

boys." Every one gladly obeyed his summons; and some eight or ten set out for the college green, which jutted down, in a beautiful promontory, upon an exquisite sheet of clear water. This formed a secluded little lake in the rear of St. John's College, shaded by the dark foliage which overhung a large portion of its margin.

Then Kennedy follows with a report of a merry attack upon Wirt by St. John's College students, "a furious onslaught in showers of water dashed upon him with their hands", an incident, he says, which made it necessary for the Attorney General "to be more careful afterwards in the selection of his hour for bathing."

Here, it may be not amiss to note, by way of completing a picture of the time, a description transmitted by word of mouth of some of the sittings of the court at the winter term, actually of sittings on the Western Shore shortly before the middle of the century, but of sittings under conditions which existed on both shores from the beginning of the century and before it. As has been said, heat for the court room was obtained from an open fire across the room from the bench; and tradition adds that when the temperature dropped so far as to render heat at that distance inadequate, Judge Thomas Beale Dorsey, in his day, covered his bald head with a skull cap. Then when the cold drove the judges away from their seats by the windows, they drew up about the fireplace, and heard arguments there. To the description transmitted of fireplace sessions some time after the middle of the century it is added that most of the judges, as they listened, would be chewing tobacco, an occupation for which an open fireplace was, of course, a convenience.