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Editorials.

If these lines are marked your subscription has expired, please take notice and renew immediately.

Before making our editorial bow, we would beg our subscribers please to take notice of the fact that payments for the following year’s subscription are now due. This paper cannot be published without honorable patronage and financial support. Prompt renewal of subscription will save a world of trouble.

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It seems to be the impression of some that this paper is published merely for a novelty, for the sake of idle diversion, and that, like many unfortunate enterprises, it is going to die young and thus be numbered with the winged throng of the good. This is a mistake. This paper is a thing of life. If it were not, it would have perished long ago. We hope no subscriber, or any of those kept from subscribing by that impression, will harbor this idea. We have come to stay and solicit subscriptions on the strength of our purpose.

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There are in this world more things which are complimentary or seem so, than most people would believe. Especially is this true with regard to the offices, political and otherwise, which are held in college by students. The query constantly meets us: “Who are the base hall managers, and where are they buried?” There are many who would like a good opportunity to shed tears over their graves. But the ball managers still live, and pursue the baseness of their ways. Here we have an excellent nine, eager to wipe the diamond with the pride and boast of other colleges; but it seems as if that wiping can never be. It is sad to see a trust so shamefully betrayed.

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In most colleges there is a definite object, some special inducement for gaining a position on the editorial board of the college publication. There is even competition; as a result the best men are obtained, and the journal is bound to thrive. In our institution there is no other inducement under heaven for the position, except that merely of fraternity representation. More adverse criticism than subscriptions are always received as a matter of course. The editor’s voluntary work, done at a sacrifice for the honor and reputation of the college, is rarely appreciated or even understood. The extra labor of the board is not even recognized...
by the faculty, and right here, we believe, is the place for the faculty to exercise some of its powers for the encouragement of laudable enterprizes started by the students themselves.

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The interest in base ball is as strong as ever. The calm which at present hangs over the college is the same old calm which has preceded the storm for the last thousand years. The series of class games was broken up mainly by the Junior contest. Now since that is over, the series might be begun all over again, or merely continued. The games between the College and Academy were characterized with the usual bitter feeling, especially on the side of the Academy. The children of that institution idolize their "first nine," and when they see their "idols" so rudely and ruthlessly beaten by the College, a great howl at once goes up. Then the "if's" and "when's" and "just wait's" are in their glory. Furthermore the conduct of those children who are given permission to view the games, would be a disgrace to any school. The presence of a master seems to be necessary.

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Soon Commencement will be here again with all its throng of happy flushed faces eager to see the pet and pride of the family stride upon the platform and speak his little piece. The mother's eyes will fill with tears for her boy now about to demonstrate to the world that he is a man, educated, cultured, and strong to do his duty. The sister's face will flush, and her eyes beam brighter, if not for her own, at least for another's brother. There will be laughing and joking, soft words and softer responses still, in the evening's beautiful calm. There will be the same admiring of swelling hills topped with graceful trees; of the peaceful valley whose beauty time can not destroy; of the venerable walls and buildings raised to endure for generations. There will be the same old boys of former days, whose hearts are yet filled with love for dear old Kenyon; whose every word and every act bespeak their tried affection. There will be the same relating of events and adventures; the same stories of how the professors were duped, and how certain ones escaped detection. In fact the whole course and history of the college will be repeated in miniature, and every repetition adds new charm, new pleasure. It is well that time, if it can engulf a pleasure, can not destroy its recollection. Then when the old boys have had their say, and the eyes of the listening freshmen no longer bulge, then comes a new interest in the contests of athletic strength and skill. In the orator's cultivated thought and rounded periods and in the full rich tones of the Glee Club. The other attractions also soon are over and again the college halls and campus are deserted. The graduate leaves sad at heart; the others follow him and Commencement has passed like a dream.

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A glance at the editorial list will at once show that this issue starts out under new direction. In spite of our earnest desire and complete readiness to publish the first number on time, we have concluded to adhere to hoary headed custom and be just a little late. We might give other reasons for the delay, and then again we might not. We have received the paper from its former managers, debts, slanders and all. We have increased the debts, have put assassins on the track of the slanderers, and are now ready for receiving contributions and subscriptions. We will, cautiously and with due reverence for the truth, say that the former board did its work well. There have been rumors abroad that part of the board was too modest in its efforts; but be that as it may, success has attended their labors; and we shall expect the next board to say the same thing about us if it prove not too great a strain for their veracity. There is nothing more difficult than editing a college paper and keeping one's temper and reputation at the same time. Those of us who have lost our reputation can have on
fear on that score; but the rest have trouble ahead. We realize the danger, but we are going to be just as truthful and independent as our predecessors, and just as genteel if we do get heavier into debt. That is nothing to be ashamed of; it makes more people take a lively interest in us. To those so inclined, we mildly suggest that although we need advice as much as money support, we will positively accept only the latter; circumstances unfortunately make this step necessary. We would like however to have the contributions of our literary and poetic friends, but we, candidly, do not expect to receive any. The former board has assured us of the vanity and loneliness of such hopes. We still, however, adhere to the same hoary-headed custom and go through the form of asking.

Under such circumstances then and with such hopes and fears, the present board bids the readers of these columns a cordial "How do you do."

AMERICAN VS. GERMAN HIGHER EDUCATION.

It is the dream and fond ambition of many a youth of our land, to spend a part of his life within the bounds of a German University, where so much of modern erudition is stored, and where nature and her laws are made the subject of direct investigation. To one who has within him such an ambition the following letter-extract may prove of great interest: In justice to the writer it should be stated that the letter was never intended for the public eye, and hence is not written in the polished carefully worded style which is almost sure to make such an article go unread. Its easy, unaffected style, make it all the more readable. It was written by Fernando Sanford from Berlin to a private friend in Gambier, in answer to an inquiry concerning the schools of Germany as compared to our own. Mr. Sanford was formerly Prof. of Natural Science in an Illinois college and is now at the University of Berlin pursuing a three-years course in Physics under the world renowned Helmholtz. As the letter shows he is engaged in a little private original research for himself and is attaining satisfactory results. It is through the kindness of Mr. Hoffman of Gambier, to whom the letter was written that we are allowed to publish the following extract: "As regards the distribution of colleges I think it well to have a good many outside of the great cities, though we unquestionably have too much of a good thing in that line. Many of our students attend the small colleges, who could not go to the larger ones. It is true that the more money a college has the more expensive it becomes to the students. I doubt if our smaller colleges keep many away from Harvard or Yale. On the whole too, their students do not compare badly with the Harvard and Yale men. I have had a chance since I have been here to become acquainted with a good many picked men from our leading colleges, and I think I could have picked out just as good men from Carthage College. Germany has not a monopoly of the educational institutions of the world by any means. For undergraduate work, we have just as good institutions as they. The American college graduate is a much better educated man than the German Gymnasium graduate, though he does not know as much in the province of language. Outside of the classical training they can not compare with our colleges. They have two classes of schools below the university, the Gymnasium and Real Gymnasium. In the former are taught Latin, Greek, French, Mathematics to Analytical Geometry (English Elective), some Physics, Zoology, Botany and Mineralogy. No Chemistry, Geography and History are taught in both classes of schools. In the Real Gymnasium they teach no Greek, less Latin than in the Gymnasium, French, English, Mathematics, including Analytical Geometry, Physics, Chemistry, Geology and the sciences taught in Gymnasia. They lay special stress on modern languages and science. Students from the
Gymnasia can matriculate in all the faculties of the Universities; those from the Real Gymnasia in only the Philosophical Faculty, and can take the examinations for teachers only in modern languages, science or mathematics. The Real Gymnasia is intended specially for preparing those who expect to follow a commercial life, or who wish to get rid of two years of their army requirements in the easiest way. I have talked with some of the Real Gymnasia men, and they say that students there are not specially encouraged to take a higher course, and the schools stand with the educated classes much as our "Normal" and "Business" colleges do at home.

In both these schools students are kept under rigid discipline, and are drilled with the same thoroughness as the German army. They graduate knowing a good deal of the branches they have studied, and nothing of anything else.

In the University all is different. You pay your matriculation fee and receive your book in which you take the signatures of the men you hear, or for whose lectures you subscribe, and a card for identification. You are under no restrictions. You attend lectures or not, as you please; and you are even free from arrest by the police for minor offenses. They can report you to the University officers, and they have a code of penalties for the various offenses. No one pays any attention to you. There is virtually no teaching in the University, merely the reading of a course of lectures, which is equivalent to having a text book read to you. Of course this does not apply to science lectures where experiments are performed, or to medical clinics.

The University is a whole. It is divided into four faculties, Theology, Law, Medicine and Philosophy. The latter includes all that does not properly come under one of the former heads. The lectures are, in all the universities I have visited, mostly held in one building; though the laboratories, clinics, etc., are often in other buildings. Here at Berlin there are frequently science lectures in the laboratory buildings. At the beginning and end of the semester you get the signature of the professors for whose lectures you subscribe. You hear them or not as you please. Probably not one half of the lectures are heard by the average student. He takes one course for which he must pay and then fills his book with free courses to show his father. The sudden acquisition of independence is too much for most of them, and they go into dissipation truly brutal, generally for the first year. Perhaps it is wrong to say most of them, but I think not. Beer drinking and licentiousness seem to make slaves of them all, and dueling takes up all the time of the corps students. They are either preparing for a duel, or getting over the effects of one.

Of course they pursue specialties in the University. If they take their doctor's examination, their work is all for that. When they get through, they do not compare in general knowledge with a Ph. D. from one of our best universities, and they are no better specialists. In my opinion America is going to lead Germany in educational advantages in fifty years more. She is not far behind now. It is true that more advanced work is done here in every line than in our universities, but most of the students do not get that far. Many men stay here and study for years after they become doctors and all of the professors are original investigators. For one who is already well advanced in a subject and wishes to carry on original investigations, there are better facilities here than in America.

One of the great advantages here is the coming into contact with the leaders of thought in your special line. In my case, for instance, I could learn more physics in the same time in some other way than in listening to Helmholtz; but it is worth something to me to know the man. It encourages one to see others limitations, and I have been twice as content with my plodding since I have seen how slowly Helmholtz and others must work. The greatest teacher I have heard is Hofmann, who is at the same time the leading theo-
retical chemist of the world, and yet in his lectures he will not divide 60 by 2 without using long division and going over the operation twice. It is some such lesson as this that we Americans need. We are altogether too impatient of delay to accomplish the best results.

My own work is very satisfactory. I have been since the first of the semester setting up my apparatus making changes in it, learning its constants in every respect and trying to eliminate all possibilities of error before making an experiment. Last week I made two sets of readings and have just computed the results for them. They are good enough. My object was the experimental determination of the electrochemical equivalent of mercury. The theoretical value is 0.02070 and the test of my voltameter is the accuracy with which I can approach this value by experiment. My results are 0.02069 and 0.02071. The fact that I have approached it equally near from both sides shows that all of my constants are accurately determined, and nothing but the necessary errors of observation are in the determinations. If I can hold it there I will have the advantage of every other voltameter in nearly every respect. I am doing a little private experimenting between times on other metals; but I hardly know whether anything of great importance will be the result of my labors.

**Personals.**

Rev. Alfred Blake is spending a few days in Gambier.

G. H. Harris, '90, reports a most pleasant day “at home,” Bucyrus, this State.

W. Tappan, '85, still finds his position at Tivoli-on-the-Hudson a very agreeable one.

J. A. Strutton who left college just before completing his college course is studying at Norwalk, O.

T. N. Hammond of Chicago spent a very pleasant day with fraternity friends here in college.

A. H. Granger, '87, who also did not complete his senior year has been in Gambier several times of late.

Dr. Bodine and Prof. E. C. Benson were present at the Psi Upsilon Reception public exercises at Columbus.

A. L. Thurman, '91; S. M. Granger, '90, C. A. Neff, '88, made a short visit to Zanesville to attend a reception.

Harry C. Benson, '77, is soon to go abroad on a short vacation. His work at West Point is highly satisfactory.

H. A. Lozier, '90, was the delegate of Kenyon Chapter to the Convention of Alpha Delta Phi at New York City.

Teddy Mabley, '89, with much difficulty got into bed early on the morning of May 31st. A bottle found near him was entirely empty.

Another rumor has struck Gambier to the effect that Pres. Bodine has been called to the pulpit of the Church of the Epiphany at Washington, D. C.

The delegation of Kenyon gentlemen who attended the reception given by Miss Phelps' School of Columbus, consisted of Goff, Dudley, Devin, '88, Grant, '89, Lozier, '90, and Gill, '91.

David L. Marvin, '85, was married early in May to a young lady of Shelby, Ohio. C. E. Benis, '89, and W. F. Douthirt, '88, both attended the wedding where Douthirt stood as next best man.

Guy D. Goff, '88, by special invitation addressed the members of Lincoln Club, Mt. Vernon, on the subject of the tariff and protection. W. F. Douthirt, '88, likewise, by special invitation will address the members of the Cleveland Club of the same place on the same subject.

At the Convention of Psi Upsilon at Columbus, the following Kenyon men were present: W. C. Pennock, '82; Chas. D. McGuffey, '63; W. A. Hutchins, '84; W.

OBITUARY.

Two sons of Kenyon have recently been called to their rest, and their reward, whose deaths we regret to chronicle—Dr. Edwin Hamilton Davis and Col. Charles Tudor Wing, both of New York. Of Dr. Davis an editorial in the Springfield Republic speaks as follows:

DEATH OF AN AMERICAN ARCHEOLOGIST

Dr. Edward Hamilton Davis, who died at his home in New York city Tuesday, in his 78th year, was one of our earliest archeologists. His graduation essay at Kenyon College in 1833 embodied the results of his explorations of the mounds in that part of Ohio, and drew the attention of Daniel Webster, owing to whose suggestions he continued his researches. For the next 15 years he gave much attention to these antiquities, graduating meanwhile at Cincinnati Medical College and settling as a practicing physician at Chillicothe. Between 1845 and 1847 he surveyed nearly 100 groups of works with the assistance of Ephraim G. Squire, whose death occurred recently. Dr. Davis made two great collections of mound relics; one of these is in a museum at Salisbury, Eng., the other, which duplicates it and includes also later "finds," is in the New York museum of natural history. The first volume of the Smithsonian society's contributions to knowledge (in 1848) was the history of his explorations, under the title "Ancient Monuments of the Mississippi valley." Morlot, the Swiss archeologist, wrote in 1862 that this work was "as glorious a monument of "American science as Bunker Hill is of "American bravery." Dr. Davis delivered a course of lectures in Boston before the Lowell institute in 1854, and these were re-

peated in New York and Brooklyn. With this his labors in this line ceased, though he has never lost his predilection of American antiquities, and took special interest in Mr. Cushing's Zuni studies. He has been devoted to his profession of physician and has often contributed to scientific and medical journals. In 1850 he was called to the chair of materia medica and therapeutics in the New York Medical College. He has been an invalid for the past year. John Woodbridge Davis the noted civil engineer is his son.

CHARLES TUDOR WING.

Col. Charles Tudor Wing was a son of the Rev. M. T. C. Wing, D. D., and was graduated from Kenyon in the class of 1853. He lived for a time in Columbus, O., and was beginning a successful business career, when the call of his country was heard and in the dark days of our Nation's history he entered the Government service. He was thoroughly faithful, and altogether efficient as an officer. After the civil war he lived for a time in Nashville, Tenn., from which place he removed to New York some twelve years ago. As a banker on Wall street, he has been very successful, maintaining a high character for ability and integrity. His death brings a great loss to his family and friends, as well as to dear Old Kenyon, of which institution he was ever a true and affectionate son.

A NEW FEATURE IN WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY.

The publishers of Webster have recently added to the Unabridged a "Pronouncing Gazetteer of the World, containing over 25,000 titles, briefly describing the countries, cities, towns, and natural features of every part of the globe." It covers a hundred pages,
Local.

The Academy boys have been apt pupils in learning to give the new Harcourt yell with vigor and feeling: The "Rah! Rah! Rah! Yum! Yum! Yum! (——)!! (——)!! (——)!! Harcourt!” is now frequently heard.

The first and last of the inter-class series played was between the Seniors and Sophomores. It was rather a walk-away for the Sophs., as they had the better of the batteries. The score by innings was as follows:

Seniors .......... 3 1 3 1 4 6
Sophomores .......... 4 5 2 1 11

The number of holidays this term has been greater than usual; so much so as to interfere, in the judgment of the faculty, with the course of study. But no student can be found who would admit it. It was Doc. who remarked to the Physics class:

"On the next day which isn’t a holiday we will take a few pages in advance."

Preparations for Kenyon Day are making headway. Money subscriptions are plenty and more liberal than ever. The interest of the Academy has been secured by preparations for an exhibition and prize drill. This will be a novelty and certainly a pleasing one. Now if we could have a tennis tournament among Harcourt’s fair champions, the program would be complete.

The challenge of the Ohio University nine was accepted by the Academy and the game was played in Columbus, May 24. The boys, it seems, played remarkably well and had the capital nine completely at their mercy as the score of 11 to 2 makes very evident. A return game at Gambier will be played in the near future.

The Columbus papers made quite a mistake, however, when they said the University nine “faced the best material from Kenyon College.”

The present senior class bids fair to make some sensible innovations in the conduct of their “secret proceedings.” Their senior class Banquet was held at the Neil House Columbus, Ohio, on the evening of June 9th. This is as it should be. They have also very handsome class canes. The only thing which mars their pleasure is the tendency of a certain one of the faculty, to give them written recitations. They have secured the consent of Dr. Bates of Cleveland, formerly connected with this college, to deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

The fifty-fifth annual convention of the Psi Upsilon fraternity was held at Columbus, O., on May 10 and 11, under the auspices of the Iota (Kenyon) Chapter. For a convention held in the West, so far from most of the Chapters, it was quite a large one and a successful one. The public literary exercises, held in the Wells Post G. A. R. rooms were of a high order. The dance, which followed, was a most pleasant affair. The convention closed with a banquet at the Neil House where brilliant toasts took the convention by storm. One pleasing feature was the reception of a beautiful floral design with the compliments of the Kenyon Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi.

All the delegates and visitors were well pleased with the hospitality which they received at the hands of the Kenyon men to whom much credit is due for their untiring efforts to make the convention a success.

The first of the series of games between the College and Hall nine was close and exciting. The Hall boys came over with the idea that they were going to wipe up the ground with the students but they went home “sadder but wiser children.” Up to the 6th inning the score was one to nothing in favor of the Hall. Our boys then got on to the pitcher and pounded out six runs, while the bars could do nothing with either Thurman or Eberth. The score by innings was as follows:

college .......... 1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 11
Hall .......... 0 0 0 0 2 2 2 8 = 6

The second game between the College and Hallites was rather one sided. The
game was characterized by heavy hitting generally by the College nine. The following is the score by innings:

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We are pleased to notice the improvement in the style in which the college and school publications are being published. In a number of cases more attention should be paid to the style of publication, as the general appearance does not harmonize with the quality of its contents.

**College News.**

Yale has a library of 170,000 volumes.

Five colleges were founded in Dakota last year.

Amherst has an orchestra composed entirely of Freshmen.

The faculty of Harvard have prohibited their team from playing with professionals.

Bowdoin has the youngest college president in the United States—a graduate of 1879.

The University of Bologna, Italy, celebrates its eight hundredth anniversary this year.

One hundred and seventy-nine of the present House of Representatives are college-bred men.

The largest university in Europe is Ru-del-Albrechts, Vienna, with 285 professors and 5,000 students.

The inter-collegiate Base Ball Association has adopted the league rules but will not give a batsman his base if hit by a pitched ball.

It is said that Dr. Patton may allow Greek letter fraternities to be re-established at Princeton. This is a matter of interest to all fraternity men.

In the United States the Episcopalians have twelve colleges, Methodists fifty-two, Baptists forty-six, Presbyterians forty-one, Congregationalists twenty-six.

Yale boasts of a criminal club composed of men who have been arrested for petty offences. The club had a banquet recently in which twenty men participated.
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The following colleges have reported more than 1,000 students: Harvard, 1,650; Columbia, 1,439; University of Michigan, 1,475; Oberlin, 1,302; Yale, 1,134; Northwestern, 1,100; University of Pennsylvania, 1,069.

A club has been formed at Johns Hopkins University called the Hopkins Tramp Club. No one can become a member until he has walked thirty miles in one day in company with some of the members. Verily a Tramp Club.

Delaware may possibly lose the Ohio Wesleyan University unless she makes some extra inducement to retain it. Fostoria has offered the trustees 20 acres of land and $300,000 as an endowment if they will remove it. It is certainly an offer worthy of serious consideration.

The Seniors of La Fayette College have adopted a measure worthy of imitation. Each member of this class, three years after graduating will write a short letter to their Secretary stating his occupation, residence and other items of interest to their classmates. These letters will be published in pamphlet form and sent to the various members of the class.

Clippings.

THE WIFE'S ANSWER.

"The fools are not all dead," said he; Her answer took him quite aback; "I'm very glad of it," said she; I never did look well in black." —Exchange.

"Well, do you know I hear Miss Jennie, Although you are so young and fair, And charming too, yet there are many, Who really say you dye your hair." She stamped her foot in righteous anger, "'Tis false!" right angrily she cried; But with a fashionable languor, "Ah, so I thought," the brute replied. —Record.

The jockey's horse has feet of speed, Maud S has feet of fame; The student's horse has none at all, But it gets there just the same. —Exchange.

Cupid, little wretch is blind, And tho' his darts are sighs and kisses; When he shoots at pretty maids, He's forever making Mrs. —Transcript.

A miss is as good as a mile, A kiss is as good as a smile; But four painted kings Are the beautiful things That are good for the other man's pile. —Hallowell Classical.

It was such a pretty slipper— (Was that tiny little slipper) There so gracefully protruding from beneath the ruffled dress. And a ribbon held the slipper— (It was such a dainty slipper) As it nestled on a footstool with an easy careless nes. If I'd write about that slipper— ('Bout that very pretty slipper); Some quite savage imprecations at my muses would be hurled. So about that little slipper, (T'was a very pretty slipper); I would never think of writing—course I wouldn't for the world. —Exchange.

A student to his father sent His third term Freshmen bill; The statement of the money spent A page or more did fill, And as the pater cast his eye O'er items great and small, He chanced a little one to spy Mixed in among them all. T'was this: "For charity I gave Of dollars fifty four," At this his father's face was grave, And looks of sorrow bore; 'Till down he sat and wrote, wrote he, With face suffused with grins "I greatly fear that 'charity' Doth cover many sins." —LaFayette,
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