The tragic fire that took lives and property from Gambier last Sunday morning left in its wake a scene of total destruction. A building of energy that has been the lifeblood of Kenyon for 123 years. Alumni, faculty, students, and friends of the College have shown determination and direction in their efforts to keep Kenyon as strong as ever.

Colin Chalmers, President Chalmers, announced that it is too early for the Board of Trustees to formulate definite plans for the rebuilding of Old Kenyon. The beauty encouraged in the future. The board of disaster is one of only one which has been from Kenyon alumni.

Friends of the College nearby and from afar have helped by offering temporary housing and assistance to those who lived in Old Kenyon.

One day after the fire, faculty administrators made out arrangements and contacts and everyone at the College worked day and night to rebuild the Hill. Since then, in the classroom, individual faculty members have shown restraint and encouragement in carrying on the prime College functions without making it a too great burden on those who are emotionally upset.

In the college assembly held Monday evening President Chalmers announced that nothing taken into consideration, the best over-all plan for the College to take would be one of simply going ahead.

"Old Kenyon, Symbol of College, Has Rich, Impressive History" The symbol of Kenyon College and the center of its activities for more than 100 years was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning, Feb. 27. Following the fire, a complete reconstruction is a challenge to the future. As an architectural expression of the spirit of the College, the fire was one of the most interesting in the country. Bob Vines, of the Kenyon Daily, and Richard Salomon, an Associate Editor of the Athens Messenger, covered the story.

"The old and, in a sense, the most remarkable building at Kenyon College, Bishop Chase's 'Old Kenyon,' now known as Old Kenyon, was destroyed in 1868, it is the first example of collegiate architecture in the English style. It is a perfect example of the work of the early 19th century that could achieve..." the architectural historian.

Memorial Service Held For Nine
Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the college chapel a memorial service was conducted for the nine lives lost in the Old Kenyon fire. Ernest Ahwajoe, Edward Brown, Jack T. Lewis, Martin E. Mangel, Jack B. McLean, and George L. Pierce, Stephen M. Shepard and Colin M. Woodward.

A High Mass of Requiem, requested by the Catholic students, was celebrated in St. Vincent's Church in Mt. Vernon. The Mass was celebrated by President Chalmers. The Rev. Dr. Whitaker, a D.D. Bishop of Southern Ohio and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided over the service with a short sermon of dedication to God's mercy.

In the afternoon, the Rotary Club of Mt. Vernon announced that the Rotary Club of Mt. Vernon is now conducting a drive for contributions in Athens.

Mr. John Dempsey, Kenyon alumnus, has contributed approximately $1000 for reconstruction purposes.

For The Future
The headline of this Collegian states that the spirit of Kenyon is one of recovery. That is true. College graduates, in the eyes of those who know it, the Kenyon spirit is a community.

We are grateful to the Mount Vernon Fire Company, the Mount Vernon Police Department, the State Patrol, and the Fire Companies of the Mount Vernon Police Department, the State Patrol, and the Fire Companies of Danville and of Newark.

The Mount Vernon Fire Company under the skilled leadership of Chief W. H. White did a willing and excellent job.

Mayor William Bohler and Director of Public Safety Sheldon Layden called at my office to offer any of the numerous gifts to the families of those who lost their lives at Old Kenyon. Numerous individuals have done the same, especially by a large number of the residents of Gambier and of Mount Vernon.

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The College Doctor, Dr. Lee, and the Chaplain, at least adequate facilities furnished to us by the Mount Vernon Fire Company in all that was necessary to their care, notably for broken limbs and other injuries. Numerous individuals have done the same, especially by a large number of the residents of Gambier and of Mount Vernon.

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