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“A New Alumni Association”

S. A. T. C. STILL ACTIVE

The following extracts from correspondence are perhaps an indication of the feeling towards the college, developed among the S. A. T. C. men who were here for military training in the fall:

“This is to acknowledge receipt of the Annual Catalogue which contains a list of the men that were in the Students’ Army Training Corps. Want to thank the college for remembering us so kindly and assure you that everyone appreciates it very much."

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Convocation Meeting

At the 19th regular meeting of the Convocation of Undergraduates held in Preston Hall, March 19th, 1919, Pfaffko ’20 was elected a member of the Student Council. The Convocation granted full power to Finance Committee to take up matter of Campus Taxes with the College Authorities. (The Campus Taxes for the years of 1916 to 1917 and 1917 to 1918 were collected, but have not as yet been turned over to the Under-graduates). Treasurer’s report was read and approved. On motion it was decided to make plans for a suitable memorial to the St. Stephen’s men in the service, incuding a service flag. Motion was passed asking the Faculty to grant an additional day to the Easter Recess. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P. M.

Instead of the Faculty granting the petition of Convocation regarding an extra day in the Easter Recess, the vacation was set from Thursday noon April 17th to Wednesday morning, April 23rd.

At a recent meeting of the Athletic Association the resignation of the baseball manager, Clarke ’21, was accepted, and Alonzo L. Wood ’19, was elected in his place.

“Spring Training.”

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During his term of office he was the means of bringing about many improvements in buildings and grounds and launched campaigns for endowment and maintenance. The installation of electricity throughout all buildings and of a central heating plant, the remodeling of the College Chapel, the complete renovation of Aspinwall Hall and the building of a President’s house were all made possible through Dr. Rodger’s efforts. To him should go the credit of making the chapel unique, through the beauty of its services.

For late years, the continual ill-health of Mrs. Rodgers has been the cause of much anxiety to the President and last June, the Board of Trustees granted him a year’s leave of absence. In November, 1918, he became Priest-in-charge of St. David’s Church, Devon, Pennsylvania, to which parish he has recently been called as Rector.

Before becoming President of Saint Stephen’s Dr. Rodgers had been Head Master of St. John’s School Montreal, Canada, Rector of Grace Church, Millbrook, New York and Assistant at St. Agnes’ Chapel, Trinity Parish, New York City. He succeeds the Rev. J. H. Lamb as Rector of St. David’s, Devon and he has our heartiest wishes for success in his new work.

K. G. X. Dance

SPRING EVENT SET FOR MAY 16.

Once more the infallible sign of Spring is here. The Kappa Gamma Chi fraternity has announced May 16th as the date of its triennial dance. Ludlow and Willink Hall will be the scene of the occasion. Unlike the Spring dances of the past, the men will lay aside the oppressive dress suit for the more reasonable flannel trousers and dark coats. Many have already made plans for the week-end and are expecting partners from the various Girl’s Colleges along the Hudson.

Sophomore-Freshmen Tug-of-War

MAY 26TH SET FOR INTER-CLASS EVENT.

At a meeting of the Student Council held on the evening of April 2, 1919, the following rules for the Sophomore-Freshman Tug-of-War were adopted:

1. The annual Sophomore-Freshman Tug-of-War shall take place on the afternoon of May 24th, 1919.
2. The Student Council shall determine the equilization of weight.
3. Making footholds against roots of stumps shall not be permitted.
4. Tying knots on the rope shall not be lawful.
5. The order of march to the Sawmill Creek shall be as follows: Sophomores, Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, Student Council, Faculty.

Base Ball

FIRST INTRA-MURAL GAME, APRIL 26th.

Although we are unable to have Inter-Collegiate baseball this year, it has been decided to play inter class games. A team composed of Seniors and Sophomores will play a team composed of Freshmen, Juniors, and Specials. The team winning four out of seven games will win the series. The first game will be played Saturday, April 26th, so now is the time for these teams to conduct their “Spring Training.” Every man that takes any interest in baseball should come out for these teams, for it is only in this way that the series will be a success. Next year it is hoped we may have inter-collegiate baseball. This is a chance for prospective candidates for the team to show what they can do, and for us to see just what material we have in college for next year’s team.

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With this issue of the "Mes­ senger" the new board of editors enters upon its duties, deeply realizing its grave responsibility. The board feels that it has a task before it, a task worthy of the highest effort of every member of the board; but we realize that we must rely upon the hearty cooperation of the student body as a whole, and it is for this cooperation that we plead.

For a year or two past, the student body has seemed possessed of the erroneous idea that the "Messenger" existed for the benefit and glorification of the board of editors, and that any one not a member of the board was not expected to do anything toward that advancement of the interests of the "Messenger." This idea has been carried to such an extent that not only were the students not actively interested in their "publication," they can only be so interested and the general policy of the board. The editors wish it to be distinctly understood that they and their methods are always open to friendly criticism and suggestions; they deem it unnecessary to dwell upon the fact that with nothing but adverse criticism and lack of sympathy confronting them, they can only make the "Messenger" all that it should be. They also lay great stress upon the fact that the "Messenger" is the official organ of the student body of St. Stephen's College, and as such it is entitled to the support of all. We expect to devote a large amount of time and hard work to the publication of our paper and we sin­ cerely hope that our efforts will not go unappreciated or unsupported. Finally, we intend to do our utmost to make the "Messenger" a paper not only for the students, but of the students as well.

It is in great regret that we of the Messenger Board have to announce the resignation of our President, Dr. W. C. Rodgers. We feel that in the loss of Dr. Rodgers we have lost a good friend and an enthusiastic promoter of every student's welfare. What­ ever may have been Dr. Rodgers' faults, if he ever had any, they are surely eclipsed by his surpassingly good deeds. We all know how readily Dr. Rodgers was always to listen to our stories of the various but few misunderstandings that showed themselves while he was in the presidential chair.

Every student who ever knew Dr. Rodgers believes that he was straight­ forward in all his negotiations. He was in every sense of the word a friend—a close friend—a paternal well-wishing friend to every man who lived on this campus. No one will ever know how many individual students owe to Dr. Rodgers' sympathy and di­ rect help, or how many misunderstandings that showed themselves while he was in the presidential chair.

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Thus the new board of editors feels that it owes to all the former editors the obligation of keeping up the standard of the "Messenger." We feel that we, as well as the whole college, owe a debt of gratitude to the outgoing board for keeping the "Messenger" going through the trying ordeal of the past year. Com­ mittees on the campus have been dif­ ficult to face and those members should be made to feel that they have done a splendid work.

In the closing, we, the board of editors, wish to state clearly our aims, which we intend, with the cooperation of the students, to carry forward, simply because a degree is a useful thing to possess. This last class of so-called student does not care to gain a thorough education, but only to fulfill the require­ ments of his college, for which he is to be paid in the form of a degree. We look to the future, when the student is taken in college by these men.

We have most of us made the acc­ customed trips through the public schools up. By reason of some specially developed physical gift this boy has been able to make a name as an athlete for himself at his prepara­ tory school. Since colleges, in order to be successful, must produce good athletic teams, an undignified scram­ ble ensues among our colleges to ma­ rinate this athlete. Naturally the boy goes to the college which can provide the highest form of athletics in which he specializes. After he gets to college he is interested in his courses? Not at all, he is interested in making enough work to enable him to play football.

Another type of college student is the one who goes to college to obtain a certain social standing in his community. His college course is a failure unless he is able to join an in­ clusive fraternity, for after his graduation society will rate him by his fraternity, in exactly the same way that business men are rated in Dunn's or Bradstreet's. His para­ mount interest in college is not his work but whether Mrs. B. will invite him to her ball or not.

We now come to the worst type of college man we have to deal with, the degree hunter. By his methods this man contracts habits he will have to spend the rest of his life getting rid of. He is in the institution to get a degree at all costs, even if he has to shut out the true light of learning to do so. His chief interest in college life is to get out of any diffi­ cult requirement.

Briefly these are the three cardinal types of men in college, each with the attitude they take toward their work. We have them at St. Stephen's, and we see the same numbers at other places. At other colleges they are far in the ma­ jority—that is, they are expected to every man who may hereafter become our head, we take our hats off to Dr. W. C. Rodgers, hoping that he will have and wishing that he will find success and prosper­ ity in the future.

WHY GO TO COLLEGE?

STUDIES OR ATHLETICS WHICH?

What is the matter with the atti­ tude of college students? In every part of the country we hear this ques­ tion. That something is radically wrong no one will deny. We, therefore, examine briefly a few of the problems that bear on this sub­ ject.

In the first place why do young men go to college at all? For numerous reasons the most of which in their essence are poor ones. Athletics are the at­ traction for some, social standing for others, while some sad specimens of the human race go to college to get a degree, simply because a degree is

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In OTHER COLLEGES

Dr. Horatio K. Garnier, formerly Professor of philosophy at St. Stephen's, will carry on courses in philosophy and psychology at Trinity during his leave of absence.

Yassar has taken a vote on the League of Nations. 296 people in all voted; of these 86 were in favor of the league constitution with amendments; 62 voted for the inclusion of the amended constitution in the peace treaty, 53 for the inclusion of a draft constitution as drafted; 41 wished for some form of covenant in the treaty; 26 favored the constitution as drafted but did not wish it included in the peace; 11 rejected the league altogether; 8 sanctioned the principle without desiring any active expression of it.

Yale University is the recipient of a gift of $15,000,000, the third largest bequest in the history of American colleges.

Hamilton's Musical Clubs have just completed a most successful week on the road. Concerts were staged at Jamaica, Tarrytown, New York, Camp Merritt, Ridgewood and New Rochelle.

The Psi Delta Tau Fraternity has been revived at Hamilton. Two plays are to be given at Trinity on the 26th of April; "Hangman," a modern symbolic drama; and "The Rehearsal," a witty comedy.

Trinity is the recipient of a gift of $25,000 presented by Robert McIlvaine of Lindley Brady of Detroit, to constitute the "Reverend Manning Fund."

A system of compulsory athletics has been drawn up at Hamilton, requiring four hours of gymnastic work every week from each man.

The croix de Guerre was awarded by French authorities in recognition of the excellent services rendered in the recent Victory Celebration of the Campuses at Millbrook, New York, the academic equivalent of the stars, colors, and other markings to be worn or displayed.

In Carlow University, a tradition of flummery. Whether the recipient is pure of heart or pure of motive, the designation of the medical student who is a flummeryist is applied to one who is proud of his ignorance and is endeavoring to make his ignorance a source of astonishment and profit to himself.

In the end, the only thing that matters is how we remember and carry forward the spirit of the real thing in men's work.

Fr. Lange On Leave of Absence

TRUSTEES GRANT TWO MONTHS TO HISTORY PROFESSOR.

Rev. Peter Lange, Professor of History, has been granted a leave of absence for the months of April and May. He intends, his health permitting, to return to college before commencement and to continue his work here the following semester. Fr. Lange's trouble began this year with an attack of influenza. Immediately after this he suffered a severe fall in the snow and was treated for a week-end of April 26th at the New York University hospital.

The students of St. Stephen's will be glad to hear that he is recovering and that he will be back in the fall to continue his work.

St. Stephen's man believes it remembering that it is also a reminder that it is the Church which has always taught the truth and which preserved it intact through the dark ages of the earlier Germanic invasions.
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CHAPEL NOTES.

Organ Recitals.

A series of interesting and instructive organ recitals is being given in the Chapel by the Reverend Cuthbert Fowler, B.A., on Sunday afternoons between the hours of four and five. The program will be added to from time to time and carried out until late in the spring.

The programme of the first recital ran as follows:

Gloria, from 12th mass Mozart Andante, from Symphony IV. Widor Minuet in G ..................... Beethoven Traumerlie ..................... Schumann Grand Chorale ..................... Durey

The Reverend Leighton Williams, D. D., of St. John's Church, Kingston, N. Y., gave an address to the student body at the Chapel on the night of March 27th.

Afternoon Tea at Prof. Fowler's.

The Rev. Cuthbert Fowler gave a tea on Saturday, April 5th, in honor of his sister, Miss Mary Fowler and his cousin, Miss Lillian Ellegood Fowler. Assisting with Mr. Fowler's mother were Mrs. Edwin C. Upton and Miss Katherine Adams. There were present Mrs. Karl Popham, Miss Virginia Lewis, Miss Jane Lewis, Mr. John Bishop, U. S. N., Rev. Harry Glasser, '14, members of the faculty and members of the senior and junior classes.

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The sound of a woman's voice float­
ed to his ears. "If you don't take off your boots when you come into this house," she said, "there's going to be trouble, and a lot of it. Here it's been raining for three hours, and you dare to tramp over carpets with your muddy boots on. Go downstairs and take them off this minute!"

He went downstairs without a word, but he didn't take off his boots. Instead he went straight out into the night again, and the pal who was waiting for him saw a tear glisten in his eye.

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