The Kenyon Collegian

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ADDITIONAL COMMENCEMENT FEATURE

THE REV. GEORGE DAVIDSON TO BE ALUMNI ORATOR

Monday morning, June 1st, 1923 will mark the beginning of a new chapter in the history of Kenyon College. For on that day at nine-thirty o’clock, in the morning, the cornerstone of the new dormitory, Leonard Hall, will be laid. The memory of this event should live long in the minds of the onlookers for it will be attended by much ceremony and marks a decided step in the advance of the college.

Notable as is this ceremony of the laying of the cornerstone, its importance will probably be overshadowed for the time being by the next event of the day, the commencement exercises, at which time twenty-one men will receive degrees and say farewell to Kenyon. The class orator for this year will be Mr. A. C. Lichtenberg, and the alumni orator the Reverend George Davidson, Kenyon and Berkeley graduate. The passing of this class will leave a great void in the hearts of all and the entire student body wishes them “God speed.”

The commencement festivities really begin on the evening of June 16th, when the hard-working Puff and Powder Club will put on a performance of the “Patch O’Blue” for the edification of the visitors. On the next day, Sunday, there will be the usual services with the customary Baccalaureate service. As has already been mentioned, Monday will witness the laying of the cornerstone of Leonard Hall and the graduation exercises of the class of June ’23. This will mark the close of college life for most of these men and every undergraduate should be on hand at this time to make these last hours at Kenyon happy for them. President and Mrs. Peirce will be at home in the afternoon from 4 to 6 P. M. to welcome all visitors and returning alumni. In the evening the fraternities and Middle Kenyon will give their annual banquets.

The program for Tuesday will be of

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SOPHOMORE HOP GAY
DESPITE INCLEMENCY OF ELEMENTS

In spite of the severity of the weather and the drifting snow which accompanied the arrival of the students, the Sophomore Hop was one of the gayest events of the year. It was held in the College Hall, and was attended by many of the students.

The annual faculty-student dinner, recently held at the commons, proved exceptionally interesting in spite of the fact that President Peirce was unable to attend. Previously he has been the principal speaker on this occasion and we all regret that this year he was conspicuous by his absence. Assembly president George Bowman took charge of the affair and after explaining the significance of the event to the new men, called upon Dr. Reeves for a few words. The latter said that the June commencement would mark the end of Professor Baker’s career at Kenyon. This announcement is a source of deep regret to every man in college and especially to those who have been so fortunate as to have had courses under him.

Professor Baker’s courses here have been increasingly popular and his pupils know that he understood them completely. His was the communicable enthusiasm which is lacking in many instructors today. His courses were never prosaic and all felt the ardor of his thoughts. What more can students say of a professor than that they will miss him and that they wish that he were still to be with them. Dr. Reeves, in telling of this great loss, expressed the sentiment of the entire student body. Professor Baker then gave his farewell to Kenyon amid a tumultuous applause. He spoke of Italy with its many picturesque scenes, and with the new professional buildings erected to the ancient cities. The eastern temple was dedicated to Brahmo, the Creator; the southern to Vishnu, the Preserver; the western, to Liva, the Destroyer; the northern to Narianya, the Eternity. The construction of the town was symbolic of the religion. The Indians called this religion the “wheel of life.” The first half of the wheel was given to life on earth, from creation to destruction, and the last half to the life of the soul in eternity, from the destruction of the body to the reincarnation of the soul, and the new beginning. The first three goddesses composed the Brahmo trinity.

In the fifth century before Christ, Gautama Buddha, “the enlightened,” tired of the old “wheel of life,” introduced a new religion, also symbolized by the city, in which the trinity was composed of Buddha, the monastic institution and piety. He taught that all sufferings were due to covetousness, and he advocated the complete elimination of all desires, both good

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SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

The special assembly on April 24 was called particularly for the benefit of the Sophomore Hop Committee but a few other matters were also taken up. The meeting opened with a motion by Mr. Rainie that each division be assessed ten dollars to cover the cost of the college tea dance on Saturday, May 12.

The report of the Executive Committee followed. The committee recommended that David Thomas be given a letter in basketball in view of the fact that he had played in all but a very small part of the required games. A motion to this effect was made and passed.

Mr. Ulrey made a motion that promises to secure greater support for the Honor Committee. It was in the form of an amendment to the constitution that each new student upon entering college sign the honor pledge on a special form furnished for that purpose by the registrar. This motion was laid on the table until the next regular assembly.

Adjourned.

IMPORTANT MATTERS DISCUSSED AT MAY ASSEMBLY
OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR ARE ELECTED

The regular May assembly was honored by having Dr. Preice as a speaker to the assembly. In a concise and forceful speech, he made it clear that the dormitory committee rules would be strictly enforced and that any man caught violating these rules would be dealt with severely. He also spoke of the new rule made by the faculty and trustees which limits the enrollment of Kenyon College to a normal maximum of 9.50 men. He explained that preference will be given to relatives of Kenyon men and to men recommended and approved by members of the college or alumni.

Following this Dr. Allen presented basketball K's to Messrs. Small, Garstuch, Harris, Evans, Lipman, Weeksley, Thomas, and to the manager Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Ulrey next explained the new rules of the Honor Committee. In the future Rose Hall is to be the examination room and each professor upon giving out the examination shall take the name of the person to whom it is given and shall remain fifteen minutes after the hour set for the examination for this purpose. No student shall be permitted to take the examination who has not reported to the professor within the allotted fifteen minutes.

Mr. Lichtenberger spoke of the un-gentlemanly conduct of a group of men who serenaded the girls of Harcourt one evening last week. He urged that men who wish to sing at Harcourt should at least conduct themselves like gentlemen and not be guilty of boisterousness such as these men displayed.

Mr. Benton gave a very appealing talk on the morals of the men of Kenyon and urged that the general morals of the students be raised and brought up to its old standard of a decade ago.

Mr. Franham recommended that Mr. Madden be elected to the dormitory committee from the third constitutional division.

Last but not least came the important business of electing officers of the assembly for next year. After nearly an hour of balloting the returns were posted. The officers for the ensuing year, 1923-24, are as follows:

President of the Assembly—Harold Jacobson.

Vice-President of the Assembly—Frank M. Votaw.

Secretary of the Assembly—Warren J. Rush.

"Walt" Bennett, 21, is now a professor of mathematics at Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Fred S. Weeds, '17, will be home soon having sailed from Singapore May 1 and arriving at Marseilles June 16. After visiting in France and the London office of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, he will return to this country arriving in Ohio late in June. He is in the employ of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and has been in the orient since July 1919.

A. L. Sidnell, '21, returned to the Hill to enjoy a week of vacation after having spent a strenuous year teaching school.

S. F. Harris, '22, now located in Dayton, recently spent the week-end on the Hill.

"Billy" DeForest, ex-'23, and wife drove down for the Sophomore Hop.

P. W. Timberlake, '17, in spite of his many business worries found time to spend a few days on the Hill recently.

The Akron Beacon Journal calls out attention to the engagement announcement of Miss Josephine Schilling to Donald C. Mall, '21. The date for the wedding was not made known, but it is expected to be an event of early fall.

The Reverend George P. Atwater, '95, visited his son here several weeks ago.

Fred Harkness, '12, rector of the Mansfield parish, returned to the Hill for a few days not long ago.

"Dick" Bruce, '11, and Walter Brown, '06, motored down to Gambier last Sunday bringing with them their families.

A. W. "Andy" Rashton, '22, visited the Hill last week; he is with the Carl China Company of Grafton, West Virginia.

Dan W. McCarthy, ex-'23, now identified with the Proctor and Gamble Company of Cincinnati, is in the department controlled by Fred Crew, '17.

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YOUR PATRONAGE IS APPRECIATED
This June a generation of Kenyon Men are rading their under-graduate careers and entering the ranks of the alumni. It is with mixed feelings that we see them leave. During the past four years their record has been distinguished by achievements reflecting credit on both their class and the college. Their members have taken a prominent part in all branches of college activities. In loyalty to Kenyon and her tradition, in personnel, and accomplishments they have been second to no other class. Their influence has been greater through their deeds and example rather than their words. The class of 1923 entered college when the upsets of the S. A. T. C. had just been adjusted. The Kenyon of the World War period was slowly metamorphosing into the old Kenyon of ordinary times. This change has not run its full course yet, it will not until the new dormitory is completed and there are no students living in the village. Under such conditions no small credit is due the members of this class for preserving the vitality and rich fullness of Kenyon institutions and ideals.

From the beginning to the end of their course they have paid a devotion to Kenyon which well exemplifies the phrase in their class song:

"And twenty-three will ever be a steadfast, loyal class."

It is with the feelings of deep regret that we see this college generation leave us. Many close personal friendships formed will be kept alive only through occasional visits to Gambier or chance meetings. And alleviation for their departure is found when we contemplate their going forth as Kenyon men to do their share of the world's work.

May the Spirit of Kenyon, the love of her ideals, and her friendships dwell always in their lives so that they may be worthy of the name Kenyon Men!

It seems only proper that in these columns should appear some statement concerning the scandalous publicity which the sensational press has scattered broadcast concerning the recent Sophomore Hop at Kenyon. These who were present know how utterly absurd were the reports that were sent out and it is for the enlightenment of those who had not the privilege to be here that this article is being written.

On the Monday immediately following the Hop, President Peirce called a special assembly to discuss the question. He gave a brief history of what had transpired on the morning of May 12, which history he has briefly but thoroughly compiled and sent out. A copy of this statement here appears:

Rooms of the President, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, May 14, 1923.

Dear Sir:
The newspapers have published a very sensational account of the sophomore hop at Kenyon College, May 11, which I present through your columns the actual facts in the case?

On the night of May 11, during the course of a large ball, at which four or five hundred persons were present, four dry enforcement officers, after a quietly conducted search of several hours, arrested seven men, and brought them before the mayor's court. Three of these men were strangers, who had never been in any way connected with Kenyon. Of the four Kenyon students involved, two had manifestly been drinking; a third had been found with liquor in his possession; while the fourth paid no fine, as it could not be established that he had either been drinking or had liquor in his possession.

I was myself present in the court room, and know these to be the facts.

As to the attitude of the college authorities, which has been greatly misrepresented, let me say that, in the first place, the rules of Kenyon College, which forbid the use and keeping of intoxicants either in the buildings or on the grounds of the college, long antedate national prohibition, and that, in the second place, far from opposing against the action of government officers, we welcome any aid in enforcing law and order among our students.

The college faculty has already expelled two students who were found to have been drinking and has dismissed the man who was found with liquor in his possession. Against the fourth man, as no misconduct was established, no action was taken.

Yours faithfully,
William F. Peirce,
President of Kenyon College.

To the Alumni or those who know Dr. Peirce the above statement is sufficient proof that all the rot in the papers was composed of nothing but lies. But a stranger might want to say, "It is quite natural that the College take this attitude to smooth the thing over as soon as possible. But I dare say the affair was quite ribald." It is a well established truth that we human beings prefer to believe the bad rather than the good. The flashing account, utterly groundless, that covered the sheets of inaccurate and false rumor-producing, so-called newspapers will be believed far over by their medi-ocre readers, no matter how much real truth would subsequently be published.

This we know and do not attempt to recreate an opinion in such minds. We care not what they think as long as we know that you who know us and the College best, still believe in us and it. It is to you then, philosophical and determining minds, that we write. When you shall hear these rumors about the Hop, for the sake of truth deny them. The honor and name of the students of this Christian College are here stated that the party was a clean, wholesome, legitimate, sane, and entirely respectable affair.

COMMONS IS GREAT
SUCCESS UNDER MISS CARROLL’S MANAGEMENT

In view of the fact that every man in college genuinely appreciates the significance of the college commons it seems proper to make some comment on its management. Miss Carroll has been in charge of this institution for the past three years and to her belongs the credit for placing the commons on a paying basis. Not only has she managed the commons to such a degree of efficiency that since she has been there, the commons has had a balance in its bank book at the end of each year—something without precedent, but she has also maintained a splendid standard of quality in the food served.

The college men are unusually well pleased with the quality and quantity of food this estimable lady has been serving for three years, at the low rate of five dollars a week. Fresh linen three times a week is the rule, and student waiters in her employ have worked out a serving order that is as thorough and rapid as possible, the cramped condition of the commons being considered.

G. W. Mount, ex-’22, is a reporter on the Cleveland Press.

Don MacAdam, ’22, is attending the General Theological Seminary, New York City.
James II is Dead—NEWTON Lives

It has always been known that free bodies fall. The earth has a strange attraction. How far does it extend? No one knew before Newton, sitting in his garden, one day in 1665, began to speculate.

"Why should not the attraction of gravitation reach as far as the moon?" he asked himself. "And if so, perhaps she is retained in her orbit thereby." He began the calculation, but overwhelmed by the stupendous result that he foresaw, he had to beg a friend to complete it.

In Newton's Principia were laid down his famous laws of motion—the basis of all modern engineering. The universe was proved to be a huge mechanism, the parts of which are held together in accordance with the great law of gravitation.

James II was reigning when the Principia appeared in 1687. He is remembered for the Bloody Assizes of Jeffreys, for his complete disregard of constitutional liberties, for his secret compacts with Louis XIV and the huge bribes that he took from that monarch, and for the revolution that cost him his crown; Newton is remembered because he created a new world of thought, because he enabled scientists and engineers who came after him to grapple more effectively with the forces of nature.

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In accordance with the time-honored custom of Kenyon College, the class of '25 introduced their song at the Sophomore Hop. By the courtesy of the authors, the Collegian takes great pleasure in reprinting the words for the benefit of those who do not know them.

CLASS OF '25
Music.—Edwin Luther Baker.
Verse.—Edwin Luther Baker.
Chorus.—Louis Max Boehmer.

Come classmates, sing a song to bind,
The ties between our hearts entwined.
For Kenyon's sons renew in song
Their bonds of friendship tried and strong.
What e'er betide, though time divide
These friends, soon scattered far and wide,
The bonds will ever stronger be
That draw us, Kenyon, back to thee.

Chorus
Then classmates, raise our song,
Old Kenyon's fame prolong,
Through all her days, in Kenyon's praise.
Let voice, like heart, be strong;
Long may be kept alive,
Upheld, revered, and honored by . . .
the Class of '25.

When sunrise glory dyes the hill
Where Kenyon stands, the joy and thrill,
Of life and sunshine, friends and sky
Awake, and Kenyon hearts beat high.
Oh, heart of youth, courageous truth is ours,
And in the name of truth
March friends; we'll honor as we go.
The Hill whence love and honor flow.

Chorus

The College has an old friend back on the Hill, Charles Aukings, who is in charge of the brick work on Leonard Hall. A good many readers will remember him to be the thick-set, jovial man of fifty who has given them advice about their future calling as well as the latest Socialistic theories.

Charlie did his first work here about thirty years ago when some additions were being made to Bexley Hall. He was just learning his trade at that time, so it may be said that he really started his career at Kenyon. Since then he has been back for practically all work which required bricklaying. Hanna Hall, however, is the place where he has done most of his work, for he was in charge of all the brick-laying there. The fact that he gave up a splendid opportunity to go to Pittsburgh for construction work when he was offered a job on the new building shows what he thinks of the College.

He says that he has always liked Gambier and that he has always found the men in college friendly and agreeable. He likes to talk about Kenyon as it was years ago and he has some good stories about it.

New he drives a Ford, but when he first came to Gambier he drove a little red buggy. One day some of the men crossed his driving reigns in such a way that when he would start to go one way his horse would take him in just the opposite direction. This was the cause of Charlie receiving a sound rating from the president, for as he started off Dr. Sterling came along. He tried to avoid him, but naturally the buggy went the wrong way, narrowly grazing the president. Perhaps that is the reason why he drives a Ford now.
KENYON BEATS AKRON, 11-6

The Purple won her second Conference game of the season when she took Akron U. across at Gambier by a comfortable margin. The game was played on a wet, slippery field, consequently the finest kind of baseball was not in evidence, though the game was interesting throughout. Rain threatened to prevent the game but abated sufficiently in the afternoon to allow the contest, only a slight drizzle persisting. There was nothing spectacular about the affair, Kenyon's steady work being responsible for her victory.

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REAL DENTISTS ARE IN DEMAND

The track meet on Monday, May 6th was held for two reasons: to give practice to the Varsity and to give the ineligible an opportunity to win their class numerals. As a whole the meet was a success, and Freshmen G. T. Brown, Jack Reed, and B. R. Wood made the necessary five points or over, thereby being entitled to their numerals.

Summary: 100 yd. dash, G. T. Brown, ineligible, 1st, Reed, ineligible, 2nd; 220 yd. dash, J. E. Brown, 1st, Kellenburger, 2nd, both varsity; 440 yd. dash, McIlwain, 1st, Wells, 2nd, both varsity; 880 yd. run, Votez, 1st, Rainey 2nd, both varsity; Pole Vault, B. R. Wood ineligible, 1st, J. L. Wood, varsity, 2nd; Discus Throw, J. E. Brown, varsity, 1st, Reed, ineligible, 2nd; Shot Put, Seigerman, varsity, 1st, Reed, ineligible, 2nd.

MUSKINGUM TRIUMPHS, 11-3

Muskimgum had a rather easy time defeating Kenyon. Something was radically wrong with the purple nine, for Russell received little support, and the team did not stick together at all. Muskimgum produced a fast, scrappy team that could both hit and talk, and they put up a fast, poppy brand of competition. The outstanding feature of the entire game occurred in the second, when old Herb became inspired and crashed out a sizzling homer. Aside from this the affair was a distinct liability from our point of view.

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KENYON TENNIS TEAM AGAIN VICTORS IN TWO MATCHES

By winning two out of three matches the tennis team of Kenyon College defeated the Denison University team on May 2, at Gambier, before a large crowd of spectators. Denison, by losing both singles matches, consented to Kenyon's playing her substitutes in the doubles.

The first match was the hardest fought of the afternoon. Sturges of Kenyon taking two sets from Provost of Denison, 6-3, 6-6. Captain Small, playing second for Kenyon, had little trouble in defeating Barker, the Denison player, 6-0, 6-1. All in all, the Gambier substitutes won the first set from their rivals with comparative ease, 64, but in the next two sets the Granville players showed a complete reversal of form and won 7-5, 6-3.

On May 2nd, the tennis team continued its good work by defeating Wooster on the home courts by the score 3-0. Captain Small of Kenyon won a hard fought match from Winerd of Wooster 6-3, 9-7. Sturges of Kenyon had little trouble in defeating Himan 6-2, 6-2. Small and Sturges then kept up their good work by taking the measure of Winerd and Himan in the doubles match, 6-2, 6-4.

The Kenyon tennis team turned in their sixth straight victory on May 19th. Their victim was Ohio Wesleyan. This match was a decided Kenyon victory as Wesleyan gave the Kenyon players little opposition. Sturges defeated Captain Savage, 6-2, 6-3. Captain Small beat Kohn easily, the score at the end of the second set being 6-1, 6-2. Small and Sturges playing the doubles for Kenyon defeated Savage and his partner 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. The score of this match was 3-0 in favor of Kenyon.

On May 18th, the Kenyon tennis team added another victory to its long string by defeating Wooster 2-1. In the first match, Captain Small was defeated by Wingerd in a close match 5-7, 6-3, 7-5. However, Sturges conquered a Jap, whose name is unintelligible, the score being 6-4, 6-1.

In the doubles, Small and Sturges played Wingerd and Himan. They won the first set 6-3 and lost the second set 4-6. The last set was desperately fought and resulted in a victory for the Gambier players, 8-6.

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The greatest interest to the visitors and upper classmen. A tennis match in the forenoon and a tea dance at the Phi Zeta Kappa House in the afternoon will furnish diversion for both sport lovers and for matricians. At 5:30 the Phi Beta Kappa Society will hold its annual election and support. The college will be officially closed by the Junior reception to the graduating class in the evening. The president, the faculty, and the entire graduating class are very anxious to have everyone stay to the last, for a large representation of undergraduates will materially aid in making commencement day a success.

NATIVE HINDU DISCUSS HISTORY OF BUDDHISM

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and bad. Herein the teachings of Buddha differ from those of Christ, for the latter declared hypocrisy to be the root of all evil. For forty-five years Buddha labored as a missionary, never going out of India and his was the first great religious organization. After Buddha's death, there arose the question of the succession to his position, and King Asoka, playing the part of Constantine in the Christian church, undertook to suppress all here say. He made Buddhism the state religion. The reason for this was rather unique. Asoka was present at a very bloody battle. Seeing one hundred thousand of his enemies slain before his eyes, he became remorseful and adopted the Buddhist faith. He called himself the "beloved of the gods." Asoka emphasized that the key to all problems was the law of piety as laid down by Gautama Buddha. The first missionaries of Buddhism were sent to Ceylon by Asoka: thereafter, many were sent to Japan, China, Manchuria, Macedonia, Babylonia, and to all other places known to mankind at that time.

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