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#### **President Read from Courtmen Get Ready** for Eastman College **Three Modern Poets**

sented in Lecture to Students and Guests

In view of the recent discussion which has been carried on in this paper concerning the inability of the recitals, it was very interesting to notice the close and genuine attendents for the reading of modern poetry. To this end he chose three poets from which to take selections. of practice. The first was an American, Mr. Edgar Lee Masters, a Chicago attorney, John Masefield, whose occupations have varied from being a ship's officer to performing menial tasks in English public houses. The third poet was Rabindranath Tagore, a Hindu scholar, teacher and mystic. Both Masefield and Tagore adhere strictly to classic poetic form.

Mr. Masters' "Spoon River Anthology" from which Dr. Bell chose selections, is a collection of imaginary (Continued on page 3)

#### **Coach Phalen's Men** Are Showing Up Well

Fleet-footed Athletes Are Prepared for Intercollegiate Matches

beginning to function in a manner Christ. In order to make Christianity that reflects the personality and per-a dynamic force in our daily lives, sonal power of the man who has seen we must understand Christ in terms fit to take a part of his own time that are familiar to us. Dr. Cumto devote to the students. The co-mins cited the marked tendency of operation that has been given to him modern biographers to discover the manner of good fellowship.

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Masters, Masefield and Tagore Pre- 18 Men Answer Initial Call in Prep aration for Home Game on December 1

Coach Bank's first call for basketball candidates last week in preparation for the opening game of the been heard issuing from the windows season with Eastman College on De- of the Student's Recreation room in the more "classical" Monday night cember 1 brought forth eighteen Albee. The German Club has now men. Eastman is expected to bring had two meetings, elected officers, to Annandale a fast and shifty quin- and acquired a tentative program of tion paid by the audience to the tet eager to avenge the stinging de- activities. The club was organized tion paid by the audience to the feat administered to them last year under the supervision of Dr. Krum- The only real fight in the world toby the Scarlet and White basketeers. pelmann, who is directing its career day is the struggle on the part of pose of the reading was, as Dr. Bell The Saints, however, are equally and acting as its Faculty Advisor. In pose of the reading was, as Dr. Bell said, to start an interest among stu-ready to start the season off with a the near future he will deliver a lec-condition of servitude to the estate victory as evidenced by eleven vet- ture on German university life, com- of ownership. Although this latter erans turning out on the first day pared with American university life. class is small (two out of a hundred

Of those who have returned, Cap- terest in German life and civilization. tain Keen, MacKean, Lemley, Given who writes chiefly in "free verse." and Kroll seem to have first choice members. They have elected the folwho writes chiefy in Tree verse. The second was an Englishman, Mr. the initial which a Those men have to be independence. Doctor Edwards main-independence. Doctor Edwards mainthe initial whistle. These men have Lodter '28, vice-president; Zisch '28, man is subservient to another is deworked together for one year and secretary, and Wallace '30 treasurer. have shown promise of developing While it is obvious that the main into a five that will launch the Saints function will be to give the members to be trusted with his brother's off on another successful season. increased acquaintance with German chances or ideals in life. However, Heuss, Ricciardi and others culture, at the same time the club are pushing this first group and will fill a number of large social should see service in many tilts this functions ("big time") for the memwinter.

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## **Dr. Cummins Preaches**

Emphasizes "Character of Christ"

Dr. Cummins, of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, preached in chapel lege. on Sunday, October 23, As the text "Who think ye, I am?" indicates, his The cross country organization is talk dealt with the interpretation of Tennis Comes On shows what can be done with a bunch PERSONALITY of men as an illus- interest in tennis as a collegiate tion which will transcend all that of fellows when approached in a tration of a very desirable method sport among the student body this have gone before." of attaining some idea of Christ's year. An unusually large number of Daily the size of the squad has character. We can gain an adequate contestants entered the race for the been increasing and the day's prac-understanding and sympathy with the Fall championship and from present tice has been done with vim and truths of Christianity only by learn- appearances there is every reason to vigor. A call went out a few days ing to know and love the character believe that the hopes for next Spring ago for managers and assistant man- of Christ. The bestowal of "Kinship, will be better than ever before. agers. Immediately there was a gen- not Kingship" was Christ's purpose Walter H. Lemley, who it will be eral rush to arms and the following in revealing himself to men. Insofar remembered was judged the most on Campus. There is no doubt that men were selected: Juniors, C. Smith as Christ's human kinship with men valuable man on last year's Varsity and C. Enzian; Sophomores, Gallucci, is obscured by exaggeration of rit- team, worked his way through the Graham and Snell; Freshmen, King- ual or commercialization of religious semi-final by beating such contenders man, Hammond and Bradner. They influences—so the true meaning of as Brewer and Brunot and met Dillin as usual and his characteristic steadiall got together one afternoon and Christ's message fails to become ef- in the finals for the championship. ness never seems to fail him when fective.

### **German Students Sponsor Active** Organization

#### Der Verein ist schon uber zwei Wochen unterweg

Ach, du lieber Augustein. . . . has Through this he hopes to awaken in-

Der Verein already includes 28 bers. The entertainment, being alhilarious singing of well known Ger- only where there is responsibility. man songs and indulging in pretzels All religious systems today are conand beer. (It is not known yet Forceful Sermon whether it will be Bock beer or mock a Germah play sometime during the accoutrements of flattering ritual. year. If possible it will be presented for the delectation of the entire col-

Lemley Wins Fall Tournament

Much must be said in praise of Dil-

### **Economic Aspects** of Christianity

No. 3

Dean Urges Application of Economic Interpretation of Our Religion

On Sunday, October 30th, Dr. Lyford P. Edwards, Dean of the College, preached in chapel after the text "Be instant out of season." The Dean prefaced his message with a brief analysis of our modern economic system. "There are two classes of men: the worker and the owner. men to remove themselves from the becoming independent), the worker struggles all his life to become one of the few who enjoy the prize of independence. Doctor Edwards maingrading. No man excels over another man to a degree that warrants him

Since the modern social order is notable because of the fact of the rule by the few, it is notable for its lack of a sense of sin; for sin exists cerned with the soul of the individual. The individual sits complacently in church and enjoys selfishly all the But such monotonous ceremony becomes boresome to some, and they cease to occupy the church pews."

The Dean was firmly assured that such persons could be won back, if one were to preach the economic interpretation of the gospel of Jesus as College Sport Christ. "There is enough dynamite in Christ's teaching to cause the whole structure of our modern civilization to crumble into bits. Some There is much to indicate a rising day Christ will create a new civiliza-

> lin's excellent showing this Fall. He has in the short space of six months worked himself from a minor position on the Junior Varsity squad up to an important place among the best for a Varsity berth next Spring.

Lemley's game was much the same (Continued on page 4)

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Previous editors of the "Lyre Tree" have toyed with the idea of creating the Shaw arrangement when he was a system whereby scholastic credit abroad. would be given for work on the "Lyre amount of work done during the year ber 13th. Two weeks later the outfit country. by some members of the staff ap- will appear in the Church of the proximately equals the amount of Messiah in Rhinebeck. On December work required for a regular three 4th, the organization will be heard hour course. In the second place, the in Christ Church, Poughkeepsie. nature of "Lyre Tree" work is singularly in harmony with the general plan of collegiate training-it is training in writing clear and concise English. Finally, there is the example of other colleges. The editor regrets that he cannot point to specifuture issues of the paper.

#### **College Choir Will Perform in Public**

### Anticipation of Concerts

While there has not been a corresponding increase in Chapel attend- at home in all lands and ages, to the characteristic emphasis of the selance, there has been a decided im- count nature a familiar acquaintance, fish individualism of modern religion provement in the work of the choir and art an intimate friend; to gain was condemned. We are wondering this year. On four consecutive Thurs- a standard for the appreciation of whether the dogmatic, disjointed day evenings the choir has rendered other men's work and the criticism anthems, and the prospects for con- of your own; to carry the keys of manner with which facts, not suited tinuance of the practice are quite the world's library in your pocket, to the text, were delivered did not bright. In presenting two of the an- and feel its resources behind you in smack of individualism of the thems, President Bell has introduced whatever task you undertake; to preacher. Of course one would like two solo voices to the college. The make hosts of friends among men of to be liberal and broad-minded; but first was Staubach's fine tenor, which your own age who are to be the one also desires, for the sake of conwas accompanied by the choir, in the leaders in all walks of life; to lose sistency, to place a line of demarcafirst performance of the organization yourself in generous enthusiasm and tion between the preacher and the this semester. More recently, Mr. co-operate with others for common pedagogue. Perhaps someone will Warren's baritone charmed the audi- ends; to learn manners from students argue that even the preacher must ence. With these soloists to supple- who are gentlemen, and form char- draw his source of knowledge from ment the work of Mr. Prowse, and acter under professors who are Chris-the pedagogue. Indeed . . . . but not an interested group composing the tians:—this is the offer of the col- his inspiration! Should not the vision body of the choir, there is material lege for the best four years of your of the prophet carry his thoughts to

The anthems which have been sung witt Hyde of Bowdoin. thus far have included T. Tertius Noble's setting of Euroclydon, Beeth-The Lyre Tree......\$2.00 his work has been in St. Thomas's, was that he had asked. New York. Beethoven is known by practically everyone, especially by those who live in Albee, where the is compulsory for the freshmen, and halls often re-echo with the famous optional for the upperclassmen. Ninth Symphony. Dr. Shero secured

**Cast Chosen for Plays** 

Staubach Will Direct "The Net"

On Tuesday evening, October 25, fic instances where such a system has a play reading was held in the Albee shows that a large number of them been adopted. However, it is true of recreation room. Candidates for parts have high left shoulders. It has been our larger colleges that regular sal- in the plays to be given November 22 suggested that this is due to resting aries are paid to the editorial staff. were given a tryout and the leading the elbow on the door while driving (Lafayette, for instance, pays mem- roles were assigned. The cast of a car. bers of its staff from \$450 to \$10 a characters for "Napoleon's Barber" year.) This illustration is introduced is as follows: Napoleon, (undeter- is almost equal to that of the leading not because the same desirable prac-mined); Barber, Robert Shissler; part. The character of William Jones tice could be installed here, but to Josephine, Wilcock; Pierre, Andrews. (Bill) will be played by Ned Kroll: demonstrate that it has become gen- In the second play, "The Valiant," Luther Burbank will appear as Alerally recognized that newspaper Nicholson was chosen for the leading bert Thomas and Douglas McKean fraction of the student's time and The rest of the cast is as follows: (Sniggers). that compensation for this time is a Father Daly, Edwin Hague; Josephine

### **THE INTERCAMPUS**

The professor who comes in ten Work of Organization Improves in minutes late is very scarce. In fact, he is in a class by himself.

life.—The late President William De- a level far remote from the ruts of

oven's "Praise God in Nature," and annual meeting of the British Asso- tion to produce a purposeful, but at Shaw's setting for the well-known ciation for the Advancement of the same time, consistent message? hymn, "Ten Thousand Times Ten Science put in a question to the clerk Consistent, we mean, with the limi-Thousand." Noble has been for many assigned for that purpose. When the tations under which it is delivered. years one of the leading organists of answer was delivered to him he re- "Let everything be done decently, the country. The scene of much of turned to inquire what the question and in order."

College etiquette, like college math.

publicly attacked the Vestal Bill be- it, in fact, that when a preacher de-The fame of the choir is not lim- fore Congress which would restrict livers a sermon which is incisive, very Tree" staff. Since no such system ited to Annandale for it has already the importation of copyrighted books much to the point and soon over, has been adopted, the editor wishes secured three engagements off cam- into this country. Such a bill would many who have been in the habit of to propose a few reasonable sugges- pus. The first date is to be kept at prove to be very detrimental to passively drowsing through more tions. In the first place, the actual Christ Church in Hudson on Novem- scholarship and science in this lengthy sermons feel unconsciously

> erford a college diploma is worth Dr. Edwards preached brilliantly for \$72,000. If it is as hard to collect scarcely more than ten minutes on that as it is to cash a check around the practical application of Christihere, its market value does not agree anity today. (Certainly this is a subwith its worth.

Physical examinations of the freshmen at the University of Rochester

work requires a very considerable role in the character of James Dyke. will have the part of Jacob Smith lars educating a donkey, but when

The fourth play of the series, "The reasonable adjustment. The editor Paris, Arthur Willis; Dan, Bob Set- Net," is under the direction or Mr. does not submit any definite plan for tle; Warden Holt, Edward Lodter; an Staubach. The cast of characters for such a system here because he has Attendant, Meissner. The third play, this play has not, as yet, been deterno indication of the opinion or reac- "A Night at an Inn," which is under mined. However, there is little ques- college student is one who knows less tions of the authorities to such a the direction of Mr. Vogt, will have tion that Mr. Staubach's experience and less about more and more. There project. Communications regarding Staubach heading the cast in the and ability in amateur theatricals will are also those who feel that the indithis proposal will receive attention in character of The Toff. The impor- be evident both in the choice of char- vidual just mentioned knows less and tance of the minor parts in this play acters and in the finished production. less about less and less.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

"OUT OF SEASON"?

We are reflecting upon a sermon The Ofer of the College: To be recently preached in chapel, in which life? Should not the vision carry his A scientist attending the recent personality to such realms of zeal as will inflame him with real ambi-

#### "IN SEASON"?

It is seldom that we have short President Lewis of Lafayette has sermons preached to us. So seldom is jolted and almost insulted. Such seems to have been the case last According to Dean Palmer of Hav- Sunday morning, October 30th, when ject on which not enough practical things can be said.) The sermon did not contain an unnecessary word.\* As a result, many gave expression to their inward discomforture in all sorts of strange and insolent criticisms. It shows that there is a painfully large number of us who really enjoy being lulled into a comfortable torpor by a flow of milky discourse.

\*How about the text? (Ed. note.)

You can spend five thousand dolyou get through his ears will be just as long.

Some people feel that the average

#### PRESIDENT READS FROM THREE MODERN POETS

(Continued from page 1) epitaphs written by persons lying in a cemetery near a small town on the Spoon River, somewhere in the Middle West. Each epitaph expresses the most complete disillusionment on the part of the dead man for the life he has lived. There is not a ray of hope to be found in the book, for the author seems to take a gloomy pleasure in picturing with veracity the sordidness, the meanness, the filth, and the despair to be found in so many lives. Dr. Bell explained that although much of Mr. Masters' work gives expression to such ghastly truths, still, because of the very fact that it does express deep and piercing truth, it may be called poetry.

Mr. Masefield's work expresses the revolting side of life equally well, but there is hope in it besides-it rises out of the slime. Dr. Bell read portions of "The Everlasting Mercy," a long poem, describing incidents in the existence of a certain low type of ne'er-do-well. It describes the cheating murder he commits, his drunkedness and then his blind and wild revolt at his own vileness, and finally, after some fruitless attempts at relief, his accidental discovery of God in the symbolic beauty of a man ploughing a field in the early morning

This leads directly to Tagore, the mystic. All of Tagore's poems are addressed directly to God. They describe God as seen in nature, in the beauty of the morning in Spring, in the peace of the brooding evening, in the mystery of the storm at night. This was excellently shown in the three poems which were read.

With Tagore the lecture ended. Besides being a reading of fine verse, the lecture was also exceedingly helpful in that it showed the possible evolution of realistic poetry into spiritual poetry. That is exactly what is happening in America today, for as Miss Wilkinson the poetess has said, there are three stages to poetry: the sentimental, the realistic and the spiritual. American poetry has attained only the first two stages.

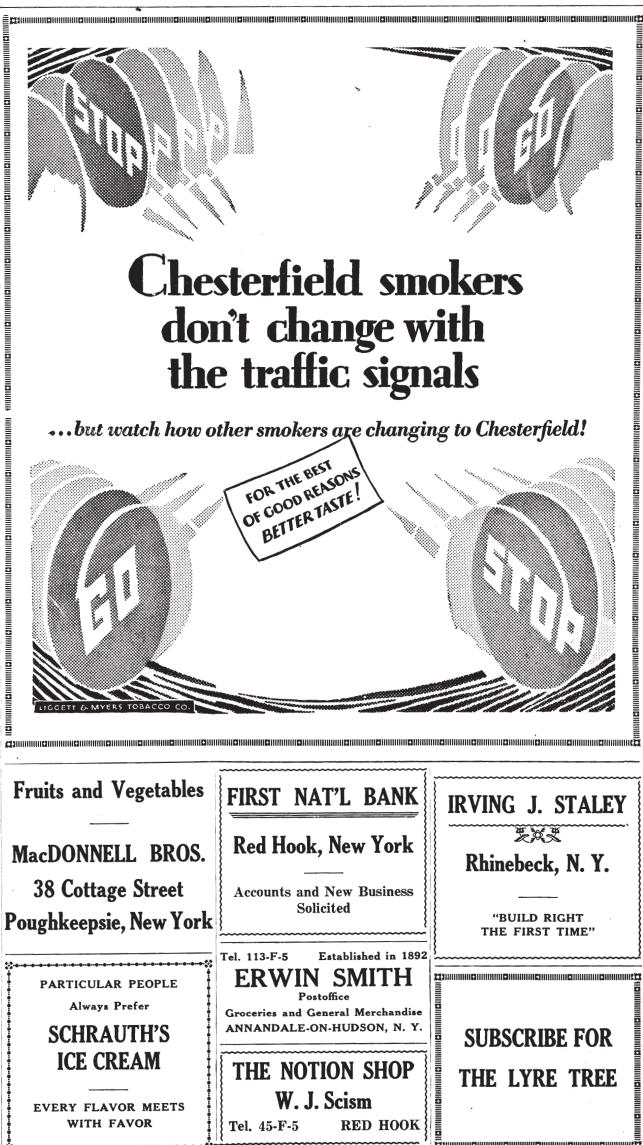
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#### **COACH PHALEN'S MEN** ARE SHOWING UP WELL

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amid many stakes, string, pieces of colored cloth and mathematical calculations, three courses were plotted -two miles, three miles and about five miles. The latter course is to Varsity Cup Race last Wednesday in be used for intercollegiate meets.

The Varsity Club has backed Dr. Phalen by offering a Trophy Cup to the best cross-country runner. The winner is to be determined by a series of three races, one of which has already been run, and the other two to be held in the near future. The man turning in the lowest time average for these three events is to be rewarded the cup. However, in order to retain the prize it must be won three years successively.

charges into two groups which have Kelly and Willis, which gave the The first of the three races to deter- noon over the Red, 50-55. mine the cup winner was held last Wednesday, October 25. The Whites won with a score of 72 to 64.

The runners finished in the following order: Staubach (white), time 13:03 minutes; Nobis (red), Brewer (white), Fite (red), Townsend (red), Weber (white), Gilreath (white), Andrews (red), Willis (white), Aesch-(white), Meissner (white), Kellogg team in New York City last season, (red).

#### THIRTY-THREE NEW MEN MATRICULATE

Thirty-three new students presented themselves at the altar for formal matriculation in the chapel on November 1.

At the beginning of the church service the names of candidates were | ting the men get their eye for the called by the marshall and each man, basket and to coaching them to deafter responding orally to the required pledge, signed his name in a and accurately. Few scrimmages book which contains the names of all have been held to date as Coach former students of the college. After Banks wants to bring his men around the service, a holiday was observed slowly to prevent any early season by students and faculty. The follow- let-down. However, the few scriming is a list of the matriculants:

Alexander Abramowitz, Charles basketball. Weaver Andrews, Reuben Thomas Blomquist, William Henry Gatzmen Bradner, George Francis Brewer, Frank Mary Caldiero, John Henry TENNIS COMES ON Dahms, Elton Morrow Davies, James Peter Fusscas, Francis Norsworthy Gilreath, Ralph Morrell Griswold, Harry Edgar Hammond, Eugene Kenneth Harter, Edgar Wakeman Hatfield, Forrester Hoag, Charles Flint Kellogg, John Harold Kelly, John Richard Kingman, William Aldrich Meissner, Noel Lewis Murray.

Charles Sydney Nicolai, Dominic Charles Oddo, Gardner Maurice Riley, George Gordon Schmuck, Joseph Courtnell Settle, Howard Allyn Seymour (did not matriculate due to Lemley confinement in hospital following op- Dillin eration), Willard Renwick Seymour, Settle Walter Hirsch Siegel, Harrison ColeTHE LYRE TREE

Snyder, man Carleton Sprague, Joseph Norman Staubach, William J. Vassilliw, William Mulford Weber, Arthur Ronald Willis.

#### Staubach Takes First in Second Race

By winning the second heat of the 19:35, Staubach earned the right to have his name engraved on the cup as he also led the pack last week in the first run of the series of three. The winner's time was excellent, considering the condition of the course, which was a fraction over three miles. Nobis finished a close second, altho Fite pushed him strongly. Brewer brought up a poor third while Weber and Gilreath sprinted across the line in the order mentioned to take fourth and fifth places.

The other five places were taken Coach Phalen has divided his care of by Lodter, Brunot, Andrews, been called the Red and White teams. White team the honors for the after- Plumbing, Hot Water, Steam and

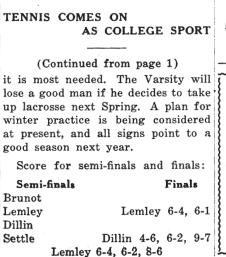
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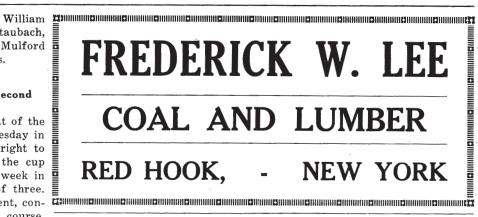
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**Fuscas** Shows Promise

Among the new men, Fuscas, who bach (white), Lodter (red), Brunot starred on his preparatory school (red), Dahms (red). Also ran: Page stands out as being one of the most RED HOOK promising bits of material that St. Stephens has had for some time. This diminutive courtman knows basketball to the core and has quickly worked himself into the second string combination by his speed and everlasting fight. Siegle, Robinson and Oddo are quickly rounding into condition. Settle, a transfer from the University of Pennsylvania, is coming along slowly but surely.

> Practice has been confined to letvelop the habit of passing quickly mages which have been held have brought forth spirited and speedy





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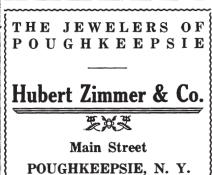


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