, they attempted a place kick which fell short by inches. Kenyon kicked out of danger and was never again seriously threatened.

The "break" for Kenyon came in the second period. After a long exchange of punts in which Kenyon profited to the extent of 35 yards, Baumgard of Marietta went back to kick from his own goal line. He was rushed by the Kenyon ends and tackles and attempted a pass instead. The idea was laudable, but the execution was imperfect. The ball sailed into the arms of full-back Newhouse, of Kenyon, who scampered five yards for a touchdown. A forward pass, Dempsey to Muir, which caught the defense fast asleep, accounted for the extra point.

A majority of Kenyon's advances were made by Newhouse and Puffenburger through tackle, although several passes were completed for short gains. Marietta, too, gained rather freely off tackle, but failed to complete a single forward pass. No less than six were intercepted by alert Kenyon backs.

KENYON ENTERS FIRST
CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Muskingum College won the annual Ohio Conference cross country meet held Nov. 5, at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, with a total of 46 points. Wooster was second with 70 points, Oberlin third with 85, and Ohio Wesleyan fourth with a total of 91. Kenyon, entering a cross country meet for the first time, and with only three entrants, placed tenth with 260 points.

Norman Thurston finished number 48 and Murray Cott 50 out of the 60 starters. Wayne Singer, the third entrant, was forced to drop out late in the run with a broken bone in the foot. The race was won by an Ohio Northern runner in the fast time of 24 minutes, 29 seconds.

Kenyon's showing was heartening in the face of such competition, and it is hoped that when practice begins next fall more candidates will appear than did this season. With more material and a longer period of training there is no reason why Kenyon should not show to better advantage. Kenyon has been invited to a dual meet next year with Cincinnati University.

KENYON WILL HAVE
TENNIS TOURNAMENT IN JUNE

Gambier will be the scene of one of the most outstanding athletic events staged here in recent years when the Ohio Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament is held at Kenyon next June. Almost ten colleges have expressed their intention to be represented at this tournament, and it is safe to say that some of the best tennis in this section of the country will be witnessed on the courts behind Old Kenyon next spring.

The players will be quartered in the dormitory divisions; and a large crowd is expected to be on hand to watch the matches.

The team looks very promising with the return of six letter men from last year, including Humphreys, captain of last year's team, Johnson, Martin, Scheer, and the Kawasaki brothers. This team finished second in last year's tournament at Oberlin, and should place another very strong aggregation on the courts next spring.

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