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St. Stephen's Delegation Attends St. Paul's Conference

Intercollegiate Conference of Those Contemplating the Ministry.

At the conference to study the ministry, held at St. Paul's School Concord, New Hampshire, January 3rd to 6th, attended by 120 students from various colleges in the east, St. Stephen's was prominently represented by the following men: Doctor Crosby, Lemley, Lang, Haynes, Kraven, Mulligan, Pepper, Mitten, Calkins, Hoose and Biggam.

Dr. Drury, Rector of St. Paul's School, in commenting on the conference before it was held said, "We hear much of studying for the ministry, not so much of studying the ministry. The latter should precede the former. A man may well make a close-up scrutiny of various careers before deciding in which to spend his life." It was hoped that the experience of fraternizing with experienced church leaders would crystallize into conviction the hazy notions of college men about their careers.

There were conferences held in the morning, late afternoon and evening. The early part of each afternoon was given over for recreation. St. Paul's School with its fine buildings and delightful location took care of the hospitality and entertainment of those attending the conference, and allowed the men the use of their squash courts and ice rink, and only the lack of snow prevented an opportunity to enjoy the other winter sports which the school has. The upper and lower schools were used for sleeping accommodations.

The outstanding speakers and leaders were Dr. Drury, Rector of St. Paul's School, Father Still, Headmaster of Kent School, and one of our alumni, Grant Noble, representing the Church at Yale, also the Rev. Kensolving, chaplain of Amherst College. And there was a Mr. Gray from England and others. They spoke on the various aspects of the ministry as a life work and profession and were available for questions that anyone might want to ask.

The feature of the whole conference was the service of preparation for Holy Communion in the beautiful school chapel on Saturday evening, conducted by Dr. Drury, followed by a corporate communion on Sunday morning.

Winter Number Of The Messenger Goes To Press

To Be Short Story Issue.

The winter number of the Messenger will appear on February 28th. The edition will be called the "Short Story Issue."

Robert Chapin has written a story of the Sierra Mountains. Matthew Ivrie has written about the "workers."

This issue will appear the weekend of the Freshman dance. Leslie Lane and Edgar Wilcock are compiling the volume.

There will be two more issues, one of which will appear the weekend of the Senior Ball, the other at Commencement.

The Model Assembly of the League of Nations, to be held at Lafayette College this year, will take place on April 24th, 25th.

Law School Wins By One Point

Thrilling Game Marks Saints First Appearance in Albany.

In their first appearance at Albany this year, the St. Stephen's five dropped a thrilling game by the score of 31-30, to the Albany Law School.

Despite the fact that the home team, outpassed, outplayed and outran the opposition, the Albany five, because of exceptional shooting in the second half, came from behind to tie the score in the second half and with but a minute to play, a beautiful field throw by Pliskin, their left forward, won the game for the opponents.

In the first half the game was uninteresting because the Saints scored twelve points to two for the lawyers. Excellent passwork, led by Fuscas and Glenn, and good shooting by Lemley, placed the Saints away ahead in the lead.

Things began to happen in the second half. Even though the Saints passed well they were unable to score a single point for the first ten minutes of the second half. Field tries by the Albany five proved successful and the lawyers were able to draw within two points of the lead held by the red and white team. The next few minutes of play were terribly exciting. With the Saints fighting hard to keep the Albany five from scoring, and the opposition tearing through on all kinds of passes to score, the lawyers managed by a beautiful throw from mid-field to tie the score and in the next few seconds that followed another basket won the game.

As soon as they got ahead, the opposition stalled the ball and the Saints had to guard closely. Last minute tries by Lemley and Fuscas for the basket proved unsuccessful and as a result the second half of the game ended with a 31-30 defeat for the Saints.

It was a hard game to lose, but this should not be discouraging to the team. The Saints really had a fine attack and the ball they played in the first half and for ten minutes of the second half, really displayed the ability of the team. No team could have stopped the Albany five.

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Dr. Flournoy To Take Sabbatical Leave

Dr. Flournoy, the head of the Department of Political Science and History, who is about to take his sabbatical leave, sails the 31st of this month, on the S. S. Olympic. Professor Flournoy expects to spend about three weeks in England, where he will give most of his time to studying the public records in the Institute of Historical Research, and the British Museum. From there he intends to go to Morocco by way of Spain, where he will study certain records in the foreign office. Dr. Flournoy is rather uncertain concerning the rest of his trip. However, he is thinking of going to Egypt by way of Sicily, and from there to Constantinople. From Constantinople, Dr. Flournoy intends to travel through the Balkan States, Germany, France and Belgium, where he will spend several weeks at Paris and Brussels. As this is Professor Flournoy's sabbatical leave he will not return until late in September.

First In Series Of Interfraternity Dances Tonight

Supper and Dancing in K. G. X. House After Hockey Game With Middlebury.

As the first of a series of interfraternity socials, Kappa Gamma Chi will entertain the members of the three fraternities and their guests at an informal dance, to be held in its chapter house on Friday evening, January 17th.

This dance is a result of a meeting of the Pan Hellenic Council held last month, which resolved to present a number of interfraternity parties, to be given alternately by the various fraternities, to increase the social activity on the campus. These socials will be held from time to time, as the Council sees fit, their frequency largely hinging on the success of this first venture. A committee of seven was chosen by the Pan-Hellenic Council to make preliminary arrangements for this first social. It is composed of two members from each fraternity, under the chairmanship of Walter Lemley, President of the Council; Eulexian, Leverett Smith and Harry Trefry; K. G. X., John Kingman and Richard Nale; S. A. E., Thomas Blomquist and James Fuscas.

The dance will be an informal affair for the dance will come close on the heels of an ice hockey game between St. Stephen's and Middlebury, which begins at 3:30 in the afternoon. Kappa Gamma Chi will serve a grill supper on the top floor of its house, after the hockey game. The dancing will take place in the handsome great room, dominated at one end by a moose head, which suggests the carnival character of this affair. The music will be furnished by Stan Lewis and his five-piece orchestra, of Poughkeepsie. Everything promises that this dance—the first of a new type of interfraternity functions, will be a very delightful and highly successful affair.

Dept. of Oral English Presents Winter Plays

Bell, Pickering and Wilson Do Outstanding Work.

The annual winter plays were given in the Little Theatre, Friday night, January 10th, under the direction of the Oral English Department of St. Stephen's.

The presentation had been delayed two weeks because of the numerous events preceding the Christmas holidays and this dampened the spirit of the actors.

The fact was readily admitted that the actors did surprisingly well considering the poor vehicles in which they were forced to act.

"Four Who Were Blind," a modern miracle play, included in its cast, Messrs. Cone, Gardner, Chapin, Kollmar and Paul. The honors in this play were divided between Cone and Chapin, who enacted the parts of British Tommies. To Kollmar, the Scottish general, goes first honors of the evening for being most adapted for his part.

"The Last Cache," a tale of the north woods, a melodramatic play done in a style which would put Christopher Morley's Theatre to shame, included in its cast Messrs. (Continued on page 3, col. 3.)

Union Wins In Extra Period Game

Scarlet Hoopsters Lose Again To Old Rivals.

In an extra period of play, the Saints dropped a closely contested game to the Union College five, on the home court. The game was resplendent with thrills from the very beginning, and as the game progressed it became more exciting.

The half opened with the Saints starting the scoring. Close guarding on the part of the Saints kept the Union men from scoring. While, on the other hand, Lemley, Fuscas, and Glenn found the basket for the Saints repeatedly. Late in the first half the Union team tied the score, but the Saints retaliated with a spurt which placed them ahead at the end of the half.

The play in the second half was not as good. It seemed as though both teams had slowed up considerably. But the Union five did some scoring. Suddenly the Saints took on a new lease of life and came through with some fine baskets. Near the end of the game, baskets by Union drew them within two points of the Red and White team. With about a minute to play, three of the men on the Saints, Lemley, Given, and Symmons, were taken out on personal fouls. This weakened the team considerably, although Good and Everett played well for the time they remained in the game. With five seconds to play, the Union defense managed to tie the score by an intercepted ball under their own basket.

In the extra period, the Union five had things all their own way. They had plenty of reserve material and these fresh players were able to hold the Saints scoreless while they garnered three field goals. The game ended with the Saints on the losing end of a 38-44 score.

Although the team met defeat, it did well. The Union team present—(Continued on page 3, col. 5.)

Mid-Year Exams' Schedule Announced

Following is the schedule for mid-year examinations which will be held the week of the 27th of January. Copies of this schedule have been posted on the various conspicuous bulletins throughout the college.

Monday, 9 A. M.—History 5, 7, 13, in Physics Lab., French 1 in Aspinwall D. Monday 1:30 P. M.—Religion A and 7, Greek 5, in Hegemen Theatre, Italian 1 in Aspinwall D.

Tues 9 A. M.—History 3 in Aspinwall A, Physics 1 and English 3 in Physics Lab., Chemistry 1 in Chem. Lab. Tuesday 1:30 P. M.—Biology 1 in Hegemen Theatre, Social Science 1 and 7 in Physics Lab.

Wednesday 9 A. M.—Greek 1 and Math 3 in Physics Lab., Philos 3 and 5 in Albee basement. Wednesday 1:30 P. M.—English 1A and 17 in Albee basement, English B and C in Hegemen A, Greek 3 in Physics Lab.

Thursday 9 A. M.—Latin A and B in Physics Lab., Psychology A and B and Philos 9 in Hegemen Theatre. Thursday 1:30 P. M.—German 1, 3, 5, and Latin A in Hegemen A and B, Math 2 in Physics Lab.

Friday 9 A. M.—Math 1, A, B, C, in Physics Lab., German 2 in Hegemen A.

University Changes Degree Requisites, Hawkes Reports

Advanced Study in Language No Longer Required, Dean States.

Columbia College has reshaped its curriculum with the result that advanced study in languages is no longer required for the bachelor's degree, according to an announcement made by Dean Herbert E. Hawkes. This action was taken in a resolution adopted by the College Faculty with the purpose, the report stated, of giving the undergraduate sufficient knowledge of the fundamentals of several languages to enable him to follow his scholarly inclinations and to satisfy his personal needs without difficulty.

Under the new plan the undergraduate may fulfill his language requirements for a bachelor's degree in one of the following ways: by offering the equivalent of three years of College French or German; by offering one year of college Latin or Greek combined with the equivalent of two years of College French or German; or by offering two years of College French or German with the same amount of any other language. Formerly three years of either French, German or Spanish were required, and the altered regulations will free many students from compulsory advanced year of language.

Marks New Evaluation

The new evaluations of modern language indicated in the action of the Faculty place French and German definitely above Spanish in educational and practical importance. Spanish was formerly on a par with French.

"In the revised curriculum", Dean Hawkes declared, "French and German are placed in a class by themselves as far as modern language are concerned. Spanish and Italian are now placed on equal terms. The richer literature and greater cultural and economic value of the former languages justify our rating. In the Business School, of course, Spanish keeps its original status."

Preparatory Schools Affected.

Preparatory schools which attempt to guide along effective lines their students who plan to enter Columbia College, Dean Hawkes contended, will tend to concentrate their attention on Spanish and French as a result of the change instituted by the Faculty. "There is a precedent for this ruling in the curricula of many of the foremost colleges in the United States," he continued. "The change indicates the opinion of the Faculty that advanced work should be done by the undergraduate because of his interest in the subject rather than because it is compulsory.

"It shows also, the attitude of the faculty toward the educational importance of modern language study. Its presence in the curriculum is desired for utilitarian rather than wholly cultural purposes.

"With a background of two years of college work, a man will be able to explore in a foreign language whatever field he may find useful by a comparatively simple acquisition of a specialized vocabulary. If his interest is along literary lines he has the opportunity to study further the literature of the language.

"In the College itself it will free (Continued on page 3, col. 2.)

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EDITORIAL

"There Are Thieves Among Us"

It is a disgraceful thing that this editorial has to be written, but we feel that it must. Too many people are taking for their motto, "If the shoe fits, put it on." They seem to have no conception that the rightful owner might not have another pair of shoes.

Perhaps you do not think that there is much stealing here. There is. A student in an English class takes Scribners as a text for his course. He has not received one of the four issues out this year. Books and magazines are constantly missing from the library. Raincoats and overshoes are stolen. If they are taken by mistake, no effort is made to return them to their rightful owners.

Men who do these things are a menace to our society. St. Stephen's aims to train men for public life, but we do not hold up as an ideal the crooked politician, the embezzler of church or club funds. Some among us seem to be deliberately training themselves for this sort of thing. It is time that public opinion stopped it. We have laughed long enough at the man who "gets away with something." We must openly condemn thieving even if we do not condemn thieves. It is time that the few's conception of "doing the right thing" impressed itself on the petty crowd.

If this petty thieving does not stop, the "Lyre Tree" will conduct a "cleaning-up campaign." There is already enough evidence gathered to make a very decent scandal.

Instead of laughing at our fellow students' "pranks," laugh them to scorn! Stop that thief!

The Clean Slate

The new year with its hopes and promises is here! A new period is at hand—we can do with it as we will! If we would rectify our mistakes, we have a clean slate to write upon. If we would launch in new fields, if we would broaden, expand, grow, the time to start is now!

The years slip by before we are awake and aware. Four years in college are but a small fraction of an average lifetime. Yet while in college we should work and strive for things which are solid as the ages. Petty rivalries, differences, and controversies are forgotten soon after their occurrence—and they should be forgotten. The solid rock, the deep, underlying strata of character, is the objective we should seek.

In this new year we have new opportunities presented and with seeing eyes we should recognize their presence. Character, sincerity, ideals are the things we cherish in our collegiate days—and in later life we shall succeed or fail as we sow now. Let us overlook the petty differences which are ever present. But, remember, our four years in

St. Stephen's are temporary, passing all too soon. St. Stephen's is the constant, we are the variables. Here we can make ourselves men, strong, capable, upright—or we can idle away our time. While we are here we can "overlook the woods on account of the trees"—we can minimize the things that count in the light of the superficial. Here we can build for ourselves a foundation of sand or of solid mortar. The new year is here; we can do as we will!

College Calendar

College Preachers From January to Easter.

Jan. 19—Sermonless Sunday, with meditation in place of the sermon. Chaplain Crosby will preside.

Jan. 26—Chaplain Crosby will preach.

Feb. 2—(Between semesters)—Sermonless Sunday. Meditation in place of sermon. Chaplain Crosby will preside.

Feb. 9—(First Sunday of semester) All members of the College must be in attendance, in accordance with a provision of the Catalogue. Preacher: The Rev. Wallace Gardner, D. D., class of 1906, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Flatbush, New York City, Trustee of the College.

Feb. 16—Rev. Dr. Alexander Cummins, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Feb. 23—Rev. Dr. Henry B. Washburn, Dean of the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass.

March 2—The Rev. Fr. Hawkins, O. H. C.

March 9—The Warden.

March 16—During the holiday.

March 23—During the holiday.

March 30—The Rev. Dr. Charles Lathrop, Social Service Secretary of the National Episcopal Church.

April 6—The Warden.

April 13—The Warden.

April 18—Good Friday. Rev. Fr. Hawkins, O. H. C.

April 20—Easter The Warden.

Jan. 20—M. Durieux, cellist.

Feb. 10—Hon. Irving Lehman, Justice of the Court of Appeals, New York State, Trustee of the College. His subject will be "The Law and Its Contribution to Civilization."

Feb. 24—Edwin O. Swain, baritone.

March 31—Professor James Bissel Pratt, Ph. D., head of the Department of Philosophy in Williams College, and is probably the greatest authority on Oriental philosophies. "Buddaism as a Living Faith Compared With Christianity."

April 28—Ivan MacNaughton, pianist.

May 19—Marguerite Cobbe, operatic soprano.

Students will be expected to attend any four out of six of the engagements. Of course students may attend all six, but most students may attend all six, and most of them will probably wish to. The leeway is allowed for men who find complications of work at particular periods due to curricular and extra-curricular activities. This scheme of partial attendance will be tried out for the rest of this year to see whether or not it is helpful in the general interest of the college.

The number of lectures scheduled is few because during the second semester there will be an unusually large number of the departmental lectures, attendance at which will be required of all those taking work in particular departments.

Nock To Speak On Rabelais Tonight

Dr. Albert Jay Nock, probably our most distinguished literary alumnus, whose book on Rabelais, which was published this autumn, has created a great sensation, will speak on "The Spirit of Rabelais in Twentieth Century America," this evening, January 17th, at 8:15 p. m. in the Hegeman Lecture Theatre. It is expected that those who are taking French, German, and Spanish will be present and also those taking English 3. Any others may come who like, particularly those interested in the Renaissance.

COMMUNICATION

Dear Editor:

Have you been to the movies here lately? I doubt it, for you are a fairly intelligent fellow, and do not like to waste your time on something which gives you no pleasure. The faculty thinks it well that we should be entertained by movies every other Saturday night. This is quite proper. I am willing to be entertained. Often I cannot go to Poughkeepsie for entertainment. Why then, do not the powers—that be give us decently amusing pictures, instead of insulting our intelligences with the rot that is shown in the gym? I hope you do not get the idea that I am pleading for "high-hat" intellectual pictures. I am not. I am asking for good pictures that will satisfy my desire to be entertained. If new pictures are too expensive, are there not excellent old ones available? Have you ever noticed what small audiences attend the movies here? I once went to a prison for feeble-minded criminals. It was the house where movies are shown the morons. I was allowed to look at the movies along with the prisoners. I was struck with the similarity in the type of pictures shown at the prison for feeble-minded criminals and at the "college for the unusual man."

My dear editor, I know your powers for good are extremely limited, but can't you persuade the powers—that-he to to give us a decent handout?

I thank you in advance, and, hoping for better movies, am
 Very truly yours,
 YORICK.

Regarding Errors In The Lyre Tree

Circumstances are such that some typographical errors in the publication of the Lyre Tree are not avoidable. However, mistakes in the presentation of supposed facts and general contents of various articles often get by our proof-readers' notice. This is so, not because the persons who do the proof-reading are unusually stupid, as might be a hasty conclusion, but because the original reports on such articles are not correct. There are several reasons for this. One is that, in the case of Alumni news particularly, though not exclusively, definite facts are, intentionally or accidentally, misrepresented by persons of whom such news is sought; another is that persons of whom material is sought sometimes do not know as much about the things in question as the reported who is sent to them, but rather than tell him so they will "give him a story." Then too, occasionally reporters are rushed for time and write up articles from the material which, in their own minds, they suppose either is true or should be so. The Editors wish to avoid all of the foregoing possibilities publishing erroneous data, and can succeed in part, at least, if the students to whom our reporters or staff members are sent for material will either tell them what they know or else tell them nothing. The Editors will attempt, in their feeble way, to check up on all the material which is handed in to them in the future more closely than they have in the past.

The Editors would appreciate and welcome criticism of the Lyre Tree, constructive is naturally preferred, though usually not received. We most certainly appreciate errors being brought to our notice, so that they may be corrected in the following issue.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Since the first of the year there have been a number of new books added to the Hoffman Library. The list follows:

- Anson, W. R.—Law and Custom of the Constitution.
- Baedecker—Southern Germany.
- Baldwin, J. F.—The King's Council in England During the Middle Ages.
- Baitsell, G. A.—The Evolution of Earth and Man.
- Blandard, P. M.—The Child and Society.
- Brogie, Albert—The King's Secret.
- Brown, P. H.—History of Scotland.
- Chapin, F. S.—Cultural Change.
- Counts, G. S.—Schools and Society.
- Euripedes—Tragediae—v. 3 ed.—A. Nauch.
- Dakin, E. F.—Mrs. Eddy, the Biography of a Virginal Mind.
- Dewey, John—Quest for Certainty.
- Dunbar, H. F.—Symbolism in Medieval Thought and Its Consummation in the Divine Comedy.
- Finney, Ross Lee—A Sociological Philosophy of Education.
- Fleissner, O. S.—Deutsches Literatur—Lesebuch.
- Folsom, J. K.—Culture and Social Progress.
- Gore, Charles—A New Commentary on Holy Scripture.
- Gow, James—A Companion to School Classes.
- Lippman, Walter—A Preface to Morals.
- Masefield, John—Poems.
- Newton, A. E.—This Book—Collecting Game.
- Nilsson, M. P.—The Minoan—Mycenaean Religion and Its Survival in Greek Religion.
- O'Brien, E. J., ed.—Best Short Stories of 1929.
- Reid, E. E.—College Organic Chemistry.
- Sanders, G. D. and Nelson, J. H.—Chief Modern Poets of England and America
- Schubert, Herman — Mathematical Essays and Recreations.
- Senior, N. W.—Conversations With Distinguished Persons During the Second Empire.
- Starr, Fred, tr. ed.—Readings From Modern Mexican Authors.
- Tate, Allen—Jefferson Davis, His Rise and Fall, a Biographical Narrative.
- Thomas, W. J.—The Child in America.
- Washburn, C. W.—Better Schools. Encyclopedia Britannica—Fourteenth Edition.

Rochester Dean Delves Into Causes Of Student Failures

The inability of a student to organize the time at his disposal is a primary cause of student failure in college, says Dr. William E. Weld, dean of the College for Men of Rochester University.

According to Dean Weld, there are five major and contributing causes of student failure. These are: lack of brains, lack of interest in the work, lack of time because of employment or too many campus activities, lack of health, and lack of organization of the time at the student's disposal. These causes overlap and often react upon one another.

"Most students who get into college have the mental capacity to do the work if they were able to concentrate upon it," continued the dean, "but the campus life of today is making so many demands upon the student's time that it requires a separate effort of the will to prepare for each class."

"A student must learn at the outset to organize his time. Time is the student's capital. His physical equipment of body and brains are his machines and tools. The subject matter of his courses is his raw material. If he is ever to give to the world a finished product that will be a real contribution, he must seek to organize his resources in the best possible way."

**Dr. H. C. Robbins
Chapel Speaker**

**Delivers Interesting Sermon
to Students.**

The preacher in the Chapel on Sunday morning, January 12th, was the Very Rev. Howard C. Robbins, D. D., former Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, and now a professor at the General Theological Seminary. He was recently elected Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, but declined the offer to carry on his work with young men who are going into the ministry.

Dr. Robbins' message was very interesting and it was unfortunate a larger number were not present to hear his address. His text was taken from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans 8:18, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." That sounds a very optimistic note and optimism in these days is at a very high premium. Dr. Robbins spoke of the optimism which prevailed his college days at Yale University. The poet who was popular was that most robust of optimists, Robert Browning. In fiction all the novels had happy endings. In politics Theodore Roosevelt had discovered the ten commandments and was applying them to the railroads. In religion there was no shadows except the evil eye of alicious animalism. In philosophy William James was dispensing his wholesome hopefulness. But how different now the things we are hearing from the poets, novelists, theologians, philosophers and even our musicians. The pendulum has swung, as it was bound to, and it has swung all the way to the opposite extreme. Instead of romanticism we have such books as those of Sinclair Lewis, Theodore Dreiser, and Remarque's "All Quiet on the Western Front." In poetry we have only trifling things or poetry of disillusionment. In music we have the strains of Stravinsky, which tells only what the eye can see. In philosophy we have an eating away of all the old standards. In theology the most original and characteristic is the theory that the world is about as bad as sin can make it.

We have entered upon our age of disillusionment. We know that our world is not a good world, not near as good as our ancestors it was. But when St. Paul wrote that epistle to the Romans, it is interesting to notice that he was sliving in an age which parallels our own. It was, an age when skepticism was aggressive. The old standards of morals had broken down as they always do when man's faith is disturbed, and the Roman chastity had been eaten away with luxury. Philosophy was materialistic and the foundations of the social structure were wormy. Suicides were prevalent among the young. Youth is idealistic and when there is nothing in the world to correspond with the hopes in their hearts they become insane and kill themselves. But Paul dared to tell them in those days that life is in the major key. "I reckon", he said, "that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

This statement of Paul's is corroborated in the findings of natural history, which has given us three-fold vision of the world-pain progress and trend. It confirms the truth of the sobering statement that nature is in some sort of travail at birth. Behind the pleasant vale there is a grim reality, which a man who wants to know the truth about things must take cognizance of. A cross-section of life shows only conflict and pain of conflict, but a longer view of it shows some signs of progress

**LAW SCHOOL WINS
BY ONE POINT**

(Continued from page 1, col. 2.) bany five with the splendid shots they made. Most of their points were made from mid-field, hardly any baskets being made from underneath the basket.

Given, Lemley, Symmons and Glenn played well. Good showed some real basketball playing when he took Lemley's place, who had to leave the game on account of a sprain in his ankle. Fusscas was high scorer for the Saints, while Pliskin, for the Albany five.

The score:

ST. STEPHEN'S				
	FB	FP	TP	
Glenn, rf.	1	1	3	
Fusscas, lf.	5	0	10	
Symmons, c.	3	1	7	
Lemley, rg.	3	2	8	
Given, lg.	0	1	1	
Good	0	1	1	
Total	12	6	30	

ALBANY LAW				
	FB	FP	TP	
Allen, rf.	1	1	3	
Pliskin, lf.	6	1	13	
Normille, c.	2	0	4	
Peters, rg.	3	0	6	
Berghash, lg.	1	1	3	
Coris, rg.	1	0	2	
H. Peters, c.	0	0	0	
Total	14	3	31	

Referee, Smith; timekeeper, Fitzgerald; scorer, Hammond; time of halves, 20 minutes.

**UNIVERSITY CHANGES
DEGREES REQUISITES,
HAWKES REPORTS**

(Continued from page 1, col. 5.) many students from a compulsory advanced year of the language. Those entering the higher courses from now on will do so either because they prefer to offer one advanced language rather than two intermediate languages for their degree, or because they have a definite interest in delving further into a language because of its literary or practical value.

"If the advanced courses attract men, it will be because they contribute definite factors to the solution of their particular educational problems. What we will insist on is the acquisition of enough knowledge by the student to enable him to continue his education as he wishes with a minimum of waste motion."

In the progress we see some explanation of what might be meaningless pain. Then comes another critical change. In some point of the creative drama of this planet there arose our ancestors, homo-sapiens. Then from that time forward the creative drama is intensified until it finds itself in a single point, the meaning of man in the scheme of things. He is the meeting point between two forces, the animal kingdom of absolute value of which the ape knows nothing. It contains the things we call truth, beauty and goodness.

Human life has to be interpreted not in terms static but in terms dynamic, not in terms of today but in terms of tomorrow. The greatest reality in the world in which we live is this goal toward which we are growing. We are saved not by any Polyanna optimism, but by a courageous and intelligent looking into the case of all the facts, not only the facts of tomorrow, but the beckoning facts of the day after tomorrow. Everything that we are enjoying today has been bought by a man whose face had been fixed upon our day, even as ours must be fixed upon tomorrow.

The men whose faces are turned toward tomorrow are the men whom we should follow as leaders. The real realists are not the men who confine their realism to the things they see now, but men who are the prophets of a coming order, which is giving definite trend and shape to the nebulous hopes of millions of men and women.

**DEPT. OF ORAL
ENGLISH PRESENTS
WINTER PLAYS**

(Continued from page 1, col. 3.) Bell, Courtney, Jordan, Lockwood, Meissner, Snell, Magee, Caulkin, and Given.

Lucien Bell, the road-house keeper, gave a sparkling interpretation for which first honors should be given for the best acting of the evening.

"Guts," a tragedy of "enforcement," lost its power thru burlesque, but was heartily received by the audience. The melodramatic form displayed by Mr. Pickering savoured that of a veteran of the old school. Messrs. Thorpe, Mulligan and Richards was his supporting cast.

"Spring," a romantic afterpiece, was enacted by Messrs. Galaty, Wilson and Wilcock. To Rhett Wilson goes the honor of the best feminine characterization of the evening. Mr. Wilcock demonstrated that a cop can be a gentleman.

The plays were well attended and much credit is due the Drs. Bell, Crosby and Vorhees for their direction.

The audience missed some of the old actors, and were disappointed that others of them took minor parts. This is explained by the fact that the plays were produced to find new talent for the three-act spring play.

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HISTORY 18

1915

The college awoke on November 18 to view the Freshman banner wrapped about the lofty top of Orient Hall's new chimney. The Freshmen were banded together about the opening leading into the chimney. The Sophomores formed a bucket brigade from the old pump to the boilers and attacked the Freshmen, who, however, held their grounds. At the sound of the breakfast bell, the Sophomores withdrew, leaving the Freshmen in possession of the field and the banner.

1917

Seventeen members of the student body were serving their country in the war, abroad or at home.

Mr. John J. Chapman gave an informal lecture in Preston Hall on December 10, taking as his subject the beneficial aspects of the war. The lecture was to have been on "Lucian," but Dr. Rodgers felt that a dissertation on the war would be more appropriate. Mr. Chapman showed, among other things, how, through the war, the press had become a really intelligent and interesting medium of international events.

1919

The military career of this college came to an end when the local detachment of the Students' Army Training Corps was mustered out. The corps had been organized by Lieut. Bradford, and commanded by Capt. Gustav Lake.

Dinner on the evening of December 19 presented a spectacle rivaled only by New York's Charity Ball, and never eclipsed anywhere.

Among those present were: Cicero, P. T. Barnum, Lillian Russel, gowned in green silk and escorted by the Siamese ambassador, Ruth St. Denis, gorgeous in a somewhat faded Turkish couch-cover, Old Mother Hubbard, Little Nemo, and a Papal Delegate. The door being left open, Simpson, the pawnbroker, blew in and appraised the guests' costumes.

1921

Who knows what happened to the Messenger Proof Sheet, as this paper was formerly called, in this year?

1923

A paragraph from the article on the Junior Prom: "One aspect which particularly soothed our jaded nerves was the warm reception accorded the waiters. We would not advocate a return to the era of train-gowns, white gloves, and complexion enamel, but the waiters—"

1925

Because the college could not accommodate guests in dormitories, or in Commons, it was planned to hold the Junior Prom in the Red Hook Lyceum.

St. Stephen's application to join the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association was accepted by that organization.

At a cost of \$6,500 the new Hatfield Athletic Field was drained during the summer in preparation for the work to be done on it. The contract stated that the field would be ready for use by September, 1926.

1927

The Crimson and White harriers demonstrated that their cross country training at St. Stephen's had been properly administered by running away with all the available prizes in the six and one-half mile race conducted by the Poughkeepsie "Courier" and the American Legion. The course was over the Albany Post Road from Hyde Park to Poughkeepsie.

The basketball season opened with a 59-18 victory over Eastman College.

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**UNION WINS IN
EXTRA PERIOD GAME**

(Continued from page 1, col. 4.) ed a formidable attack and excellent pass work. The Saints really passed well and fought every minute but the same thing that has characterized all our other defeats, happened in this game too. Lack of reserve material made it possible for the Union five to clinch the game.

Special mention should be made of the admirable guarding of Given, and of "Gillie" Symmons' excellent basket shooting when points were needed most.

ST. STEPHEN'S				
	FB	FP	TP	
Glenn	2	4	8	
Fusscas	4	1	9	
Symmons	2	0	4	
Lemley	3	3	9	
Given	2	2	6	
Good	1	0	2	
Everett	0	0	0	
Paul	0	0	0	
Total	14	10	38	

UNION COLLEGE				
	FB	FP	TP	
W. Livingston	1	0	2	
H. Livingston	7	3	17	
Hotaling	4	3	10	
Brooks	1	2	4	
Nitchman	4	2	10	
Norris	0	0	0	
Gates	0	0	0	
Rice	0	0	0	
Total	17	10	44	

Meeting Of A. A. Executive Comm.

Editor's Note—The following report of the meeting of the A. A. Executive Committee was received by the editors early this past fall, but was mislaid. We trust, that though very late, the full impact of the contents of this report has not escaped. We publish it at this time with our apologies to the committee for our carelessness and lateness.

For the first time in three years a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association of the College was held at 2:15 P. M. on Wednesday, October 30 in the rooms of the Secretary at the General Theological Seminary, New York City. Six out of nine members were present and enthusiastic interest in the welfare and future of the Association was in evidence.

The agenda as acted upon was as follows: The Secretary read the minutes of the last June meeting of the Alumni. The Treasurer then presented his report showing a balance of \$300 at the present time. It was decided that a record of this meeting be sent to the "Lyre Tree," and that a letter in regard to the matters taken up be sent to every member of the A. A.

In regard to the date of Commencement a committee consisting of the Revs. C. E. Eder, R. E. Bresdell, and A. W. Judd was appointed to visit the College and confer with the Wardens and faculty.

Fr. Blecker mentioned the fact that this Executive Committee is supposed to consist of the directors of the incorporated Alumni, but that this detail has been overlooked of recent years.

The present "gentlemen's agreement" in relation to the election by the fraternities in rotation of officers of the Alumni was considered with a view to its abolition, if it meets with the approval of the Association as a whole. Election of officers by ballot instead of at the annual meeting in June was received favorably by the Committee and referred to the Alumni for further action. This will probably involve a change in the Constitution.

The suggestion to hold an "Alumni College" was reported on favorably. There was mentioned the possibility of combining this event with an Alumni reunion in May though there was some feeling against the latter especially in regard to the date.

An advisory council to the administration of the College of Alumni and undergraduates, one from each fraternity, was favored by the meeting.

Other matters discussed were the New York Alumni Dinner, which it was resolved to hold; the granting by the Alumni to its Executive Committee of power to appropriate funds for specified objects; and the proposal that officers of the Association be elected for terms of three years instead of one, as at present. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P. M. with the feeling that a start toward greater effectiveness of the Alumni of St. Stephen's had been made.

Supports submitted by A. Appleton Packard, Jr., '26, Secretary.

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Ever since I was at the seashore last week I've been wanting a puppy with a pink nose. Gee, puppies are nice, when their little noses are pink. I hope some day somebody gives me two puppies to play with. Two are always better than one—company for each other, and that sort of thing. Maybe a nice gentle cow would be better, but then I should need me a farm. The last time I mentioned farming I got slapped! I wonder why?

Speaking of farming reminds me of Philadelphia. Huh! That always suggests the St. James Hotel. That's funny. There's a St. James Hotel in Prague, isn't there? Maybe I'm wrong, but what's the difference? If it isn't one place, it's another! Unfortunately!

Speaking of hockey, you remember I was speaking of it, we will probably have an excellent swimming squad. Won't you come up some time and see me swim with the team? Our first meet might be

ALUMNI NEWS

The Rev. Charles Silas Champlin, '99, since 1913 Rector of Grace Church, Baldwinsville, and priest-in-charge of St. John's Church, Phoenix, N. Y., in the Diocese of Central New York has recently resigned, such resignation to take effect January 1, 1930. He will become chaplain for a steamship company which manages tours abroad, and will take up his residence at Red Hook, N. Y.

Claiming that the former plan of conducting class elections through the medium of student council leads to bitterness and personal animosities, the faculty of the University of North Dakota has abolished student government and is setting up a board of faculty control.

A Marshall College couple have achieved the height of eloping—by airplane. They tied the knot, then dropping a farewell note to papa, flew west on their honeymoon.

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