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Dean Davidson Becomes Acting President

AUTHORITY INVESTED IN HIM AT SPECIAL MEETING OF TRUSTEES.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday evening, February 18th, a resolution was adopted investing Dean Davidson with the authority of the President of Saint Stephen's College, and he will be Acting President, with full powers, during Dr. Rodger's leave of absence. The resolution further states that authority in regard to all matters pertaining to the Chapel is hereby invested in the Rev. Professor Kaltenbach.

The resolution which makes Dr. Davidson, Acting President was the outcome of the personal investigation of the Trustees and the feeling of the need of a plenipotentiary head for the adequate administration of college affairs.

The Messenger desires to voice its approval of the appointment of Dean Davidson to President of the Board of Trustees and pledge its hearty support to his administration.

Editorial Characteristics

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST, NEW MESSENGER PLAN.

The present inadequate size of the Editorial Board and the apparent need of placing the students in making themselves eligible for membership on next year's staff, is being well formulated and put into operation at the last meeting of the Board of Editors. In brief, the plan is to assign a certain number of the reportorial work of each edition to two men, not now listed on the Editorial Board, but chosen in alphabetical order from the incoming Seniors and Juniors. In this way, the present staff will be able to judge of a man's ability to handle news items, of which, for the most part, this publication is comprised. This, as a basis, will serve as a guide in the selection of next year's slate, which goes into office in April.

Such a plan, of course, does not exclude miscellaneous contributions from any undergraduate at any time. We will be glad to consider news items, letters, poetry, etc., at all times.

Oh, do you see that terrible black bug crossing the table?

That's a rat on his way to the kitchen.—Anuwan.

New Catalogue.

The annual catalogue for 1918-19 is in press and should be ready by the first of March.

Trustee's Resolution Based on Scholastic Standing

The following resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees at their last regular meeting, has been posted on the bulletin board and goes into effect at the end of the present Academic year.

RESOLVED, that there be adopted the following:

RULES REGARDING SCHOLARSHIPS

1. No scholarship exceeding $200 shall be awarded to any student during his first year at the institution.

2. No scholarship shall be awarded to any student after his first year at the institution unless he shall have maintained an average mark of 75% in his studies during the preceding year.

3. The following shall be the maximum amounts that under any circumstances shall be awarded as scholarships for the year at the institution:

   a. To men having an average mark of 75% but not reaching 85% in the preceding year, $200.

   b. To those with such marks equaling 85% but not reaching 95%, $250.

   c. To those with such marks of 95% or better, $300.

   Provided that no man shall be entitled to the continuance of his scholarship who shall have been conditioned in any study whatever and shall not have removed the condition within one year from the date of his failure in that study.

4. It is to be understood that the foregoing amounts are all maximum and that in all cases the award of a scholarship from the funds of the Society for the Promotion of Higher Education and Learning depends upon the discretion of the President to allot a sufficient sum for the raising of our academic standard and for the increasing breadth of our college life.

Last Anniversary Banquet

SENIORS FEAST IN PRESTON HALL IN MEMORY OF ALGEBRA

The Third Anniversary banquet commemorating the demise of '19 algebra was held in Preston Hall on the evening of Monday, February 17th. A special table, decorated with their class banner was provided, while the artistic addition of many colored candies gave the setting an air of festivity. The Seniors regaled themselves with varied and special delicacies which had been provided for the occasion.

During the course of the meal, a silent toast was tendered "Algebra" and other toasts to absent members. (Continued on page 3)

St. Stephen's College on February 4th, 1919.

Said.

WILLIAM HARISON,

Secretary.
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At last, a systematic method of awarding scholarships has been arranged. Entering upon a period of reconstruction, no wiser action could have been taken. In former times an undergraduate was uncertain, from year to year, as to the amount of financial aid which he would receive from the college authorities.

Then, the extent of financial help depended upon some one acting more or less arbitrarily, and the undergraduates in the case often had the sense that the assistance was being given him rather in the fashion of a Lady Bountiful bestowing her bless­ings upon the poor, than as a rightful reward for sincere effort and deserving achievement. Now the aid tendered the undergraduate by the college authorities is commensurate with the energy expended and the results attained by the student himself.

What is the excuse for the existence of a college? Athletics? To prepare one to be a "good mixer?" To give a young man the chance to find a comfortable corner in their college? To give a young man the chance to the Business Manager.

There is always, after every issue of the Messenger a great deal of correspondence from the subscribers to the paper itself, but it seems now in the necessary excitement of the Freshmen for¬

THE GREATEST NOVELTY OF THE YEAR

The Potter Bulletin

On Thursday, February 13, there appeared on the second floor of Pot­

ter Hall a small bulletin board board of the Messrs. Kidd and Aitkins, As the

outcome of a college; semi-existing struggle of all other institutions in the United States, the college is primarily an institution of higher learning; an organization for instruction in the liberal arts and sciences.

“What is the excuse for the existence of a college? Athletics? To prepare one to be a “good mixer?” To give a young man the chance to find a comfortable corner in their college? To give a young man the chance to continue? How many of those who burst into "wild oats" does not appear, nor is it suggested; the attainment of perfection in the form of the social circle is not included. Obviously, the college is, first and last, a seat of learning, its purpose, intellectual. If this be so, then the motive actuating those in attendance in the liberal arts college may be a desire for intellectual advancement; and logically, no one with such a desire is satisfied with just the passing mark of 65%.

While everyone must admit that the teacher in any branch, is extremely valuable, nevertheless, human nature is so constituted that many will be per­fect content simply to pass their courses, and will suffer gladly whatever pains of knowledge may happen to find a comfortable corner in their grey matter. Human nature cannot be remodeled over night, and prob­ably when we while, we colleges, shall have men and women of this type.

They are never a credit to the insti­
tution, therefore, that a systematically method of awarding scholarships be enforced, since, by some irony of fate, undergraduates of this type often receive the larger scholarships.

Occasionally, a man comes upon the scene who has landed in college without any formal preparation; he works conscientiously, and his effort and timacy are unfailing, but due to one cause or another, he is unable to pass his work, and just to get by. He is an example of the individual cases which should re­

ceve the special, sympathetic con­sideration of the “President, or other officer acting temporarily in his place,” when scholarships are in the awarding. A hard and fast adher­

tance to any rule is exceedingly diffi­

cult at times, and not always advisable.

The step taken by the Trustees to meet the beauty standard of everyone. It is a spur to greater perfection in the work of the class­

room, and allows the students to accept financial assistance as the just reward due his efforts.

WHAT OUR EDITORS ARE DOING

There is always, after every issue of the Messenger a great deal of "crabbing" by recipients of this pa­
paper who are not on the Editorial Board. This “crabbing,” I suppose, has been going on as long as the Mes­

senger itself, but it seems now in the semi-existing struggle of all other campus activities here, this “crab­


ing" is unjust and uncalled for.

The Editors of the Messenger have in the necessary excitement of the Freshmen for­

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DEATH OF REV. C. M. MILES, D.D.

Rev. Charles Martin Miles, D. D., rector of Ascension Church, At­

lantic City, N. J., died on January 22d, at the rectory, following a long

illness. He was born November 29, 1852, at Blackwater, near Mobile, Alabama.

Dr. Miles was born near Rutland, Vermont, and was the son of Captain James and Mrs. Mary C. (Huntington) Miles. He was educated at St. Stephen’s College of the Class of 1886 and the General Theological Seminary, New York City, and was graduated from the School of Doctor of Divinity by the Univer­sity of Vermont. Later he took a course in the University of Oxford, England. He served as re­ctor of Trinity Church, Rutland, Vt.; of St. Paul’s Church, Holyoke, Mass.; of Trinity Church, Columbus, S. C.; and prior to accepting the call to Ascen­sion, he continued on page 3.
The newspaper every year records the names of those who receive degrees at the hands of our great universities—whether real degrees, conferred as the recognition and reward of actual study, or honorary degrees, conferred for less worthy reasons. The cyclopaedias and dictionaries of biography never omit to give one who achieves anything worth while credit for all his degrees, as well as for all his actual achievements in scholarship.

Why not leave the matter at that? What is the use of all this milliner's caps and gowns, with their silk through, their fustian, their purples and pleats, their dark and light blues, their scarlets, and all the rest of it? Are not these furnishings distinctly unworthy of the universities of an age and country that looks more to the future than to the past and regards condition as a thing of greater worth than tradition? Is it not the duty of our educational institutions to teach young men to "look forward, not backward, out and in, up and down?"

—Selected.

St. Stephen's Cry.

To the Editor of the Messenger:

The successful outcome of the present war has resulted in a national spiritual awakening. Our young men have been brought face to face with untold suffering, and even death. The quiet calm of night and the late hours of our existence, with its solitude, have stirred the very depths of their souls.

This has left its influence upon them, and they long for a better and more spiritual life. Many a young man in the last few years has found his life's work, and now clearly understands that his heart and soul cry for promoting the teachings of the church. Can the church provide the wants of these young men? Will she make use of this golden opportunity to spread broadcast the teachings of the church? Will she keep up the inspiration of these men, and lead them into the proper institutions for training? Has the church such an institution, that could successfully handle this demand?

St. Stephen's College quietly nestling in the very heart of nature, offers to them a sympathetic companionship, and the ideal surroundings for a thoughtful preparation. Her professors offer a personal relationship and guidance to them in their life of study. The peaceful surroundings of nature breathe into the heart of every St. Stephen's son the beauty and wonder of God. All churches should be proud to be the friends of such an institution, and proud to be able to help make her a successful church university for her youth. It should be the ambition, as well as the duty for our churchmen to send St. Stephen's men. Her success as an institution lies in her men, the object and ambition of each one of her sons to see her grow to be the foremost institution of her name and the pride of the Episcopal Church in this country.

—Castleman, '19.

A young lady having gone out to India, and writing home to her friend she says: "P. S. You will see by my signature that I am married. Rather an important postscript, eh, what?"

The Messeneger
SOPH'S ACHIEVEMENT IN LUDLOW.

Make It "Preferred" Not "Common"

Many of the members of the sophomore class have spent a great deal of time in the altruistic achievement of establishing both a reading room and a music room in Ludlow and Winlink Hall. The class had intended for quite a while previous, to establish just such a room for the students and faculty of the college, but owing to the advent of the exams they deemed it wise to postpone the project until the middle of February when they could give more time to that purpose and others could afford more time to use the rooms when complete.

The two rooms are at present comfortably fitted out with chairs and tables, couches and lounges for any one who has time to glance through the current magazines or to bother those who have, by attempting to sing to the allegedly musical sounds which the piano seems capable of expelling. The music room is attractively decorated with a large American flag and various St. Stephen's banners and pennants set off on the white wall by a few pictures. There are couches and morris chairs around the room and the piano and chairs around the room and the piano and surroundings together with the shaded lights, all tend to make the music room comfortable and homelike.

The reading room, adjoining, is already peacefully impressive with its dark red wall paper. The room is furnished with tables for two, four or six adaptable to card playing and for use as reading tables. Over the fire place and mantle shelf is a large American flag draped over a framed photograph of President Woodrow Wilson. The room is attractively decorated with bric-a-brac, etc., and lends a quiet retreat to those who wish to become better informed of current events.

Such a suite of rooms has long been needed by the students here at St. Stephen's. In them can be found a place where the guest of the college or others may be brought into contact and become acquainted with the undergraduates as they really are. This place of meeting is a great improvement on the common room of last year, and it is to be hoped, that since such an effort has been made and it was only a lack of material which hindered any of 1921, that all destruction and cruelty will be excluded, and these rooms will not be "common" rooms, but centers of St. Stephen's intellect and spirit.

CAMPUS NOTES

Mason, '19 is back with us again, and expects to complete his course this year, and to take his degree with his class in June.

A. Wood, '19, who has had to remain at home, owing to his brother's illness, returned for examinations, but left immediately after. He hopes to be able to return to College before the end of March.

Hunt, Ex. '18, has arrived safely in the States, and is now encamped at Camp Merritt, N. J. He expects to be demobilized in time to take college work this semester.