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The Financial Outlook

THE President and Trustees of St. Stephen's College entered into the Nation-Wide Campaign to the extent of postponing the campaign for funds for the College, with the understanding that we were to profit materially by the Campaign. In January the Trustees met for the purpose of ascertaining just what amount the College would get from the Campaign, and to their consternation came to the realization that the Campaign authorities said they had no money available for the Church colleges.

At the request of the Trustees, President Bell and the Rev. William E. Gardner, D. D., of the Board of Trustees, had an interview with the Presiding Bishop, the Bishop of Maryland, the Rev. James Freeman, D. D., of Minneapolis, and Mr. Burton Mansfield, of New Haven, Conn., all prominently associated with the Nation-Wide Campaign. At this interview President Bell and President Peirce of Kenyon College were informed that, whereas the Nation-Wide Campaign had asked for \$9,000,000.00 for extra diocesan work, only \$4,000,000.00 has been realized from pledges; and when all back pledges are in, and the pledges from those dioceses conducting the Campaign in Lent, the maximum expected is somewhat under \$5,000,000.00. This amount will pay the debt of the Board of Missions, take care of the running missionary work of the Church, pay for the national Church offices, and will give a few nominal sums to other needs. In place of the sums promised to the Church colleges, only a few thousand dollars will be available.

In the light of this alarming information, the Trustees began a consideration of the finances of St. Stephen's. The annual expenses of the College are \$30,000.00 more than receipts and income from the endowment. The deficit of 1919-20, with the exception of about

\$7,000.00 will be met by a few friends, but the deficit of 1920-1921 is sure to be \$30,000.00. During the coming summer it will be necessary to make improvements on the buildings amounting to \$8,000.00, and \$60,000.00 must be raised for the new gymnasium, of which only \$23,000.00 is in hand. After careful consideration it became apparent that at the present rate there would be a deficit of \$84,000.00 in June, 1921.

The President declined to have anything to do with the College on a basis involving less than the above amount, giving as his opinion that the College should be abandoned rather than to deprive the students of proper instruction, decent physical development, and reasonable comfort. In these views the President was entirely upheld by the Trustees, and they then made a venture of faith and passed three resolutions.

The first resolution authorized the building of the gymnasium during the coming summer at a cost of \$60,000.00. The second authorized the President to prepare a budget for next year involving a deficit over present receipts of \$30,000.00 for running expenses and \$8,000.00 for repairs and improvements during the summer. The third authorized him to make a slight increase in the salaries of some of the Professors.

The Trustees decided to institute a campaign for \$84,000.00, hoping to get it in eighty-four gifts of \$1,000.00 each, from dioceses, parishes and individuals. The Trustees realized that many persons would be desirous of making smaller gifts, but the main efforts will be for gifts of \$1,000.00 or more. These sums must be raised by January 1, 1921, and pledges will be payable any time before June 1, 1921.

The Trustees feel reasonably certain of get-

ting this money especially since any gift may be applied, at the donor's wish, on parochial or diocesan quotas of the Nation-Wide Campaign. Already the following sums have been received: Senator W. J. Tully, of the Board of Trustees, \$1,000.00, as a designated gift to the Nation-Wide Campaign, to be repeated during the two years following; members of Trinity Parish, New York City, \$1,400.00, provided the whole sum is raised; the Rev. Samuel Upjohn, D. D., \$1,000.00, to be paid after Easter; Mr. John Hance, \$500.00, as a designated gift to the Nation-Wide Campaign; St. James' Parish, Philadelphia, \$1,000.00; St. Thomas' Parish, New York City, \$1,000.00; St. Paul's Parish, Chestnut Hills, Philadelphia, possibly \$1,000.00. In view of the fact that only a week has elapsed since the final meeting of the Trustees and the receipt of this information from the President, the response seems gratifying. The President and Trustees feel sure that the Alumni will do everything in their power to see to it that either a portion of parochial Nation-Wide Campaign funds are designated for the College, or that people are interested in giving outright to our support.

Requiescat in Pace

THE time was almost up. Yes! According to the rules posted, the "Frosh" must bury their Algebra before the first of March if they would perform the ceremony in a sportsman-like manner. With the ground solidly frozen and the snow banked high, the fates seemed to be against them. Yet, regardless of nature's opposing elements, they were fully determined to carry out the old time-worn tradition. Every obstacle in their way was like a challenge to that flaming spirit of '23 which was resolute but latent for the lack of a guide. The 'Sophs' were expecting action and had a guard posted nightly. But sleep, sweet sleep, nullified all attempts of the second year men to prevent the burial. Turney-High could stand

it no longer. It was rather early Thursday evening when he climbed into bed. Possibly he forgot that he was on guard that night. At any rate the wary 'Frosh' soon discovered their opponents' negligence.

Without interruption of any sort, 1923 followed the dim rays of a flash-light to a lonely and secluded spot somewhere near Annandale. There, around the grave dug with no little difficulty, the 'Frosh' stood in silence while President Simmons performed the last rites.

On their return to the campus they solemnly tolled the chapel bell, thereby to inform all that the Algebra was carefully laid away—laid away with either wine or grape-juice, a fact that we cannot be sure about until final ceremony in 1923.

Evidently worn out by the midnight activity, some weary 'Frosh' was late in getting out the Burial Cards but they appeared at lunch time and thus assured us that the Freshmen had foiled their rivals. All forenoon of the twenty-seventh, the 'Sophs' strongly maintained that the 'Frosh' had not buried their "book" as yet.

With the aid of the snow, the 'Sophs' had hopes of finding where the Algebra had been buried. They scoured the surrounding country but in vain. Even though they spent the greater part of the following Saturday searching for a clue to the grave, the secret is still unknown to any outside of the officiating class.

The President's Activities

DURING the past month President Bell has been away from the campus the greater part of the time and has been very busy in the interests of the Colleges. He has been special Lenten preacher at St. Paul's, Baltimore, St. Paul's, Syracuse, Trinity Church, Elmira, and at the Garrick Theatre, Philadelphia, and also preached at Christ Church, New Haven, Christ Church, Springfield, All Saints' Church, Worcester, Mass., and St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, Mass. At Prince-

The Mail Box

WHY PADDLING?

March 12th, 1920.

To the Editor of the Messenger:

MAY I be allowed to put forth through the medium of your columns my personal opinion concerning the practice on the campus of that form of brutality known as "Paddling?"

It is true, perhaps, that when a person takes up a subject like this he is grappling with traditions and customs which some folks wish to keep, but certainly in this age we should not be hampered by harmful traditions. Though the 'art' of paddling at the behest of the Student Council has become incorporated into the life of St. Stephen's, this art, in my estimation, is diametrically opposed to, and incompatible with, the ideals for which our Alma Mater stands.

When one considers that 'paddling' is a relic of ancient Barbarism, and is a descendant of the 'Whipping Post,' and recognized as such in reputable institutions, one wonders why any Student Council, let alone a president or the faculty of a would-be reputable institution, tolerates for a moment such a practice.

This place stands for democratic fellowship for all. Where is the democratic fellowship when such an old, barbaric, autocratic, unfair thing as paddling is permitted?

In an institution the size of this one, such a tradition, if it is a tradition, is wholly unnecessary. The Student Council, however much it endeavors to be impartial, cannot be exactly just in its decision; and, moreover, it puts into the hands of biased sophomores the right to 'get back on' unfortunate freshmen. In such a way there is heaped up on this small campus of ours untold contentions and 'crabbing' which we all have to admit are superfluous.

I do not intend in any way to protect the Frosh, but I do hold that humiliations, if

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ton, he was University Preacher, and conducted a mission in Trinity Church. He preached in the College Chapel at Bryn Mawr and conducted a conference for College women. He addressed the annual conference of one thousand superintendents of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., on "The Religious Side of a Life Insurance Business." He addressed the Church Club of Long Island, the students of Kent School, Kent, Conn., Donaldson School, Baltimore, and Montgomery School, Wynnewood, Penn. He has been able to accomplish much for the College, both interesting men to come here and older people to give their support. The remaining part of Lent, he expects to preach at All Saints' Cathedral, Albany; Chapel of the Intercession, Trinity Parish, New York; St. Thomas' Church, New York; St. Paul's Church, Patterson, N. J.; Trinity Church, Buffalo; and St. Peter's Church, Niagara Falls. In Passion Week, he will be noon-day preacher at Buffalo, and in Holy Week he will preach a mission at St. George's Church, Schenectady.

Looking Forward to the Next Semester

Because of the impossibility of enlarging the College this year, owing to the high cost of building, it will be necessary to limit the number of men next year. Enrollment should be made early, as persons enrolling late in the summer will probably be housed off the campus. There are at present 160 men considering St. Stephen's for next year, although few have definitely enrolled at this early date. Among those coming there are some excellent athletic possibilities, and this, together with the new gymnasium and a new Athletic Director, will assure the restoration of the College to its proper place in the world of inter-collegiate athletics.

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IT was indeed a great surprise to all to hear of the comparative failure of the Nation Wide Campaign. What the main reason was can only be guessed—that it was the pressure of the times. Immediately after a war, and especially such a great and universal war as this last one proved to be, is a very bad time for raising money by public contribution, especially for anything so old and permanent as the Church. But it was necessary. The Church has come out victorious in this war and though this campaign has partially failed, another campaign, which very soon will be inevitable, must succeed in order that the Church may continue its wonderful work throughout the world.

But for St. Stephen's the failure of the Nation Wide Campaign is of immense importance in the immediate present. It has meant the bursting of a wonderful bubble of promise colored with new houses and recitation rooms for the College. We here at Annandale have been looking forward to the time when St. Stephen's College could take a

long step forward, and the Nation Wide Campaign seemed to promise for our Alma Mater the wherewithal to build her and fit her up for a long time to come. Now, however, St. Stephen's has to set out again, to put forth another great effort.

This year has been and still is a very critical year for the College. We have thus far improved the administration of the College; the scholarship has been brought up to equal any maximum requirements of New York state colleges. The only thing which remains for us to do now is to get endowments and money for new halls and dormitories.

The College is at a "standstill" until we can realize several hundred thousand dollars to build accommodations for the many men who apply for admission here. Just as soon as we can get plenty of money with which to "carry on," there will be no further hesitation on the part of St. Stephen's. The President and the Board of Trustees have done whatever they could to help the College, and we are sure that if such an enthusiastic interest continues St. Stephen's in all good time will reap the full benefits of this help and with a greater vitality each year continue to produce fit men.

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THE chapel organ, though a sweet-toned instrument, is pitifully inadequate to the needs of the College and the chapel.

If a parish, which uses the organ only on Sundays, finds it necessary to install a first-class instrument in its church, surely the College, which has a service in chapel every day during eight months of the year, at which the entire student body is expected to be present, ought to have a suitable instrument.

Besides the need of the chapel services, there is need of an organ on which the great musical works can be represented as a matter of education and culture. The difficulty of attending concerts in Poughkeepsie or Albany, and of arranging for concerts at College by recognized artists, shut the College off from what ought to be an im-

portant phase of College education. This need could be met, to a considerable extent, by the installation of a moderately large organ of modern equipment.

Death of Archdeacon Hegeman

IT is with great regret and sorrow that we have to announce the death of the Rev. Doctor A. B. R. Hegeman, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Central New York. The news came as a great shock to all who knew him, and especially to us here at College, and to those in his diocese. Few men in the diocese of Central New York have been more widely known or have contributed more to the work of the Church in that part of the State. As rector of Trinity Church, Binghamton, as rector of Holy Innocents Church, Albany, as dean of the third district, as deputy to the General Convention, as an examining chaplain and member of the Standing Committee, and as archdeacon, he has rendered conspicuous service. He was apparently in the prime of life and vigor, with many years of usefulness ahead of him, and he was supposedly recovering from the illness which caused his death.

Dr. Hegeman was born in Flushing, L. I., April 13, 1868. He was a graduate of St. Stephen's in 1891 with the B. A. degree, later receiving the Harvard B. A. and the St. Stephen's M. A. He studied at the General Theological Seminary for a year and then entered Berkeley Divinity School from which he graduated in 1894. He was ordained deacon in the same year by Bishop Littlejohn and advanced to the priesthood later in the year by Bishop Coleman. In 1915 St. Stephen's conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him.

At the beginning of the war Dr. Hegeman volunteered for Y. M. C. A. work and was appointed secretary for Camp Wadsworth, where he organized the work in the camp. In January, 1918, he returned to the diocese and resigned his parish, Trinity Church, Bing-

hamton, to accept the office of archdeacon under the direction of Bishop Fiske.

The week before Lent he went to Ithaca to attend the Farmers' Week Conference for the rural clergy, but not feeling well he decided to return to his former home in Binghamton. There his trouble was pronounced neuritis, and up to the day of his death he was supposed to be making favorable progress toward recovery. Meningitis set in and he passed away on Friday, February 27, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morse, with whom he had made his home during the latter part of his rectorship.

Dr. Hegeman married Miss Mary McConnell at Frankfort, Pa., in 1897. She died in 1904, a year after they had made their residence in Binghamton. His aged mother and two brothers and two sisters survive him.

The funeral was held in Trinity Church, Binghamton, and the body taken to Brooklyn for burial in Cypress Hill cemetery.

Bishop Fiske, with whom Dr. Hegeman formed a close friendship, was en-route to Worcester when the news of Dr. Hegeman's death reached him. He left the train at Syracuse and telegraphed cancelling all engagements until after the burial service.

Dr. Hegeman was always a loyal supporter of the College of which he was one of the most distinguished Alumni. He always stood by convictions and ever showed himself a champion of truth and right. In his death St. Stephen's is deprived of a manly representative, and Kappa Gamma Chi is bereft of one of her finest sons. He leaves behind him a reputation no man could surpass, and will always be an example of godly life and true endeavor which will ever serve as a guiding post for all in the future.

PADDLING

On Sunday evening at ten o'clock, Cowling '23 and Hoeffling '23, were paddled by order of the Student Council for repeated violations of the Freshmen rules. Punishment was administered by the Sophomore class.

Organ Recitals in Chapel

SINCE the Christmas vacation Mr. Fowler has been giving weekly recitals on the organ, half an hour before Evensong on Wednesdays. This was begun in response to a few individual requests for "an occasional bit of music before chapel." Beginning with a small attendance of perhaps half a dozen persons, the interest has steadily increased, and at times there has been an audience of thirty or so, made up of residents of the village, members of the College faculty and students. A few typed copies of the program, with brief notes on the compositions played and the composers, have been furnished, and these prove a great help in the appreciation of the music. The programs are short, and there has been no assisting artist, except at a recent recital, when Walter Hoffman, '20, sang. During the winter months, when it is difficult to get away from the campus, these half-hours of music are a welcome relief, and appreciated accordingly.

Athletic Notes

TRACK

St. Stephen's to be Represented at the Penn. Relays.

AT Franklin Field on May 1st, 1920, St. Stephen's College will start four men in a one mile relay, each man running a quarter-mile. On that day, on the same track, races will be run by teams from all the big colleges in the United States, and the four-mile relay will find a team racing under the colors of Cambridge University, England. Owing to the large amount to be raised for baseball, our Athletic Association is not in a position to support financially the sending of four men to Franklin. However, such is the interest of some in sending a team to the Penn. Relays, that these students are willing to pay the way of their team.

The publicity value to St. Stephen's of being in evidence at the Penn. Relays need not

be mentioned; it is self-evident to anyone, who stops to consider, what a tremendous gathering of the Colleges take place at these games—quite the biggest and most unique event of its kind in this country.

Candidates for this mile-relay team have already been called out. At their first meeting much enthusiasm was shown, and E. Wood was elected to captain the team.

Any student whose physical condition determined by competent medical examination is declared fit for the quarter-mile run, should report at once to the captain of the track team.

On Wednesday, April 21st, 1920, trials will be run to select the four fastest men in college who will make up the team to run at Franklin Field.

Let every St. Stephen's man back us up to his utmost in helping develop the best team possible from our undergraduates.

—E. B. W., '21.

MAIL BOX

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humiliations are the desired effect, may be obtained by far better and more humane means than by paddling. The duty of the older men, in this institution, is to guide the new men rather than to drive them, to bring them into the 'Family' rather than to set them against the older men.

This letter may be overlooked by those who should see it most, or it may be considered as 'old stuff' or 'lady-like dope,' but whatever is thought of it, I am convinced that good graduates are not made by the paddle, but by other means which do not treat them as small school-boy but as men having a great responsibility. It is incumbent upon new men to live so that they may, in due time, become gentlemanly leaders of the student-body.

Yours, etc.,

—Un Reformateur.

Fraternity Notes.

EULEXIAN FRATERNITY

On Saturday evening, March 6th, Mr. Seth B. Howes, '23, was initiated into the Eulexian Fraternity. The occasion was marked by a banquet at the Chapter House, after the Initiation.

A Correction—The four members initiated into the Eulexian Fraternity on February 6, 1920, should read: Mr. Royal O. Fisher, Mr. John B. Libby, Mr. Frank C. Golding, and Mr. Robert C. Hubbs.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

On March 9th, the N. Y. Sigma Phi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon celebrated the sixty-fourth anniversary of the foundation of the fraternity. The celebration was begun with a corporate Communion in the Chapel at 7:15 in the morning and closed with a banquet in the fraternity rooms in the evening. J. A. Curtis, of Red Hook, visited the chapter on this occasion.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Class of 1923 wishes to express its thanks to all individuals or organizations on the campus who in any way assisted the Class at the Freshman Dance.

In Other Colleges

ALL seniors of New York University are wearing caps and gowns between 9 A. M. and 12 noon. This is a return to an old custom that was in vogue back in 1910.

In order to foster college spirit, no men are permitted to take girls to the varsity games at the University of Washington, which is a co-ed college. All sit in a rooters' section and cheer.

The charlatans of Hamilton College have just given two very successful performances of "The Witching Hour," at Binghamton and Oneonta.

An Appeal

"TO OTHERS THAN ST. STEPHEN'S MEN."

DO you have athletics in your college or university?

Of course you did, and when you could you backed them up as much as possible. You were proud of your college's showing on the football field or the diamond.

St. Stephen's Athletic Association, today, is appealing for funds to continue her athletic schedule. The association needs five hundred dollars to make the athletic side of the campus life here at Annandale worth-while.

What can you do to help? Won't you as one who is enthusiastically interested in athletics do your part to help St. Stephen's athletics?

The athletic side of a college education is almost as important as the scholastic side. Will you not help St. Stephen's develop these two lines together, in order that she may keep her present rate of progress? You can in this way help St. Stephen's College.

[Kindly address all communications to the Athletic Association Committee.]

The Rev. Edgar L. Sanford '15, now at the General Theological Seminary, visited the campus on February 27th and 28th, as the guest of Dr. Upton. Mr. Sanford has spent the last three years at St. John's University, Shanghai, where he has been teaching. He was able to talk about many interesting subjects concerning China, and his visit was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Sanford was ordained last January.

Harold B. Adams, Jr., became a permanent fixture in the household of Harold Beach Adams '18 on February 3, 1920.

Under the Lyre Tree.

Have You a Little Dumbjohn in Your Home?

By the shores of Cuticura
By the Man-a-cean water,
Lived the prophylactic Chiclet,
Danderine, the Helmar's daughter.

She was loved by Klaxon Postum,
Son of Sunkist and Victrola,
Heir apparent to the Mazda
Of the tribe of Cocoa Cola.

Through the forest strolled the lovers,
Woods untrod by Anglo-Saxon,
"Lovely, little wrigley Chiclet,"
Were the burning words of Klaxon.

"No Pyrene can quench the fire,
Though I know you're still a miss.
Oh, my prest-o-lite desire,
Let us wed, timken djer-kiss."

—West Point Bray.

Contributed by a Prom. Girl.

Boyibus, kissibus sweet girlorum,
Girlibus likibus, want somorum,
Kissibus loudibus, wake poporum,
Kickibus boyibus out the front dorum;
Nightibus darkibus, no lightorum,
Climbibus picket fence-breechibus torum.

—Atlas Globe.

H-oo-rr-ray,
"Let the Gold Dust Twins do your work."

It might seem that they pay us to come
here.

The question in Preston Hall is "Who will
put the cat out?"

St. Stephen's Millenium.

When there are no student waiters in Pres-
ton Hall.

When two clocks on the campus are the
same.

When there is no prohibition of College
Spirit.

When all the cats are dead.

When nobody flunks any exams.

When the Store is not a Monopoly.

When some one contributes to the Messen-
ger.

When All the Pious Benefactors are raised
up.

Can You Tell US:

Why we have neither National or Church
holidays?

Where we can get a microscope strong
enough to see Bucky's "Jokes?"

Why there's such a shortage of butter in
Preston Hall?

Where E. Miller's horse reins are?

There seems to be a rumor floating around
the campus that we will have the 4th of July
off anyway.

"V." wonders why there are not 60 seconds
on those minute portions in Preston Hall.

IN MEMORY OF THE
FRESHMAN ALGEBRA
BURIED
THE 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY,
A. D. 1920

President's Page



A LITTLE CHAT WITH THE ALUMNI

Dear Alumni and Former Students of the College:

There are a few things I wish I could say personally to each one of you. As yet it is only a few of you that I have met. I must therefore rely on this medium of communication.

First, about Commencement. This is, as you know, the sixtieth commencement, and we are anxious to have as many of the old fellows back as possible. In addition to the usual festivities, there will be the laying of the corner-stone of Memorial Gymnasium,—the first building to be erected on the campus in over twenty years. It will mark in a material way the renewed life of the College.

The festivities commence on Sunday, June 13, with the Baccalaureate sermon. Class-day will be on the fourteenth, and the fraternity banquets on the evening of the fifteenth. The sixteenth will be the great day, with a Eucharist in the morning, and the laying of the corner-stone, and the conferring of degrees and so forth in the afternoon.

Please arrange to come back. The college has arranged to serve, free of all charges, meals to the returning Alumni from Saturday night, June 12, to Wednesday evening, June 16. We can arrange somewhere for you to sleep. Let either your fraternity or myself know when you are coming.

Second, we wish you would let people know what you Alumni think of so changing our Corporation that your body is officially represented on it by three trustees. I sincerely hope that this matter may be thoroughly discussed at the annual meeting of your body Commencement week.

Third, I urge you to get us in touch with the right sort of men for the Freshman class next year. It is not so much that the college needs numbers. We are already in possession of more applications for next year than we have had for years. It is that the men need the College.

Finally, let people know about the College all you can, and don't forget to pray for us.

Yours in great sincerity,

President.