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STUDENTS VOTE AGAINST BASEBALL AT ASSEMBLY

**At Lively Meeting, it is Decided to
Substitute LaCrosse as Spring Sport**

On the evening of February 4 an important meeting of the Athletic Association was called to order in the Memorial Gymnasium by Grant Noble, president of the A. A. and student representative on the Athletic Council

Dr. B. I. Bell, as treasurer of the latter body, reported a deficit of about one thousand dollars, inherited from last year and to be covered by a loan from the Red Hook Bank. He suggested that, because of the condition of the A. A. treasury, the baseball games scheduled for the coming season be cancelled, and that no further efforts toward intercollegiate competition be made until the fall.

Following the treasurer's report, Coach Bray spoke on the relative merits of lacrosse and baseball. Prefacing his remarks with a statement that until recently he had been an ardent supporter of baseball against lacrosse, he went on to outline the reasons which now made him champion the latter sport. He contended that baseball, requiring as it does some special ability, could not be enjoyed by the majority of undergraduates. There is opportunity for all to compete in lacrosse. He further pointed out that baseball never has been and probably never will be a true intercollegiate sport, because of the shortness of the season. Under the most favorable conditions the collegiate season lasts hardly eight weeks, a pitifully inadequate time for the specialized training and conditioning of a team unless facilities for indoor workouts during the win-

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NEW GYM OFFICE

In an effort to systematize the management of athletics at St. Stephen's, an office for the coach and managers of the various teams has been opened in the room in the gymnasium building formerly occupied by the college store. In the office, the coach and the manager of each sport has a desk, and pictures of past football and tennis teams have been hung. Students are requested to inspect the office and seek information pertaining to athletics. Beginning next fall, it is expected that regular office hours will be established by the coach and the managers during their respective seasons; and the coach and all managers will meet in this room twice a month for conference.

REGISTRAR UPTON APPOINTED DEAN

**Popular "Prof" to Succeed
Dr. I. F. Davidson, Resigned**

At the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees the resignation of Dr. Irville F. Davidson as Dean of the Faculty of the College was accepted with deep regret. Dr. Davidson gave as his reason for relinquishing this office that with the increased size of the College the duties of the office had become so onerous that they interfered with his regular academic work. After previous consultation with the faculty, and on the nomination of the President, the Board unanimously elected Dr. Upton, Professor of English Literature, to fill the vacancy.

Dr. Davidson, the retiring Dean, has been with the College for over twenty years. He has carried the institution over many a turbulent period, and more particularly do we look back at his service to St. Stephen's, when he administered the affairs of the College in the interregnum made by the resignation of Dr. Rodgers as President. At that time the institution reached the lowest ebb it has ever experienced, and it was due to the efforts of Dr. Davidson that the College continued its work until Dr. Bell took charge. On account of such service the student body and the faculty deeply regret the retirement of Dr. Davidson from the Deanship.

Dr. Upton, the new Dean, has been associated with St. Stephen's for a period of years almost as long as those of Dr. Davidson's affiliation, hence he is well acquainted with all problems which have arisen and may arise in the collegiate life. In his capacity as Professor of English Literature he is recognized throughout the country as one of the foremost men in his field.

In addition to the regular work of the office of Dean, Dr. Upton has been given charge of all freshmen discipline. We know that Dr. Upton will administer this duty very satisfactorily because of his constant interest in new men and their problems. It is, also, with great pleasure that

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COACH K. A. BRAY REVIEWS PAST BASKETBALL SEASON

**An Organization Has Been Begun and
Prospects Are Bright For Year 1925-26**

BY COACH K. A. BRAY

St. Stephen's had a horribly uneven and inconvenient basketball schedule this season, and heavy snows and blizzards conspired to make things worse.

Mr. Haver, the manager, struggled heroically in the face of a late start and a complete lack of organization to make a schedule, and he deserves the greatest credit for doing as well as he did.

The first aim of the season was to secure some beginning of organization in basketball upon the foundations of which it is hoped to build up our future teams.

This year only two varsity veterans reported—John Bittner and Ken Urquhart, and Ken Murry, a second string man of last year. Millington, a promising second string man of 1924-25 had to retire almost at the start of the season owing to a strain, and Vandeventer left college before his services could be of value.

Wilson, a junior, who did not play last year came out for the team and several freshmen of whom Kennedy, Harding, Stolp, Carolton, Rogan and Stevens were the best, though unfortunately Carolton and Rogan left at mid-years. Both of them will, it is hoped, return for the 1925-26 season.

Early Games Lost.

Practice started in early December, but very little was done before the Christmas recess. The early games were lost by large margins, as was to be expected. Union, N. Y. U., Rutgers, Williams all fattened their averages at our expense, and against none of these teams did St. Stephen's show any real opposition. After Christ-

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TRUSTEES FAIL TO REAPPOINT STRONG

**Associate Biology Professor
Not to Return in September**

A recent notice posted on the bulletin board in Commons announced that Dr. Leonell C. Strong, Associate Professor of Biology, was not reappointed by the Board of Trustees as an instructor for the year 1925-26. Dr. Strong has been at St. Stephen's for the past few years and during his stay has made a number of friends among the students and other members of the faculty.

The statement follows:

"The College wishes to report the reappointment for the year 1925-26, all the present staff of instruction with the exception of Associate Professor of Biology, Dr. Leonell C. Strong. The board of trustees wishes it to be known that its failure to reappoint Dr. Strong is due to the fact that Dr. Strong's research needs have grown and are growing so rapidly that the college is unable to provide proper opportunity and funds for its development; and in justice to his work, the board is impelled to frankly say so.

"The board wishes to express its deep appreciation of Dr. Strong's ability and of the service he has rendered to the college Biology department and its real regret of the limitation of funds for expensive research work.

"Due to the essentially undergraduate character of the college, a new connection is made expedient for him and a new appointment for the college.

"In order to show all concerned the appreciation of the importance of adequate instruction and supervision in pre-medical work, the board has adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved:—The board of trustees wishing to go on record as realizing the importance of pre-medical work; that it will provide such adequate instruction in biology, physics and chemistry as not at all to hamper that work and the selection of a new biology instructor is entrusted to a

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FRESHMEN OUT.

Despite the fact that the varsity has played its last game, the basketball season has not been brought to a close. The remaining second team games and continued practice for both teams will prolong the season another month. Coach Bray is desirous of securing candidates for freshmen basketball managers. At present Ernest Nicholson is the only candidate for the position. **FRESHMEN OUT.** Help your college and offer your services. Freshmen managers this year will be sophomore managers next. Give your name to the coach and help do your bit.

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A CHANGE IN THE FACULTY

It is with considerable regret that we learn that Dr. Strong is leaving the College. It has been a privilege to have had his courses, the meatiest, perhaps, in the curriculum. Although they are among the most difficult given here, the esteem in which they are held by the student body is shown by the large number of men who are taking elective courses in the Biology Department.

We feel that the College can not but lose by Dr. Strong's departure, for he is more than an instructor. His research has such great importance in the eyes of his fellow scientists that, for the last three years, it has been supported by the Rockefeller Institute and, before that, by the Institute for Cancer Research and Carnegie Institute of Washington. And he has been asked, by Professor Ewing, of Cornell, Chairman of the Committee on Program, to read a paper before the Congress on Cancer which will meet at Washington on May 4.

Since we can not keep him here we must be satisfied with wishing him all the good luck there is, in whatever field he may now enter.

TRUSTEES FAIL TO REAPPOINT STRONG

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committee formed of the president, Dr. Walter B. James, professor of medicine in Columbia University and Prof. Henry N. Ogden of the department of sanitation at Cornell University.

Students Vote Against Baseball at Assembly

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ter be provided. On the other hand, lacrosse can be played at any time by anyone almost anywhere. It is the coming collegiate sport, and even more than football is it the sport in which the small college can meet the larger one on nearly an equal footing.

Baseball's supporters, who had been quite active during the week preceding the meeting, seemed to have no come-back to Coach Bray's speech, for the motion "that the baseball schedule be cancelled and that the Athletic Council be instructed to investigate lacrosse with a view to its introduction as a recognized college sport" was passed with no discussion and little opposition.

Registrar Upton Appointed Dean

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the students have been informed of the election of this worthy member of the faculty as Dean. He has always had the respect and regard of the student body and we know that he will retain both, together with its good wishes.

Approve Improvements

Also at the meeting of the Board of Trustees several additions and improvements to the grounds and property were approved. Among these the Board authorized the Administrative Committee to build three faculty houses, costing \$12,000 each. On that plot of ground northeast of the President's house. The Board made contracts with Mr. Clarence Gardiner of Albany as architect, and Mr. Staley of Rhinebeck as contractor. According to the plans of Mr. Gardiner the houses will be built of a new type of construction—cinder concrete blocks, finished on the outside with stucco. Each house has eight rooms and bath, of which there are, on the first floor, a large living room with fireplace, a dining room, kitchen, and private study for the professor, and on the second floor four large bedrooms and a spacious bathroom. The buildings will also be entirely fireproof. The Committee expects to have them ready for occupancy by August 15.

The Board, furthermore, authorized the purchase from Mr. K. B. Lewis of three acres of land at \$250 per acre. This new addition runs north from the present northeast corner of the property and connects with the main road to the north of the College. A driveway will be put through to give a back entrance to the College.

The corporation sent a cablegram to Ambassador Houghton expressing its appreciation at having associated with the College one who had done such signal service at Berlin for his country and for international understanding, and its pleasure at his appointment as Ambassador to Great Britain.

Inter-Campus Tips

Several up-state coaches have been brushing their gray matter and have decided to form a conference of the small colleges, to promote competition in athletics. A communication to the Rochester "Campus," from one who objects to the U. of R. entering the clique, says: "Certainly the winner of such a conference would be foolish to claim even the small college championship of this state in any sport, with such colleges as Colgate, Union, St. Stephen's and Niagara not included."

Swimmers in Wisconsin University, where professionalism is discouraged, are forbidden to dive for pennies in the college pool, as that might be construed as a use of their swimming knowledge for financial gain.

Freshmen are given a real immersion in the fount of learning at New York University. Following tradition, the freshmen, attired in pajamas, are marched through the streets of Fordham and treated to a bath in the Fountain of Knowledge. The ducking, strictly a Senior affair, is an annual function and no freshman is considered a New York University man until he has been cleansed by its water.

St. Stephen's Seniors, what about the Annandale pond?

"Cy" Wentworth, captain of the 1924 football team at New Hampshire State and one of the greatest athletes ever to wear the Blue and White, has accepted a position with Swift and Company, Boston.

The alumni of Williams College have opened a new Williams Club in New York City.

President Hopkins, of Dartmouth, has, by administrative edict, restricted membership in fraternities at Dartmouth to three years; no freshmen may be rushed or pledged. The god of Sport, also, is soon to have an eclipse all his own, for the schedule is said to be too highly spiced for human nature's annual food.

The Harvard system of the future will be a combination of the lecture and the tutorial method of instruction. The average student will continue as an average student, gaining an education of a sort, and not a bad sort either, in spite of his seeming lack of interest in scholarly pursuits.—Williams Alumni Review.

RECITAL

Mr. Edwin Ideler will give a Violin Recital in Memorial Gymnasium on Monday Evening, February Twenty-third, at eight. Everyone is invited. There is no charge.

Chapel Notes

The speaker in chapel on Sunday morning, February 7th, was the Rev. Selden P. Delany, Associate Rector of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, New York City. His text was taken from the epistle for the day: 26th verse, 9th chapter of the 1st Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians: "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

"... Thus I fight, not as one that beateth the air: but keeping under my body, bringing it thus into subjection." The doctrine, you see, of Christian asceticism. And what is Christian asceticism? It is an essential ingredient in every true life, the essence of self-restraint and discipline. The Rev. Fr. Delany pointed out, in the continuance of his theme, that asceticism was of two kinds, true and false; that the true was positive in nature, giving up something in order to gain a desired end, and that the false was a negative asceticism, practicing all the forms for the sake of the forms themselves.

The text chosen by Dean Fosbroke of the General Theological Seminary for his sermon on Feb. 14th, was Deuteronomy, 4th chapter, 24th verse: "For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God." This, said Dean Fosbroke in effect, is a primitive conception of God. The Israelites were able to conceive of a loving God, but they could never picture a God whose love was not mingled with a fearful devouring passion.

The new testament love of God through Christ is an enlargement of the old idea—there even remains a note of sternness. People have attempted to picture a God before which we must cringe; others have shown us a God of tolerant acquiescence. The ministry has frequently been made attractive to men by offering them an adventurous, exciting life by means of religion. It is true that these elements do enter into religion in a large degree, but it is truer that in religion, a man must face the stern, inexorable facts of life.

In closing, Dr. Fosbroke said "If you want to live fully through Christ, face the fact that you must die. Christ makes you free in that he brings you face to face with reality; He gives you freedom because he claims your whole life."

ATHLETICS

S. S. C. LOSES TRINITY GAME

By Coach K. A. Bray

What the Assyrians who came down like a wolf on the fold did was child's play to what havoc was wrought on the varsity basketball squad at mid-years. When the smoke rolled away, six out of eleven heads were off, and the rest, perhaps, had no heads to lose.

With only a few days to get the remaining five men into shape, and with only one volunteer coming to the relief things looked too gloomy to justify the games remaining on the schedule. However, the Trinity game was played in spite of an inclination on our part to cancel it, for the fact that it was to be the beginning of renewed athletic relations between the two colleges. The results of the game justified the step from the point of view of friendship if not basketball. Trinity proved generous foes in their easy triumph. A few days intensive preparation with a squad on which not a single forward remained simply did not produce results.

At no time did St. Stephen's look like a team and Trinity, with a good even attack, humbled our best efforts by doubling the score. The game was as uninteresting as the score—not a single St. Stephen's man rose superior to the general feeling of uncertainty which naturally filled their minds.

Basketball is fortunately too good a game for an overnight combination to excel in and we proved it. Thomson scored half of Trinity's points and Wilson half of ours. Of the rest of St. Stephen's men, the less said the better. In the meanwhile, we rejoice in the fact that the Middle States and Maryland Collegiate Association ranks our academic rating as Class A and that we are fully approved by the Regents of the State of New York. The more power to them.

The score:

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| Trinity (32) | St. Stephen's (15) |
| Orrick | R.F. Stevens |
| Burr | L.F. Bittner |
| Thomson | C. Urquhart |
| Peiker | R. G. Harding |
| Keena | L. G. Wilson |

Goals from field—Trinity, Thomson, 5; Peiker, 2; Newsholme, 1. St. Stephen's, Wilson, 3; Bittner, 1; Harding, 1.

Goals on fouls—Trinity: Thomson, 5; Newsholme, 3; Jackson, 3; Burr, 2; Peiker, 2; Orrick, 1. St. Stephen's: Wilson, 2; Stevens, 2; Urquhart, 1.

Referee: "Dick" Dillon.

ELECT WILSON NEW CAPTAIN

At a meeting of the varsity basketball men held in the gymnasium on Thursday evening, February 12, Joseph Wilson, a three letter man from the Geneva, N. Y. High School, end on the varsity football team last fall and guard on the basketball team was elected captain of the team for the season of 1925-26.

Captain-elect Wilson is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and is one of the most popular members of his class. At the Geneva High School he received letters in football, basketball and lacrosse. Wilson not only intends to help build a strong basketball squad next season, but will endeavor to help organize a lacrosse team this spring.

"Joe" did not play on the varsity basketball outfit last year and according to Coach Bray did not play his first season of organized basketball until this year. When placed on the varsity he played at guard. Wilson proved a consistent scorer and a marked development in his defensive work was noticeable at the close of the season.

NEW PLANS FOR SPORTS

Coach Bray recently outlined to the Athletic Association a plan for all-the-year-round sports, which met the interested approval of every student on the campus. Coach Bray has decided that he does not like the athletic system current here; and, unlike many mere fault-finders, has found a better plan to replace it. The plan is very similar to the one employed at West Point during the summer. All those who are not trying for some particular team will be divided into several squads. Each one of the squads will take up some sport that the season permits; cross country and soccer in the fall—skating and skiing in the winter—baseball, lacrosse and tennis in the spring. In this way every man on campus will

NAME FERRIS FOOTBALL MGR.

At a recent meeting of the athletic committee, Henry E. Ferris of Corning, N. Y., class of 1926 and a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity was elected manager of football for 1925 to succeed Frederick Scott, Kappa Gamma Chi fraternity, of Kingston, N. Y., who has withdrawn from college. Ferris was elected according to the new athletic rules which require that when a man is elected to succeed another as manager of a sport, he must be a member of the senior class during his year as manager.

Beginning next season, Coach Bray expects to introduce a new managerial system in both football and basketball. In football there will be two junior managers, two sophomore managers and a call will be made for about eight freshmen managers. The junior managers will be responsible for arranging the schedules for the following year and will have complete charge of the equipment. The sophomore managers will supervise the field work and will be assisted by the freshmen managers. Regulation manager hats will be worn by all managers.

be engaged in some sport or other practically all year around.

Avaunt, ye traditional winter blues! Coach Bray said that he thought it was the duty of the Physical Department to provide recreation for all students on campus who had nothing to do during the various athletic seasons. Those who wish to go out for a particular game may do so, but those who have no preference for the branches of athletics known as major sports, will get a chance to try their hand at several things in turn. It is Coach Bray's idea that there are several sports in which a college man should be more or less versed—at least to the extent of watching and discussing them intelligently. In closing, he said that he would see his plan through, or resign as physical director.

SECOND TEAM SCHEDULE

| | Opp. | S.S.C. |
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| Jan. 10—Pawling School at Pawling | 16 | 13 |
| Jan. 16—Kingston H. S. at S. S. C. | 11 | 27 |
| Feb. 4—Poughkeepsie H. S. at Poughkeepsie | 36 | 15 |
| Feb. 10—Raymond Riordan at Highland | | |
| Feb. 18—Poughkeepsie H. S. at S. S. C. | | |

Definite dates not arranged for Arlington Five of Poughkeepsie (two games); Kingston High at Kingston, and Raymond Riordan here

Coach K. A. Bray Reviews Past Basketball Season

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mas things began to mend and victories were won over Clarkson (twice) and Hamilton, while decently contested games were lost to Colgate and St. Lawrence. Trinity, after the mid-year examinations had taken six out of eleven men from the squad (including all the forwards), scored an easy defeat at our expense.

Some Games Cancelled

The balance of the games were cancelled owing to the disorganization of the team through faculty bans on the players. If cancellations are ever justified, they were in our present case. When struggling to build up some kind of an organization, we suffered such tremendous losses in men. However, it is certainly hoped that our last cancellation has been made, and that in the future any team contracting with us for a game can surely depend upon that game being played. Certainly next year sufficient men will be in training; and the organization will be strong enough to overcome the effects of any mid-year losses.

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The second team included Messrs. Milton, Kerns, Faerber of the class of 1927 and Quaterman, Murry, Kroll, McKean, Weeks, Peck, Truesdale, Brunot of '28. Andrews, a senior, dropped out on account of an injury.

Organization Begun

The results of the season will show more in the future. A good start has been made. An organization has been begun, and some shadow of a basketball tradition has been created. Time alone can tell how much has been done.

Bittner graduates this year. He has played under five coaches in about as many years. No man can do this and expect to develop. He has shown splendid spirit and cooperation and sincere effort and everyone on the squad will be sorry to lose him.

Urquhart, playing his second season of basketball, did not, perhaps, develop as well as was expected. Frequently his unselfishness (a rare virtue on the basketball court) was carried to excess and he missed opportunities of scoring. His guarding was very imperfect and at times he was noticeably slower than his opponent. Next year he should be able to hold his own in any company.

Wilson, captain elect for 1925-26, played his first season of organized basketball. Playing at guard, he proved a consistent scorer and developed in his defensive work.

Harding, the other regular guard, also played his first season of serious basketball. He showed a good basketball sense and is fast correcting a tendency to the charging tactics so often characteristic of a fighting football player. His steadiness and determination and grasp of the game were very valuable.

Stolp, a forward, showed excellent qualities in attack and defense. His faults were an over tendency to dribble, and inclination to hang back with the defense, and a disinclination to shoot except from right under the basket (again, a rare virtue or fault). Stolp will, it is expected, be an outstanding man next year.

Kennedy, a forward, combines strong aggressive qualities with determined defensive ability. His fault is a tendency at weird 'hope' shots, several of which (perhaps unfortunately for him) he manages to cap. His misfortune is an exaggerated nervousness concerning a shoulder which has sometime in the past caused him trouble, which has interfered with his shooting and passing and general usefulness.

Stevens, a guard, is still fearfully slow. Possessing more than usual ability in handling the ball and in passing and shooting, and excelling in basketball sense and having quite a little experience he nevertheless spoils his value by constitutional slowness and stolidity. Next year, if he speeds up he will be an unusually good man.

Murry, a forward, has had perhaps less opportunity given him than any other man and less than he deserved. Lacking the experience of the others he was repeatedly set aside for them and then when given a chance frequently outshone them. Next season

with his increased experience he will be of great value.

Carleton, a center, who has (let us hope only temporarily) departed from St. Stephen's, was increasing in value to the team with every game. He handles the ball perfectly and has a good eye. His great faults are a tendency to dribble into 'held-ball,' to run with the ball, and a disinclination to do his full share in guarding. Next season he will be invaluable, and should prove one of the best men at his position.

Rogan, a forward, is also lost to the college for a while. A sincere worker, a keen fighter, with natural basketball ability, he was improving rapidly in his first year of college play.

Of the second team material, much could be said. There are several men of varsity caliber. Faithful work has characterized their whole season and several of them will give the best on the present varsity a run for their money.

Managers are Faithful

Messrs. Haver, Griswold and Harvey, manager, assistant manager, and candidate, all have worked faithfully; and credit is also due Bradford Tite for frequently refereeing, a duty which, by the way, he performs with real ability.

In conclusion, a coach, I suppose, is always disappointed with how little he has been able to accomplish. There is so much to do. The season promises so many opportunities, and then before you know it the season is over. Basketball, however, is on a better basis at St. Stephen's. That can be said, if nothing else. But there are too few men seriously trying to play. There is practically no limit set upon the use of the gym, and yet it is used absurdly little. The student body, moreover, does not (probably through a fear of intruding) follow the teams' progress. Practices are always or nearly always open to them, and I would like to state that the presence of students is of real help and inspiration to the men. Practice will be continued now as long as the team can be worked with profit, and the college can begin to build up the team for next season by their interest and cooperation.

Next season there will be a real good schedule and a large number of candidates with ability and some experience, and it is hoped that a team will be developed which will be a credit to St. Stephen's. LET'S GO.

NOTICE

Because of the criticism received by the Board of Editors from the Athletic Department, concerning athletic "write-ups," all articles on sports, until further notice, will be written by that department.

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