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The Financial Outlook

THE President and Trustees of St. Step-
hen'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 ma-
terially 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 asso-
ciated 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 ask-
ed 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 conduct-
ing the Campaign in Lent, the maximum ex-
pected is somewhat under $5,000,000.00. This
amount will pay the debt of the Board of Mis-
sions, 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 fi-
nances of St. Stephen’s. The annual expenses
of the College are $30,000.00 more than re-
cipts and income from the endowment. The
deficit of 1918-20, 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 $35,000.00.
During the coming summer it will be neces-
sary 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 $30,000.00 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 instruc-
tion, decent physical development, and rea-
sional comfort. In these views the Presi-
dent 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 author-
ized that many persons would be desirous of
making smaller gifts, but the main efforts
were to get it in eight

The Trustees decided to institute a cam-
paign for $84,000.00, hoping to get it in eig-

The Trustees feel reasonably certain of get-
tling 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, $600.00, 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 expected and had a guard posted night and day. 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 scouried 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-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 and 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 the St. Paul 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 choosing 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.

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 one such 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 superintendents 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 'crabby' 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 (Continued on page 8)
IT was indeed a great surprise to all to hear the bursting of a wonderful bubble of promise when another campaign, which very soon will be looked forward to the time Wide Campaign is of immense import­ance throughout the world.

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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 recreation 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.

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

The Athletic Association is not in a position to support financially the sending of four men to Franklin Field. 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.


MAIL BOX

(Co-continued from page 5)

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. Hubbing.

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."

Did 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 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 worthwhile.

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 5, 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."

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St. Stephen's Millenium.

When there are no student waiters in Preston 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 Messenger.
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.

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?"

IN MEMORY OF THE FRESHMAN ALGEBRA BURIED
THE 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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 confering 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.