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# Kenyon Collegian

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## KENYON GOES WET ON PROHIBITION BALLOTS

Only 2% Of Students Vote For Enforcement With Majority For Repeal

BEXLEY

### Strong For Modification; Faculty Undecided

Kenyon College is decidedly not in favor of the present Eighteenth Amendment or its enforcement. A Prohibition poll conducted recently by the Collegian, in which the students of Kenyon and Bexley were solicited for their opinions, in fact, reveals that the under-graduates at both ends of the Hill are predominately "wet" in sentiment, if not in reality.

This, of course, proves nothing, nor does it accomplish more than to confirm the suspicions of those connected with the College, yet it is interesting when taken in comparison with similar polls throughout colleges in other parts of the country. A poll of fourteen eastern colleges finds their student bodies 78% in favor of modification or repeal; Kenyon boosted that percentage by going 98% either "wet" or "moist," which is about as close to a unanimous decision as one could hope to get.

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## THREE ONE ACT PLAYS PRESENTED BY PHILO

Second Dramatic Venture, Under Lynn B. Wilson, Is Success

On Sunday night April 13, three one-act plays were presented on the Philomathesian Literary Society program. It was the second venture into the dramatic field which the society has made, and the results of the performance were even more delightful than those of the efforts of some three weeks before. All three of the plays were under the direction of Lynn B. Wilson, who is directly responsible for the two dramatic successes of the organization. Wilson deserves great credit for the entirely competent way in which he has directed the performances.

The first one-act play was "Ibsen Revisited" by Floyd Dell, played by the following cast: Maid—Walter Tuhey, Stranger—Malcolm Haight, "Scruples" by Octave Mirbeau, was played by:

The Thief—Robert Kenyon.  
His Valet—DeFrees Brien.  
The Victim—George Staebler.  
The Policeman—John Chambers.  
The final part of the entertainment was "East of Eden," by Christopher Morley, which included in its cast:

Adam—John Carlton.  
Eve—Philip Fox.  
Cain—Dayton Wright.  
Jenna—Frank Gale.  
Enoch the Baby—Anonymous.

## PRESIDENT PEIRCE TALKS IN MT. VERNON

Predicts New European Alliances In Talk To Chamber of Commerce

Dr. William F. Peirce, speaking before a large gathering at the Mt. Vernon Chamber of Commerce luncheon, April 9, predicted the formation of two great new European alliances which are sure to play important parts in international affairs of the future. One, he predicts, will be headed by the ambitious Italy of Mussolini, which will be joined by Bulgaria, Austria, and Hungary. The other, no less powerful, will combine under the leadership of a military France and will include Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, and Jugoslavia.

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## IN FUTURE ONLY SOPHS INITIATED

Correction of Statement In February Issue

Through a misinterpretation made in an issue of the Collegian for last year a wrong explanation was given in the issue of February 1930, of the new Pan-Hellenic rules concerning initiation at Kenyon. The Collegian herewith publishes the correct version of the resolutions adopted by the Pan-Hellenic and Alumni Councils:

"No student shall be initiated before October first of his sophomore year nor until he shall have attained full sophomore standing as interpreted by the College authorities." (Full sophomore standing is construed to mean the passing in college of courses which total 27 semester hours.)

The statement appearing in the February issue of the Collegian to the effect that initiations will be held in June of the neophytes' freshman year is therefore erroneous.

## SOPH HOP TO BE HELD ON MAY NINTH-TENTH

McKinney's Cotton Pickers Will Provide Music

The annual Sophomore Class May Hop is to be held in Peirce Hall on Friday and Saturday nights, May ninth and tenth. In order to provide perfect entertainment, the Sophomores have engaged Gene Goldkette's McKinney Cotton Pickers, an outstanding negro orchestra from Detroit. Under the direction of Don Redmond, the Cotton Pickers have achieved unusual popularity by means of radio broadcasting and Victor recording, and their appearance in Gambier is to be a genuine treat. While every musician in the group is a highly trained artist, all of them still retain that care-free, unique, and inimitable manner of rendition which has made negro music so popular.

The second year class is fortunate in having selected John McTammany as class president and chairman of the dance committee. He has left no stone unturned in planning for the Hop. Assisting him

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## ROBERT WEBB IS NEW EDITOR OF COLLEGIAN

Recently Selected Staff Assumes Duties With May Issue

Robert Webb, '31, has been selected as Editor of the Collegian for the coming year, and his appointment will become effective with the publication of the current issue. He will thus assume his duties in time to publish the May and June numbers. It has been found advisable in recent years to let an editorial year begin and end in April, thereby relieving the retiring editor during the last and most important two months of his college career as well as giving the new editor an advisor for his first efforts. In the past, however, the retiring editor has left matters entirely in the hands of his

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## CARNEGIE FOUNDATION TESTS TO BE GIVEN

Entire College To Take Exams On May 5, 6 and 7

In 1928 the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, in cooperation with the Association of Pennsylvania Colleges, prepared an objective examination for college Seniors which would indicate the extent of the knowledge acquired in a four year college course. The Kenyon Senior class of 1929 took this examination a year ago with very interesting results. The Kenyon Faculty has authorized the giving of this same examination to our present Senior class.

Next month the Carnegie Foundation is giving a series of examinations to men who are not Seniors in the Pennsylvania colleges. The opportunity to give these same ex-

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## BISHOP ROGERS GIVES LECTURES ON "ENGLAND"

Speaks to College From Own Experiences

Kenyon men were able to learn much of England and the English today through the four lectures given in Philo Hall by Bishop W. L. Rogers, in the afternoon and evening of April first and second. Bishop Rogers' word sketches were not only highly instructive, but entertaining to an extreme degree, since they were embellished by a keen wit and a fine understanding of foreign life.

The speaker stated plainly at the beginning of his series that it was not his intention to make a plea for England or the English, but that he would present things of interest which he believed would be both worth-while and amusing. In this purpose, he was more than successful, and men on the Hill owe much to the Bishop for the great deal that he has done in throwing light upon the matters which were the subjects of his talks.

## KENYONITE HEADS CHASE NATIONAL

Albert H. Wiggin, '29, LL. D., President of World's Largest Bank

## MAMMOTH INSTITUTION

Was Named In Honor Of Salmon P. Chase

The world's greatest bank is headed by a great-grandson of one of the original benefactors of Kenyon college. The bank is the new Chase National, of New York City, formed by a recent merger of the Equitable, the Interstate, and the former Chase National of less imposing proportions. The head of this gigantic institution, with resources placed at nearly two billion dollars, is Albert H. Wiggin, '29, LL. D., descendant of the man after whom Bishop Philander Chase named the street crossing the Middle Path just outside the College gates.

Mr. Wiggin was a guest at the 1929 Commencement, and at the opening dinner at Peirce Hall he was introduced to the assembled alumni by Earl D. Babst, '93, also of New York.

It is noteworthy coincidence that, while Mr. Wiggin is the great-grandson of one of the men who gave to the fund that founded Kenyon College, he is also the head of a bank named in honor of the nephew of Bishop Chase—Salmon P. Chase, Governor of Ohio, United

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## ROBERT A. MILLIKAN SPEAKS TO COLLEGE

Talks To Large Audience on Recent Advancements in Science April 11

On the evening of April 11 the magnetic name of Robert A. Millikan of the California Institute of Technology filled Philo Hall with eager listeners from Gambier and surrounding towns who came to hear this eminent American physicist lecture on "Recent Advancements in Our Knowledge of the Universe." Starting with a most simple exposition of scientific principles, he soon led up to the study which has occupied his time for the past ten years, the analysis and localization of the "cosmic rays."

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## WHO KILLED DR. SOL WOODENWATER?

At last! It's here! The answer to the question which has been resting these many months on the lips of every Kenyon student is finally presented in cold, unemotional black print on otherwise clean paper. Turn to page 6 and learn all. And let your conscience be your guide!

## EXTER! EXTER! "PETE" SAYS SENIOR CLASS IS TOO GENTLEMANLY!

DEMANDS COMBINATION OF JACK THE RIPPER, PETRONIUS AL CAPONE, AND NERO

Despite difficulties in selecting a cast which will perform with a sufficient amount of inanity to put the opus "over," the production of "Our American Cousin," the annual Senior class sortie into the realms of the drama, goes merrily onward. These difficulties, while tremendous, are by no means insurmountable. In fact, following an impassioned plea by Dr. W. P. "Belasco" Reeves, who is guiding the production, the best rehearsal of the year was presented. All of which presages excellent results.

For the first time in the memory of man, a class at Kenyon have been roundly rated for being "too gentlemanly, too honest, and too

much yourselves." Dr. Reeves, in his address, scored the thespians for almost a total lack of dramatic zeal and feeling for their parts. It appeared that what the director wanted was a group of actors combining the worst characteristics of Jack the Ripper, Petronius Arbiter, Al Capone, and Nero. After a slight pause, during which several of the original cast were led forth for a breath of pure air, a revival was made, with admirable results.

Mr. Harry Maxon, the politico-athlete, who had been submerging his latent criminal tendencies in one of the female parts, proceeded to give a rendition of one "Lord Dundreary," the comic relief in the play, that left no doubts in the minds of the audience concerning

his ultimate end. He will undoubtedly have this part in the play and then go crazy.

Other outstanding performances were given by Mr. Robert Kenyon, he of Philo fame, as the heroine in the piece, Mr. Maurice Sandburg as a pseudo-invalid, Mr. George Jones as a Titian-haired damsel, Mr. Russell Hargate as a sporting naval officer, and Mr. Gordon Humphrey as an obese but efficient butler.

The permanent cast has yet to be selected, as other equally startling changes will undoubtedly be made in the personnel. The progress thus far, however, has been heartening, and the Senior class promises the June audience something very much out of the ordinary.



## MILLIKAN MURMURS

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The word "electroscope" meant little to many of the listeners until Millikan informed them that the act of combing one's hair with a rubber comb made the hair a temporary electroscope. The hair charged with generated electricity thus stood on end, but sank as the charge leaked off into the ionized air. This simple principle of the electroscope discharge led to the discovery of radio-active materials and ultimately to the now famous cosmic rays.

After 1896 when Becquerel discovered radio-activity, various scientists played with the electroscope and saw that some sort of radiation was affecting the discharge, for an electroscope sealed in a vacuum would retain its charge for months. Several experimenters sent their instruments up in balloons and discovered that the electroscopic discharge was augmented at high altitudes, thus indicating a source of radiation other than that of the uranium metals on the earth.

Millikan seized upon this idea and sent up balloons of his own, first devising special watch-sized instruments which four-foot pilot balloons carried to a height of five miles. The results recorded did not show the expected rate of discharge of the electroscope, raising the suggestion that perhaps the disturbing radiation originated in the earth's atmosphere, and the balloons had approached the point of greatest disturbance and then ascended beyond. But Millikan was not to be discouraged, and with his associates began a series of mountain-top experiments to determine the penetrating power of the strange radiation, for he suspected that it did not originate in the air, rather that it was so powerful it passed through the atmosphere with practically no absorption. After preliminary work he, like Mahomet, went to the mountain, conducting experiments under the brow of Mt. Whitney, later in crystal lakes lying between high peaks of the Andes.

When the instruments were sunk in the water, Millikan finally succeeded in demonstrating that the mysterious radiation was of a "banded" type; that is, after the soft part had been absorbed by the water, the hard radiation was able to penetrate to the unheard of depth of 230 feet, the equivalent of twenty feet of lead, or more than twenty times as powerful as any radiation known on earth, man-made or radio-active! Furthermore, the rays bombarded the earth as consistently at night as during the day, and showed no change in the direction of the galactic equator. Hence the rays did not emanate from the sun or any of the other stars of the galaxy.

Millikan leaped to the conclusion that these rays were generated in what we erroneously call empty space; that since, according to Einstein, mass and energy are interchangeable—mass must disappear when energy or radiation appears, and vice versa—the observed rays were the signals of the lighter element out in space building up into heavier ones. Calculations from Aston's Curve bore out this hypothesis, for it was demonstrated that heavier elements down to iron would in their disintegration approach a minimum and would at no time exceed an energy content of one-seventh that of the new rays. The other side of the curve, namely, that showing the loss of mass of hydrogen atoms building up into heavier elements was the only one that satisfied the requirements. Millikan had now added the missing half to

the theory of annihilation of mass in the stars. What mass disappeared if these bodies in the evolution of radiation was recompensed in the dim recesses of interstellar space by the resurrection of radiation back into mass again.

## PROHIBITION POLL

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Of the fourteen eastern colleges thirteen voted distinctly wet, with one—Pennsylvania—returning a dry vote in excess of the damp. A total of 21,112 votes was cast in this poll, of which 16,595 or about 78% were not in favor of enforcement. The balloting in this case is almost exactly paralleled by the vote of Bexley Hall, which went slightly over 71% in favor of repeal or modification. Incidentally, the twentyone theologies cast one more vote for enforcement than was cast in the Kenyon poll. The great majority was in favor of modification.

Kenyon's votes were cast slightly over 2% in favor of enforcement, about 41% for modification, and a bit more than 56% in favor of repeal.

The balloting:

	Enforce	Modify	Repeal
Kenyon College	6	90	123
Bexley Hall	6	13	2

The Faculty vote, unfortunately was not completed, mainly because several of the more erudite members declined to mark a ballot, although they lost no time in giving their opinions orally. A partial count however, indicates that the pedagogues are about evenly divided on the question, approximately one third voting on each of the three questions.

## TO TAKE TESTS

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aminations to the three lower classes at Kenyon has been extended by the Carnegie Foundation and approved by the Faculty. These examinations are an interesting measure of present college teaching and also allow comparisons of records made at Kenyon College and at the various Pennsylvania colleges.

The examinations will be given at Kenyon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5th, 6th, and 7th. There will be two sessions each on Monday and Tuesday, from 8:30 to 11:45 a. m. and 1:30 to 4:45 in the afternoon. In addition, for all men except the Seniors, there will be a session Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:45 p. m. The Seniors will take their examinations in Nu Pi Kappa Hall; The Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen in Rosse Hall. These examinations will be required of all students and no credit for the semester's work will be given until the examinations have all been taken. Students who are not able to take the examinations at the time scheduled will give the examination every shortly thereafter and they will pay a penalty fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for each of the examination periods, which they are not able to attend at the time set by the Faculty. Further information regarding the examinations will be available within the next few days and a choice of subjects in which examinations are to be taken will be made by all but the Seniors within about ten days.

The Carnegie Foundation has already expended approximately two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) in these examinations which represent a survey of present college courses and is expecting to expend an equal additional sum. Kenyon College is the only institution outside of the State of Pennsylvania in which these tests are being given and it is quite a privilege to be so recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

## WIGGIN

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States Senator, Secretary of the Treasury, and Chief Justice of the United States. Before Philander Chase transferred his infant institution to Gambier, his nephew studied at the Bishop's first school, in Worthington, near Columbus, later going to Dartmouth. Mr. Wiggin has, therefore, a double bond with Kenyon College.

According to Associated Press dispatches, Mr. Wiggin's entire life has been devoted to banking. He became a clerk in the Commonwealth Bank of Boston in 1885, and after serving as an executive of several financial houses, he went to New York in 1899 as Vice President of the National Park Bank. His connection with the Chase National Bank began in 1904, as a vice president and director. He gained the presidency in 1911 and became Chairman of the Board in 1918. During the World War he was fuel administrator for New York State.

## FAT SPEAKS

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Suavia. It will be noted that the followers of Italy in this alliance are those nations which suffered most at the hands of the post-war treaties, while the members of the second group gained the most territorially by the same means.

Dr. Peirce pointed out the impossibility of success at the London Arms Conference unless Italy were given parity in naval armaments with France. This same obstinacy and ambition on the part of Italy is the means by which the lesser nations, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Austria, hope to regain economic and industrial stability, Dr. Peirce said.

Over one hundred members of the organization and a large number of guests were present to hear the talk.

## "MAY HOP?"

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on the general committee are Richard Clark, Thomas F. Betts, A. J. McBurney, M. H. Thompson, John Craine, Charles R. Stires, DeFrees Brien, Robert T. Haase, and Edward R. Dale.

The formal dance on Friday night will last from ten o'clock until five, and the informal Saturday evening from nine until twelve. The patronesses who will serve are Mrs. Charles M. Coffin, Mrs. Charles B. Rutenber, Mrs. C. L. Cottrell, Mrs. F. E. Keller, and Mrs. William C. Seitz.

## WEBB WINS

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successor. The current number, except for the editorial page, is almost entirely the handiwork of the new editor, and he will take complete charge with the May issue.

Webb has been a member of the Collegian staff since his freshman year and, having served intimately under three editors, is thoroughly conversant with the mechanical features as well as the general editorial policy of the paper. Collegian readers will find him admirably fitted to take charge of the publication. There can be no doubt that the Collegian, especially in its editorial page, will improve under his direction.

Louis D. Strutton, '31, has been selected as Webb's assistant, and will serve in the capacity of Associate Editor. While his connection with the Collegian has been more limited than Webb's, Strutton's promptness and conscientiousness should prove an undoubted boon to the new editor. Strutton relieves W. X. Smith with the publication of this issue.

The Junior editors retain their positions on the staff until June.

Webb will, of course, appoint his own assistants in September from the present sophomore reporters.

Because the financial year lasts from September to June, the new Business Manager is not elected until later in the spring. His name will probably be presented to the Executive Committee for acceptance early in May. The Business Manager does not relinquish the helm until his final report in June, and his successor thus begins his duties with the first issue, in October.

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## JOHN L. CHESTER, '19, SPEAKS IN MT. VERNON

Prosecutor in Snook Case Urges  
Honesty as Crime Check

John L. Chester, '19, who gained nation-wide fame through his successful prosecution of the famous Snook-Hix murder case in Columbus, spoke before the Mt. Vernon Chamber of Commerce recently, urging honesty and common decency in place of many of the criminal laws now on the statute books. Chester, who was introduced by L. T. Cromley, '03, said: "I am sorry that the legislature is so willing to pass laws, and to substitute laws for common honesty and decency in business. When we get back to honesty, we will have solved many of the criminal problems facing us today."

Chester spoke before a record attendance at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon, among those present being President William F. Peirce and Drs. L. B. Walton and W. P. Reeves of the Kenyon faculty, under whom the speaker had obtained his college education.

## ALUMNI OFFICE NEWS

The General Alumni Office in Cleveland is continuing its campaign to enroll paying members in the Alumni Association. A series of letters is being sent out, the first of which was a stirring appeal by President Peirce. The second was written by Dr. Walton in his own inimitable style, and made every reader feel as if he had just had a delightful little talk with his former professor. The third letter, just mailed, is an inspiring request from Bishop Leonard for support of the work of the Council.

Organization of classes is still going on and come to the men chosen as class secretaries have written most excellent personal letters to their classmates. In some cases each letter has recalled personal reminiscences very amusingly.

The Office was cheered the other day by a special contribution of \$300 from a member of the Class of 1880, representing \$5 a year for the fifty years he has been an alumnus—and the ten years more he looks forward to. May it be many more than ten.

All the way from Sumatra in the East Indies came a subscription a few days ago.

Although there is no lack of keen interest in the work of the Council, as proved by the responses which have come in this year, the quota for new paying memberships set for 1930 is still far from filled and all who have not already enrolled are urged to do so, that a satisfactory report may be made at Commencement. All signs point to a rarely large and enthusiastic homecoming at that time.

## OH GOODY! KENYON NOW HAS PING-PONG CHAMP!

Simmons' Masterful Play  
Thrills Onlookers

Spring is here—and ping pong. Yes sir, believe it or not, the Knights of the Lined Tables have begun to strut their stuff. Through the kindness of Mr. Granger, a ping pong table has been placed in the card room, and most every afternoon one can find any member of our select group of idle rich pounding the celluloid sphere across the boards. Its most fatiguing, doncha know, and provides the necessary exercise for us intellectuals who find Mr. Kutler's callisthenics so boring. And not only that! Even Messrs. McElroy and Sammon have

been known to slip upstairs after meals for a try at the ancient and honorable game.

In fact, interest is so high that a tournament has been held. Mr. Simmons, who is part of the atmosphere in the billiard room, reached the finals, and defeated Mr. Gray for the championship. Note: Returns of this match were posted every five minutes on the bulletin board, through the courtesy of NBC. Mr. Henry Shute, one of our most versatile athletes, is particularly adept at bunting the little white ball over the tiny net, and looked like a sure winner for a while. He mowed down such opponents as Banning and Wornall with a thrashing onslaught that seemed to know no limit. But, alas, alas—Mr. Shute couldn't stand the pace. With his shirt sleeves rolled to his elbows, his hair all topsy turvy, perspiration streaming from his manly brow, and that old "die fighting" look in his eye, Mr. Shute rode down to defeat in his erudite manner before the superior playing of the aforementioned Mr. Simmons. Fate played another odd trick, but Mr. Shute is not entirely discouraged, and will probably enter the tournament again next year.

The other man to reach the finals, Mr. Gray, won handily over Messrs. Champion and Swanson, and gave Mr. Simmons a close race for the title. And to be known as champion of a sport that demands so much skill, aggressiveness, alertness, alacrity, and above all, a fighting heart, is no little thing and is a title of which either Mr. Gray or Mr. Simmons can be justly proud!

## KENYON MAN GETS STEEL PROMOTION

J. W. Hamilton, '06, Elected New  
Secretary of Carnegie Steel

James W. Hamilton, '06, was elected Secretary of the Carnegie Steel Company of Pittsburgh on April 3rd. Hamilton had been assistant secretary since 1927, having been with the company for a number of years.

Hamilton attended the Pittsburgh public schools, Park Institute, and later graduated from Kenyon in 1906. He is a member of Alpha Delta Phi.

## ONE OF FACULTY WIVES RUNS AFOUL THE LAW

Mrs. R. D. Cahall Wins Two  
Tickets in Mt. Vernon

Mrs. Raymond Dubois Cahall, wife of one of Kenyon's alert and inspiring faculty members, recently fell afoul of the long, strong arm of the Law, much to her chagrin and confusion. And for the benefit of those who believe American justice is both complicated and slow, she will testify otherwise. In Knox County, at any rate, it is swift and sure.

Mrs. Cahall, who admits, upon cross-examination, that she has been driving an automobile something over eight years, suddenly learned of a peculiarity of the motor vehicle code, and in the most embarrassing manner, Mrs. Cahall got a "ticket." In fact, she got two of them. And how!

It seems that the lady in question, when doing her daily shopping in the marts of Mt. Vernon, unwittingly bent and almost broke one of the most elementary laws of the metropolis. She double-parked. Two irate motorists, finding their cars completely hemmed in by the Cahall Hispano-Suiza, raised such an uproar and commotion that the limb of the Law who patrols the down-town section of Mt. Vernon

was forced to resort to drastic measures. Thus it was that Mrs. Cahall, returning laden with bundles and fatigued withal, found a little pink ticket cuddled comfortably on her steering wheel.

There now follows a scene profuse with amazement and indignation. In righteous wrath the lady hot-foots it for the sanctum of the city's Mayor, there to plead her case. In the meantime, the Hispano-Suiza, the innocent cause of it all, was receiving more attention. Enraged tax-payers were calling upon all known or suspected dieties for vengeance, and not without results. By this means does the second pink slip enter the story. Mrs. Cahall, returning from her bout with the Mayor—in which the latter gained the newspaper decision—once more finds her car adorned.

We shall draw an asbestos curtain over the scene which follows. The Mayor, backed up by the Chief of Police, the Fire Department, two state troopers, a representation from the W. C. T. U., the Coroner, and a couple of guys by the name of Joe, finally succeeded in showing the miscreant the error of her ways. Then he slapped on a fine of one dollar and costs. Mrs. Cahall, discouraged but not dispirited, chugged her way back to Gambier's sylvan peace and quiet.

The story is finished, of course, but the whole point of it is that if this thing keeps up much longer one member of the faculty, at least, is going to be a popular candidate for one of the State's eleemosynary institutions.

We are not inclined to argue the worth of a student poll on prohibition. The result was, of course, a foregone conclusion, and it has no value whatsoever as a means of information. The validity of the idea, if there be any, lies solely in the comparison it creates between Kenyon and other American colleges which have been polled on the same question. And that is reason enough.

In the report of a dance, the Hobart "Herald" says of the refreshments:

"Punch served to quench the thirst of some of the revelers." How the thirst of the others was quenched is left to the imagination.

## Cornell University Summer Session in Law

First Term, June 23 to July 30

CONTRACT, Dean Hildebrand of the University of Texas.

PROPERTY I-a, Professors Farnham and Verrall of Cornell University.

EVIDENCE, Professor Wilson of Cornell University.

SALES, Professor Whiteside of Cornell University.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS, Professor McCurdy of Harvard.

MORTGAGES, Professor Rowley of the University of Cincinnati.

WILLS, Professor Gray of Syracuse University.

Second Term, July 31 to Sept. 5

CONTRACT, see above.

PROPERTY, see above.

TRUSTS, Professor Reeve of the University of Pennsylvania.

PROPERTY II, Professor Madden of the University of Pittsburgh.

INTERNATIONAL LAW, Professor Robinson of Cornell University.

PARTNERSHIP, Professor Magruder of Harvard.

BANKRUPTCY, Professor Holbrook of the University of Michigan.

Students may begin the study of law in the summer session.

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Highly meritorious indeed is the plan of the alumni council, backed by the effervescent Bob Weaver, to encourage undergraduate singing at Kenyon. If the idea is carried through with the same reasonable policy that the alumni desire, there is no reason why the affair should not be successful. Not long ago, Rudy Kutler, who has worthy ideas at times, attempted to inject harmony into student life with a plan for intra-mural singing. The thing fell through, however, because it was made to order for one or two divisions to cop off all the spoils almost without competition. The alumni's plan, however, has been better conceived, and with so able a committee of faculty at work to bring it to a conclusion, deserves the wholehearted support of the entire student body.

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## SWAN SONG

With the publication of this issue the present editor types his last epithet and takes his last final poke at the things he thinks need poking at. If it brings any satisfaction to those who read this paper, let it be known he does so with a variety of emotions. The speculation and the worry of filling eight pages each month, followed inevitably by amazement and content at having done so, is passed. On the other hand, there no longer remains the ineffable pleasure of saying pertinent and impertinent things about conditions and even people at Kenyon College. And that, gentle readers, is all the fun there is in editing the Collegian.

In the past nine issues the present but retiring incumbent of the editorial chair has attempted, in his modest way, to accomplish two things with and for the Collegian and Kenyon College. One of these aims has been highly meritorious; the other has been justifiable or detestable, depending entirely upon which side of the fence you stand. Both of them are connected with the editorial policy of the publication, and we shall attempt in our last grand fling to explain them so that the most doubting will understand, even if they do not believe.

The editorial policy of the Collegian is undeniably the expression of opinions held by the few, and in most cases the one who writes them. We do not say that this is a just method of procedure; it just so happens that this has always been the case and in all probability will always be so. This places a good deal of responsibility on one man or on one small group of men, and it is therefore the duty of that man or that group to express as nearly as possible the opinions of the students they presumably represent. Unfortunately, this ideal state of affairs has never existed and never will, at least in so far as Kenyon College is concerned. The result has been that when editorial comment has been made it has had to emanate from one man—the editor. We make this long and perhaps unnecessary explanation solely for the benefit of those who have felt that the present regime has exceeded its rights in the way of editorial comment.

As we remarked some time ago in this article, the editorial policy of the Collegian for the past nine months has been two-fold: (1) to express the feeling of a majority of the undergraduates on subjects of common interest, and (2) to express the opinion of a by no means impartial observer on subjects that are

intimately connected with the welfare of Kenyon College. It is unfortunate, perhaps, that we have had somewhat more success with the latter than with the former.

In accordance with the first of these, the Collegian has (1) promised impartial accounts of athletic events, (2) protested against defacement of Peirce Hall, (3) advocated improvements on the campus highways and the track team's cinder paths, (4) requested less stringent methods in dealing with "athletic cuts," and (5) presented what it honestly believed to be case of the student majority against the food at Peirce Hall. The fact that the writer may or may not have agreed with the opinions expressed, should not and did not enter into their publication.

In accordance with the second part of the editorial policy, the Collegian has (1) encouraged as much as possible the new system of intra-mural competitions and the support of alumni for the last basketball season; and (2) denounced in no uncertain terms "Snobbery," the obviously unfair selection of Larwill Lectures, the equally obvious lack of support by the general alumni body, certain weaknesses in the methods of teaching at Kenyon today, and last but not least the omnipresent blot of fraternity politics. In attacking or supporting these conditions the Collegian has at no time had the benefit of student opinion before publication, and in several notable instances not afterwards. It is regrettable but true, and on the above platform the editor alone must stand.

This lengthy article must not be considered in the light of an apology or alibi for it is not so presented. It is written with the sole purpose of explaining to the students and alumni that, believe it or not, the editor has had no axe to grind and that he has written only what he felt to be very necessary and very pertinent comment or criticism. And with that, gentlemen, we are perfectly willing to go way back and sit down.

## HAIL, FRIENDS! WE, WHO ARE ABOUT TO DIE, SALUTE YOU

When we look over the list of friends, volunteer assistants, kibitzers, and others who have aided to a varying degree the publication of the last nine issues of this paper, we wonder how we could possibly have had any difficulty, trouble, or worry. It is an imposing list, replete with surprises. In fact, it is so imposing that upon perusal we wonder if the editor and staff had anything to do with the Collegian after all. So many people have been so generous and cheerful with their aid that the paper finally attains its proper status, that of a family affair and not a personal matter at all.

To Dr. and Mrs. Peirce we are greatly indebted. Not only has the President contributed several times to his most interesting column, but he has often passed on valuable information and "scoops" that we would never have heard of otherwise. Mrs. Peirce's contributions, while more personal, have been none the less valuable. Time and again the Collegian has received through her little tid-bits of news about Kenyon's illustrious alumni that they, modest souls, have never thought to give themselves.

Miss Philena Taylor has continued in her favorite role of a generous and exceptionally obliging person, acquiescing without the slightest demur to our numerous calls upon her for help and information.

Miss Maud Hickin, the head librarian of the College, has taken the time and effort to type out and send to us each month a complete

list of all additions to the book shelves. As this can hardly be called a labor of love, we are all the more grateful.

The members of the faculty have been exceptionally kind and forbearing. Dr. Reeves, whose connection with the Collegian is more or less forced upon him, has not only contributed freely from his fund of information and experience, but has proved invaluable in the matter of advice and consolation. Dr. Timberlake, too, who certainly was pushed into it, has gained our undying thanks for completing the Murder Mystery. Mr. Ashford's connection with this publication, while unknown to the general public, will never be forgotten. Mr. Ashford tricked us into the first official rebuff we have received from the powers-that-be by sending us on the trail of a fake fowl story. To Dr. Lord we dedicate everlasting gratitude for his time and efforts in the interests of bigger and better college journalism.

The alumni, while remaining on the whole, well within their shells, provided one or two exceptionally helpful individuals. Mr. Dave Bowman, '14, the telegraph editor of the Cincinnati Times-Star, has contributed more than any single person to the improvement of the Collegian. He is a very busy man, but has always found time to pass on information of college interest that passes under his eagle eye.

We are also deeply indebted to Mr. Ralph Ringwalt, whose advice and numerous contributions have heretofore strangely gone unrequited. He is another busy man who has found time to devote to Kenyon and the Collegian.

Miss A. M. Clark, the Secretary of the Alumni Council, has proved a gold mine of information and assistance whenever the Collegian has been in need of it, which was often. Her help, moreover, has been given to the business staff as well as to the editorial department, and both find themselves deeply in her debt. Numerous other alumni have contributed to our advancement, and of these Messrs. Weaver and Maury have responded generously to numerous requests. Their help is greatly appreciated, and we only hope the future editors will have the benefit of it also.

To the Staff we offer our deepest thanks for their prompt and hearty cooperation. This is especially true of Mr. W. X. Smith and Mr. George Jones. Mr. Smith, who bore with us faithfully as Associate Editor, proved continually a great source of reliability, than which nothing is more helpful. The Business Manager proved that friction between the two departments is absolutely unnecessary, and his advice and co-operation throughout the year is one thing we shall remember for many years. To Mr. Henry McFadden, our room-mate and fellow-sufferer, we present our heartfelt thanks for his generous efforts as the unofficial orthographical editor of the Collegian. Without him, this sheet would have been far sadder and less intelligent a publication.

This is but a partial list of the debts of gratitude which we owe to those who have contributed their time and energies to the Collegian during the past year. It is no fault of theirs that our success has proved as modest as we fear it has.

## ALPHA PI KAPPA

The formation of a Senior honor society is the fulfilling of a long-felt need at Kenyon. Concerning Alpha Pi Kappa, however, the Collegian declines to make any comment. The worth of the organization and of the selection of men made to it is something that can only be determined by Time and by the students of Kenyon College.

## THE MERIT LIST

Several months ago the Collegian published a rather lengthy editorial entitled "The Time Has Come," in which much ado was made about the deplorable number of scholastic "funk-outs" this year at Kenyon. The onus was placed on the shoulders of the Faculty, whose teaching methods we asserted were responsible more than any other thing for this condition. There now comes to our attention the merit list for the first semester of this college year. Now, this list becomes extremely significant when viewed as a further evidence of our contention, and we shall attempt to make this significance apparent.

Before continuing, however, it seems not only fair but necessary to explain the attitude of this publication in the matter. We by no means believe or intend to convey the impression that we believe the Faculty are inevitably, or necessarily at fault. There are no doubt many arguments to prove otherwise, yet until such argument is presented and a sound criticism made of our method of logic, we have every right to feel that the root of the matter lies in the methods of instruction adopted at Kenyon College.

But to return to the merit list: we append below the honor rolls for the last five scholastic years and for the first semester of the current year. It is from this list that we draw our conclusions. The Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman classes had the following percentage of enrollment on the honor lists:

1925-26—20%;	17%;	13%;	15%
1926-27—28%;	10%;	15%;	17%
1927-28—27%;	19%;	18%;	10%
1928-29—30%;	24%;	17%;	6%
1929—32%;	32%;	8%;	6%

By our peculiar method of reasoning we believe that this report goes to substantiate our contentions. In fact, it might well be possible to say that the standards of teaching at Kenyon rather than the intellectual quality of the entering classes have deteriorated in the past few years. We are, of course, by no means ready or willing to present such a claim, but the possibility certainly exists.

Wandering once more from an orderly train of thought, we should like to present the main theories concerning scholastic conditions which appeal to us as legitimate. The four contributory elements toward lowered scholastic average appear to us to be: (1) inferior ability in incoming classes; (2) inferior college preparation of these classes; (3) less intellectual interest and application; and (4) inferior methods of college instruction.

The first of these, we believe, may be ruled out entirely. The fact that the last two classes at Kenyon have undergone the most rigorous entrance requirements of any classes to enter the College is most significant. There, of course, remains the possibility that these placement and psychological tests are of no practical value. The Collegian is perfectly willing to grant this possibility and permit its tediously constructed theory to go crashing to the ground; the interesting part of it is that the Faculty, from whom such an admission might well be expected, refuse to do so. Rather, they reiterate great faith in the tests they have adopted. This brings us to the conclusion that the tests are satisfactory and the tested classes also.

The second contributory element, that of college preparation, must unfortunately gain only slight reference in this article. Again, we are perfectly willing to admit its importance when deterioration has been proved, but until proof has

been presented, it can hardly deserve more than passing attention.

The question of the third element, lack of intellectual interest, is not only more profound but more easily attacked or defended. Incidentally considerable has been made of this point; it has been asserted that not only are underclassmen taking less interest in their studies but that upperclassmen are doing less to excite interest in them. This is a debatable point, but we deny that such is the case. No let-down in time spent on studying or in the inclination of upperclassmen to force freshmen to study has been noted, and certainly the undergraduate would be the first to notice such a change.

This brings us down to our original contention, that inferior methods of college instruction have brought about this deplorable condition. Certainly some serious and potent influence must be responsible for a drop of from 17 to 6 percent in freshmen honor men in three years. That the greatest drop has occurred since the introduction of stricter entrance requirements makes the problem all the more complex, but it does not alter it. We should be glad to say that freshmen courses are being made "tougher," but the Faculty deny this. Granting that some changes have been made in this way, one would think that the improved quality of freshman material would take care of it. It is obvious, however, that such is not the case, and that the incoming classes at Kenyon are not only failing in greater numbers but are attaining less and less the distinction of the merit list.

## HONOR SYSTEM FAILURE IN OHIO COLLEGES

Of particular interest to men of Kenyon is the survey conducted by the Cleveland Plain Dealer concerning the honor system in Ohio colleges and universities. As a result of its investigation, the Plain Dealer has concluded that the system is apparently a failure. It says, "In some colleges there is agitation both for and against the honor system, but in a majority of those from which reports were received the student body and the faculty are satisfied with the system under which examinations are supervised by the instructors."

One major difficulty with the honor scheme is that many students do not regard examinations as a fair test of their abilities, and therefore do not regard it as an offense worthy of punishment in any degree. Correspondents of the Plain Dealer who assisted in making the survey indicated that, regardless of the system which happened to be in use in a particular institution, there was always plenty of criticism, although in many cases this seemed to be only smoldering, and rarely flared up to a point where authorities gave it any attention.

At Akron University, the system was abolished four years ago at the request of the students; at Ashland the plan has met with only fair success; at Oberlin it is now encountering dissatisfaction; Mount Union has lenient faculty supervision; Baldwin-Wallace has tried and given up; at Heidelberg the scheme was dropped as a worthless experiment; Muskingum has found it successful to some degree, though by no means perfect; in Miami University, Toledo University, Ohio University, and the University of Cincinnati the honor system is either discredited or has been completely abolished.

Heard recently on the campus: "The ambition of my life is to become a seeded ping-pong player." This expresses our opinion exactly.



## PREACHERS PROVE BEST POOL HALL SLICKERS

Bexley's Hopper Cops Billiard Tournney as College Gasps

Again, as in the bridge tournament, the young men from the Seminary have done themselves proud; Hopper, as fine a cue artist as ever stood in a pulpit, handily won the billiard championship. Bob White ran a close second, and received part of the cash prize.

The tournament, run on a handicap basis, was an interesting affair throughout. The Young-Hayes match was a complete upset, according to dopesters (and Mr. Young). Young plays good billiards consistently (so he says) while Hayes has plugged his way from the bottom up. Consequently, you can imagine Mr. Young's chagrin when the balls clicked the last time, spelling defeat at the hands of an inferior player. Art Wolfe, erstwhile manager of everything that doesn't need managing, defeated Gorsuch and Lyman, surprising as it may seem.

Al Lyman, not a bad billiard player, was given the scare of his life in one of his earlier matches, by none other than our own Ed Root, another man whose services as manager have been sought by every person or group whose placards have adorned the bulletin board. Root is the great grand-nephew, thrice removed, of that patriarchal old statesman, Elihu Root. He has held numerous offices from the Mastoid of Ceremonies down to Keeper of the Bees, and showed flashes of his intellectual heritage, when he shot make after make (all legitimate shots) only to lose by four points! For one who has been so conscientious in practice, it was a blow to the Root prestige. However, Ed still sits by and glibly offers sympathy or praise, and has even been known to give freely advice on various difficult shots.

All in all, the tournament was a huge success, Mr. Davis did admirable work in figuring out the handicaps, and everyone was satisfied—?

## RUDY SPONSORS SNAPPY SPRING SPORT CONTEST

Divisions Asked to Cooperate

The division that has a "positive" total of points is due to win Rudy Kutler's first annual inter-fraternity participation trophy in varsity athletics. Ten points are given for taking part in football and track, while the rest of the spring sports draw five points per man. Two points are deducted for each absence, and so far most have overdrawn their accounts.

Three silver plaques are offered by the athletic department for the highest numbers of points at the end of varsity competition this spring. The prizes were first offered to stimulate inter-fraternity spirit in athletics and to help get more men out for the teams. The deductions of absences were made to keep men out who had become discouraged, but the results have not been entirely satisfactory. It has been impossible to determine the amount of material brought out by the competition, so Mr. Kutler is not exactly pleased with results.

The idea of dropping the competition has been under advisement for some time, but no less an authority than R. J. Kutler, himself has said that the prizes would be awarded this spring.

Several divisions are entering into the spirit of the contest and have several men on hand every day, but it is hoped that the majority of the division will aid the cause and help put the contest across. The various

division heads should get busy, because, as Mr. Kutler says, "these plaques cost money!"

## FOOTBALL MATERIAL IS BEST IN MANY YEARS

So Say Gridiron Enthusiasts of Present Crop

With the best of prospects for a good football team for the 1930 season, Coach Kutler and Ed Maloney have been drilling varsity and freshmen material in the fundamentals of the game for the past three weeks in spring practice. Kutler is handling the linemen and Maloney is instructing the backfield men in the intricacies of the famous Kenyon shift.

Losch, Templeton, Larman, Hall, Perkins, Wieland, and McIlwain will add weight and experience to the line. Crowell, Carmichael, Mackenzie, Banning, and Dorman, are new recruits for the backfield.

Two practice games are scheduled one between the varsity and freshmen, and another to be played by fairly well balanced teams picked by the two coaches. Silver trophies are to be awarded to the divisions having the largest representation on the squad this spring.

Ends: Larman, Swanson, Pheatt, Losch, McIlwain.

Tackles: Heed, Carleton, Hall, Hoyt, Rodenberg, Smith, Hoffman.

Guards: Hughes, Meredith, Perkins, Wieland, Knowles, Clark, Schoepfle.

Centers: Templeton, Johnson.

Halfbacks: Stock, Sammon, Edgar, Dorman, Brobst, Banning.

Fullbacks: Crowell, Herron, Toland, Mackenzie.

Quarters: McElroy, Carmichael, Barrick.

## POOR WEATHER HAMPERS BASEBALL ASPIRANTS

Team, However, Will Prove Big Improvement

Despite the hail storms, snow flurries, furious gales, and other happy incidents which have as usual accompanied Gambier spring weather, the Kenyon baseball team is already showing marked improvement over the outfit of 1929. The acquisition through eligibility of several long-distance swatters and first class fielders has brightened the diamond outlook immeasurably. Stock, Sammon, Ehrbar, Dawson, Swanson, all look like just what Kenyon's baseball teams have needed for many a moon: good, old-fashioned, ball wallopers. Several others, notably Webb, Blankmeyer, Heed, Elliott, appear to have improved during the winter months, which is something to wonder at but not to worry about.

The team will have had but eight days practice when the opening game—with Muskingum on April 25—rolls around, but are probably no worse off than their opponents in that respect. Jupiter Pluvius has been quite active throughout the state.

At present no definite line-up can be given, although it is probable that Swanson, Ehrbar, McElroy, Stock, Losch will be the men from whom an infield combination is selected. Sammon, Webb, Blankmeyer, Baltzell appear in line for outfield posts, although here, too, no idea can be given concerning the final selections.

The one thing that appears to be "in the bag" is the battery—or half of it. Myron Robinson, who is looking better than ever this spring, will undoubtedly be tossing them up, at, and past the enemy batsmen on opening day, with Bert Dawson doing the receiving. This last, of course, is assuming that Johnny Herron, the slugging maskman, has

not recovered from illness and that Bud Howard will not get the call, both of which are quite possible. It is an even money bet, however, that the umpire will announce "Robinson and Dawson" for Kenyon on April 25th.

## DELTS LEAD INTRAMURAL COMPETITION

Psi U's Second and Betas Third

Middle Leonard is leading the College in total points scored in the four winter intra-mural competitions, with North Leonard second and South Leonard third. The Delts have acquired an even one hundred points, the result of first place in volley ball and soccer, third place in basketball, and a tie for fifth in intra-mural bridge.

North Leonard's 89 points, which give them second place to date, were gained through a second place in basketball and bridge, third place in soccer, and one of six divisions tied for fourth in the volleyball competition.

The Betas came third with 74 points: first in basketball, fourth in soccer, sixth in bridge, and tied for fourth in volleyball. They are followed by South Hanna with 66 points which were obtained by being second in soccer, third in basketball and bridge, and one of the six tied for fourth in volleyball.

Bexley, which for the first time is making its mark in the intra-mural sports, now ranks fifth. They theologues won the bridge competition, were tied for fourth with five others in volleyball, ninth in basketball, and one of four last placers in soccer. They have totaled 54 points.

Middle Hanna is sixth with 49 points, won by means of a runner-up in volleyball, sixth in basketball, seventh in bridge, and another celler champ in soccer.

East Wing, Middle Kenyon, North Hanna and West Wing follow in the order named. ADP has 33 points: third in volleyball, fifth in bridge and soccer, and seventh in basketball. Middle Kenyon with 30 points follows, acquired through fifth place in basketball, sixth in bridge, and two last places in volleyball and soccer. North Hanna also has 30 points: fourth with five others in volleyball, fourth in bridge, eighth in basketball, and fifth in soccer. West Wing's 17 points came from an eighth in basketball, tie for fourth in volleyball, and no scores in bridge or soccer.

Middle Leonard	100 points
North Leonard	89 points
South Leonard	74 points
South Hanna	66 points
Bexley	54 points
Middle Hanna	49 points
East Wing	33 points
Middle Kenyon	30 points
North Hanna	30 points
West Wing	17 points

The "Buchtelite," of the University of Akron, recently bore an interesting article on a man in Florida who has become pastor of the First Christian Church of Orlando, Florida: "While still in his 'teens, Book was undecided whether he wanted to enter vaudeville as a comedian, become a surgeon, or enter journalism." Perhaps he decided that his present occupation combined the best and worst of all those.

"The Case Tech" from Cleveland has originated a new meaning for the word "hanger;" this newest interpretation seems to be equivalent to what most of us consider the meaning of "hangar." In reporting a lecture on the Goodyear Zep factory, "Case Tech" says, "Professor Plummer showed a series of pictures which traced the entire progress of the hanger from its inception . . ."

## TALE OF GEORGE EVANS AND A DUMB FRESHMAN

In Which Kenyon's Night Club And Its Big Boss Figure Prominently

Here is a yarn that's too good to miss. And all about George Evans, too. And a Dumb Freshman.

George, who is an ardent follower of sports, especially the gentle art of sand-bagging as practiced in the local gymnasium, the other eve sneaked out the "Employees Only" entrance of Peirce Hall and hid himself to Rosse Hall, where the high school lads and lassies were playing basketball. This, of course, left Texas Evans' Night Club without a master, which situation if expressly forbidden by the Edicts.

Along about the middle of the second half, with the Gambier girls' wrestling team well out in front, a Dumb Freshman, sent by the Big Boss, began to dog George's trail. He had orders for the latter's immediate return, and well George knew it.

Executing a beautiful about-face, George streaked for the dim lights of Peirce Hall, coming within ten seconds of a new world's record (the 100 yard dash) doing so. He was, however, not without guile. Stripping his topcoat from his manly shoulders, he slipped unseen into the empty Night Club and awaited results. They were not long coming.

The Big Boss stepped into the room.

"Oh, Mr. Evans," she said. "I'm so sorry; I thought you were out somewhere."

"I?" said George, grammatically, and with well simulated surprise and hurt dignity. "I outside? And with my duty here? Oh how could you?"

It was a Big Moment, and for once George Evans had control of the situation. But not for long.

The Dumb Freshman walked into the room. Elated, he was.

"Oh, Mr. Evans," he said. "Here's your overcoat."

He raised aloft the trophy. "You must have dropped it outside on your way back from Rosse Hall."

(Curtain)

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# MURDER ON THE HILL

## CHAPTER XII "FOOLED"

Silence and a slaty veil of pipe smoke hung over the figure of Canon Holmes, seated at the desk of his Yexley study. A thick, blue-covered book lay open before him, and in his right hand he held a paper on which a half-dozen words were neatly written in a column. The Canon sighed, as at the successful conclusion of a laborious task, at the same time shaking his head ruefully and knocking his left hand in an absent manner against the arm of the chair. Then, with a sudden movement of decision, he laid down the open pages, closed the book, set it aside, and began scraping his pipe into an ash-bowl. The crunching of his knife blended with a ticking noise and with the muffled notes of the "Bonanza Blues" from the room below, where some theological student was seeking spiritual solace in strains of immortal music.

There was a light knock at the door, and at the Canon's "come in," Mr. Clinkerwade entered.

"You have found something of importance?"

"Well, something." The Canon smiled, again ruefully. "Whether it's important, you remember this?" He held up a paper.

"The acrostic! You have solved the acrostic?"

"Such as it is, Mr. Clinkerwade. You remember the problem, of course."

He handed the paper to Mr. Clinkerwade, who glanced at the cryptic message found on the victim's desk: "where the elements are consecrated."

"To set at large, to gain knowledge, to pass from without, A hangman's halter, All a clue to an acrostic."

1 : 24 : 30 : 33 : 38 : 44 : 49 : 507 : 419 : 409 : 314

"I won't bore you with the details of the solving," continued the Canon, "but obviously the first element was an ordinary acrostic, and a little experimenting gave me this:

A-L-T-A-R  
L-O-O-S-E  
L-E-A-R-N  
R-N-T-E-R  
N-O-O-S-E

"You will observe that the initial letters spell the name 'ALLEN'."

"But who is Allen?" cried Clinkerwade.

"Who, indeed? Now, if it were only Bullied—but the remaining part of the puzzle, so I thought, might tell. And the remaining part was not easy, not at all easy. As you see, it is not an ordinary cryptogram of substituted letters. In fact, the system of double numbers suggested to me a form of well-known book cipher—one number, you know, representing the page, the other number the word on the page, of some designated book."

"But what book?"

"Mr. Clinkerwade, you fairly anticipate me. What book, indeed? Obviously a good-sized book, for the large numbers in the denominators of these fractions, so to speak, indicate either a book of many pages or one with many words to the page."

"Marvelous!" cried Mr. Clinkerwade.

The Canon raised a deprecating hand. "It is too like flattering the dead," he remarked somewhat cryptically. "But to continue: It seemed likely that the message, if it was a message, must refer to some accessible book; and after all, there was a whole case of books in Dr. Woodenwater's office. Do you recall any of them?"

"Fletcher's dramas?"

"Oh, quite, but in four volumes—rather unlikely. But one book, and only one, was upside down."

"Fowler's Modern English Usage."

The Canon nodded.

"A book of over 700 pages, and about 500 words to the page. Also, a sort of dictionary with a wide range of vocabulary. So I set to work on Fowler. And I have just finished deciphering the message—

"If it deserves the name. I shall not describe my numerous false beginnings—it would take hours. As the event proved, the larger numbers—but here is Fowler. Look on page 464, the first word in bold-face type. What is it?"

"Prohibit."

"Page 191, word 24?"

"Foul."

As the Canon read the remaining numbers, Mr. Clinkerwade fluttered the pages of the book.

"Now what have you, Mr. Clinkerwade?"

"Prohibit foul roccoco pale order lend. Good heavens! Judging by the syntax, some freshman must have done the murder!"

"But we are not finished. The message says 'all a clue to an acrostic.' You have not made the acrostic yet; and that is what I have just completed. Since there are six words involved, the synonyms we choose must be six-letter words, in order to make the acrostic symmetrical, as it should be. Now, do you know what book stood next to Fowler on the shelf? It was Allen's Synonyms. And a little search in Allen produced this:

The Canon handed Mr. Clinkerwade the paper which he had recently laid aside. It bore the following:

F-O-R-B-I-D  
S-O-R-D-I-D  
F-I-L-O-R-I-D  
P-A-L-L-I-D  
D-E-C-R-E-E  
C-R-O-U-N-D  
F-O-O-L-E-D"

"Fooled!" echoed the Canon. "Perhaps, as I have said before, there is such a thing as being too clever. And it remains to be seen who is fooled."

The Canon looked at his watch. "Ten-fifty-five. Do you hear anything, Mr. Clinkerwade? Not the—ah—music—but in this room."

"Only your clock, Canon Holmes." "Yes, come and see it."

The Canon rose and led the way to his music room. On a little table stood a cheap alarm clock. Mr. Clinkerwade looked at it in surprise.

"But why—" he began.

"Watch," said the Canon.

He had scarcely spoken when the minute hand reached twelve. There was a click as the alarm was released, a slight puff of steam beneath the table, and a cork rose into view at the end of a wire and fluttered around the revolving alarm-wind, to which Mr. Clinkerwade saw the wire had been attached by a spindle.

"Well, it works," said the Canon calmly, reaching under the table and removing the cylindrical metal container from which the cork had just been drawn by the clock. Mr. Clinkerwade stared.

"What does it mean?"

"It means," said the Canon gravely, "that a man may be miles away and still be a villain!"

## CHAPTER XIII THE UNHOLY THREE

"I have made a memorandum of all these possibilities, Mr. Clinkerwade. Will you be so good as to look it over and tell me what you think?"

It was the next afternoon, and the Canon and Mr. Clinkerwade were again seated in the Yexley professor's study. Mr. Clinkerwade scanned the memorandum eagerly.

"Time of murder: at eleven o'clock Saturday morning, when the alarm clock went off, uncorking the container hidden behind the desk."

"Inference from mthls: the clock and the container of lethal fumes were placed in the victim's office after eleven o'clock on Friday evening. You can not set the alarm of a clock more than twelve hours ahead."

"Further inferences: (a) the murderer was not present at the time of death, but probably took care to be seen elsewhere. (b) The murderer returned before the body was discovered, planted the various objects found in the office—except the whisky—and removed the death apparatus. (c) I found the container and wired cork in the basement of Uplift Hall."

"Therefore the murderer was in Uplift Hall Friday night after eleven, probably absent Saturday morning, and present again sometime between Saturday noon and the discovery of the corpse on Monday morning."

"What a fiendish scheme!" exclaimed Mr. Clinkerwade. "Have you discovered who?"

"The Canon shook his head.

"It's a weary tangle. Consider: our suspicions have pointed to three men: Maison d'Eau, Casket, and Sadbuggy. Now, what do we know of their movements during the hours in question?"

"Doctor Sadbuggy left for Cincinnati on the five o'clock train Friday evening, read a paper there Saturday afternoon, and returned early Sunday morning."

"We have the word of three eminent alumni that Doctor Maison d'Eau left Doctor Woodenwater's office for Mt. Vermin by ten-thirty Friday evening; though of course he was not seen again until late Saturday morning, and seems unwilling to tell where he was."

"Our third possibility was at home Friday evening, though I wish we could know where he went to bed. Saturday he was in the victim's office at ten in the morning, and he spent the rest of the day up to six in his own office across the hall, missing lunch and a football game. He was also in his office Sunday after church."

"Very suspicious that, Canon."

"Very, if he is out of his mind, the iron nerve of him, to sit across the hall from the corpse all afternoon, and thus invite suspicion on himself. A bit too suspicious?"

"Canon," burst out Mr. Clinkerwade, "I think we should decide which man had the strongest motives for committing the crime."

"Oh, that's all very well in real life, Mr. Clinkerwade, but it won't do in a detective story. No, no, it all looks hopeless, but we aren't through yet; and, by the way, I shan't see you again for a day or two. Mr. Harpate is taking me on a little trip in his sport roadster, and when or if I come back, we shall perhaps know more. But in the meantime, Mr. Clinkerwade, what taxi drivers came from the Curtis House in Mt. Vermin to Gambrine on Friday night? What members of the faculty attended the El Harard performance at the In Memoriam? And how long does it take Mr. Casket to put his car away at night? You might try to find out. Also, had any member of the faculty been walking with a slight limp a few days before the murder?"

## CHAPTER XIV TEETH, TOES, AND TICKETS

Rocketing across Vine Street as the light went red, Mr. Harpate's roadster lurched to the curb and stopped, quivering as if in terror of a huge wooden tooth that hung over the sidewalk, threatening impending mastication to passersby and announcing that here Mr. Bray practised his dental art. From the vibrating vehicle descended the form of Canon Holmes, who, after a word with his companion, entered the doorway of the doctor's office. He was gone for some time, and when he reappeared Mr. Harpate observed that though his face was grave, there was a sparkle of interest in his eyes.

"Now to 124 Raspberry Street, if you please," the Canon requested. "I shall be only a minute there."

Mothers clutched at their toddlers, offspring as Mr. Harpate returned his helga. In an incredibly short time he stopped before a two-story house at the edge of the business district. Here, though the automobile continued its trembling, there was no sign to affright it. Instead, there was merely nailed above a small empty glass case beside the door, a sign:

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After a single keen glance at these phenomena, Canon Holmes ascended the steps and rang the bell.

A little, bald man in horn spectacles opened the door, but the Canon did not enter. The two stood conversing in the doorway, and now and then Mr. Harpate caught a word or two of the shrill-voiced chiropodist. Indeed, as the Canon turned to leave, Mr. Harpate caught a full sentence:

"Well, I expect it's those damned boys. They'd take the house if it wasn't fastened down." Which seemed to Mr. Harpate remote enough from the subject of chiropody.

Forty minutes later, Mr. Harpate was driving up Wide Street in Columbia, the capital city.

"Just drop me at the Union Station," said the Canon. "I shall probably be here some time, and you might as well amuse yourself. So, when you return at seven and we'll have dinner together."

After some inquiries, Canon Holmes found himself in a large office of the station, holding converse with a large man who looked as if he drew a large salary. He was, in fact, an Official; and he had before him on the desk a Report, down which he ran his finger.

"No, none at all on the 445; the only one is just to Mr. Vermin. But at 1:00—a. m., that is—one straight through, and it's the only one."

Canon Holmes nodded, his eyes half shut.

"If you want to see Harker," continued the Official, "you will have to wait until—let's see, it's due here at 2:40. I'll arrange things."

So Canon Holmes was up very late that night, and Mr. Harpate attended three movies, and the fiery chariot reposed for the night in a rented stall.

## CHAPTER XV VIEW HALLOO!

"Very interesting indeed, Mr. Clinkerwade. You have accomplished a great deal in my absence, and what you have told me will be very useful."

"Then you think what I have found will help to solve this dreadful mystery?"

"No doubt about it—though perhaps indirectly, Mr. Clinkerwade, indirectly."

Canon Holmes rose and walked to the window of Doctor Woodenwater's office.

"By the way," he remarked, "we are about to have a visitor. You may answer his questions freely unless I shake my head or interrupt you."

"Why, who—" began Mr. Clinkerwade.

"I think I hear the answer to your question," the Canon replied, as a knock sounded on the door. "Come."

The burly form of Charles McCalumny, editor of the *Canyon Collision*, entered the room, his coat pocket bulging with sheets of copy paper.

"Good afternoon, Canon! Afternoon, Mr. Clinkerwade. Sorry to be late. I've been computing the batting averages of the Cubs in the World's Series. Do you know, Lefty Grimm only hit .350 in five games?"

"And you dashed over to break the news to us?" interpolated Mr. Clinkerwade, acidly.

"Well, no, Mr. McCalumny looked a trifle chagrined. "As a matter of fact, I came to see if I could get some news about the murder. Everybody says it's either Casket or Maison d'Eau that bumped off the victim, and things are getting to a pretty pass. None of the freshmen will sit in the front row in Casket's class, and yesterday Marty Salmon fainted when Maison d'Eau grinned at him in French 45. And besides that, Aaron Barr showed up in Greek Art wearing a full suit of armor. Of course, we all know Doctor Sadbuggy was out of town and couldn't have done the job—I don't think Barr was wholly serious, but anyhow, as my latest headline will say next week or so: Student Body Agog—Demands Arrest of Faculty Gunman. So if you can tell me anything, I'll be the, ah, power of the press to quell the panic."

"To be sure, Mr. McCalumny," said the Canon soothingly. "And what should you like to know?"

"Well, I hardly know what to say," the journalist mumbled as he bit a point on to a pencil. "But it stands to reason that you must have some dope on Casket or Maison d'Eau."

"Perhaps, Mr. Clinkerwade, you had better tell Mr. McCalumny what you have learned about their movements on the night before the murder."

Mr. Clinkerwade reddened.

"But, surely, Canon, you don't want me to—my colleagues—"

But the Canon was looking out the window.

"Well, Mr. McCalumny, if you must know, I have traced their movements. I will give it to you in *unces*. Mr. Maison d'Eau left Doctor Woodenwater's office at ten-thirty Friday evening, in company with Messrs. Laury, '03, Heaton, '12, and Quinn, '06. Mr. Quinn drove them to the Curtis House. At eleven-thirty Mr. Maison d'Eau arrived at Purse Hall in a taxi—he was seen by the sheriff, who was one of the chaperons at the dance. And he says he went home from there, having merely had a lift from the Curtis House with some people going to the dance."

"Mr. Casket went out from his house at ten to put his car in the garage. It was not previous to tonight, I know, how long this might take, but—here Mr. Clinkerwade looked modestly pleased—"I have learned it takes him an hour and a half. I watched him from behind a tree last night. He had a regular ritual. First he walks to the Bakeshop and gets a jug of gasoline. Then he takes off the left front wheel and puts on another one. Then he drives around and opens the garage doors, after returning to the house to get the key. This creates suspense. Then, climactically, there is a terrific crash as he drives into the door jamb. The revolving action, which consists in disengaging the vehicle from its shelter, occupies the remaining twenty-five minutes."

"Fine!" exclaimed the excited journalist. "Either one of them could have done it—look how long they were out of sight. Maybe," he added hopefully, "they're both guilty."

"The Canon also asked me to discover if any of the faculty had been walking with a—"

"Surely," interrupted Canon Holmes, "Mr. McCalumny will not want to lose time in getting this to the printer."

"Right!" Mr. McCalumny exclaimed, looking at his watch. "We go to press only next week."

He opened the door, then turned. "I hope you won't give any of this out to that *Pursuer* crowd—a sensational scandal-sheet, Canon."

"Rest assured, Mr. McCalumny. The impersonal nature of their editorial staff would make an interview difficult."

Canon Holmes was smiling broadly as the door closed behind McCalumny.

"And now, my dear Clinkerwade, will you kindly get on this chair and unhook the globe over the electric light. Exactly," he continued, as Mr. Clinkerwade stared in amazement. "I discovered that this morning."

"But there's no bulb—only a plug," Mr. Clinkerwade cried.

"And why do you suppose?"

"For an extension light?"

"Or an electric fan, Mr. Clinkerwade. Remember that the murderer returned to this room to plant his false clues. Remember that the air was filled with deadly fumes; it was still a trifle stuffy on the following Monday. Can't you imagine him with a handkerchief tied over his mouth and nose, attaching a fan to the light fixture and then waiting in the hall until the fumes were blown out the open window? Can't you see the man? I can."

"Who can it be?"

"Well, obviously, a man who is not fond of warm weather. Shall we go, Mr. Clinkerwade?"

Also all been acquainted, in the main, with recent developments in the tragic mystery which confronts us. One of our colleagues, as you know, has been assassinated. It is difficult to believe that the perpetrator of the deed is not now present in this room."

The air was charged with silence. Professor College snapped in two the pencil he had been twisting in his hands; but the three in the middle of the room sat like statues, staring straight before them.

"Obviously," continued the President, "we have a duty to perform. I shall therefore, without more ado, ask Doctor Holmes to proceed to business."

As he spoke, Canon Holmes entered the room from the private office to the south-east, closing the door behind him.

"Mr. Registrar," commanded the President, "do your duty."

The Registrar rose from his seat, and with every eye following him, locked the doors leading to the outside. Then he handed the keys to the President. When this act of Godd had been performed, Doctor Purse bowed and said, "Won't you proceed, Doctor Holmes?"

The Canon leaned against the table and began speaking in a low, even voice.

"As we all know, Doctor Woodenwater was killed by fumes released in his office by an alarm clock at eleven on the Saturday morning before the crime was discovered. The exact nature of the chemical substance used by the murderer has been worked out by Doctor College from a few grains found in the bottom of the canister. Won't you tell us, Dr. College?"

The head of the chemistry department read from a roll of ticker-tape which he slowly unrolled.

"Hexylethylmethyldichloride, so called because—"

"How do you spell it?" inquired Doctor Cottrell, interestedly.

"So called," the chemist went on in a slightly louder voice, "because it superinduces ionization of the corpuscles of the bronchial cells and produces phenomena unfavorable to continued consciousness or even existence. I may add that its chief commercial use is to kill potato bugs."

The Canon was about to speak when Mr. College continued.

"I might say that there is some reason to suppose the acid retro-periodic, i. e., that it may in a certain period of time utterly reverse itself. But the evidence for this is incomplete."

"Perhaps," suggested the President, "we had better leave this absorbing topic for later consideration. Let us remember, gentlemen, that we have a murderer to unmask," he added sternly.

"Now," the Canon resumed, "Obviously the murderer laid his trip the previous evening, for there was no opportunity on Saturday morning, and the clock could not have been set earlier. It is on this that our regrettable suspicions of three of our associates rest—this and the knowledge of strained relations between each of them and the victim. I may say further that the murder was planned with an overweening cleverness, not only in the actual apparatus used, but in the wholesale sowing of false clues afterward, when this apparatus was removed. You recall these clues: the cabbage of El Harard; a cabbage with toothmarks; a triangle formed by three dead flies; a huge foot-print on the wall; the cipher message. But to these, be assured, we shall return. Let us first see where the accused were on the Friday evening before the crime. Doctor Maison d'Eau, you left the office of the deceased at about ten-thirty with three alumni, went to Mount Vermin, and returned to Purse Hall and home before midnight."

"Correct."

"Mr. Casket, were you south of the college gates on Friday night?"

"I was not."

"Doctor Sadbuggy, when did you arrive in Cincinnati?"

"I left Gambrine on the 4:45 train Friday afternoon. The train reaches Cincinnati at about eleven."

"Did you have to hurry to catch the train?"

"No. Plenty of time. Bought my ticket and read Aischylus until the train came."

"Then," the words came almost gently—"Will you tell us why no ticket from Gambrine to Cincinnati was collected by the conductor of that train?"

There was an audible gasp from the whole assembly. Doctor Sadbuggy for several seconds was speechless. At last he spoke.

"I got off at Mt. Vermin."

"Exactly. And why did you return to Gambrine on the six o'clock train?"

"Who says I did?"

"I say you did; if you care to have the witness produced—"

"No. Why should he be? Of course I came back. I had forgotten in my office the paper I was to read in Cincinnati. Why shouldn't I get it?"

"Where did you get your dinner?"

"Not hungry."

"The next train for Cincinnati left at 1 a. m. Where were you until then?"

"In my office."

"Reading?"

"Yes."

"Doctor Sadbuggy, the watchman passed your office door twice that evening to register his clock at the station in the wash-room opposite. All evening, students and dance guests passed Uplift Hall. The only light seen all evening was in Doctor Woodenwater's office, and it went out at about ten-thirty, corroborating Mr. Maison d'Eau's story. Do you read in the dark, sir?"

"Gad!" exclaimed Maison d'Eau. Professor Casket wiped his forehead.

"Now," continued the Canon, "You recently visited Dr. Bray, the dentist?"

"Is that illegal?"

"No." Stopping, Canon Holmes drew from a waste basket and held up to view a withered head of cabbage.

"Gentlemen, observe the toothmarks. No human mouth is large enough to bite the cabbage in this manner. Further, the upper

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** One of Kenyon's most enthusiastic and energetic alumni has gone to the trouble and effort to write a series of articles for the readers of the Collegian, both students and alumni, in which he expresses his hopes and ideas for the Kenyon of the future. The first of these, which appears below, is in the nature of an introduction or explanation of the articles to follow. It is always with great pleasure that we publish things of this nature, and we only hope that it provokes other of Kenyon's graduates to express themselves through the medium of this paper. We are deeply indebted to the author, who requests that he be known only as "John Lamb," for his interest and effort.

Dear Mr. Editor:

President Bodine once said, in answer to the question, "what is the matter with the college" that "the greatest present need at Gambier is unity of plan and purpose." It seems to the writer that since those words were uttered we have achieved it to a far greater degree than it was ever dreamt of by dear old President Bodine. To those responsible for this state of affairs it is hardly necessary to remind the readers of this paper.

Some few weeks ago the large metropolitan dailies of the country carried an account of a dedication of a theatre, on a certain campus of an eastern university, to be occupied as the home and club-house of its dramatic organization. This fact in itself is rather interesting, that so much money should have been spent (as the cost of the edifice represented a large sum) for what is considered by most people as an extra student activity.

One does not have to go very far back in the ranks of the alumni of almost any higher institution of learning, wherever it may be located, to find among those, who are really interested in the welfare of 'dear old Alma Mater,' expressions other than that of mild surprise or possible chagrin that such large sums should be spent for things of this sort.

Circumstances however alter cases. We are in an age where, no matter how large or small in point of number of students a college or a university may be, we cannot neglect to bring to the campus anything that will produce a broadening of the life of the group situated there. If one of our graduates of sixty or seventy years ago should return to Kenyon today he no doubt would be greatly astonished at everything that he saw, and he would marvel at the grandeur and magnificence of Peirce Hall. To those who do not have to go back quite so far and even those who have been out only ten or fifteen years our present state may seem to have reached a high standard, and as a matter of fact it has, but there is still much to be done. For I know and feel that while every true son of Kenyon desires that the beacon light of culture, which shines forth at Gambier as no where else in this land, should continue to do so, and, to do this we must build and build well, so that the sturdy foundation stones as laid down in the pioneer days may continue as the corner-stone for the Kenyon yet to be. I have in mind an ideal group of buildings for a limited group of men crowning the summit of the 'Hill' to which some day even a theatre may be added. Once we were a long way off from such fine things as Ascension and Peirce Hall; today a new student wonders how life ever went on in Gambier without them. Spring is in the air and what is lovelier than Gambier at this time and so with your permission, dear Mr. Editor, I shall paint the picture for you in your next issue of what I conceive to be the Kenyon College of the future which I trust you may think worthy to lay before your readers.

Yours sincerely,

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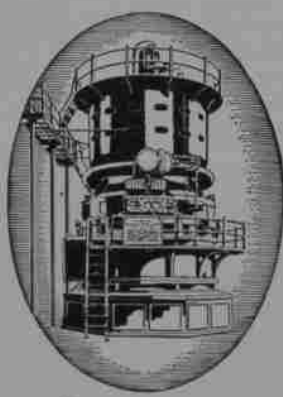
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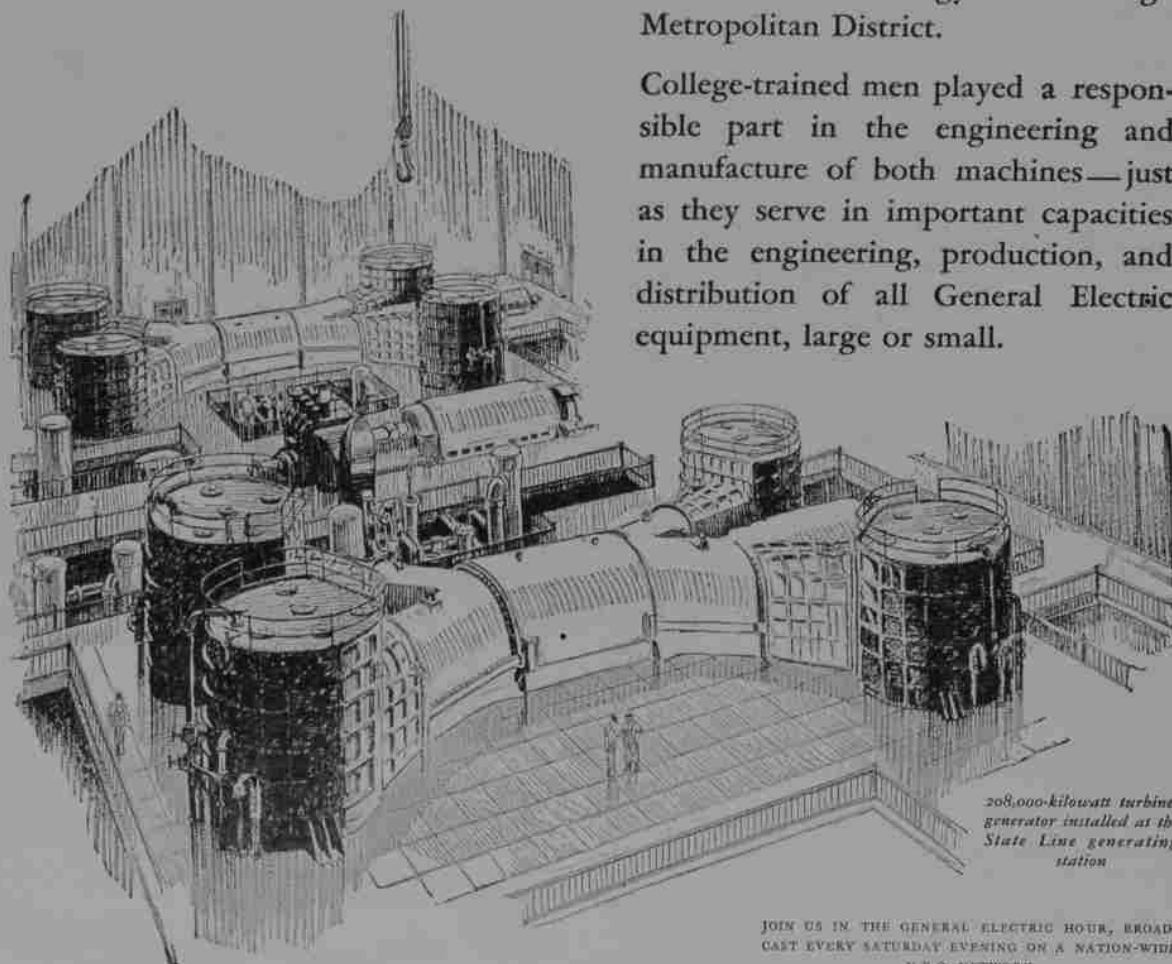
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## ALUMNI

'02—Wilbur L. Cummings is a director and member of the executive committee of the Gold Dust Corporation.

'84—Willoughby S. Taylor died recently in Los Angeles, California, where he had practiced law for many years.

'05—Dr. James Madison Smith, 3122 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, is medical director of the American Central Life Insurance Co. of that city. He has three hobbies: a log cabin in picturesque Brown County, Indiana, a collection of antiques, and his friends. He is a bachelor.

'05—The Rev. Charles Clingman, of Birmingham, Alabama, is the latest Kenyon alumnus elected to the House of Bishops, but he later declined the honor. Early in March he was chosen to head the Diocese of Louisiana, but declined because he preferred to remain in Alabama. The same reason once before prompted him to decline election as Bishop of Lexington, Kentucky.

'08—Guy D. Goff, also '19 LL. D., United States Senator from West Virginia, was the principal speaker before a state-wide Republican rally at Columbus, March 6.

'08—John L. Cable, '29 M. C. L., of Lima, member of Congress from the Fourth Ohio District, has won the title of "Defender of Women's Rights" in the House of Representatives at Washington. In addition to being the author of the act of 1922 that gives an American woman the right to retain her citizenship after marriage to an alien, he is making strenuous efforts to have other nations adopt similar laws with respect to women citizens. He is urging that the United States delegates at the Hague Conference for Codification of International Law, now in session, demand an international treaty providing for equal citizenship rights for men and women.

'08—Fred W. Butler is the father of four daughters but as yet there are no members of his family eligible for enrollment at Kenyon.

'09—C. K. Lord, formerly superintendent of operations for the Cincinnati division of the Greyhound Bus Lines, has been promoted to regional manager of that corporation.

'08—Paul G. Goldthorpe was elected Mayor of Lorain, Ohio, last November and took office on January 1st.

'08—Henry G. Beam of Mount Vernon is one of the directors of the Preferred National Life Insurance Company of Cleveland.

'10—Garvey Gayle reports as follows: "No news of me; news of my friends is terrible; they all voted wet in the Literary Digest poll of the drinkers."

'11—Edward M. Peake extends an invitation to all Kenyon alumni to look him up when they visit the golden west. His address is 704 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, Cal.

'13—Frank B. Mallett has a son, Frank McL. Mallett, entered for Kenyon in 1930.

'14—The arrival of a son and heir on March 11, 1930, is announced by Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Harper. Congratulations.

'15—The Rev. E. L. Tiffany, of Buffalo, was a guest at the College recently.

'16—Sheridan F. Hall is reported as having a very prominent part in a new cinema production, "The Vagabond King," which stars Dennis King.

'17—Fred S. Weida and Mrs. Weida will land in New York about May 1st on furlough from the Goodyear plantations in Sumatra.

'17—The construction of a new \$300,000 Gothic church, St. Andrews, Kansas City, will begin April 1st

and is taking up most of the time of its rector, the Rev. J. P. DeWolfe, '17.

'17—Marion Douglass recently married Mrs. Amy M. Black of Mansfield, Ohio. Their home address is Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland.

'18—Carl R. Brick is still at work, trying to send half a dozen more good Kansas Citians to Kenyon next fall.

'18—Douglas G. Meldrum was recently promoted as British Representative of M. W. Ayer and Co., with offices in London.

'18—Lewis M. Hurlthal is practicing medicine in Boston, in charge of the medical department of Lahey Clinic, and is Vice President of the newly organized Kenyon Alumni Association of New England. He is the proud father of one son, age six months. His address is 605 Commonwealth Ave., Boston.

'19—Dr. Edward B. Pedlow, '19, of Loma, has been elected secretary of the Northern Tri-State Medical Association, covering parts of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

'19—The Ven. Herbert L. Lawrence, former instructor at Bexley, is now Archdeacon of Nevada, with headquarters at St. Mark's Church, Tonopah. Prior to assuming his present duties last June, he was for a number of years in parish work. Director and Chairman of the Department of Religious Education, at the Diocese of Marquette.

'20—Ernie Siggins is new City Commissioner of Sandusky, Ohio.

'20—George L. Brain may now be addressed at 2nd floor, 20 Pine St., New York City.

'22—Donald MacAule is now Executive Secretary of the Board of Social Service, Diocese of Newark, N. J. He was formerly rector of St. Mary's Church, Haledon, N. J.

'23—Gordon Crawford, of Newark, was among visitors on the Hill early in April.

'24—Alexander M. Duff has been, since July of last year, in general practice (medicine) at Republic, Ohio, maintaining joint offices with his father. He is pleased to announce the birth of George Malcolm Duff, Kenyon, 1931, on New Year's Day, 1930.

'24—E. H. Kryzman, of Akron, is traveling as an inspector for the Goodyear Rubber Company.

'24—Donald M. Judd is the proud father of twin daughters born on January 21, 1930. Congratulations.

'24—William A. Cornelius, Jr., has moved from McKeesport, Pa., and is at present located just outside Philadelphia, and is an assistant Engineer for the Bell Telephone Co.

'25—Stanley Fullwood, now completing his Senior year at the General Theological Seminary, will be ordered Deacon on April 23rd by Bishop Shipman.

'25—James M. Wilson, ex-'25, who later received his degree from West Virginia University, graduated in '29 from the law school of that institution, and is now connected with the law firm of Robinson and Robinson, Clarksburg, W. Va.

'24—Earl Seitz is the manager of three theaters in Sandusky: the Schine's State, Schine's Plaza, and the Star.

'28—Robert C. Meserve is representing the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, in the Cincinnati territory.

'28—Neal Dow is "still teaching French at Phillips Academy, Exeter."

'29—Stanley Wilson, a Junior at the General Theological Seminary, is upholding the Kenyon traditions by singing in the choirs of two New York churches as well as in the leading choir at the Seminary.

'28—Mr. and Mrs. Virgil R. Muir announce the birth of a daughter,

Patricia Joan, on March 31, 1930. Congratulations.

'28—Edwin S. Clark is sales manager for the Frank A. Empsall Company of Watertown, N. Y.

'28—D. Eugene Stamm is with Weaver Brothers, Adrian, Mich.

'28—Louis F. Samotus is with the Bell Telephone Company of Pittsburgh.

'29—James R. Morrill is with the Firestone Tire Company, at Winston-Salem, N. C.

'28—Philip Hamblet is working for the Goodyear Rubber Co., and will leave this summer for Singapore, where he will be stationed the next two years.

'29—J. Braddock Sturges is an instructor in French at Harvard. He is taking his second year toward a Ph. D. in the romance language department, with special work in Italian. Sturges spent his senior year at the Sorbonne, and a summer course in Spanish at the University of Madrid.

'30—Bill McCabe, ex-1930, is student representative for Old Gold Cigarettes at Western Reserve. He expects to spend the summer studying in Europe.

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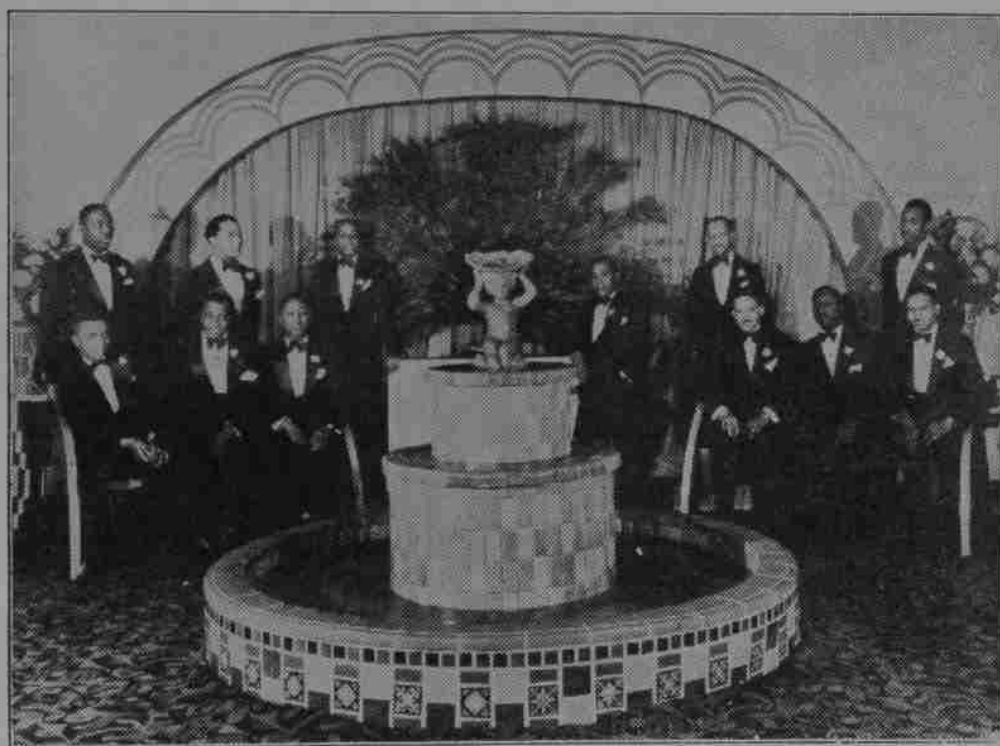
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## BEXLEY NOTES

The Rev. Oliver Festus Crawford, '13 B. D., formerly Rector of St. Mark's Church, Kansas City, Missouri, has accepted a call to become Rector of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburg, Kansas.

In the election of a Suffragan Bishop for the Diocese of Los Angeles, held in St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles, California, March 11, two Bexley men received some votes. They were: the Rt. Rev. Charles S. Reifsnider, '98 A. B., '00 Bex., '04 A. M., '13 L. H. D., '24 D. D., Suffragan Bishop of North Tokyo; and the Rev. George Davidson, '02 A. B., '04 A. M., '04 Bex., of Los Angeles, California.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Jenkins, '99 M., '00 Bex., '14 B. D., '24 D. D., Missionary Bishop of Nevada, was in Gambier during the latter part of the week of March 30. Bishop Jenkins is looking for men to come to the missionary field in Nevada. To that end, he is visiting several of the seminaries of the Church. He addressed the Bexley men very informally on Thursday evening; Friday at Evensong, Bishop Jenkins preached in the Bexley Chapel, St. Mary's.

The Rev. Hupert E. Williams, of the present Senior Class at Bexley Hall was ordained to the Diaconate by the Rt. Rev. Hayward S. Ablewhite, newly consecrated bishop of Marquette, in Trinity Church, Houghton, Michigan, on Passion Sunday, April 6. The Rev. Mr. Williams is the first of the Senior Class to be ordained to the Diaconate.

The Rev. Harold G. Martin, '10 A. B., '14 B. D., who has for many years been Rector of Grace Church, Elkins, West Virginia, has recently accepted a call to become Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Westminster, Maryland.

INTRA-MURAL SINGING  
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In order to bring back the rather neglected tradition of singing on the Hill, a contest is to be sponsored by several alumni, among whom are Bob Weaver and Fred Zinn. Each fraternity and non-fraternity division is to sing in group, competing for three prizes which have been offered to make the competition worthwhile. The first prize is to be fifty dollars, the second thirty dollars, and the third twenty dollars.

A committee of men on the Hill has been appointed which will select the judges, name the time of the contest, and make the choice of the songs. Dr. Cahall, Dr. Timbriake, and the Rev. Mr. Bailey have been selected to take charge of this work.

There is no doubt that practically all of the divisions on the campus have enough ability to put the matter over in fine shape. Most of them are heard once a week. The event is scheduled for sometime in the middle of May.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS  
GUESTS OF COLLEGE

Visit Hill On April 5-6; See Football Game

For the second time during the college year, high-school seniors were entertained as guests of the College, on Saturday, April fifth. About fifteen men from Ohio high schools responded to the invitation, and every effort was made by the students, and especially the Senior

Council, to give them some idea of Kenyon life, work, and traditions. On December seventh and eighth the plan was carried out, and at that time twenty-two men visited Gambier, most of them for the first time.

It was unfortunate that no spring sports events were being held as early as April fifth, but the first of the two games planned for spring practice was played between the freshmen and the varsity. The freshmen, although displaying all of the traditional Kenyon fight, were unable to cope with the varsity veterans. The final score was 20-12. The quarters were shortened to seven minutes, and unlimited times-out were allowed.

Crowell and Mackenzie were the outstanding stars for the freshmen in the backfield. Larmon, Hall, Templeton and Perkins excelled in the line. Marty Sammon and Dud Stock played their customary stellar game. Hughes, Heed, Johnson, Carleton, Hoyt, and Swanson helped in carrying off the honors for the varsity.

GREATER GAMBIER  
ALMOST 500 STRONG

The census has come to Gambier.

Associated Press tabulations on early returns from Uncle Sam's decennial nose-count, made public April 10, show that the metropolis of College Township has 498 population.

This is an increase of 55, or about 12 percent, over the census total reported for Gambier in 1920.

While press reports do not specify that this is for the village alone, it is obvious that Kenyon and Bexley students are not included, as they are counted in their respective home towns and cities. And that goes for Harcourt, too.

SIX MEN ELECTED  
TO PHI BETA KAPPA

Six men were elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa at the spring election held Tuesday, April 1, in President Peirce's office. Of these, one was from the Class of 1929, three were from the Class of 1930, and two were from the Class of 1931.

Mr. Thomas H. Sheldon, '29, B. S. was elected on his full eight semesters' record. Mr. Sheldon makes the third member of the Class of 1929 to have attained to that distinction; the other members are Mr. James M. Morrill, '29 B. A., and Mr. Brad-dock Eturges, '29 B. A.

In the present Senior Class, the men elected were Mr. Harry R. Maxon, Jr., Mr. D. Bruce Manns-field, and Mr. Clinton L. Morrill. From the Class of 1930 were elected last year Mr. James M. Irvine, and Mr. William X. Smith.

The two Juniors were Mr. Novice G. Fawcett and Mrs. Milton James. In addition to these six men, one Honorary election was made at the meeting in January, at which time Mr. William Nelson Cromwell, co-donor of Peirce Hall, was elected. It is hoped that Mr. Cromwell will be able to attend the formal initiation ceremonies which will be held some time next month.

Outspoken comment from the "Lyre Tree" of St. Stephen's College, Columbia University: "The history students are enjoying Dr. Flourney's Sabbatical leave. We wish the doctor much happiness. H'mmm. Baas!" Those last two words!

## THREE KENYON LL.D'S



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## MURDER ON THE HILL

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and lower marks are identical—proving that the 'bite' was made artificially with a plate. Doctor Sadbuggy visited Doctor Bray on October 25. The next day the dentist could not find a plate on which he had been working. He therefore made a duplicate, which I have here. Observe, gentlemen."

Pressing the teeth twice into the "bitage," the Canon again held it up. The new marks were identical with the old.

"I need say no more, gentlemen. From six to one Doctor Sadbuggy was in Uplift Hall—in darkness, there he set his deadly mechanism to play its part while he was far away. And, lest I forget—in his room Doctor Sadbuggy has an electric fan. I have here the wire connection. You will note that half the socket plug is missing. This is it—I found it in the light fixture of the victim's office. And the Aeschylus in the victim's lap belonged to Doctor Sadbuggy."

Doctor Maizon d'Eau suddenly stood up and shoved his chair away from his guilty neighbor.

"One moment, Doctor Maizon d'Eau," the Canon interposed. "You were so good last night as to explain certain of your movements to me. For example, on that Friday afternoon you went alone from the Wine Theater to the Lurid. Why did you not also explain your visit to 124 Raspberry Street?"

"Will you be so good as to explain what you mean?"

"With pleasure. You had been limping slightly for a day or so—Mr. Clinkerwade will verify this. You visited the Chiroprapist Cureham before attending the show at the Lurid."

"A very natural act, after all."

"And it is also natural to return that night—you recall you were in Mr. Vermin that night—and steal the plaster foot from the case beside his door? Yes, it was a natural act; for that foot made the impression on the wall of the victim's office. A very misleading clue, sir."

The Canon turned at once to Professor Casket, who was noticeably pale.

"Your actions, at least, were innocent on that fatal Friday evening," Casket smiled wanly. "But may I ask you what you were doing in your office Saturday afternoon? You said at first 'marking papers.' But there were no papers to mark. Then you were reading. But, my dear sir, even if it is a poor reason for missing lunch and your accumulated football game. No, I will tell you what you were doing. While Doctor Sadbuggy was reading his paper at Cincinnati, while Doctor Maizon d'Eau was innocently driving his car miles away, you, sir, were completing the unholy work which you all had planned. You planted the dagger—remember your little visit backstage at the In Memoriam the night it vanished? Ah, I wasn't sure, but I thought so. You marked the cabbage, the foot print, worked out the cipher—and, oh yes, the three dead flies—Gentlemen, the three dead flies—the signature of the artists to their masterpiece."

A suppressed murmur ran around the room as Canon Holmes ended. Doctor Maizon d'Eau's teeth were flashing angrily. Professor Casket glared obstinately at the Canon. But Doctor Sadbuggy was visibly working with accumulating excitement.

President Purse rose.

"Gentlemen, you have heard the report. Is any faculty action suggested?"

Professor East arose.

"Mr. President, I move that the faculty express its strong disapproval of the deed of Messrs. Sadbuggy, Maizon d'Eau, and Casket; and further that they be required to return the stolen articles to their respective owners with suitable apologies."

"Second the motion," came from Professor Buggy.

There was a murmur of approbation. Then Dr. Sadbuggy was on his feet.

"Mr. President, before this infamous motion is voted on, let me point out that as a liberal, small, men's college you should instead pass us a vote of thanks. For why did we remove the deceased? Sir, he blasphemed against the Muse, Shelley, he said, was greater than the Greeks; greater than Aeschylus, the dramatist—that little middling bard that sang of larks greater than he who wrought heroic verse of heroes and Cassandra and of Troy. Puh, such a man did not deserve to live; we humanists removed him from the earth to make it safe for classic literature. We claim the laurel crown of your applause."

"You might have rhymed," quoted Doctor Mann.

"Voltaire said," interrupted Doctor Maizon d'Eau, "Ecrasez l'infame; well, we have done it, and we're proud of it. Shelley, you know, was a 'beautiful but ineffectual angel'—by the way Arnold swiped that sentence from the French; it's too good to be English—ineffectual angel beating in the void his luminous wings in vain."

"I should have been loth," said Mr. Casket, "to not again a man for liking a romantic poet; but when he said that Shelley's Prometheus unbound outlasted the Prometheus Bound of Aeschylus, I felt that some action, however drastic or regrettable, must be taken. My conscience is clear."

Half of the faculty leaped to their feet all speaking at once. In vain did the President pound for order. The confusion increased. Doctor Buggy led a small group in a cheer of "Long live Rousseau," while the chaplain declaimed something incoherently about Paul Elmer More. In the midst of the riot there came a thunderous knock at the door. When it was opened there appeared the Canadian features of Mr. Belleville, a senior. In the hush that followed his entrance he spoke excitedly.

"Mr. President, our spiritistic group has just received a message from Doctor Woodenwater. He is now Shelley's spirit's private secretary, and extremely busy. At present, he says, Shelle and his friend Aeschylus are collaborating on a play called Prometheus With One Hand Tied. The professor forgives all and is very happy."

Gone was all the strife. Moved, seconded, and carried unanimously that the censure be tabled.

"Well, gentlemen," smiled President Purse, "Is there any further business?"

"Move we adjourn," growled Doctor Rover.