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In Memoriam

JOHN THOMSON BROOKE
EDITORIAL.

At the beginning of the new academic year, things Kenyon are seen to be in a most prosperous condition. Every Kenyon man has cause for rejoicing in the strides that his Alma Mater has made within the past year. The completion of Old Kenyon is a matter which perhaps touches the student body most vitally; at least we are certain that the promiscuous, though enforced scattering of the students throughout the town, was anything but stimulating to college spirit. With the renovation of Old Kenyon, we possess two dormitories, which in elegance of appointment and real satisfaction to students' wants, are unsurpassed in the Middle West.

The Freshman Class is larger by nearly a score than the class that entered last year; in respect to personnel, 1911 ranks high among the classes of late years. As a unit they seem to be imbued with the "manly gentleness" and innate refinement that have always been characteristic of the Kenyon man. May they absorb in a rich degree the best of the sacred traditions of our beloved College and may they attain speedily that quickening quantity known as "Kenyon Spirit."

For the past two years, at the very opening of the college term, the Kenyon world has been saddened by a death in the student body. Again we are called upon to witness a supreme sorrow: a graduate of last year's class has been claimed by the Giver of all good things as his own again. The sudden death of John Brooke in his attempt to save another's life cannot be wholly a matter of sorrow to us—will not his heroic and God-inspired example always serve as an inspiration to all true Kenyon men to give even as they have been given to? We feel for Bishop Brooke and his family the sincerest sympathy and assure them of the secure place that their noble son has in the hearts of Kenyon men. Elsewhere in these columns will be found an appreciation of John Brooke by one who knew him best.

The Board regrets deeply that no Commencement Number was issued last June and assures the Alumni and students that weighty reasons alone prevented its publication. Contributors to this number have an unfortunate way of spending their vacations at quite "ungetable places." Consequently the material could not be gathered for this number to insure its publication at anywhere near a seasonable time. The Board will publish from time to time the most important news items of last Commencement Week.

Several old Kenyon men, who have been forced to abandon their college work in times past, have showed their appreciation of Kenyon by re-entering this fall with classes below their former standing. N. W. Burris and Walter Tunks, both ex-'08 are now members of '09 and '10 respectively. W. W. Cott, '09, and E. M. Mason, '10, have also returned after a semester's absence.
JOHN THOMSON BROOKE.

Each college year as it begins, brings new sorrows, and regrets, new joys and new aspirations to the body militant at Kenyon.

The news concerning John Thomson Brooke who, after saving one boy from drowning, lost his life in the vain endeavor to save another, in San Francisco Bay, on August 15th, brings to every Kenyon man and his friends, all of these. The loss to all who knew him will ever remain a sorrow; but there is a joy that takes away the poignancy of grief in having known and claimed as ours, a man that had learned the lesson of devotion to duty so well as to make the supreme sacrifice of life for others. There is a pride in knowing that Kenyon has produced another hero. There is a satisfaction in the consciousness that this new-born hero, son of Kenyon, now rests in the college campus with the older Kenyon hero, our "Warrior President." We glory in their heroic examples—examples for every Kenyon man to emulate, and we must prepare ourselves here as John did, to meet the final test of character, the willingness to give one's own life for others. Had he lived a long life of stern self discipline and hard, conscientious work, he could not have finished his race better, for we now count ourselves fortunate to have known and owned one of the world's true heroes.

Nor was his final sacrifice alone characteristic of the man, for whether it was his God, his fellow man or his Alma Mater, his constant though probably unconscious motto was "Ich dien." To know the man, and to realize his sacrifice affords all Kenyon men a higher ideal of service and to have shared his love is an incentive to earnestly emulate his noble example.

And so it is that an epitaph written by Robert Richardson, is echoed as the prayer of all who knew him:

- Warm summer sun,
- Shine kindly here.
- Warm southern wind,
- Blow softly here.
- Green sod above,
- Lie light, lie light,
- Good night, brave heart,
- Good night, good night.

THE REV. WM. B. BODINE, D. D.

The Rev. Wm. B. Bodine was graduated from Princeton College in 1860, and received the A. M. degree in 1876, and D. D. in 1879 from his alma mater. He began his theological studies at Princeton and completed them at Bexley Hall in 1864. He was ordained priest in 1865 and held the parishes of the Memorial Church, Baltimore, 1865-69, and Christ Church from 1869-71. In 1871 he became Chaplain of Kenyon College. In 1876 he assumed the Presidency of the College and held this position until 1891 when he became Rector of the Church of Our Savior, Philadelphia, which he held until his death.

During his Presidency of Kenyon College he was an indefatigable worker and in a period of commercial depression was instrumental in raising more than $100,000 for the institution. He is affectionately remembered by many Kenyon alumni. His kindly disposition and genial manners assured his popularity wherever he went.

He was an unusually alert man. His mind worked with more than ordinary rapidity and he took in at a glance the meaning of what he read or heard. He was the owner of an unusual memory; he was able readily to recall the substance of any book that he ever read. Practically, he was an active man—it was his nature to be such. Before failing health overtook him he never seemed to taste of fatigue. His gift of ready and eloquent speech seemed to be a token and expression of his exhaustless energy and fund of good spirits. He was youthful in appearance and in feeling. While he was President of Kenyon he was not infrequently taken for an undergraduate by visiting strangers.

Naturally, his religion was optimistic. A religion of joy was the only conceivable religion in the thoughts of God and the world which were fundamental in his being. Not unrelated to these traits was his deep interest in men and in the individual man. Biography was his best loved subject of study. The abstract could not attract him, the concrete absorbed him. Not the formal treatises of great men did he care for as he cared for the sight or memory of the men themselves in daily action. Hence, came some of his most effective utterances as a preacher. His gifts here were remarkable. He was a born preacher. His delivery was extremely rapid and highly colored with emotion.

A welcome always uttered itself in his mien and manner and a welcome was at his command in all those with whom he had to do. And as "love is the fulfilling of the law," we are sure his life was well spent and that his works do follow him.
ANCIENT RITES.

Upon the site of ancient Gambier has been excavated recently a marvellous stone, covered with old runes that our famous scientists have definitely decided were made by a race that lived ages ago called the "Kenyon Boys, Bedelia." The inscription, of which parts are undecipherable, runs as follows:

"And on this night, September twenty, were given the fResHmaNmiN-streLs (untranslatable) before a vast concourse gathered in the colosseum of Rosse. Mirth, melody and madness reigned and after the glorious event the college declared in a body, unanimously and together that never before in all the lore of the 'coll' had there been anything so (word deciphered as probably 'putrid')."

At the humble petition of the Sophomores the Class of 1911, (so ancient was the stone), their faces blackened to add to the solemn impressiveness of the occasion, emerged from the stone cliffs which they inhabited and formed a line, not straight—for Briar H (a deity presumably) was absent—and slowly and solemnly marched to the time of a dolorous ditty entitled (our most expert archaeologists translated it as "Somewhere exists a place of torment for verdant beings") up into the ancient place of concourse and upon the raised dais, in front of which the guests had assembled.

A combination of Elbert Hubbard and Nero, yeclupt Voglesong, was assigned the honor of host for the evening and after bowing to receive his applause, introduced Gardiner and Peake, whereupon the latter insisted on ridding himself of a parody—and a rather crude parody—of "Just My Style," while Gardiner vainly tried to catch upon a piano improvised from a chair. They were thanked heartily upon a certain spot and gave way to Finlay and Daniels who imitated the "De Mora Sisters, Acrobats and Aerialists," to the discomfort of the audience.

After a harangue by the interlocutor, Millsbaugh and Sanderson exuded a delightful rendition of "How Not to Jig" that proved amusing and instructive. The instructions were emphasized and the near La Belle Dazies left the stage open for Fullerton, who in a perfectly guileless manner essayed to warble. After he had hit the key once and had fallen off backwards Brady charmed his watchers by an exhibition of sinewy grace and agility such as is seldom seen—but not seldom enough.

During a solemn hush Murphy and Siddall strolled on, were warmly—decidedly warmly—received and hurled at the defenseless audience this:

'Tis moonlight on the waters,
'Tis moonlight on the bay,
And the little snowflakes are falling
On the ocean far away.

Their gestures received an ovation.

After a few more attempts to elevate the stage a stately recessional, of a vaguely familiar tune, was sung as the assemblage felt the hippodrome.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

For the benefit of the new men and others not acquainted with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew it might be well to say a few words in explanation. The Brotherhood is a society of young men who, by their prayers and work, hope to bring their fellow men nearer to Christ's Church.

There was a Chapter of this Society in Kenyon from 1887 until 1904, when, for some reason, it was dropped. That fall, the Kenyon Christian Union was organized and did its quiet work. It was through the efforts of the latter that the new room in the Middle Division of Old Kenyon was obtained for meeting purposes. But before the room was completed the Kenyon Christian Union was forced to cease its meetings from a lack of general support from college men.

It was at this time that a few of the old K. C. U. men got together and secured the old charter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. These men worked hard to get the Chapter on a firm foundation again. Through their efforts furniture was bought for the new parlor. The room then was put under the charge of a committee consisting of three faculty members and one Brotherhood man.

The society will hold open meetings in this room from time to time and it is hoped that anyone will feel at liberty to attend.
THE 1910-11 CANE RUSH.

For the past two or three years the entering classes at Kenyon have increased in size to such an extent that the present system of the Cane Rush seemed almost impractical. As long as the total number of contestants never exceeded fifty, little risk was incurred by the piling up over the cane. But lately it has been different. Sometimes sixty or seventy men strive and struggle in one heap, in their wild endeavor to get their hands on the cane.

It has only been by good fortune that no serious accidents have occurred. It seemed to many that to continue this form of the Rush was only tempting Providence to give the college another black eye. Besides this, the old system gave a decided advantage to the Freshmen, who as a rule exceeded the Sophomores in number. Hence, it seemed best to adopt some method for the Rush wherein the likelihood of accident would be lessened and the contest made more even.

With this end in view a committee was appointed by the President of the Assembly, which resulted in a final adoption of the following method for the Cane Rush. The two chief changes were: first, that the cane should not touch the ground; second, that the counting of hands on the cane be done away with. The object of the Rush, under the new rules was to have the cane beyond a certain line after the expiration of ten minutes. The field of play was marked out with four parallel lines, about twenty-five yards apart, and two side lines. For explanation’s sake the four parallel lines were supposedly lettered A, B, C and D, while the two side lines were E and F. The three respective territories made by these lines, X, Z and Y. Thus the object of the Sophomores was to get the cane in or beyond territory Y, while the Freshmen tried to get it in X. The middle pair of the field, which Z represented, was neutral territory and counted for neither side. The following rules were drawn up by the Committee:

ARTICLE I. The Rush shall begin at 10 P. M., Friday, the 20th, after which time kidnapping shall be allowed.

ART. II. No cleated shoes shall be worn.
(a) No clubs, rocks or slugging shall be allowed.
(b) Eggs, flour, etc., shall not be used.

ART. III. Freshmen shall leave Bexley gates with the cane at 4:30 P. M. Saturday.
(a) Scrimmage shall begin after Freshmen have crossed line A.
(b) At said instant Sophomores can cross line D.
(c) The Sophomores shall win the Rush when the cane is placed on or beyond line A, or is in territory Y at the expiration of 10 minutes of play.
(d) The Freshmen shall win the Rush when the cane is placed on or beyond line D or is in territory X at the expiration of 10 minutes.
(e) If at the expiration of 10 minutes from the start, the cane is in territory Z, the Rush shall be continued until the cane lies in or beyond territories X or Y.
(f) The cane must not pass outside the lines E and F.
(g) The distance between lines C and B shall be 20 yards.
(h) The cane shall not touch the ground.
(i) In such an event the contest shall cease until the cane is again off the ground.
(j) The cane shall not leave the hands of one or more of the contestants.

ART. IV. The officials shall be: Referee, Mr. Monroe; Judges, Messrs. Platt, Dan, Cunningham and Jones; Timekeepers, Messrs. Luthy and Morrow.

CANE RUSH COMMITTEE.

The Rush under the new rules proved a success. The Freshmen won after a few minutes of fierce struggle, through sheer force of numbers.

On Friday evening the Class of 1911 quietly met and made their get-away without the knowledge of any of the Sophomores. The entering class took up their quarters in a deserted log cabin in Hazel Dell, across the river. Later in the evening the Sophs assembled with the intention of attacking the Freshmen and if possible to kidnap some of their men. But the wily Freshmen were too much for them. For the greater part of the night the Class of 1910 roamed the country side in a fruitless search, while the Freshmen spent a comfortable night in perfect peace. There was just a little excitement at one point when a few of the scouting Sophs came within a quarter of a mile.
of the cabin, but seeing or hearing nothing of a suspicious nature and hesitating to wander too far from their main body they turned back.

The Juniors assisted the Freshmen somewhat in supplying them with provisions and plenty of advice. The night and first half of the following day passed uneventfully. About one, Saturday afternoon the Freshmen marched into town under the leadership of the Rush Captain, Finley, and took their position in the vicinity of Bexley Hall. Here they waited until forty-three, when Dr. Peirce arrived upon the scene and presented them with the famous cane. The class then formed in four rows one behind the other, with the cane in possession of the next to the last row. As they boldly marched down the path they roused their spirits by singing songs which foretold the coming doom of the Sophomores. The field of battle was surrounded by a large number of spectators. At one end the Sophs waited in a yelling swaying line. Then, as the Freshmen charged onto the field the Sophs met them in a fierce attack. The cane was downed and the judges interfered till it was again off the ground. The rush of the advancing class of Freshmen was almost irresistible. Numbers told, and when ten minutes were up, the cane lay almost outside the Sophomores' territory, giving the victory to the entering class.

This Rush, although only an experiment, accomplished its end, in that no one was hurt. There is yet ample room for improvement, but if each year the necessary changes are made in the rules, this new method ought to prove entirely successful.

**FOOTBALL PROSPECTS.**

Football practice is now the order of the day on Benson Field every afternoon at 3:30, and by the time this issue appears, the first game will have been played, and loyal Kenyon rooters will have had a line on the team. Just now the prospects are good. During the first week of college the outlook for a good eleven was rather gloomy, but the decision of Captain Clarke to re-enter college has brightened things up considerably, and the way in which Coach Munro has taken hold of things gives assurance that if the team does not win, it will not be for lack of good training.

By graduation, Kenyon only lost one of last year's team, Sanford, the center. However, Bacon, our star tackle, and Dooman, the giant guard, did not return to college this fall and their loss will be materially felt. Bland, center on last year's Freshman team, is trying for that position on the varsity this year; while Ed Southworth, who was not in college last fall, and Cureton, will take care of the guard position. Childs, last year's end, will probably be shifted to tackle, and Littleford, who guarded the right flank for the Freshman last year, will take Childs' place. G. Southworth will probably play left tackle, and Platt, last year's tackle, will be shifted to guard to fill Dun's place. The latter will be missed on the line but cannot play on account of parental objections and poor health. Brigman has been shifted from fullback to left end and is showing up well there. Siegchrist will probably sub in the line.

The backfield positions will be taken care of by Captain Clarke, Cunningham, Coolidge, Gayle and Colgrove, but as yet it cannot be told who will fill each position. Cunningham, however, will probably play fullback, where his kicking will count for much. He, Southworth and Colgrove will do the punting.

Just a word to the Freshmen who can play football: Everyone knows how much the success or failure of a college team depends upon having a good second team to line up against. Besides that, if you have any ambitions to make the team next year, you will be increasing your chances a great deal by playing this year under a good coach and against a strong team. The question of whether or not you are willing to sacrifice your time and pleasures for Kenyon should not enter into your considerations; for unless you are, Kenyon is no place for you. Let every man who can play football be on the field promptly at 3:30 every afternoon and we will beat O. S. U. and make a record year.

The schedule for this year is as follows:

- Oct. 5—Otterbein at Gambier.
- Oct. 12—Case at Cleveland.
- Oct. 19—Heidelberg at Tiffin.
- Oct. 26—Wooster at Wooster.
- Nov. 2—Ohio State at Columbus.
- Nov. 9—Denison at Gambier.
- Nov. 16—W. R. U. at Cleveland.
- Nov. 23—Wesleyan at Delaware.
CLASS ELECTIONS.

The Sophomore Class has elected the following men to offices for the year 1907–08:

President, Bland; Vice-President, White; Secretary, Martin; Treasurer, Wiseman; Historian, Gayle; Toastmaster, Scott.

The officers of the Class of '08 have been elected as follows:

President, Luthy; Vice-President, Chase; Secretary, Seth; Treasurer, Clarke; Historian, Hughes; Toastmaster, Sykes.

The "Reveille" Board was resolved into a committee to audit the accounts of the 1908 "Reveille" and to provide means of meeting the $100 deficit.

The Junior Class met and elected officers, Monday, Sept. 23, 1907. The following were elected:

President, Jas. Cunningham; Vice-President, S. R. Brigman; Secretary, C. H. Dun; Treasurer, Paul Barber; Historian, G. C. Jones.

A committee was appointed to consider and propose the names of candidates for election to the "Reveille" board. A class smoker was held in the evening.

The Freshman Class assembled in the English room, Friday afternoon, Sept. 27, to elect their class officers for the coming year. Freshman Finley, who had proven to be a good organizer and leader in the "rush," was unanimously elected President. Beeman was elected to the position of Vice-President. The other officers were Murphy, Treasurer; Gillette, Secretary; and Field, Toastmaster.

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS.

The first assembly meeting of the year was held Friday, Sept. 20. Short addresses were made by Pres. Peirce, Dr. Reeves, Coach Munro, and various alumni. Coach Munro's optimistic view of the football situation aroused a large amount of enthusiasm. Our first important game is with Case at Cleveland, October 12, and if the spirit shown at the meeting is any criterion the whole college should attend the game.

At the Assembly Meeting, Monday, Sept. 30, the student body elected the Honor Committee for the ensuing year. Representatives were as follows: Seniors—G. E. Clarke, W. R. Seth, R. C. Sykes; Juniors—G. W. Coldewey, G. S. Southworth; Sophomore—W. J. Bland; Freshman—R. W. Brouse.

Due to the resignation of Prof. Ingham from the faculty it was necessary to elect a new treasurer for the Executive Committee. Dr. Walton was chosen for this office.

BEXLEY NEWS.

Bexley Hall opened with Evening Prayer in the Seminary Chapel, Tuesday evening, October 1st. Dr. Peirce officiated.

Claude Soares, of Chicago, Walter R. McCowatt, Chicago, R. Crawford, Toledo, G. Riblett, Galion, are among the new men at Bexley this year.

Dean Jones has gone to the General Convention of the Church at Richmond, Va., as a delegate of the Diocese of Ohio.

LIST OF FRESHMEN.

The names of the men in the Freshman Class and of their places of residence are contained in the following list:

HARCOURT.

Harcourt Place Seminary reopened its doors Wednesday, September twenty-fifth, under the management of Miss Hariette Merwin, formerly of the Dana Hall School Faculty.

The enrollment with a total of twenty-seven girls shows representatives from eight different states. No required courses for graduation in the academic department are given, the work consisting almost entirely of special courses in French, German, Elocution, Music, etc. Two years' collegiate work are offered.

Receptions will be held every other Saturday evening and a number of dances and other entertainments will be given during the year.

Harcourt has always been a source of much pleasure to the college men and it is a most cordial welcome and a sincere wish for success that the Collegian extends to Miss Merwin and the Seminary.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The "Handworterbuch der Staats Wissenschaften," a work of seven volumes, appears this fall for the first time on the library shelves. It may be found for the present in the first alcove among Dr. Hall's reference books. Although it is written in German, it will repay a careful looking over.

Quite a number of Spanish and French books with subjects ranging from economics to grammar and literature have been added to the library during the summer.

A very large United States map was hung up in the rear alcove a few days ago.

The October "Cosmopolitan" contains an interesting character sketch of the popular Bishop of London, of whose visiting Kenyon we had hopes a short time ago.

It would be well worth while for all college men to read the single copy in the library of the "Insurance Engineering." This magazine may be found on the same set of shelves with the "New York Sun." It points out the danger of fires in college dormitories.

In "Life" for September 26th, C. Coles Phillips' picture, entitled "Prosperity," is attracting much attention from the devotees of the magazine tables.

Mr. Tunks and Mr. Wuebker are the two new library assistants. Mr. Seth retains his old position of last year.

WHAT THE CLASS OF 1907 IS DOING.

Gilder is in the coal business with his father in Warren, O.

Patterson is in the law office of Fred Greiner in Buffalo and is attending the Buffalo Law School.

Browne is studying architecture at Cornell.

Ewalt is in business in Cincinnati.

York is with the Pierson & Pierson Lumber Co. in Cincinnati.

Judd enters the medical school at John Hopkins, October 1.

Eddy is studying civil engineering at Case.

Mullin is in business in Cleveland.

Southworth is in the banking business in Cincinnati.

Sanford and McIlwaine are teaching school in Spokane, Wash.

Dyer is teaching school in Lebanon, Tenn.

Foltz has a position with the Lake Erie & Western Railroad.

Sturgis, Oldham, Marsh, Wieland and Riley have entered Bexley Hall.

Goldsborough has taken a position with a Pittsburg firm.

Foester, ’06, is in business in Middleton, Ohio.

Sapp is working in Columbus.

White is with the Pittsburg Plate Glass Co. in Central City, Neb.
COLLEGE NOTES.

Old Kenyon surprised everybody by being ready for use the first day of school. It was, however, just a short time before college opened that the last workman locked up his chest and went his way. Old Kenyon is now entirely satisfactory to all.

Ascension Hall, in her remodeled condition, appears to have the strength to withstand the buffets of time for many years to come. Eight huge stone buttresses support her on the lower side and two on the upper. The debris necessary for her remodeling has been cleared away. She presents altogether a different appearance from that of a year ago.

After high noon on Wednesday, Sept. 25th, the Freshmen all seemed to have suddenly contracted severe colds in their heads. Since that time not a single hatless void has been seen on the campus. It is indeed fitting that so much vacancy should be covered from sight.

F. H. Ball has accepted a position as lay reader at Hillsdale, Mich. He leaves during the first week of October. He will attend school at Hillsdale College.

Men entering college with advanced standing are W. H. Kite, '09, from the University of Cincinnati, K. V. Eiser, '09, from Wittenberg, and D. K. Martin, '10, from O. S. U.

Both Ralph Gordon, '08, and Bob Owen, '10, were married during the summer. Owen had the hardihood to remain in school after his union. Gordon quit.

Just about the average number of men dropped out of school during the summer. '08 lost but one man, the matrimonious Gordon; '09 suffered the most, while '10 got off fairly well.

On Tuesday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Smythe a faculty reception was held.

OLD AND NEW KENYON.

The mother may forget the child
That smiles so sweetly on her knee;
But I'll remember thee, Old Kenyon,
And all that thou hast done for me.

I venture to change these lines of dear old Burns in his lament for Glencairn, in order to express my feelings in poetic form for Alma Mater. She patiently nurtured me, bore with me, and sent me forth 40 years ago to dare and do in the great world. I could not forget what she has done for me, if I would; I would not if I could. Whatever I am, whatever I have done worth doing, she did it. All my teachers have gone to their rich rewards: Trimble and Lang and Smith and Wharton and Chapman and Short and my tutors. Only Stone, Father Fidelis now remains an active force in the world's work. If he is now dead to Kenyon, he still lives in the minds and hearts of the boys of his day. All my classmates but six have finished their earthly course, and the old world has not been revolutionized, but she has advanced, and perhaps we have done our little share. Much, too, of dear OLD Kenyon, so simple in her manners, so democratic, so unpretentious, some may say so crude and rustic, has passed, and yet, OLD Kenyon still lives. She is not dead, nor does her soul sleep.

After an absence of twenty years from her beautiful classic shades and forty from graduation, a visit to Commencement excited both tears and joys. Not all the tears were those of regret, not all the joys were associated with the past. To the young alumnus there is only one Commencement, but the old one sings,

"I cannot but remember that such things were,
That were most precious to me."

What did I see? What do I think? That is what the young man wants to know. I noted changes in form, in method, in discipline, in curriculum, in function, in plant, in ideals, in customs, and in ultimate results. The new college life is far more complex and more highly organized, and covers a wider area than the old. If the old Literary Societies have dropped out of the Institution's life, this is a very great price, in the eyes of every old alumnus, to have paid for ascendency of social eclecticism, athletics, dramatics, the Glee Club and the Orchestra. We do not regret the coming in of much that is new.
They are fraught with good to those who use them wisely. If the old alumnus mourns over the death of Philo and N. P. K. it is because they bulked so large in his education at Kenyon. As I have looked into your modern life with its demands under your more complex organization, I have seriously questioned whether it is possible in so small a College to maintain the strenuous and effective work and discipline of the old Literary Societies, as we knew them. Perhaps as a part of the curriculum they might be sustained, but not as voluntary institutions. There was an unwritten law in our day, that every man in college should belong to one of the societies, and the Faculty expected this. The life of the societies was most intimately associated with the life of the Institution. If it were possible to bring back the efficiency of the old societies and still retain all that is most excellent in the new regime we think the situation would be almost ideal. The fine physical form of the young men we met was most admirable and a great advance over the old day.

But when we faced the modern tendency to refrain from saying to the young formative character, Thou shalt do this, or Thou shalt not do that, we confess that we put in a question mark. Does anyone suppose that if West Point or Annapolis were to conform their discipline to this modern idea, they would produce as finely disciplined men as they are doing? We doubt it. It may be true that they govern best who attempt to govern least, but to have this result we must have a well formed character, and that is not what we have to start with in the American boy; he is in the process of being made and he cannot be made without discipline. And yet I was told that the moral tone of the institution was never better.

We were especially struck with the concrete evidence everywhere but one, within the campus, of the intelligent care and labour of the Administration. In a decade President Peirce has brought about great things, and I can imagine him saying, 'Aye, other men have laboured and I have entered into their labours.' Be it so, yet I insist, he has done a great and wise part. I know of no college campus as beautiful at that at Kenyon. God made it so, but his co-worker, man, has improved it. Where will you find such a walk with its umbrageous trees? In our day the Prof.'s cows took care of the lawn, but now a man with his horse and mower make it look like a carpet of velvet. Then the ugly fences on the interior have disappeared; the library buildings have arisen; the splendid dormitory, Hanna Hall, quite distinct in every form from the other structures, has come; Kenyon Hall, newly trimmed with Flemish oak and furnished with hardwood floors, steam heat, gas, and electricity if needs be, and a complete supply of artistic water on every floor, with the finest modern bath rooms for every one, and the forced improvements on Ascension Hall are the many outward signs of a strong inward grace and life. The fact that Mr. Stevens of Trenton, N. J., of the Class of '59, I think, was led to give of his wealth for a Study Room for the College Library is a significant and hopeful sign. This is a fine challenge or example to others of the Alumni who have prospered through the training given them by their Alma Mater. This, we note, is what prosperous alumni are doing for Harvard and Yale and Princeton, and we know of no better way in which Kenyon's sons can repay her for what she has done for them.

But as we noted with pride and gratification these material marks of advancement, our pleasure was impaired by the sight of the houses in which the Professors were living. When these frame structures were built, some sixty years or more ago, they doubtless compared well with the houses of the times, but today they are no longer fit domiciles for the refined and cultivated men and women, who, with a fine self-forgetfulness and uncomplaining spirit are using them for homes, with all their disadvantages and discomforts. They say they are happy in them, but no true and loyal son of Kenyon ought to be happy in seeing them dwelling in these crumbling and homely structures, while they are teaching our sons, housed in splendid dormitories, that they may go forth as kings in the world of endeavor. We are not trying to write strongly on this point, but are actually curbing our powers of speech. Kenyon has other needs, but none greater than this. We surmise that the reason it is not brought to the front and pressed by the President is to avoid the appearance of self-seeking on the part of the Faculty, who are thinking more of others than themselves, and are longing to see their teaching facilities made more complete. But this is a thing that the Alumni can well take up and forward.

But, Mr. Editors, if we were to write all that is in our mind and heart as the result of our late visit. The Collegian would not be able to contain it. At your request, and not on our own motion we have spoken, but with some deliberation. What we have said may seem the vaporings of "a back number." If so, they will neither entertain nor inspire. But we have written in the spirit of love for dear Old and New Kenyon.

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