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"All men interested in track work be down on the track promptly at 3:30 today," was the notice posted on Dec. 14th, with snow on the ground three inches deep and chilly old Boreas whistling a merry tune over the bare expanse of the athletic field. Unusual? It was a most extraordinary announcement and one hardly to be paralleled in the history of Kenyon College. Successful? The response to the call was anything but encouraging, and yet we look upon the incident as the beginning of a new era in track athletics on the Hill. The leaders are on their toes; interest is growing; and material in plenty is at hand; so that even in the face of most adverse circumstances there seems good reason to expect great doings in the spring.

The first glimmerings of the dawn of our field athletics brightened into the sure promise of day at the Big Six Meet last year when Kenyon—a little college perched on a Hill out in the woods, with a hundred men to pick from and offering opportunity for perhaps a month's training, interrupted, at that, by bad weather—took a most honorable third place among institutions numbering their students by hundreds and having professional trainers, indoor running-tracks and all the appliances necessary to turn out a crack team. It was strenuous work, but it was done.

Competition, however, is growing keener, records are gradually being lowered, and as a result the requirements for successful participation are becoming harder to meet. Kenyon must advance to meet the advanced conditions and that which we need most of all is a capable trainer. No one doubts the efficiency of Captain Brown to handle his team, but he is a student of the student body and cannot assume the authority nor command the same kind of respect that a regularly appointed trainer would; besides, it can hardly be expected of him to be familiar with the fine points, the "tricks of the trade," in all departments. A trainer would insure more consistent and effective training and, acting as he head, would give more definite organization to track work. Then too, there would be a greater number of candidates out. No man knows what he can do until he has tried, and as big legs do not necessarily make a runner, nor powerful muscles a vault or hammer-thrower, the novice whose nether extremities have never yet showed their virgin whiteness beneath the flapping flimsiness of a pair of running pants, may do things that will astonish even himself; and he can win glory, not merely for himself, but for his college too.

The idea of a trainer is not so visionary as it may seem at first. Lack of money is the most serious obstacle to be overcome, for athletics at Kenyon are, in all departments, far from profitable—least of all, on the track. But the revenues drawn from the student-body and the Alumni Athletic Association would be sufficient if only those who have pledged support could be prevailed upon to pay up. The under-graduates regularly pay their assessment, but the Alumni—the long-suffering, much-afflicted Alumni—are not to be depended upon so confidently. A trainer should be hired; a trainer can be hired; and a trainer will be hired if Kenyon supporters once catch the spirit and realize the necessity, in order that Kenyon may advance upon, or even maintain her present position in the Big Six.
THE TRACK.

Now is the time to begin track work. No other department of athletics requires so long and diligent training as the track, and a successful athlete on the oval must work, and work hard. Case, Oberlin and O. S. U. have started practice and it is well for us to follow their example. Capt. Brown intends to start cross country runs before long in which work Dr. Hall has volunteered to give his help. Dr. Hall has had considerable experience in track work and his assistance will be highly appreciated.

If the men can get in proper physical condition Capt. Brown proposes to send a relay team to Cincinnati to participate in the Y. M. C. A. indoor meet early in March. Last year O. S. U. and the U. of Cincinnati entered this meet and probably will participate again this year.

BASKET BALL.


On Dec. 15 the Kenyon Military Academy defeated the Freshman class basketball team on the academy floor. Both teams showed lack of practice, and team work was very little in evidence. The fact that the Freshman team had never played together handicapped them to a considerable degree and probably accounts for their loss of the game. Line-up:

ACADEMY. FRESHMEN.
Miller ............... Center ............... Luthy
Dutton, Gardner, Forwards .............. Clarke, Iliff
H. Kunkle, Travis, Guards .............. Stewart, Beggs, McGlashan

Baskets from field—Miller 3, Dutton 3, Stewart 2, Gardner 2, Luthy 1, Clarke 1, Iliff 1. Goals from fouls—By Clarke 2, by Dutton 1.

DR. ION JACKSON.

The name of Dr. Ion Jackson is so familiar to the ears of Gambier people that it hardly needs comment. On Dec. 16, 1904, Dr. Jackson gave one of his delightful recitals at Harcourt. His voice is most sympathetic and its charm was greatly enhanced by the selections on his programme. The songs were all of them good in a musical sense, but were at the same time, catchy and attractive; well suited to please an audience composed largely of young folks. Dr. Jackson strengthened the hold he already had on the affections of us here at Gambier and we trust that the Hill may welcome him many times again.

YE HARCOURT MAYDE.

If the "Harcourt Mayde" yielded nothing more than the mere pleasure of going to buy, it would be well worth the money; and it is very doubtful whether the pleasure is greater in the spring-time with the air warm and the trees green and all Nature striving to be agreeable, than in the winter when the maids have nothing but a cozy parlor and their own charms to rely upon for entertainment. On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1904, from 4 to 6 p. m. a sale that amounted almost to a reception was held at Harcourt; and though the walls displayed only their customary decorations and the corners only their usual array of pillows, still refreshments in the shape of tea and wafers, garnished with a wee slice of lemon, were passed among the so-called purchasers by Miss Milmine and Miss Goodyear and after the first stiffness of the occasion had worn off Miss Lucas offered splendid diversion at the piano. Miss Arline Arnauld and Miss Mary Brooke were the drawing cards for "Ye Mayde," while Miss Reba Ireland's artistic ability was put to use in disposing of the Harcourt calendars for 1905.

Unlike most of the rest of her sex, "Ye Harcourt Mayde" will not be offended nor consider it mere empty flattery to be told that she improves with age. The whole paper is got up in good taste. The simplicity and rich, yet quiet hue of the cover is delightful, the rough paper and old-style type make reading most agreeable, and the contents are, for the most part, bright and pleasant. Without discrediting any of the other writers, we take notice of the little mermaid story written by Miss Julia Ward, and, in spite of its marks of immaturity, are pleased with the writer's fertility of imagination and promise of ease in writing. We might quarrel with the editors a little over the arrangement of their material, preferring to see the "notes" of various kinds not so near the front; but this is largely a matter of personal taste. On the whole, the Christmas issue of "Ye Harcourt Mayde," is a decidedly creditable performance and the board of editors are to be congratulated on the result of their efforts.

The Calendar is an artistic production, showing on three leaves of buff paper bound together with a hemp cord, sketches of Harcourt, Bexley Hall, and the Church of the Holy Spirit, done by Miss Caldwell, the new art teacher at Harcourt. It is printed in brown ink and makes a tasty, desirable souvenir.
PHILOMATHERSIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

At the meeting held immediately before the holiday recess, it was clearly demonstrated that, at least as far as Philo is concerned, public-speaking and oratory were still prominent features of Kenyon’s literary activity. W. B. Quinn reviewed in an able manner the creditable history of the Society and pointed out many of its efficient qualities. H. W. Patterson spoke briefly on literary societies in general and benefits derived from them. J. A. Stephens graphically enumerated the expectations of Philo’s future; and a fine appreciation of the life and character of Rutherford B. Hayes was delivered by F. J. Hartman. During the business session the challenge of Nu Pi Kappa to a joint debate was unanimously accepted and a committee was appointed to make arrangements. The programme committee reported the programmes for the meetings after the holidays as follows:

MEETING OF JANUARY 17.

At this meeting the society will be favored by an address from Dr. Harrison, Kenyon as I anticipated it, and as I found it, Mr. Sykes. Experiences as a Page in the Ohio Legislature, Mr. Chase. Recent Bank Troubles and Remedies, Mr. Ferenbaugh.

MEETING OF JANUARY 24.


So far this year great interest has been shown in the meetings of Philo. The programmes have all been lively and interesting and conditions are better than had been anticipated. The Society is looking forward with eagerness to the Nu Pi Kappa debate and will do all in its power to make that event one of the features of the present college year.

NU PI KAPPA.

Nu Pi Kappa held the last meeting of the year on Thursday night, December 13, 1904. E. W. Hughes, ‘08, and J. K. Cooper, ‘08, were initiated into the society. Cooper was elected sergeant-at-arms for the new term. When the business of the evening was finished the literary programme was carried out.

The principal feature was a debate on the question, “Resolved, that Co-education is beneficial.” J. G. Sturgis upheld the affirmative and J. L. Cable the negative. The decision was given to the latter. S. E. Thompson read some interesting and humorous selections from the Kenyon Scrap Book. The programme was concluded with a well ordered narrative of “Current Events” by Mr. Seth.

The first meeting of Nu Pi Kappa of the new year was held in Nu Pi Kappa Hall, on Thursday night, Jan. 12, 1905. Stark, ’08, was initiated into the society. On account of the short time for preparation occasioned by the late return of some of the men who were to have taken part, the programme was dispensed with and in its place President Long gave a talk on Mammoth Cave.

MEETING OF PHI BETA KAPPA.

Phi Beta Kappa held its first meeting of the year in Ascension Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1904. The report of the delegates to the last general convention was read and accepted. A programme committee, composed of Dr. Ingham, Dr. Streibert, and L. S. Dederick, was appointed by the President. Meetings are to be held every two weeks on Wednesday nights, alternating between Bexley Hall and Kenyon.

The name of Charles Clingman, ’05, was brought forward for election to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, but owing to a technicality no action could be taken. A motion to hold an adjourned session of the meeting on Friday, Dec. 16, was carried. At the adjourned session Clingman was elected.

1907 CLASS MEETING.

On Tuesday night, Dec. 13th, 1904, the Sophomores held a class meeting, the purpose of which was to make arrangements for the Sophomore Hop to be given immediately after Easter. The following committee was appointed by President Southworth: T. Gawne, J. T. Brooke, A. E. York, H. M. Eddy, M. W. Butler and G. A. Wieland.

The class decided that all “S. C. I.’s” should be held in Philo Hall, and that after Christmas the “S. C. I.” committee should always have a full programme. Having no further business the meeting adjourned.
LIBRARY NOTES.

Beginning with the New Year several changes will be made in the periodicals received at the library. Puck, McClure's and Munsey will be discontinued. In the place of Puck, the English comic journal, Punch, will be substituted. Among the new periodicals are the Athenaeum, Charities and the Commons. The latter is a monthly magazine, published in Chicago, treating current events from the economic and educational standpoint.

The New Year's number of the Portland Oregonian may be seen in the reading room. In it is given an elaborate account of the Lewis and Clarke Centennial Exposition and Oriental Fair to be held in Portland, Oregon, between June 1st and October 15. Owing to the courtesy of the Portland Commercial Club, this paper will continue on our files. The Oregonian, as a newspaper, ranks among the twenty leading dailies in the United States.

Mrs. C. S. Bates, the wife of a former Bexley professor, has donated a number of very valuable theological books to the library.

It is interesting to watch the growth of the Economic department of the library. Professor Hall has succeeded in collecting a bibliography on this subject which is certainly creditable to the library at large. Just recently a supply of books was purchased which formerly belonged to the Book-Lovers' Library. The late books, such as the World of Graft and Notes of an Itinerant Policeman are written in the form of fiction. Of unusual interest are the two volumes, The Workers—The East and The West—by W. A. Wyckoff, Assistant Professor of Economics in Princeton. In the volume, "The East," the author gives a narration of two years of his own personal experience in roughing it as a common unskilled laborer, in order to investigate for himself the side of the labor question so much neglected by sociologists. The book reads like a novel. Graphically, indeed, the author describes his life as day-laborer, hotel porter, farm-hand, and lumberman. In "The West" he continues his experiences in the slums of Chicago, among anarchists, labor-unionists, and the starving unemployed, as well as his life on the wheat-farms, in deep mines, and on the cattle-plains of the West. This volume has the reputation of being the most romantic narrative ever written by a scholar. Both volumes are profusely illustrated by W. R. Leigh.

MUSICAL.

The college year opened auspiciously for the musical clubs. Enthusiasm ran high and it was an easy matter to get the men out for rehearsals. We are glad to say that such is still the case as regards the Glee Club. A great deal has already been accomplished, and the men have taken hold of the work in good style. With the mandolin club, however, things are quite different. The men seem, for some reason, to have lost interest and even with the finest tuning system it is a very difficult matter to get enough men together for a rehearsal. A number of the men who played on the club last year and the year before have backed out, offering as excuses, either that they have too much work or that it takes up too much of their time. Of course it takes time, but so do all the other college activities, and why should they not be as willing to make a few sacrifices for this as well as for any of the other branches of college life? It would seem that the only cause of such inactivity on the part of some, is a lack of college spirit. The success of the club depends upon the exertions of each man connected with it. So far as the Glee Club is concerned the prospects for a successful concert are bright, but without the hearty co-operation of the mandolin club nothing can be done. This is not meant for the five or six faithful ones, who deserve great credit for their support, but those whom it does hit—and they doubtless know who they are—had better wake up and "get busy."—Zack.

J. W. Upson, manager of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs has already secured engagements at Cleveland, Columbus, and Mansfield; while the prospects for a trip to Cincinnati are bright.

FACULTY NOTES.

The Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was held in Philadelphia, December 26th to 31st, inclusive. Dr. Halsted was in attendance and delivered a paper on Biology and Mathematics.

Dr. Peirce had charge of services at St. Timothy's Church, Massillon, O., on December 18th. From Massillon he went to Pittsburgh for a day's business trip.

At the request of the class in French 7, Professor Nichols has substituted for the regular recitation on Fridays an hour of conversational work. The change is a welcome one to the students and gives promise of good things to come.
ALUMNI NOTES.

President Peirce spent a few days in New York during the Christmas Holidays, and while there arranged for holding the annual dinner of the Alumni Association of the East in that city during the latter part of February.

While President Peirce was at Philadelphia he attended an Alumni Luncheon. Those present were W. F. Douthirt, ’88, Rev. J. D. Skilton, ’88, F. J. Doolittle, ’94, and Rev. W. B. Bodine, Bexley, ’04, and a former President of Kenyon College. All had an exceedingly enjoyable time.

Col. James Kilbourne, ’62, of Columbus, a veteran of the Civil War, is being groomed for the Governorship. We wish him success.

W. M. Townsend, ’79, has recently been made Superintendent of the Columbus Public Schools. He was formerly situated at Zanesville in a similar capacity.

Arthur B. Sullivan, ’97, has secured a seat on the Consolidated Stock Exchange, New York, and is now engaged in buying and selling stocks.

Leo W. Wertheimer, ’99, has opened an office at 192 Broadway, New York City, and on Jan. 1, 1905, began the practice of law.

Dean B. Hale, Ex., ’04, has gone into the business of buying and selling stocks and bonds at 38 Wall Street, New York City.


THE NEW CATALOGUE.

The College Catalogue for 1904–05 is now at the President’s office ready for distribution. The new catalogue, while by no means a radical change from that of last year, has several noticeable improvements.

The cover design has undergone a slight modification; the dark gray color presents a neater appearance. The volume is a trifle smaller than the preceding one, but at the same time contains more information, being printed on a finer grade of paper. The change to the Unit System, under the requirements for entrance is self-explanatory and meets a condition that was always more or less unintelligible to the reader. The departments of instruction have also been re-arranged and each department is headed by the name of its professor; thus making it easier for the new man to become acquainted with the professor as well as his subject.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee Dec. 12, 1904, the treasurer reported $335.07 in the treasury. Football Manager Clingman made his final report as follows:

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The following sums were voted to be paid:

- Stephens, for circulars and mail: $3.25
- Coach’s board: $8.25
- Coach’s salary: $125.00
- Basketball: $5.00

Basketball Manager Brown was authorized to make the following dates: O. S. U. at Gambier, Feb. 25, 1905, and O. S. U. at Columbus, March 25, 1905, with a guarantee of $25.00 in both cases; also Cincinnati University at Gambier, Feb. 25, 1905, with a guarantee of $35.00.

On Dec. 19, 1904, the committee authorized Basket Ball Manager Brown to make the following dates: Mt. Union at Alliance, Feb. 3, 1905, guarantee $40.00 and Reserve at Cleveland, Feb. 4, 1905, guarantee $35.00.

We receive with regret news of the death of Marcus A. Woodward, a prominent Kenyon man and one of Pittsburgh’s best known attorneys, who succumbed to an attack of pneumonia and passed away at 3 o’clock on the afternoon of Dec. 31, 1904, at the family home, Fifth and Aiken Avenues, Shadyside. He was ill for six days. While at his office Monday afternoon he was taken sick. On his arrival home, the case was pronounced pneumonia and Saturday afternoon he was dead. Services were held at the Calvary Episcopal Church and the pall-bearers were chiefly lawyers and college-mates. Rev. J. H. McVann, pastor of the Church, officiated both at the church and at the Homewood Cemetery, where the body was laid beside that of his wife who died somewhat over a year ago. He leaves a son and a daughter.

Mr. Woodward graduated from Kenyon in 1859 and in 1864 went to Pittsburgh where he took a prominent place at the bar, being chiefly known as a fighter against railroad grabs and corrupt methods in politics. In 1868 he married Miss Anna M. Stoner, daughter of a leading Pittsburgh banker, and by her he had two children. In 1898 he received an L. L. D. from Kenyon. He was a vestryman in Calvary Church and a prominent supporter of charitable work; so that his death will be mourned not only by those who knew him, but by those whom he benefited.
CONSECRATION OF BISHOP AVES, KENYON, '78.

The Rev. Henry D. Aves, rector of Christ Church, Houston, Tex., was consecrated Bishop of Mexico on Wednesday, December 14, 1904. Bishop Garrett officiated at the celebration; Bishop Rowe read the Epistle and Bishop Brooke the Gospel. The commission to consecrate was read by the Bishop Millspaugh of Kansas; the certificate of election in the House of Bishops by Bishop Johnson; and the certificate of election in the House of Deputies by the Rev. Walter B. Richardson, rector of St. Mark's Church, San Antonio, Tex. The Litany was said by Bishop Sessums. The presenters were Bishops Brown and Kinsolving. Bishop Millspaugh was also one of the consecrators, and the attending presbyters were the Rev. Chas. S. Aves, Rector of Trinity Church, Galveston, Tex., and the Rev. T. B. Lee, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Austin, Tex. The Rev. Thos. J. Windham, Rector of Trinity Church, Houston, was master of ceremonies.

Bishop Aves was presented by the ladies of the Sheltering Arms Association with a gold pectoral cross in which is set a large amethyst. Bishop Kinsolving presented his new colleague in the episcopacy with a copy of the "Offices of the Prayer Book" in Spanish and English. The episcopal ring was a gift from the clergy of the Diocese of Texas, and bears the personal seal of the new bishop and the following legend: "Patientia Vincia."

Bishop Aves conducted the Christmas service at Christ Church, and moved with his family to Mexico City on December 27, 1904.

THE NEW BANK BUILDING.

A new home in Gambier!—for the Gambier Savings Bank Co., which will contain all the moneys, papers, and possibly Chadwick notes that the old bank now holds. The structure is massive, severely plain, and, on the outside, does not show a single curve. Two heavy square pillars support a high and narrow portico at the entrance. The contractors, Church and Wise, have promised to get the building done by Easter time and are pushing work forward as fast as the weather will permit in order to keep good their word.

The interior, on the assurance of Mr. Roebal, the Columbus architect, is to be fitted out with all the appointments of a modern bank building: —mosaic floor, typical banker's rail, with receiver's and teller's desks, fire-proof vault, etc. The cage is to be of elaborate brass work, finished below in hard wood and marble. There will be a double time lock on the vault and also an inner vault. At the far end will be built an open fireplace and a special room is to be set aside for ladies. The authorities refuse to disclose the cost of the building and, of course, where such a large sum of money is concerned as must necessarily be involved in the erection of such an edifice, we do not blame the aforesaid authorities for their desire after secrecy.

K. M. A. NOTES.

The second term opened on Wednesday, Jan. 11th very auspiciously. All of the Cadets returned except two who are at present ill. These are Cadets Street and Potts who will be back as soon as they recover. Besides the return of all last term's men there are six new enrollments making the total ninety-seven at present. Among the visitors at the opening session were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cummins of Cincinnati and Mrs. Oscar Karpen of Chicago.

Gymnasium work has begun under the direction of Mr. Williams who is assisted by Capt. Rankin.

THE COLLEGIAN BOARD.

At a meeting of the Collegian Board on Saturday, Dec. 17, 1904, A. E. York, E. H. Reynolds and Tom Gawne were elected to membership on the editorial staff. York will discharge the duties of Athletic Editor, a position left vacant by the resignation of L. H. Gilder, while Gawne will take charge of the exchanges as regular Exchange Editor.
EXCHANGES.

There is a dignity about the few exchanges we get from Canada, that is a decided relief after looking over the pile from the States. This is probably due to the fact that they have graduate managers and editors-in-chief which insures them against sudden and frequent changes of policy. The McMaster University Monthly always contains articles of considerable literary ability as well as no mean scholarship; while at times it presents extracts of the greatest merit. The unbiased manner in which athletic games are written up is to be especially commended. Athletics are not allowed to become the one absorbing element in college life. The "jokes" seem to arise from incidents about college and have a good-natured air about them. Even if, in some cases, they seem far-fetched to an outsider, he is, at least, spared the pain of having to read them over and over again in other college papers.

When Harvard's stadium is paid for, which will be in about three years, students will be admitted to all contests free of charge.

At Stanford the faculty have limited the number of women students to 500 on account of the increasing ratio, which tended towards making the University a girl's college.

At Trinity the Freshmen give the Juniors a banquet.

The Reserve Weekly does not contain any "exchange jokes." Thank you.

The scientific courses at Ohio Wesleyan are to be strengthened by several engineering studies in the next two years. $50,000 has been secured for a new building to contain machine and pattern shops.

Since O. S. U. has failed to shine in the Big Six or make good in the Big Nine, she has taken steps towards opening athletic relations with Reserve, and is preparing to take an active part in Ohio's track athletics.

At Illinois the faculty will credit the editor of the college paper with three hours. What a good idea for the Kenyon faculty!

SOCIAL.

Gambier has been far from slow during the holidays as can be seen from the number of entertainments given on the Hill.

On the evening of Dec. 28th Mrs. Davies entertained the "stay-overs" at her home. Charades were tried, and though they were a trifle far-fetched at times, still they were lots of fun. Some of the spiritually minded of the company made the tables walk about the room and even attempted to summon the spirits themselves, which, however, unfeelingly refused to give any response. Light refreshments were served.

Prof. and Mrs. Nichols gave a five-handed, progressive pedro party on Monday, Jan. 2, 1905. Mrs. Davies won the first prize, a box of candy; and Miss Brooke found consolation in two Nabisco wafers, bound with Kenyon ribbons.

Mucker Southworth and Dicky Doolittle got smart and gave a dance in Rosse Hall on Friday, Jan. 6th. Aside from the Gambier people, guests from Mt. Vernon were present and everybody had a fine time. Delightful refreshments were served; ice-water and half portions of foolish powder for the girls; cold air and tobacco smoke for the men.

A delightful party at six-handed euchre was given by Prof. and Mrs. West on Saturday, Jan. 7, 1905. The game was new to most of those present, but they were not slow in learning. Mr. H. P. Williams carried off the first prize in the shape of a handsome deck of cards.

FOOT-BALL DINNER.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 15, 1904, Dr. and Mrs. Peirce entertained at their home the members of the foot-ball team together with Dr. Reeves, Coach Eckstorm and Manager Clingman. At the close of the dinner Dr. Peirce gave a short and very appropriate talk and then called on several members for speeches. Dr. Reeves, Coach Eckstorm, Capt. Oliver, Capt-elect Boggs, Ex-Capt. Quinn, Manager Clingman, York and Clarke responded. A very enjoyable evening was spent and at 9:30 all departed, unanimous in the opinion that this had been the best foot-ball dinner that they had ever attended.
KENYON REUNION IN CHICAGO.

On Wednesday night, January 4, 1905, a meeting of Kenyon men was held in Chicago, consisting both of alumni and under-graduates who were in the city. They were entertained at the home of the Misses Sanders, who recently attended Harcourt. The old songs were sung with much spirit and enthusiasm, although as W. T. Collins, '03, assures us, there was absolutely no damage to the furniture. Supper was served, the table being decorated with white and purple.


A PUBLIC BENEFACATION.

One afternoon last week some little excitement arose in the rear of Hanna Hall. Mayor Parker, "Sammy" and his assistant, "Mord" were seen armed with a shovel, a pick-ax, and a golf-stick stealthily disappearing down the hill. At first it was feared that the water system had again become deranged.

Sammy, however, began poking the ground with the golf-stick; while the Mayor and Mord began "swinging the anchor" with a vengeance. "I feel the cuss," cried Sammy. He prodded among the leaves and something moved. With a mighty effort he whirled the golf-stick round his head and brought it down with enough force to have driven a golf-ball—if there had been one there—clear across the Kokosing valley. Again he raised the club and again he brought it down with the same terrific force.

By this time a crowd of students had gathered, at a respectful distance, however, either through awe of Sammy’s prowess or suspicious of the heavy pungent odor that burdened the air. Nicholas came upon the scene with his gun; warranted to kill chippy-birds at six paces. The dogs were the wisest of the whole bunch, for they couldn’t be coaxed closer than smelling-distance.

At length the three sturdy warriors, before the eyes of an admiring throng raised their game and carried away—two skunks. I haven’t seen Sammy since, but I know that everyone sincerely trusts that he has changed his clothes and used an abundance of toilet water since his recent experience.

One evening just before the holidays and just after supper, I entered the Post Office. The floor was littered with papers and all around the wall were standing men with their noses buried in something or other. At first I failed to comprehend, but gradually it dawned upon me that this was the day of publication and that each man was deep in the pages of the Collegian. It is encouraging to note among the students an interest in the paper that won’t even let them wait till they get to their rooms to read it.

TO A TEXAS POET.

(Judd Lewis, of the Houston Post, had a poem in his column the other day beginning: "And what is death to come ‘twixt you and I?’"

And what is this that comes “twixt you and I?
Is this the sort of grammar Texas learns?
Us think of it and our pale features burns.
To think such sentences unnoticed by
He who reads copy goes. Could not the eye
Of the proofreader catch it, as him turns
His optics on thy copy, and then spurns
Less interesting stuff for poesy?

This is a very painful thing to we—
To see a pretty sonnet, such as that,
Spoiled by a break that has been made by he
Who should have knew much better. What’s he at.
That he should deal the Muse this awful bat,
And stir up such a strife ‘twixt he and she?
—Cleveland Leader, Jan. 12, 1905

“Bino is Dead.”