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# LYRE TREE

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## Senior Festivities To Begin With Spring Dance

Picnic Plans are made: Class Day Exercises Dispensed With

Tradition will be made and broken this year as the usual obligations to which the graduating class falls heir are performed with a touch of originality. The usual Senior Ball has a place in the program. It will probably be one of those good old week end affairs, beginning with the dance in the gymnasium on Friday evening, May 11. It is rumored that the Wesleyan Serenaders will provide the harmony. On the Saturday morning following the dance a tennis match will be staged, and on Saturday afternoon, St. Stephen's will meet Williams on the LaCrosse field. Fraternity dances will complete the program of the week end.

Some time after their "Ball," the seniors are planning to be kids again. They're going on a picnic all by themselves, nobody knows where; probably "Close beside the glorious Hudson."

The class of '28 is planning to leave something on campus other than a mere record that "they went". It may be a lovely stone bench around the Lyre tree. It may be an ornament to adorn some shady nook. Whatever it is, it will be both useful and ornamental.

Class day will probably go by the board this year. The class has no buried algebra, and the wine has disappeared long since. If the tradition is followed out, however, Class day may find the campus the scene of a general reunion of all past classes irrespective of group connections.

The preacher on Baccalaureate Sunday will be Dr. Charles Slattery Bishop of Massachusetts. James Lukens McConaughy, President of and Professor of Education at Wesleyan University will give the commencement address.

## Lyre Tree Surveys Graduates' Activities

Inquiring Reporter Queries Men of the Class of '28

On Sunday, April 14, a canvass was made of the class of '28 to determine the future activities of its various members. Three men are entering General Theological Seminary next year. They are Charles Homan, George Quarterman, and John War (Continued on page 4)

## Charms Presented To Lyre Tree Workers

Seven Men receive Awards at Meeting

On Tuesday evening, April 10, at a meeting of the Lyre Tree Board in the Recreation Room, seven members of both editorial and business staffs were presented with watch charms, in recognition of their services for the paper. Those who have received the charms, given out by Managing Editor Melvin P. Clark in the absence of William T. Brunot, Editor-in-Chief, were:

William T. Brunot, Editor-in-chief; Melvin P. Clark, Managing Editor; Orville N. Davidson and Donald Tilton News Editors; Edward G. Lodter, Business Manager; Arthur Mason, Advertising Manager; and Walter H. Lemley, Circulation Manager.

There has long been a need for recognition of some sort for the services that the men give in getting out the college newspaper, and several plans of award had been suggested. After much discussion among the heads of the paper, the ideas of college credit, a modified varsity letter, pins, and rings were discarded in favor of a charm bearing a representation of the tree in front of Aspinwall Hall, the words "LYRE TREE", and "ST. STEPHEN'S" in a line along the bottom of the pendant. The charm is finished in dull gold.

To be entitled to this form of credit, a worker on the Lyre Tree must have done at least two years of work that is acceptable to the (Continued on page 4)

## FOUR SPEAKERS TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC ORATORICAL CONTEST

As a result of a try-out or preliminary contest, held in the gymnasium on Saturday evening, April 14, the Department of Public Speaking has decided to hold the annual Prize Speaking Contest in that building on the evening of April 25. Those who entered, with the subjects of their orations are:

Orville N. Davidson, "Religio Scientiaque"; Joseph Staubach, "A Paradox in Public Opinion"; Robert Brome, "Causes and Cures for War"; John Warren, "All Things Flow."

The number of speakers is only half of those who originally signed up, but for various reasons the remainder of the entrants dropped out.

## VARSITY DEFEATED IN HARD FOUGHT GAME, WITH YALE THE WINNER BY 9 to 3 SCORE

Contest Played In Pouring Rain Before Scanty Crowd

On Saturday, April 14, the St. Stephen's varsity lacrosse team met defeat 9 to 3 at the hands of Yale in a hard fought game. The game, which was played on the Yale lacrosse field opposite the stadium, was held despite an almost continual rain that lasted most of the afternoon and kept the crowd down to less than a hundred. Neither team displayed good teamwork, although both were handicapped by the bad weather conditions.

Yale had the better of the visitors from the very beginning, scoring first and holding the lead without a break throughout the entire game. By half-time Yale had piled up a lead of four, while St. Stephen's had failed to score. In the second half Lemley, Burbank, and McKean scored for the Scarlet, although the Blue retaliated to raise their score to 9 before the close of the game. Toward the close of the second period the Saints were handicapped by the loss of Lemley, who was forced to retire with a sprained shoulder.

Warner, who scored three goals for the winner, was the individual star for Yale, while McKean and Burbank starred for St. Stephen's.

Despite defeat, the Scarlet team showed great promise, and all indications point toward a successful season. In 1927 St. Stephen's was defeated 10 to 0 by Yale.

Supper was served to the visiting team at the Yale Club.

The line-up:  
Yale (10) St. Stephen's (3)  
Adams..... g. ....Watkinson  
Allaire..... p. ....Kroll  
Oettinger..... c. p. ....Smith  
MacIntyre..... f. d. ....Townsend  
Vaden..... s. d. ....Nobis  
Blythe..... t. d. ....Burbank  
Fields..... c. ....MacKean  
Hahn..... t. a. ....Lemley  
Taggart..... s. a. ....Keen  
Huggins..... f. a. ....Given  
Warner..... o. h. ....Enzian  
Substitutions—Yale: Reinhardt for Hahn; Freeman for Taggart; Taggart for Blythe; Sizer for Adams; Easton for Reinhardt; Saydah for Huggins; Hoffman for Warner; Purcell for Taggart; Greene for Vaden. St. Stephen's: Ricciardi for Lemley; Fite for Burbank; Burbank for Fite; (Continued on page 3)

## Newport Rector Was The Easter Preacher

He Treats of the Scepticism Concerning the Resurrection

In an Easter sermon that derived its appeal from its charming simplicity, the Rev. Stanley Hughes, rector of Trinity Church, Newport, R. I., preached in the college chapel April 15 upon a doubt that has taken possession of the minds of many. His topic might be summed up in the question, "Did His contemporaries see the risen Christ?". The preacher's answer was an emphatic "Yes", deduced from physical proofs.

The point of the question has been centered always in the problem of whether His disciples really saw and heard Jesus again, or whether it was the depth of their love for him that led to the belief that they had. In other words, was their belief inspired by internal or external circumstances? The gospel accounts tell of Christ's appearance on the road and in the upper room. Not one but many saw Him, and as is the case in the appearance of a mirage on the desert, the groups saw what they thought they saw; they took the evidence presented by their eyes. More, such a one as Thomas made use of the tactile sense, and explored Christ's wounds to convince himself that He had come back among His (Continued on page 3)

## MATH FIENDS PRESENT TALKS OF INTEREST

The second of the regular meetings of the Mathematics Club, latest addition to the list of campus organizations, was held recently in the Recreation Room. While the attendance for the evening was rather scant, the interest exhibited was ample compensation for the scarcity of members.

A consensus of opinion of the members present was that the proposed mock trial of "A vs. B" should be referred, owing to the number of other activities on hand.

The results of research were presented in the talks by Homan on "The Magic Square"; Willcox on "The Clock," and Hammond on "The Mathematics of the Greeks."



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A prominent "metropolitan" of American colleges has repeated on a number of occasions that the purpose of a college education is to prepare and train men for life, not merely for making a living. As we all know, an essential part of a full life in OUR United States involves active participation in the mechanism of OUR Democracy (in other words, politics). In order to develop the required sense of responsibility, and to give us personal experience in practical politics, wire-pulling, leg-pulling, vote canvassing and purveying, most colleges have endured the idiosyncracies of student government.

But, it must not be supposed that student self-government is useful only as the prelude to, and experimental field for, good citizenship, it has an excellent *raison d'être*, per se. It gives the student body an excellent, sympathetic, and maybe sometimes intelligent supervision. Not only does it do that, but it also relieves the faculty of much of their responsibility and anxiety for their wards' welfare. It is not necessary for them to sit up all night to keep a watch over Mr. Sinclair's goslings, in the manner requested by a southern Baptist minister\*. The students manage their own affairs, regulate dormitory life, preserve the peace, instill good manners in themselves, particularly in the hall (what hall?) and select their own preacher for Baccalaureate Sunday.

The plan works exceedingly well, but it has the usual human failing; that is, it depends on human beings for its proper operation, and humans will be human, and occasionally slip up on an important matter. Hence, it is highly desirable that there be some one in authority to check up on us, and we greatly appreciate the powers that be which help us out in these pinches.

\*A southern Baptist preacher actually did appeal to the college faculties to sit up all night if necessary to prevent the students from getting into trouble.

## STUDENTS MAY VOTE FOR NEXT PRESIDENT

Recently an undergraduate straw vote was held in a number of colleges, under the auspices of "The Independent." St. Stephen's was not included in the group, but this paper has decided to conduct a similar poll by itself. Certainly if it does nothing else, it will stimulate student interest in the greater national contest which is to be held this coming November.

A little research in the recent periodicals on file in the library will aid materially in a decision. Also, the "Lyre Tree" hopes that this vote can be carried out with the seriousness that is usually lacking in campus balloting. Please give some serious thought to the question, mark the ballot at the bottom of this article, and leave it in the box that will be placed in the room of Editor-in-Chief Brunot, Potter 2.

### CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (Vote for One)

#### Republican

Charles Curtis, Kansas .....  
Herbert Hoover, California .....  
Frank O. Lowden, Illinois.....  
Charles G. Dawes, Illinois.....

#### Democrat

A. Victor Donahey, Ohio.....  
James A. Reed, Missouri.....  
Albert G. Ritchie, Maryland.....  
Alfred E. Smith, New York.....  
Thomas J. Walsh, Montana.....

#### Candidate Other Than Listed

Tradition says that "An Englishman's home is his castle." This leads us to think that possibly a college dormitory room may be considered a place of privacy and storage for personal belongings. If this is so, why should the Student Council President be kept busy making announcements of articles borrowed from different rooms by persons un-

## DOGMATICS

(Being the reflections of the college dog)

I once took a tour with the Greek professeur,  
Before I got lazy and fat,  
Of my once broken leg I told him the cure—  
And he has a chapter on that.

He sure knows me better than I know myself,  
I learned that from one friendly chat;  
Immortal I'll live on the library shelf,  
For he has a chapter on that.

I'm thinking and thinking in season and out,  
While I'm growing lazy and fat,  
Of some way to make him reluctantly shout:  
"I haven't a chapter on that!"

\* \* \* \* \*

To a learned doctor one morning I said:

"I sure feel like cutting a caper."  
Said he, absent-mindedly, nodding his head:

"Ybss, bss, We'll go over your paper."

"You don't understand," said I, wagging my tail,

"In humor you're totally lacking."

"I do understand," answered he with a wail,

"It's footnotes you need for a backing."

Now papers and footnotes are Greek to a pup;

(My friend on that chapter is writing),

But more of the fellows would get their work up,

If he'd make his course more inviting.

\* \* \* \* \*

We have a new dean of the faculty now,

With his thousands and thousands of theories.

He's a hit with the boys, they think he's a wow!

But I have a few little queries—

As I wander into the bibliotheque,  
And see the old books that he offers,  
I wonder for books why he don't write a cheque—

There are funds in the old college coffers.

There are thousands and hundreds of thousands of ways,

In his "ec" and his "socio-smut,"

Of getting the dope on the now current days,

To pull himself out of the rut.

—Jack.

known. If a book, typewriter, pen, or clothing is needed from someone else and they are not at home to make the loan, wouldn't it be more courteous to them to leave a message stating the name of the object and borrower, rather than to have him mystified by its sudden disappearance? It would be even more better to wait and ask for the loan of the thing desired.—M. P. C.

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# **VARSITY DEFEATED IN HARD FOUGHT GAME, WITH YALE THE WINNER BY 9 TO 3**

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Lemley for Ricciardi; Tibbets for Smith.

Goals—Yale: Warner (3), Vaden (2), Huggins (2), Hoffman, Blythe, Saydah. St. Stephen's: Lemley, Burbank, MacKean.

Referee—Taylor, Cornell.

Umpires—Gamble, St. Stephen's, and Smith, Yale.

Time of halves—30 minutes.

# **NEWPORT RECTOR WAS THE EASTER PREACHER**

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followers. Still another of the five senses was employed when Peter and others heard His voice, commanding them to go out upon their evangelical mission.

Coupled with the belief in the resurrection was the one that all sins had been wiped out in the Rise from the grave, and this is the heritage of the believers that came after the disciples.

# **FRATERNITY NOTES**

Seven men of the class of '31 were initiated into the Eulexian Fraternity Tuesday evening, April 17, in a ceremony held at the Nelson House, Poughkeepsie. The new members are:

Elton Davies, Edgar Hammond, Arthur Willis, Carl Sprague, Gardmer Riley, William Weber, and Flint Kellogg.

Among those present were Edward C. Lewis, Pierre McD. Bleeker, David H. Clarkson, Theodore Moller, Edward Gabler, H. L. Stoddard, Gordon

Graser, and F. S. Arvedson, all of them Alumni Brothers.

Kappa Gamma Chi has pledged the following men: Kenneth Perkins, '29; Clyde Bell, '31, and Ronald Ortmyer, '30.

W. Wingate Snell, '30, was recently pledged by Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Lyola University in Chicago announces that it has instituted a loan fund for needy students. If the law of averages holds out, the next announcement should be a petition for bankruptcy.

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**Honor Society Sums  
Up Arms Conference**

St. Stephen's Delegates Make Reports  
to Students

"The Arms Parley at Wesleyan University" provided the material for discussion at the open forum held on Wednesday evening, April 4, under the auspices of St. Stephen's College Honor Society. The meeting was presided over by Harry Dillin, president of the society. Douglas MacKean, who attended the conference at Wesleyan, gave a brief but detailed account of the organization of the affair. Jack Heuss, who also attended the Wesleyan parley, gave a brief "Who's Who" of the speakers and their qualifications to speak on their several subjects. Doctor Flournoy, who was the faculty representative of the St. Stephen's committee at Wesleyan, concluded the forum with a brief outline of the more important issues which were brought out during the course of the parley.

The forum was well attended by both students and members of the faculty, all of whom entered into the discussion and gave valuable contributions on all phases of the subject. Another forum is being planned for the near future. The subject will be "Disarmament."

**LYRE TREE SURVEYS  
GRADUATES' ACTIVITIES**

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ren. Two members of the class intend to teach. These are Radcliffe Morrill and Earnest Nicholson

Arthur Mason, Joseph Staubach, and William Brunot are going to do graduate work in law. Mason intends to enter Temple University at Philadelphia, Pa. next fall. Staubach will probably enter the Harvard Law School. Kenneth Townsend and Douglas MacKean are going into business; Townsend at Stony Point, N. Y.; and MacKean in New York City.

Elias Young will enter Albany Medical College next fall. Orville Davidson has made application to enter Philadelphia Divinity School in September. Caslyn Bookhout will do graduate work at Syracuse University. Edward Lodter has a possible teaching position for next year.

Harry Dillin will either receive a fellowship to do graduate work at one of three institutions, or he will accept a position with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, in New York City. Edwin Hague will return to St. Stephen's next fall to complete his studies. Donald Tilton and Robert Brome are as yet undecided.

**CHARMS PRESENTED TO  
LYRE TREE WORKERS**

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heads of the editorial and business staffs. Most of the cost of the charms given out this year was made up from the fund of the Student Council Discretionary Fund and hereafter the award will be supported by this body.

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