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WE are all familiar, the older men at least, with the aimless, restless spirit that pervades the dormitories the first few days after the holiday recess. It is only natural that, having returned from the pleasures of the Christmas season, it should take some time to get properly orientated in our work. But this ought not to occasion any great difficulty with men who have reached that stage in their development where *responsibility* and *definite purpose* have begun to acquire a meaning—such progress as we must assume in the college man. The fact that a man is registered as a student at St. Stephen's ought certainly to mean just one thing: namely, that his purpose is in harmony with that of the agent he has selected to assist him in the realization of that purpose. And the College, like every institution or individual that is of any great service to the world, has its ideal purpose: to provide "that general education and culture which best serve as a preparation for whatever vocation may claim its graduates in later life."

This period of the academic year, free as it is from so many of the distractions which break into our work at other times, should be most productive in the intellectual life of the student. Then, if ever, we

should be able to bring our mental activities, which in the open seasons have been more or less fitfully exercised, into the warm atmosphere of our books and force them into bloom. In short, the first three or four months of the year might very aptly be called the "students' season." We do not mean that college men may be, or are, careless in the routine work the rest of the year. Far be it from us even to imply that St. Stephen's would tolerate in her midst any who were not performing to the satisfaction of their instructors those duties at least which were imposed on them. Some minds—if we may be allowed the word—are marvelously adapted to retain impressions overnight, or until the recitation hour supplies a fit opportunity to get the disagreeable things out of the system; a faculty eminently serviceable at times, yet in great danger of being over trained. But the servile preparation of a few pages of assigned text is small advance toward the attainment of that "general education and culture" which should be the aim of every student. Professor Corson of Cornell has very well said, "The true aim of culture is not to make the head a cock-loft for storing away the trumpery of barren knowledge * * * And yet the school bill of fare with moral dyspepsia in its wake must be gone through with, *ruat coelum*" When, we may ask, have we any leisure for supplementary work? During the foot-ball season, the average student finds the time that he has free from study occupied with athletics; and if he devotes all his energies to these things, his time is *well* filled. But, surely, we should begin after the recreation of the Christmas recess to realize more fully and completely our own aim and thereby that of the College, binding together with ligaments—the result of "free labor"—the disjointed skeleton of facts and breathing some vitality into them.

"Let every man be master of his time,"

for thus alone can he attain to that breadth of culture which should be his aim; and which Mr. Bosanquet has so well defined as "a habit of mind instinct with purpose, cognizant of the tendency and connection in human achievement, able and industrious in discerning the great from the trivial."

It is with regret and with apologies to the faithful few that we use this opportunity for bemoaning one, indeed the most serious, of the numerous difficulties that confront the editorial board: namely, a lack of frank and competent criticism of and co-operation in our labors, es-

pecially among the students. It would be somewhat of a satisfaction, if we could completely fathom the cause of this apathy. Surely when we recall the spirit that was shown at the first meeting of the Convocation this year, when by an almost unanimous vote the MESSENGER was revived and an editorial board elected, it is hard for one who believes that reasoning intelligence in some degree at least is the possession of every human, to think that anyone could have left that meeting with the self complacent conviction that he had fulfilled his duty by the casting of a single vote, or with a sigh of relief that his brief period of responsibility was over. Yet our experience seems to attest the truth of this unpleasant thought.

The two stock excuses for the neglect in this department of college activities are *incompetence* and *lack of time*. As regards the former, we may perhaps be pardoned a repetition of the platitude that one never knows his abilities until he has tested them. Sincere effort is never wholly unsuccessful, even though it goes no farther than to show that sympathy and willingness to do which the MESSENGER Board has a right to expect. But as regards the latter, and far more frequent complaint, lack of time, we venture to assert on the ground of our casual observation, that the production of one article for the MESSENGER would in many cases be like an oasis in the desert. Athletics and other branches of college activities in some way or other are provided for; and yet those who would be indignant at a suggestion of their disloyalty to the College, calmly ignore one of their important obligations in favor of others which afford them greater pleasure. We do not mean in any sense to depreciate the efforts of those who seek to win laurels for their College on the athletic field or of those whose far-sighted vision discerns the future glory of St. Stephen's in the missionary work of the Church, or of any who manifest an unselfish interest in their Alma Mater. But we boldly maintain that the MESSENGER, representing as it should the literary side of the institution, has an equally strong claim on every undergraduate. There are possibilities here of advancing the welfare of St. Stephen's such as, in the present condition of things, are to be found nowhere else. And yet we find not only men who are one-sided in their devotion—this were in a degree excusable—but also those who laboring under the delusion of true devotion are neglecting practically all such obligations. Deplorable is a mild word for such a state of affairs. We should be glad to be informed of any theory for the continuance of the MESSENGER in future years, or of any explanation of the advan-

tage of tiding it over the present year, unless some few men at least have the thing sufficiently at heart to qualify for its editorial responsibilities.

We are very glad to print in this issue the following letter:

Mr. S. G. Martin, Editor in Chief.

Dear Sir:—The courtesy you extend me as President of The Alumni Association to furnish some copy for the next number of **THE MESSENGER**, I gladly welcome and accept. It is, however, more particularly to the members of the Association and to former students of the College who are not Alumni, that I venture to address myself through the medium of your paper.

Those who were present at the last Commencement Exercises will remember the enthusiastic interest then awakened in behalf of Alma Mater, and it is to be hoped that no small degree of that interest is still alive. In order that full expression may be given to that spirit, and that it may embody itself in tangible form, a meeting of the Alumni Association will be called for in January, which will be followed by a banquet. As it will be impossible for many of the members to attend this meeting, owing to the great distances by which they are separated from New York City, where the meeting will be held, it may not be amiss to state in general terms the purpose for which the meeting is called.

The present welfare and future prosperity of the College demand most imperatively the active interest of all who are in any way connected with it.

The "welfare of the College," therefore, furnishes the broad basis of the call to assemble, and this call will shortly be issued.

Many avenues of approach present themselves as leading directly to the subject. So obvious are some of them as to appear commonplace and negligible when viewed in the light of straightened circumstances and meagre opportunity. Here is one at least to which no one can be denied entrance.

The College needs advertising in such fashion as shall commend it to the careful consideration of parents who desire for their boys a collegiate training—whether their boys intend entering the ministry of the Church or not is a purely personal consideration with which the College authorities never presume to interfere, and this ought to be emphasized. Because the majority of our men have taken Holy

Orders, it is too commonly supposed that none but prospective theologues need apply, therefore the need of this correction.

Throughout the regions of this broad land which are ministered to by the Alumni of St. Stephen's there must be scores of boys and young men who would gladly welcome the knowledge of the existence of an institution such as ours, where sound intellectual training and moral discipline are furnished at such modest financial expenditure. To make these facts broadly known is to advertise the College lawfully and reasonably.

If the will to do this be only present and consistently exercised, no power nor any aggregation of powers can prevail against it.

Human volition has not yet found a register of its ultimate efficiency nor is it ever likely to. So long as we know the past and present of St. Stephen's and cherish the memories of those who in past and present have willed and sacrificed in her interests, we dare not, as men who owe her fealty and service, acquiesce in the policy of *laissez faire* which obtains in quarters which we had reason to expect would yield masterful and aggressive assistance.

To counteract and nullify the "hands off" policy the alumni and former students are urged to enter upon a campaign of determined effort in behalf of the College.

If one man stung by the gadfly of resolution can send eight students to the College in one year, and this is an accomplished fact, the whole body of the alumni having been inoculated by the same virus ought certainly to keep the College full.

Arrangements for the purposed meeting and banquet are not yet completed, but due notice of the time and place of meeting will soon be sent to all members of the Alumni and Former Students' Associations. In the meantime, brethren, let us think, plan and be determined.

Yours faithfully,

FREDERIC W. NORRIS,

President of the Alumni Association.

The **MESSENGER** extends to faculty, alumni, undergraduates, and other friends a hearty holiday greeting.

Athletics



ON Saturday, Nov. 10, St. Stephens sent the team of Eastman College down to defeat to the tune of 28-0. The speedy work of St. Stephen's back field and the phenomenal work of Corton and Jepson brought about this glorious victory. Jepson alone made twenty-three of the twenty-eight points scored in the game.

St. Stephen's won the toss and Captain Allen chose the kick off. Jepson kicked across the goal line, but on the next attempt the leather landed on Eastman's ten yard line. Noel ran the ball back ten yards before he was downed. Two tries at the line and Eastman saw she was forced to punt. Jepson took off half the forty yards gained by Fosdick's superb punt. Capt. Allen was sent at the right wing, but made no impression; Matt, too, couldn't find a hole on the right side, so Jepson punted. A long spiral punt made it hard for Chute to handle and as the ball fell from his hands Corton snapped it up and scooted across the line for a touch down. Jepson kicked the goal easily (0-6). Eastman took a brace and Capt. Fosdick ran back Jepson's kick-off fully thirty yards before he was downed. Gain after gain was made until they reached St. Stephen's forty yard line. Here Jones' hard playing broke up the Eastman back field so badly that they lost the ball on a fumble by McMann. Again Matt was hurled at the center, but there was no hole for him; Art. Allen met the same fate, but Jepson, on a quarter-back run, turned left end for about fifteen yards. Frank Allen reeled off the same amount. Now with the ball on the thirty-five yard line, Capt. Allen called for a place kick. Matt held the ball handily and Jepson booted the leather between the uprights (0-10). Eastman thought they'd change their luck by kicking off. Jester booted the ball to Frank Allen on St. Stephen's ten yard line. Twice Art. Allen tried to turn the end, but Jester pulled him down for a loss. It was just the time for a kick, but Jepson didn't feel like kicking; instead he called for a kick formation and circled the left end for another tally. Matt brought the ball out and held it while Jepson kicked the goal from an almost impossible angle (0-16). Again Eastman kicked to St. Stephen and Art. Allen ran the ball back fifteen yards. Then Matt hit left guard for about two yards, Art. Allen squirmed between left tackle and guard for five and Frank Allen turned left end for a first down. Jepson called for a back shift and

sent Matt into the line for three yards, then with the same formation he carried the ball around left end for fifteen yards. Here the whistle blew with the ball on the twenty-five yard line and the score 0 to 16 in St. Stephen's favor.

Second half—Art. Allen ran back Jester's kick to the twenty-five yard line, Matt pulled out a yard, Jepson took up another, and Frank Allen scooped up twelve on a wide end run. Art. Allen pulled out a yard through tackle, Gott made another on a "tackles around" play, and F. Allen on a delayed pass gathered up ten more. Jepson on a fake kick brought the ball to Eastman's thirty yard line. Here Matt held the ball while Jepson booted it over the cross bar and incidentally added four more to the fast growing score, (0-20). Again Jester kicked to Jepson, who dodged his way through the Eastman players to the center of the field. But Eastman took a brace and after two tries at the left wing Jepson punted. Eastman punted on the first down. Jepson returned the compliment, but the result of this kicking duel showed the ball on Eastman's twenty-yard line. Two successive cracks at our right tackle proved a loss because Springstead piled up the play right handily. Next Eastman tried a forward pass, but Matt got in the way and nailed the leather. On the first down Jepson made a quarter back kick but Eastman got the ball on her twenty-yard line. A double pass by Eastman brought the ball to the center of the field. Ford and Jones broke up Eastman's run of luck by smashing up a fake-kick and covering the ball. Matt was now hurled at right guard, but there was no opening and no gain. Jepson called for the usual kick formation and Frank Allen shot the ball way out across the line to the waiting Corton, who had lost his man and was waiting for the ball full ten yards ahead of the scrimmage line. He squeezed the old pigskin and ate up about twenty yards before he was downed. Gott carried the ball to a nice position directly in front of the goal-posts and of course Jep. put it over, (0-24). Jepson kicked off to Pike, who was downed in his tracks. Jonsey smeared a tandem play, but Eastman got a first down on an "end around end" play. However an "on-side" kick was nipped by Matt, who plowed through to the thirty yard line. Here Capt. Allen called on Jepson for a place kick and of course Jep. just couldn't help making four more, (0-28). Eastman kicked to St. Stephen's. Jepson ran the ball back to the twenty yard line when the time was called.

Final score, 0-28 in St. Stephen's favor.

LINE UP.

Eastman		St. Stephen's
Pike.....	l.e.....	Corton
Jester.....	l.t.....	Gott
Richardson.....	l.g.....	Ford
Witting.....	c.....	Jones
Blumenthal.....	r.g.....	Totten
Ade.....	r.t.....	Springstead
Miller.....	r.e.....	Soper
Noel.....	l.h.b.....	A. Allen
McMann.....	r.h.b.....	F. Allen
Fosdick.....	f.b.....	Matt
Chute.....	q.b.....	Jepson

Touch downs—Jepson, 1; Corton, 1. Goals from touch down—Jepson, 2. Goals from field—Jepson, 4.

Referee, Mr. Oehlhoff. Umpire, Mr. Lee. Timekeepers, Mr. Hoamell, Mr. T. R. Harris, Jr.

The football season just closed, is the most successful St. Stephen's has ever had. A limited amount of space prohibits me from putting in accounts of all the games played. However it is enough to say that our opponents never crossed our goal line and that the sum total of our score aggregates sixty-three points (this does not count the game forfeited by Spencer's College). Seton Hall, too, cancelled and took from us the opportunity of adding another scalp to our belt and a few more tallies to our score.

Right here let me say that the success of the 1906 team is due to the faithful work of most of the 'varsity and all of the scrub. Every man was out to do his best, every man was out to win. The regular daily scrimmages between 'varsity and scrub were fought as hard as were the games. The men were speedy and quick on their feet and every man seemed to play as much with his brain as with his body. The new rules, too, were so readily assimilated by the men that the style of play adopted proved just the thing for the team.

A word now about the rooters. Small as the crowd was in size, nevertheless the unity, precision and consonance of the cheering did the work of double the number. And again the spirit of the undergraduates, and faculty too, fired every man on the squad with a desire to dig in. The night before every game Convocation Hall rang with songs and cheers and the old "S. S." shook the windows every time it was given.

The basket-ball team is working hard, now that foot-ball is over. Captain Jepson says the men are fighting hard for their positions. Over a half-dozen men are trying to fill the only open spot on the team—the four old men will have to get a move on to hold their jobs. Manager Virgin has his schedule full and all we want now is a good bunch of rooters to follow up the team.

The Columbia Five of the Kingston Y. M. C. A. defeated St. Stephen's on Saturday evening, December eighth. We had the game up to the last three minutes of play and the floor work of Columbia Five couldn't compare with St. Stephen's, but the shooting of St. Stephen's was poor. Score 46-38.

At a meeting of the Athletic Association Manager Oehlhoff's report was accepted and Blaum was elected foot-ball manager for the season of 1907. Douglas Gott was awarded varsity "S."

Frank Allen, captain of 1906 foot-ball team, has been re-elected for the season of 1907. Blaum is manager.

O Thou my Soul.



THOU my soul, O thou my heart,
 O thou my bliss, my woe that art,
 O thou my world in which I live,
 My heaven that dost my being give,
 O thou my grave, wherein alone
 Forever I my grief have thrown!
 Thou art the peace, thou art the rest,
 Thou art the heaven of my quest.
 That thou dost love me gives me worth,
 Thy look hath granted me new birth,
 Loving thou raisest me on high.
 My angel good, my better I.

R.

From the German of Friedrich Ruckert.

Doings of the "Frats."

EULEXIAN.

Chapter Alpha of the Eulexian fraternity held its forty-sixth annual initiation on Friday, November sixteen. Seven (7) men were admitted into the fraternity. They were Arthur D. Anderson, Anton F. Blaum, Albert E. Bowles, Eric G. Erikson, John Gregson, Malcolm DeP. Maynard and J. deLancey Scovil. After the initiation all sat down to a banquet in Preston Hall.

Reverend Charles A. Jessup acted as toast-master for the occasion.

Besides the new and active members, the following Alumni were also present: Brothers Norris, Bennett, Jessup, Anthony, Bleeker, Gibson Dean, Agnew, Silliman, Kimber, Bullman, Fr. Paul James Francis, Mottram, Toop, Green, Moore, Lovelec.

KAPPA GAMMA CHI.

On Friday evening, November 16, the Kappa Gamma Chi fraternity initiated the following men: William Andrew Corton, '10, Charles Linsley L. Ford, '10, Johnson Alfred Springsted, '10, John Goodridge Martin, Arthur Hobart Sopher and Arthur Clyde Allen. After the initiation the Fraternity banqueted in No. 4, Potter Hall. The alumni and former students present were, the Rev. Adrian R. B. Hegeman, '91, James F. Elton, '04, Edward M. Frear, '05, Charles A. Kafka, Henry Lewis and Charles E. McCoy.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

The New York Sigma Phi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon held its annual fall banquet in Preston Hall, on the evening of December seventh. Br. Selvage as toastmaster called for the following toasts: The Chapter, Simmonds; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Oehlhoff; When Greek meets Greek, Prof. E. C. Upton; The Home Stretch, Martin; The Swimming Bowl, Gardner; Athene, Knapp; Hearts are Trumps, Thurauf; Devotion and Devotie, Craigie.

JUST RECEIVED.—A copy of *The Most Popular College Songs*, revised edition, published by Hinds, Noble and Eldredge, New York. Besides a judicious selection of typical College songs, the book contains a large number of songs, old and new, which are naturally associated with "the moonlit campus." The reasonable price (50 cents) makes the possession of this collection a possibility for every music-loving collegian.

Alumni Notes

'61. The Ven. Dr. Joseph Cary was again nominated to the bishop as archdeacon.

'78. The Rev. T. G. Jackson, B. A., D. D., rector of St. Paul's Church, of Flatbush, L. I., has been elected secretary of the Standing Committee of the diocese of Long Island.

'80. Francis E. Shoher, M. A., was re-elected to Congress from New York state on the democratic ticket. This is his third term in the house.

At the fall meeting of the Williamsport archdeaconry (diocese of Harrisburg), in Renovo, Penn., on Oct. 24 and 25, the Rev. William Heakes was unanimously elected to succeed himself as archdeacon.

The Ven. Alexander McMillan, rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Penn., has, on the nomination of Bishop Darlington, been re-elected archdeacon of Harrisburg for the term of two years.

'01 ex. Married, November 29, 1906, at St. Andrew's Church, New Haven, Conn., Arthur H. Kenney to Bertha Emma, youngest daughter of Willabe Hastell, Ph. D., of Yale University.

'98. Sp. C. Rev. Alnon C. Stengle has accepted the Rectorship of Logansport, Ind.

'01 ex. Rev. Alfred R. Hill (B. A. Yale) has accepted the Rectorship of All Saints Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

'95 ex. Clark Linwood Lewis is with Hackett, Carhardt and Co., New York.

Obituary

WILLIAM THOMPSON LACEY.

The manner of his death is unknown. Mr. Lacey left his residence at No. 114 West 84th St., New York City, as usual on Oct. 4th, to go to his work in the offices of the New York Central Railroad, where he had been employed as bookkeeper for sixteen years. Nine days later his body was found floating off Governor's Island in New York Harbor. Mr. Lacey was an alumnus of St. Stephen's College of the Class of '85, and a member of the Kappa Gamma Chi fraternity.

He is survived by his widow and one child.

College Notes

On Hallowe'en the German Club gave it's first dance. Preston Hall looked right sporty bedecked with great arches of autumn leaves interspersed with college and fraternity banners. Huge piles of corn-stalks stood along the wall and jack-o-laterns peeked from among the corn flowers. The whole scheme blended—the lights in their yellow coats and the dull brown of the woodwork helped to carry out the Hallowe'en idea. I don't guess anybody lost out on the good time, any way there were five encores—more or less—to the last dance and I don't think any body wanted to leave the Hall when the dance finally broke up.

The New York Central is getting rather discourteous in it's treatment of its patrons—why they wouldn't even pay any attention to a telephone message asking that the 12:10 be held until a new wheel be put on the wagon which “turned turtle” at the foot of the campus hill.

When in doubt, drop a “perp.”

And still they dig the well and still the water remains low—even lower, for there is a leak in the big tank and consequently the pressure isn't as high.

Little Willie stood a-watching
While his father dug a well;
Little Willie lost his footing—
“Cheer up, boys, there ain't no hell.”

Ex.

After quite a discussion on personality and individuality always showing itself in a man's speaking, reading etc., the poor Sophomore—more “mores” than “sophos”—was told that—“you may shave your face five times a day and wash it six, but you'll still have the same old face.”

Never lie down before a bid to a Faculty coffee bust—you might fall asleep and then you'll miss your “graft.”

Orange and blue 1910 all the way from college to Barrytown and on the campus too—that is on the little red building down the line.

Hey diddle diddle, Fat Ford and his fiddle,
The Allens are keeping in tune;
Old Fernsler is beating the time with his feet
And little Blume's flute fills the room.

Only a part of the orchestra, but it's the part that makes things go. The rest don't beat time with their feet and they all keep in tune. Least ways they did on December fourteenth, when they gave a dance to the college. The music was really good—in fact the best part of the affair. Everybody that attended said they had a good time.

Freshman—Professor, I don't think I deserve zero for this paper.
Professor—Neither do I, but it's the lowest grade I can give.

Freshie had a “pony,”
Rode it to the limit;
'Xamination hit the class—
Now he isn't in it.

Exchanges

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the following periodicals: *Queen's University Journal*, *Hobart Herald*, *Colgate Madisonensis*, *Trinity Tablet*, *Mt. Holyoke*, *The Sibyl*, and the *Xavier*.

Judging by a letter from Professor Brenton (English Literature) to the Editor of the *Trinity Tablet*, THE MESSENGER is not solitary in scarcity of literary material. The scheme therein suggested, whereby articles for the Tablet, approved and corrected (perhaps) by the Professor of English, should be allowed as equivalents for regular fortnightly themes, seems a judicious one. We might profit by a similar inducement to literary effort.

Queen's Journal is particularly refreshing, and its wholesome pages are always welcomed to our table.

The Xavier maintains its usual high standard; its tone is scholarly—never pedantic. “A Comparative Study” and “Goldsmith” are both commendable, as evidencing that scholastic aspiration which characterizes the *Xavier* and makes it somewhat unique among the College periodicals—at least such as reach us.

We regret to find a falling off in numbers on our exchange list. This may be due to the fact that the publication of the MESSENGER was suspended last year, or to the fact that this year we are issuing only a quaterly, whereas most of the magazines are monthlies. While we hope that next year we shall be able to resume our old tradition, the exchange department must under present conditions be conducted in a business like way. Only such publications as arrive regularly will be noticed, and we would ask that all exchanges be addressed to the Editor-in-Chief, and thereby save some confusion.

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Fifteen schools have already been asked to send two representatives each to compete for these prizes, but there will probably be some vacancies later, and correspondence concerning these prizes and possible entrance to the competition should be addressed to

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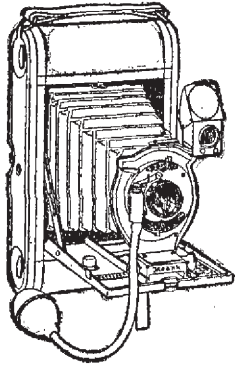
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