The Power of Electricity in Transportation

Electricity has revolutionized transportation. For instance, the steam locomotive, although effective, had many limitations. Steam engines were inefficient and produced a lot of pollution. They were also prone to mechanical failures and required constant maintenance. However, with the advent of electricity, locomotives became more reliable and efficient. Electric locomotives could travel faster and farther without the need for frequent stops or maintenance. They also produced less pollution and were quieter. Despite the initial costs, the benefits of electric locomotives far outweighed the drawbacks. This led to the widespread adoption of electric locomotives across the world, making travel more efficient and comfortable for passengers and cargo.

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3. **Versatility**: Electric locomotives can power a wide range of trains, from passenger cars to freight trains. They can also be used to power trolley cars in urban areas.
4. **Safety**: Electric locomotives are safer for both the crew and the passengers. They are less likely to cause fires or accidents compared to steam locomotives.
5. **Environmental Impact**: Electric locomotives produce less pollution than steam locomotives. They emit fewer greenhouse gases and have a lower carbon footprint.

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Apple-Blossoms

By William A. M. Parker, '21

It was one of those warm spring afternoons of late April when little John was picking apple-blossoms for his little sister Margaret who sat in a shady bower making garlands of flowers for her mother's birthday party that afternoon. There was something very wondrous in the beams that afternoon as they played amid the branches dancing as it were from flower to flower and then on to Margaret's golden hair. Little John, when he had tired himself out picking flowers, lay down on the grass looking at the blue sky through these beautiful apple-blossoms which were pink and white. Some even seemed dark red, some pure white and they seemed to paint against the blue sky a wonderful red-white-and-blue flag—the kind of flag for which his father had fought in the Boer War. He seemed to see the whole army, as he imagined it, racing across the wilds of South Africa. The electric locomotives today lift an ever-growing freight tonnage over the mountainous divisions of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway—the world's greatest electrification—giant electric locomotives today lift an ever-increasing freight tonnage over the mile-high Rockies and also make across the wilds of South Africa and his own Dad in the lead. Of course his own Dad—Colonel Harris—was in the lead for if anyone had asked Little John about the War he would have been told that, "My Daddy did most of the fighting." The little fellow had always been intensely interested in that horrible war. He thought the Boers must have been awfully brave, and yet he knew that his Daddy was very much braver. And so he asked his little sister to play battle with him and she could be nurse. He immediately "got wounded" fighting some imaginary foe under the apple-tree, and she was the nurse. Tenderly she bound up his fictitious wound with her soft silk "hanky" and he lay looking at the wonderful shower of blossoms over his head. Thus they played—poor innocent playmates—until their mother called them in to tea and they gathered up their flowers and left the apple-blossoms to the late afternoon sun.

Little John often played being wounded and little Margaret was always the tender nurse who bound up the wounds. In fact, always until they went away to school they made the centre of the play around the old apple-tree, and somehow they always remembered the beautiful blossoms with the bees buzzing here and there, rather than they remembered the juicy fruit which followed the blossoms.

Often when John was trying to remember the stem of a Latin verb or the date of some uninteresting conference in history his mind would fit back to the scene underneath the apple-tree, where he would always be lying prone on the ground looking at the magnificent apple-blossoms with their glorious setting of the blue sky. He liked to remember the first time he "got wounded" and he seemed to feel his sister's soft white hands about him.

Soon after, John was in the upper fifth and he was just commencing to wonder how long it would be before he could enter Oxford—for his father was an Oxford man—a great change came in his life. Germany was marching through Belgium, and Oxford or no Oxford John could not see how anyone could tolerate that. He flung his Latin books into his locker and as quickly as he could he packed his suit case and wished the "Head" good-bye. There were a lot of people going away—it seemed the whole school, there was excitement everywhere. The very buildings themselves did not seem the same buildings had looked at for so long, but they seemed to have a lot of things that should be left as soon as he could leave them.

It was not long before John was at Aldershot—"marking time" it seemed to him, while the Germans were rushing through Belgium, but he was determined to know how to deal with such events when he once crossed the Channel. Soon he crossed and he wondered as he went if he would have a chance to ride for miles and miles across open country, and
make gallant stands as men had in his father's regiment during the Boer War. He was sure he would make some stand against such men as the Germans were, for he had visions of what they would do if they could ever get across the Channel. What if they ravaged homes in England as they had ravaged thousands of homes in Belgium? He felt for a moment that the whole issue of the war depended entirely on him, and he alone should enforce "they shall not pass."

A few days later there was a limp and shapeless form out in "No Man's Land" far ahead of the other forms, in fact it was right up by the barbed wire of the German trenches. There was one leg missing altogether and the left arm was bent under in such a way that it must have been broken in several places. There must have been terrible pain for the shapeless form as there was yet a ray of sunshine lighting it up. A golden head bending blossoms. Felt his wound no more, he was free from pain—back once more under that beautiful sky, in that beautiful land of eternal sleep again under—But that thought over him. The beautiful blossoms as they used to be. He was young once more, he was happy, yes; it seemed like heaven to him, he knew he would see home again. He knew he would make his part. He knew he would try and show the results of efficient planning. The programmes were very neat, music ever heard perhaps in Ludlow Hall. Perhaps the best part of the dance, however, was the music. Zita's orchestra of the Freshmen was snappy and yet dignified and seemed to harmonize, as it were, with the woodwork of the room. There was a beautiful contrast in colors and yet a wonderful harmony between the decorations and the carved woodwork of the room.

The other rooms were decorated as "class" and fraternity rooms respectively. From each class banner there were streamers of the colors of that class, and couches were prettily arranged in the corners.

The refreshments, during the intermission, were exceedingly good, and the punch, in spite of its prohibition ingredients, was exceptionally tasty. Perhaps the best part of the dance, however, was the music. Zita's orchestra of Albany played, from nine to two, the best music ever heard perhaps in Ludlow Hall. It was snappy and yet dignified and seemed to harmonize, as it were, with the environment. The programmes were very neat, being white with gold 1923 on the title page. The dancing throughout was a huge success, and showed the results of efficient planning on the part of the "Frosh." There was complete cooperation in preparing for the event, and the Frosh are certainly to be congratulated on their achievements.

In the latter, the man when asked couldn't refuse. For he'd kidded the girl into such a state that his many qualities would not permit him hesitate. As time advanced to this modern epoch, we find the monopoly of man disappear; in the hands of the Fair Sex appear. Leap Year no more a thing for the Maids. For every year now is Leap Year to the Maid. Amazing—Horrible—Awful!

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T I is almost inevitable, in the course of things, that when the glitter and newness of things wear off, and what was novelty becomes the common-place every-day, that dissatisfaction should set in. Dissatisfaction and fault-finding are quite well-known to the guiding spirits of any journalistic enterprise, and from these evils the MESSENGER has not been immune.

Doubling to many of our readers it may seem highly amusing that the Editor of the MESSENGER should presume to class themselves as the guiding spirits of a journalistic enterprise, and from this evil the MESSENGER has not been immune.

There is a reason to believe that the standard of scholarship in the College taken as a whole, is exceedingly good. But, there is still room for improvement, and it is just this improvement that we expect to see during the second semester. Now that our lazy dwellers have been impressively awakened, we expect them to show their real worth. In winter months the ordinary distractions are few and far between. They who missed the mark must now get down to hard work, and thus, not only do themselves justice, but help institute a competition that will cause us all to do our best and make us regard our best as the only thing worth while. It is by so doing that we can meet face to face the higher standard of scholarship demanded of us, and give fame to our college for its academic standard.

Ottos Simmonds, '23, who left college in October on account of illness, has returned for the second semester.
Fraternity Notes.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

The New York Sigma-Phi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity on Wednesday evening, February 11th, celebrated its Jubilee with an initiation and banquet immediately following in Preston Hall. Notwithstanding the recent heavy snow-falls, sixteen alumni braved the conditions and helped make the occasion one of the most successful the Chapter has ever experienced of this kind in mid-winter.

McVickar Dormitory, occupied by the Sigs was brightly adorned with College and Fraternity banners, and a large flag of the Nation. Above the entrance to the building were the numerals displayed, 1870-1895-1920. The local Sigma Phi was founded in 1870, and after twenty-five years struggling onward during the critical times through which the College passed, the Society succeeded in procuring a Charter from the National Fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, in 1895.

One of the largest initiations of the Chapter since pre-war days took place in the early evening when eight new men were admitted to the bonds. Immediately after the banquet, at which the President and Faculty of the College were invited, commenced. The tables were beautifully decorated with purple baskets containing flowers in color resembling plum, and arrangement displayed the Fraternity colors, purple and gold. The Fraternity flower, the violet, was in evidence at frequent intervals along the tables. The entire arrangement, with a dainty touch here and there, produced an effect truly delightful.

The caterers, Smith Brothers of Poughkeepsie, lived up to their good reputation. After the repast, the toasts were conducted, Brother Gardner, being toastmaster. At intervals various Fraternity songs were rendered, and occasional hilarity enjoyed over jokes and funny stories to which many were contributed by the Faculty. The festivities came to a close shortly after midnight by singing "Good-night Brothers" and the "Alma Mater."

Those in attendance were of the Faculty, Dean Davidson, and Professors Upton, Cook, Williams, McDonald, Kaltenbach and Fowler; of the Alumni, Very Reverend Oscar P. Tender, Reverend Messrs. Gardner, Probst, Simmonds, Spear, Mullen, Rice and Bridgeman, and Messrs. Coffin, Sidman, Curtis, Hartzell, Stretch, Gresham, Castelman and Lounsbury; fourteen members of the active Chapter, and five pledges.

Edwin Ely, '47, visited the campus the week-end of February 9th.

The Rev. Charles E. McAllister, '14, rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hyattsville, Maryland, was a guest the week of January 25th.

The following men were initiated on February 11th: John B. Lyte, Lynn, Mass.; John M. Cleveland, New York City; Edward W. Cowling, Jr., Eastville, Va.; Burton F. White, Jr., New York City; Herbert S. Craig, Lynn, Mass.; Samuel H. Savre, Hampton, Va.; Norman S. Howland, Ballston Spa, N. Y.; W. Leo Vincent, Bloomington, Ill.

KAPPA GAMMA CHI

Friday, February 6th, marks the occurrence of the Kappa Gamma Chi initiation and banquet. Despite the fact of an unlooked-for blizzard, the hour newly "Kapped," with oldsters and Alumni, who visited the college for the occasion, made way to Barrytown aboard a two-horse sleigh. The banquet took place in a private dining-room of the Nelson House at Poughkeepsie. The initiates were: Howard Everhard Koch, Walter Hugh McNeeley, Archibald Fitz-Randolph, and John Marshall Wilson. The Alumni were represented by the Rev. Cuthbert Fowler, '91; Alexander N. Keedwell '19, and Kirtley Lewis, Sp.

A thoroughly pleasant evening was rendered the Kappa Gamma Chi Fraternity by Mrs. William E. Cshallen on Tuesday, January 27. The Rev. Professor McDonald, of ghost-story fame about the Campus, enlivened the evening to no small degree. There were present, besides the active chapter: Mrs. Bernard Iddings Bell, Miss Mary T. Southern, Miss Bessie Lewis, and the alumni members. The Rev. Mr. Fowler and Kirtley Lewis. Light refreshments were served.

The Rev. Henry Glaeser '14, visited college from Monday, February 7th, following Thursday. Through Lent, the Rev. Mr. Glaeser will be associated with the Rev. Wallace J. Gardner, St. Paul's Parish, Flatbush, Brooklyn, N. Y., and should be so addressed.

EULEXIAN

It had been planned this year to have the annual initiation banquet at the Stuyvesant Hotel in Kingston but due to bad weather conditions, and the resulting difficulty in transportation this scheme had to be abandoned at the eleventh hour.

On Thursday evening, February 5, 1920, all of the carefully laid plans for the initiation banquet, which had been scheduled to take place on the following day, seemed bound not to materialize. The storm by this time had assumed the proportions of a blizzard, making roads impassable. It was an anxious period for the members present.

About this time telegrams and telephone calls began to arrive from all directions from alumni members stating their regret at not being able to come on account of the storm.

The tension of the situation was somewhat relieved, however, on Friday noon at lunch time when a good candidate, Mr. Royal O. Fisher, garbed in a dress of purest white, stepped out onto the balcony of the refectory while another one, Mr. John B. Libby, arrayed in the style of days long passed, made his appearance below. The famous balcony scene from Romeo and Juliette ensued, and if one may judge from the applause rendered after it had been enacted, Brother Fisher made a very sweet and adorable Juliette and Brother Libby a debonair Romeo.

Brother Pierre McD. Bleecker '76 arrived Friday afternoon. He was the only Eulexian in attendance after her lecture. The exhaustiveness manner in which she treated the subject was well shown by the lack of questions asked by the student body after her lecture.

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Four new members were initiated at the appointed time. They are: Mr. Royal O. Fisher, Mr. John B. Libby, Mr. Frank C. Hubbs.

Unfortunately Mr. L. Russell Anderson, who unluckily found it impossible to remain in college due to no fault of his own, was unable to get to the initiation.

Through the kindness of President Bell the banquet was held in Trustee Hall. Brother Bleecker was the only alumnus present. The brothers were prepared to entertain about 30 expected alumni guests and were very much disappointed at missing their happy faces in the gathering.

On Sunday, February 8, 1920, a little visitor arrived at the home of Brother A. J. M. Wilson '14 in Millbrook. We hope that he will follow his father some day in becoming a good St. Stephen's man and a loyal Eulexian.

Brother George E. Spitali has entered upon a business career in Utica, N. Y.

DrAgent Club

On Wednesday evening, February 4th, Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead, of great prominence in educational circles, delivered a very interesting and valuable lecture under the auspices of the Dragon Club. Mrs. Mead's subject, "Some Phases of the International Problem as they Affect Education," was developed in a manner which kept the audience spell-bound. Her realistic depicting of the conditions both in this country and abroad, and her logical solutions for remedying such conditions, gave us a remarkably clear-cut picture of her message. The exhaustive manner in which she treated the subject was well shown by the lack of questions asked by the student body after her lecture.
NEW PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

We are empowered by the President of the College to announce that a new Professor of Biology has been secured, to enter upon his duties September 1st. The man appointed is Mr. Phineas W. Whiting, who has the degree of Master of Science from Harvard, and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania. He has for the past three years been the head of the Department of Biology at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Penn. Dr. Whiting, in addition to being the author of a large number of monographs on Biology, has the honor of receiving each year an annuity from the Society for the Advancement of Science. A laboratory will be prepared for him in Ludlow and Willink Hall.

Campus Notes

THE past two weeks have been very trying to the men here on account of the heavy snow storms. For several days, communication between the college and the outside world was almost entirely cut off.

Mrs. Kaltenbach, during the past month, has spent a few weeks visiting her uncle at Albion, N. Y.

Dr. Edwards has been in the Rhinebeck Hospital for some time suffering from something like the “Flu.”

Mrs. Upton and children spent the week of February 15th on the campus.

Hoffman ’20 has been appointed by the President to take charge of athletics for the remainder of the year.

Leopold Kroll, Jr., of Honolulu, T. H., and Henry J. Saunders, of Pittsburgh, entered college the second semester. Kroll is a son of the Rev. Leopold Kroll, ’97, connected with St. Andrew’s Cathedral, Honolulu.

Under the Lyre Tree.

Few people realize that if we were perfect we would not be in college.

It seems as though tampering with the lights at a dance is liable to become a tradition.

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