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Soccer Season Brought To Close

Defeat By Hamilton Ends Six Game Campaign

Starting the season with a thrilling 0-0 tie with Williams College at Zabriskie field, thus setting a new record in the history of soccer at St. Stephen's College, the team ended its campaign with a fair degree of success.

The fine spirit and enthusiasm displayed throughout the Williams game was indicative of the whole season's play. Led on by Captain Keppler's consistent work, the team pulled through many a rough spot.

At the opening of the season Coach Leeke, in an informal talk to his squad of twenty-five men, stressed three important points: condition, spirit, and technic. By the following week in the game with Brooklyn, which St. Stephen's won 2-1, it was evident that the squad was working in accordance with the coach's wishes.

With prospects looking bright, the season now well under way, the undefeated Scarlet team looked forward to another victory at R. P. I. Around a nucleus of veterans including, Captain Keppler, Burgevin, Goldstein, Dienst, and Oustinnoff, Coach Leeke found some good material in Rosenberg, Economos, Clayton, Frost, Magnotta, Brewer and Leone. But despite the fact that the team played well throughout the game, it could not cope with the long kicks of R. P. I.'s halfbacks and superior soccer especially displayed in the Engineer's offensive. St. Stephen's met her first defeat by a score of 4-1, but showed good fight against heavy odds.

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Scarlet Harriers End Hard Season

Superior Opposition Met in Each of Five Races

All athletic enterprises appear to experience cycles of excellence and mediocrity. This season the St. Stephen's cross country team, along with the Yale football team, had a decided period of weakness.

The first practice run of the autumn brought out four veterans, Capt. Bill Schmidt, Kendall, Blackie and Mitchell. Of these Mitchell had grave doubts, for various reasons, as to whether he should try for the team at all. The freshman squad included Drogula, winner of one section of the Mid-Hudson Interscholastics last year, Bill Snyder, Thomas, Hopper and Chappell. Of these Drogula was the only one with any experience in cross country work.

On the day previous to the first race Mitchell finally decided to make a try for the team and hence coach Phalen took him along to Amherst more as an ace in the hole than anything else. The Massachusetts State team was exceedingly strong and the Saints were handily beaten. Bill Snyder secured fourth place after a hard fight and the other men finished in the following order: Drogula, Schmidt, Chappell, Blackie, Kendall, Mitchell.

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Dr. Edwards Called To Summer School

Appointed To Teach Social Sciences At Columbia

Dr. Lyford P. Edwards, Professor of Social Science at St. Stephen's, has been appointed to teach in the Columbia University Summer Session of 1934. He will give courses in Introductory Sociology and Social Origins.



Dr. Lyford P. Edwards

Dr. Edwards was an instructor at Rice Institute, Texas, from 1917 to 1919, Associate Professor of Sociology St. Stephen's College from 1919 to 1924, and has been Professor since 1924. He is a member of the American Sociological Society and of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. He is the author of "The Transformation of Early Christianity" and "The Natural History of Revolution." Dr. Edwards has also for many years been a review writer of the "American Journal of Sociology."

Discussion Groups Draw Up Programs

Future Vocations Topic Dealt With By Students

Three groups have been organized at the college in the past few weeks for the purpose of discussing topics pertaining to vocations which the members of each group plan to enter upon completion of their college careers.

In a conference with the Dean, the following statement was obtained concerning these new bodies. "Although the college is primarily interested in a cultural program for every student, the problem of a professional career that faces each individual student should not be neglected. A number of students have proposed the organization of informal life-career groups. Among the groups that have already organized are the Pre-Ministerial Group, the Scientific

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Be On Hand!

The St. Stephen's basketball team makes its first start of the current season this Friday night when the Drew University five comes to Annandale. The team faces a good deal of stiff opposition in its schedule. Coach Leeke has drawn together a formidable quintet. They are going to work hard for us. Let us show our interest and lend our aid by every one being on hand when the team lines up.

22 Men Pledged By Fraternities

Three Groups Extend Bids To Twenty-Five Students

The rushing season for 1933 came to an end on November 15th, when Kappa Gamma Chi and the Eulexian fraternities extended bids to the new men. Sigma Alpha Epsilon who had resigned from the Pan Hellenic Council last spring extended invitations on November the first.

Of the twenty-five men who received invitations from the three fraternities, Kappa Gamma Chi pledged thirteen, Eulexian three, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon six. Those pledged to Kappa Gamma Chi are Durwood Armstrong, Alfred Brewer, William Easton, Hugh Gage, Edward Grandin, George Galloway, Marshall Laird, Louis Parent, Wilberforce J. Rand, Fredrick Roberts, Russell Scott, William Snyder, and Seymour Thomas. Those who accepted Eulexian bids are Bartlett Chappell, Carlisle Smyth and Carleton Upton. Those who pledged themselves to Sigma Alpha Epsilon are Robert Haskell, Andrew Hicks, Misha Kadick, Theodore Smyth, Percival Reynolds, and William Thatcher.

Hockey Men Plan For Busy Season

Plans are now under consideration for the reorganization of the St. Stephen's Hockey Club, formed last year when this form of athletics was dropped by the college as a varsity sport.

A schedule is being drawn up with other clubs close by. Veterans of last year's aggregation include Jack Keppler, Kirk Brownell, Herb Dienst and Art Kent in the forward line and Bob Clayton at defence. Ted Joseph and Bill Mitchell are again competitors for the goalie position. Bob Jones is handling the managerial duties. Among the new men expected to land berths on this year's sextet are Russell Scott and Marshall Laird.

Basketball Schedule 1933-34

Dec. 8th (Friday)	Drew University (home)
Dec. 13th (Wednesday)	Hartwick College (away)
Dec. 15th (Friday)	Seth Low (home)
Jan. 13th (Saturday)	St. Michaels College (home)
Jan. 19th (Friday)	Upsala College (home)
Feb. 2nd (Friday)	Coast Guard Academy (home)
Feb. 10th (Saturday Afternoon)	Alumni (home)
Feb. 17th (Saturday)	Trinity (home)
Feb. 24th (Saturday)	R. P. I. (away)
Feb. 28th (Wednesday)	27th Div. Aviation Squad (home)
Mar. 3rd (Saturday)	Albany State College (away)
Mar. 9th (Friday)	General Seminary (away)
Mar. 10th (Saturday)	Wagner College (away)

40 Couples Attend Junior Dance

Prom Held In Gymnasium; Bill Dehy and Orchestra Play In Attractive Hall

Fraternity Parties Held On Following Evening

Forty couples attended the Junior Prom of the Class of 1935, held on Friday evening, November 17, in the Memorial Gymnasium at St. Stephen's College.

The ballroom was simply, but attractively, decorated in gray and black. Behind the orchestra stage the banners of the three fraternities were hung on a large drop. Furniture was arranged around the edges of the dance floor which was lighted by floor lamps and a spot light from the balcony. The music was played by Bill Dehy and his Merry Makers of Pittsfield, Mass. Their numerous novelty numbers during the evening more than once stopped the dance and drew the guests to the platform to watch the musicians.

Several dinners preceded the dance which began promptly at nine o'clock and continued till three. Sixteen dances were on the program with a half hour intermission following the eighth.

The patrons and patronesses for the dance included Dean and Mrs. Donald G. Tewksbury; Dr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Harry; Dr. and Mrs. Carleton E. Upton; Dr. and Mrs. Harold R. Phalen; Dr. and Mrs. Abbott E. Smith; and Dr. and Mrs. John T. Kumpelmann.

Among the guests at the dance were: Miss Marjorie Trumpour, (Continued on Page Four)

44 Undergraduates Officially Enrolled

Matriculation Ceremony Held in Bard Chapel

Forty-four undergraduates were officially enrolled as members of St. Stephen's College in the matriculation ceremony held in Bard Memorial Chapel on the morning of All Saints' Day, Wednesday, November 1, 1933.

The requirements for matriculation are that the student have fifteen units to his credit in the subjects required for admission to the college. Those who were matriculated this fall are: Otto W. Baitinger, Saul Bolt, Alfred E. Brewer, Arthur L. Cary Jr., Bartlett E. Chappell, Arthur M. Cooper, John E. Decker, Ralph E. Drogula, William H. Easton, Richard Y. Frost, Hugh F. Gage, George Galloway, Edward S. Grandin 3rd, Robert H. Haskell Jr., Andrew R. Hicks, J. Fayette Hopper, Misha N. Kadick, Nicholas N. Kadick Jr., Marshall Laird, Harry LeFevre Jr., Charles Leone, Seymour Liebermann, Samuel K. MacNicholl, Robert McKay 3d, Howard C. Mensch, Jay E. Molyneaux, James L. Murphy, Harold C. Nichols, George A. Papastrat, Louis H. Parent, Wilberforce J. Rand Jr., William F. Reinhold, Fred S. Roberts Jr., John Schroder Jr., Sidney M. Shelov, Russell J. Scott, Carlisle F. Smyth, Theodore Smythe, William M. Snyder, Michael S. Stillman, John J. Theis, Arthur S. Thomas Jr., William B. Thatcher Jr., and James T. Yeager.

Dean and Trustees Plan for College

Contemplate Development of Study Program

On his return from a visit to New York City recently, Dean Tewksbury announced that the Trustees were much encouraged by the prospects at the college this year. During the next few months the attention of the Trustees will be directed to further strengthening the education program and financial resources of the institution. The Acting Dean was in consultation with the Trustees and with President Butler on the subject of securing further endowment for the college to enable it to move forward with its plans for the next few years. The further development of the educational program of the college along a number of lines next year is contemplated by the Trustees. It is hoped that additional financial resources may be secured in order that this educational development may be made possible.

The college is prepared to move forward in further developing its educational program. In pursuance of this end the Acting Dean is discussing with the responsible groups at the college and in New York City, the general direction of educational policy in the future. It is essential that an educational program of distinction and character, built upon the excellent foundations that have already been laid at the college, be worked out and announced to the general public during the next few months. It is expected that the college will admit next year a freshman class limited to fifty students which will bring the enrollment of the institution to its capacity under present conditions.

32 Men Singing In College Choir

Drs. Garabedian and Smith Directing Musical Unit

The St. Stephen's choir, under the direction of Drs. Garabedian and Smith, has increased its activities and is making the chapel services more beautiful and attractive.

This year there are thirty-two men, one-third of the student body, actively engaged in this extra-curricular activity. This is the only outlet for musical expression which the college can offer to the student body, and the students are showing much interest in the work. The choir is singing difficult works, such as the chorales of Bach which are severe tests of musicianship. This type of composition seems to stimulate the members and to quote Dr. Garabedian, "It is the most interesting dish on their menu."

The choir sings special numbers on Thursday of each week in chapel, which is an innovation in the service, and at present is working with the Christmas Choral Service in mind.

Drs. Garabedian and Smith have selected many numbers for the choir to render, providing several of the arrangements themselves for presentation. Among those pieces already presented are Bach's (Continued on Page Four)

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Fall Folly

We advocate the abolition of freshman rules. It is our belief that such action by the student body of St. Stephen's College would remove from the campus something which in the past few years has proved to be nothing more than a joke. The hazing which is carried on in this place amounts to practically nothing as far as its effect on the bewildered young neophyte to college life goes. The principles of the hazing and the rules are good but their practicability in an institution of this size does not exist. Any one who has witnessed the attempts at enforcement and the subsequent revolts that have arisen in the last three years will agree to this. The factors opposing successful enforcement of the rules are too many. In the first place few of the upper classmen care whether or not the freshmen obey their bible. Too many of them are in favor of a revolt on the part of the new men. The sophomores are therefore forced to work with little backing from the upper classes. Also it cannot be denied that fraternity rushing as it is done here is a factor operating against the attempts of the second year men to instill subservience into the lately graduated secondary school youths. It cannot be expected that a bit of authority imposed on a freshman one night will have any effect upon that individual when his erstwhile executioner of said authority pats the newcomer on the back at a fraternity dinner the next. It is natural in a college of this size that older men and the newer men will become quite well acquainted in a short time. Friendships are quickly made. To assume that forceful control of youthful impetuosity can do any good under such circumstances is to believe in sheer nonsense. Freshmen acquire the idea that the rule business is a game rather than a traditional practice for their own good. We would advise that in the future all rules be done away with and that the instilling of subservience be done through the medium of sensible and friendly advice. It will cause the freshmen to take his position and regard traditions much more seriously than he does under the present system. A change might be unfavorably looked upon by a few more vigorous sophomores but still its general effect we would view as beneficial to the smoothness of life during the fall months.

Literature and News

The Editorial Board has included in this issue of the Lyre Tree several columns of literary effort by St. Stephen's undergraduates as well of news of the college life. Since the days when THE MESSENGER flourished there has been little or no work along these lines appearing on the campus. We believe there is a real value to be derived from presenting an opportunity to the students to enter into creative writing through this medium. There is talent in these halls; the English department will vouch for that. When we made a call for literary contributions a short time ago, we hoped to have our office flooded with manuscripts. Our hopes did not materialize. Instead of hiring an extra staff to help us read we found that the amount of material in our hands represented the efforts of only a very very small percentage of the student body. At this time we make another plea.

We want to make this paper a good one. We want it to be an organ of which the college can be proud. We want it to become an institution on this campus which will last through the years; a paper of lasting value which will mean and stand for something and not be considered a "noble effort" which bobs up now and then only to plunge back into oblivion. This paper belongs to the students. It is going to be they who either make or break it. It is not merely a whim of the Lyre Tree staff. We alone cannot make a success of it; we have not the time nor do we want to do it alone. We would like to make our job to put in print what the other members of the college have to say, not alone what we have. The Lyre Tree needs columns of opinions, discussion, and criticism. Such can make the life in this place infinitely more interesting. Discussion of the college can aid greatly in the forming of its future. The world outside of the college, and especially at this time, presents a wide field for comment. Essays, fiction, and poetry are always welcome. Again we remind our fellow students: the Lyre Tree is yours. It depends on you. Let us see what you can do to make it a success.

Intra-Mural Sport

It was gratifying to see the spirit with which the various classes entered into the inter-class soccer games. In our opinion this form of sport cannot be too widely emphasized for, while inter-collegiate sport deals with a specialized few, this type of game can give to all those who are interested in athletics an active chance to carry out their interests. While we advocate the continuation of inter-collegiate sports at the same time we urge that there be developed a more extensive program of intra-mural games. There would gradually evolve from this, a competitive spirit which would be invaluable to the campus life. With the coming of winter, there will be a chance to develop this spirit through inter-fraternity bowling, indoor baseball and inter-class basketball. Let us hope that this practice will be observed more fully than it has been before and that we will see the true beginning of a new department which will expand into an important branch of the athletic life of the students.

Music

The music season of Saint Stephen's College opened on Thursday night, November ninth, with a performance by the Beacon Hill Symphonic Ensemble, under the baton of Russell Ames Cook. As far back as the writer can probe this was the first time that the College has had the opportunity to enjoy, a concert of this order.

Despite the fact that the Ensemble had given three concerts on this day before it arrived on the campus, and that it had to play under the handicap of an empty stomach, the performance was ideal and in parts actually stirring. The choice of selections was admirably suited to the type of audience to which it played. Mr. Cook's colorful remarks before each of the numbers were indeed delightful adding special significance to the entire program.

The first part of the program opened with the popular "Marriage of Figaro" by Mozart. The second number, a suite, written at an earlier period than the Mozart composition, was the "Ballet Suite," by Rameau, comprising the "Minuet" from "Plate," "Musette" from "Les Fetes d'Hebe" and "Tambourin" from "Les d'Hebe". Following this the Ensemble played the "Symphony in G Major" ("Military") of Haydn. The last selection before the intermission was the "Vier deutsche Tanze", by Mozart. These included "Landler", "Der Kanarienvogel", "Der Liermann", and "Die Schlittenfahrt."

The second group of selections consisted of the "Menuetto" and "Farandole" from "L'Arlesienne" (Suite No. 2) by Bizet; Gustav Holst's "Intermezzo" from the "Saint Paul's Suite," with the violin solo played by Mr. Harry Dickson; Jaromir Weinberger's "Bohemian Polka" from the opera "Schwanda, Der Dudelsackpfeifer"; "Hungarian Dance No. 6" of Brahms; and lastly, Manuel de Falla's "l'ere danse Espagnol" from "La Vie Breve."

Mr. Cook's interpretations showed him to be a musician of feeling as well as one versed in technical treatment. To enlarge upon the few trivial flaws that occurred in the course of the program would be to overstep the bounds of propriety. However, the unsteadiness of the rhythm in one or two passages, particularly in the de Falla number, was perceptible, although short lived. Mr. Pappoutsakis' flute solos were things of sheer beauty, whereas the violin solo of Mr. Dickson, seemed to lack the warmth and depth of feeling needed in the type of composition he played.

The applause was very enthusiastic at the conclusion of the concert. Mr. Cook was brought back to the platform to conduct two encore numbers. The first selection consisted of two pieces from the "Nutcracker Suite" by Tchaikowsky and the second selection also by this composer, was the "Polonaise" from "Eugene Onegin."

W. J. R.

Midnight Madness

By Jack W. Lydman

Have you ever had a mouse look you straight in the eye? Irrational and idiotic as it may seem, this peculiar experience was a most dreadful actuality to me on the bleak and terrible night of the "twenty-fourth." At this time, I offer my fervent plea to all the gods in cloud-wrapped Olympus to spare me a recurrence of this super-natural happening.

The white-pillared Parthenon is undoubtedly a harmless structure when in the cheeriness of daylight under its charming guardian. However at the stroke of 12 (P. M. or this account would be more ridiculous than intended), a cold and clammy atmosphere pervades the structure and the evil spirits leave their haunts behind the Literary Digests of 1898 to stalk in diabolical glory through the deserted hall of knowledge.

On the night in question, it was my horrible fate to remain in solitary confinement (confined to the history of Italy, as a matter of fact) until the midnight hour—the hour of reference. Bent deeply over the bloody bodies of women and children, (pp. 89—King), I at first disregarded the succession of strange noises surrounding me. However, in a very short time, these sounds, these uncanny, insistent sounds, received my undivided attention. My first attempt to solve the mysterious circumstance met with little success. Everything seemed quite normal—and painfully still. No sooner were my two fingers back on my typewriter when I was again brought back to a state of extreme muscular contraction. My attention this time was riveted on the glossy surface of the reclining figure to my left. There perched in a position of bacchanalian indifference was a mouse. Now, I can say MERELY a mouse; but then, confronted by such an adversary, my academic composure fled out the door with my physical form following—a close second. The ignominiousness of it all!

For Those In Love—

My dear, our lives were meant to be as one—
 That heaven-sent fact is what you would not see,
 And disenchantment is the Devil's fun;
 So this I pen in painful reverie:
 You sent my thoughts to fleecy, virgin clouds;
 No mortal thing could I with you compare,
 But now my heart is cased in bitter shrouds:
 I see you all too human—not a goddess fair.
 My fall to mundane earth was wondrous fast—
 Today I laugh at thought of loving you!
 Capricious hearts may change—let past be past.
 Methinks you were a plaything—something new.
 All life's a bauble—love, deceptive sheen,
 And I, for one, will treat it so, fair queen!

—John Hicks '36

November Revelry

I
 I hear them laugh and frolic in the wind,
 As they skip and hop like forest elves.
 Over hard ground and the frost they skim,
 As they dance in their last revels.
 Oh, November is the time to play,
 For leaves, so merry bright, and gay!

II
 Now in the rush of the wind they whirl,
 Mad in a "Danse Macabre."
 To some ghostly rhythm they writhe and twirl,
 Bowing, dipping, as away they flutter.
 Oh, November is the time to play,
 For leaves so merry, bright and gay!

III
 See them run up, and then away,
 Like troops of laughing, naughty children—
 But they never tire at close of day;
 And at night they speak in whispers frozen.
 Oh, November is the time to play,
 For leaves so merry, bright, and gay!

—John Mears '35

Back Numbers

Copies of the first issue of the Lyre Tree are available for any one who wishes to purchase any. The price is ten cents per copy. Papers may be obtained from the Business Manager.

Down The Grind with Ferdinand Fitch

These are melancholy days for the Lyre Tree sports writers. The soccer season has come to a close and the inter-class contests have been decided. The cross country team has run its last race. (Why does it always end simultaneously with the harvesting of the apple crop?) Once in a while it occurs to us to write scintillating summaries of the various schedules that have been played. We have even been tempted to make predictions concerning the coming basketball season but we hesitate in basing them on past performances.

Since the sports writers must appear active, why not introduce a few items of general interest into these columns, accounts of the numerous contests of speed and endurance which take place about the campus? We suggest, for instance:

The nightly races between Mr. William A. Mitchell and Mr. Richard Y. Frost to see who can get into bed first, leaving the putting out of lights to the loser. This was won last night for the first time this semester by Mr. Frost. Strategy entered largely into the victory, Mr. Frost getting into bed with most of his clothes on.

An interesting exhibition of endurance was given by Mr. Bostwick H. Ketchum in his rooms in Potter Hall last evening, when he interrupted his work fourteen times in two hours, this being the number of demands for his aid to counsel the various members of the freshman biology class. When interviewed after the fourteenth hindrance in his pursuit of academic honors, Mr. Ketchum said: "I would not do it another time, not if it would keep the entire class from flunking." Shortly after that he sped to the aid of the fifteenth freshman.

James Murphy was receiving the congratulations of friends in South Hoffman this morning, he having beaten Kenneth A. Bush for the first chance at the shower last night. Both contestants came out of their rooms at the same time, but Murphy's apartment being two flights nearer the shower, he made the distance downstairs in two seconds quicker time than his opponent. He was further aided by the breaks of the game when Bush dropped his soap dish half way down the straightaway. Murphy's time in the shower was 32 minutes and 10 seconds.

Before an enthusiastic and notable gathering, W. Van Kirk Brownell, of Albee 20, put to rout his roommate, Paul B. Woodruff, in their matutinal contest to see which can refrain the longest from making caustic comment about the morning meal in dining commons. In the early stages of the match, it began to look as if the fair-cheeked youngster from Menands would win in a walk, owing to Paul's inability to stomach the sight of preserved figs so early in the morning. But the latter took a lead, when Kirk mistook the water pitcher for the milk pitcher and diluted the last cup of warm coffee in the hall, which he maintained until he crossed the line an easy winner.

The Philosophers' Circle, consisting of Messrs. Goldstein, Rosenberg and Seglin, is again complete in numbers with the return to argumentation of the first of the trio. The semester had not been in session ten minutes, following the close of the Thanksgiving holiday, when Mr. Goldstein was cutting heavily into the lead established by his fellow sages during the past four weeks.

The Lyre Tree will offer a prize, to be contested for by members of the faculty, for a trans-continental automobile race to start from in front of Erwin Smith's store on Thursday, January 25.

All the news that fits we print.

Chaos

By Howard R. Murphy '36

What manner of thing is this age in which we live? How often has this question been asked? How many answers to it have been given? Certainly no one would say that it is a religious age, although it has been optimistically predicted that we are on the dawn of a more truly and deeply religious age than the world has ever seen. Nor would anyone consider it an artistic age; in fact, its music has been called a jumble of sound, and its paintings win prizes when hung upside down. It has been suggested that this is a scientific age, with reference to the vast collection of facts about the world in which we live. It has been called an industrial age, because more and more of the necessities and luxuries of life are being made on machines which involve great savings in time and labor. It has been called an imperialistic age, because, ever since 1492, every great European power has made it its first and foremost object to expand and enrich itself in foreign parts.

At the same time, there has probably never existed an age so highly conscience-smitten over the effects of science, of the machine, of the industrial order, of the flagrant abuses of imperialism, as has our own. What, then, is the great end for which our civilization characteristically longs and strives? The fact is that there is none. There are no adjectives which it can claim as describing itself. Its one universal characteristic is chaos.

Look at our politics, for example. In local affairs we in America are notorious for our graft and corruption. Things have reached the state that the voters have tacitly given in to the situation; they are no longer interested, except to keep out of politics themselves, and to preserve their good names. Abroad we find everywhere strong tendencies toward dictatorships which rule harshly, effectively, and without too much interference from the legislators. A century or two ago, the tendency was in precisely the opposite direction; freedom and equality were the great ideals. Even now, these ideals are far from being repudiated. People still want their freedom; but, curiously enough, they want efficiency too; they naively believe that it is somehow possible to have both.

Look at the state of our economic affairs. The machine has made it possible, for perhaps the first time in history, to make the supply equal to the demand; in fact, it is actually much greater than the world's demand. Instead of taking advantage of this fact, keeping the supply down to the normal demand, and using our surplus time and energy in our cultural advancement, we preferred to adjust the demand to the greatest possible supply; witness: the installment plan. As a result, we are in the midst of a depression, and do not know what it is all about.

This chaotic state of mind is even more striking in the religious field. Rarely, indeed, do you find a person who knows what he believes, and why. It is said that the reason for our religious confusion lies in the upsetting of our theological concepts by the theory of evolution, and other such scientific ideas. However, their novelty has worn off; we ought to be able to remodel our theology, or create a new one, without too much fuss, but the rank and file of us have come to a standstill intellectually. Our religion is vague and misty. We are almost universally unable to hold a doctrine of our own. In the time of Socrates and the Sophists in ancient Greece, and in the time of the martyrs of the Middle Ages, men said: "This I believe, and this I do not believe. Moreover, I will cling to my beliefs even if they cost me my life." Now we say: "Let us be sure. Let us get the facts, all the facts, and

nothing but the facts. And when we cannot get sufficient facts, let us say nothing."

The reason for this condition is undoubtedly the scientific mind, which is so prevalent among us today,—the mind that seeks the facts, blindly, and above everything else. As a result, we are so swamped with data and documents that we are lost in their midst. After all, facts in and of themselves mean nothing; they are significant only in terms of the interpretation placed upon them. We of the twentieth century are excellent gatherers and cataloguers of facts, but we do not know what they mean after we get them. We have forgotten how to speculate and philosophize on things which the facts cannot touch; we no longer try to interpret life.

All this bears a striking resemblance to the later days of the Roman Empire. That too was a time of substituting a monarchy for a republic; a time of unsolved and apparently unsolvable economic difficulties; a time of religious indifference. It is a curious fact that, when a nation or a civilization is in its ascendancy, it is accompanied by democratic government, is economically tolerable for its people, and is characterized by a definiteness and positiveness in religion; and that, in its decline, it is glad to return authority to an emperor or dictator, gets into a hopeless economic tangle, and becomes vague and indefinite in its religion. We have had our Victorian Age, just as the Greeks had their Periclean Age; we have had our age of colonial and imperialistic expansion, just as Rome had her Punic and Macedonian Wars. We have lived and had our day. Now our spirit is broken, our vitality sapped. Our knowledge and our culture once inspired and invigorated us; now they enervate us. We used to be enthusiastic and creative; now we are cynical, bored, and weary of life. We are on our death bed; we are entering the final coma.

Pawling School Wins Cup In School Run

The second annual Mid-Hudson Inter-scholastic Cross Country Meet was held at St. Stephen's on November 4, with ten of the high schools from the surrounding Counties represented. Approximately one hundred runners participated in the meet.

The Rev. Mr. Jessup '32, of Rochester, N. Y. donated a loving cup to be awarded as first prize to the team making the best aggregate score in the meet. This cup was won by the Pawling High School.

The schools were grouped into two sections, class A and class B, according to the number of student in each school. This was necessary in order that there might be no unfair competition among the teams and that the best aggregate time might be judged with justification toward those schools having a student body of only one or two hundred who were competing with schools having a student body of 1200 or more.

In class A of the smaller schools the best time was made by H. Judson of Dover Plains, who finished the 2 1-2 mile course in 14 minutes and 58 seconds. In class B of the larger schools, Watts of Kingston made an advance over Judson by 43 seconds.

The final scores for all the schools were as follows:

Class A	
Dover Plains	17
Red Hook	33
Rhinebeck	49
Pine Plains	62
Amenia	65
Valatie	102
Class B	
Pawling	14
Beacon	23
Wappingers Falls	41
Arlington	58

Notice

The Administration of St. Stephen's College is anxious to obtain for its files copies of the Lyre Tree published in past years. The Editor of the Lyre Tree would appreciate it if any one who has any past issues in his possession would negotiate with him for the purchase of the same.

240 New Books Added To Library

There have been added 240 new books to the shelves of the Hoffman Memorial Library at St. Stephen's College since the opening of the current semester.

The subjects with which these recent additions deal include those of nearly every department in the college. In philosophy the outstanding new books are "Human, All too Human," by F. W. Nietzsche, Paul Shorey's "What Plato Said," and "Montaigne's Philosophy of Human Nature," by Dr. J. V. Mauzey. Professor of Philosophy at this college. Among the new fiction is Elinor Wylie's "The Venetian Glass Nephew." In French literature, "Oeuvres" of Blaise Pascal, in fourteen volumes, have been acquired. New biographies include Allan Nevins's "Grover Cleveland," Albert Schweitzer's "Out of My Life and Thought," and the first volume of Ernest Newman's "The Life of Richard Wagner." F. J. Lipperheide's "Spruchwörterbuch" has been placed on the reference shelf.

Seniors and Sophs Tie In Soccer

The soccer aggregations of the Senior and Sophomore classes played to a scoreless tie last week to split the honors bestowed each Fall on the winners in the inter-class soccer tilts.

Three overtime periods failed to bring any break in the deadlock which characterized the final days play in the annual classics. Incongruous as play was most of the time, a goodly crowd of learned and learning shivered on the sidelines as the two elevens battled in a vain attempt to push, boot or rush the ball through the posts. The sophomores on two or three occasions had victory in their grasp only to throw each chance to the winds with over-anxious kicks.

In the preliminary contests the Seniors downed the Juniors, 1931 champions, 5-0 and the Sophomores vanquished their traditional rivals 2-0. Both these games were played in a sea of mud conveniently left by a two day rain. Out-numbered and outclassed, the Juniors were a sorry looking organization as compared with their winning team of two years ago. Defensive play was their only resort under the pressure of a heavy Senior attack. The contest between the two younger classes was much more of a game. Fortunate in having a number of players from the varsity squad the Class of 1936 continued to drive the ball at the frosh net until it eventually found its way through on two attempts.

Rev. Searing '73 Dies In New York

The Rev. Richard Clinton Searing '73, one of the oldest alumni of the college, died in New York City on November 7 after an illness of some time.

Mr. Searing, well known throughout the East, was until 1927 Rector of the Church of the Ascension, West Park, N. Y., which position he was forced to give up because of ill health. Since then he was Rector Emeritus of that church. Following Mr. Searing's retirement he and Mrs. Searing moved to New York. Burial was in Saratoga, N. Y., Mr. Searing's birthplace.

Discussion Groups Draw Up Programs

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and Pre-Medical Groups and the Business and Economic Groups. Occasional meetings and discussions will be held, for which speakers will be invited. There is no intention of making these organizations formal or fixed in character. They are organized on a most informal basis and their membership will necessarily be changed from time to time." The Acting Dean is in full accord with the organization of these groups and feels that they will do much to keep the interest of the students and faculty in touch with contemporary life.

The Pre-Ministerial group, although its organization is far from being complete, has advanced beyond the other groups. At the first meeting, held in the apartment of Dr. Yates, a committee was appointed to decide upon the dates for subsequent meetings and to arrange for a calendar of events. The committee, composed of John Keppler, chairman, Robert Jones, and John Burgevin, has arranged for a series of approximately fourteen meetings to be held on Sunday afternoons at 4:15 o'clock. At these meetings books are to be reviewed, magazine articles are to be summarized, and papers on various articles of interest are to be presented. Occasionally, visiting lecturers will be presented and debates sponsored. These will be open to outsiders. The books which are to be reviewed include devotional, theological, biblical, social, and biographical works.

The organizations, under the guidance of Dr. Yates, hopes to strengthen and organize those men who are contemplating holy orders. The Scientific, Pre-Medical, and the Business and Economic groups have each had one meeting

Orient Theatre Nearing Completion

With the construction of the theater in Orient Hall by the students in English 33 nearing completion, it is expected that the first play in this new auditorium will soon be produced.

No plans for the production have as yet been made public but it is known that Mr. Harvey Fite, director of the new theatre, has been considering several possible attractions. It is also understood that the cast will be picked from the entire student body and not alone from members of the drama course.

Poetry and Such

How Sweet Your Mouth

Your eyes, my dear, are more to me
Than winds, stars, moon, and the grey-green sea—
Your cheeks, my dear, have a rarest pink
Whose loveliness makes the roses shrink—
In short, my sweet, you put to shame
The supposed beauties of man's domain.

Yet is it strange that your eyes should be
Exquisite haunts of mystery?
Your face be graced with a magic glow?
For see, my sweet, how well I know:

Your eyes' mystery quickly goes
Down your cheeks when mascara flows.
The delicate pink is born on your cheek
Through rouge applied by a hand discreet.
In short, my sweet, the charms I adore
You buy each week in a cut-rate store . . .

E. R.



Coach Stanley H. Leeke

Soccer Season Brought To Close

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It was during the game with Stevens Tech that Marty Goldstein, the Saints' goalie and veteran of three year's play, suffered a compound fracture of the left leg while attempting to defend the advance of the opposition. The necessary absence of Goldstein, and at the same time the realization therefore of a heavy handicap called forth a remarkable spirit of fight in the game with Connecticut State. It was quite evident in this game that the mid-season form was reached. The Scarlet players were at their best throughout the game and although a victory meant hard play at all times, the team was there and delivered the goods, sending the New Englanders home with a 3-2 defeat and giving the spectators an interesting exhibition of clean and swift soccer.

Any attempt on the part of St. Stephen's to play soccer proved to be futile, in the final contest at Hamilton because of the depth of the snow. Hamilton reveled in the drifts and mused her way through to an 8-1 victory in what turned out to be a winter carnival rather than a soccer game. The coach is pleased with good spirit displayed in each game. With the return of Goldstein, as goalie, next year, he looks forward to one of the best seasons in the soccer records at St. Stephen's.

Dragon Club Planning Series of Lectures

The Dragon Club, Saint Stephen's honorary scholastic society is drawing up its plans for the coming year. Under the presidency of William Schmidt '33, the organization plans to present a series of informal talks and lectures by the faculty.

Recently, the club initiated two new members, Theodore Joseph, '33, and Kenneth Sowers, '33, into its ranks. Joseph was then elected Vice-President, and Sowers was elected to the post of Secretary-Treasurer.

Contributors' Column

To the Editor of the Lyre Tree:
I would like to ask what has become of the Rifle Club which was organized at the college last year. At that time I know a group interested in this sport got together and built a range on the property of one of the fraternities. This year there has been no further activity, as far as I can see, in the development of the club. The formation of a rifle team for inter-collegiate shooting was one of the objects of the club. That idea also seems to have petered out. With the number of guns that appeared in a parade here last year, and which also threatened all life between college and the Hudson, it would appear that a club of no mean size could be started. Various activities, such as turkey shoots, inter-fraternity warfare, class massacres, or duels, could be encouraged.
I used to shoot a B-B gun myself and would welcome the opportunity to learn something about firearms from an active club.

Chief Long Rifle.

December 4.

Scarlet Harriers End Hard Season

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The next race was at Annandale with Trinity. The Saints again lost but Snyder won first place by a big margin. The other Scarlet runners in the order of finish were Drogula, Mitchell, Schmidt, Blackie, Chappell, Kendall, Dills.

The third race was against Connecticut State College at Annandale. Once more the Saints were outclassed and Snyder had to fight to obtain sixth place. In this contest Schmidt, Drogula and Mitchell finished in a dead heat as also Blackie and Chappell, followed later by Dills and Kendall in that order. Although the team was outclassed it may be noted that in this race Capt. Schmidt ran the best race of his college career and clipped almost a minute from his former best time for the distance.

On November tenth the team went to Wesleyan where they were defeated by a score of 22 to 33. Snyder placed third, Mitchell fifth, Schmidt seventh, Chappell eighth, Blackie tenth, Drogula twelfth, Kendall thirteenth and Dills fourteenth. Last place was taken by Osborne of Wesleyan who failed to finish.

On November 18th a special race was held at New London with the Coast Guard Academy. Snyder finished second, Drogula sixth, Schmidt eighth, Blackie ninth, Chappell tenth, Kendall twelfth, and Dills thirteenth. The Coast Guard won by a score of 20 to 35.

Dr. Nock 'Stumbles' On 'Happy' State

Dr. Albert Jay Nock '92, author and formerly of the Department of History at St. Stephen's College, has written an article called "Home Thoughts from Abroad" in the current issue of the "Atlantic Monthly," in which he describes a small European nation which, although it violates nearly every rule which Americans consider essential for a happy nation, is happier than any country he has visited.

This carefree land, which, for reasons of his own, Dr. Nock calls "Amenia", is one of the smallest countries of Europe. The people are fifty percent illiterate and two-thirds of them engage in agriculture. There is very little industry in Amenia; what little there is has not developed very far. There is no organized sport such as golf, tennis or the like. Democratic government is unheard of, military despotism holding sway. In spite of all disregard to what is acknowledged by other countries to be the foundation of an ordered state, Amenia continues to thrive and live happily. Her national debts amount to little. The machine is practically unknown.

"The New York Times" of Sunday, December 3, questions in an editorial the existence of the aforementioned Amenia, stating that perhaps it is a product of Dr. Nock's mind combining the best features of all the non-industrial sections of the world.

32 Men Singing In College Choir

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chorale. "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring", Beethoven's "Hymn of Praise" and Wagner's well-known "Pilgrim's Chorus". The "Missa Marialis", an elaborate festival mass, has been put into the regular order of Sunday service.

As to the plans for the future, Dr. Garabedian is arranging a service of Bach chorales for presentation at Christmastide. He also plans to have the Choir sing Cesar Franck's "150th Psalm", and many other well-known choral pieces.

Junior Varsity Schedule

Dec. 8th (Friday)	Philmont High (home)
Dec. 15th (Friday)	Open
Dec. 19th (Tuesday)	Wappingers Falls High (away)
Jan. 9th (Tuesday)	Wappingers Falls High (home)
Jan. 13th (Saturday)	N. Y. School of Agriculture (home)
Jan. 16th (Tuesday)	Rhinebeck High (away)
Jan. 19th (Friday)	Beacon High (home)
Jan. 20th (Saturday)	New Paltz Normal (away)
Feb. 2nd (Friday)	Rhinebeck High (home)
Feb. 17th (Saturday)	New Paltz Normal (home)
Feb. 28th (Wednesday)	Oakwood School (home)

40 Couples Attend Junior Dance

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Miss Lilliebelle Barton, Professor Edward N. Voorhees, the Rev. Miles L. Yates, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley H. Leeke and Mr. Hamilton Crabbs. Also the Misses Martha McFee, Isabelle Brigham, Frances Burgevin, Marybeth Binckley, Marjorie Cox, Frances Upton, Phyllis Stowers, Edna McDonald, Bertha Reiff, Ruth Wilcox, Margaret Merideth, Emily Carpenter, Mary Louise Walter, Delphia Hill, Elizabeth Baker, Mabelle Garrard, Ann St. Clair, Alvine Pilsinger, Elizabeth Donnelly, Emily King.

Others were the Misses Anne Herzog, Lulu Pace, Elizabeth Taylor, Jean Clarke, Dorothy Thomas, Paula Delahunt, Helen Lindley, Betty Ann Roberts, Priscilla Howes, Emlen Davies, Sarah Leigh, Marjorie Smith, Dorothy Carleton, Edith Miller, Hilda Salmon.

Numerous lunches, teas and suppers were held on Saturday, when most of the entertaining was done in the fraternity houses. In the evening dances were given by the Eulexian and Kappa Gamma Chi Fraternities which were open to the faculty of the college, the students and their guests. Both parties were well attended with the guests traveling back and forth from one house to the other.

Dr. Harry Reads Play to "Soviet"

Dr. Joseph E. Harry, Hoffman Professor of Greek, gave a highly dramatic reading of "The Clouds" by the Greek comedian, Aristophanes, on November 16, 1933, before the Soviets, a discussion group of the faculty.

Dr. Harry added interest to his reading in that he substituted the names of professors for those of Greek characters in the play. Mrs. Harry was hostess, and served refreshments to the thirty-five people present.

Basketball Team To Meet Drew

"Winter is icumen in" and at the same time basketball uniforms are being hauled from the trunk and issued to candidates for positions on the St. Stephen's five.

The team faces a hard schedule again this year with 14 games booked by Manager Clark. Although it is customary at this time to discuss the prospects of the coming season, no predictions concerning it can be made for the

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present. Four veterans, co-captains, Paul Woodruff and Burgevin, Jay Molyneaux and Bill Nieman, remain from the varsity of last year. With an impressive looking squad from last season's junior varsity and a number of new aspirants to the team, these fellows are expected to form a fairly powerful organization. The first start is scheduled with Drew University on December 8, at Annandale.

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