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 powers 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 Rev. Professor Kallenbach.

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. Presidential powers and privileges should have 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 non-interested individual students in making themselves eligible for membership on next year's staff, is being met by a plan formulated and put into operation at the last meeting of the Board of Editors. In brief, the plan is to assign a certain amount 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 raisin on his way to the kitchen.—Angwan.

New Catalogue.

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

Lieut. Kearn Worn Croix de Guerre

"DIED LIKE A HERO" SAY FRENCH

The official report of the U. S. Government regarding the death of Lieut. Davidson has been published, and we print it herewith in full.

Univ. U. States War Department's Report on the Death of Lieut. Lester Wallace Kearn

Lieut. Kearn was assigned to this Company on August 29, and joined the Company that same afternoon. The next morning the Company made an attack and Lieut. Kearn led the 1st platoon into the thickest of the fight. When a halt was made, he went to reconnoiter new positions and was hit by shrapnel of a shell which exploded near him. He died shortly after that.

Such a death to the officers and men, and as a reward for his bravery he was recommended for the French "Croix de Guerre"—an abstract of which is as follows:

"On Lieut. Wallace Kearn, 137th Inf., (killed),

For extraordinary heroism in action, while commanding the 1st platoon of Co. "K," 137th Infantry, U. S. Army, on Aug. 30th, 1917."

"Lieut. Kearn led the 1st platoon in the attack on the right of his Company and, while the Company was scattered, personally gathered together under heavy machine gun and shell fire, and reorganized for advance to within a hundred yards of the enemy's line, where they held."

"While moving about to choose better positions and strengthen the same, he was struck in the breast and wounded so severely that he died within a very short time."

"Upon joining this Company, he expressed his satisfaction of being assigned to the 33rd Division because he knew the good record which it held."

"He died a hero while performing his dut[y in helping to crush the world's greatest foe."

MARDI GRAS.

Preston Hall to be Scene of Carnival Masquerade

On Mardi Gras, March 4th, a masquerade carnival will take place in Preston Hall, if the present plans of the student body materialize. A committee has been appointed and a splendid show is being planned by the dwellers in Potter.

This should excel if not eclipse the successful masked dinner which preceded the Christmas holidays and all students and faculty are urged to take part.

New Scholarship Ruling

TRUSTEES' RESOLUTION BASED ON SCHOLASTIC STANDING

The following resolution, adopted by the Board of Trustees at their last regular meeting, has been postulated and put 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 be awarded as scholarships for the current academic year,

- Men having an average mark of 75% but not reaching 95% in the preceding year, $200,
- Those with such marks equaling 85% but not reaching 95%, $250,
- Those with such marks of 95% or better, $500.

Provided that no man shall be entitled to the continuance of his scholarship who shall have been convicted 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 Religion and Learning depends upon the intention of the student to take Holy Orders and also upon his need of the scholarship or of part of it; and provided further that all awards are absolutely in the discretion of the President or other officer temporarily in his place.

5. The foregoing rules are hereby adopted, and shall take effect immediately upon the close of the College year 1918-19; provided that the award of scholarships for the year 1919-20 may in the discretion of the President (or other officer temporarily in his place) be based upon the marks of any student either for the full year 1918-19, or the second semester thereof.

6. It is suggested that the President (or other officer temporarily in his place) appoint a Committee of the Faculty to advise with him as to the scholarship of the applicants and as to their desirability as students in other respects.

6. The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of

Last Anniversary Banquet

SENIORS FEAST IN PRESTON HALL IN MEMORY OF ALGEBRA

The Third Anniversary banquet commemorating the demise of '91's algebra was held in Preston Hall on the evening of Monday, March 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.

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

SIGNED,

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 through the college authorities. Then, the extent of financial help depended upon some one acting more or less arbitrarily, and the undergraduate in the case often had the sense that the assistance was being given him rather in the fashion of a Lady Bountiful bestowing her blessing upon the poor, than as a rightful reward for sincere effort and deserving achievement. Now the aid tendered to 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 sew some wild oats, before settling down to a life of serious purpose? Perhaps these three, along with certain other kindred reasons, have their places in the purpose of a college; but surely they, in themselves, would never give the institution a solid standing. It is inevitable in the purpose of a college; semi-existing struggle of all other colleges for the expenditure of millions of dollars each year for the upkeep of the buildings; the "Putrid Potterettes." The motive, the reason for their existence is simply their own existence. The superior Bulletin imme...
By way of such explanation as may avert confusion of mind, the Springfield Republican has thought it well, in its issue of October 20, to devote half a column of space to an explanation of the meaning of academic colors, in the matter of their nature, use, and significance.

The newspapers every year record the names of those who receive degrees at the hands of their great university—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 has achieved kudos at Garden City, even for all his degrees, as well as for all his actual achievements in scholarship. With that in mind, let the matter at that.

What is the use of all this millinery of caps and gowns, with their silk or wool, their purples and yellows, their dark and light blues, their scarlets, and all the rest of it? Are not these flummery distinctions un worthy 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?

In it not the duty of our educational institutions to teach young men to look forward, not backward, and not in, and up and not down?—Selected.

St. Stephen's Cry.

To the Editor of the Messenger:

After a successful outcome of the present war has resulted in a national wide 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 morning hours, 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 the value of education.

Why should our colleges and universities—which are founded upon the idea of the ability of men to read and write—cherish and preserve the traditions of a more ignorant age and dignify them with the recognition of university statutes? Why should not these great agencies of modern education be the foremost leaders in the use of modern means for the communication of ideas?

Thus we are told that on a college platform a hooded face with scarlet means that its wearer has a degree in divinity; that one faced with purple means a degree in law; one in black, that he be the ablest writer on what he wishes to say and sign his name at the bottom, and that half sheet of paper is potent to transfer multitudinous millions or to change the policy of great corporations or to do anything else that the writer directs.

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

(Continued from page 2)

Rev. C. M. Niles, D.D., former Church of the Covenant in St. Louis, Missouri, and former president of the College of Wooster, Ohio, passed away in New York City, October 15.

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Soph's Achievement in Ludlow.

Make it "Preferred" Not "Common"

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. The room will be used by 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 anyone who has time to spend. The space is arranged to meet modern conditions and requirements. The watchword is "Thoroughness."

Faculty

The Rev. William C. Rodgers, M.A. Cantab., D.D., President

The Rev. John M. S. McDonald, B.A., (Harvard.) Professor of Philosophy


The Rev. Peter F. Lange, M.D., (Univ. of Copenhagen), Instructor in History.


The honors form for the Junior class on 28th February is scheduled for the evening of Friday, February 28th. The event will take place in Ludlow and will be an 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 there rooms will not be "common" rooms, but centers of St. Stephen's life.

CAMPUS NOTES

Mason, '19, arrived from overseas on February 21st.

Weitzel, Sp., who was stationed with the 41st Coast Artillery returned to college to take up second semester work.

Wesley R. Updike, of Trenton, N. J., who came to St. Stephen's with the Students' Army Training Corps, returned to pursue studies here the first week in February. He is a member of the Class of 1922.

The Freshman Dance

1922 Prepares for Big Event on 28th

The Freshman dance, one of the greatest events of the year here at St. Stephen's, is scheduled for the evening of Friday, February 28th. The event will take place in Ludlow and will be an improvement on the earlier dances.

Great preparations are being made by the recently organized Frosh, and it is believed that in spite of their tardy beginning, this dance will be quite as good as former Frosh achievement.

Girls are expected from near and far and there will be a good attendance.

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Who said the Faculty was trying to make the music room an "little retreat?"

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Stephen's College, ANDREON-OHudson, N. Y.

Hoffman, Ex. '18, arrived from overseas on February 21st.

Edwin Carleton Upton, B. S., University of Maine; M. A. (Col­umbia) Litt. D., (St. Stephen's) M. A., (University of Chicago) Professor of the English Language and Literature.


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