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Strong Team Prepared for 1929 Hockey Season

Nucleus of Veterans Reinforced by Addition of Valuable New Men

The prospect for the 1929 hockey season looks bright with nine veterans as a nucleus and seven promising candidates among the new men. Although the schedule is extremely difficult and long, much is expected from Coach Phalen's icemen.

Among the old men are found five of last year's varsity: Andrews and Riley, wings; Blomquist, goal; Miller and Captain Smith, defense. The other old men are Hatfield and Fite, defense; Snell, wing; and Gamble, a promising goalie. The new candidates are: K. Smith, Paul, Griffith, Kates, Sanford and Meredith. With this group and the new rink which is nearing completion, Coach Phalen will have a much brighter season to look forward to than in the fall of 1927, when he first organized the winter sport.

It is impossible to give Dr. Phalen enough credit for his untiring efforts in the line of athletics. Besides being head of the Mathematics Department, he has organized during his three years at St. Stephen's, a cross country team and a hockey team. In the fall he devotes his afternoons to the cross country team and in the winter to the hockey group. Last year saw the college's first organized hockey team and although the men were green, the rink small, and the equipment negligible, Dr. Phalen kept his men keen about the game. Three games were played and lost, but the spirit remained the same throughout. This year the outlook is brighter with a new rink, good equipment, more experienced material, and above all, with Dr. Phalen to do the coaching. The results ought to be worth while.

At a meeting on September 24 Coach Phalen asked all who intended to play this winter to either go out for the soccer team or run cross country this fall in preparation for the difficult fourteen game schedule that is ahead of them. The schedule of the games is as follows:
Jan. 9—Army, West Point.
Jan. 12—Rensselaer Polytech, Troy.
Jan. 16—Mohonk, Home.
Jan. 17—Massachusetts Aggies, home.
Jan. 19—Pawling, Pawling.
Jan. 26—Poughkeepsie A. C., P'k'sie.

GERMAN MEN MEET AND ELECT OFFICERS

Members of the German Club held their first meeting of the year on September 24th. It was a purely business meeting, by the lack of pretzels and beer. The officers elected for the coming year are: President, Fred Schnell; vice president, Robert Gamble; secretary, Wingate Snell; treasurer, Melvin Clark. Plans for the year were tentatively discussed and tabled until Dr. Krumpelmann could be consulted. Among the plans of study were suggested German Cities, Music, Culture and Literature. Notice was also made that future meetings would not be announced but held on signal (?) given by Dr. Krumpelmann. Dussel and Truesdale were present as guests at the meeting.

CAMPUS WRITERS SEEK FOR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

It is possible that some time this semester the establishment of a chapter of Omega Xi Alpha, national honorary journalistic fraternity, may become a fact on St. Stephen's campus. The work on the papers of petition and membership is about completed, and after the matter has been passed upon by the Student Council formal application to national headquarters in California will be made.

A temporary organization, composed of Melvin P. Clark, Robert Gamble, Walter Lemley, Kenneth Perkins, and Elton Davies, representing both the Lyre Tree and Messenger staffs, has been effected to initiate the foundation of an O. X. A. chapter here.

Omega Xi Alpha is a small, young organization in which St. Stephen's is almost certain of membership. If the local group's petition is passed upon favorably, the chapter to be started here will be the first to hold a charter in a college east of the Mississippi.

- Feb. 6—Mohonk, Lake Mohonk, N. Y.
- Feb. 13—M. I. T., Home.
- Feb. 14—Vermont, Burlington, Vt.
- Feb. 15—Norwich, Northfield, Vt.
- Feb. 16—Middlebury, Middlebury, Vt.
- Feb. 20—Poughkeepsie A. C., Home.
- Feb. 21—Norwich, Home.
- Feb. 27—Union, Schenectady, N. Y.

Scarlet to Compete With New England Harriers

TRIANGULAR MEET DUE HERE OCTOBER 20th

LYRE TREE IN NEW AND BETTER FORM

You've heard a lot about a "bigger and better" Lyre Tree which some time in the dim and hazy future was to startle you with the symmetry of its columns and the general excellence of its arrangement. At any rate, next week we go to print with five columns on a larger, more readable paper. Rejoice ye, or words to that effect.

TENNIS MEN PREPARE FOR YEARLY TOURNAMENT

Tennis has again started in earnest, and play for the president's cup again will take place this autumn. The conditions of play for this trophy are as follows:

1. The college is divided into five groups: Eulexian, Kappa Gamma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Independents (other than freshmen), Freshmen.
2. Each person entering the tournament and defeated in his first match counts 1 for his group; each person defeated in the second round counts 2 for his group; each person defeated in the 3rd round counts 3 for his group; and so on.

3. The group with the highest gross score receives the president's cup which it keeps for a year. There will also be an individual cup offered to the winner of the tournament.

The tournament is under the direction of Mr. Libaire, who represents the Physical Training Department in respect to tennis.

BARN-YARD GOLF HAS PROVEN POPULAR SPORT

Clang! Clang! Clang! No, it's not the two black crows this time; 'tis a motley crew of faculty members testing their (skill?) at horseshoe pitching. We hasten to add that the students are also indulging to some extent in this popular pastime. The sport department is not exactly in a position to state which of the two groups is the better, but it thinks it knows. In a forthcoming issue there will be assembled an accurate account of the scores, both preliminary and final.

Due to the fact that Albany State College desired to postpone its date the first cross country race of the season will be run at Annandale, October 20. The competing teams will be our own scarlet runners, Springfield, and the Massachusetts Aggies. This means that there will be about twenty-five men in the contest, making a spectacle well worth seeing.

On account of certain requests made by Mrs. Zabriskie, whose property the whole course is, it has been necessary to make changes in the routing of the race. The distance is four and eighty-six hundredths miles and is shown upon the blue prints posted in the gymnasium. The first mile point is just at the corner of the new hockey rink so that the spectators will have a chance to see the competitors as they strive for positions before entering the woods for the long climb to the top of the Whaleback. Some twenty minutes later those who desire exercise on their own account will be able to get a close view again by climbing to the top of the same hill further to the north. This marks the four mile point from which the course goes down through the orchard to strike the highway just below and west of the Lewis residence. After following the road to a point just west of the so-called Hoffman store a turn is made to the south and the finish comes in by the cemetery to the front of the gymnasium.

In all probability St. Stephen's will be represented by the following nine men: Nobis, Fite, Fuscas, Weber, Bell, Riley, Imrie, Mulligan, and Pope of which number the first five to finish will count in the scoring.

The contest for the Varsity Cup will be awarded this year upon the basis of the best aggregate time made in a series of three races the first of which, known as the short course, is 2.76 miles. The second, known as the road race around Whaleback, will be run three times and the best time made by a contestant in any one of the trials will be entered to his credit. The last race is the regular intercollegiate course of 4.86 miles and each man

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"Entered as second-class matter October 26, 1922, at the post office at Annandale-on-Hudson, N. Y., under the Act of March 3, 1879."

A few days before the opening of this term we were presented with a copy of a book which has served to increase the enjoyment of what leisure hours are scattered sparsely upon our schedule card. This book, which so far has afforded a hundred and seventy-six pages of delightfully interesting reading, is "The Life of Pasteur", by Rene Vallery-Radot. Primarily it recounts the life of a man who was ^{oyid} anonymously to be "the most perfect man who has ever entered the Kingdom of Science", but, the book is more than a biography; it is the expression of the spirit of the true scientist.

Perhaps the best description of this spirit is to be found in the account of the reception to membership in the Academie Francaise of Biot, counselor, guide, and sympathetic friend of Pasteur. In his address of acceptance, delivered before those who were his contemporary leaders of scientific thought in France at the time, Biot said: "Perhaps your name, your existence will be unknown to the crowd. But you will be known, esteemed, sought after by a small number of eminent men scattered over the face of the earth, your rivals, your peers in the intellectual Senate of minds; they alone have the right to appreciate you and to assign to you your rank, a well-merited rank, which no princely will, no popular caprice can give or take away, and which will remain yours as long as you remain faithful to Science, which bestows it upon you".

Behind this declaration, stirring in its earnestness, seen as through a veil are the figures of all those who have labored to set the foundations of our present-day scientific knowledge. Every worker, from Aristotle to Einstein, who has encountered difficulty of research, prejudice, privation, or failure, is to be seen in the group, and each is worthy, if he has been devoted to his work, of our deepest respect and gratitude.

But now, with this preface in mind, let us consider the typical St. Stephen's undergraduate's attitude toward science. Here the usual contact with it is for the space of one year, in the form of a requirement. Because it is a requirement it is be-

gun, studied, and finished with prejudice or disinterest. There will be the few who will admit that they "got something out of the course", but for the most part the attitude is generally one of scant appreciation. What better example of the student feeling toward science could have been found than what was to be seen in the chemistry laboratory this morning? Across the table from the writer was a man working with watch in hand and train connections to New York in mind; across the room was another, conferring with a visitor about a trip to a West Point football game while he made use of last year's notes to write up this year's work; grouped about the balances were two or three highly interested in everything but chemistry; in the room one solitary individual, so interested in the work which he was doing that a question addressed to him had to be repeated before he realized that something was wanted of him. Here were nine pupils, and one student; nine men taking a course, and one man imbued with the spirit of science.

The nine do not realize fully, and never will realize fully, how much they owe to the thought which has helped them to be born; nursed them through early childhood; has given them food, clothing and shelter; has given them medical and surgical treatment; has supplied them with means of transportation; has made up much of what has been given them in their education. The tenth man is the exception. He may be one of those who in some time to come, by his pure devotion to his profession, will bring just reward to himself and glory to his college.—M. P. C.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

From statistics obtained from Dr. Bell, the Lyre Tree has compiled a chart showing the religious affiliations of the men at St. Stephen's. There are: 84 Episcopalians, 10 Methodists, 8 Congregationalists, 3 Jews, 2 Roman Catholics, 1 Greek Orthodox, 1 Lutheran, 1 Dutch Reformed, and five having no religious affiliation of any kind.

ALUMNI NOTES

Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Van Buchanan of New York City announce the birth of a daughter. Fr. Buchanan was in the graduating class of 1925.

The Rev. Cuthbert McGay of New Milford, Conn., was a guest on campus October 3rd. Fr. McGay was a member of the class of 1902 and is a Kappa Gamma Chi man. His son, Cuthbert, Jr., expects to matriculate at this institution next fall.

Rev. Edmund B. Wood '20, and Mrs. Wood announce the birth of a daughter, Judith Bayard.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Gilbert Smith, class of 1923 and Miss Judith.

Mr. Cyril Andrews, a recent graduate of St. Stephen's, has accepted the position of master at the N. Y. Military Academy at Cornwall.

Communications

October 1, 1928.

Dear Lyre Tree:

In the last issue of last Spring's "Lyre Tree," you announced that hereafter the world might, and indeed, would be expected to contribute criticisms on our recitals. I was delighted. We would be able to sharpen our musical sense by reading keen and able appreciations in your columns. But Lyre Tree, when I thought about it, I was horrified! There was not one person on campus with enough wit and appreciation to write these charming bits you were soliciting. I thought of all my friends. True, there was one who could say the right words, but they had been said hundreds of times before. There was one, too, who could frown deliciously while listening to music, but inarticulate, Lyre Tree, inarticulate! It is a sad state of affairs. We will have to listen to the recitals without the pleasure of thinking of all the witty things we will be able to say in print after. And, readers, if you don't believe me, look at the next musical—critical article that appears in these pages!

Regretfully yours,

E. W. W.

PAGE ELECTED TO STUDENT COUNCIL

Most important among the proceedings of the Non-Society Men's meeting of September 24th was the election of the new council member. J. Wallace Page was elected to the office unanimously by his fellowmen. A short discussion of plans for the coming year followed with the result of a number of parties and entertainments being outlined.

BOOK REVIEW

"SWAN SONG"

John Galsworthy

All those men who have been unfortunate enough to have loved and desired by two distracting attractive women at the same time should find the pages of Galsworthy's "Swan Song" interesting. Misery loves company.

Can a woman of personality and physical charm regain her hold on a man who has once loved her? It would seem as if she could, provided that the man in question were not possessed of a most provoking conscience, and were not determined to be faithful to his wife. It is this queer mixture of conscience and attempted faithfulness that causes the downfall of Fleur Mort's really remarkable scheme to win back Jon Forsyte. After she has devoted much time to thought, to careful grooming, and to actual pursuit of her quarry, and when she has instilled into him some of her own passion, the stupid person has an acute attack of conscience, and—having tasted of the forbidden fruit—dashes madly back to his wife to be forgiven. It is really quite trying to have one's plans go away in that fashion so popular among the will-o'-the-whips, especially when one has taken the sacrifice of one's social position and reputation, as things of little account compared with the object desired. Fleur went quite mad for a little while, just long enough to set fire to her father's picture gallery by incessant and very careless cigarette smoking. As if that were not enough, she took not only the old gentleman's pictures away from him, but also his wife, for he is forced to save her life at the expense of his own.

Even more tragic is the position of Fleur's husband, who discovers that he has not been the first violin after all, but, putting his anger aside in the very best manner, he dedicates himself to the task of restoring his rather shaky household.

The tale is interesting, and cleverly told. It is a little teary in spots, but not too much so if one does not sit up until the impressionable hours of the early morning. Fleur somehow does not inspire hate in spite of her machinations. She is one of those people who seem to be able to do most anything without arousing really deadly hatred. Old Soanes Forsyte appears for the last time, making exit to save his daughter, who isn't worth the trouble. As he passes the swans really sing.

SCRIBNER TEMPORARY FROSH HEAD

David Scribner has been elected Temporary Chairman of the Freshman Class. Scribner will fill this office until the regular class elections can be held to select permanent officers.

Modern Epic Read by President Bell

Benet's "John Brown's Body" Read
for Student Body

Dr. Bell presented to the students, gathered in the Albee Recreation Room on the last Sunday evening in September, a delightful hour of poetry readings. He read from Book Seven of Stephen Vincent Benet's, "John Brown's Body."

This volume is written in blank verse, divided into eight books covering the different phases of the Civil War. The book is admirably written and is full of fervor. With such a book in the hands of so capable a reader as Dr. Bell, one can readily surmise the pleasant hour that was participated in by all present. In the glow of a smoldering fire in the darkened room we were immediately transported back to the days of '63. It is "two months . . . since Jackson died in the woods and they brought his body back to the Richmond State House to lie there . . . And now . . . the South goes north again in the second raid, in the last cast for fortune." We are in the midst of those first three trying days of July, 1863.

There is Lee with his subtle mind weighing the position of the North against the position of the South. He decides that now is the opportune time for the march. He gathers together his army fresh from its fourth victory, and sets out through the Cumberland Valley.

We leave Lee marching through the valley; we are near the Potomac. "Fighting Joe Hooker has heard" of Lee's manoeuvre; "he swings his army back across the Potomac, . . . while Lee still visions him South." They are now in the Cumberland and on to meet Lee. "Joe Hooker, by telegraph calls for the garrison left at Harper's Ferry to join him." Halleck refuses, and Hooker quickly resigns. The Union forces! What shall they do? Who shall command? ". . . Hooker goes from our picture—and a spent courier reaches Meade's hut at three o'clock in the morning to wake him with unexpected news of his command." At first he does not know which way to turn. "He thinks at first of a grand review, gives it up, and begins to act." He sets out for the two corps at "Getty's town."

The first day of July dawns! The first gun is fired at Gettysburg! Hancock and Howard, two divisional officers are in command. If they can survive the day they know that Meade will come with reinforcements on the morrow. The Union men are driven from the town to the land that has since been made sacred for those "dead who shall not have died in vain." Philadelphia hears that the Grays are not "more than a mile out of town!" "York has been burned!"

The second of the battle is ushered in—over two thousand lives are ushered out to the "world unknown." Meade comes to save the day!

At one o'clock on the following day the last of the assaults is made against the Union forces. "Lee, a mile away, in the shade of a little wood, stares . . . see them go and be slain." Pickett gazes around him, "the boy who dreamed of a sword." "The sword is still in his hand." "He had gone out with fifteen thousand; he came back to his lines with five."

FATHER BELL ON WITNESSING CHRIST

On Sunday, October 1, Warden Bell spoke to the undergraduate body of the "Witness of Youth to Christ." He stated that "The young man of today is not one bit different from the young man of twenty-five years ago . . . and is prevented from effectiveness chiefly by lack of enlightening experience."

Three practical suggestions were made by Dr. Bell to those who would be witnesses of Christ. He first stressed the absolute necessity of a deep and unaffected humility, tempered with patience. Secondly, he declared that the only witness which matters much is the witness of what one IS. It is not the witness of what one has done for Christ, or of what one says about Him, that is of any importance. but that close and real companionship with JESUS which brings serenity and bravery in time of trial and a real love for God and man. Thirdly, Father Bell admonished young men to "remember that YOU cannot save anybody. Bear your witness and let God do the saving."

"Avoid conceit in your religion. Avoid pride. It is God who matters. You and I matter only as He makes us His instruments, and in the school of experience trains us to understand."

SCARLET TO COMPETE WITH NEW ENGLAND HARRIERS

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will be allowed to count the best time he makes in either of the two meets held on October 20th or October 27th.

College Boasts One of East's Most Difficult Courses

Cross country is not an easy sport and in addition it is not as spectacular as certain others for which reasons it does not get the support of the student body that it should in proportion to the time and energy expended by the men on the team. The fact that a college of the size of St. Stephen's has some twenty men on the squad, nine of whom are better than mediocre, speaks mighty well for the spirit of the athletes themselves. The least the rest of the college can do is to get out to the races and give the boys all the encouragement possible. Put the date down in the old note book and stick around to cheer. A cross country race is never called off on account of rain, snow or ice. If you expect to see a race on a certain day that's the day you see it.

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Higher Criticism

On Monday evening the first of October the first musicale of the college year was given in the Memorial gymnasium by Edwin Ideler, violinist, and Mrs. Ideler, pianist. It was a particular pleasure to hear Mr. and Mrs. Ideler, for by their visits to St. Stephen's on former occasions they have made themselves well known among the students and faculty.

The programme was divided into four parts; the first consisting of three seventeenth century pieces: an Arioso by Bach, a Chanson and a Pavane by Couperin, and the Prelude and Allegro from a work by Paganini. Vieuxtemps' Concerto No. IV. filled the entire second part. In the third Mrs. Ideler played two numbers: Liszt's Liebestraume, and a Scherzo by Mendelssohn. The fourth group consisted of Chopin's Nocturne in E minor, Le Cygne by Saint-Saens and a number by Kreisler.

The most delightful parts of the programme were the whole of the first part (for the simple beauty of the seventeenth century music went particularly well with Mr. Ideler's fine technique) and the Scherzo in the third, which was played with great delicacy. The Vieuxtemps concerto was a technical success; and the Chopin Nocturne with its slow sweetness was a delight to listen to. It was an altogether delightful evening.

Before the musicale, at the six o'clock service in the chapel, Mr. Ideler was kind enough to play twice, to the accompaniment of the organ. He added much to the spirit of the service.

NON-SOCIETY MEMBERS ENTERTAIN AT BRIDGE

The first of a series of Non-Society bridge parties was held on Friday, September 28, at 8 p. m. in the Albee Recreation Room, with six guests and thirteen "Non-Socs" present.

There were four tables of bridge, refreshments, and an entertainment by Wilcock, who gave impressions of famous people: Father Bull of England, Dr. Edwards, Dr. Flournoy, Dr. Shero, and Dr. Upton.

Mrs. Upton received high honors in bridge. The committee in charge of the entertainment was composed of chairman, Gamble, Volmer, and Roberts.

Those present were the guests, Mesdames Crosby, Kuyk, Brown, Upton, and Misses Dalton and Bergen, and the members, Roberts, Snyder, Hammond, Abramowitz, Caldiero, Warner, Volmer, Page, Wilcock, Gamble, and Meisner.

"FOLDING THEATRE" TO PRESENT FOUR PLAYLETS

The date for the plays for this semester has definitely been set for November 15. They will be produced in the "Folding Theatre" and dancing will follow the program. The casts have been carefully selected by the directors from a large list of candidates, and are as follows:

- The Roadhouse in Arden**, by Philip Moeller
Hamlet W. W. Snell
Cleopatra C. Andrews
Robin Goodfellow A. Settle
Immortality Thorpe
Sir Francis Bacon Pickering
W. Shakespeare Wilcock
 - Moontide** by Colin Clements
Sniffles Pope
Big Bill Gamble
 - The Valiant** by Holworthy Hall
The Chaplain Hague
The Warden Mulligan
The Prisoner H. Fite
The Girl Willis
The Turnkey Bridge
 - The Lost Silk Hat**
by Lord Dunsany
A Caller Paul
A Laborer Wise
A Clerk Perkins
A Poet Gardner
A Policeman Davis
- STAFF; Scenery Scribner
Properties Fite
Business Manager Hawkins
Electrician Hagen
Publicity Clark

Dr. Bell is directing the "Roadhouse in Arden," and the "Moontide," Fr. Crosby "The Valiant," and Mr. Voorhees the "Lost Silk Hat."

MESSENGER STAFF WILL PRINT "PROM" NUMBER

It is the intention of the Messenger Staff to have a copy of the Messenger, the college literary quarterly magazine printed and in circulation on the week end of the Junior Prom, the twenty-fifth of November. All men who are interested in literary work are urged to submit their writings to either Bob Gamble, Albee 22, or Elton Davies, Potter 2, not later than October twenty-fifth. All varieties of essays, stories, and verse are permissible. Each autumn the college looks with particular interest upon its new men in hopes of finding talent among them, and it is hoped that this year they will not fail us.

ELECTIONS HELD

At a meeting of the Messenger board last Wednesday morning Elton Davies of Pasadena, California, was elected editor-in-chief of the literary publication for this year; Robert H. Gamble, Managing Editor; Melvin Clark, Associate Editor; Leverett Smith, Business Manager; and Nick Galucci, Advertising Manager.

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