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BY THE REV. GEO. B. HOPSON, D.D., ACTING WARDEN.

Those things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.—PHILIPPIANS, IV. 9.

WHEN a ship is about to sail for a distant land with its multitude of emigrants, the minds of those who depart, and of those who remain, are filled with conflicting emotions. Some, thinking of the friends that they leave behind, of the ties that must now be broken, of the memories of the past with its sacred associations, are overwhelmed with sorrow. Others, looking to the future with its brilliant prospects, hoping to better their conditions, and to win fame and fortune in the new land, are eager to be off. If any have not lived up to the measure of their capacity, but are obliged to look back on duties unperformed and opportunities neglected, they resolve to prove to the world that they are still deserving of its confidence, and worthy to fill its positions of usefulness and responsibility.

Those who remain are likewise disturbed in mind. Some grieve at the personal loss which they sustain. The minds of others are anxious at thought of the perils to which their friends are liable to be exposed. While a third class share in the bright anticipations of their loved ones, and cheer them on with their hearty expressions of encouragement. Parents offer some last

words of advice to their children. The aged draw forth lessons of instruction from the depths of their own experience and point out the course of conduct that is likely to lead to success.

It is with feelings not unlike these that teachers and parents and friends witness the departure of young men from the college with which they have been connected. They are about to leave the place which has been their home for many years, where their physical, intellectual, and moral natures have been developed, and where they have been trained for the duties of life. They go to a new abode, with untried experiences, with possibilities of success or failure dependent largely on the character and principles here obtained. If they have made good use of their time and opportunities in the past, if they have acquired the habit of obedience to law and authority, if they make a conscience of duty, and have nothing with which to reproach themselves except the ordinary frailties and imperfections of human nature they may hope for a successful future. And yet those who have advanced farther in the journey of life, and who know the trials and disappointments which time inevitably brings may well utter their words of counsel.

May we not find a lesson to-day, in the words of my text? St. Paul says, "Those things which ye have both learned and received, and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace shall be with you." Those of you who graduate this week, will be called upon ere long to put into effect the lessons, the training, the culture, the discipline which you have received in this College. You have been here at that period of your lives when you were forming habits and acquiring characters which will remain with you through life. You have *heard* many things which ought to have produced a lasting impress for good. You have listened to words of moral and intellectual instruction, in this sacred place, in the class room, and in private conversations. You have also influenced one another; for no man liveth unto himself; and our daily lives and conversations necessarily affect those about us. And yet it is not all that you have *heard* that has left its mark. Whether it were for good or for ill, it has not influenced you, unless you have received it. The Apostle says, "Those things which ye have both learned and *received*, do." Much valuable instruction is lost to us, because we fail to receive it into our minds and hearts, and to make it a part of our moral and intellectual life. But you cannot have been here four years or more without *receiving* much useful knowledge. There are many things which you have both learned and received. They have been assimilated into your nature, and made a part of your life. These are the tools with which you are to work, the weapons, with which you are to fight the battle of life. Let them appear in action. "The things which you have learned and received, *do*." It will be but a few years at the most, before you will be engaged in the active duties of life. You will be the men of the next generation, called to take the place of your fathers, and to fill positions of

trust and responsibility. We expect more of our educated men than of the uneducated. We have a right to demand more. Your education is a talent for which you must give account. Your minds have been cultivated and developed, not to afford you gratification in a life of literary ease, but that you might detect fallacies, expose sophistries, see the truth clearly, and be leaders in thought and action. The Christian scholar and the Christian minister has duties to perform as a citizen as well as a Churchman. There are great public evils which have become so strongly entrenched through some wide-spread system of corruption that it requires the combined efforts not only of good, but of intelligent men to dislodge them. I might mention as an illustration of this that question in regard to the proper treatment of the insane which but a few years ago was brought to a satisfactory settlement. Those who attempted to correct this evil were not only Christian philanthropists, inspired with love for their fellow-men, and a desire to do them good, but they were men and women of intellectual ability and thorough education. They investigated the abuses which were perpetrated against this helpless class in the community. They wrote articles for the leading papers and magazines. They addressed assemblies. They formed public opinion. They aroused the public indignation. They appealed to legislatures. Though defeated again and again they did not relax their efforts, but went on with steadfast persistency, bringing more and more influence to bear, until their efforts were crowned with success.

This is the kind of work which you educated Christian men will be expected to do as citizens. Form plans yourselves or help others to carry out their plans for the amelioration of human misery. Bear your part in great public movements for the correction of abuses. Go to the root of the matter. It is better to remove the cause than to relieve the symptoms—to get rid of the source of miasma or typhoid fever than to cure one or two who are suffering from it. There are questions which are now agitating the public mind, such as the restriction of immigration, the regulation of the sale of intoxicants, the reform of the civil service, the proper government of the territory gained in the late war, and the ever-recurring labor question. There will be other questions ten years hence, when you will have more influence in your communities. Do not avoid them, because they will cause you some trouble and expense, and occupy too much of your leisure time, but rather say with Terence, "I regard nothing that is human as foreign to myself." It was Cain who asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Do you rather believe with St. Paul that "No man liveth unto himself."

But if you do the things which you have heard and learned and received here, and in the spirit in which you have received them, you will work as ever in God's presence, and with a sense of your need of His Divine aid. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Young

men are sometimes disposed to think that they can revolutionize the world. They are full of enthusiasm. They believe that they need only present a cause in its proper light, and everything will yield to their persuasive eloquence. But they find the world very hard to move. They encounter obstacles which they did not anticipate. There are long-established customs, which it is not easy to change. There are barriers of prejudice, of ignorance, and superstition. There are opinions which have been held and avowed so long that they have become inflexible. If one goes to the work of life relying on his own unaided powers, and after months or years of unremitting labor sees how little he has accomplished, he is likely to become discouraged. He needs to learn that the most important results are effected not by the might or power of individual man, but by the Holy Spirit of God. We may perhaps be ready to acknowledge this with regard to the extension of religious truth, while doubting its influence on the advance of civilization, and the increase of material prosperity. We can easily understand that Divine Power is needed to soften hard hearts, to open blind eyes, and overcome ice-bound prejudices. Paul may plant, and Apollos water, but God alone can give the increase. We grant that the triumphs of the cross, during the nearly nineteen centuries since the Divine head of the Church ascended up to heaven, have been won by the aid of God's Holy Spirit. But what, it may be asked, has this unseen power to do with legislation, with art and science, with useful inventions, with the thousand things which advance one nation above another, and improve the condition of its people? I claim for these also the influences of the Spirit. Christianity in freeing men from the debasing effects of gross sins, and opening their minds to the reception of spiritual truth, has given them at the same time clearness of vision and power to penetrate into the mysteries of nature. Wisdom and knowledge are among the seven-fold gifts of the Spirit. As you minister in after years to the souls of men, carry this truth home to those who in the domain of science or literature or philosophy or art are trying to increase the sum of human knowledge. Let them know that the faith which wins immortal blessedness tends also to the success of all that is best in human endeavor.

My text suggests another thought, St. Paul says, "Those things which ye have *seen in me*, do." He bids his disciples take him as an example; follow his life and teachings; mould their actions by the instructions which he has given them, and by the model which he has set before them. There is great inspiration in a noble example. A strong personality impresses us even more than a good cause. We admire mercy, and love, and forbearance, and compassion, when described to us as abstract virtues, but we admire them more when embodied in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the perfect example which we should ever keep before our eyes. He is the sun in our heaven shining ever with unfading lustre. And yet there are other lights in

the firmament which are useful in illuminating the darkness of our pathway. There are men who fall far short of the divine perfections, and yet possess excellencies which are worthy of our imitation. The same Apostle who says, "Be ye followers of Christ as dear children," says also, "Be ye followers of me as I am of Christ," and in the text, "Those things which ye have heard and seen in *me*, do." We all have our heroes. There are persons, whom we seek to imitate on account of their moral worth, or intellectual ability, or amiability of temper, or other quality which excites our admiration. It is well to have these living personifications of goodness, and energy, and determination continually before us as objects of imitation. Nor should we forget that we ourselves may in turn become models for others. They may see in us, in spite of our many frailties and imperfections, some things that are worthy of imitation. If we walk in the steps of our divine Lord, if, as the Apostle says in the verse preceding my text, we "think on those things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report," and incorporate them into our daily life; if we live for others, and not for self; the world will see in us something deserving of its regard. It may be but a very faint reflection of the divine glory; a feeble ray sent down from the Father of lights; and yet it will brighten some lives, and incite them to nobler aspirations.

But this does not imply that you are to seek for popularity. Do things that are of good report, but do them because they are right, and not to induce others to speak well of you. The man who is ever courting popularity, who looks to see what others think of him, and to hear what others say of him, will never accomplish anything that is truly noble, or attain high distinction. He will be subject to the caprice of the fickle populace; like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. Do right though the heavens fall. Go quietly on in the faithful performance of duty, and let popularity take care of itself.

"And the God of peace shall be with you," says the Apostle. He does not ask that it may be. He declares that it shall be. He has not a doubt that the course of conduct which he prescribes will bring with it this blessing. We all desire peace—peace in the state—peace in the church—peace in our families—peace in our own minds. Half the misery of life is caused by a lack of peace; not merely by external dissensions, and party strife, and family bickerings, but by the worries and anxieties that disturb our own souls. We need to cultivate, not that philosophic indifference which from its lofty height looks down with calm serenity upon the little concerns of life as unworthy of its notice; but a belief in the immediate, personal, superintending providence of that God, who doeth all things well. Strive then to imitate the Divine perfection. Set your mark high. Those things which ye have both learned and received, do. Be an example to others. Use your influence always on the right side. Live lives of holiness, and obedience to law, and

devotion to duty and the God of peace shall be with you. You will know that peace that passeth understanding; that peace which the world can neither give nor take away.

Commencement.

Old Sol beat heavily upon the heads of those who again sought re-union this year with the pleasant and beautiful associations of Annandale; and perhaps it was the unremitting fervency of his rays which interfered with the usual large attendance of Alumni. Still they came in goodly numbers; and in all, the Thirty-ninth Annual Commencement was most enjoyable. The distant threatenings of thunder gave uneasiness frequently and there were occasional showers; but the clouds seemed to gather only to separate, and through and through it was a commencement of sunshine.

On Sunday, June 11, the Acting Warden preached the Baccalaureate Sermon, which is printed in full in another part of this number.

On Monday morning the Seniors proceeded with pick, shovel and powder to the Sand's estate and exhumed the Algebra which vigilance and skillful maneuvering had permitted them to bury in accordance with custom three years before. They then gave over the musty coffin to the usual cremation, and on the evening of the same day enjoyed their class banquet at Red Hook.

The Junior Ball, held on Tuesday evening, was thoroughly enjoyed. Preston Hall was gay with red, green and white festooning, and branches of hemlocks, tastefully intermingled with bunting, gave a novel effect to the decorating. The college orchestra rendered the various numbers most pleasingly.

The Senior Class made a departure in Class Day exercises, by substituting a dance for the usual program of history, prophecy, etc. The large house on the Bard estate was secured for the affair, and by the introduction of furniture and appropriate decorations, a pleasant hall was improvised. Thus, an agreeable diversion was made for Wednesday afternoon. The Missionary Society has always held its annual service on Wednesday evening. But it was the desire of the Alumni, this year to hold a service in memory of our late Warden, Dr. Fairbairn, and of the late John Bard, one of the founders of the college. To make a service of this character possible during Commencement week the Missionary Society gave over Wednesday evening to the Alumni, holding their own service on the evening of May 25, when the Rev. Percy Grant, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, New York, preached the annual missionary sermon.

The chapel was crowded for the Memorial service, Wednesday evening. The Rev. Dr. Samuel Upjohn, the Rev. Percival C. Pyle and the Rev. Francis C. Steinmetz rendered the full choral service. The Acting Warden gave an ad-

dress in behalf of the Faculty. Dr. Silliman spoke in behalf of the Alumni, and the closing address was delivered by the Bishop of the Diocese. The addresses were emphatic and impressive witnesses of the love with which we must ever cherish the memory of our departed Warden and of our benefactor. The bishop spoke of the three aims of life in "being, doing and having;" and showed how it was that Dr. Fairbairn by expressing in his life the first of these, had accomplished what he did.

Following the Memorial service, there was the usual reception in Ludlow and Willink to the Senior Class and Alumni, given this year by the Acting Warden, assisted by his sister, Mrs. Clark. Then came the various society reunions.

EULEXIAN.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Reunion Banquet of the *Eulexian Society* was held in Preston Hall on the evening of Wednesday, June 14th. The Rev. Geo. Silliman, D.D., '67, presided as symposiarch. The Rev. Joseph Carey, D.D. LL. D., '61, responded to the toast, "Auld Lang Syne." "Our College Paper," the Rev. Samuel Upjohn, D.D., '63. "St. Stephen's," the Rev. Prof. W. George W. Anthony, M.A., '90. "Esprit de Corps," the Rev. Pierre McD. Bleecker, M.A., '76. "Eulexian," George A. Green, B.A., '97. Henry Lowndes Drew, 1900, in behalf of the undergraduates.

The honorary guests present were the Rev. C. W. E. Body, D.D., D.C.L., of the General Theo. Seminary, Rev. F. Betts, Rev. Fr. Dowart, Rev. Fr. Parker, Brother Gilbert, superior of the Brothers of Nazareth, Prof. Goodwin, M.A., Ph.D., Mr. Timpson, Mr. Moran.

KAPPA GAMMA CHI BANQUET.

The Thirtieth Annual Reunion Banquet of the *Kappa Gamma Chi* was held in Bard Hall on the evening of Wednesday, June 14. After an excellent feast, the following gentlemen responded to toasts: Rev. A. R. B. Hegeman, M. A., '91; Rev. Jas. M. Blackwell, M. A., '92; Rev. A. M. Judd, B. A., '98; John Aspinwall, M. A.; Rev. P. C. Pyle, M. A., '90; J. B. Greiner; L. H. White, '00.

Besides those mentioned above, the following Alumni were present: Samuel H. Brown, B. A., M. D., '81; Francis J. Hopson, M. A., LL. B., '85; Rev. Jas. H. Ivie, B. A., '92; Rev. Wm. E. Kunkel, B. A., '96; Jos. P. Gibson, B. A., '97; Edward H. Young, B. A., '97; Henry Lewis, Wm. Hopson.

The festivities ceased as day was breaking, when the banqueters retired to catch a few winks of sleep before the exercises of commencement day.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

The Commencement Banquet of *Sigma Alpha Epsilon* this year was a particularly happy one,—one, indeed, of which the Alumni and college men will long think as being refreshing and inspiring to an unusual degree. The very

fortunate location of the feast—the spacious and beautiful dining-room of the Bartlett residence—no doubt contributed a share to the general success. The banquet proper was good; the toasts, naturally, better. The Rev. Canon Fulcher, M. A., B. D., '73, as Symposiarch was the bottle opener, we may say, of the general flow of wit and wisdom, of mirth and conviviality. A few of the many toasts were: "The Alumni," the Rev. Wm. Malyon Mitcham, '92; "Sigma Phi," the Rev. Jacob Probst, '92; "Seminarists," Leopold Kroll, Jr., '97, "The Real and the False Outlook," the Rev. John Henry Wilson, M. A., '96; "A National Fraternity," Watson Bartemus Selvage, '98.

ALUMNI MEETINGS.

On Thursday morning at 7 o'clock, the Alumni assembled in the Chapel for their Annual Celebration of the Holy Communion. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President of the Convocation of the Alumni, Rev. Samuel Upjohn, D. D., '63, was Celebrant.

The 34th Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association was held at 9.30 A. M., in Bard Hall. In the absence of the President the Rev. Dr. Kimber, the Vice-President, the Rev. Dr. Upjohn, presided. The following members were present: The Rev. Samuel Upjohn, D. D., '63; The Rev. E. L. Toy, B. D., '68; The Rev. T. B. Fulcher, B. D., '73; The Rev. P. McD. Bleecker, M. A., '76; The Rev. W. J. C. Agnew, B. D., '84; Mr. F. J. Hopson, M. A., LL. B., '85; The Rev. F. W. Morris, B. A., '88; The Rev. W. F. Parsons, M. A., '88; The Rev. W. G. W. Anthony, M. A., '90; Mr. L. D. Bonnet, B. A., '90; The Rev. P. C. Pyle, M. A., '90; The Rev. A. R. B. Hegeman, M. A., '91; The Rev. J. M. Blackwell, M. A., '92; The Rev. J. H. Ivie, B. A., '92; The Rev. J. D. McIlhenny, B. A., '93; The Rev. F. C. Steinmetz, M. A., '93; The Rev. E. N. Curry, B. A., '94; The Rev. W. H. Davis, M. A., '94; The Rev. W. E. Kunkel, B. A., '96; Mr. J. P. Gibson, B. A., '97; Mr. E. H. Young, B. A., '97; Mr. A. M. Judd, B. A., '98.

The Necrologist reported the death during the year of the Rev. J. R. Lambert, '81, Rector of Christ Church, Red Hook. The following resolutions was adopted:

Resolved, That this association has heard with great regret and sorrow of the death of one of its members, the Rev. John R. Lambert who departed this life Sunday, Feb. 26, 1899.

Resolved, That the Alumni Association of S. Stephen's College gratefully recognize in the character of their late brother a high degree of earnest and devoted principle in his life; a consecration of motive and service to his Divine Master and the promise of great usefulness to the Church. He who says to His servants, "Occupy till I come," has called him, His servant, to a service nearer to Himself. His gracious will be done. May He who giveth and taketh away make us mindful of our stewardship, and may He send His holy

comfort and peace to those who most deeply mourn their loss. And this Association herewith extends its assurance of sympathy to Mrs. Lambert and her family.

The trustee of the Scholarship Fund reported that the money in hand amounted to \$600.00, and urged upon the Alumni the need of additions to the Fund. (The Rev. Dr. Kimber is the trustee, who will be glad to receive contributions from the Alumni and others for this purpose.)

The special committee appointed under a resolution passed at the last annual meeting reported that the Association had been incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. The incorporators were Rev. Messrs. Kimber, D. D., Upjohn, D. D., Bleecker, Fulcher, Sill, D. D., Hegeman, Blackwell, and Messrs. Gilkeson and Coffin.

The Act of Incorporation requires that at the annual meeting succeeding the incorporation a Board of Directors consisting of not less than nine shall be elected to serve for the ensuing year, and from these directors the officers shall be elected for one year. In accordance with this the following were elected to serve as directors: Rev. Messrs. Blackwell, Hegeman, Steinmetz, Upjohn, Norris, Sill, Fulcher, and Messrs. Coffin and Hopson. From this Board of Directors the following officers were elected:

President, Rev. Saml. Upjohn, D. D.

Vice-President, Rev. T. B. Fulcher, D. D.

Secretary, Rev. J. M. Blackwell, M. A.

Treasurer, Rev. F. C. Steinmetz, M. A.

Executive Committee:—Rev. T. B. Fulcher, B. D.; Rev. J. M. Blackwell, M. A.; Rev. F. C. Steinmetz, M. A.; Rev. A. R. B. Hegeman, M. A.; Rev. Saml. Upjohn, D. D., ex-officio.

Rev. W. F. Parsons, M. A., was elected Necrologist.

The following resolution was unanimously passed and ordered sent to Mr. A. Weir Gilkeson:

Resolved, That the members of this association express to Mr. A. Weir Gilkeson their sincere sympathy with him in his illness, and their heartfelt best wishes for a speedy restoration to health.

After some further routine business the association adjourned.

In accordance with the provision of the newly adopted By-Laws the Executive Committee met after the exercises of Commencement and organized for the year. The Rev. Dr. Upjohn was elected Chairman, and the Rev. J. M. Blackwell, Secretary.

The procession of students, Alumni and visitors formed at 12 M., and proceeded to the chapel where Morning Prayer was sung. From the chapel, the procession in charge of the Marshal, Mr. Argus, and the Deputy Marshals, Messrs. Heald and Stowell, was led to the stand erected 'neath the shade of

the campus trees, where the literary exercises of Commencement were given. As usual the band was present, and its music, excellently played, sufficiently varied the program, which was as follows:

	MUSIC.	
THE STRENGTH OF A NATION,	.	Angus MacKay Porter.
AMBITION,	.	James William Jackson.
	MUSIC.	
IDEALS,	.	Charles Whitney Popham.
CHARACTER,	.	Charles Silas Champlin.
	MUSIC.	
VALEDICTORY ADDRESS,	.	Arthur Sanford Lewis.
	MUSIC.	

After the addresses of the graduates the degrees were conferred; and one could not but be impressed at the dignified formalism of this portion of the exercise, as Dr. Hopson with clear enunciation recited the "*auctoritate mihi commissa*," which made the candidate kneeling before him, a Bachelor of Arts. The following graduates received the Bachelor's degree: Amos Edgar Carroll, Charles Silas Champlin, James William Jackson, Robert Ferdinand Kellemen, Arthur Sanford Lewis, Charles Bennett McGuire, Charles Whitney Popham, Angus MacKay Porter and Edward Arthur Sidman. Certificates were given to Morton Apollos Barnes, Percy Morton Coupland and George Everett Knollmeyer. The Rev. John Henry Wilson, B.A., '96, presented himself for the degree of Master of Arts, which was also conferred upon the Rev. Easton E. Madeira, B.A., '91, and the Rev. Albert Larrieu Longley, B.A., '96. The prizes which were unusually well selected this year were won as follows: Latin, H. D. Clum, '01 and A. C. Howell, '01, Aeq.; Logic and Natural Philosophy, H. L. Stoddard, 00; Hellenistic Greek, Psychology and English Literature, A. S. Lewis, '99; Ethics, J. W. Jackson, '99; and Mathematics, A. C. Howell, '01. Thus were the Commencement exercises proper concluded, and hardly had the audience time to disperse before the ringing of the gong announced that the annual banquet was ready.

We could hardly believe that a Commencement banquet was possible without our late Warden as toastmaster. He was the ideal toastmaster, always brimful of wit and wisdom, and always the delight of the banquet. Yet this year's banquet was not lacking in mirth; and the presence of our loved Acting Warden at the head of the table was gratifying to all. Bishop Potter's speech was full of pleasantries, and there was much encouragement in it, too, for S. Stephen's. Most gracefully he referred to the management of the college during the past year; and as he gave successive tributes to the genius, work and modesty of the one who had so successfully steered the college through a critical year, the banqueters were unable to restrain their approval,

and gave way to prolonged applause. He closed by proposing a toast to the Acting Warden. Archdeacon Thomas, '69, and the Rev. C. W. E. Body, D.D., D. C. L., of the General Theological Seminary, successively followed with happy words of commendation and encouragement. Dr. Upjohn, '63, thoroughly aroused the enthusiasm of the students as he defended his Alma Mater, and expressed the hope that she would continue ever to maintain her present character, living an independent existence and fulfilling the purpose for which she was founded. Apparently "amalgamation" has few supporters, if any, among the Alumni. Archdeacon Carey, '61, gave further deserved credit to the present excellent management of the college, and emphasized the work St. Stephen's is doing for the ministry of the Church, referring to her contribution of one in every fifteen of the clergy. Dr. Silliman, '67, was as usual extremely felicitous in his remarks, amusingly relating some of the trials that befall trustees in these times, and jesting over the discharge and recalling of the Faculty last summer. His was the last of the toasts; and with the singing of the Doxology, the closing scene of Commencement was over. And so ended another college year.



'99.

BY J. WILL JACKSON, '99.

WE men of dear old Ninety-nine
 Do not profess to be divine
 In what we do or what we know,
 We're proud of course and justly so.
 We've done our work, and did it well
 If those who know would only tell,
 And though we number very few
 The world, with us, is not yet through.

The modern cynicism's such
 Some one will say "You've not done much
 To keep the world upon the track,"
 Even if you've never kept it back,
 You're vainly proud—and foolish too,
 You have not "done" but "going to do;"
 Were *you* to die, *we* nothing lack
 Nor in our work a moment slack.

Ah well—away with boasting now
 Of what we're going to do—and how;
 But who can tell what day or hour
 May bring to light a latent power
 Which, placed behind or on a throne,
 Will force a skeptic world to own
 That sleeping strength and genius fine
 Belong to dear old Ninety-nine.

So here's to dear Old Ninety-nine,
 'Tis first within this heart of mine,
 For four long years we've kept in step
 And everything before us swept.
 With heart and hand and mind and soul
 Together we have reached the goal,
 'Tis fit that with inspiring wine
 We link inspiring *Ninety-nine*.

Sweethearts.

BY J. PAUL GRAHAM, '01.

THE ribbon is flimsy and faded;
 It is gray and dusty and old;
 But the lock of thy hair bound within it
 Still gleams with the lustre of gold.

And why is the ribbon so faded?
 Can it be that 'tis so long ago
 That I wooed thee and won thee, my sweetheart?
 How quickly the years come and go!

Like the ribbon, our old time companions,
 Are old and faded and gray;
 But thou art the same precious sweetheart,
 Not older, no, not by one day.

Thy voice to my ears is still music,
 And soft is the light of thine eyes;
 For time has not changed thee a trifle—
 If any one says it, he lies!

I grant that thy hair has turned silver,
 But is it less bright than the gold?
 Ah, no! how I love its soft radiance!
 Tho' its praises are seldomer told.

And time shall not change thee, to my eyes;
 Our life shall forever be bliss;
 For we will be sweethearts forever—
 Come, sweetheart, and pledge with a kiss.





Editors' Corner

It is with mingled hope and fear that we the newly elected board of THE MESSENGER enter upon our trust. With hope, that we may carry on successfully this important branch of our college organization—with fear, lest we shall fall short of the excellent work of our predecessors.

We realize very fully that as individuals we can accomplish nothing, or the greater part of nothing—but co-operation succeeds where individuality fails, and therein lies our hope.

We therefore appeal to every loyal S. Stephen's man, both of the graduate and undergraduate bodies, to give us their hearty co-operation for the success of our College publication during the coming year '99-1900.

This number completes the Fifth Volume and will be the last one printed in this style and shape. We mention this fact in order to notify those desiring to have their copies bound volume by volume.

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College Notes.

—The class of 1900 elected the following officers for the year '99-'00: W. W. Silliman, Pres.; H. L. Stoddard, Vice-Pres.; L. H. White, Sec. and Treas.; H. L. Drew, Historian; L. Harris White, Class Poet.

—The officers of 1901 for the Christmas term are J. P. Graham, Pres.; A. C. Saunders, Vice-Pres.; H. B. Heald, Sec.; H. D. Clum, Treas.; H. Briggs Heald, Ath. Ex. Com.

—H. L. Drew, '00, resigned June 1st, and the Editor-in-Chief was appointed Business Manager pro tem of the MESSENGER.

—L. H. White, '00, was unanimously elected Editor-in-Chief of the S. Stephen's College MESSENGER for the year '99-'00.

—H. W. Stowell has been elected Junior Editor; H. E. A. Durell, Sophomore Editor, and G. S. West, Freshman Editor, for the coming year.

—The new Editorial Board at their first meeting elected J. P. Graham, '01, Associate Editor.

—The Rev. John Henry Wilson, M. A., '96, will take a summer course at the University of New York; Charles P. Burnett, '00, Sp. C., will pursue summer studies at the University of Virginia.

—The sermon at the Ascension Day service in the Chapel, was preached by the Rev. F. D. Hoskins, Secretary of the Association for the Increase of the Ministry. The theme was "The Minister of To-day," and the sermon was most interesting and effective. As is customary, the annual report of the Superior of S. Peter's Brotherhood was read at this service by James Robert Lacey, '00. Dr. Hopson followed with remarks very complimentary to the work of the Brotherhood, especially in its connection with S. Peter's Mission. Mr. Lacey has been re-elected Superior for the coming year.

—Mr. Arthur Sanford Lewis, '99, will spend his summer at the college and conduct the services at S. Peter's Mission.

—The Missionary Society has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Horace W. Stowell, '01; Vice-President and Treasurer, Rudolph E. Schulz, '00, Sp. C.; Secretary, Charles P. Burnett, '00, Sp. C. During the past year the society has maintained a Mission Study Class, and during the past term, a weekly "Intercession" in the chapel, using the Cuddeston Manual.

—At the entrance of the College Cemetery a beautiful lich gate is being erected, the cost of which is to be about \$600.

At the dedication of the Church of the Messiah, Rhinebeck, Saturday, June 17th, the following men assisted the Rev. E. C. Saunders with the choral service. A. E. Carroll, '99; R. F. Kellemen, '99; A. S. Lewis, '99; A. R. Hill, '01, and S. W. Wells. The Bishop of the Diocese and many notable members the laity were present. The Church of the Messiah, according to Bishop Potter, is the only pure Tudor architecture in the country. The above men also assisted in the choral service the following Sunday.

Mrs. James Starr Clark, sister of the Rev. Dr. Hopson, acting warden, visited him during commencement week.

—During the Memorial Service Wednesday evening, a class of twenty-one was confirmed. Eleven of these were from S. Peter's Mission, and credit must be given the Brotherhood which thus gave such visible evidence of the fruit which its labors are bearing.

—The Preps, following an old precedent, furnished no end of amusement to the college men recently, when through labored precautions they were successful in keeping their colors attached to the flag staff a satisfactory length of time. They were proud wearers of their colors afterwards. To the credit of the Freshmen it must be said that they did all they could.

—In connection with the graduation of '99, it is in order to recall the exciting events of 1896, in which the class of '99 so successfully eluded the Sophomores in the customary Algebra obsequies. The memory of the stolen team, the drunken constable and the various complications arising therefrom, must ever be fresh in the minds of the victorious Freshmen of that year, and the crest-fallen and thoroughly baffled Sophs.

Alumni Notes.

Rev. C. B. Carpenter, B.A., '93, late General Missionary in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, has accepted charge of the church at Milford in the same diocese.

On Thursday, June 14, Rev. A. R. Mansfield was married to Miss Huntington of New York, at the Church of the Transfiguration, New York. Rev. C. B. Carpenter, '93, was best man. Rev. W. G. W. Anthony, M.A., '90, and Rev. C. L. Biggs, B.A., '93, were among the ushers.

A. M. Judd, B.A., '98, was ordained to the diaconate on Trinity Sunday in Garden City, Long Island.

Rev. Robert H. Mize, '94, as rector and principal, has full charge of a military school in Salina, Kansas.

E. S. Dunlap, B.A., '97, accompanied by a friend, visited the college recently on a wheeling tour through the state.

Rev. A. C. Kimber, D.D., '66, has gone abroad for the summer.

A. Weir Gilkeson, M.A., '73, owing to illness was unable to be present at the commencement exercises this year. This is the first time in years he has failed to attend.

Rev. J. M. Blackwell, M.A., '92, Secretary of the Alumni Association, preached in the college chapel Sunday after commencement day.

C. W. Popham, B.A., '99, will assist the Rev. Robert H. Mize, '94, at his Military School in Salina, Kansas, during the coming year.

L. D. Bonnet, B.A., '90, is a private tutor in the family of Mr. Clarkson, Tivoli, N. Y.

Rev. A. R. B. Hegeman, M.A., '91, who recently returned from Europe, fell from a moving trolley car and met with an accident which necessitates the use of crutches temporarily.

A. L. Longley, B.A., '96, is a curate at S. Mary's Church, Burlington, N. J.