LEcTURc
Course Committee Offers
Splendid Speaker, Hon.
John Kirby, Jr.

The Students' Lecture Course Committee has announced the
second number of the series of lectures
to be given by the Committee
during the winter months.

On Friday evening, February 6,
John Kirby, Jr., of Dayton, Ohio, will speak to the
Students and Faculty, in Philo Hall.
Mr. Kirby is President of the
National Employers Association,
and has been very active in that
organization for a number of years.

He played a very conspicuous
part in the Dayton Association
when that body was having trouble with the laborers
one year ago.

Mr. Kirby has an entertaining
personality and is a pleasing
guest, and the Committee has
terminated in securing him.

"Play for "Prom."

Debaters of "The King of the
Philippines" which is to be given
on Prom week by the Junior
class, with the assistance of the
Puff and Powder club, are being
held every day and from the press
outlook it will be one of the
best and finest dramatic produc-
tions ever put on here in Gam-
hall, with the exception of "The
Mighty" given last June by the
other club.

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An uneventful to the state
condition providing for the trans-
port of the last two years of the
students of the University of
Colorado from Boulder to Den-
ver, Colorado, is now pending be-
cause of the people of that state.

BASKETBALL
Season Starts at Old Kenyon — Coaching Situation
About the Same—Dr. Walton Has Arranged a
Football and Tennis Schedule for 1911.

Thus far the Kenyon Basket-
ball team has successfully met
the restrictions which the assembly
imposed upon it last fall. Players
and students alike realize that
basketball has been far from a
success in the past at Kenyon and
they are pressing every point to
revive the spirit in the game. For
the first time in many years the
members of the team are conscienti-
ously training and practicing.

Although the season at Kenyon
has not advanced sufficiently to
make an accurate prediction of its
outcome, it is certain that Kenyon
in this year represented by a team
which outclasses its predecessors.
Too much credit cannot be ex-
tended the players in their efforts
to round up a successful team this
year.

In the three games preceding
the formal opening of the season,
the team has surprised the college
with its commendable perfor-
mance. The High School and Y. M.
C. A. teams of Mt. Vernon have
gone down to easy defeat through the
superior training and team-
work of our players. When in both
games there was a snap game
can only bespeak the ability of the
team — although scheduled as
practice games, both contests were
attended by enthusiastic audi-
cences, which left entirely satisfied
with the performance of our men.

The new system of elective light-
ning assists materially in making
the game easy to observe.

On Saturday afternoon, January
28th, we met defeat by a close
margin at the hands of the
strong Otterbein team. The score
was 31 to 27, in this instance, is the
best evidence of the relative
strength of the teams. It may be
said that Otterbein has profited
by an early season, but it cannot
be denied that the team from
Westerville presents championship
material. Every instant of the
game was marked by hard,
consistent playing and all baskets
were the reward of bitter strug-
gles. The game started with a
surprising rush and it soon be-
game evident that the teams were
ed in easing the ball for the
ed in following up the ball for the
two first baskets and the remain-
der of the half saw Kenyon but
four points in advance of Otter-
bein. The general playing of all
the men cannot be criticized, but
minor faults were obvious to the
close observer. Gaines worked
very second, and guarded his
men in superior fashion, but he
was deficient in following the ball
after he had attempted baskets,
and he carried the ball too far on
the dribble so that he often had
difficulty in recovering it. This
criticism may be correctly applied
to the playing of the whole Ken-
yon team and in many instances
accounted for our failure to make
baskets. The guarding of both
men was very severe in the first
team and it is remarkable that no
foul was called during the whole
interval earning the ball for the

What the Otterbein team lacked
in the first half in team work and
judgment of baskets was re-
duced in the last half for its
speed and team work netted it a
victory in face of imminent de-
feat. Left guard Cook was easily
the star performer of the day. No
closely did he guard Beatty that
man unamenable forward was not per-
mitted to show his ability as a
player. Although Marty played
a pretty game at guard his op-
ponent was too big for him to

The loss of the game by such a
margin is a bitter disappointment
but it is gratifying to see that our
team is improving every effort to
the winning of the game and it
is the opinion of the students that
the men on the team deserve much
credit for team work in view of
the lack of a coach.

LINE UP:
Kenyon—27
Otterbein—31
John Beatty
R. E. Young
Weaver (C)
L. S. Evans
Gaines
C. Crosby

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STANTON

Some of the College Ex-
periences of Edwin
M. Stanton.

There was another occasion
where Stanton figured in a
strangely ludicrous performance.
One of the tutors had rendered
himself very unpopular among
the students. He had been guilty,
as they thought, of some very dis-
honourable conduct. In some way
he had acted a double part, and
they were determined to be re-
venged upon him, and this is what
they did. At that time, the stu-
dents and tutors boarded to-
gether at the college common.

To preserve order at the meals,
the members of the faculty took
turns in sitting on a small elevated
platform about the center of the
hall. No other duty evoked up-
on this person than to sit there
during the meal and see that ev-
erything was conducted in a
proper manner. The students
had fixed on the evening meal,
which occurred about six o'clock,
as the time when they would
give expression to their senti-
ments. It happened to be my
turn to preside at the table.
At that time it was dark before
light. On reaching the hall, I found
everything in usual order. I
was in ignorance of what was
coming. Soon after I took my
seat Stanton came to me and
said in a low voice, "Mr. Dyer,
there will be some disturbance
here tonight. I have no time to
explain, but it will have no refer-
ce to you, and I hope you will
sit still." With this warning I
did sit still and watch events.

Every student was in my seat
and I noticed that the serv-
ents were unusually busy in
bringing in articles of food,
particularly bread, and also that
the supplies disappeared with
some wonderful rapidity, but
there was nothing to indicate what
the fellows intended to do. Now,
it so happened that this particular
tutor sat at the extreme end of
the hall, and that the only exit was
At present the most prominent candidates for the position are Mr. Glen Grey of Oberlin, Mr. Waters of Williams and Mr. Watson of Williams, and it is probable that one of these three will be notified of his appointment in the near future. Mr. Grey's reputation as a player is well known to those who have followed athletics in Ohio. As Quarter-back and Captain of the Oberlin team in 1901, he distinguished himself in every contest and was the unanimous choice for all-state quarterback. Through his individual efforts, he succeeded in scoring against Cornell in 1908 and 1909. In Baseball and Track he attained equal success. Mr. Grey acted as assistant coach of the champion Oberlin team last year and his work in that capacity was highly satisfactory. Although a young man, he seems to possess those qualities which make for discipline and obedience. Mr. Water's credentials come from good authority. He captained the successful football team of Williams college eight years ago and his ability as player and coach is unquestioned. Since Mr. Waters has not participated in athletics for some time, the writer is not familiar with his athletic record. At present he resides in Oberlin, Ohio, where he is recognized as an authority on athletics. Mr. Watson is also a Williams man and at present he is athletic director of an academy in Massachusetts. As player and coach of all branches of athletics, he is held in high esteem by those who are acquainted with his work and are interested in Kenyon's success on the athletic field.

The coach committee is confident that the selection of any one of these men will be attended by the support of undergraduates and alumni. A final choice will undoubtedly be made before the next Collegian is published.

After quite a little work Dr. Walton has been able to offer the following schedule for the Football season of 1911.

Sept. 23—Practice Game

Gambier

Sept. 30—Ohio Wesleyan.

Gambier

Oct. 7—Reserve .... Cleveland

Gambier

Oct. 14—Allegheny .... Meadville

Gambier

Oct. 21—Case .... Cleveland

Gambier

Oct. 28—Oberlin .... Gambier

Nov. 4—Open

Nov. 11—Ohio State University .... Columbus

Nov. 18—Denison .... Granville

Nov. 25—Wooster .... Gambier

This gives us four games at home and six abroad. November 4th is still open albeit several

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There is a Philippine Club at Michigan called the Amencan-galan Club.

Dr. Walton has arranged a strong tennis schedule for the coming season.
May 16, Michigan will probably play here.
May 19-20, Wooster will send representatives for tennis, baseball and track to Gambier.
May 25, 6,7, Kenyon is to play at Delaware at the Ohio Conference Track Meet is to be May 30. The afternoon of the twenty-sixth no track events have been scheduled, so the tennis players may take part in the Delaware tournament.

Denison and Wesleyan wish to play here and undoubtedly dates for these teams will be agreed upon. Correspondence is also being carried on with some of the universities, both east and west for the purpose of arranging tournaments. Marty, the holder of six state championship titles, has been elected captain. Freshmen are eligible in the Michigan match and in any other tournament not in the Ohio Conference.

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The following firms have taken ads with this year's Reveille and it would be no more than right for us to show our appreciation by patronizing them:

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DR. DOWNEY SPEAKS

On Sunday evening January 22, the college men listened to a very interesting address by Dr. Downey, of the economic department, in the Sterling room. The talk was given under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews and was upon the subject, "The Benevolent Order of Nature," in which he pointed out the part that religion has always played in the economic life of history.

During the Convention of the National Association of Mine-Workers which was held at Columbus the past month, Dr. Downey spent two days among the delegates and officers discussing economic questions of the day. Dr. Downey never misses an opportunity to get the real practical side of economics as he has attended during the past years similar conventions of many of the most important labor organizations of the country.

BEHAVIOR IN CHURCH

On Sunday morning, January 22, President Pierce delivered a sermon in the college chapel that struck a vital chord in the make-up of Kenyon men. One would hardly believe that the time would ever come when a minister—not to say the President of the college—should be forced to preach a sermon to college men as to the proper conduct of themselves in a house of worship. Yet each and every one of us know that the attitude taken by some men toward the religious exercises held on this hill has been one which an ordinary child would not dare to assume.

It is quite true that some men, and perhaps a large number of the men in college, are not Episcopalian and hence it would hardly be fitting for "The Collegian" to speak to men for any lack of interest in a service to which they are not accustomed or in a church which they are not members. Still it is within the purview of any publication like this one to endeavor to point out what is expected of the ordinary college man, especially in regard to behavior and conduct.

President Pierce in his sermon divided his material into three divisions: one, the duty of reverence, or our duty toward God; two, the duty of worship, or our duty toward ourselves; and three, the duty of good manners, or our duty toward our neighbor. It is in regard to the last named subject that we print part of the President's address.

"Thirdly, I would speak of de- meanor in church from the point of view of good manners. On this point at least we are all agreed. To one the duty of reverence may not be clear, for he may not recognize the indwelling presence of God in this house; to another the duty of worship may not appeal for he has not yet passed through those experiences of life which show an individual man upon his dependence upon a higher Power; but the duty of courtesy will touch each one of us.

"It is a part of our college loyalty to believe and to prove that Kenyon men are gentlemen—gentlemen on the football field and gentlemen in the drawing room. But do not some of you, now and then, forget to carry your standards of good breeding to church? Take the matter, for instance, of singing during the Creed. The Creed is as it were the national hymn of all Christendom. To one nation "The Star Spangled Banner," to another the "Marzelline," to another, "God Save the King," to another "The Watch on the Rhine," is the musical sym bol of his native land, which brings him to his feet in honor and pride. But it is the Creed which unites us all—Americans, French, English, Germans—in the brotherhood of Christian nations. We rise at the Creed because we are Christians and not Mohawkians or Confessans, just as we rise when a national air is sung because we are Americans.

"If you will devote some thought to this matter, you will, I am sure, agree with me, that there is a manner which is suitable to the church, just as there is a manner which is suitable to the hall or a manner which is suitable to an afternoon reception. Looking at the matter from this purely external conventional point of view, let any loyal Kenyon man who is proud of the way his college mates look and set on one occasion or another, recall what he has seen and heard in the nave of this chapel on a good many Sunday mornings—the noisy entrance, the loud talking, the failure to participate in the service, the listless hanging attitudes, and I have no fear that he will not agree with me that such a form of manner is desirable. I appeal to you out of consideration for others to give some attention to this question, and to decide if it be not your duty as gentlemen, in a matter which is of vital concern to so many with so much at stake, to give some consideration to this issue of manners, and to regard your citizenship in the great commonwealth of Christian men of this and all other generations. Viewing it in this light few men will refuse you the courtesy of a deferential attitude toward it.

"Or, take another matter, that of reading and doing in church. This means of course that you are bored. Whether you have occasion to be bored, is not to the point just now. You are bored, and so you read or doze. If you will give the matter a moment's consideration you will find that this is not good manners. You would not read in somebody's parlor when calling, no matter how bored you might be. You will say that you call of your own free will while you are here un free will, while you are here under compulsion. Well, I should not say that the average college man always called voluntarily; it is not infrequently some compelling force outside of his own will and pleasure that takes him out to make visits. Now, if you would hear a duty call as I would, like a man and a gentleman, without recourse either to literature or to sleep, can you not once a week in this church adopt a decorous and respectful manner? I am not speaking to you on behalf of the clegyman who has the discouragement of talking to an uninterested, insatiable, lounging group of men, but on behalf of that great majority of the congregation who are here for the reasons that I set forth in the other two parts of this address. It is part of the duty that you owe your neighbor.

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These remarks, we feel, speak for themselves and we can but add, appeal to you to give some attention to this matter, whether you preach or address be needed for the men of Kenyon.

E. H. Jessen.

On Wednesday evening, January 11th, Mr. E. H. Jessen, Secretary of the Mt. Vernon branch of the Y. M. C. A., addressed the Kenyon chapter of the Brotherhood of Christian Workers on the Responsibility They Place on the Shoulders of the College Man." Mr. Jessen, in his wide going about among boys, has been given some attention to this matter, whether you preach or address be needed for the men of Kenyon.

Glee Club

The glee club trip, which was postponed at Christmas time is being planned for early spring, although no definite dates have been settled as yet, the manager is corresponding with several places.

The new Carnegie swimming pool at Yale will be used this winter for a series of aquatic con tests.
STUFF

Worth While—Let us Have Discussion on These Points.

Editor's Note. These editorials were handed in to Dr. Horatio's Eng. 5 Course and show some idea on our college life. If anyone disagrees with points in these articles, the Collegian offers an excellent place for an answer.

POLITICS IN COLLEGE.

A college such as Kenyon has no place for politics in the management of student activities. The college is small and every man's ability is known by his fellow students within whose power it is to bestow college honors. College offices are indeed college honors and no man should seek any position of honor and trust other than through the most upright manner of doing his best for his college, and then if his fellow students do decide of their own free will, the candidate to be rewarded for his faithful service and ability. Politics necessitate underhand methods; they force scheming, promote secret canvassing, and make bargaining in votes and trading of offices a common thing. Politics are only used when a poor man is put up by his scheming friends, and it follows necessarily that the candidate is not evidently the popular choice. A good man who will not depend on an underhand method to elect him to places of honor, unless he is opposed by a faction that is seeking to advance its own interests by securing a monopoly on college offices. There is no reward for honest endeavor and faithful trying for positions either on teams or on student publications, for the use man knows a "deal" will increase his efforts to do his best. The standard of excellence, both on a football team and on a weekly newspaper is noticeably lowered if the control of affairs is in the hands of a few men trying to run things. Morals as well are low, for a scheming man in college is likely to reform in college, and often find himself in the political field where he can perhaps serve his state. Politics are at the same time undemocratic and harmful.

Hard feelings are created among the students, and mutual divisional jealousies are bound to spring up, because that person becomes known, not as a member of the whole implied student body, but as a member of or that college division. The great universities run their elections in the open and unhesitatingly solicit votes, for there, ability is not known and no candidate must be brought before the crowd to secure his election, but in the small college, politics are indeed a most harmful institution.

A few remedies that can be suggested are: if the college has not the necessary means to make it very easy each方法 of doing, will effectually check politics, where the men themselves have not the will to continue the so-called "deals." They are the systems in use at Williams College and the system in general throughout the greater universities, as Illinois or Minnesota or Michigan. In the first case the Board of Electors, representing every element in the college, records every vote taken on any student activity, and where cases of bargaining are found, they can have an examination of the signed ballots, this or that element is barred from holding any office whatsoever for a period of two years. In this way the University can see the candidates themselves actually seek supporters by exposing their own records and by ascertaining the people they will follow if elected. Of the two, the former seems the better fitted for Kenyon, for we, as a college resembles Williams.

The absolute disinherited vote for the election of athletic managers, editors and even players and reporters themselves will make for better teams and literary publications, and as the same blame falls upon no one element in case of things long enough, it is bound to happen in off years.

B. M. WATSON

BORROWING

Everyone who is at college acquires certain habits which are good and bad, and the sort of habits acquired depending almost entirely upon the character of the person. One of the worst of these habits is that of borrowing, not the occasional borrowing in case of necessity, but the continual indiscriminate borrowing of anything and everything that is possible to borrow.

This habit does not always originate at college, but has often been acquired before the person starts on the character of the person. However, this is one of the places where it flourishes best and grows the quickest. It is so easy to borrow here. One is thrown among so many people that someone is almost always able to supply his wants and when he has offended one person by borrowing from him there are always others to fall back upon.

One of the greatest faults of this so-called borrowing habit is that it is really not borrowing but might be termed asking ams. The borrower sometimes says, "Lend me such and such a thing," but more often if the thing is easily replaceable and one of the daily necessities he says, "Give me such and such a thing." This is the most common way of borrowing tobacco matches, stationery, pencils and such small articles. Of course even here there must be a line drawn, for almost everyone finds it necessary at times to borrow such articles and the most careful person is liable to forget at times to pay back. Again, the borrower often reasons in this way. He says, "I am borrowing from others and do not pay back the borrowed articles directly, but the person from whom I borrowed is welcome to what I have." Three times out of four the continual borrower does not have what a person wants for he knows where he can get it without buying it.

The care and return of borrowed things of greater value than those mentioned above is another matter to consider. The person who borrows regularly is almost always a careless person and sets little value upon his own possessions, using them accordingly. Naturally this person does not know how a careful person values his possessions and therefore uses or rather misuses them in the same way that he does his own. The results are torn and disfigured books and ruined articles of clothing. It is very provoking to see how the bookshelves for a certain book or to the hook for a cap and find that it is not there, yet this often will happen unless one keeps everything under lock and key. It is not at all uncommon to hear the expression, "I never saw such a place as this. You can never get back anything you lend around here without asking for it two or three times and finally going after it." and there is a great deal of truth in it, for most men put off indefinitely the return of a borrowed article.

But aside from all of the harm that is done to the lender there is another and a worse side to the matter, the harm to the borrower. At first he borrows nickels and dimes and either forgets to pay them back or thinks that it is not necessary because it is such a small matter. Soon he is borrowing dollars with the same result. He borrows other clothes and damages them, returning them without any compensation or ever an explanation.

This may pass very well at college. His friends will overlook it and his mother will not care what they think when he gets out into the world it will be different. He will be regarded as a dead-beat and a crook. Perhaps this is not true, but this is doubtful. Habits are more easily acquired than given up.

R. E. COPELAND.

ABUSE OF THE DORMITORIES

It seems like an absurd thing to speak of abusing the dormitories here at Kenyon. One would think that men, such as Kenyon puts forth and that have the good home-training that the most of them have had, could not be as guilty of such a crime and yet it is only too true. And in fact it is not the minority that abuse the "dorms" but instead it is the large majority. We do not mean to say that every man meditated and merely has come about through carelessness on the part of some until it has become, as it were, contagious and spread like an epidemic among the students. This is especially noticeable the first part of the year, when the new men arrive. They are not accustomed to such habits of carelessness and are rather shocked and amazed to see them practiced. And at first they try not to let these habits influence them and are for a time success. But by the latter part of the years the majority have become as careless as their companions.

It is amusing to see how thoughtless so many students are regarding the woodwork and other parts of the buildings. Few men think very much about driving nails and tacks into the woodwork and painting them in places where ever they wish to hang up some pennant, picture or drapery. Bottles are thrown around the halls and down the stairs, trunks and laundry-baskets are dragged up and down stairs and bumped into the walls often cutting deep dents and making innumerable marks and scratch marks. Water is thrown on the walls and ceilings of the halls marring the finish. Another practice which should be stopped is, the habit of throwing stones or other things through the windows thereby willfully destroying property and putting persons in danger of being hit and injured. In the county hard substances are thrown in the wash basins and bowls which may cause a stoppage in the sewer pipes, thus causing much trouble to the janitors and inconvenience to the students.

These and many other things are
done thoughtlessly and if stopped, would add much to the character of the student body in general.

Then there is no reason why the rooms and halls should not be kept as clean and sanitary as our own homes. A few students chew tobacco and if they have a cuspidor, they frequently miss it in expectorating and make the floor foul; if they haven’t a cuspidor, then they expectorate often on the steam radiator or in some corner of the room. This makes that room very unsanitary for the saliva evaporates and circulates through the air, making the air dangerous to breathe and leaving a filthy floor. Also students are very careless about throwing cigar and cigarette butts over the floor, making the floor dirty. If these same men who do this in the dormitory, do not do it at home or at the houses of their friends, why should they do it here?

Therefore it is our purpose in setting these facts before the students of Kenyon, to see if we can not arouse the home-training which seems nearly to have died out, and to get the men to think over these things and try and raise the character of our dormitory life.

PHILIP W. HULL

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES

As time goes on, the interest in the Literary Societies at Kenyon is gradually waning. A tone of levity is noticeable among the members of the three upper classes in speaking of the societies, and the contempt for them is thus handed down to one freshman class after another.

This tone should be suppressed. The literary societies are among the oldest institutions in Kenyon College, and their traditions are inseparably connected with those of our Alma Mater. There is not student at Kenyon who would not strongly oppose the abolish-ment of the societies, were he to examine facts and circumstances. Such an action would arouse the unanimous condemnation of the alumni, who still are loyal to their societies and perhaps these alumni would no longer be so anxious to contribute to the numerous other activities they are also called upon to support. The student body also must recognize that the literary societies are among the traditions which positively must be upheld. It is age and the traditions connected with it, that give Kenyon the prominent position she holds in this country, and it would be a great mistake to put an end to these traditions.

If the societies must be upheld, and the student body seems to agree that they must, in some way or other, why should they not be supported and made worthy of the name they have created for themselves in the years gone by? It is true that part of their old field of activity has passed away, and has been taken up by other forms of student activity, but they still are, or ought to be, paramount in literary affairs of the college. In the old days of Kenyon it was an honor to belong to Phi or Nu Pi Kappa, now it seems to be more of a joke. If the members of the societies would attend the meetings every week, get out the work assigned to them faithfully, and show a little of the famous Kenyon spirit in working hard in this direction, the Literary Societies would again be put on a plane of usefulness at Kenyon. If they must be kept up, and every one seems to concede that they must, let us, the men of the present generation of Kenyon, make them worth while.

ALAN G. GOLDSMITH.

A MENCHE TO KENYON’S GLOWY.

A member of the faculty, whose name is withheld only because it is quite unnecessary to mention it.
is fond of saying, whenever an opportunity arises, "The trouble with Kenyon students is that they are not students!" Whether it is true or not that Kenyon men are not noted for their devotion to their work, it is true that they always have had the reputation of being gentlemen. All over the country, wherever Kenyon men are a body are known this fact is remarked. At football games, at glee-club concerts, from visitors to the Hill, one is constantly hearing someone say, "What a nice gentlemanly set of young men they are." Now this reputation is something to be proud of and to be jealously guarded; for while good manners may sometimes be only an outward polish—a thin veneer on a worthless piece of wood, yet it is almost always true that the actions of men speak truly and loudly of their inward character and disposition. The fact that Kenyon men have earned this reputation in the past is good evidence that they have as a class born men of good sterling character—that they have in them generally good timber, which alone is susceptible of a really fine polish. It should be the effort of every succeeding generation of Kenyon men to uphold the standard of self respect, courtesy, consideration and refinement, which is the price that must be paid if Kenyon is to retain her present reputation.

There is one thing therefore which should be a matter of concern to every one who has the interests of Kenyon at heart; the growing tendency of the men to descend to low, loose and vulgar conversation. One cannot help hearing, when a crowd of the men are gathered together, stories, "gags," names handled back and forth, which might perhaps be overlooked in a mob of dock workers and roustabouts, but which are certainly out of place among men of good homes and breeding who are supposed to be engaged in the pursuit of education, culture and refinement. Nothing will more surely undermine not only the reputation of the college but also the character of the students than this practice if it goes unchecked. It is unsu-

sorsive of all the principles of gentlemanliness, and would end in making the product of Kenyon not a body of clean respectable men but a lot of smooth rowdies unfit to associate with people of refinement. Self respect, courtesy, consideration; these are the marks of the gentleman; and the man who allows himself to indulge in the habit of filthy conversation has none of them. He is not self respecting, or he would not make a cesspool of his mind and a sewer of his mouth; he is not courteous or considerate, or he would not dump his vileness into the ears of others who not only may not wish to listen, but who may—indeed must—be injured by it through the pollution of their minds and the lowering of their ideals.

It is because of Kenyon's reputation that one can still hope. Kenyon men may be thoughtless, but they stand for what is right when it is called to their attention. So there is no doubt that this danger will be averted, that this practice will be stopped, and that the sons of Kenyon will be saved the painful necessity of substituting a blush of shame for that "thrill of spirit" which love should impart "when turn our thoughts to Kenyon's glory."

WM. B. KINKAID

According to the women's physical director of the University of Minnesota, the girls from the country and small towns who enter the university are superior physically to those from the cities. The reason assigned is that the city girls do not take enough exercise.

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Meetings keep everyone busy—Brotherhood and Literary Societies.

On Wednesday evening, January the twenty-fifth, the Kenyon chapter held its semi-annual election of officers with the following results: Director, Thomas, '12; Vice-Director, Harkness, '12; General Secretary, Wonders, '13; Associate Secretary-Treasurer, McMasters, '13.

The long committee report was that of the Committee on constitutional revision. It reported that the original constitution, drawn up in 1887, had been found wanting in several respects and therefore quite needful of revision. A new form was submitted and after some discussion and amendments, was adopted.

Dr. Smythe was present and spoke at the close of the advances that have been made in the Brotherhood work during the last two or three years.

The Kenyon chapter is gradually finding its spirit and is in the process of making in有益 Kenyon College. As it comes more and more into its light in taking up the work thus far naturally falls to a branch of the Y. M. C. A. if there were such a branch here. A complete card index system is kept up giving to proper authorities, full information of the church affiliation of the Kenyon men both under-graduate and alumni. This system goes hand in hand with the the branch system of the National Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Y. M. C. A.

The Sunday evening services have been well attended and appreciated. During the last semester the chapel will present a speaker in the Sterling room on every Sunday evening. These talks will be of an informal character and will be given in their main by members of the Kenyon and Bexley faculties.

There is a possibility of the club going to Cincinnati and Middle- town, although this is not certain. Paineville may be on the northern part of the trip with Cleveland, Sandusky and Toledo.

As is the custom, the glee club will give a Musical Comedy again this spring. "The Mikado" was rendered last year with great success and it is hoped the same this year will be as good.

Alumni.

"Bob" Bentley, '10, is going to farm near Gambier next year.

Roger F. Reilly, ex-'12 and Jos. A. Morton, '12, are in business in Spokane, Wash.

The engagement has been announced of J. M. Daniels, ex-'11, to Miss Elsie Jenks of Omaha, Neb.

Stephen M. Young, ex-'11, was married on Jan. 18, to Miss Ruby Dawley, of Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Young will reside in North- walk after Feb. 15.

Mr. James W. Hamilton, '03, has recently been admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania. Mr. Hamilton will soon open an office in the Lewis block in Pittsburgh.

A large number of Kenyon men went to Columbus while "Madame Sherry" was playing there to see this most pleasing musical comedy.

W. T. Kindler, Carl Jones and C. J. Black will re-enter college at the beginning of the second semester.

"Back" Weaver spent a few days on the Hill during the past month.

LETTERS FROM ALUMNI.

To the Editor of The Kenyon Collegian:—

I noticed in your issue of Dec. 12th you say that the Reveille was first published in 1858. I have a copy, Vol. I, No. 1, which was issued in Dec. 1855 at 5c. a copy.

The Editors were J. J. Benedict, J. T. Chapman, J. T. Sterling, F. J. Tunnard, all of whom have passed away. This puts the Reveille far back in the history of Old Kenyon as the first college annual in Ohio.

Yours, Sincerely,

GEORGE P. PRATT.

Class of '92

Nu Pi Kappa.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 29, Nu Pi Kappa held the first meeting of the new year. Seven men were proposed for membership and the matter tabled until the next meeting.

The President was in- structed to meet the President of Phi and with him request the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Athletic Association and the League Course committee to honor the claim of the Literary Societies to Wednesday nights during the winter. Phi and Nu Pi Kappa have met on this night for a great number of years and have reason to expect younger organizations to try to meet on other nights.

There was some discussion con- cerning a debate to stir up enthusiasm, but a great deal of doubt was expressed as to the ability of Phi to make such a debate even interesting. Perhaps after exams the other Society will prepare for a meet. The meet- ing was then adjourned in order to permit the members to support the team in Rose Hall.

"Prom" Preparations.

Arrangements for the Prom are already in full swing. All of the contracts are out, and the heavy- est duties in this line are out of the hands of the committee. E. A. Wright of Philadelphia pulled the invitation and pro- gramme contracts.

The invitations are now at hand and are similar to those of last year, which were also made up by him. The programmes are of a tan em- bossed suede and are combination card cases and dance pro- grammes.

The catering contract goes to a new firm this year, which has offered better terms than the former caterers were able to give. This new experiment ought to be an improvement, for the caterer matters and will make good.

There was some discussion of giving out a contract on the dec- orating, especially because of the hampering restrictions imposed on the classes by the board of trustees, but it was decided that the classes would do its own dec- orations.

More Money!

By the time this issue of the Collegian is in the hands of its readers, the library fund com- mittee will be strong enough to collect the individual pledges which have been subscribed. The subscrip- tion is payable in two install- ments, the first half due on Feb. 15th, the remainder on the first of June.

It would greatly facilitate the la- bor of the committee if every stu- dent would have his amount ready. The matter might as well be attended to now, as later.

If all subscriptions are paid in full by the end of this school year, the committee will contribute the full sum of $500 for the new library building. Let every stu- dent aid the committee by paying the subscription on time.

Old Men Back for Prom

The following names are ex- pected back on the Hill for Prom: Lee Vaughn, '94; Ben Hayward; Carl Jones, '13; George Fuller- ton, '12; Fred Zinn; Don Henry; Douglas Gardner, '11; Wayne Stallum, '12; Paul Hann, '10; William Cott, '09; and Ed- ward Peake, '11.

Forty girls tried out for a reading contest at Syracuse.

Dr. Sterling III.

Dr. Theodore Sterling has been confined to his home with a serious attack of pneumonia.

PROF. WEST SICK.

Prof. Henry T. West was forced to spend last week in hospital under the care of eminent surgeons. He has the sincere sympathy of every man on the Hill and that his trouble may be helped is the hope of all.

The following editorial will ap- ply to Kenyon men as well as Ho- bart and it is something that every Kenyon man should read care- fully:

THE CHASE FOR COLLEGE HONORS.

At present a man has succeeded in Hobart life, or, in fact in the life of any college, if he can spread his senior write-up thru several inches of the college year- book. In his list, mentions scholastic honors is a rarity. College life seems to be degenerating into a mad chase for phrases to fill out one's his- torical. And that splendid thing, College Spirit, is degraded by having it all done in its name. Men will work for a coveted pos- ition; then, when it has been won, when the honor has been achieved, make nothing of their opportunity. The position be- comes meaningless; it has served its purpose in providing conver- sation at home; it has been des- cribed with delight to female friends. The position, once won, is a sincere. Better one thing well done than two made hash of. There is more benefit to the indi- vidual, if useful, than any- thing else. It is to be useful in one thing than in be- ing useless in two. These are funda- mental truths which even col- lege men realize, but to which they pay no attention. The "if less" clause makes it a horse of another color.

This is not a protest against college honors. But it is a protest against the hogging of college hon- ors for the sake of the honor, and not for the sake either of the col- lege or of the position. Hogging of that kind is not college spirit; it is lack of college spirit. And all praise to the man who recog- nizes the stopping point of his time and abilities; who, therefore, does well what he does, however little it may be; and who, therefore, displays enough college spirit by leav- ing alone those things which others can better do. A man is benefit- ing both himself and the college by doing well as many things as he can; but he injures both by his try- ing off more than he can digest.