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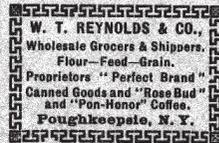
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FRIENDSHIP.

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“**Q**UIDEM, ex omnibus rebus, quas mihi aut Fortuna aut Natura tribuit, nihil habeo quod cum amicitia Scipionis possum comparare.” “Indeed, of all the things which either Fortune or Nature has given to me, I have nothing which I can compare with the friendship of Scipio.”

How true do some of us feel these words of Cicero to be when we think of some dear friend! What is there which we can compare with the friendship of one who is really dear to us? Friendship is truly the most sacred gift, the most precious boon which mortals can possess. Friendship cannot be too highly esteemed, but we must value it not for what is to be got out of it, but for what there is in it. In real Friendship there is no thought of self. A friend is always useful, but useful in the highest sense only. A true friend is one in whom we feel such a perfect satisfaction of heart that without him, and in comparison with him all else is worthless. A friend is one whom we can and do trust; to whom we can open the deepest secrets of our hearts, and in whose presence we feel inexpressible happiness. A friend is one whose happiness is our own,

and our happiness is his; to whom we delight to go and open our whole life allowing him to read carefully each line on every page. For we know that what interests us, interests him, and what troubles us, troubles him.

When we think of friends such as I have described do we think of many? do we think of one? I hope we do. I hope that everyone has at least one person whom he may call a friend.

If you have one friend, and perhaps one is better than two or three, for then his place is more unique, think of the joy which possessed you when amid the selfishness of this world you first felt within your heart that there really was a nobler relationship of disinterestedness and devotion! When you first felt that you were something to another and that he was everything to you?

Nowadays when we look at the place Friendship occupies in literature as compared with its place in ancient times, we are apt to think that the sentiment is becoming obsolete; but no, Friendship will never become obsolete, for it is not only a beautiful and noble thing for a man, but the realization of it is also the ideal of the State. It is not difficult to explain why Friendship seems to have been relegated to a comparatively unimportant place. The change is due to a widening of the life of man. Modern ideals are wider and more comprehensive than those of the ancients. The Christian idea of love even for our enemies has to a certain extent usurped the place of the narrower love for friends. Marriage is another thing, which, to-day more than ever before, supplies the need of friends. And spiritual communion is another. But although men are drawn nearer together now than formerly, yet almost every person has one friend, and nothing can fill his place. Almost every

one has one friend without whom he would not care for life even though he had all else in the world for which to live. A generous Friendship which forgets self is as possible to-day as it ever was.

Our Blessed Lord said: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends;" that is the extreme, and yet it has been reached, for there are instances in the literature of every country which show that this has and does exist. Men have freely sacrificed themselves for others with no idea of gain in view, no thought of serving self-interest, simply out of pure unselfish love.

A true Friendship is an inexplicable miracle; it happens without choice, without effort. Montaigne, in speaking of his friend, says; "If a man were to importune me why I loved him I could only answer because it was he, and because it was I."

If a friend is taken from us we seem not to live, but merely to exist. Life is not life after the loss of a true friend. We are sometimes deceived by those whom we thought were friends; and oh! how cruel an agony it is to have one desert us whom we thought to be true, one whom we really loved and whom we believed to love us! But thank God, this seldom happens in the case of real friends! We may have looked upon them as such and may bear the rupture with pain for a time, but they were merely pleasant acquaintances, and it is well when they show their true colors. The bond of true friendship is generally indissoluble, for the joy that comes from a real communion of heart with heart is the purest and the greatest in the world.

True Friendship must be mutual, for unless the union is fully balanced it is not Friendship, but merely one-sided love. In Friend-

ship the love must of necessity be reciprocal.

When we have a friend we should always treat him in such a way as to keep him. We ought always to treat him with a sort of sacred familiarity as if we appreciated the precious gift of his Friendship. The fire of Friendship always needs fuel to keep it alive; there is always need of forethought and care and love freely expended to keep it burning. There is nothing more pathetic than to see hearts, which formerly have beaten as one, drifting apart. This happens from various causes; from separation, from silence, or from neglect in one form or another. If possible we should go often to the house of a friend; as is said in the Apocryphal book Ecclesiasticus: "If thou findest a good man rise up early in the morning to go to him, and let thy feet wear the steps of his door."

But if we cannot go to him, we should communicate with him in some other way; his Friendship is too sacred a gift to lose, and hearts grow cold towards each other through neglect. There should always be a candid interchange of thought, for then estrangements and misunderstandings, which necessarily arise, could not last long. However it happens that friends are separated it is always sad, for the loss of a friend is the loss of an ideal. Sadder than the pathos of unmated hearts, is the pathos of severed souls. Some men can remember a tender spot somewhere in the past, a time when discord entered with another whom they loved; and in some cases the parting has been eternal, and neither has ever since found another to fill the life with comfort and free the empty heart from paining.

Although in the blush of new-born love it seems like a profanation to speak of its having qualifications, yet in Friendship, as in

everything human, there are limits beyond which we may not pass, where even a friend who is as our own soul becomes a stranger. There is a Holy of Holies over the threshold of which no human feet may pass. Only holier eyes than ours, only more reverent hands than ours can deal with the spirit of man. We may have many points in contact with a friend, the contact of mind on mind, and of heart on heart; we may even have rights over him, the rights of love, but he can at will insulate his life from ours. Here also, as everywhere, when we go deep enough into life it is God and the single human soul.

Although Friendship has limits, to believe that true Friendship is possible is enough, even though in its superb form it has never come to us, but to possess it, is to have the world's sweetest gift.

DUNCAN O'HANLON, '02.

MY ROSE.

ONE day I wandered in a garden old,
 Brave holly-hocks and dahlias on each side.
 By chance far down the pathway I espied
 A tender budded rose of perfect mould,
 Whose wondrous beauty marked with modesty,
 O'erflowed my heart with thrills of ecstasy.

"A prize, a prize most rich and rare!" cried I,
 "O rose-bud pure and sweet, bloom on alone
 Soon shall I come to take thee for mine own!"
 And so, reluctantly, I passed it by.
 And from that day, in thinking of my flower,
 My toils and troubles seemed to lose their power.

To watch my treasure oft I passed that way
 And marked that, by the help of sun and dew
 And by the virtue in itself, it grew
 More beautiful, yet modest day by day.
 O Irony of Fate! One day my eyes
 Beheld another pluck my precious prize!

CHARLES EVERETT MCCOY.

THE MESSENGER CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. The Editorial Board of the ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE MESSENGER shall be composed of not less than four and not more than six members, of whom the Editor-in-Chief shall be presiding officer. They shall be elected on or before May 15th each year (except in 1902) and hold office for one college year. They shall be elected from the Junior, Sophomore and Freshman classes when possible. Vacancies in the Board may be filled at any time.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. Any Senior, Junior, Sophomore or Freshman after the first semester of his Freshman year, or special student after the first semester of his first year of residence, shall be eligible for election to the Board, provided he have had accepted *two* articles of which *one at least* shall be prose.

§ 2. For eligibility to the office of Editor-in-Chief, there shall be required *four published articles*, *one* of which at least shall be prose.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of the Editor-in-Chief before any election for the succeeding Editor-in-Chief or other editors or editor, to post on the bulletin board a list of those persons who are eligible, at least two weeks before said election is to take place.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The Editor-in-Chief shall be elected by the Convocation of Undergraduates at a meeting held on or before May 15th. At the time of his election he must be a member of the Junior class.

§ 2. The other editors shall be elected by the Undergraduates, at least one from each class, at the same time the Editor-in-Chief is

elected. The remaining member of the Board may be elected irrespective of class. In case any class has no member who is eligible, the editor shall be elected by the Undergraduate body from some other class.

§ 3. When there is no eligible candidate for the office of Editor-in-Chief in the Junior class, he shall be elected from the Sophomore class. When there is no eligible candidate from either the Junior or Sophomore classes, the newly-elected Board shall choose one of its members. The Editor-in-Chief of the out-going Board shall preside at the meeting. He shall have only a deciding vote in case of a tie.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. Besides the aforesaid members of the Board there shall be one Business Manager and two assistants, all of whom shall be elected by the Undergraduates at a meeting held on or before May 15th (except 1902). They shall hold office one year, commencing June 1st.

§ 2. They shall have no vote on the selection of material, but are expected to be present at all meetings of the Board.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of the Business Manager to take care of all business connected with the publication of the MESSENGER, and to determine the cost of each issue.

§ 4. If at any time the liabilities shall exceed the *good* assets by \$50.00 it shall be the duty of the Business Manager to present a detailed financial report to the Convocation of Undergraduates and to adopt such measures as may seem wise to that body for the liquidation of the debt. Any failure to observe this section will be considered not neglect, but dishonesty.

§ 5. The duties of the Assistants shall be such as are assigned to them by the Manager.

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. This Constitution shall be a part of the Constitution governing the Convocation of Undergraduates.

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. Any alteration, amendment or addition to this Constitution must be handed to the President of the Convocation of Undergraduates in writing, who shall post the same on the bulletin board for two weeks, with his signature attached. At the expiration of this time it may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a College meeting. The two weeks of advertisement shall not include the Summer, Christmas or Easter vacations.

FOOT-BALL.

S, STEPHENS 52; P. H. S. O.

ON Saturday, November 4th, the football team met the team of the Poughkeepsie High School and defeated it. The visiting team was much lighter than S. Stephen's. The visitors played a plucky game but were clearly outplayed.

The game was called at 3:45. S. Stephen's won the toss and chose to defend the northern goal. Tuthill received the kick-off and made 15 yards before he was downed. The advance of the ball was steady, Elton, Rockstroh and Tuthill making long end runs. Rockstroh made the first touch-down and Elton kicked the goal. This goal was made in the first three minutes of play. According to the new rules the teams now changed goals and by continued crashes through Poughkeepsie's line S. Stephen's made long gains and with a final line-buck Tuthill crossed the line for a touch-down.

The next kick-off was received by Thompson who was downed before he had made any gain. Poughkeepsie with the ball in their possession now tried line-bucks but without a perceptible gain so resorted to a kick which Elton caught nicely and carried down the field for twenty yards. After several long end runs Elton went through the line for a touch-down. The rest was but a repetition of previous playing S. Stephen's making gains through the line and around the ends at will and not losing the ball once on downs. The game as a whole was rather uninteresting as it was too one sided. The tackling done by the visitors was superior to that of S. Stephen's. The most noticeable weak points in S. Stephen's game were the playing of the ends who, not accustomed to their positions, did not go down the field with the ball in quick time, and the high tackling of several of our team. The work of Rockstroh, Elton, Tuthill and Hargrave was commendable.

Line up and summary :

S. STEPHENS.		POUGHKEEPSIE H. S.	
Thompson	} Right End.....	Vaugh	} Welsh
Smart		Hargrave		Bliss
Hargrave	..... Right Tackle.....	Bliss	
Smart	} Right Guard.....	Arnold	
Symons		Drumm	Gallagher
Drumm	..... Center.....	Gallagher	
Silliman	..... Left Guard.....	Lundell	
Beckett	} Left Tackle.....	Gindle	
Hurley		Ashton F.	
Ashton F.	} Left End.....	Geotches	
Smith		Rockstroh	Kenna
Rockstroh	..... Full-back.....	Kenna	
Tuthill	..... Right Half-back.....	Veach, Capt.	
Elton, Capt.	..... Left Half-back.....	MacDonald	
Frear	..... Quarter-back.....	Melady	

Score, S. Stephen's, 52; P. H. S., 0.

Touchdowns, Elton, 3; Rockstroh, 4; Tuthill, 2. Goals from touchdowns, Elton, 5; Tuthill, 2. Umpire, Coffin. Referee, McCoy. Linesmen, Booth and Vanderbilt. Timekeepers, Rice and Hinkle.

Time of halves, 20 and 10 min.

S. STEPHEN'S, 39; KINGSTON Y. M. C. A., 0.

On Saturday, October 11, S. Stephen's met and defeated the team of the Kingston Y. M. C. A. by a score of 39 to 0. A pouring rain fell during the whole game which made the field very sloppy and the playing slow, but there were not as many fumbles as might have been expected. The game was called at 3:10. S. Stephen's won the toss and chose to defend the south goal. Rockstroh received the kick-off and gained 15 yards before downed. Although Kingston held well S. Stephen's advanced the ball steadily. After several line bucks and end runs a trick play was now resorted to which gained 15 yards for S. Stephen's. Then Rockstroh was pushed over the line for the first touch-down. Elton failed to kick the goal. The next kick-off was received by Rockstroh, who gained 10 yards. Tuthill circled the end for a long run and then, in a trick play, Elton, leaving his interference, gained 35 yards before he was downed on Kingston's ten-yard line. With a final line buck Tuthill crossed the line for a touch-down. Elton failed to kick the goal. The next kick-off was received by Elton, who by clever dodging gained 25 yards. Kingston now braced, and it seemed as if the ball would be lost on downs, but each time the required distance was made. After a series of line bucks and short end runs Elton was pushed over the line for another touch-down. Elton kicked the goal. After the kick-off which Rockstroh received, gaining 25 yards, only three plays were made, as time was called with the ball in S. Stephen's possession in mid-field. Score at the end of the first half was 16—0.

The second half was nearly a repetition of the first. The ball was in Kingston's pos-

session only once, and then was lost on downs. This half was marked by more fumbling and taking out of time. When time was called the ball was in S. Stephen's possession on Kingston's seven yard line.

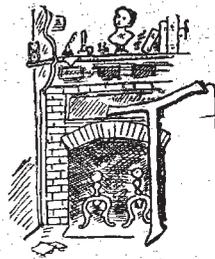
The line seemed to have improved since the last game, and made it possible for the backs to make long gains. The lining up of the team after every down was remarkably slow. Neither side resorted to a kick during the whole game.

S. STEPHEN'S.	KINGSTON Y. M. C. A.	
Ashton	} Van Buren	
Gardener		} Lane
Hurley	Left End	Sahler
Beckett	Left Tackle	Lane
Drumm	Left Guard	Cappé
Symons	Center	Cook
Hargrave	Right Guard	Freer
Smart	Right Tackle	Sherwood
Rockstroh	Right End	Boyd
Elton (Capt.)	Full Back	Johnson
Tuthill	Left Half-back	Smith
Frear	Right Half-back	Measter
	Quarter-back	Linson (Capt.)

Score—S. Stephen's, 39; Kingston Y. M. C. A., 0.

Touch-downs—Elton, 3; Tuthill, 2; Rockstroh, 1; Hargrave, 1. Umpire, C. W. Popham. Referee, C. E. McCoy. Linesmen, Hill and Vanderbilt. Time-keepers, Hinkle and Cline. Time of halves, 20 minutes.





The Editor's Corner.

IN another part of this issue will be found the new Constitution of the MESSENGER as adopted by the student body recently. We publish it for several reasons. First, to preserve it in permanent form so that it may not suffer the fate of other constitutions and be "lost." Secondly, that it may be carefully and understandingly read by all. Thirdly, that the Alumni may see exactly how the MESSENGER is to be conducted in the future. The committee deserves special credit for their thoroughness and promptness in handling the subject.

This Constitution fills a long felt want. It is to be hoped that the student body will at once set to work and contribute to the paper.

THE new Constitution of the Athletic Association will be published in the next issue.

THE foot-ball outlook this season is very promising. The line is heavier than for some years. If the team continues to develop in the same ratio that it has in the past few weeks it will soon be in excellent shape.

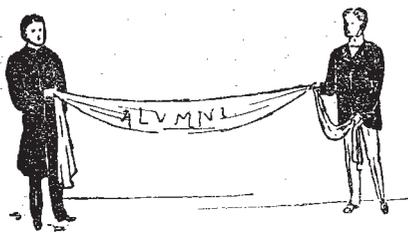
There is a healthful rivalry for most of the positions and that is conducive to good hard work by all the men—there is no "soldiering."

Mr. Popham, as coach, is succeeding admirably in carrying out his idea. The innovation of stopping practice at the time appointed is meeting with great favor as three-quarters of an hour of good conscientious work is of more value than an hour or even an hour and a quarter of half-hearted training.

As in former years a strong scrub team is lacking. There are several men here of sufficient ability to play on the scrub and perhaps make the 'Varsity, who for several alleged reasons do not play. In some cases these excuses may be legitimate, but the man who says that he has no time gives a very poor excuse as he very likely wastes more time than his appearance on the field would demand.

Nearly all of the students have paid their foot-ball assessment and it is to be hoped that the Alumni will respond, in a material way, to the letters sent them.

FOLLOWING the precedent of former years, we publish this year no separate number for September, but combine the September with the October number. This is made necessary by a variety of reasons, chief of which is the fact that College opens in latter part of September. To publish an issue on or after the opening day and follow it immediately with an October number would involve useless trouble and expense and would certainly cause deterioration in the quality of the material; for good material is unusually hard to obtain at this season."



(We shall be glad to print in these columns any news whatever of interest concerning our Alumni. Please send notes addressed to the Editor-in-Chief.)

—'67. Dr. Silliman paid a short visit to the College on Sept. 30.

—'76. The Rev. J. D. Herron, rector of All Saints' Church, Portsmouth, Ohio, has sailed for a two months' tour of England and Scotland.

—'85. Mr. Francis J. Hopson recently spent part of his vacation at Annandale and manifested his love for Alma Mater by assisting in coaching the foot-ball team.

'89. The Rev. T. B. Barlow, rector of St. Peter's Church, Butler, Pa., spent the summer with his family, near Lake Conneaut, Pa.

—'90. The Rev. O. L. Mitchell, preached in St. Luke's Church, Washington, D. C., to the eighteenth annual conference of Church Workers among the Colored People.

—'90. The Rev. J. R. Atkinson recently declined a call to Grace Church in Plainfield, N. J.

—'90. The Rev. P. C. Pyle, formerly rector of Grace Parish, Greenville, N. Y., has resigned and accepted a call to St. Barnaba's Church, Stottville, in the Diocese of Albany.

—'92. The Rev. A. H. Grant, Jr., has resigned the rectorship of St. Peter's Church, Bainbridge, N. Y., having accepted a call to Zion Church, Fulton, N. Y.

—'92. The Rev. C. M. Dunham, rector of St. Jude's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., is plan-

ning for a new church. The ground has been bought and the church is to be of stone. Father Dunham's work in his new parish in the past few months has been so prosperous that it has been necessary to establish a mission in connection with his church, in order to accomodate his congregation.

—'93. The Rev. Charles Fiske of the Church of the Transfiguration, Philadelphia, has resigned and accepted a call to St. John's Church, Somerville, N. J.

—'94. The Rev. G. R. Bishop is now rector of Renova, Pa., in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

—'98. The address of the Rev. W. B. Sams is now 1624 Pendleton St., Columbia, S. C.

—'99. The Rev. A. S. Lewis has been appointed missionary at the Church of the Holy Innocents, Leechburg, Pa.

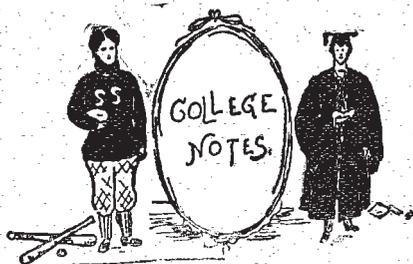
—'00. Mr. W. W. Silliman is now at the Alexandria Seminary.

—'01. Mr. J. Paul Graham is teaching Latin at the Nyack Military Academy. Mr. Graham was married on Sept. 10, to Miss Margaret Hargrave.

—'02. Durrell, O'Hanlon and Mottram are at the General Theological Seminary. McGay is also at the Seminary, N. Y.

—'02. William Burrows, Jr., has gone to Berkeley Seminary, Middleton, Conn.





—How about a Glee Club this year?

—Has the Mask and Gown Club ceased to exist?

—Brinckerhoff, '05, is organist at St. John's, Barrytown,

—The Athletic Association is working very nicely under its new constitution.

—A number of new books have been added to the College library in its various departments.

—McCoy, Eneboe, Hargrave and Stoner, who were absent last year, have again joined our numbers.

—The Warden and his family entertained the students in Ludlow and Willink Hall, Thursday evening, October 2.

—M. Wilford Hick, ex-'04, is editor of the *Hastings (Mich.) Banner*. Who will win the prizes in the Junior class?

—The officers of the Senior class for this year are: President, Fish; Vice President, West; Secretary, Clelland; Treasurer, Addison.

—Mr. Chas. W. Popham, '99, is coaching the foot-ball team this year. Under his careful supervision the team is rapidly being put in fine form.

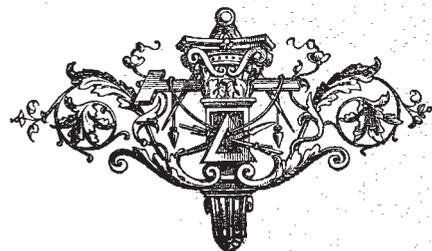
—The absence from College of Frye, '05, is a big loss to the foot-ball team. He was one of the best ground gainers the College has had for several years.

—Mr. James W. Lord, B.A. (Trinity), who for the past two years has acted as tutor in Greek and English, has entered the Berkeley Divinity School. Mr. Lord is greatly missed by the students, among whom he was a general favorite.

—Mr. George B. Pfeiffer, (Vir. Poly. Inst., '87, and M. S. Col., '96, has been appointed Professor of Mathematics in place of Dr. Olssen, resigned. Prof. Pfeiffer is making special features of laboratory work in Physics and Biology.

—The upper classmen are eagerly endeavoring to cover their faces with hairy growths. The majority of these attempts are most miserable failures. The down crop flourishes but the whiskers won't grow. So far the honors are equally divided between the North Dakota duet, Addison with his moustache and Elton with his goatee.

—The foot-ball schedule so far arranged is: Oct. 11, Kingston V. M. C. A., at Annandale; Oct. 18, Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie; Oct. 25, Seton Hall College, at South Orange; Nov. 1, Peekskill Military Academy, at Peekskill; Nov. 8, New Paltz State Normal, at Annandale; Nov. 15, Eastman Business College, at Annandale; Nov. 22, Riverview Military Academy, at Poughkeepsie.



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