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EDITORIAL.

By the very nature of things, social activities in Gambier are limited. But at two different times during the year, Kenyon enters unequivocally and successfully into "the moistureless froth of our social show!" during Prom Week and Senior Week.

Prom Week. Gambier goes into the social lists with an abandon so perfect and so refreshing that we doubt very much if the same thing is done on a similar scale by any other college community in the state. The Prom Week just closed was marked by perfect good fellowship and social smoothness; nothing was awry, all the details of the whole week were so carefully and pleasantly worked out that we feel that it is not too much to say that the season just closed was one of the most successful attempted in Gambier.

To give a Prom under the conditions that obtain in Gambier is a tremendous undertaking. The accommodations alone for visitors are decidedly circumscribed. To complete arrangements for housing and boarding the throng of guests that come to Gambier for this occasion is a task which puts to the test the ingenuity and resourcefulness of even the hospitable Gambierites. As for the Junior class, unbounded credit and thanks must be given them for the Prom and all that goes with the Prom, always it is a hopeless task and quite often a thankless one, to arrange for the decorating of the hall, music, programs, refreshments, etc. All this they did and did as perfectly as Gambier limitations make possible. The Prom was a distinct and unqualified success and in the name not only of the Senior Class, but of the entire College, the Collegian wishes to thank the Junior Class and especially its Prom Committee sincerely and cordially for its splendid entertainment during the week just closed.

HERETOFORE the Collegian has consciously and carefully avoided the discussion of any philosophical or abstract subject; we feel that such things are quite beyond our province, and we know that a successful presentation of anything other than that which appertains to our College life and its various interests is not only inexpedient but quite often fool-hardy. But we do believe that the closing of the first semester and the consequent opening of the second is a time when most of the fellows in College stop and reflect upon the past; those of us who have the slightest spark of thoughtfulness in our makeup will ponder over our errors of omission and commission and possibly resolve on different methods for the second semester. This standing still for a few moments and turning our faces towards the past, though it may seldom be of any real and lasting benefit to us, can rarely be provocative of the slightest harm. Freshmen especially who come into a world of such changed and exacting conditions do well to carefully run over the ground covered, trying to detect errors of judgment and resolving to make many changes for the better during the last half of the year.

A word to the Seniors who are on the home stretch. Let us all make the most of the short time that is yet allotted to us. Already our unwilling eyes can see that awful day in June when Kenyon will be but a memory to us, and though we may be fearful of what comes after that day, the wisest course for us to pursue now is to make our last months in Gambier the pleasantest, happiest and most telling of our years on the Hill. In its next issue, the Collegian hopes to say something positive and definite to the Senior Class; there is so much to be said and so many ways of saying it that we need two whole weeks' to "compose" and correct our manuscripts.
BASKETBALL.

O. W. U., 42.        Kenyon, 19.

The remnants of Kenyon's basketball team met a severe defeat at the hands of O. W. U., on the afternoon of January 25, 1908. There was an epidemic of grip on the Hill at this date, and Kenyon could barely scrape together five men to make the trip. As it was, Brigman played the entire game with a bad attack of the disease, and Wesleyan had but little difficulty in running up a total of 42 to our 19.

Cardillo played the best game for Kenyon. At the very start he threw three goals in rapid succession, and it looked for a while as though he were going to be able to keep pace himself with the scoring of Wesleyan. But the playing of the rest of the team was weak, due in large part to the illness of Brigman, and he was not sufficiently supported.

Cameron, of Wesleyan, was the star of the game, making 7 field goals, though playing a guard position. Line-up:

O. W. U.             Kenyon.

Charles..................L. F.. Cardillo
Daniel..................R. F.. Dun
Stauffer-Evans...........C. Lord
Cameron..................L. G.. Brigman

Field goals—Cameron 7, Charles 5, Daniels 2, Evans 2, Stauffer 1, Dun 4, Cardillo 3, Lord 1.
Foul goals—Horseman 5, Cameron 1, Stauffer 1, Dun 3.
Points scored—Wesleyan 1. Referee—Raymond. Length of halves—20 minutes.

Reserve, 38.        Kenyon, 27.

The Reserve basketball team struck a tar in Kenyon, but they were able to get away with the game after a contest that at times looked more like football than basketball. The final score was 38 to 27, but that does not give an idea of the fierce competition for victory. During the first period of play Reserve had all the best of the argument. In fact, it was almost a runaway, and ended with a score of 26 to 12.

However, Kenyon proved true to her reputation of coming back strong in the second half, and for a time it looked as though Reserve were going to be defeated. Kenyon scored 15 points in this half, while Reserve had plenty of trouble getting 12.

Kenyon's defeat was due to her slow start, for ten minutes had passed before we made a point. But from that time on the team showed its best form of the year, and scored 12 points in the last ten minutes of the first half, and won the second half by a fair margin.

Clarke, Cardillo and Dun made all but two of Kenyon's points, while Captain Oldenberg, of Reserve, was the star of the game, making 7 field goals. Line-up:

Reserve.        Kenyon.

Sanders..................L. F.. Cardillo
Oldenberg..............C. Dun
Branner.................R. G.. Brigman
Oldenberg..............L. G.. Clarke

Field goals—A. Oldenberg 7, Sanders 5, F. Oldenberg 4, Branner 1, Risser 1, Clarke 4, Dun 4, Cardillo 3, Lord 1.
Foul goals—Risser 2, Dun 1, Clarke 1.
Points scored—Kenyon 1. Referee—Peckinpugh.

Mt. Union, 42.       Kenyon, 25.

In the game with Mt. Union on February 1, 1908, Kenyon took a decided slump after her speedy game with Reserve of the night before. The game was listless and uninteresting, for neither team was in good form. The only redeeming feature of the game was the close score of the last half, Mt. Union scoring 25 to our 20. Copithorne, an ex-Canton High School star, played the best game for Mt. Union, while Clarke, Cardillo and Dun again did the scoring for Kenyon. Kenyon does not feel it a disgrace to have been beaten by this team that so easily defeated Buchtel, and Coach Stewart is to be praised for his achievements in athletics at Mt. Union.

INTERSCOLASTIC TRACK MEET.

The following extract from Leo W. Wertheimer's letter of June 24, 1907, to Dr. Pierce will best explain this heading and the advantages of such a meet.

"The idea is to have each year what might be called 'Prep-School Day,' probably during May or early June, to last two or three days, when every preparatory or high school shall be invited to send its track team, to compete in a general interscholastic field-day. The school whose track team is victorious to receive a cup, to be known as the 'Kenyon Inter-scholastic cup,' or any name that may be suitable. If any team should win the cup three years in succession, the school it represents should be allowed to retain the cup in perpetuity or until another team shall win three years in succession. The members of the competing teams can be honored and entertained by the Kenyon students and in this way will form friendships which will make them ardent Kenyon men even before
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they enter college and will make it difficult for any other college to successfully offer inducements to enter. Kenyon will also receive a line of athletes that will benefit her greatly in competition with other colleges in any branch of athletics."

At an Assembly meeting last month Messrs. Clarke and Coolidge were appointed as a committee to discuss with Dr. Pierce the possibilities of such a meet. Though nothing final resulted from this meeting, an outline of the plans to be pursued was decided upon. The first Saturday in June was deemed the most suitable time for the meet. President Pierce has undertaken to raise $75 for the procuring of gold, silver and bronze medals; while it was thought the gate receipts would defray the expenses of the invitations, advertisements and the care of the field and track. Leo Wertheimer, himself, has offered to present the cup, so, from all indications an event entirely new to Kenyon will be witnessed in Gambier in the Spring.

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CHESS.

The following challenge has been sent to Reserve:

The Kenyon College Chess Club is desirous of participating in a match with Western Reserve University under the following conditions:

1. Such a match to be between two representatives of Western Reserve University and two representatives of Kenyon College, and restricted to undergraduates of one year's standing.

2. The match to take place preferably February or March, the exact date and general conditions to be determined by mutual agreement.

3. The total number of games played to be eight, four by each representative.

4. The match to be subject in general to the rules and conditions governing inter-collegiate chess so far as applicable.

H. G. C. Martin,
Secretary of Kenyon College Chess Club.

Our present list of members is as follows: Mr. Bland, Mr. Breton, Mr. Coolidge, Dr. Hitchcock, Dr. Monroe, Mr. Martin, Mr. G. Southworth, Mr. J. Southworth, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Vogelsong, Dr. Walton, Dr. Weida, Mr. Welsh. President, Mr. G. S. Southworth; Secretary, Mr. H. G. C. Martin.

The Club is in a strong and healthy condition this year. Among our new members are three of the faculty: Messrs. Hitchcock, Monroe and Weida. Several of the Class of 1911 are also very promising men.

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JUNIOR WEEK.

The Junior Week from February 8th to 13th, was undoubtedly one of the most successful from seasons that has ever been given on the Hill. An unusually large number of visitors were in Gambier and the weather, although the ice had melted, still was sufficiently like both winter and spring to add to the comfort of a visit on the Hill.

A large majority of the visitors came in Saturday and the Path gave its annual imitation of a Christmas tree in full bloom, the gay colors of the girls’ dresses lending a decidedly agreeable contrast to the whiteness of the ground.

The Junior informal took place Saturday evening in Rosse Hall. The music, furnished by Jackson’s orchestra, of Columbus—the best informal music for many years—materially assisted in making the informal the pleasure and the success that it was.

The morning service Sunday was attended by the largest audience that has attended in a long while, and Sunday afternoon was delightfully spent in drives and walks. Monday evening was given the Junior Promenade. Rosse Hall was beautifully decorated in quite an original and attractive manner. In the center was suspended a huge dome, of red and white and from this a large number of long streamers of red and white were drawn to a line along the walls about twenty feet from the floor, from which point downwards the walls were solidly hung with bunting. Streamers ran to the top of the stage and to the ceilings of the cozy corners, on either side of the stage. The balcony end was solidly draped with bunting clear to the main floor, a novel and pleasing effect being gained by hanging the bunting solidly and forming solid archways leading to the three doors. The balcony floor, where supper was served, was also very prettily decorated.

The 1908 and 1909 cozy corners were comfortably fitted out with high window seats and, with a profusion of pillows and every trace of iron or wood hidden by bunting, were wonderfully inviting. Benches, draped with red and white and piled with pillows ran on both sides of the hall. The light came from a huge cluster and circle of lights up in the big dome.

Johnson’s orchestra never played more exquisitely and were unusually obliging in the matter of encores, the “Courthouse in the Sky” and the “Dream of Heaven” each getting ten or twelve encores.

An unusually large number of people stayed until the very end, about six o’clock, and the
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The unanimous declaration of all was that the end had come to one of the most thoroughly enjoyable Proms in many and many a year.

The patronesses were: Mesdames Peirce, Sterling, West, Davies, Newhall, Smythe, Walton, Devol, Nichols, Hall, Harrison, Weida, Hitchcock, Trimble, Southworth, Lee and Miss Harriette Merwin.

The Prom Committee, to which great credit is due, was composed of Messrs. Child, Coolidge, Jones, Kite, Lord, Barber and Metzger.

Tuesday evening the Prom Play, "The New Commandment," by Max. Long, Kenyon, '05, Bexley, '08, was given before a large audience of Prom guests.

The cast was an unusually strong one and the play was given with a smoothness and a finish that was remarkable in an amateur production. The original plot was deftly handled and the impersonations were carefully, yet strongly done.

Miss Wilcox, Miss Cochrane, Mr. Riley and Mr. Luthy did their parts exceptionally well and the entire cast showed a decided improvement on the work of the initial production, a few weeks ago.

Wednesday evening the closing one of the Prom festivities, the Glee and Mandolin Clubs' Concert was given. The Glee Club, under the leadership of Raymond Cahall, '08, was exceptionally thorough, clear, full and harmonious and noticeably strong in attack. Its rendition of "March of the Guard" and "Rockin' in de Win," was decidedly worthy of great praise.

The Mandolin Club, with Kenneth Luthy, '08, as leader was surprisingly smooth and modulated and in "Sweet and Low" and "Adios Amor" showed great control and expression.

Mr. Marsh and Mr. Vogelsong sang delightfully and materially strengthened the program, which was as follows:

1. Kenyon Songs .................. Glee Club
2. Whistler and His Dog .......... Pryor Mandolin Club.
3. (a) Mother o' Mine (Kipling) Tours (b) Were I a Star .......... Hawley Mr. Marsh.
5. Merry Widow .................. Lehar Mandolin Club.
7. Bass Solo .................. (Selected) Mr. Vogelsong.
10. Mollycoddle ........ Macey Mr. Cahall Mr. Childs, Mr. Cable Mr. Shaw.
11. Lobster's Promenade .......... Steele Mandolin Clubs
12. There is a Thrill, Glee and Mandolin Clubs

THE KENYON COLLEGE GLEE AND MANDOLIN CLUBS.

BUSINESS MANAGER—Clarence Chester Childs 1909.
ASSISTANT MANAGER—Dabney Garvey Gayle 1910.

GLEE CLUB.
LEADER—Raymond Du Bois Cahall, 1908.
ACCOMPANIST—Walter Fuller Tunks, 1910.

FIRST TENORS—Raymond Du Bois Cahall, '08; Walter Robson McCowatt, '09; Hadley King Rood, '10; John Hiatt Scott, '10; Walter Fuller Tunks, '10; James Hoag, Cable, '11.
SECOND TENORS—Lester Leake Riley, '07; William Woodrow Cott, '09; Charles Holman Dun, '09; Kari Valentine Eiser, '09; Frederick Austin Cartmell, '10; Walter Clark Darling, '11; Charles Barr Field, '11; George Esler Fullerton, '11.
FIRST BASSO—Lindus Cody Marsh, '07; Henry Kelley Davies, '08; Frederick Dye McGlashen, '08; Malcolm Cyrus Platt, '08; Mark Huntington Wiseman, '10; Randall Anderson, '11; Sidney Guthrie Brady, '11; Raymond Coles Gillette, '11.
SECOND BASSOS—William Eberley Shaw, '09; Clarence Chester Childs, '09; Frank Black, '10; Charles Dale Siegchrist, '10; Nathaniel John Belknap, '11; Edward Milton Peake, '11; Earl Clifton Vogelsong, '11.

MANDOLIN CLUB.
LEADER—Kenneth Frederic Luthy, 1908.
FIRST MANDOLINS—Samuel Cochran Finnell, '08; Kenneth Frederic Luthy, '08; Lawrence Edwin Colgrove, '10; Charles Barr Field, '11; George Esler Fullerton, '11.
SECOND MANDOLINS—Frederick Dye McGlashen, '08; Warren Allen Clements, '09; Mark Huntington Wiseman, '10.
MANDOLA—Clarence Chester Childs, '09.
GUITAR—Alfred Armstrong Murfey, '11.
CELLO—Edward Kenneth Gorsuch, '11.
BELLS—Hadley King Rood, '10.
WISDOM FROM EMBRYO EDITORS.

The following paragraphs were submitted in a Junior examination in English as fit editorials for the Collegian. Some will serve as examples of humor—others in a different capacity. All, we think, have the saving grace of interest. Whether they be good English or not is not our concern.

THE GOOD EFFECT OF THE HONOR SYSTEM AT KENYON.

As I was walking from the dormitory to the examination hall, the good effect of the honor system came to my mind. How proud we Kenyon men ought to be to say that there are no spies watching over us during our examination as there are in so many colleges and universities. To my mind, a man, wholly averse to dishonesty in examinations, might cry "just for meanness," when he is watched every minute by suspecting professors.

I was talking with a man from the University of Cincinnati and he commented highly upon the Kenyon honor system. He said, "The man who was very proficient in the art of 'cribbing' was rather looked up to by the rest of the student body. They thought nothing of ringing formulas and vocabularies into the examination, and using them, when the 'spies' back was turned. How would Kenyon men look at such procedure?" If a man intimidated at doing such a thing here he would be ostracised. And why? Merely because we are not on our individual honor and every Kenyon man has lots of that in his make up.

"Heads Out."

On a warm Sunday afternoon, it is a frequent occurrence to hear the cry of "Heads out," coming from the campus. Everybody rushes to the window and the whole college takes up the cry. Possibly some poor farmer is driving around, showing his sweetheart the beautiful grounds, and this is the reception he gets. In this particular case, the students are furnished amusement and no great harm is done. But take another example. Suppose your father and mother have come to visit you. As you take them across the campus on the way to your room, someone leans out of his window and cries, in a rough, hoarse voice, "Heads out." Some consider it a joke, but others do not. At any rate, it is not a respectful way to welcome strangers on the campus and does not add to the reputation of the student body. The other day, I heard this familiar cry, and went to the win-

dow. One of the professors who lives near the college dormitories, had been out playing with his little boy in the snow. The father and son were enjoying themselves to the utmost, but their pleasure did not last. Some one, who is no gentleman, called "Heads out." It was not as generally taken up as usual, but the father and his boy left the campus and went into their house. The man who cries, "Heads out," at such a time is a coward. There are not many that are guilty, but those few should be suppressed for the good of the College.

KENYON SPIRIT.

"Why they outrooted us; nine men outrooted seven hundred of us with a band and an organized crowd. You haven't got any spirit, that's what's the matter with you."

The above was spoken by Coach Rickey of Ohio Wesleyan on the night of Kenyon's defeat at Wesleyan's hands.

The fact that the arrival of nine men on the side lines, with but three minutes, to play, and the score twelve to nine in Wesleyan's favor, should cast a gloom over fifteen hundred people is not a matter of small consequence.

The minute they arrived, Kenyon men on the field took courage and there was no withstanding their attacks, five, ten and fifteen yards at a clip were torn off. The only sounds were signals snapped out by the quarterback, then cheer after cheer burst forth from the lips of the nine men—who represented all Kenyon—along the side lines. Their hats and canes were thrown high, what did they care? Kenyon still had a possible chance to win, and the whistle blew with but ten yards to go. Not even dismayed by that, these nine men rushed upon the field, and helped to carry off the players.

That is what we call Kenyon spirit, the thing for which Kenyon is known, not only in Ohio but in the East and the West as well. Where we get it, we don't know, but it is safe to say that "in union there is strength." Kenyon is small, she needs the support of every man, and this support given by each and every man eagerly and willingly is what we may call Kenyon spirit.

FAULTS OF KENYON MEN.

Often in our desire to praise the acts of Kenyon men we overestimate their ability and forget their faults. Words of praise are by no means useless but, oftentimes, if faults, instead of virtues were discussed the men would be more benefited.

Kenyon men, like other college men, have
their faults which may be classed under two heads, namely, four-flushing and selfishness.

By "four-flushing" we commonly mean the art of giving wrong impressions or in other words to act unnatural or different from what we really are. Some "fourflush" about money matters, knowledge or clothes. People who are acting in this capacity are on unsafe grounds for sooner or later their "bluff" will refuse to work and then they will realize to their sorrow how empty and hollow they really are.

Selfishness, in college men especially, is a mark of narrow-mindedness. We all realize that Kenyon, as a college, is in a class by itself but that is not sufficient reason for believing that all other colleges are in an inferior class. Kenyon has been strongly censured throughout the state for this selfishness as it is truly called.

The saying, then, "that the faults of our friends should be written on the sands but their virtues should be inscribed on the tablets of our memory." is no doubt true but in such cases the virtues should predominate.

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**Hazing.**

The beginning of each college year brings to the mind of the students and especially to the upper classmen the subject of hazing. It is difficult to give the origin of this practice but it came to the American colleges from England. This practice has taken on such objectionable forms that at present it is prohibited in many of our best colleges. But here at Kenyon no effort, so far as we know, has been made to stop it entirely but only to regulate and modify its severity. The original idea of hazing has many good points, but its abuses are to be condemned in the strongest terms. It is a sort of introduction or initiation of the entering class to the customs and traditions of the school. It is right and proper that Freshmen should be taught to show proper respect to Sophomores and upper classmen, but they need not necessarily be thought of and treated as serfs or attendants. No such distinguishing line should be drawn between Freshman and older students. I feel safe in saying that every Freshman rejoices when his first year of college is ended. Instances might be cited where bodily injuries have been inflicted from which the subject never recovers.

Another harm arises from the fact that many parents will not allow their sons to attend those colleges in which hazing is practiced with the silent consent of the faculty and trustees. This in many instances, keeps out many desirable young men and at the same time gives the college a bad name in the country.

We earnestly request every man to think of these evils and use his utmost efforts to restore the practice again to its original purpose and instill in each new student a proper regard for the college and rights of others without this resort to violent means. We do not ask for its total abolition, but only its proper regulation. Suitable rules for hazing could easily be drawn up and agreed to that would still preserve the custom and its attendant sport and at the same time do away with most if not all of its evils.

We appeal to the manhood and spirit of human sympathy of every student to better the conditions of hazing now existing here at Kenyon.

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**Class Numerals.**

It is a notable fact at Kenyon that a student can wear his "class numerals" without earning them in athletics. I do not believe that this custom is followed by any other school of Kenyon's standing in this country. Why should Kenyon tolerate it? Now is the opportunity for the Assembly to amend the constitution to that effect.

Class numerals should be awarded to Freshmen the same as "letters" to the men on the Varsity. This would do away with the promiscuous wearing of the class numerals and would designate the Freshman that has the "spirit" to get out and work on the second team for the College. It would also be an incentive to get out those men who are athletes, but too lazy to come out and work for nothing, as they say. This material, of which there is a great deal in college would be developed wonderfully and be in prime condition for the following year, but as it is now, it becomes stagnant and requires about two months of the eligible year to bring it up to the standard. Furthermore, when class numerals are given by the Assembly, competition on the Freshman teams will be great and this will develop material which otherwise would be dormant.

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**Track Athletics at Kenyon.**

While football, baseball and basketball have received much attention at Kenyon, track athletics have, to a great extent, been neglected. The very thing in which Kenyon has a good chance to excel, that very thing, in former years, has been sadly neglected. While the mauve waves on high in football, basketball and baseball, in track athletics, it cannot be seen above the motley throng of low rate colleges in Ohio.

Every man cannot be a star halfback, nor a famous pitcher, but he can go out and try his skill and endurance in some form of track ath-
Is Hazing, as Practised in Kenyon College, Right?

It is indeed with much temerity that I take upon myself the right to bring before the public this question. Hazing, in Kenyon College, seems to be the doing of anything that the doer can conceive of to humble, disgrace and torment Freshmen. The doer is usually a Sophomore, but an upper classman or an alumnus occasionally takes the opportunity to satisfy his desire to see some one in an uncomfortable state of mind and body.

The custom has originated away back in the history of the institution and it seems to be hopeless to think of its erasure. It started from the fraternity idea that a new man must be made acquainted to things in a receptive frame of mind. This idea gradually multiplied until we have to-day the questionable form of hazing; even if it were unquestionable in its early forms. Its present form is of the most strenuous nature and the atrocities practiced on Freshman in this college under the name of "Traditional Hazing" are many and disgraceful.

Boys who come here as Freshmen are made discontented with the college and indeed many Freshmen are hindered in the pursuit of their studies and as a result are poor in their classes. Freshmen have been physically injured. They have suffered injuries from which it took weeks to recover. And what do they get as a reward for being abused? Acquaintanceship! Oh! How well! I leave it to any fair minded readers: Could they not get acquainted in a more agreeable way than by hazing? Men get acquainted in other avocations without being paddled, thumped and bosomed around. Why can they not in college?

Kenyon Spirit.

Kenyon College is known everywhere as a college of spirit. We read, we hear, and we talk about Kenyon spirit. But what is this spirit? Why is it different from the spirit of so many other colleges that, to be frank, are differentiated from Kenyon only by a lack of this quality.

Kenyon spirit is not attending football games and cheering its team when it wins. It is not making large speeches full of high thoughts of sacrifice and broad-mindedness in assembly meetings, not of taking Glee Club trips, and having a good time. No, it is something far different from this. Other colleges can and do, do this much. Kenyon spirit is cheering the team when it loses, is keeping up courage to the last rush and even then fighting harder than ever. It is the strong, steady, under-surface work around college, of fusing discordant elements, of making all sorts of the hardest of personal sacrifices for the good of Kenyon College, of working night and day for its advancement; of working on every task assigned you, however small and unimportant, with all your strength, of laying aside all personal feelings and prejudices and electing the best man to office, of seeing the good that there is in every Kenyon man and trying to bring out that good for the best interest of the college.

Kenyon spirit, as to its keynote, is sacrifice for Kenyon, is doing the thousand and one little things in the best way possible, with the utmost advancement of Kenyon always at heart. This, the work not seen to the outside world, the work that counts only to those who recognize and appreciate it, the work that gets no praise, no advancement or gain to its doer,—this is the thing that makes Kenyon spirit.

Junior Class Meeting.

A meeting of the Class of 1909 was held in the Sterling Room at 7 p.m., Jan. 7. The Prom was discussed in general. The Chairman of the Prom Committee reported and reports were also heard from the Decorating Committee and the business manager of the Prom play. It was officially authorized to put on the "New Commandment" instead of a class play. An agreement was made with Maxwell Budd Long, by which a specified sum was guaranteed the Class.
RALPH KEELER.
(continued.)

Since writing distinctly of the College life of this talented student, I have received some data as to his subsequent career. Mr. Dempsey, '82, of Cleveland, and Mr. Weaver, '65, of Mansfield, have been interested in a book called, "Vagabond Adventures," written by Ralph. It was published by Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston, in 1870. This book combined with an article about his travels through Europe with only $181 in greenbacks, contain some exceedingly rich, rare and readable matter. I could not possibly condense in the Collegian all that they contain.

He was born in Ohio. He ran away from home at eleven years of age. His father and mother had both died in his infancy and it was not a very attractive hearth from which he had run away. No brothers and sisters were left, nor was there the least affection anywhere for him. He slept in a haymow. He was in Buffalo awhile and often sailed round the shores of Lake Erie. He was a cabin boy at $10 a month. He washed his "solitary piece of linen every week." He became a newsboy with books and papers.

He learned to dance, bought a banjo, had pennies screwed to the heels of his boots, practiced "Jordan" and the "Juba" till his boarding-huse keeper gave him warning. He had a Dulcinea, and a rival. The latter he completely ousted when in her father's woodshed he played Jordan for her on the banjo. He organized a troupe, styling them, "Young Metropolitans," appointing himself as musical director, though he knew no more of music than of Chemistry. The bones, the tambourine, triangle and accordion all came in.

(I have heard him rattle what he called the "break licks" on a tenor drum to perfection, and whistle sometime-notes from the "Beggars Opera" as poor old lame Joe Brown walked down the Path.)

He could play but one tune from beginning to end and that was the "Gum-Tree Canoe." He was small of stature, and kept peddling cheap literature and lemonade at 5 cents a glass, made out of a barrel of water, a painul of brown sugar and a well-known acid. A circus man taught him. While in Toledo, where he was a long time, he was introduced as a good boy-dancer to Johnny Booker. In a private room, Booker watched him dance and by means of his hands and one foot did what is technically called "patting."

(Many times I have done this for Ralph and played the banjo for him to dance the Juba on the front college steps.)

It was a go for $5 a week and expenses. After many ups and downs, trials and triumphs of the Booker troupe and others, Ralph finally landed on the Floating Palace of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, a steamboat fitted out as a theatre and stopping at various towns and cities on the banks, giving negro minstrel shows.

Just before this, while his land-troupe was in Southern Ohio, he says: "Going down to the depot with our big and little boxes, green-baize bags and fiddle-cases, we were startled with the announcement that there was no money in the treasury to pay our way out of Cincinnati. I remember that the veteran German violinist, scratching his wig—which, I need hardly say he lived to recover—and squeezing his violin under his arm, remarked, when he heard this piece of news, 'Well, den de gompany ish bust!'"

The Floating Palace, called the James Raymond, contained the usual concomitants of "Invisible Ladies," stuffed giraffes, puppet-dancing, dining hall, state rooms, and a concert saloon. People of Pittsburg, Wheeling, Portsmouth, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Cairo, and scores of other towns on both rivers from St. Paul to New Orleans, all had the chance of their lives to go down to the levee, pay their 25 cents and go into the show.

Ralph was a jig dancer and excelled as the negro wench of the whole outfit. Local jokes were always told, e.g., A man fell from a 4-story building in Cincinnati, down to the cellar. Fifteen minutes after he was up again uninjured and at work. But a week after in front of Ali Burnett's saloon he stepped on a water-melon rind, fell, broke his neck and died instantly.

In this wild life, Ralph went on the Palace whole lengths of the navigable Cumberland and Tennessee rivers, and saw a negro lynched, puglist's fight, for the great Heenan mill had been on, gamblers play and shakey scenes of all
understand it, Ralph embarked on a little Spanish steamer plying between small ports on the Southern coast of the island. When the steamer arrived at one of the ports the next morning, Ralph was missing. The Captain said he had walked off the deck of the steamer in the middle of the night in his sleep. His Cuban correspondence for the New York Tribune did not suit the Spanish element of the island. Ralph was possibly much tinged with an American's sympathy for the insurrectionists who were then waging dire war for what they esteemed as their liberty. My own opinion is, and it was acquiesced in by others, that Ralph Keeler never voluntarily walked off the deck of that steamer. His small stature and somewhat frail body swung that might deep down among the lower currents which had confused Columbus of old while sailing over the Carribean Sea. Ralph's effects were found in his state room the next morning when the steamer arrived in port. Before his death he commanded the opinions of the literati, W. D. Howells and T. B. Aldrich have both passed in their eulogies. The former says, "He was not a perfect character, but he had qualities that in better adjustment go to form the highest character as good will, kind heartedness, sensitiveness and an Oriental submission and American amiability under the strokes of fate. He had a gay philosophy, not new, but newly formulated. His life is full of patience, perseverance and honorable aspiration."

Aldrich, under date of Jan. 3, 1874, wrote to the N. Y. Tribune: "We honor the man, who, starting in life, a poor, friendless boy, becomes, through his own exertions, a millionaire—a millionaire and nothing more. What honor, then, should we pay to a man like Ralph Keeler, who, without aid or example, lifts himself from out the most demoralizing associations, works, starves, struggles for culture as a man struggles for gold, and wins at last a noble foothold, the master of five or six languages and the possessor of a store of general knowledge that would put to blush eight out of ten college-trained men."

The exception I would put to this last quotation is that Ralph Keeler was a college-trained man, and that Kenyon was the College that did it! There are only a few boys left of that old class of '62 who can fully recall the college life of Ralph Keeler. The years have flown like the thistle downs of an autumn day. Yet, even thistle downs have their seeds. By writing these words perhaps like seeds they have planted themselves in the minds and hearts of some of Kenyon's present boys and inspired them to greater courage, love and duty.

Geo. B. Pratt, '62.
THE PHILADELPHIA DINNER.*

Editor of the Collegian, Gambier, Ohio.

Dear Sir: Therewith beg to submit to you the following report of the Annual Dinner of the Kenyon Alumni Association of Philadelphia.

It was held at the University Club, 1510 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, at seven o'clock on the evening of February 6th, 1908. Among those present were: Walstine F. Douthirt, '88; James P. Doolittle, '94; Geo. F. Klock, '78; Rev. I. N. Stanger, '67; Rev. G. C. Hill, '64; Karl Williams, '03; Rev. W. F. Grier; M. P. Maury, '04.

The Association besides had the pleasure of entertaining our distinguished President, Dr. Wm. F. Pierce. We also had as guests of the Association, Dr. W. H. Clapp, Head Master of the Protestant Episcopal Academy of Philadelphia, an institution closely allied with the Episcopal Church; The Rev. N. S. Thomas and Talcott Williams, a graduate of Amherst, and a leader in large educational movements of this Country. Regret was expressed by those present at the sad death of our Ex-president, the Rev. W. B. Bodine, and also Cassius M. Roberts, who so ably delivered the Alumni Oration at the Commencement exercises last June. A committee was appointed by Mr. Maury to draft proper resolutions concerning Mr. Bodine's death and also Mr. Roberts, and to have the same forwarded to the Collegian for publication later on.

Among the speakers were: Dr. Pierce, Dr. Thomas, Mr. Williams, Dr. Clapp, Dr. Stanger. Their talks were all interesting, especially to the Alumni present. I wish to note however that Mr. Williams' speech, in behalf of the small colleges as a place where the true ideas of American Citizenship and Education flourish most worthily, was one of the best and most remarkable that I have ever heard. The meeting adjourned at nine o'clock after singing "Old Kenyon Mother Dear" and giving a few rousing cheers for the College. The President's remarks about the new cup for interscholastic competition given by Mr. Wethermier were especially well received and steps of the College accepting it were considered to be good ones.

While Dr. Peirce was here Mrs. Maury and myself had the pleasure of entertaining him. On the morning of February 7th, Dr. Peirce went to the Episcopal Academy where he addressed the student body and it would have been very pleasing to all Kenyon Alumni and very encouraging if they could have heard it. His speech was loudly applauded by the student body as well as by the faculty who personally congratulated Dr. Peirce for his excellent remarks. After it was over at half past ten Dr. Peirce left for Washington and the little Kenyon gathering which now takes place each year in Philadelphia was brought to a formal close. I wish, however, to say that we hope each year to have Dr. Peirce repeat his visit here, and that he gives us a very bright spot to look forward to each time, as the Alumni of the College feel an increased interest towards their Alma Mater each year rather than a decreasing one.

Rev. I. N. Stanger, has been elected President of the Alumni Association here in place of John D. Skillton, who has left the city. Mr. Geo. F. Klock was re-elected Vice-President and Mr. M. P. Maury, Secretary and Treasurer.

I trust that this will be what you want and will leave it to you, my dear Editor, to arrange for publication in whatever way you may see fit.

At the Dinner Dr. Thomas showed three very interesting documents to Kenyon men which he had found some few days before and had bought at considerable expense. They were:

First, the consecration of Bishop Chase, by Bishop White, of Pennsylvania, and others to the Bishopric of Ohio.

Second, his original B. A. Degree from Dartmouth College.

Third, his ordination to the Priesthood.

By the granting of these documents Kenyon College was made possible, so I think they should be of no little importance to Kenyon men and all of us who had a chance to see them felt as if we had looked at the very beginning of Kenyon in doing so, and considered ourselves very lucky.

I trust this is what you want and at any future time that I am able to give you any information do not hesitate to call on me. With kindest regards to yourself and associate editors, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Matthew F. Maury, '04.
HERE and THERE.

Senior Class.

Meeting called for Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. Ways and means of defraying the old Reveille debt were discussed. A committee of three were appointed to look after this business, Messrs. Morrow, Platt and Davies. Messrs. Sykes, Cahall and Nuebker were constituted a committee to raise money on the Reveille debt.

The matter of giving a play in June was discussed. A play was desired to be given, but it was moved and carried that it should not be a play of Shakespeare. Messrs. Luthy, Platt, Jefferson were appointed to confer with Dr. Reeves concerning the kind of play to be presented.

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Library Notes.

The Shakespeare texts which were presented to the Library by the Class of 1910 have been received. It is a very handsome edition, gotten out by one of the best publishing houses in London. The gift will be a valuable addition to the English department.

Dr. James Byrnie Shaw has presented the library with a copy of his new work, entitled, a "Synopsis of Linear Associative Algebra."

The library wishes to acknowledge the presentation of two fine books by Colonel John J. McCook: "Commemoration of John Paul Jones and "The Republican Party," written by Curtis.

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Bexley Notes.

L. Cody Marsh has returned after a southern trip to Florida. Mr. Marsh had been suffering from ill health for some time due to overwork. Now, after his rest, he is much better.

W. W. Smith has been lecturing at Bexley on Sunday School work, and how it ought to be conducted. His idea is to introduce systematic teaching in Sunday Schools, following the method of ordinary public schools.

There is talk of a concert for the benefit of C. S. M. A., to be given by the constituent of Kenyon at the north end of the Path, sometime after lent. There is a good deal of musical ability in Bexley and we wish them hearty success.

The Junior Class Song.

The following song has been just written for the Junior Class and was sung for the first time at the Prom. The music is the same as used in the new football song, "Stand Up and Cheer."

1.
Come brothers all,
Come 1909, in jovial measure
Let us raise a song
To celebrate our famous Class!
We've lived for fun and pleasure
And studied just enough to pass,
But all the same
We've made a name,
That we are not ashamed to own!
19!—9!—0!—9!

2.
Boisterous and rough
Our Freshman days, a poor start making;
Nor as Sophomores
Did we get far along our course;
Our Junior year shows us taking
A little wisdom, and perform
In Senior year
We shall appear
As wise as Seniors always do!
19!—9!—0!—9!

(Sing this softly.)
Heart-felt and true
The song that tells of our devotion!
Strong and vigorous
The words that speak our thoughts of love!
Yet soft and full of emotion,
And rising steadily above
The lower plane
Is the refrain
That sings of friendships made for ay!
19!—9!—0!—9!

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The Executive Committee.

December 11. The following K's were awarded on the recommendation of the Athletic Director, through Capt. Clarke, for the season of 1907: Brigman, Bland, Bentley, Childs, Clarke, Coolidge, Cunningham, Littleford, Siegchrist, E. Southworth and G. Southworth. A. W. Coldewey was elected football manager for 1908. M. C. Platt was elected manager of the 1908 track team. The following basketball contracts were authorized: With Mt. Union, Buchtel, Wooster and Denison.

Jan. 8: Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Reeves. Voted to accept the basketball contract with W. R. U. The resignation of H. W. Cole as business manager of the Collegian accepted.
THE WEEK INFORMAL.

Monday afternoon, February 10th, the Chi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta gave a tea in their parlor in old Kenyon. The room was very prettily arranged and becomingly decorated. Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Southworth were in the receiving line. Quite a large number of people were present and the tea was greatly enjoyed.

Tuesday afternoon the Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon entertained for Prom Week guests with a delightful musical given in the West Wing Bull's Eye, which was charmingly decorated for the afternoon. Mrs. Williams played several perfectly wonderful selections on the violin and showed herself to be a marvellous performer. Her tone and expression were very good and her playing of Dvorak's "Humoresken" was really superb. Mrs. Peirce and Mrs. Goddard received the visitors.

Tuesday evening, after the Play, the Kenyon Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi entertained a few friends informally in the East Wing Bull's Eye and the affair with music and singing was very enjoyable.

Wednesday afternoon the Kenyon Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi gave a tea in the East Wing Bull's Eye which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Light refreshments were served. Miss Goodyear and Mr. Cartmell sang several songs. The afternoon proved to be a very delightful one. Mr. Buttles, Mrs. Newberry, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Smythe were in the receiving line.

The Senior Class of Harcourt gave a tea in the Senior room Monday afternoon to the Prom visitors.

THE COLLEGE WORLD.

The Syracuse stadium, now almost finished, gives Syracuse University the largest playhouse in America. Athletes will pass through a tunnel in going from the gymnasium to the field. Seating capacity of at least 40,000 will take care of the spectators. A swimming tank, 32 by 90 feet, is to be used for inter-collegiate meets. The rowing tank is 32 by 80 feet.

Amherst College is to receive $106,000 by the will of D. Willis James, the philanthropist, who has left $1,000,000 to be divided among churches and charitable organizations.

Hereafter any man elected football captain at Chicago will be compelled to sign an agreement that he will graduate from the university before being given his captain's "C." Captain Steffen was the first to sign.

President Tucker, of Dartmouth College, has issued a manifesto against baseball, declaring that it has proved harmful on account of the commercial element that accompanies it; and unless some very radical reform can be effected, must be forbidden. This manifesto was followed by the debaring from participation in the future college athletics of nine members of last year's baseball team.

It has been announced at Cornell that in the future, all students wishing to enter the course leading to a degree in medicine must present a degree as an entrance requirement.

Of the members of Congress of 1903 receiving a college education, who were prominent enough to be mentioned in "Who's Who," two thirds are graduates of denominational colleges.

It has been recently announced that the University of Washington is to have a full four-years' course in journalism. Washington is the only college in the United States which has a chair of journalism. Wisconsin University has two lecture courses in journalism, each 2-year courses. Nebraska has a single elementary course in the subject.

Brown university has set aside $1,000 for prizes to students who excel in mathematics.

There is a rumor abroad that the University of Chicago may abolish co-education.
Union College has the distinction of being the mother of the first Greek letter fraternity.

An effort is being made to form Hughes Clubs in all the prominent colleges of the country. At Colgate one was organized, with so much enthusiasm that the Hughes alumni went further and tried to secure a Hughes endorsement at their annual New Year dinner. The effort precipitated a storm and after a great to-do, had to be abandoned.

The annual Yale-Harvard debate will be held this year on May 1.

The election of a woman to the Cornell debating team which is to compete with Columbia has caused a preliminary row between the two teams. The Columbia men claim that every judge must be a little biased in a debate in which a woman takes part and furthermore that no man can answer a woman's argument without either wounding his own sense of chivalry or else weakening his case by apologizing for his answer. The question is still unsettled.

On the night of March 6, there will be no less than six debates among Ohio colleges on the proposition, "Resolved, that tariff for revenue only is preferable to the present protective system." Oberlin has two teams in the field, Wooster one, Wesleyan three, Western Reserve one and Kenyon one. Our own team upholds the negative of the proposition against Ohio Wesleyan.

1908 Football Captains.
Brown—John W. Mayhew, 1909, left halfback; All-American 1906 team.
Amherst—William W. Kilbourn 1909, left tackle.
Dartmouth—George F. Kennedy 1909, left end.
Harvard—Francis H. Burr, 1909, left tackle.
Syracuse—M. F. Horr, 1909, right tackle.
Union—Cedric Potter, quarterback.
Wesleyan—Maudie A. Hammond, tackle and guard. Played in Williams game.
Army—Wallace Philoon, center.

Colgate—Robert J. Whelan, quarterback.
Carlisle—Wanseka, tackle.
Chicago—Walter Steffen, quarterback.
Dickinson—Charles Henry, left tackle.
Cornell—Henry Walker 1909, fullback for two years. Acted as sub-captain a part of last season.
Fordham—Fitzpatrick, tackle.
Illinois—Van Hook, guard.
Lehigh—G. Spier, right halfback.
Maine—Harrison P. Huggins, halfback.
Massachusetts—A. C. Turner, end.
Michigan—Schultz, center.
Navy—Norcroft, tackle.
Oberlin—R. H. Houser, full back.
Pennsylvania—William Hollenbeck, fullback.
Princeton—Edward A. Dillon, quarterback for three years.
Susquehanna—Myers, right halfback.
Swarthmore—Harry J. O'Brien, quarter-back excellent at dropkicking.
Trinity—Arthur B. Henshaw, halfback.
Western Reserve—Portmann, guard.

College Cynicisms.
He who cuts and runs away will live to meet the Profs. some day.
Fools are fools although you clothe them with an education.
The saying that, "the best students do not make the biggest successes in life," leads many a student astray.
Knocking comes as natural to some as kicking to a young ass.
A man who goes to college will gain something if he only breathes the college atmosphere.
If your talk has hurt my feelings a great wrong has been done; if, however, my talk has hurt your feelings, it is a totally different thing.
Experience and wisdom are the best fortune tellers.
Vanity of woman looks like a plugged nickel when compared with the conceit of man.
It is a great art to keep yourself contented and happy, and it requires a great heart to make others so.
Society is composed of two great classes—those who have more dinners than appetite, and those who have more appetite than dinners.
THE CINCINNATI LAW SCHOOL offers an eight weeks' course, beginning June third. The work will be under the same professors as during the regular school year.

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