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The amendments proposed to the Constitution of the Assembly and now awaiting action by that body are in many respects quite novel. With one exception, however, their tendency is so obviously beneficial that comment upon all except the exception seems uncalled for. We desire to call attention to the proposed change in Article VI. of the By-Laws, which at present, reads: "Football K's shall be awarded to those members of the student body who shall have played through three whole, or parts of, four championship games. These games to be the O. S. U., Marietta, Oberlin, O. M. U., Case and W. R. U., or such games as shall be hereafter deemed by the captain, manager and coach, of sufficient importance to rank with these. The same requirements shall be necessary for a vote in the election of Football Captain."

It is obvious, since many of the games mentioned in the above provision have become obsolete or have sunk into comparative insignificance, and since the Conference has been organized, that some change in the reading of the clause is quite desirable, as soon as a satisfactory substitute can be found. The amendments laid on the
table at the last meeting of the assembly contained the following:

"Amend the sixth by-law by substituting for the names 'O. S. U., Marietta, Oberlin, O. M. U., Case and W. R. U.,' the words, 'Those with the teams comprising the Ohio Athletic Association, and such games as shall hereafter be deemed by the captain and executive board to be of sufficient importance to be classed among the above.'"

"Add to the sixth by-law the following: 'At the close of each athletic season, the captain of the team shall give to the executive board the names of the men who are entitled to K's under the first provision of the sixth by-law. The executive board shall then have sole power to award the college emblem to these men and to others at its discretion.'"

As far as the words, "Add to the first by-law etc.," it is plain that the amendment proposed to the mechanism of the by-law is not only fair, but quite obviously necessary in bringing the by-law up to date. The clause, "Add to the sixth by-law the following," seems quite proper as far as the words: "The executive board shall then have etc.," for they provide for a little more uniformity in procedure than has hitherto been in vogue, and the need of which has very often been felt.

Up to this point the amendment proposed has been admirable, but as to the wisdom of the remainder we have our doubts.

"The executive board shall then have sole power to award the college emblem to these men and to others at its discretion." In the first place the words stating that the executive committee shall have sole power to award the K can undoubtedly be interpreted as implying that the executive committee shall likewise have power to withhold the same. This ambiguous reading is without doubt entirely accidental, for no one is more conscious than ourselves of the fact that the assembly is now being served by one of the best executive committees of its history, but at the same time we cannot refrain from deploring the ambiguity now that we have called attention to it, on account of the fact that it may lead to misunderstanding in the future, when both the spirit and the concommitant conditions of the amendment shall have been forgotten.
The provisions giving the board power to award the K to "others at its discretion," seems to us also somewhat out of place. It was stated at the meeting at which these amendments were proposed that this specification was intended to cover the cases of such men who, having played in one or more K games should be disabled so as to put them out of the game for the rest of the season. The proposal to recognize the services of such men cannot be too highly praised, for the assembly undoubtedly is peculiarly indebted to men who are injured in championship games, and it is in accordance with the strict canons of fair play that such a debt be recognized. But it would be far more advisable, it seems to us, if some definite rule specifically covering such cases could be adopted than that the executive committee should have the discretionary power committed to it by the proposed amendment. Such a rule would be absolutely impartial, and while we have pleasure in reiterating our confidence in the present executive committee, we must bear in mind the fact that the committee is a constantly changing body, which at no time represents every section of the student body.

The Junior Promenade, which took place on February the sixteenth, was an excellently well appointed and successful affair. There were five and thirty dances in all, and the music was of the very best. The chairman of the committee has requested us to extend the hearty thanks of the class of nineteen hundred and four to the various members of the faculty and of the student body that aided in bringing the promenade to a successful conclusion. The excellent condition of the floor which had been prepared by the treasurer's department, and the aid of the Bowler department in lighting Rosse Hall were very much appreciated. The only thing in the course of the whole evening that went wrong was the cab service, and that rather flagrantly in one or two minor details. In the first place the vehicles were, as has often happened in previous years, from a quarter to three quarters of an hour late, and in the second the vehicles were not all cabs as had been ordered, but even in the cases of one or two of the patronesses' open carriages were sent,—and that with the thermometer below zero. This, however, cannot be laid to the door of the committee, for the monopolistically inclined Gambier liveryman acted directly contrary to his orders.
Verse.

"'Tis but a Tent."

The trumpets sound, the clarions ring,
Into his saddle leaps the king,
Ho! Page! his trusty armour bring.
Forth to the field to join the fight,
With the last long gleam of evening light,
And he rides and rides, till just at night.
He reaches the camp where the soldiers wait,
Late at night by the open gate,
And the drawbridge of the castle Fate.
He reaches the camp all worn, and then
He enters the tent of the where and when,
Those wondrous textures, Where and When.
He sinks to rest as the last moon beam,
Sends o'er the hills its furtive gleam,
And the weary king begins to dream.
Ah, the tide of dreams and the mere
That bore away the king from Bedivere,
They are drawing near—drawing near.
But at last the morning comes, and then
The sun dissolves the where and when,
Those wondrous textures, Where and When.
Now whither is the monarch borne
Now that the wondrous tent is gone,
Profaned by the light of morn.
My First Train Order.

I had been in the office as a student for about ten months. During this time I had made such progress that the operator asked me if I would stay in the office while he went to dinner, stating that a train was coming and that I would probably have to take a train order.

I felt that I was hardly able to do the work, but, as he had explained everything to me so many times, I felt that I might at least try. I got all the materials ready, prepared several sets of manifold, and then waited for the dispatcher's call. I was as nervous as could be.

Presently I heard the call that was to prove me. I answered and the dispatcher said, "Is that extra west coming?" I answered that it was, so he said "Copy three for a thirty-one order." He sent so fast I could not keep up. I made a mistake and had to start another copy. I spoiled this and reached for the last manifold I had set. The dispatcher was so far ahead by this time I could not copy up, and I did not know what to do. I opened the key in my distress, and asked him to go back to the beginning of the order. He became angry, and snapped it off so rapidly that I could not get a word of it. I was so excited now that I did not know what to do next. The train pulled up into the yard. I was told to repeat the order, and when I told the dispatcher that I did not have it, he gave me a severe scolding and told me to copy from the next operator who repeated it.

This proved to be my salvation, for the first operator in turn after me was a good friend of mine. He repeated the order very slowly so
that I was able to get it down. I repeated it after he had finished and got complete from the despatcher.

I tore the order off the pad, wrote a clearance card for the crew, and hurried out to deliver these to the conductor. When I got up in the yards, however, I was almost frozen to the ground with astonishment and fear, for the train had pulled through without stopping. I had forgot to hang out the train order signal.

I ran back to the office to tell the dispatcher what I had done. I was just in time, for he told the next office to hold the opposing train just as it was leaving that station. Had he failed in this, there would have been a wreck.

It was some time before I became composed, and in my later experience as an operator, I always shuddered at the thought of my first train order.

F. H. H., '06.
Alphonse and Gaston at Kenyon.

"Listen my dear Alphonse, someone is knocking."
"True, my dear Gaston, I will admit him."
"Ah, no, my dear Alphonse, allow me to open the door."
"No, no, chere Gaston—listen, they are shouting."
"They make a shocking noise, my dear Alphonse."
"A vile noise, my dear Gaston."
"They are savages, my dear Alphonse."
"Perhaps it is a joke, my dear Gaston."
"Yes, they are laughing, my dear Alphonse."
"Hear, they are kicking the door, my dear Gaston."
"Alas! It opens, my dear Alphonse."
"This is horrible, my dear Gaston."
"It is atrocious, my dear Alphonse."
"What is this outrage, my dear Gaston?"
"He says it is the S. C. I., my dear Alphonse."

"I will bend ovair, my dear Alphonse."
"No, let me bend ovair, my dear Gaston."
"They will not wait, my dear Alphonse."
"Ouch! !, Sacre ! Cochon de lait! they force us to bend ovair, my dear comrade."
"Is it not (Ouch) dreadful, my (Ouch) dear Alphonse?"
"It is (Sacre) too horrible (Ouch) my dear Gaston."

"They are gone, my dear Gaston."
"They are pigs, my dear Alphonse."
"Let us return to that dear Paris, my dear Gaston."
"We will stand up all the way, my dear Alphonse."
Owing to the fact that the semester examinations took place shortly after the publication of our last issue, the Philomathesian Society has held no meeting of late, but plans are maturing for the undertaking of a wide field of work in the near future. The holding of a public debate in celebration of George Washington’s birthday was rendered impossible, both because of the nearness of the semester examinations and because, for some strange reason, no holiday was given on the twenty-third of February, the day designated by law in lieu of the twenty-second, which came on Sunday. It is hoped that the annual debate will be given at some future date during the current semester, either this term or next, and as there is good material in the society, it is hoped that the debate will be an interesting one and ably conducted. There is some speculation as to whom the society will challenge this year, as the Nu Pi Kappa society does not intend to organize a team, and the colleges near at hand do not carry debating to a very high standard of excellence, but it is generally believed that our own graduates at Bexley Hall will be offered the first refusal.

The opening of the society this year was most auspicious and gave promise of a brilliant term’s work. The early meetings of the society were interesting and well attended. The numbers rendered showed the presence of considerable ability, both of the crude variety and in various stages of finish. The work of the freshmen has been particularly promising and we shall not be surprised to see some excellent speakers developed among them.

It is expected that the meeting on February 26th, will be of a particularly important nature and that a very interesting programme will be carried out. The average attendance of thirty which the society has enjoyed exceeds the attendance for some years past.
The Biological Society.

The Biological Society met on February 2nd, in the Greek lecture room. Dr. Walton introduced as speaker for the evening the already familiar face of Mr. MacNish, who presented an interesting preliminary paper on variation among certain local forms of plant life. The paper was of an introductory and expository nature, for the most part recounting Mr. MacNish's own experiments which have proved interesting, and quite extensive. While Mr. MacNish mainly confined himself to the strict limits of his subject, he made occasional diversions to illustrate its relation to the other branches of biology, and one case showed that certain local flowers have a few points quite remarkably in common with famous members of the equidae. Mr. MacNish's remarks were interesting, and his figures and diagrams exceedingly apropos. His future utterances on the subject are awaited with interest.

The next meeting of the society will be held on February 23rd. Papers on various subjects are in preparation by members of the society and there is no reason to suppose that the society will not continue as successfully as it has set out.
College News.

This year has seen a change in the Junior Promenade. Heretofore, the dance has been given on the Monday night before Ash Wednesday, a play on Tuesday, and that was the end. Now as Prom week has been instituted circumstances changed the dance from the 23rd of February to the 16th, and so gave more time for festivities.

On Saturday the 14th, an informal was given in Rosse Hall. Of course the main reason for this was to make money, but it served for several other purposes. Everyone got acquainted, and the floor was put into a fine condition for Monday night. Notwithstanding the fact that the music was poor, everyone had a good time.

The Junior Promenade on Monday was as pretty and as enjoyable an affair as Gambier has ever seen. Rosse Hall looked magnificent. The large room was made to appear smaller and more comfortable by large streamers of red and white bunting running from the centre to the walls. The long blank windows were hidden by portiéres made of the same material. The stage was decorated with pennants and bunting. The tastefulness of the decorations was admired by everyone. The Junior Class and its committee are to be congratulated.

The ability of the Glee and Mandolin clubs can not be fairly judged from the concert given on Tuesday, the 17th. The members of these Clubs were tired out; however, they gave an entertainment that was enjoyable, and successful in a financial way. Nobody seemed displeased, and many went away saying that the concert was delightful.

On the following evening, the Dramatic Club presented, "A Frightful Frost," and another play, "My Awful Chum." The entertainment, as a whole, was good. The actors made use of every means to enable them to read their lines, but by helping one another along they managed to please the audience. "My Awful Chum" went much the more smoothly. It might be suggested that college men need more than dresses to make them look like the other sex. "A Frightful Frost" went through with many "hitches." The acting was good. The mistakes made only caused the audience more enjoyment.
U. T. Collins, Esq., was elected captain of the Basket Ball Team, and Ben Woodbury, Esq., was appointed manager of the Foot Ball Team for the next season.

The college authorities are to be praised for their efforts to get the floor into condition for dancing. Their intention to plane the floor in the summer is admirable. Their attention, however, should first be called to the roof of Rosse Hall. It leaks. During the summer the tank overflowed and covered the floor of the gymnasium with water. When there is a rain or thaw the water falls from the ceiling in streams. Planing would not benefit the floor much when it is constantly subjected to this treatment.

President Peirce has been visiting many of the High Schools in the state.

Mr. Schweinfurth, of Cleveland, the architect of Hanna Hall, is engaged with plans for the grandstand to be presented to the college by the Hon. J. J. McCook.

The plumbers and carpenters have been working within the new dormitory during the cold weather.

The residents of Gambier, are glad to see the stand pipe going up back of Bexley Hall.

The members of the Honor Committee are as follows: Messrs. A. G. Diddell, O. C. Hammond, H. McC. Billingsley, H. M. Babin, M. B. Long, and F. H. Hamm.

On the 12th and 13th of February, President Peirce attended the Convention of the Heads of the Institutions of the Middle West, which met to consider the Cecil Rhodes' scholarship. Dr. Geo. R. Parkin, Professor in Upper Canada College, at Toronto, and a close friend of the late Mr. Rhodes, has been placed at the head of the movement. At a dinner on the 12th, he explained the situation. Each state of
the Union can have two representatives at Oxford, each with an income of $1,500 for three years; this, with the following conditions:

Candidates must pass matriculates examinations at Oxford; they must be between nineteen and twenty-four years of age, and must have had work equivalent to the first two years in college. They are eligible two years after graduation from college.

The candidates must be legal residents of the state which they are to represent.

In regard to Ohio: The Ohio College Association is to elect a committee of five, which is to select the representatives.
Alumni Notes.

173. The Rev. Langdon Cheeves Stewardson who has, since 1898, been chaplain and professor of Philosophy at Lehigh University, has been unanimously elected to the Presidency of Hobart. The following clipping from the Hobart College Bulletins for January of the current year speaks for itself of the high esteem in which Dr. Stewardson is held:

Winter Announcement.

The resignation of Pres. R. E. Jones was accepted by the Trustees at their meeting on June 17, 1902, and a nominating committee was then appointed, as follows: James Armstrong, Esq., of New York, Chairman; A. L. Chew, Esq., of Geneva; W. H. Walker, Esq., of Buffalo; Rev. S. DeL. Townsend, D. D., of New York, and Rev. E. Worcester, Ph. D., of Philadelphia. After the decease of Mr. Walker, the name of C. R. Wilson, Esq., of Buffalo, was added to the committee. At the next meeting of the Board, held Jan. 20th, this committee unanimously presented for the vacant presidency the name of the Rev. Langdon C. Stewardson, A. M., Chaplain and Professor of Philosophy at Lehigh University, and their recommendation was unanimously adopted by the Trustees.

Professor Stewardson is a graduate of Kenyon College, and has been in orders since 1878. He was for several years in charge of the Church of the Reconciliation at Webster, Mass. Thereafter he spent four years in study abroad, chiefly at the Universities of Berlin and Leipzig. Returning, he became Rector of St. Mark's Church, Worcester, Mass., whence, in 1898, he was called to Lehigh University.

'95. The Rev. Arthur Dumper is a much wanted man, as witness the following from The Cleveland Leader:
REV. ARTHUR DUMPER RECEIVES CALL TO NORWALK PARISH.

Assistant Minister at Trinity Cathedral May Go to St. Paul's Church.

A special dispatch from Norwalk to The Leader says that Rev. Arthur Dumper, assistant minister of Trinity Cathedral, this city, who occupied the pulpit at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Norwalk last Sunday, was on Tuesday voted a unanimous call to the rectorship of that church.

Mr. Dumper's official news of the fact had not arrived yesterday, so that he was quite unprepared to say what he would do upon receipt of the call. He is at present considering two other propositions, and it is not at all definite whether he will accept the Norwalk call.

He made a most favorable impression at St. Paul's Church in Norwalk, Sunday, by his pleasing address, and was complimented by this unanimous call.

Rev. Mr. Dumper has been associated with the work of Trinity Cathedral as assistant rector, or curate, for a little more than two years, during which time he has shown himself most valuable in every line of work which has come to him. It will be with the deepest regret that the cathedral will part with him if he accepts the call. Recently, added to his duties at the cathedral, he has taken charge of the small parish of the Church of the Redeemer, on Superior street.

Rev. Mr. Dumper is a graduate of Kenyon College and Bexley Hall, at Gambier, and in addition to his college education has traveled abroad considerably, and is considered a young man of much promise. If Rev. Mr. Dumper accepts the call, he will probably not leave his duties at the cathedral before Easter. Last fall his engagement of marriage was announced to Miss Grace Sargent, daughter of Captain H. Q. Sargent, ex-director of schools. The marriage will probably take place this spring.

Annual Banquet of the Kenyon Alumni Association of Cincinnati.

On the evening of February 11th of this year the Kenyon alumni Association of Cincinnati held their annual banquet at the St. Nicholas hotel. The banquet, through the efforts of the president,
Mr. Elliot Marfield, of the class of '83, and of the secretary, Mr. P. B. Stanbery, Jr., of the class of '98, was a great success. In fact, it was, perhaps, the most brilliant in the history of the Association, and the attendance was above the average. There were several guests from out of town present: Dr. W. F. Peirce, president of the college; the Hon. Albert Douglas, '72, of Chillicothe, Ohio, whose race for the gubernatorial nomination is exciting so much interest among all Kenyon-men; and Dr. Francis W. Blake, '80, of Columbus, who is the secretary of the General Alumni Association.

As soon as the informal reception in the hotel parlors was over the company repaired to the banquet hall. Grace was said by the Rev. Mr. Ely. The dinner was most delicious and abundant, the cigars and wines choice, the general appointments tasteful, and the service excellent. The numerous courses were interspersed with college songs, old and new, enthusiastically sung.

After the material man had been satisfied and the cigars had been lighted, the company settled themselves to hear the speakers of the evening. President Marfield arose and with his customary skill and humor referred to the pleasurableness of the occasion and introduced the president of the college, Dr. Peirce, as the first speaker. Dr. Peirce, after a few remarks appreciative of the efforts of the Association, spoke of the material progress of Kenyon during the past year; of the fact that Hanna Hall, the Stephens Stack Room, and the new water works were nearing completion. He then proceeded to speak of the progress of the college on educational lines; of its increased enrollment, of its increased number of courses of study, of the development of the department of Biology and of the generosity of Mr. James H. Dempsey, '82, of Cleveland, by means of which the department of English has been much strengthened. As to the future of the college, he pressed upon the attention of the Association the need of a larger endowment. Also that the University idea had so taken hold of the American people, that however much we may believe in the advantages of the small college, certain concessions must be made to that view, and that to this end an increase of the
funds of the college by about the sum of five hundred thousand dollars was necessary. He closed with a reference to his firm conviction that the claims of the small college in its ability to produce culture, breadth, and the all around American style of education, were certain to receive their just recognition and that no material change in the aims of Kenyon College should be attempted.

Mr. Morrow, of the class of '68 responded to the call made on him for a few remarks, by speaking of his pleasure in attending another banquet, although he said he did not believe he had missed a single one for the past twenty-five years. He, too, looked for a great future for Kenyon, but believed that it would, of necessity, be along university lines.

The next speaker was the Hon. Albert Douglas, of the class of '72, of Chillicothe, Ohio. Prolonged applause greeted the Kenyon candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor. Mr. Douglas expressed his appreciation of the reception accorded to him, and his pleasure at being able to attend the banquet. After some graceful comments on the character of the occasion and of his pleasure at being able to meet in this informal manner so many of his friends, he closed with this happy sentiment: That he would prefer not to be Governor and to have Kenyon men believe him worthy of that honor, than to be Governor and not to have them believe him worthy.

Constant Southworth, of the class of '98, then rose, and after indicating the contrast between the various candidates in the field for this nomination, pointed out the eminent fitness of Mr. Douglas for the office of Governor and the claims of Southern Ohio for its share of political honors. He then moved a toast to the Hon. Albert Douglas, which was drunk with enthusiasm and followed with the Kenyon yell.

Dr. N. P. Dandridge, of the class of '66, was then called on by President Marfield. He heartily endorsed, in his usual elegant manner, all that Dr. Peirce had said, especially as to the advantages of the college education as distinguished from the University education; and of the increased attention that would be paid to the study of English. This language he considered to be the world language of
the future, and to comprise a literature already rich in science and art.

Mr. J. B. Myers, of the class of 1900, responded to the toast of the "Young Alumnus," and was followed by a few apt remarks by the Rev. John H. Ely, Bexley, '71, who had in the past for many years been President of the Cincinnati Association. The list of the speakers for the evening was concluded by some enthusiastic remarks by James Stewart, of the class of 1902, on the "Kenyon Spirit."

The Association then transacted the business that was before it, electing again its officers to serve for the coming year: Mr. Elliott Marfield, '83, President; Mr. Andrew L. Herrlinger, class of '83, Vice-President, and Mr. P. B. Stanbery, Jr., of the class of '98, Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Marfield had tendered his resignation, and had nominated P. B. Stanbery, Jr., as his successor and only reluctantly continued in office, after Mr. Stanbery had emphatically declared that he would not accept the honor. Resolutions relative to the death of Dr. Edward C. Benson, '49, and Mr. J. P. Stephens, '59, were passed, and also resolutions of appreciation of the Hon. Marcus A. Hanna and of the Hon. James H. Dempsey, '82. This concluded the business of the evening and the company, all rising to the feet, sang once more that familiar melody, "Auld Lang Syne," to which there are such appropriate Kenyon words, which was followed by avigorous

"Hika! Hika! Hika!
K-E-N-Y-O N
Kenyon! Kenyon!"

THE KENYON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF CINCINNATI, IN BANQUET ASSEMBLED FEBRUARY 11TH, 1903.

To the Hon. Marcus A. Hanna:

On this occasion this portion of the Alumni took pleasure in voicing sentiments with regard to your interest in Kenyon. Therefore, we wish, on behalf of the Alumni Association of Cincinnati, to convey to you our thankful appreciation of your interest, as evidenced in the material improvement of the old college.

Elliot Marfield, Pres't.

Philemon B. Stanbery, Jr., Sec'y of Association.
In a hard, fast and very closely contested game of basketball, O. S. U. defeated Kenyon in Columbus, on the 21st of February. Kenyon played a fast, clean, strong game, as did also her opponents, but the fact that they have an excellent team combined with the advantage of playing on their own floor gave the state a decided victory. In spite of the fast play no men were injured, although O. S. U. from time to time, put in subs as the fast pace began to tell on the wind and limb of some of her players. The peculiar arrangement of the baskets at Columbus, (indeed, it is almost singular, if we may use so strong a term) contributed to some extent in the disparity of the scores. As our own baskets have backboards, and those of the state have not, the angles to be reckoned with in the throwing of baskets are quite different, and of course this circumstance threw at least the balance of chance in favor of the strong home team. However, a defeat at the hands of such a team as that of O. S. U. requires no apology, and we look forward to their visit here with anticipations of a fine, fast game of doubtful issue.

Mr. J. R. Stalker has been appointed by the executive committee to be manager for track athletics during the coming season. A meet of the big six is mooted at Cleveland and it is hoped that we may have a good team in shape by the middle of May, the date tentatively
proposed for the meet. Exactly how the team will shape out, it is hard to say, as much depends on the temper of the new material, but at the present writing our prospects seem most bright as regards the weights, hurdles and dashes. The middle and long distances are as yet an unknown quantity; for them we look to the new students to supply us with good material.

The following schedule has been arranged for the fall of 1903:

October 3. Oberlin at Oberlin.
October 10. Case at Cleveland.
October 17. O. S. U. at Columbus.
October 24. Denison at Gambier.
October 31. U. of Cincinnati at Cincinnati.
November 7. Wesleyan at Delaware.

A gymnasium exhibition for the benefit of the football team will be given on the eighteenth of April.