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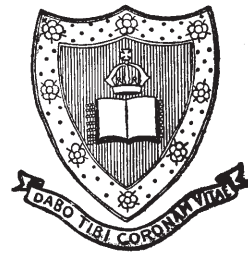
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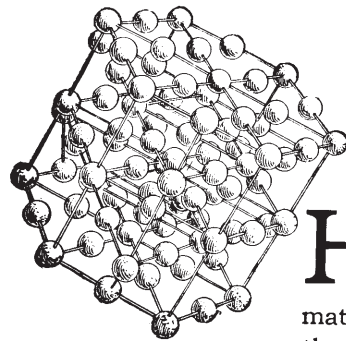
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Who Was Moseley?

HE was a young Oxford man, only twenty-seven when he was killed at Gallipoli. Up to his time, man had never seen the inside of an atom. He turned the X-rays on matter—not figuratively but literally—and made them disclose the skeleton of an atom just as certainly as a surgeon makes them reveal the positions of the bones of the body. Moseley proved that all atoms are built up of the same kind of matter. He saw, too, just why an atom of copper is different from an atom of gold.

Atoms are built up of electrons. Each atom consists of a nucleus, a kind of sun, with a certain number of electrons grouped about it, like planets. Moseley actually counted the number of electrons of all the metals from aluminum to gold.

When you discover what gold is made of or a new fact about electricity, you open up new possibilities for the use of gold or electricity. For that reason the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company are as much concerned with the "how" of things—atoms and electrons, for instance—as they are with mere applications of the electric current.

Hence Moseley's work has been continued in the Research Laboratories, with the result that more has been learned about matter. How does water freeze? What is lead? Why are lead, iron, gold and tungsten malleable? Such questions can be answered more definitely now than ten years ago. And because they can be answered it is possible to make more rapid progress in illumination, in X-ray photography, in wireless telegraphy, and in electrical engineering as a whole.

There would have been no coal-tar industry without the vast amount of research conducted in organic chemistry, and no electro-chemical industry without such work as Sir Humphrey Davey's purely scientific study of an electric current's effect on caustic potash and caustic soda. Sooner or later research in pure science always enriches the world with discoveries that can be practically applied. For these reasons the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company devote so much time to the study of purely scientific problems.

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NEW PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

Dr. Williams Resigns and Dr. Muller is appointed for next year.

ASSOCIATE Professor C. R. Williams, who for two years has been Professor of History on temporary appointment, has this year decided that he does not care to remain longer as a professor since his educational interests are primarily in a somewhat different direction—in connection with his own communion—the Congregational church. It has not perhaps been generally known that he is an ordained minister.

Since his arrival here in 1919, Professor Williams has developed the Department of History to an amazing extent, and has been instrumental in adding many valuable books of history to the library.

His successor has already been appointed in the person of James A. Muller, Ph.D. (Princeton).

Dr. Muller is a Philadelphian of Swiss descent. He received the degrees of B. A. and M. A. from Princeton, B.D. from the Cambridge Theological School, and took his doctorate at Princeton (magna cum laude) in 1915. He became Professor of History at Boone University, Wuchang, China. After several years he returned and took the place of Dr. Washburn, as Professor of Church History in the Cambridge Theological School. Since the war he has been engaged in research study.

He is the author of a book on Bishop Gardiner, which deals largely with ecclesiastical reaction in the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, and Queen Elizabeth. This book will be published during the autumn of this year.

For two years Dr. Muller held a travelling fellowship of the General Theological Seminary and studied in several European universities.

Professor Paul Van Dyke of Princeton says in regard to Dr. Muller, "His great ability, his long training in Princeton, Harvard, Germany, and England, together with his varied experience, make him an exceedingly valuable man."

Professor Ralph B. Pomeroy of the General Theological Seminary says, "He took a remarkably good doctorate at Princeton and is an exceptionally fine teacher in constitutional and economic history."

Professor William Starr Myers of Princeton writes, "I have always considered Dr. Muller a very valuable man and have long hoped to see him on the faculty at Princeton. Since there seems no opening worthy of him at the present time, I am glad that he is coming to you."

Dr. Niles Carpenter, Professor of Social Ethics at Harvard says, "He is without exception the most electric person I have ever seen. He takes away the breath of the students who study under him. He is very dynamic."

Dr. Muller will come into residence next September. His wife, who is a graduate of the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons, has just entered upon a two years internship at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York City.

Professor Phineas Whiting, Professor of Biology, has been called to be Research Professor of Genetics at the University of Iowa. It is said that the salary offered him is \$5,000.00 a year. Needless to say, everyone here hopes that Professor Whiting will not accept this offer.

Commencement

The President announces that on Commencement Day the chief address will be delivered by the Right Reverend David L. Ferris, Bishop Suffragan of Western New York.

The Right Reverend Robert H. Mize, Bishop of Salina, will preach the "Missionary Sermon."

The Student Council and the President have agreed that the Commencement shall begin at the Baccalaureate service on the morning of Sunday, June 12, and that the Class Day exercises will follow Evensong that day.

Monday morning will be given over to tennis tournaments. At five o'clock on Monday will be the missionary service. Monday evening will be taken up by the Fraternity Reunions.

On Tuesday morning there will be the regular Corporate Communion of the Alumni at eight o'clock, a meeting of the Alumni Association at ten-thirty, and a meeting of the Board of Trustees at the same time.

Luncheon will be served at one o'clock after which will follow the Commencement at two o'clock.

NOTICE.

The John Mills Gilbert poetry prize will not be given this year for the best essay dealing with the subject of poetry, but will be awarded for the best original poem. Those desiring to submit poems should consult the Professor of English on or before the first of May.

The work in competition for the McVickar prize is under the direction of the Professor of Public Speaking, who should be consulted by those who wish to contest for it, before May first.

The election of the man who has served the college most during the collegiate year will be held early in May. The winner will receive a Corona typewriter, given each year by Mr. David Fernsler of Salina, Kansas, in memory of his brother. Those allowed to vote are the members of the faculty and of the two upper classes.

President Bell has accepted an invitation to deliver the principal address at the seventy-fifth annual commencement of the University of Buffalo on the third of June. He will speak on "A Liberal Education and a Liberal Attitude Towards Modern Life."

ST. STEPHEN'S DOES NOT GIVE THE M. A. DEGREE AFTER 1922

THE Catalogue of the College, published last February, stated that the M. A. Degree, heretofore given to graduates of three years standing, would no longer be given. In answer to many inquiries concerning the discontinuance of this practice, it is thought that the following, quoted from President Bell, will explain the Matter.

"We are under the control of the Educational Department of the State of New York, as are all other colleges within the State. The Education Department has ruled that hereafter no Master's Degree may be given in Arts except after one year of Post-graduate work in residence, together with the writing of a proper thesis. In other words, the Master's Degree has been made purely a post-graduate school degree. St. Stephen's College does not and never has made, any pretensions to having a post-graduate department. To do it properly would cost us thousands of dollars a year in increased laboratories and professors.

"The giving of the Master's Degree in the way laid down in our catalogue, which was formerly common, is now no longer the custom of most American colleges and can no longer be the custom of any college in New York State.

"We are still allowed to give honorary degrees but these must always be Doctor's Degrees and not Master's Degrees. In regard to honorary degrees, our Education Committee has definitely taken the stand that hereafter we shall grant no such degrees except to persons whose service to the Church has been so extraordinary as to make the granting of the degrees a thing unquestionable by anyone."

PRESIDENT BELL TO SPEND SUMMER IN ENGLAND.

President Bell will sail for England on the S. S. Algeria from New York on June 25th. He will spend about six weeks in England, for the most part in Cambridge, and will return the latter part of August. During his absence Dr. E. C. Upton of the English Department, will be Acting President and will attend to all correspondence addressed to the President's office.

Not to Be Deceived.

Mrs. Newrich (examining curio)—"Two thousand years old? You can't kid me! Why, it's only 1921 now!"—The Passing Show (London).

Freshmen Algebra

Frosh Fail to Assemble all their Forces to Perform Revered Rite.

IN the vicinity of March 18th., the freshmen decided to buy some spirits—the kind kept in bottles—and dig a hole for their algebra. The night was appointed, that is we suppose it was, though it was not generally known among the freshmen, but the sophs too were night-owls. The gay lights of some neighboring dance-hall, and the fresh aroma of percolated coffee in one of the dormitories, lent a certain attractiveness to the company of sophs (?) who so royally entertained a couple of freshmen while the rest of the class were waiting, watching (and *!) somewhere in the vicinity of the Sawkill creek. But were the 'frosh' to be disappointed? No, they buried their very much prized book anyway. They have not yet told us exactly *where*, and the sophs do not happen to know, so we can only assume that it was buried.

But Miserable dictu! There have been tragedies; there have been crimes; there have been disasters; there have been dramas, melodramas and unpardonable sins, but of all the most excruciating perhaps was the decision of the Student Council; "That the algebra was buried illegally." Of course, all the prayers of the freshmen for the quiet repose of the algebra's "transcendental ego" will all be of no avail. The mystic rite was not performed in the presence of all the members of the class, and we are quite certain that for four whole years vague and uncanny ghosts of "logs" and "surds" will haunt those who did not take into account sufficiently the laws of "probability and chance."

Alumnus Receives Distinguished Honor

The Reverend Wallace J. Gardner, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Flatbush, L. I., and a member of the Class of 1903 of the St. Stephen's College, has been invited to preach on July 10 at the morning service at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and to preach on the evening of July 17 in Westminster Abbey. The invitation has been accepted and Mr. Gardner will sail for England during the latter part of June.

The Library

THE rearranging of the lower floor of the Library is nearing completion. The books of each department have all been put in order except those on religion, which have been left until the last, as it is necessary to select a few hundred of the best from the several thousand that we have. When the lower stacks have been arranged the upper tier will be gone through. It is expected that this will be completed before College opens next fall.

The catalogue is being added to as fast as the printed cards can be obtained from the Library of Congress, and now contains titles for all the new books purchased during the last two years, and for nearly all the books in the department of Philosophy.

The largest gains in new books have been made this year by the Department of Economics and Sociology, and by the Department of History. Dr. Williams has been most careful in his selection and the Library shows a larger gain in good books from his allowance than that of any other professor. Dr. Whiting has purchased a great many good books for the Science Department and Dr. Shero has added many needed volumes to the Department of Greek.

The most popular books received are the new ones purchased by the English Department, and it is to be hoped that Dr. Upton will buy a great many more. The allowance of the Modern Language Department is being spent this year for Fiction, which the Library needed very much, and in a short time it will be possible to get some good books for light reading.

One department of the library for which there is no adequate allowance made is that of fine arts and architecture. It is hoped that some provision will be made for this in the near future, not only in the Library, but in the curriculum also.

Among the new books purchased recently are the following: "Awakening," by John Galsworthy; "Main Street," by Sinclair Lewis; "Traditions of European Literature," by Barrett Wendell; "Dante," by John L. Slatery, Ph. D.; "The New Map of Africa," "The New Map of Asia," and "The New Map of Europe," by H. A. Gibbons; "Imperial England," by Cecil Fairchild Lavell and Charles Edward Payne; "Bismark," by J. W. Headlam; "Eminent Victorians," by Lytton Strachey; "Origins of French Romanticism," by M. B. Finch and E. A. Peers; "Applied Eugenics," by Paul Popenoe and R. H. Johnson.

Financial Report of the College

From July, 1920, to April, 1921, the fees and other income of this college amounted to \$45,006.87. Between April, 1921, and July, 1921, there is in sight by income and pledges \$1,600.00; from the Society for the Promotion of Religious Learning, \$4,200.00; from a single subscriber in Baltimore, \$2,000.00; and from other pledges, \$4,000.00. There have also been received gifts to special funds, \$41,456.23, and gifts to the gymnasium fund, \$46, 017.36.

This makes a total of estimates and income until July 31, 1921, of \$143,280.46.

There has been spent up to April 1st approximately the following sums: for coal, \$7,000.00; for salaries, \$16,500.00; for running expenses of all kinds, \$60,000.00; for payment on Gymnasium, \$67,000.00. Total expenditures to date, \$140,500.00. Between April and July there will be expended: to complete the Gymnasium, \$11,000.00; for salaries, \$4,500.00; and for general expenses, \$11,500.00. This will bring the total to approximately, for the fiscal year ending July, 1921, to \$167,500.00.

It will thus be seen that the expenses for the year will be about \$23,000.00 more than the receipts. It is imperative that this money be raised and not borrowed, and that every effort be expended by the Alumni and Friends of St. Stephen's College to see that it be raised either by gifts or by designations through the Nation Wide Campaign.

The President and Board feel that the College has made a remarkable record. More money has been raised this year than in any other year in the history of the College, and this is commendable in view of the fact that this has been one of the hardest years for money raising since the Civil War. While there is a deficit, at present, of about \$23,000.00 it must be remembered that an \$80,000.00 gymnasium has been built and added to the assets on the campus.

Another Outline of History.

The "professors" of cheap dancing academies in the tenderloin are now advertising lessons in toddling. One sends out a circular which reads: "Learn to dance the toddle! Cleopatra invented it and that was the way she ensnared Napoleon."—Atlanta Constitution.

Students Council Conference

A Conference of the New York and New Jersey Division of the Student Council of the Episcopal Church will be held at this college on 6, 7 and 8 May. Representatives will be present from all the Colleges and Universities in the two states.

The Student Council has made arrangements to vacate Aspinwall and Ludlow Halls and the guests will occupy these dormitories. Meetings will be held on Friday evening, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. There will be a Corporate Communion at eight o'clock Sunday morning.

In regard to this convention, the Reverend Paul Micou, Director of Student Work in the United States, writes, "The arrangements you have made are more satisfactory than any I have ever received from any college in regard to a conference. It is a most admirable thing that the student body is co-operating to the extent of giving up two of the dormitories. This cordial reception is much appreciated in New York."

The May Number of the "Bulletin," which is the official quarterly publication of the College, will contain a number of articles by members of the faculty. Among these will be one by President Bell entitled "In Explanation of the Undergraduate Mind." Professor Edwards, of the Department of Sociology, has contributed "Some Fallacies in Americanization." Professor Whiting has written an article on "Parasitic Wasps as Material for Genetic Research." Dr. Upton will contribute a paper on some subjects dealing with the teaching of English, and Dr. Shero of the Greek Department will also "add his bit." Readers of the Messenger may obtain copies of this Bulletin, free of charge, by writing to the secretary to the President.

Cited for Valor.

The swain and his swainess had just encountered a bulldog that looked as if he might shake a mean lower jaw.

"Why, Percy," she exclaimed as he started a stragetic retreat. "You always swore you would face death for me."

"I would," he flung back over his shoulder, "but that darn dog ain't dead."—The Ameri-

Convocation

New Messenger Slate is Ratified by Undergraduates.

At a Meeting of Convocation held in Preston Hall on April 7th, the following slate, presented by the Messenger Board, was accepted in toto:

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The Meeting was adjourned after it was decided on motion to appoint a committee to examine and codify the by-laws of Convocation as contained in its records.

"It was a dark and . . .", so the frosh didn't know the way.

The Mail Box

St. Stephen's College not a Seminary.

To the Messenger:

. . . Many people who think that Saints were only queer ascetics rather than human beings "of like passions," generally interpret colleges and such like bearing Saints' names as harboring only queer sort of people. So, it is in the case of our college here. When one tells a curious "stranger" that St. Stephen's is a "college of the arts and sciences" that "stranger" is generally very surprised. He expected to see a pious person not given to smoking, drinking or swearing, etc. People, of course, branding St. Stephen's as a Seminary are only showing an ignorance which reflects more strongly upon themselves than upon the college. Not that we are denying our religion or the connection that religion has to our college. We would not be at all concerned about this label if it were true. But it is not true, and it is the truth which we want to impress upon those who regard St. Stephen's College as being something which it is not.

Saint Stephen's College is a college—not a seminary, it is a technical institution in no re-

spect. It gives its graduates B. A. degrees which are symbolic of four years of more hard and thorough work than B. A. degrees from the large universities represent. If St. Stephen's has not a name among American colleges it is not the fault of St. Stephen's. This college is young comparatively, and has never been endowed by millionaires and the like, but nevertheless, St. Stephen's College does live up to what she says she is!

But why the cause for the charge that this is a seminary? God knows! We do not have any more services in the college chapel than other colleges have or ought to have. We are as irreligious as any American college undergraduates, and not terribly different. Various charges of "high church" and "rosaries," "Lady shrines," and so forth, are wrongly made by persons who mistake the actions of subnormal individuals for the action of the whole college on the campus. A bad plum does not generally mean that the whole fruit-cake is rotten, and yet many times people pull out the plums first and throw the whole cake away! St. Stephen's aims, we believe, in churchmanship, at a synthesis rather than at any extreme.

But we are not asking people to believe us if they do not wish to. We urge, however, that people, who doubt that we stand for exactly what they would, in the last analysis, have us stand for, find out first-hand that we are not bluffers. . . —Contributed.

(The above clipping, not from a freshman theme strangely, was written independently of the material in the President's Page. The Messenger prints it not as a "filler" but, as a contribution towards stamping out any misconceptions about what this college is—W. A. M. P., Editor).

Addition to Dining Hall

This year there has been a considerable discussion of the necessity of having members of the faculty and their families eat in the same refectory as the students. The President has made arrangements for remedying the situation by the addition of another room on the south of Preston Hall, which will easily accommodate the members of the faculty and their families. The present refectory will be used entirely by undergraduates. With the enlarged student body next fall the students will easily fill Preston Hall and so the new addition is necessary as well as convenient.

In Other Colleges

The Trustees of the University of Chicago have ordered that in the future the windows of several of the university buildings are not to be washed. The reason for this extraordinary action is "to produce an atmosphere similar to that of European Cathedrals and other structures of medieval architecture".

Perhaps Chicago envies Pittsburg which must be quite "medieval."

Chancellor Day, of Syracuse University, has decreed that there shall be no smoking of cigarettes, cigars and pipes at Syracuse, but nothing is said about tobacco chewing.

Has Chancellor Day been reading the "Houghton Star"?

A baseball team has been formed among the faculty members of Princeton University.

Is this the team we play?

Syracuse University co-eds have decided that their life is too secluded and they are raising *en masse* against the present regime. They demand after-theater restaurant parties, one dance a week downtown, removal of some of the restrictions placed on the downtown eating places, and occasional leave to go away over night.

Too late for concessions if their faces are made up to go out!

Plans are under way to increase the present endowment fund of Hamilton College by \$700,000.00.

Going up!

The Sophomore banquet of Stevens' Institute was successfully staged last month. Freshmen were left in ignorance of the affair until the dishes were ready for washing.

"Oh death, where is thy sting?"

DRAGON CLUB NOTES.

Mr. Charles Rann Kennedy, author of "The Servant in the House," gave some Interpretative Readings in the gymnasium on the evening of April 25th.

The annual Dragon Club dance will be given in the gymnasium on the evening of June 11th.

Chapel Notes

The Special Preachers this spring at the Choral Eucharist on Sunday mornings are as follows:

10 April—The Reverend Charles Townsend, M.A., of Rosemont, Pa.

17 April—The Reverend Stephen Keeler, M. A., of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, Mass.

24 April—The Reverend Frederick Burgess, Director of Americanization Department, Presiding Bishop and Council.

1 May—The Reverend Henry D. Washburn, D.D., Dean of the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass.

8 May—The Reverend Robert Williams, Trinity Church, Princeton, N. J., (National Student Council Convention.)

15 May—The Reverend, the President.

22 May—The Reverend Lyford P. Edwards, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology.

29 May—The Reverend John M. S. MacDonald, Professor of Philosophy.

12 June—Baccalaureate Sunday.

Tablet For St. Stephen's Dead

On Commencement Day, a carved wood tablet to the memory of the St. Stephen's men who gave their lives in the Great War will be unveiled in the Gymnasium, after it has been blessed by the Right Reverend Bishop Fiske. The memorial is designed and executed by J. and R. Lamb. At the top of the tablet will be an eagle and beneath that a Latin inscription. The size will be three feet, six inches by two feet. It will be hung in the hallway of the Gym.

TREE DEDICATED TO COLONEL ROOSEVELT.

Mrs. Lucretia B. Dean has planted an elm tree on the Campus, just east of the Chapel. The tree was formally planted on March 23rd, and Blessed by President Bell. Mrs. Dean has dedicated the tree to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt, whom we understand is one of Mrs. Dean's "heroes."

June 12, 13, 14; the Lyre Tree, K. G. X.; S. A. E.; Eulexian; S. S. C.; Annandale; Springtime. Do they mean anything to you, Alumni!

Fraternity Notes

KAPPA GAMMA CHI.

On the evening of April 15th, George L. Fitzgerald '24, and Alan H. Tongue '24, were "Kapped." After the initiation there was a "bust" at the Fraternity House.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

The Spring dance, given this year by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, is announced for Friday, May 20th.

EULEXIAN.

At the Philadelphia City Club, on Tuesday in Easter Week, a number of Eulexians from the vicinity of Philadelphia, met at an informal luncheon. Timely subjects of mutual interest to both Alumni and Active men were discussed. Among those present were Rev. Dr. George H. Toop, Rev. James O. McIlhenny, '93; Rev. John Mills Gilbert, '90; L. Russell Anderson, Robert C. Hubbs, '23; Herbert A. Donovan, and Edward C. Lewis, '24.

Herman R. Leonhard, '24, has been detained at his home in Haledon, N. J., owing to the prolonged illness of his father. We hope for the early recovery of Mr. Leonhard, and the soon return of "Benny" to College.

After a very successful rectorship at the Church of the Merciful Saviour, which he founded and erected at Pennsgrove, N. J., the Rev. Charles B. Dubell, '97, leaves, to become rector of St. John's Church, Camden, New Jersey.

Professor Anton F. Blaum, '09, has returned to America from Japan in which place he has been teaching for a number of years. He may be addressed after May 1st, in care of 162 Jay St., Albany, New York.

The Rev. Herbert L. Hannah, '97, recently became rector of All Saint's Church, Norristown, Penna.

—H. A. D.

DRAMATIC CLUB NOTES.

The Dramatic Club announces May 14th as the day for its reproduction entitled "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife." This play will be given in the gymnasium, and will be followed by a short one-act play.

Senior Class Plants Oak Tree

Perhaps because there are many stones on the campus marking places where trees once stood as class memorials, or perhaps because the Class of 1921 wished to see the campus boast of some live trees instead of just dead timber, the seniors decided to plant a tree. However, it was far from the idea of doing exactly what other classes have done in the past that the Seniors on the cool evening of April 26th stood a sixteen feet oak tree in the ground—for 1921 wanted to be at least unique enough to plant a tree which would grow. It was decided that perhaps too much ceremony and ostentation might prove disastrous for the oak, and so the whole procedure was very quiet, sincere and dignified throughout. The tree was planted about twenty-five feet southeast of the chapel, not far from the spot where 1919 left a "tulip tree"—to die. The 1921 tree is a "red-oak"—in keeping with the times—the class, we are told, possessing an excellent union in its organization—and it is hoped—but then, the future of such things as trees can only be postulated. The class, however, (after it had patted the mud carefully around the tree) could only add to the last line of Royce Kilmer's poem to the effect that "only God can make a tree" grow!

Alumni, do not forget we are expecting you on June 14.

A fund of \$1,000,000 for a new stadium at Ohio State University has just been raised. This structure is to be the largest of its kind in the country. It is to have a seating capacity of 63,000 people. It will be open at one end to allow room for construction of temporary stands which will make the available seating capacity 83,000.

Tentative plans are made to establish a fisheries college at Harvard University.

Modern languages have been eliminated from the required curricula of the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena.

N. B.—In answer to many inquiries the Editor disavows all responsibility for the words "High Mass" appearing under Chapel Notes in the last issue of the "Messenger." The undaunted cleverness of an evil scheming proof-reader pro tem., is the cause of the mistake. Our Sunday morning service may hardly be called "High Mass."

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THE curtain has fallen. Without noise or gusto the Editorial Board slips away by the stage door. The curtain will not rise again for us—we have played our parts and in playing them have asked the indulgence of the audience.

The task of publishing a college paper has been more thankless than easy, and we can only say that we have done our best under the circumstances in which we found ourselves. If, in publishing The Messenger this year, we have offered our mite towards helping this college, then we have our reward—we have fulfilled our purpose. Of course The Messenger has not been a literary masterpiece or even as we would like it. It has many times contained many mistakes, but we trust we have not been unconscientious in our duty, or belittling in our attitude toward our responsibility.... But the footlights have dimmed, the spotlight has faded. To the new Board we wish the greatest of success. May they be more fortunate and efficient in that which we have so miserably attempted.—Adieu—.

FROM time to time in this paper there have appeared various editorials dealing in a general way with the traditions and future of St. Stephen's College. This editorial is to deal with a custom or system vital to the honorable future of this college. It is the system heretofore prevalent known as "the honor system."

This system as usually conceived,—and please forgive a definition,—attributes to any person an amount of honor in his character which permits him to put his name to work which is only his. It is a system which if not violated may work for the happiness of the community as well as of the individual. If St. Stephen's College becomes a label for a rather "high" or preparatory school type of institution with monitors and keen-eyed professors ever on the watch for infringements of what is usually conceived as honorable, then that of which St. Stephen's has boasted—the honor system—may be allowed to die as it apparently is doing now! It is the most common thing to suppose that first year men, fresh from high schools, will employ methods of "fooling the professors" by cribbing or the equivalent, unless a certain sense of honor is instilled in them from the start. Most freshmen who attend college for the fun of it rather than for the intellectual benefit derived therefrom, deem it exceedingly bright and clever to recite a lesson without preparing for it or leaving the classroom after the roll is called. If there are such things as Handy Book Translations in this institution, they should not be in the class-room as well as in the studies. Prompting another person in the classroom is most assuredly a violation of the honor system.

Now these things **have** been happening especially this year. If this is the beginning of the downfall of the honor system, now is the time to stop that downfall, and build up again an honor system which is in every respect honorable. If this is a new spirit on the campus, and we are not denying that it is, now is the time to stop and consider. Is it necessary that St. Stephen's classes be conducted with high school methods? Is it necessary to have the efficiency of the class rest entirely upon the close scrutiny of the professor? No! To help the college and to help the professors—not to say the students themselves—everyone must unite in stamping out this spirit which is evidently devoid of honor.

St. Stephen's has never yet had to stand for this sort of thing. February, 1916, was the last time any drastic measure was taken in re-

gard to the violation of the system, when a man was expelled for cheating during a Greek examination.

This is a thing which must be dealt with by individuals themselves. If any person is so ignorant of the ethical code, or so devoid of honor, that he believes the continual violation of the honor system a mark of his superior cleverness, let us remind him that St. Stephen's has never been a haven for such blind fools, and that he has evidently paid his bill at the wrong house.

THIS last issue of the Messenger is the herald of one more commencement. It is the time-honored editorial custom to indulge in reminiscence at this time of year. Now it is fitting to dwell upon the past glory of the college, the virtues of our good friends who are leaving us to go forth into the world. Yet the glory of St. Stephen's is known to us all, and the seniors are properly praised in other columns of this paper, so let us consider something that is even more vital to this college, namely, our work together here next year.

The old men next year will have no inconsiderable task before them. September will bring a flood of freshmen glowing with the recent importance of a high school senior year, and with a fund of boys' fiction ideas of college life. This mass must be moulded into real college students, full of enthusiasm for education and the best St. Stephen's ideals. The upperclassmen will be a small body of men, and it will behoove them to walk warily. You men who are about to complete your freshman year will be sophomores then, and a very large part of the task will be yours. Besides this duty towards the new men, we will have a man's job among ourselves. Upon us will fall the task of forming a new student government. Let us work with our new leaders as a unified whole. Antagonism and personal, petty jealousies can do untold harm. Student government in the past has been more or less successful, and it will be our job to justify the system. The new officers are pledged to do their best as leaders in our college-state, but their good will is impotent without the honest co-operation of every man. Every old man must take an active interest in college activities. Think over them during the summer—athletics, convocation, dramatics, glee-club, and every other student organization. Get new ideas. Bring them back here, and *use them*.

Speaking of student activities, let us put in a word for this maligned sheet. The retiring board of editors realizes only too well that the

Messenger hasn't been what it should have been. But it is not their fault. They have worked and prayed over the thing with very little backing and almost insurmountable problems. But if it is not a better paper next year, it will be very much your fault. The new staff which you elected April 7 is going in with a determination to make it something worth while, but they can't do it alone any more than the former editors could. The editorship of the Messenger is a siege perilous, requiring much tact skilful direction, and hard work. But the Messenger is willing. If you do not like the way things have been done in the past, now is your chance to change them.

If we have frightened you with these sober reflections, let us look at the bright side of the prospect. The job is big and real, yes. But there is absolutely no reason why we should not succeed. We *must* succeed. We have every physical advantage. We have real ability in our ranks. We have the promise of co-operation from the college authorities. What more can we ask? We have every reason to feel that the athletic season has been a success. We challenge any similar body of men as small as we are to make a better showing. But this has only been laying a foundation for the future.

You students, think for a moment. After all *we* are the college, not this collection of buildings, not the trustees, president, faculty, or alumni. All the work of the president, all possible publicity, any possible gift of money, unless there is a real, wholesome morale instilled into this place *personally* by you, me, and our roommates, all else will be futile. If you realize this, come back next fall and start things going. Do not sit around and wait for the next fellow. We can succeed, and we must succeed, and in doing so we will perform a greater service to education, culture, and American spiritual life than any pious benefactor either past or future.

We suggest that the secretary of the Freshman Class be empowered to call the roll.

Any piece of bric-a-brac looks like an ash tray to the man who smokes.—Capper's Weekly.

Did you say you were coming to Commencement?

ATHLETICS

Baseball Well Under Way With Fine Squad

The baseball season has opened in earnest and every afternoon Coach Prince has the squad working on Zabriskie Field. The squad has been narrowed to 24 men, and some fast material is being developed. Simmons '23, Captain of the team, will hold down the work behind the bat in his usual steady manner. Colwell '21, and Lyte '23, of last year's team, with Willmarth and Fitzgerald, both Freshmen, will make up the pitching staff. Steward '24, at first base, Cowling '23, Bouton '24, or Simmonds '24, at second base, Craig '23, last year's star infielder, at short stop, and Wellford '23, or Lyte '23, at third base, will make up the infield. In the outfield White '24, looks good, and Richey (A.) '23, Richey (T.) '24, with some of the pitchers or infielders will fight it out for the places. Kroll '23, and Edwards '24, pitchers, Hoefling, '23, and Vannix '22, catchers; Kidd '21, Brinig '24, and Barry '23, infielders, and Coffin '24, Wood '21, or Golding '23, outfielders, are liable to make themselves a place on the Varsity at any time. The schedule is as follows:

April 23—Albany State at Albany.
 April 27—N. Y. M. A. at Cornwall.
 April 30—Eastman College at Annandale.
 May 7—Manhattan College at Annandale.
 May 14—Pending.
 May 21—Albany State at Annandale.
 May 27—Manhattan College at New York.
 May 28—College of City of New York at New York.
 June 3—Trinity College at Annandale.
 June 4—St. John's College at Annandale.
 June 11—Pending.
 June 15—Princeton University at Princeton, N. J.

The Alumni are especially invited to patronize the games and when the team is playing away from home, to make themselves known to Coach Prince or the members of the team, who will be glad to make their acquaintance. Let us all pull together for the glory of the old Red and White, your team and your college.

Basketball.

ON March 19th the basket ball season was brought to a close with a game in Memorial Gym between the Varsity and the Albany State College team, which resulted in a victory for the up-state team by the narrow margin of 28 to 24. The game was fast, cleanly played, and exciting, and the result was in doubt until the final whistle. For Albany, Hawthorne, Johnson, and Cassavant starred, while the entire St. Stephens team played well, especially White, the tall Freshman forward, who caged some startling shots, and Colwell, who was playing his last game for St. Stephen's. The Albany team showed the results of experienced playing, and four of their five men were playing their last game for their college, being in their Senior year. In contrast, but one man on the St. Stephen's team was an upper-class man, four of the regular men being Freshmen, while the Varsity subs include two Sophomores and two Freshmen. The prospect for next year's team looks exceptionally bright. Coach Prince was much pleased over the showing of the team.

Bowling.

The bowling team visited the Starr Institute at Rhinebeck on March 22nd and rolled against the Men's Club team in a return match. Craig was high man with an average of 174 for three strings. The Men's Club won the match by a score of three points to one, taking two strings and three-string total. After the game a lunch was served to the team by the Men's Club.

Mr. Alumnus:—Kindly cast your eye over the above schedule: Princeton, Trinity, Manhattan, C. C. N. Y. What more do you want? We are on the map. How about a little cash for the Athletic Association?

To the Alumni

THE Athletic Association of St. Stephen's is in need of additional funds in order that the baseball team may be properly equipped. The past year has been a hard year for athletic finances. New equipment and suits had to be purchased for both football and basketball squads. The carrying out of schedules requires funds, and the Athletic Association finds itself without funds to equip a baseball team. We need your help. After all every St. Stephen's team is YOUR team, and we want to give you an opportunity to aid in the support of the team. There are some whole-hearted fellows in the college who will get out and work hard to help keep the Crimson and White floating triumphantly over the fields of athletic endeavor, but they need YOUR help with the financial difficulties that beset the manager.

YOU want to see St. Stephen's win, don't you? Then help out your athletic association and your team with a contribution. Send your check or money to Mr. Gordon Kidd, Treasurer of the Athletic Association, St. Stephen's College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N. Y. Let's all pull together for a successful baseball season in order that the old Crimson and White may wave out victoriously, and enable you to say "That's the team from MY college."

All together! A long St. Stephen's, with team on the end! and don't forget to send in your check at once to Gordon Kidd.

Edmund B. Wood, '21,

President Athletic Association.

The following contributions have been received:

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MAY WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TODAY?

CHARLES RANN KENNEDY LECTURES FOR DRAGONS.

Those who live in and around Annandale were more than usually favored on the evening of April 28, when Mr. Charles Rann Kennedy read in the Memorial Gymnasium. Mr. Kennedy's interpretative reading was immensely interesting and throughout his lecture his many "imitative tones" kept his hearers in a state of laughter. His reading of the passage in the Bible about the "Prodigal Son" was extremely clever.

The Next Best.

Baritone—Hey, Bill, isn't there any hot water?

Bill—No, its all gone.

Baritone—Hey, Bill, got any talcum powder?—Lemon Punch.

Billy MacMichael's garage is now a home for tubercular Fords—they take the fresh air cure.

When they used to call on their girls they turned the gas down, but now we step on it.—

It used to be wine, women and song; now it's Bevo, your wife and community singing.

"Hm! Leaves of absence," mused the unpopular professor as he turned over the pages of his attendance book.—Sun Dial.

Frosh—You surely are a good dancer.

Co-ed—Thank you, I'm sorry I can't return the compliment.

Frosh—You could if you were as big a liar as I am.—Mugwump.

Under the Lyre Tree

We hope that an "illegal burial" will not hamper a "legal resurrection."

Very Niggardly.

Sam (to wife at show)—Mandy, tell dat Niggah to take his ahm away from aroun' yo' waist.

Mandy—Tell him yoself. He's a perfect stranga to me.—Brown Bull.

A Deadly Answer.

He (walking by a graveyard)—Wouldn't it be ghastly if all the dead people here came to life again?

She (yawning)—No, indeed. I wish one of them would.—Punch Bowl.

Little smells of spirits,
Little whiffs of hops,
Attract the rev'nue agents,
Accumulate the cops.
—Punch Bowl.

Astronomy.

The stars of the heavens may twinkle,
And people may talk of their age,
But the stars that shine brighter than the stars
of the night
Are the stars of the screen and the stage.
—Punch Bowl.

More or Less.

Prof. (calling roll)—Smith?
Smith—Here, sir.
Prof. (to whole class)—Are you all here?
Smith—Practically.

"They seem to be making cigarettes smaller and smaller."

"Yes. It won't be long before it will be a cinch to put a camel through the eye of a needle."—Lord Jeff.

"The height of ignorance is to copy the name of the fellow sitting next to one in a written quiz."—Black and Blue Jay.

The Fervent Prayer.

Fond Mother—Did you say your prayers? Have you asked the Lord for your daily bread?

Modern Child—No, to-day I asked that the price of sugar be kept down—for the sake of pieces of chocolate.—Le Rire (Paris).

The Quality of Mercy.

Lucrezia Borgia—I shall put some poison in her soup to-night.

Rolando—Oh, Lucrezia, how can you be so heartless! Let her have a good meal first; put it in her dessert.—Princeton Tiger.

Encouraging.

He—I suppose it would be quite improper for me to kiss you on such a short acquaintance.

She—Yes, but it's quite early in the evening yet.—Boston Transcript.

Proof.

Zim—What in the world made you buy that canary?

Zam—My wife. She said she could sing like a bird—now she's got to prove it.—Ex.

Intellectual Parent.

"Pa, what's a pretzel?"
"A pretzel, my son, is a cracker with the cramps."—Ex.

Denatured.

"In what way do you think Prohibition has affected American humor?"

"It has made it dry."—Judge.

He—If I should kiss you, er, er, uh—
She—Yes, yes, go on.
(Business of going on.)—Jester.

"All girls like to have men rush' them, but not all of them know that often these are only 'bull' rushes."—Orange Peel.

Some Dodger.

An Oklahoma negro was trying to saddle a fractious mule when a bystander asked: "Does that mule ever kick you, Sam?"

"No, sah," replied Sam, "but he sometime kick whe' I jes' been."—Ex.

Heredity.

Jellie—Oh, yes, she takes her hair and eyes from her mother but her complexion she must inherit from her father.

Belle—Her father?
"Yes. He was a calsominer."—Judge.

No Pikers Wanted.

Mamie—Do you believe in free love?
Maude—Naw. I want a fellow who ain't afraid to spend his money!—Judge.

The Basic Reason.

"To what do you attribute your long life, Uncle Mose?" asked a newspaper interviewer of a colored centenarian.

"Becuz Oh was bo'n a long time back," the old gentleman replied.—The American Legion Weekly.

Disturbing Element.

A well-to-do Scottish woman one day said to her gardener:

"Man Tammas, I wonder you don't get married. You've a nice house, and all you want to complete it is a wife. You know the first gardener that ever lived had a wife."

"Quite right, missus, quite right," said Thomas, "but he didna keep his job long after he gat the wife."—The Watchman-Examiner (New York).

Hoefling—See here, waiter, how is it that there's a hair in my ice cream, one in my honey and one in my apple sauce

Waiter—Well, sir, I can account for the hair in the ice cream—that came from shaving the ice, and the hair in the honey came from the comb, but I don't know how one got in the apple sauce, for I made it myself and the apples were all Baldwins.

Dirty Trick.

Wally—We're going to hit eighty in a minute. Are you afraid?

Sally (swallowing much dust)—No, indeed, I'm full of grit.—Virginia Reel.

First Lunch Hound—Well, Old Strawberry, howsa boy? I just had a plate of ox-tail soup and I feel bully.

Second Counter Fiend—Nothing to it, Old Watermelon, I just had a plate of hash and I feel like everything.—American Legion Weekly.

Why is the hour-glass made small in the middle?

To show the waste of time.—Ex.

"I'm falling asleep," said the somnambulist as he stepped off the roof.

"I must have some part of you to take back with me," he cried as he pinched her cheek.—The Goblin.

He—Saw Minnie with her new bathing suit under her arm.

Him—Is that the latest style?—Chaparral.

Biology Prof.—Where do all the bugs go in the winter time?

Pre-med (absent-mindedly)—Search me.—Panther.

Soph.—What would you say if I flunked four subjects?

Frosh.—Get out; you're fooling!

Soph.—That's what the Dean said.—Jester.

In The French Class.

Prof.—Decline "the sparkling champagne."
Student—I'm sorry, professor, but I never decline that stuff.—Jester.

"Why I know lots of girls who have been happy after they have married," urged the young lover.

"Yes," exclaimed the burnt child, "but they were widows."—Jester.

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President's Page

Dear Friends:

I received a letter not long ago from one of our Alumni in which he advised me not to keep telling people all the time how good this college is, how admirable are its methods of instruction, how high is its scholastic standing. I can well understand how a man who gets all of our literature might perhaps think that we were talking about our own worth unduly. The reason why we do speak of these things so much is because of two facts.

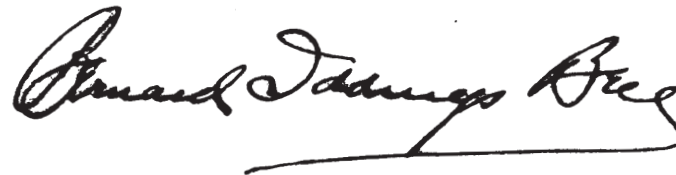
1. The Episcopal Church at large, which has been committed **officially** to our support, is composed of people who, for the most part, have gained the impression that St. Stephen's College is not a very good institution from any point of view. This popular misconception among the rank and file of Church people has been due to an almost total neglect of publicity on the part of the college authorities for fifty years. The facts in the matter were not brought to their attention. It was consequently supposed by many people for many years, and still is by a large number, that this institution exists for the purpose of training men for the ministry. That the college has been chartered for sixty years by the State of New York for a much larger and more varied purpose, they never managed to find out. With this conception in their minds, they have supposed that the academic standards of the institution were second rate. We are obliged to continue our campaign of education to overcome this general impression.

2. One of the least admirable mental characteristics of the American people is its worship of size. Most of us do not go so far as to suppose that an elephant is **necessarily** a better and a wiser beast than a collie dog just because it weighs more and fills more space; but we are all too apt to estimate Churches and religious and educational institutions quantitatively rather than qualitatively. It is sometimes hard to persuade even a student on the campus that the academic training at a small college is not necessarily inferior to that at a large college. The small college therefore must assertively state its own merits, for the persuasion of those who doubt the worth of things in small packages.

St. Stephen's College has been inspected during the last year by four different educational agencies: One appointed by the State of New York, one sent by the Rockefeller Foundation, one deriving its authority from the Presiding Bishop and Council of the Episcopal Church, and one which came from the intercollegiate association in our part of the world. Everyone of these commissions found that the training given in our classes is adequate, up to the high standards set by the best American institutions of learning, and that our administration is thoroughly competent.

Despite the fear, therefore, on the part of my alumnus correspondent that we are not displaying due modesty, the college intends to go on stating the truth about itself, even if that truth should happen to be highly complimentary. We intend that the facts shall at least persuade the people of our Church, our own Alumni, and even more difficult, our own students that St. Stephen's College takes second place to no other college in its competency for undergraduate educational work.

Truly yours,



President.

P. S.—The Alumni should not forget that Commencement is from June 12th to June 14th and that the college keeps open house and longs to see them back.