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Music on the Campus

CUTHBERT FOWLER, '01

THE old college piano is gone, and, as is often the case with old people who have long since ceased their activities, there are few to note its passing. It was an aristocrat among pianos; it was a Steinway square. Since its day a new tribe has come on the campus—uprights of obscure lineage. They do well enough for jazz songs on fraternity nights,—poor things, they have known little else; but they cannot hold the honored place in the college community which was filled by this old veteran, for many years the only student piano on the campus. Years ago it came here. Its owner secured his education (we hope), and went away, leaving his old friend behind him. It stood in the dining hall for years. It shuddered under the pounding of orchestra players at the college dances; it sounded sweetly on Sunday afternoons when the Glee Club quartet used to practice; it watched generations of students come and go in that big, brown eating-hall; it listened to the old, old story from alumni at Commencement banquets; it knew St. Stephen's through and through, from its corner in the dining hall. It felt greatly elated at being called to a place in the *Oriental* splendor of the new common room a couple of years ago, and went down to Orient to begin a new life. Alas, its glory was short-lived; the common room didn't last, and pitiless, unrespecting youth made sport of its weak, quavering tones. And the rest of the story is too sad for words. A few ivory book-marks are all that remains of Chris Roth's piano.

Other musical traditions have likewise passed away. There was a time when Battle Alley was a gathering place before meals and the men used to sing Dear Evilina, and I've been working

on the Railroad, as they waited for the rattle of the old tin-pan gong. When Aspinwall was renovated a few years ago an entrance direct from the campus was put in, with only a small vestibule and no opportunity for the men to gather and sing before meals. Of course it couldn't be helped, but it was a distinct loss to the college nevertheless. And by the way, speaking of musical traditions, where *is* that old gong, which was carried in procession around the stone buildings at some mythical time in the morning?

Turning from the physical to the spiritual realm, there was also a time when every student made a mental or other note of certain days in the month when he must be sure to go to chapel. If the psalter for the day included the psalm with the frequent refrain, "O that men would therefore praise the Lord," or the 137th psalm, "Beside the waters of Babylon", or the last psalm with its concluding verse, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord," there was sure to be a full attendance at chapel. An improved and more scientific method of singing the choral parts of the service has been introduced, and the "anglican" chants are a thing of the past, to be fondly remembered by the old alumni.

But to make up for the loss of some of the musical traditions of the college new customs have risen. Each of the fraternities now has a piano, and the singing on Friday nights is one of the features of the social gatherings of the fraternities. The chance passer-by on the campus surely feels the mighty power of brotherly love as he hears floating out on the evening air a blending of "Sing, brothers, sing," with "Jua-

Hinton was the first to get away and his un-earthly yells caused an awakening which meant action.

With Hinton and one or two other Freshmen captured, the 'Sophs' started to take them away while the rest of the first year men were dressing. But the 'Sophs' were not to get very far. The now wide awake Freshmen guessed what was up and set out to retake their comrades. Over-taking them near the College Chapel, they (only eight in number, as five of the new men were away at a dance) surrounded the five lone Sophomores. And, when the five stalwart youths refused to give up their captured prey, the 'Frosh' took it into their own hands to see that the 'Sophs' should do as directed.

Then, there was a wild scramble—one big jumble of human beings, each trying to come out on top of the pile. Thus the fight continued until the Frosh, by means of their greater number, proved too much for the struggling 'Sophs' and the latter were downed. Making good use of the rope the 'Sophs' had hoped to tie up their opponents with, the first year men in time had all of 1922 well bound. Nevertheless, even though bound the 'Sophs' continued to put up a fight that kept the others busy and on the lookout every minute. It was well nigh onto 2:30 A. M. before four of the exhausted 'Sophs' gave in and went back to their respective rooms. Langdon alone offered further resistance, and only by the united effort of the eight 'Frosh' was he carried back to his room.

After the long struggle of the night before, the 'Sophs' were pretty well worn out. From the blow of the whistle starting the customary 'flag scrap' until the final blow which brought it to a close, the Freshmen, numbering sixteen men, merely held the tired 'Sophs' and kept them from approaching the tree on which the banner of 1923 still hung.

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Newspapers which have given publicity to the College: *N. Y. Evening World*, *N. Y. Times*, *N. Y. Evening Post*, *N. Y. Sun*, *Newark News*, *Boston Transcript*, *Knickerbocker Press (Albany)*, *Detroit Free Press*, *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, *St. Louis Republic*, *St. Louis Star*, *Hartford Times*, and 250 other newspapers of less importance.

What Others Think of Us

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LESLIE F. POTTER, Dean of St. Mark's Cathedral, Grand Rapids, Mich.:—"Your important institution is certain to thrive and develop."

THEODORE H. MORRISON, Bishop of Iowa:—"There is a great need for St. Stephen's College."

JOHN MOCKRIDGE, Rector of St. James' Church, Philadelphia:—"I believe in St. Stephen's College."

WILLIAM LAWRENCE, Bishop of Massachusetts:—"I am sure that the College will have a vigorous and successful administration."

SAMUEL DRURY, D.D., Head of St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H.:—"It is clear that the college is to go forward with appreciation and breadth of view."

J. W. D. COOPER, Educational Secretary, Diocese of Western New York:—"I shall do all in my power to forward the college's interests."

HUGH BURLESON, Bishop of South Dakota:—"You can certainly count on my interest and help."

FREDERICK BURGESS, Bishop of Long Island:—"I recognize most cordially the usefulness and the influence for good of St. Stephen's College."

JOHN N. McCORMICK, Bishop of Western Michigan:—"I have always thought that there was a great future for St. Stephen's."

J. H. DODSHOW, Archdeacon of Southern Ohio:—"My hearty sympathy is ever with St. Stephen's. You can rely on my doing all that I can for her."

RALPH ADAMS CRAM, Architect, Boston:—"The opportunity of St. Stephen's is a great one. What we need there is fearlessness and definiteness."

GEORGE K. GIBSON, prominent layman of Chicago:—"Yours is a splendid institution."

The Church Recognizes St. Stephen's

MUCH interest in the welfare of St. Stephen's has been manifested since the beginning of the new regime in August, by undergraduates, alumni, and friends of the College. Up to a certain time plans were necessarily of a more or less indefinite and hazy nature, but, now that General Convention has met, we have some concrete facts upon which we may rely with reasonable assurance.

Through the efforts of President Bell, the cause of St. Stephen's was brought before General Convention at the same time of that of the other Church colleges. Since his return from Detroit, the President has received a letter from the Rev. William E. Gardner, D.D., Secretary of the General Board of Religious Education, in which, in addition to pledging his own support to Church colleges, he quotes the resolutions of General Convention, and it is most fitting that we quote those resolutions here:

"Be it resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that we do heartily commend to the Church these colleges officially under Church control, i.e., Kenyon College, the University of the South, and St. Stephen's College—and also Trinity College and Hobart College—and that we press the desire that they may be adequately supported by the prayers of our people, and the enrollment of their sons, and by their material gifts, and

"Be it further resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that in particular we urge the earnest and sympathetic consideration by the authorities of the Nation-Wide Campaign of the requests made by these colleges, i.e., for new projects the sum of \$1,050,000; for remodelling \$275,000; and for maintenance \$195,000; a total of \$1,520,000."

Our share of the funds realized from the Nation-Wide Campaign is fixed at approximately \$431,000 (unless some change or revision is made in the budget), to be expended in the following manner: for new classroom and laboratory building, \$225,000; for a new section of the dormitory building, \$50,000; for remodelling and enlarging the refectory and for building servants'

quarters, \$20,000; for remodelling present buildings, \$5,000; for paying one-half the cost of the new gymnasium, \$25,000; for support for three years at the rate of \$36,000 per year, \$108,000.

These funds are to be expended before 1922 and will enable us to accommodate 108 students next year, and 160 the year following. There is to be no attempt to make the college accommodate more than 200 men before 1922. This financial aid will enable us to continue without increasing the tuition fees. According to the method of reckoning cost at the present time, students' fees will take care of material support—food, heat, light, and cleaning—while overhead expenses, instruction and library expenses will be paid by the institution.

In Other Colleges

Magill College is to have inter-faculty Rugby this year. It has been announced that the members of the faculty have entered in large numbers and interesting contests are expected.

Lehigh University will have a unit of the Reserve Officer Training Corps. Pres. H. S. Drinker endorses military training as an educational and patriotic movement.

The class of 1921 at Stevens nominated Steele and Crook for class treasurers.

The restricted football policy of Columbia has been revoked and Columbia will now be able to play Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Cornell, and Pennsylvania on other grounds than their own.

A drive to obtain an endowment fund of a million dollars from the alumni of Rochester University has been started.

All Juniors and Seniors of the School of Pharmacy of the University of Buffalo have been suspended and fined for having hazed a member of the Freshmen class.

Hamilton has a total enrollment of 295, of which 103 are Freshmen.

Fifteen Chinese students have been enrolled at Syracuse University, including one professor and one girl. After the completion of their courses, they will return to China to act as professors in the American missionary colleges.

Columbia University has enrolled over 20,000 students for this year. The majority of these have been admitted under the new system of psychological tests.

strives to do his share, attempts to contribute his part toward making the collegiate life on this campus a harmonious unity of religious, intellectual and social phases, *then* we can boast of being a Church college, *then* we can be permanently worthy of the Church's protection, help and guidance, towards producing real men.

Correspondence

To the Editor of THE MESSENGER:

May I take this opportunity of expressing, through the medium of your columns, a protest against what seems to be a growing evil here at St. Stephen's? What I have to say bears upon "college respect".

Without a doubt each of us, while attending a performance of "that great American educator",—the movies,—has felt the mad desire to break the sixth commandment, when our neighbor to the rear has insisted upon commenting upon and interpreting what the hero is doing at that particular moment. This fault is not confined to the movies,—we have it here and it is not right. In this case the hero is the professor, and it is disrespectful to him for the students to carry on an undertone conversation during his lecture, even if said conversation bears upon the subject in hand (which it usually does not). Then it is extremely annoying to those members of the class who may perhaps be in the class with the purpose of getting something out of the course.

Again, it has been a long-standing custom, and a legitimate one, for members of the student body to rise when addressed by a member of the faculty (this refers especially to the refectory). Of course the new men may not realize this, and it is up to the older men to show a better example.

This is not a prep-school,—it is supposedly an assemblage of gentlemen; and I hardly think it necessary to point out to what degree the idea of gentlemanliness enters into this question.

Pro bono Collegii.

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We hear that the new motto for the Sophs is
'The best-laid schemes of mice and men
Gang aft agley.'

Dragon Club

ON the evening of October 2nd, the first of the series of lectures given through the Dragon Club was delivered in Preston Hall, the lecturer being our new president, the Rev. Bernard Iddings Bell. His subject was "Four Contemporary Poets".

According to President Bell, the idea of the average young man concerning poetry is that it is a collection on namby-pamby ideas expressed in sentimental terms; and this unfortunate feeling is caused more or less by the desultory method of study so prevalent in the average high school. As the subject of the lecture indicates, he chose four poets of our own day, of widely different ideals and widely separated territories. Selections from their writings were read and commented upon,—Masefield, the sublime, albeit harsh and crude at times; Tagore, the mystic; Masters, the plain and every-day; Lindsay, the carefree and vagabond. The message intended, and received, was that we need not go for all our poetry of value to the past, but can rely upon the poets of our present day.

On October 15th, our friend and neighbor, Mrs. Richard Aldrich, gave us a most interesting lecture—"Some of the History of the Upper Hudson". She gave a very helpful talk on the development of the manorial system in the Hudson Valley, especially the Livingston and Ven Rensselaer estates. Her talk was liberally sprinkled throughout with personal anecdotes concerning celebrities of former times, many of whom were connected with her own family.

Chapel Notes

Special preachers for October:

5th—The Rev. Lyford P. Edwards, Ph. D.,

Professor of Economics and Sociology,

12th—The Rev. Francis Rolt-Wheeler, Ph.D.,
New York City.

19th—The Rev. John Howard Melish, Rector,
Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn.

26th—The Rev. James O. S. Huntington,
Order of the Holy Cross, West Park,
N. Y.

Football Games

OCTOBER 4, 1919—In a closely played game, St. Stephen's was defeated by Poughkeepsie High School 13 to 9. It was the first contest of the season for the College team and their lack of experience made winning impossible. Poughkeepsie's well directed open play alone offset the line bucking of the Collegians.

October 11, 1919—In St. Stephen's second game of the year Peekskill Military Academy came through with a victory by the score 27 to 7. The Collegians put up a hard fight against their well trained rivals, but frequently fumbled when in a position to score. The good work of Wellford and Cowling made it possible for Castleman to go across for St. Stephen's only touchdown.

Although the contest was hard-fought, comparatively few substitutions were made and but few penalties were handed out.

October 18, 1919—Eastman Business College easily defeated St. Stephen's on Zabriskie Field, the score being 54 to 0. The latter, while putting up a good game, were no match for their Poughkeepsie opponents. Several Texas all-state men were the whole power of the Eastman team and pulled off plays which completely baffled the Annandale squad. The St. Stephen's men were pretty well battered up, Wellford injuring his thumb and White suffering a triple dislocation of his left shoulder.

October 29, 1919—Poughkeepsie for the second time this season won from St. Stephen's. The crippled College team never really threatened the High School squad and the latter romped to an easy 39 to 0 victory. The winning team's forward passes time and again netted them long gains, while the only outstanding features of the defeated teams play was Hoefling's open field running and the all-around work of Cowling and Buchanan.

Campus Notes

THE Rev. John A. Matthews of Point Pleasant, N. J., visited the Campus on the week-end of the 25th.

Edward L. Savage, of Hempstead, L. I., spent a week-end with Langdon, '22.

The Rev. R. S. Nichols, of Forest Hills, L. I., visited Hoffman, '20 for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Colwell, of Worcester, Mass., motored over to spend the week-end of the 26th with their son Colwell, '21.

Mrs. Randolph and daughter, of Trenton, recently paid a visit to Randolph, '23.

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Howell, of Ballston Spa, visited their son, Howell, '23.

Simmonds, '23, who has been in the Rhinebeck Hospital for some time, is much improved in health and expects to return to College for the second semester.

Sayre, Sp., and Donovan, Sp., recently attended the General Convention and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Convention at Detroit, as representatives of the College. On their return, they were detained by a wreck. (We understand that the wreck occurred in the vicinity of Niagara Falls.)

A Cripples' Association has recently been formed with the following charter members: White, Cowling, Hoefling, Kidd, and Langdon, all being victims of recent football games.

Prof. Cook was unable to meet his classes for several days on account of illness. Fr. McDonald was also indisposed for a few days.

On the evening of October 9th, the Rev. Pres. and Mrs. Bell entertained the Upper Classmen, Sophomores and Specials. During the greater part of the evening Fr. Bell read from that charming and highly amusing little story—"The Young Visitors", by Daisy Ashford. Later in the evening, refreshments were served.

Mrs. Bell's mother, Mrs. L. W. Lee, of Chicago, spent several weeks on the campus.

W. G. Cameron, formerly professor of Modern Languages here, spent three weeks in Annandale.

Fraternity Notes

EULEXIAN

THE Rev. Robert MacKellar, '82, visited the campus the week-end of the 25th.

The Rev. Pierre McD. Bleecker, '76, and his family motored to the college on the 23rd.

The Eulexian bungalow is expected to be opened during the month of November.

Mr. Edwin A. Leonhard, '14, was a recent visitor on the campus. He is now doing graduate work at Columbia University.

KAPPA GAMMA CHI

Hollis Smith, a former student just released from military service, who had intended returning to St. Stephen's the second semester, has entered the Seminary instead.

The Rev. Lee L. Rose, '16, recently ordained deacon, and Alonzo Wood, '19, were recent visitors on the campus.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

The Very Rev. Oscar F. L. Treder, '01, Dean of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, L. I., was a recent visitor.

Gardiner Coffin, '16, visited the Sigs on Oct. 19th on his way to Catskill.

Watson B. Selvage, '98, spent a few days here en route to New York.

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DON'T howell" Eva said light-ly, as she soothed the little brown kidd, feeding it with dried figs, meanwhile cooking ham. Outside the cleve land was white with southern dew as the fisher rann'd off in fits to hunt some haddock for the cook. The fowler, who was rattling along in a perfectly well Ford, expected with his lucky aims to get a gol ding rabbit. With a huff voice the castle man was hintin' hows Sam the fowler could park 'er, and th' son with a new ton of art was helping Cahltten-back home. The wind blew strongly over the moor and the "Dona" van, with mud up to its hubbs, was like a day coach. "Where's your will, son?" J. M. asked. "Ho, well! Let Faff go! I know MacNeely will have her fling", remarked the gob as he got into the van. "Nix", said George D. as Edward shied the butter at Dick, 'er son.

Somehow all Virginia seemed full of hollys that afternoon kitched from a load of coal by Holynellie as she went uptown. David's son William screamed as he went to fetch the royal fisher's rod, "Gee, isn't John high?" noticing Mac climbing farther up on the wood pile to get a little bell.

With rubbish like this, of course S. S. couldn't help being the first martyr when he went to "look it up".

Under the Lyre Tree

The question is not so much "Who put the class in classics?" as "Who put the classics in the classes?"

Over heard in English 5.

Dr. Upton—Where in college do we find the Hellenic influence in Literature?

Voice (from the rear)—"In trots".

Well, of course one could call the Hoffman Library a gymnasium on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from one to six,—especially for those having scholarships.

"We live and learn", says Father Mac as he grades Philosophy papers.

Eight to one!—sounds rather like a basketball score, doesn't it? But it was only Langdon being carried up the hill by the 'frosh'.

Some poor prunes don't seem to know what prohibition is—so many of them get stewed.

'Frosh' (freshly)—"Well, I dont' see you at Evensong very much—why don't you go to Chapel?"

'Soph' (with dignity)—"Ugh! That is far too common—why, everybody goes!"

We wonder—

Why the classics are taught and never learned.

Why we couldn't beat anything but our scrubs at football.

Why 'Gus' jumped out the window.

Why Hoff and Art didn't go to Chapel.

Why Castlemen was so anxious for the Conn. 'Aggie' game.

Why the Sophs slept without sheets.

Why those 'frosh' couldn't hold George Langdon.

What Pfaffko thinks 'totem' means.

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I am wondering if our students and alumni are all aware that Saint Stephen's College is, and has for some time been, *a constituent college of the University of the State of New York*. This University is created by the state and is composed of all the recognized colleges of the state. It exercises the same sort of control over all its colleges as does Oxford University in England, for example, over its colleges. Each college must live up to its general requirements and regulations, but each develops its own individual life as it sees fit. Because of this connection those interested in Saint Stephen's may well rejoice, because they thus have assurance that *our scholarly standards are the same as those of the great universities of the state*.

As a matter of fact, there are many of us who believe that our scholarly *achievements* are destined, under this state guidance and with our peculiar advantages as a small college of our own type, to be *superior* to those offered in most large universities among their *undergraduates*. This superiority comes from several causes, chief of which are: (1) The smallness of our classes, which makes possible individual study of each student by his professor; (2) The intimacy which exists between faculty members and students outside the classrooms; (3) a life organized with definite and ample provision for and encouragement of concentrated study; (4) careful supervision of the physical welfare of each student; (5) our situation in the quiet country-side.

At any rate the faculty have tightened up the scholarship requirements even more than has been required by the state. The man who does not aspire to knowledge and is not willing to study, and study hard, the man who does not recognize that play is an auxiliary to and not a substitute for labor, simply cannot stand the pace we have set. *Any man of intelligence who is willing to work* can, under our system, easily pass his examinations. We are endeavoring to make, not a school for geniuses, but a college for earnest men in search of learning.

President.