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WILLARD, '25, IS WINNER IN ORATORY

Packard, '26, Twice Winner, is Second in Annual Contest.

By the unanimous decision of both the audience and the judges, the first prize for excellence in public speaking at the Annual Oratorical Contest was awarded to Lawson Willard, Class of 1925. According to the rules of the contest, Willard, by this triumph, wins the McVickar Prize of fifty dollars, which is granted yearly to that member of the Senior Class who, being a candidate for the priesthood, excels in oratorical ability. Because Willard so fortunately fulfills the conditions for the granting of the McVickar Prize, the first prize of thirty-five dollars, which would ordinarily have gone to the winner, goes to Alpheus Packard, who was pronounced second best speaker. Robert Gibson, President of the Freshman Class, came in third, and

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KAPPA GAMMA CHI INITIATES ELEVEN

Active and Past Members Enjoy Annual Banquet.

On April 22 the Kappa Gamma Chi Fraternity initiated eleven men of the freshman class. Those taken into the fraternity were Robert J. Gibson, President of the class, Edwin T. Hague, Secretary, Richard H. Dodd, Arthur Mason, Douglas McKean, Ernest Nicholson, George Quarterman, George Peck, Horace Simcox, Richard Truesdale, and Charles Van Buskirk, Jr.

After the initiation ceremony at the fraternity house the members and alumni present adjourned to the Nelson House, Poughkeepsie, to hold the usual banquet. The alumni present were James M. Blackwell, '92, Major H. S. Smith, '90, the Rev. Joseph P. Gibson, '97, and Kirtley Lewis, ex-'09. It was the unanimous opinion of all that this was the finest affair of its kind in a number of years.

SUB-FROSH WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S; R. P. I. TENNIS TEAM TO MEET VARSITY; FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE TUG-O-WAR SAT.

Hatfield Prize Will Be Awarded Freshmen Who Improve in English

To encourage improvement in the use of the English language, both spoken and written, and to endeavor to increase the number of graduates of this college who can express themselves fluently, accurately, and confidently both in writing and in speaking before audiences, large and small, Mr. A. Hatfield, Jr., a member of the board of trustees, has founded in his name, a series of prizes to be awarded at commencement each year.

For the present, the prizes are to be awarded to freshmen only, but if the experiment of awarding such prizes is found to work satisfactorily, their establishment will be extended to include upper-classmen, by the founding of other series of prizes for similar accomplishments.

The committee of professors appointed to confer with Mr. Hatfield on the subject of founding these prizes has the following report to submit:

1. Two prizes shall be given at Commencement each year, each to consist of fifty dollars in cash and to be known as the Abraham Hatfield Prize. They shall be awarded as follows:

One to the Freshman who, in the opinion of his instructors, shall have made the greatest advancement in the use of Spoken English in his regular academic work.

One to the Freshman who, in the opinion of his instructors, shall have made the greatest advancement in his ability to write English in his regular academic work.

2. Rules governing the awarding of the prizes:

a. The Hatfield prizes shall be

awarded upon the recommendation of a Committee of Judges to consist of the President, the Dean and those instructors who have Freshmen in their classes. Each member of this Committee, at the end of the academic year, will turn in to the Dean the names of men who, in his opinion, should be awarded the prizes. Each member will be guided in his choice by such consideration as his judgment may dictate, but should not allow his choice to be influenced chiefly by the grades obtained by the candidate in his course or courses. The student who, by this procedure, receives the greatest number of votes in each instance, shall be awarded the prize. In case the choices of the members of the Committee should not agree when made by this method, or in case of a tie, the Committee shall convene at the direction of the Dean, discuss the matter and choose the recipients of the prizes by a majority vote.

b. In case of serious disagreement, or in case no man shall be deemed to have made sufficient advancement to receive it, either or both of the prizes may be withheld.

c. In no case shall both prizes be awarded to the same student. In case one student shall qualify for both, the Committee of Judges shall decide which prize he shall be given. The other prize shall be awarded to a second candidate chosen in the same manner or, it may be, entirely withheld.

d. Candidates for prizes must comply with a certain minimum standard of improvement, which standard shall be determined by the Head of the Department.

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Question of Wearing Red Caps will be Decided at Tomorrow's Contest

Mummers' Tonight

SUB-FRESHMEN WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE. We are glad to have you as our guests. We hope that your brief stay will be enjoyable and one that you will long remember and cherish. Committees, working under the direction of the Captains-Managers Association, have done their utmost to provide an interesting program for your entertainment on this week-end. There is no entertainment planned for Saturday morning, however, and at this time you are at liberty to inspect the College buildings and grounds. Our freshmen will assist you in finding your way about campus and everyone at St. Stephen's is here to help make your stay a pleasant one.

The program begins tonight with the presentation in Memorial Gymnasium of four one-act plays by the Mummers, the college dramatic club, and will be brought to a close tomorrow night with a vaudeville-motion picture show and smoker also to be held in the gym. Early Saturday afternoon, the freshmen and sophomore classes will stage their annual tug-o-war at Sawkill creek about one mile south of this college. This will be followed later in the afternoon by a tennis match between R. P. I., and St. Stephen's college.

The following program is submitted for your approval:

Friday (—)

6:00 P. M. Evening Chapel.

6:30 P. M. Dinner in Commons.

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TO THE SUB-FRESHMEN

The Lyre Tree is very happy to be able to welcome the visitors who are with us this week-end. This is the first time that sub-Freshman day has been held in some years and the results should be excellent. It is, of course, eminently desirable that a man should know his prospective alma mater. Many are happy who come to us here at St. Stephen's without having seen the campus before their first registration day; but the chances of a successful four years should be considerably enhanced if the student-to-be may meet the men with whom he will live, become acquainted with the faculty, and know something of the situation, spirit, and traditions of the college. You have an opportunity to know us and, if you like us, to enter next autumn. We have a chance to know you. The contacts made will come to their full fruition when you become one of us. We are glad to have you with us, and hope that over the week-end you may come to know the St. Stephen's that is—and love it as we do.

A TRADITION

A St. Stephen's institution which is, to many of us, one of the finest and one of those we shall treasure longest, is practically unknown to many of the undergraduates. Lest they remain in ignorance and thus lose an opportunity which is, in our experience, unique, we should like to mention it here. We refer to Lind-

mark's Bookshop in Poughkeepsie.

Of course all of us who are book-lovers have read Morley's "The Haunted Bookshop" and "Parnassus on Wheels" and, like Miniver Cheevy, "dreamed of what was not" and cursed romanticists who give us desires not to be satisfied. The hundreds of places to buy books, even in New York, are stamped with either a blatant commercialism or an egregious ignorance. A clerk in one of the largest bookstores in the world asked whether Horace were Greek or Roman! And the insistent demand as to whether or not one would like "assistance" is well enough known to cause many shudders. Assistance in choosing a book!

But some of us who are at St. Stephen's have had the good fortune to hear of the hole in the wall on Liberty Street; there one may find all that even Morley could desire. Of course Bock is missing, and the books are clean. But the dog is a purely poetical fabrication and dirt can be accumulated on one's own shelves. The rest, however, is actually there.

In the first place there is Mr. Lindmark; and in the second place there is Mrs. Lindmark. Although they would undoubtedly deny it categorically, they really are not there to sell books, at all. They are there because they enjoy it. Fortunately for them, the books they have sell themselves. And it is fortunate for us too; it would be a real calamity if the shop were closed. For such a shop, and such a bookman are experiences one can, with justice, ask but once in one's life. These people have an almost incredible knowledge of the books one will read if only one may rival Methuselah in longevity. In the small compass of the shop is an unbelievable number and variety of volumes which will suit the mind, mood and pocketbook of anyone. One always finds the best of the best-sellers and, on the most prominent shelves, a long row of the classics. There are ordinary editions, cheap editions, and fine, rare editions which are calculated to make a poor bibliophile pale with envy. One can not begin to enumerate the variety of the stock; there seem to be the best books on every subject.

But, best of all, there are the Lindmarks. They know books, they love books, and they know booklovers. Their courtesy and understanding are unfailing; they do not try to impose books on customers. In fact, one may wander in, browse about, and leave—if one have the strength of mind of an ascetic—without buying anything. There is, about the little shop, exactly the atmosphere there should be. If it were in another age and in another place literary history might well be made there. It is the sort of shop in which any one of a dozen literary cliques, from Dr. Johnson's down, might have foregathered.

We who have been at St. Stephen's for some time have many precious memories ranging from pitched battles between classes to the beauty of the spring about Annandale. But no matter how long they stay with us,

WILLARD, '25 IS

WINNER IN ORATORY

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so won the second prize of ten dollars, while the third prize of five dollars was taken by Orville Davidson, Class of '28.

The contest was held in Memorial Gymnasium on Monday evening, April 27th. President Bell presided, and in a preliminary address, stressed the importance of the study and practice of public speaking. He commented upon the fact that the contestants this year were greater in number than in any year since his incumbency in the president's chair, and further announced that there would be an unexpected prize of five dollars offered to the speaker who should be proclaimed the winner by popular choice, provided that the popular choice did not coincide with the choice of the judges. There were eighty-five votes cast in the polling after the orations, 36 for Willard, 35 for Packard and 14 for Davidson. On account of the fact that Lawson Willard was also the first choice of the judges, the additional reward of five dollars was not granted.

It was announced by the President that beginning next year, two new prizes will go into effect for progress made in self-expression through the mediums of speech and of writing. These prizes are of fifty dollars each, and are made possible through the generosity of Mr. A. Hatfield. They are not for the clever student necessarily, but are designed for those Freshmen who show the greatest progress along the two lines mentioned.

Associate Professor Voorhees, speaking for the Department of Public Speaking, expressed to the Lyre Tree reporter a deep satisfaction over the outcome of the contest, and felt that it ought to stimulate interest and endeavor in the study of public speaking.

The program and judges:

Presiding Officer; Bernard Iddings Bell, S. T. B., D. D., President of the College, and Professor of Public Speaking.

Judges: Lyford Paterson Edwards, Ph. D., Professor of Social Science. Lucius Rogers Shero, Ph. D., Hoffman Professor of the Greek Language and Literature.

Francis Rosebro Flourney, A. M., Associate Professor of History.

Speakers

(In the order of their appearance)

1. George Moser
A New Bearer of "The White Man's Burden"
2. Lawson Willard
Christianity and the World Today
3. Robert Gibson, Dope Diplomacy
4. Orville Davidson,
A New Patriotism
5. Alpheus Packard,
The Way to Peace

Student Orchestra: Edward Loter, Rolland Kerns, Horace Simcox, Radcliffe Morrill.

or in how great esteem we hold them, the memory of an ideal bookshop will, for many of us, long rest one of the foremost.

NEW LEAVES

If you can secure a copy of **My Brother's Face** by Dhan Gopal Mukerji (E. P. Dutton & Co., New York) read it; but do not read it in the house, or where there are other people. Take it to some quiet, sequestered place out of doors—perhaps into the pine grove below the chapel—and be prepared to linger over it and to absorb it slowly.

Mukerji is, after Rabindranath Tagore, probably the most important of the Indians who have carried their culture to the Occident. And his comparative youth has secured for him a hearing in circles where the older philosopher could not make much impression. **My Brother's Face** is the record of a return to India after twelve years spent in America, a study in contrasts, and the history of a man's love for his brother which even Catullus' does not surpass.

Although the author gives Tagore first place among the Anglo-Indians as a prose writer, this book can hardly be equalled. There is a constant, and sometimes amusing, complaint of the paucity of the English language but Mukerji does such things with it

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SUB-FROSH WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S

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8:15 P. M. Mummers Plays in Memorial Gymnasium.

1. Where the Cross is Made.
2. Pierrot in Paris.
3. Action.
4. The Medicine Show.

Saturday (—)

7:00 A. M. Holy Communion (Chapel).

7:30 A. M. Breakfast in Commons.

8 to 12 Morning Classes.

(Visitors Welcomed)

12:10 Lunch in Commons.

1 to 5:30 Sports Program.

Tug of War.

R. P. I. Tennis Match.

Others.

6:30 Dinner in Commons.

8:15 Smoker and show in Gym.

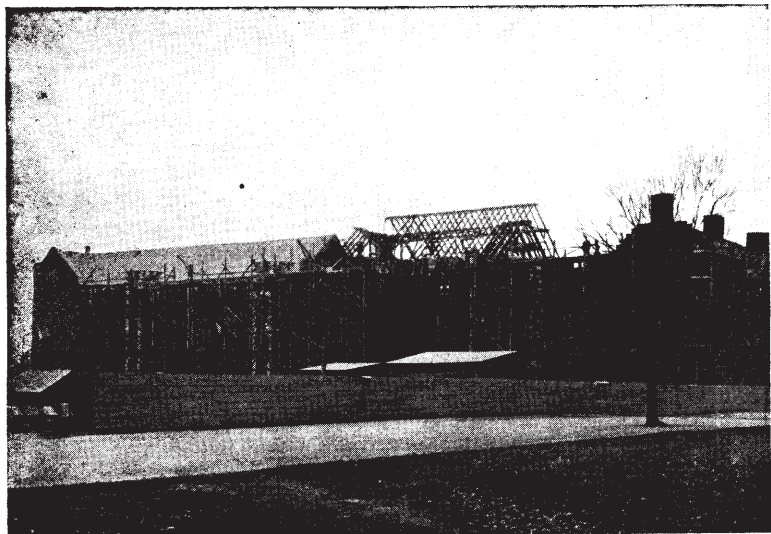
Show will consist of college vaudeville acts and a number of moving picture reels. The program is not being announced but everyone is asked to enter into the spirit of it and help wind up the day in glory.

HATFIELD PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED FRESHMEN WHO IMPROVE IN ENGLISH

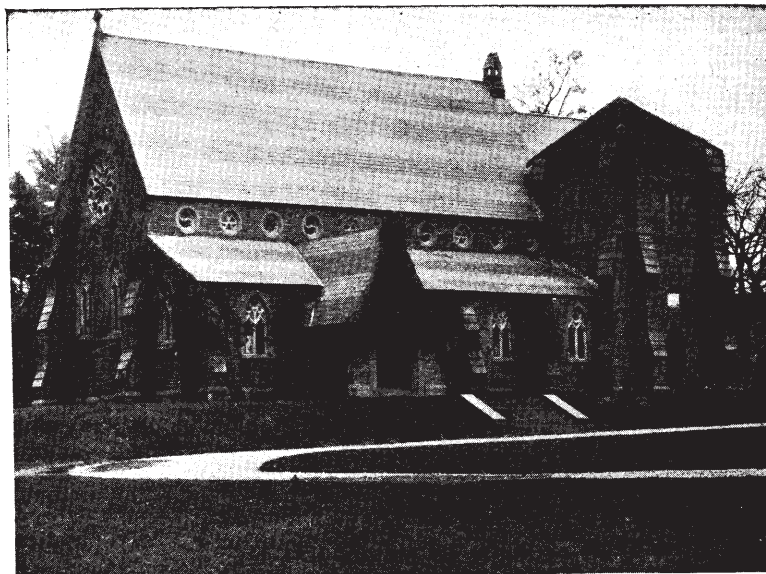
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partment of English in the case of the prize for written English, and by the Head of the Department of Public Speaking in the case of the prize for spoken English, or by some other instructor designated by them. They may require a special paper to be written or a speech to be delivered if they so desire; but they shall be given the utmost latitude in the methods they use to determine this standard.

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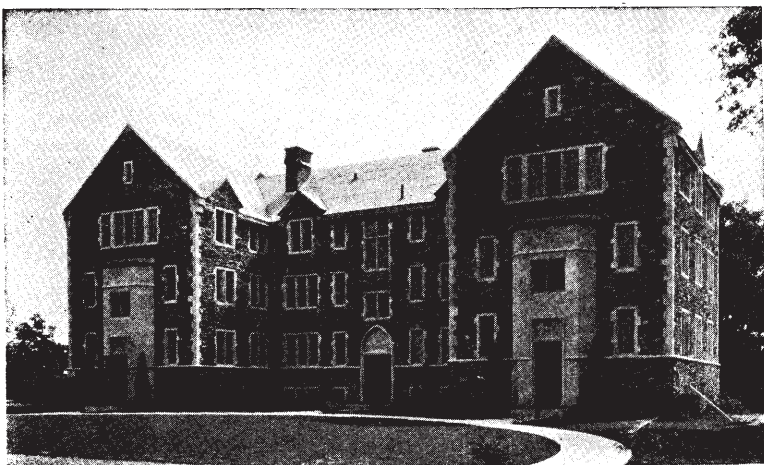


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POUGHKEEPSIE FOR HOME GAMES---TENNIS SCORES---BRIEFS

TENNIS SCHEDULE

Varsity

May 2—R. P. I. Here
May 7—Gen. Sem. New York
May 8—N. Y. U. New York
May 9—Drexel Phila.
May 15—Hamilton Here
May 16—Po'keepsie T. C.

Poughkeepsie

May 23—Fordham Here
May 28—Po'keepsie T. C. Here

Second Team

May 2—Kingston H. S. Kingston
May 9—Kingston H. S. Here
May 16—Albany H. S. Here
May 22—N. Y. M. A. Here
May 30—Albany H. S. Albany

N. Y. M. A. TAKES WIN, 5-1

Seconds Lose Cleanly Contested Match—First of Season

On April 25 the second team was decisively defeated by New York Military Academy, in a match which was marred by slow courts and frequent showers. Under these conditions, the only good tennis shown was in the match between Faerber and Lewis, which the latter won 3-6, 6-3, 7-5. Cornwall also took the other matches, with the exception of the second doubles. Bittner and Janes (Continued on page 5)

1925 FOOTBALL CAPTAIN



V. V. DELORIA '26

POUGHKEEPSIE MAY BE HOME OF GAMES

Trinity-Norwich Games May be Transferred From Kingston

There is a possibility that Coach Bray and Manager Ferris will switch the football games to be played next fall with Trinity and Norwich colleges from Kingston to Poughkeepsie, if satisfactory terms can be arranged with the Bridge City officials.

Thursday, April 23, Coach Bray and Manager Ferris attended a luncheon at the Amrita Club, in Poughkeepsie, and discussed the possible transfer with several prominent Poughkeepsians. Coach Bray outlined his idea to the committee by saying that he would be glad to adopt the change, if the field to be played upon could be secured for "reasonable rates." Assurance that this could be done was quickly given by Ralph F. Butts and Frank L. Gardner officials of the Playground Association.

The Poughkeepsie Evening Star advanced a theory in their columns to the effect that athletic relations between Poughkeepsie High School and St. Stephen's had been ended, because the annual football game with the Seconds was omitted on the 1925 schedule printed by the high school. Sam Kalloch, coach of athletics at P. H. S., said that such was not the case. The only reason that no game had been arranged with the Seconds was because the high school varsity was too light an opponent for them. Coach Bray stated that he would arrange to have a strictly freshman team play Poughkeepsie High a preliminary game before the Norwich-St. Stephen's game.

One of the great factors deciding the transfer of games from Kingston to Poughkeepsie is the fact that transportation facilities between Kingston and the college are not of the best. Also, it is easier for the alumni in New York to reach Poughkeepsie than Kingston.

Varsity Loses to Fast Union Team

Tennis Squad Does Not Meet Success at Schenectady

The Varsity Tennis Team was defeated by the Union University players at the Central Park courts in Schenectady, on April 26, by a score of 6-0, in a match characterized by rain and good sportsmanship. The Crimson was clearly out-classed and has no alibis to offer.

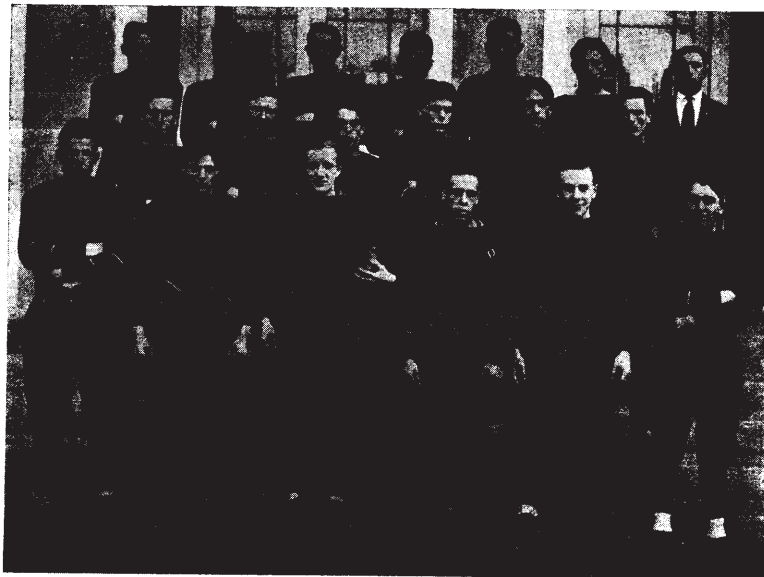
Willard, playing in No. 1 position, displayed the best brand of tennis in the singles for St. Stephen's, holding his opponent, Ottman, to a 6-2, 8-6 score. The outcome was ever in doubt and it was only the superior steadiness of the Union man that finally won for him. Ferris afforded but little opposition to Fisher, losing by a score of 6-2, 6-3, while Titus was fairly smothered by Davenport 6-2, 6-0. Dodd, although beaten by McKay 6-1, 6-1, showed extremely fine form considering that it was his first collegiate match. He has by far the best strokes, both for variety and effectiveness, of any St. Stephen's player, and this, coupled with some experience, should carry him far in a year or two.

The doubles commenced in the sunshine and ended in a violent thunderstorm, Titus and Ferris, and their racquets, after staging a rally in the last set, succumbed respectively to Ottman, Davenport and the rain. Not so with Andrews and Willard, the latter of whom is possessed of a steel bludgeon which is strictly weather-proof. Playing on almost even terms with Wright and McKay, until it was impossible to see, they finally chose the alternative of placing their chances on a toss of the coin. Luck was against them. It turned up tails. The score:

Singles

Ottman, Union, defeated Willard, St. Stephen's 6-2, 8-6.

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1924 VARSITY SQUAD

COL. GRAVES GIVES IDEAS ABOUT PLAYS

Famous Big Three-West Point Coach Advises Coach Bray

Probably few students know that Colonel Ernest Graves, former West Point coach, and the only man to have coached Yale, Harvard and Princeton in football, is a strong booster and an ardent worker for this sport at St. Stephen's college. Colonel Graves is a personal friend of Coach Bray and both men have met several times within the past months for the purpose of discussing football at this college next fall.

Last year was the first year in the history of Colonel Grave's life, since becoming a football player and fan, that he was not actively and officially connected with the sport at some college or university. He could not keep away from the sport, however, and was seen as a "fighting fan" at many of the big games. When St. Stephen's defeated Rochester by a 22-0 score, Colonel Graves was one of the first men to send a wire of congratulation to the team and college.

Colonel Graves is the father of the so-called wedge play which Percy Haughton acknowledged was the foundation of Harvard's success in line plays. He is also author of "The Lineman's Bible," copies of which have been issued by Coach Bray to men who play in the line.

This enthusiastic football mentor (Continued on page 5)

1925-26 BASKETBALL CAPTAIN



JOSEPH WILSON '27

New Leaves

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as few men have done before. The easy glow of his style and the variety of colors with which he has to work have made a book which, for me at least, is now placed among the "unforgettables."

There is, of course, a great deal of contrasting of the East with the West, as the pilgrim returns to his loved India. But this, which has been done so many times before, is richened by comparisons of the India of fifteen years ago with the India of today—and there have been vast changes—and the picture of the struggle within the author's own soul to harmonize the good that he has found and is still finding in the two almost antipathetical cultures. His interest takes three directions, as far as I have read, economic, political, and religious. The last he considers first, with a pilgrimage to a Holy Man at the shine of Benares. The sketches he gives of his experiences might be called kaleidiscopic, were they not given so easily and with such soft words. Much of Brahmin religion and culture are necessarily discussed for the benefit of Occidental readers, but the discussion never bores. There is more than a modicum of poetry and the man treats of personalities so charmingly that one is forced to use considerable will-power to stop for consideration of the ideas. Mukerji went to see the Holy Man at Benares and part of his religious lessons took place as the two were swimming, one morning, in the Ganges. This scene, in its vividness and color, might be an excellent subject for Zuloaga.

I should like more space. The Indian nationalist movement, with a dominant Gandhi note, is most interestingly treated as I suppose, later on, is the economic situation. Mukerji speaks authoritatively and beautifully; it is a rare book. One may so lose himself in it, with its Brahmin poetry, that the spider which ambles across the page will be allowed to go in peace.

—Silenus.

On the Fringes

Spring is here and the bird list has increased with the heat. At the time of going to press these additional birds have been reported: red winged blackbirds; belted kingfishers; sharp shinned hawks; oven birds; northern ravens; swamp sparrows; tree sparrows; starlings; olive backed and wood thrushes; red eyed vireo; Connecticut and yellow warblers; hairy woodpeckers; Maryland yellowthroats and two real strangers, the red belied woodpecker and the red poll. The flowers are slow and there have been added to the list only: wood betony; common dandelions; dogwood; jack-in-the-pulpit; marsh marigold; early saxifrage; Solomon's seal; windflower; and dutchman's breeches.

OUR PRESIDENT



BERNARD I. BELL, D. D.

VARSITY LOSES TO FAST UNION TEAM

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Fisher, Union, defeated Ferris, "Capt.", St. Stephen's 6-2, 6-3.

Davenport, Union, defeated Titus, St. Stephen's, 6-2, 6-0.

McKay, Union, defeated Dood, St. Stephen's, 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles

Davenport and Ottman defeated Titus and Ferris, 6-1, 6-3.

Wright and McKay defeated Andrews and Willard, 6-4, 2-5.

(Toss of coin decided 2-5 set for Union.)

N. Y. M. A. TAKES WIN, 5-1

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won this in straight sets. The score follows:

Stuart-Myers: 6-3, 6-4.

Lewis-Faerber: 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

Salmon-Bittner: 8-6, 6-3.

Marble-Janes: 6-3, 6-4.

Stuart-Salmon — Myers-Faerber: 6-2, 6-4.

Bittner-Janes—Johnson-Kennedy: 6-3, 7-5.

Final score: N. Y. M. A. 5, Seconds 1.

COL. GRAVES GIVES IDEAS ABOUT PLAYS

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has seen, advised and argued about all plays which Coach Bray has designed for use next fall. There is no doubt but that the Colonel errs on his side of conservative football, yet any play that would interest him would have to be fundamentally correct.

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As a result, games scheduled with Syracuse and Cornell freshmen, Geneva High and East Syracuse High were cancelled.

At a recent meeting of over thirty prospective candidates for the Bowdoin eleven next fall, the new Bowdoin coach, Jack Cates, gave an informal talk. "Coach Cates outlined the fundamental principles underlying his system of coaching. Among

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INTER-CAMPUS TIPS

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other things, he said that there would be no spring football training, which he characterized as being over ninety per cent pure bunk."—Bowdoin Orient.

Colby has found the system of voluntary chapel a failure. Attendance has been falling off so rapidly, and the vacant seats have become so conspicuous, that President Roberts has at last resorted to the compulsory attendance method. Needless to say there has been a marked increase in attendance at the chapel service. Enforced chapel attendance was resorted to by Colby's president, only after other measures had failed. President Roberts has always believed chapel should be a voluntary matter, but in the future attendance of all students will be required four times a week.

The faculty of Notre Dame has passed a law which forbids any member of the undergraduate body from owning or assuming ownership of an automobile.

VASSAR TAILOR

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