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Boar's Head Dinner And Service Precedes Christmas Vacation

College Observes Annual English Tradition.

Once again does St. Stephen's College celebrate the coming of merry Yuletide with its traditional Boar's Head Dinner. Thursday evening, December the 19th, the old dining commons will ring again with the laughter and merriment of "omnes Collegienses," commemorating the old English feast "Coena Apri Capitis" in "Aula Prestoniensis." At this jolly festival the toastmaster will be Dr. Bell.

Speeches will be made by the customary persons: Dr. Davidson, Dr. Upton, the new members of the faculty (Dr. Garabedian, Mr. Mauley and Mr. Earp), Dr. Phalen; Walter Lemley, President of Convocation, and the youngest member of the student body. Father Crosby will fill his usual role of Boar's Head singer, and Edgar Wilcock will take the part of the Jester, who always provokes the assembly to roars of laughter with his quibbles and his antics. The Boar's Head Marshall will be Marshall of the Undergraduates, R. H. Gamble, '30, while the Boar's Head Guard of Honor will consist of the Messrs. Tibbets, Smith, L.; Aeschbach, and Snell. Thus will the first third of the college year close amid singing of songs and quaffing of wassail.

For the sake of the many new men in the college who will take part in this festival for the first time, the program of the events of the banquet is printed below. (A good chance to brush up on your Latin.)

Dum APRI CAPUT defertur, carmen cantetur, cujus hic est chorus, omnibus canendus:

Caput apri defero,
Reddens laudes domino,
(cantetur bis)

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Pan-Hellenic Council Offers Suggestions To Fraternities

The Pan-Hellenic Council convened for the first time this year, at 7:30 Monday evening, December 2, in Albee Recreation Room, to receive the answers of those men bid by the fraternities and to discuss pledging and interfraternity activities.

Walter Lemley, President of Student Convocation, presided over this meeting of the Council, which is composed of a Senior and a Junior representative of each fraternity: Euxian—Robert Gamble and William Weber; Kappa Gamma Chi—Leonard Hammond and Edgar Hatfield; Sigma Alpha Epsilon—Wingate Snell and Thomas Blomquist.

Three matters were discussed at this meeting, which the Pan-Hellenic Council passed unanimously and presented to the fraternities for ratification:

(1) Any man who having accepted the bid of a fraternity shall break his pledge or shall become estranged in any way from the fraternity, cannot be pledged to another fraternity for six months. This is an amendment of an old rule which specifies that a year must elapse before such pledging is possible.

(2) Pledge Day shall be set forward to November 1, so that the rushing season shall last only six

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SAINTS DROP FAST GAME TO STROUDSBURG

SCORE 42-38.

Given, Glenn and Fusscas Play Well for Home Team.

The St. Stephen's five dropped an exciting game to the East Stroudsburg Normal by the score of 42 to 38. From beginning to end the game was marked by fast passing of the Red and White team which part of both teams.

Early in the game, East Stroudsburg took the lead and held it to the end. They were constantly threatened by rallies on the part of the red and white team which always fell short. The first half was not as exciting as the second, the Saints were ragged in their passing and could not seem to be able to find the basket, but the visitors displayed excellent teamwork and accurate shooting which baffled the Saints to such an extent that the end of the half found the Saints on the short end of a 27 to 13 score. In this half, for the visitors, Suttin and Phillips played excellent ball, and for the Saints, Lemley and Fusscas shone both on the defense and offense.

The second half opened with a rally by the Saints which brought them within four points of tying the score. The passing of the home team was fast and better and the Saints seemed to have solved the opponents' defense. But East Stroudsburg managed to stop the rally by rushing in extra reserves. The game ended with the visitors leading by the score of 42 to 38.

Although the Saints lost the game, by no means should the team feel disappointed. There were times when the home aggregation displayed real ability both in passing and shooting. In the second half, the home team made every shot count for there were few misses. The Saints lost to a better team. Their opponents played a fine game which was marked by excellent passwork and accurate shooting. It can be said with pride that our team fought hard throughout every minute of the game. "Gillie" Symmons led in the scoring. Given, Fusscas and Glenn featured in their playing. The score is as follows:

ST. STEPHEN'S				
	G.	F.	P.	
Glenn, rf.	2	3	7	
Fusscas, lf.	2	1	5	
Symmons, c.	6	0	12	
Lemley, rg.	3	4	10	
Given, lg.	0	0	0	
Good, f.	2	0	4	
Totals	15	8	38	
EAST STROUDSBURG				
	G.	F.	P.	
Phillips, rf.	6	2	14	
Suttin, lf.	6	1	13	
Bobst, c.	1	2	4	
Zimmerman, rg.	5	1	11	
Secor, lg.	0	0	0	
Totals	18	6	42	

John Crosby has contracted chicken pox.

Theodore Sottery, Jr., is recuperating from a vaccination.

Mrs. Phalen and Caroline Phalen have rented an apartment in Poughkeepsie, where they are now staying, so that Caroline may attend the Poughkeepsie High School.

Prof. Greenough Of Harvard Takes Issue With Dr. Bell

"I see no ground for predicting either as a result of the Harvard houses or of any other educational conditions about which I know that the good American small colleges will disappear." Thus Professor Chester Noyes Greenough '98, who will be master of one of the new houses at Harvard, commented upon the recent report of Dr. B. I. Bell, warden of St. Stephen's College, who predicted the "eventual abandonment of the most firmly entrenched small colleges."

Dr. Bell foresees a "reconstruction of the American educational system whereby small, independent colleges will cease to exist, and their places will be taken by like institutions banded together through universities." He further stated that Harvard was one of three other universities working toward conserving "the values of the American college that once was, with all the magnificent values of the great modern university-college, in that it is experimenting with a plan through which students live in groups with scholars, but receive university class-room instruction."

Taking issue with this augury, Professor Greenough said further: "I have read only a newspaper report of what Dr. Bell said. I therefore venture merely to say that of course the Harvard houses are not intended to be separate colleges. If they should have influence elsewhere, I should expect it to be rather in the direction of breaking up large colleges into subdivisions mainly social, than in the direction of an affiliation of several small colleges into a large university."

"Sketch Book" to Appear on May 17

"The Sketch Book," the St. Stephen's College annual year book is already in process of preparation. The staff expects to have it completed and published by the seventh of May.

The staff this year is composed of Robert H. Gamble, editor-in-chief; Edward G. Kirtland, associate editor; H. Edgar Hammond, assistant editor; Grant Bunnell, Jr., Advertising manager; Leonard Hammond photographic editor; and Alexander Abromowitz, assistant to the business department. Carleton Sprague and John Kingman have been appointed to assist the board for the Junior class, and James Paul for the Sophomore class. A group of assistant have been appointed from the Freshman class, among whom is William Parkinson.

"The Sketch Book" is to contain individual photographs of each of the members of the Junior and Senior classes, and full page group pictures of the Freshman and Sophomore classes. A department will be devoted to the individual photographs of the faculty. There will also be athletic pictures of the following varsity teams: the cross country team, the basketball team, the hockey team, and the baseball team. The student organizations, the German Club, the "Lyre Tree" staff, the "Sketch Book" staff, the "Messenger" staff, the Alpha Phi Gamma fraternity, the College Choir, and the Mummies will be included in the pictures. In addition to these the Euxian, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and the Kappa Gamma Chi fraternities and

Alpha Phi Gamma Established Here

Almagation of O. X. A. With Alpha Phi Gamma Gives Strength to Journalistic Fraternity.

A report of the recent amalgamation of Omega Xi Alpha with Alpha Phi Gamma, Honorary Co-educational Journalistic Fraternity, was given by the president of the new St. Stephen's College-Columbia University Phi chapter of Alpha Phi Gamma, at a meeting which was held on November 15 for the purpose of initiating pledges and electing new officers.

The new officers, elected according to the laws of Alpha Phi Gamma are Gamble '30, President; Lemley '30, Vice-President; H. E. Hammond '31, Second Vice-President; Kingman '31, Treasurer; Kellogg '31, Secretary; Lang '30, National Committeeman; Abromowitz '31, Balliff. Mr. George A. Libaire was asked to take the position of Faculty Advisor. He obligingly consented. Welcome to our midst "G. L." and things like that.

Members of the fraternity are indeed fortunate in the integration of Omega Chi Alpha with Alpha Phi Gamma, as membership in this fraternity which has active chapters in many Eastern colleges of good standing, and many of the class A colleges throughout the Middle West and West, is of great value after graduation.

The fraternity is considering the publication of a "yellow sheet," which will appear early in the spring term. A fraternity bridge, a dance and a faculty tea are also among the activities planned for the current year. A visit from the supreme council of the fraternity is expected some time next semester, and is being looked forward to by the members.

Messenger to Issue Four Numbers

The Junior Prom number of the Messenger, the college literary quarterly appeared on time. Nov. 22. The work of two new men, J. Watson Cone and Robert F. Chapin, appeared for the first time. The article entitled "All Modern Improvements," by Watson Cone, depicting the fight of the people for "space" against the tyrant, Space, aroused favorable comment. The next issue is to appear just before the Freshman Prom in February and is being prepared by Edgar Wilcock and Leslie Lang, the associate editors.

For the first time in years the Messenger will pay for itself. The credit for this achievement is due to H. E. Hammond, business manager, and Gordon Galaty, advertising manager.

There will be three more issues this year, one for each of the Proms in February, and May, and the last one at commencement in June.

The contents of the last issue aroused favorable comment from many sources: "It showed talent, freshness and taste;" "It was highly original."

their houses, and various scenes on campus will be published.

The art work this year is to be done by the Vinecolor Company of Buffalo, N. Y., and promises to be very attractive and satisfactory.

Hockey Men Get First Winter Practice

Eight Games Include Colgate, Middlebury, and Army.

With the official closing of the cross country season Thanksgiving Day the interests of those devoted to outdoor sports turned to the hockey team. For weeks the puck pushers have been making kindling out of the shooting cake on the athletic field but with the coming of real ice last week hockey began in earnest.

The squad numbered twenty-three men on paper, a phenomenal number for a college of one hundred and thirty. All the old guards with the exception of Andrews and Dudley, are again on the job and showing vastly improved form. This is particularly true of the two goalies, Bloomquist and Gamble. They have profited by the errors of last season and are now stopping the hardest shots with ease and nonchalance that is good to see.

The fall shooting practice is also beginning to show its worth. Every man is getting the puck up in the air and packing a wallop that spells business for the opposing goalies this season.

The defense material is pretty nearly a closed book with the two Smith brothers on the job, but the line material is open to general competition and there appears to be plenty of it. Reilly at center is as shifty and fast as ever and with a few hours of shooting practice will be certain to be a fixture. Nale at left wing has been ill for some time but is now back on skates and will doubtless develop into a general utility man that can be used either in front or back as the occasion requires.

He made good on the line last year and he also has the weight and aggressiveness to fill in on defense in case of accident. Miller has vastly improved in shooting and is rapidly acquiring speed and hocked sense that will doubtless ensure him a birth on the right side of the line in the games to come. Griffith and Sanford are likewise getting into shape and should be heard from before the season is over.

The new men are of all degrees of experience, ranging from old stagers to those who never saw a game, but want to try. Three of them Pepper, Hamilton and White look like promising material that can be counted upon to whip into shape and be real assets in the near future. They have all played before and have the height and weight that is so important in a good game of hockey. Among the freshmen are two aspirants for the position of goalie. That is a condition that is exceedingly hopeful. It takes two or three years to make a really good goalie and the more freshmen the better.

Thus far the practice has been devoted to shooting at the goalies, learning the technique of checking and blocking, of skating back an opponent, together with line practice in starting and stopping. No scrimmage will be attempted until ankles and legs are well strengthened and until the rudiments of team play are mastered by all.

The schedule follows:

Jan. 11—R. P. I. at Troy
16—Mass. Agg. at Annandale
17—Middlebury at Annandale
Feb. 7—Comm Agg. at Annandale
12—Hamilton . . . at Clinton
14—Colgate . . . at Hamilton
19—Army . . . at West Point
22—St. John's . . at Brooklyn

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EDITORIAL

Hitch Your Wagon to a Star

In a recent reading of "The Signs of These Times," Dean Sperry of Harvard makes use of a striking and meaningful phrase, when he exhorts us to take "long views" of life, and its manifestations about us. Four years of experience have shown us the inevitable consequences of short views of life, to which, under the circumstances of a small community life we are inclined, almost in spite of ourselves. As the months drift away from September, Decemberwards, we see less and less, our horizon becomes smaller and smaller, and our sense of proportion sadly limited. In fact, by the time October has rounded out its length of days, even the biggest and best of us find it unusual to allow our minds to range beyond the confines of the stone posts which mark the campus bounds. In a world where men in every department and walk of life are beginning to take "long views" where they are literally bringing all infinity within the realm of an orange where they may peer at it fearlessly, we become more and more concerned with the petty irrelevant, hum-drum thoughts, words, and deeds, of those round about us—their clothes, wives, husbands, dogs, fiddles, and cabbages—everything and all things except what matters even a little. It is worth one's life and reputation to mention anything of world-importance at dinner. One might think we are living under the dictatorial censorship of a Mussolini, for all we talk of politics. If one grows tired of talking about the food at mealtimes, one is obliged to withdraw into a stupid silence of obscurity. If we cannot hitch our wagon to a star, let us at least take an intelligent glimpse at the heavenly bodies once in a while.

And now, having written this didactic editorial, we turn our ears to a conversation concerning clothes, wives, husbands, dogs****

NEW BOOKS

There have been quite a number of new additions to the shelves of the Hoffman Library this past month. They are listed below:

Andrews—Parliamentary Reform In England. 1830-1832.

Andrews—The Constitution In The Early French Revolution.

Benns—The Irish Question. 1912-1914.

Bondois—Le Marechal de Bassompierre.

Bowden—The Industrial Revolution. 1899-1927.

Brissenden—Earnings Of Factory Bruun—The Enlightened Despots.

Cay—The Problem of Industrial Relations.

Davis—Labor Speaks For Itself On Religion, a synopsis of labor leaders throughout the world.

Dietz—The Industrial Revolution.

Epstein—The Challenge of the Aged.

Frank—Karl and Anna.

Frank—Die Rauberbande.

Frank—Die Ursache.

Fulda—Die Gegner Der Sweiten Schlesischen Schule.

Gale—Borgia.

Galsworthy—A Modern Comedy.

Gide—The School for Wives.

Grace—French Organ Music, Past and Present.

Graham—The Bookman's Manual.

Graper—American Police Administration.

Holleman—A Textbook of Organic Chemistry.

Horace—Texte Latin.

House—The Range of Social Theory.

Hudson-Williams — Early Greek Elegy.

Hugo—Cromwell.

Kirby—Selected Articles on Criminal Justice.

Larsen—Sigrid Undset.

Montgomery—The History of Yallaha III, Nestorian Patriarch.

Nadejda—Once I Had a Home, the diary and narrative of a lady of honor to their Majesties, the late Empress Alexandra Teodorovna, of Russia.

Needer—The Nibelungenlied.

Nordenskiold—The History of Biology.

Norris — The Principles Organic Chemistry.

Packard—The Age of Louis the Fourteenth.

Packard—The Commercial Revolution 1400-1766.

Palin—The Establishment of French Absolutism.

Patrick—Sappho and the Island of Lesbos.

Patterson—Social Aspects of Industry.

Plautus—The Two Captives.

Ramage—Great Thoughts From Latin Authors.

Reed—Present Day Law Schools in the United States and Canada.

Rolland—Vie de Beethoven.

Ryan — Distributive Justice; the Right and Wrong of Our Present Distribution of Wealth.

Schevill—The First Century of Italian Humanism.

Sheerin—The Universal Prayer.

Sidney—The Arcadia.

Sullivan—Rattling the Cup on Chicago Crime.

Tacitus—The Agricola and Germania.

Tacitus—Works.

Taylor—Rural Sociology.

Tighe—The Development of the Roman Constitution.

Woefflin—Archiv Fur Lateinische Lexi * * kographie Und Grammatik.

Woodbridge—The Son of Apollo.

Ximinez—Asia Minor in Ruins.

PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

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(3) Frequent interfraternity parties shall be held, alternately at the three chapter houses, with the purpose of creating a greater social life on campus.

The Council also decided to hold another meeting in the near future to revise its constitution and put it on a sounder basis.

Wonder, Definite Spiritual Value

First Understand the Vision, then Analyze your Perceptions, Says Prof. Mauzey.

The address in the Chapel on Sunday morning, November 24th, was given by Mr. Jesse Mauzey, instructor in the Department of Philosophy. Many of the visitors who were on campus over the week end for the dance, attended the service, and although the weather was poor the chapel was quite full.

The text for the address was taken from the Acts of the Apostles 4:14, "And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing." Any event of such magnitude that it rendered speechless the members of the Sadducees and the Sanhedrin, requires that we examine it in more detail. This is the only recorded incident in which they had nothing to say. The unique silence occurs after St. Peter had cured the lame man at the gate. They asked for credentials. "By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?" And they were arrested by the futility of their own questions. "Seeing the man which was cured standing before them, they had nothing to say."

One of the fashions of our day, is the searching for origins, relations and synonyms. If we find ourselves or our fellow being in a given circumstance, or if they describe to us their ideals and experiences, we set out at once to discover how they were obtained, where they came from, and how they are connected with other similar notions. The finding of a fact is followed by a desire to know something about it, and one of the things we do is give reasons. In our eagerness to reduce things intellectually, we often lose sight of what we are trying to produce. In art we may reduce a painting to a mass of color and configuration of lines. And even spiritual experience receives a conscious reduction to stimulus and response. This search for origins is interesting; it gives us clues for controlling many events. But we soon carry our method to unwarranted extremes. We suppose that because we have found one explanation, we have hit upon the only one. Colors and lines do not hold our enraptured gaze. Paintings do. Stimulus and response situations do not restore the soul. Spiritual experience does. An evaluation of life in terms of its beginnings, is a dangerous though not unusual process of abstraction. There is more than a local prejudice expressed in the question, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" And there is a fundamental truth in Philip's reply, "Come and see."

It is beneficial to our soul's health, to remind ourselves that reason is essentially a means of indication and not a method for the discovery of truth. We achieve our insight into the significance of life first, and later discover the factors concerning it. It is by that part of thinking that we call reason, that we perform the latter task. We have something arousing doubt only after our original vision has been sufficiently clear.

The world we live in has the habit of abruptly breaking in upon the philosophies by which we lead it. Experience is more capable of harboring tradition than reason is. May it not be, that by taking thought, we create our difficulties instead of destroying them? But of course we must think. We owe a tremendous debt to the victories of the intellect. The truth of the matter is, that we do not need to reason less but to see more. We need to gaze upon experience a little more intently before we begin the process of taking it apart by analysis.

The Sadducees "Seeing the man which was healed standing with them, had nothing to say." Reason gave place to wonder. Amazement has a definite spiritual value. The

Communication

Dear Editor:

In a communication in the Lyre Tree for November 22, Mr. Wilcock states that your Higher Criticism about Mr. and Mrs. Ideler's recital was "putrid". I would like to know what Mr. Wilcock thinks we of the student body are. We can not all be such highly intellectual appreciators of music as he is but I do know that the great majority of us genuinely enjoy Mr. and Mrs. Ideler's rendition and agree with the Higher Critic in what he says. Wherein that criticism was either putrid or sentimental I fail to see and I sincerely hope that you will have a similar column for every recital in the future.

Yours for the best,
W. WINGATE SNELL.

Dear Editor:

In the issue of the "Lyre Tree" which appeared on November 22, there was a letter signed "E. W. W." criticizing the report of the Ideler's performance which appeared in a previous issue. I wish to take issue with Mr. Wilcock. As one of the many who, by college regulation, are forced to listen to the weird strains of alleged music that the incompetent and poor "artists" who earnestly try to entertain us present, I feel that the annual visit of the Ideler's is a welcome relief. I do not know who the author of "Higher Criticism" was or is, yet, as far as I have seen, he has adequately expressed not only the general reaction of the college to the recitals and lectures given, but also a genuine appreciation of what is valid art and what is pure rot. Would be aesthetes who pretend to find in the Ideler's last program 'the somewhat sentimental lithographs of the late Messrs. Currier and Ives called the "Happy Family," merely stamp themselves as being unable to understand and appreciate such fine works as Mendelssohn's "Concerto," especially when as well done as Mr. Ideler's rendering. Let "Higher Criticism" remain in its present conductor's hands, and you will satisfy the college.

Yours for the best,
R. R. W.

St. Stephen's Ties With Harvard In Lacrosse Ranking

Navy and Union were bravetked at the top as the leading lacrosse teams of the 1929 season in the annual ranking of the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association announced recently. The records, schedules and observations of officials were considered, determining the position of the leaders. Twenty-one colleges in the association figured in the ranking.

The first ten places were awarded as follows:

1. Mary & Union
2. Maryland
3. Rutgers
4. Yale
5. Hobart
6. Stephen's Tech
7. Syracuse
8. Johns Hopkins
9. Pennsylvania
10. St. Stephen's and Harvard

loss of the capacity for wonder, is an indication of spiritual senescence.

If you would know religion instead of its relations, try to catch first the visions of religious insight. If you would know God, read books about him after you have quieted your questions in worshipping him. If you would understand beauty, truth and holiness, fix your gaze upon them more intently; strive to see them standing before you. Do not analyze your perceptions too severely until you have made them yours. Viewed from its rim, the Grand Canyon of the Colorado is the most sublime spectacle of the world. Peer at it from within and it is a muddy river.

BOAR'S HEAD DINNER

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Postquam CRATER WASSAIL delatus est, carmen cantabitur ad gratulandum Praesidem, Professores, et omnes Collegienses, quibus simul respondeant:

"Love and joy come to you,
And to you your wassail too,
And God bless you and send you
A happy New Year.
And God send you a happy New
New Year."

Postquam excedunt, omnes surgant et haec cantent:
"God rest you merry, Gentlemen."

Domum, domum, dulce domum,
Dulce domum resonemus.
Preceding the Boar's Head Dinner, and beginning late in the afternoon, will come the annual Carol Service by candle light, in the college chapel. This beautiful and impressive service with its stately Christmas hymns and its ancient carols taken from many lands is long remembered by all who have attended it. Its program is as follows:

PRELUDE: (a) Solo: "Cantique de Noel," Adolphe Adam (France 1803-1856); (b) Hymn 78: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (words by Phillips Brooks), 1856, Sung by all, standing.

SERVICE: In place of the Psalter: Hymn 82: "A Great and Mighty Wonder," M. Praetorius (Venetian School about 1600), sung by the choir (congregation seated); "Magnificat," Gregorian, Tone VIII; after the second lesson: "Adeste Fideles" (first verse solo), Cantus Diversi, 1751, sung by all, standing.

CAROLS: (1) "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (Hymn 74), XIIIth Century Carol, sung by the choir (all seated); (2) "Shepherds, Watching O'er Your Flocks," Old Carol, sung by all (standing); (3) Six Czech-Slovakian Carols, sung by the choir (congregation seated); (4) "When Christ was born of Mary Free" (Hymn 547), Fifteenth century words. Music by Leopold Stokowski (1908), sung by the choir (congregation seated); (5) "Gates and Doors," Peter Lutkin, words by Joyce Kilmer. After the Blessing (all kneeling): "Silent Night" (Hymn 546), Franz Gruber (1818), first verse solo.

The college choir, which, under the direction of Father Bell, will lead the singing at the Carol Service, is composed of the following men:

First Tenors—Tibbits, Hatfield, Good, T. Riley, Ortmyer, Thorpe.
Second Tenors—Kingman, Fuscas, Lyman, L. Smith, Emerick, Trefry, Bell, Willis, Griffiths, Purington, Jordan.

First Basses—Gardner, Cone, Waeber, Fried, Hamilton, Snyder, Imrie, Everett, E. Hammond.

Second Basses—L. Hammond, Mulligan, Adenaw, Kollmar, Richard, Meissner.

Plays Postponed
Until January

The faculty has considered it wise to postpone the four plays which were to be presented this week to the first week after the holidays. At that time the plays will be presented under the direction of Dr. Bell.

"Bootleg," a melodrama tragedy by J. H. Neebe. The characters are Spike Morgan, a middle-aged lake captain; Mary, his 19-year-old daughter; Jack Bishop, a newspaper reporter; Blake, a Federal prohibition officer.

"Spring," a romantic comedy by Colin Clements. The three characters are a cop, a gob and a skirt.

"Medicine Show," a comedy without action, by Stuart Walker. The characters are three levee whites in the person of Luter, Giz, and Dr. Steven.

"Four Who Were Blind," a satiric comedy, by Colin Clements. The cast includes Kevork, an Armenian; Toffy and Red, two British Tommies, M. P., a British servant, and The Stranger.

Saints Clean Up
In Road RacePepper and Perella Equal
Weber's Record of 1928.

The St. Stephen's cross country team did the usual thing again this year and won the Poughkeepsie Road Race over the 6.3 mile course from Hyde Park to Poughkeepsie. Not only did they win it but they knocked it into a cocked hat and bent it all out of shape in general. In other words the seven men wearing the scarlet suits all finished among the first eight contestants. Not only was this true but in addition the two promising freshmen, Pepper and Perella finished hand in hand in 35:47, just exactly the time made by Weber when he set the new record in November 1928.

The only outsider to horn in and prevent a grand slam was Quinlan of Arlington high school who took third place. The local boys had expected much stiffer competition and could have done better under pressure but as it was the two winners finished exactly one minute ahead of Bell who ran the distance in 36:47 and thereby bettered his time of last year by sixteen seconds. The team as a whole did better as is evidenced by the fact that the last St. Stephen's man to finish was eight seconds ahead of the last man last year.

The details follow:

1st Parella & Pepper	35:47
2nd Bell	36:47
3rd Quinlan (A. H. S.)	37:07
4th Sprague	37:09
5th Riley	38:08
6th Kates	38:55
7th Griffiths	38:55
8th ? ? (N.Y.C.C.A.)	38:57
9th Wright (A. H. S.)	39:40
10th Devereaux (unattached)	40:10
11th ? ? ?	41:41

After the race the three first to finish were presented with silver cups donated by various interested parties in Poughkeepsie.

The grand climax of the day was the Thanksgiving Day feed at the Hotel Campbell which was pronounced by all present to be a most fitting ending to three months of training. Only one shadow fell across an otherwise perfect day and that was the inability of Capt. Imrie to participate in the race and the subsequent repast. His absence was mentioned by several and his ill fortune as well as that of his team was not overlooked.

Events in the Lives
Of Our Faculty

Mr. Voorhees is giving a course before the Monday Club at Kingston, N. Y. His topic is "Modern Spirit in Contemporary Literature." This course covers some of the most significant literature in the Latin countries, Germanic countries, England, and America.

Tuesday, Dr. Davidson goes to New York City to attend the Columbia University Council. This council is made up of representatives from the various colleges in the university. Dr. Davidson represents St. Stephen's College.

While at the last council meeting in October, Dr. Davidson stopped at the New York public library and picked from the shelves several volumes to be sent to St. Stephen's Hoffman Memorial Library. Consequently we have added to our library from forty to fifty bound volumes and a dozen unbound volumes of books which deal with Latin literature and Roman life.

A meeting of the Soviet was held in the Faculty Recreation Room in Albee Hall, on Tuesday evening, December 10, at 8 o'clock. The speaker at the meeting was Dr. Sottery, who gave an interesting talk on the subject of "Football." An entertainment followed, consisting of a novel bridge tournament modeled on the lines of a football game. Mrs. Sottery was hostess.

The bridge party following Dr. Sottery's talk was very original and amusing. Everybody drew for part-

Saints Open
Season With WinRhinebeck A. C. Falls to Tune
of 49-21.

The St. Stephen's basketball team opened its season at Annandale on December 4, 1929. The opposing team was the Rhinebeck A. C. which was substituting for Eastman on the schedule. The game was an easy victory for the home team which won by a score of 49-21.

The game was slow and uninteresting most of the time. However, St. Stephen's occasionally showed a little pep and scored quite freely. The Rhinebeck team was far from being first class. The players were erratic, both in shooting and passing.

For St. Stephen's Symons and Fuscas played a very fine game. The whole five man defense worked quite well. For the visitors Ruge starred.

Before the first period was many minutes old, St. Stephen's had gained quite a lead. The visiting team seemed bewildered by the snappy passing of the scarlet loopsters. In the middle of the half the Rhinebeck team took a new lease of life and started a little scoring on her own part. However, she never proved to be particularly dangerous. The visitors had several good chances to score, but even when under the basket they seemed unable to put the ball through the net. Toward the end of the half St. Stephen's renewed her speedy attack so that before the period was over she had scored twenty-five points. The half ended with the score St. Stephen's 25, Rhinebeck 11.

The second period was no faster than the first. St. Stephen's continued to show the same superiority she had shown in the first period. In the early minutes of the period, the home team added a few more baskets to her score and it began to look as though Rhinebeck was through for the evening. In the middle of the period, however, Rhinebeck started an attack that brought her a few more points. But the baskets the visitors scored were very few compared with the good chances they lost. With Fuscas leading the attack, the scarlet team started a drive which brought her final score up to 45. The score at the final whistle was St. Stephen's 49, Rhinebeck 21.

We must not bring this account to a close without mentioning the fine work of two Freshmen, Everett and Mitton. Both got into the game for a few minutes and showed signs of developing into very fine players.

The summary follows:

ST. STEPHEN'S			
	G.	F.	P.
Good, rf.	1	0	2
Glenn, rf.	5	1	11
Fuscas, lf.	6	2	14
Mitton, lf.	1	0	2
Symons, c.	2	1	5
Everett, c.	0	0	0
Lemley (Capt.) rg....	4	4	12
Given, rg.	1	1	3
Paul, lg.	0	0	0
Seigel, lg.	0	0	0
Totals	20	9	49

ners and then each pair was given the name of some college, such as Yale or Penn. A schedule of the games to be played was posted and the totals scored by the various teams were recorded on a blackboard. Dr. Sottery, dressed in white, acted as referee. In the course of the games peanuts and sandwiches were served. There were four tables of football-bridge enthusiasts. The bridge stopped at the blowing of a whistle and then refreshments of "pop", doughnuts and sandwiches were served to the players. The winning team, Penn, composed of Miss Rollins and Mr. Mauzey, received as the prize a box of doughnuts to signify that they could break training, now that the season was over. It was a very successful party. The Sotters are to be congratulated on their ingenuity.

Rev. Prof. Gavin
Preaches On Faith

The preacher in the Chapel on Sunday morning, November 10th, at the 10:30 service, was the Rev. Frank Gavin, D. D., Professor of History at the General Theological Seminary, New York City.

Dr. Gavin was asked by Warden Bell to speak on the subject, "The Things I Live By." His text was taken from St. Matthew 9:20, "And behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: For she said within herself, if I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about; and when he saw her, he said, Daughter be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour."

"I live spiritually by four things," Dr. Gavin said, "A sense of need, a hunch of the life of faith, action and experience." The one thing the most of us are crying for, is the fullest life. In the earliest tradition of the New Testament, that is what salvation means—life more abundant. The essence of the Christian life is that it portends to portray the fullest life. For that need, all of us have some desire of fulfillment. As we grow older we are not alive all over. The tragedy of death is the tragedy of unfulfilled expectations; potentialities that never reached fruition; possibilities that were never made real. We might be alive in certain emotional ways, in certain intellectual ways, but there are others where we are not alive. There are those blind spots in our minds, our prejudices; those dead places in our souls, which do not register, which do not wake up. The Christian way of acting and living, realizes the fullest life.

The spiritual hunch, or the more prosaic name, "faith." We have a sense that something might happen, if we developed a new attitude to the possibilities. "If I might but touch the hem of his garment, I might be saved." Not a faith that delivers from difficulty, but a faith that alters the whole situation. The attitude of taking a gambling chance. The worst treason of the Christian religion, is to make it gloomy and insipid. Faith is a challenge. The essence of faith is adventure—it means launching off from the safe and sane. The meaning of this is beautifully ex-

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Questions

Each issue THE LYRE TREE will print a list of ten questions pertaining to English and American literature. How well acquainted with facts? Try to answer all the questions before you turn to the answers on page four.

1. Where can the phrase, 'Sweet Helen, make me immortal with a kiss', be found?
2. In what poem can be found the phrase, "Like a glow worm golden In a dell of dew"?
3. What are the "pen" names of the following American humorists: Samuel Langhorne Clemens, Chas. Farrar Browne, Henry Wheller Shaw, Melvin Landland, Edgar Nye William Sidney Porter, Washington Irving, David Ross Locke?
4. Name three women writers whose "pen" names were masculine.
5. Name four writers bearing the title "Dean."
6. Who wrote "How Sleep The Brave"?
7. Name the four "mites" in literature.
8. Who wrote the lines "Tiger, tiger burning bright In the forest of the night"?
9. Who was called "The American Wordsworth", "The American Scott", "The Songster of Elmwood", "The Sage of Concord", "The Quaker Poet", "The Sage of Chelsea", "The Wizard of the North"?
10. Who wrote the lines, "Read something the world will not willingly let die"?

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Action follows immediately upon faith. Faith is no fireside virtue. It immediately involves action. Faith and action go hand in hand. As Gilbert K. Chesterton said, "It is much more important for the landlady to know the philosophy of the lodger than to know his bank account." The way we act, is in large measure the way we think.

Action and experience gives fruition. The Christian religion is not magic. It won't work by pushing buttons, and God's grace and God's power are non-existent until we co-operate with them. The final answer is a test of fruits. Give the experiment an opportunity to prove itself.

In these four things most of us build some sort of faith by which we live—a sense of need, a hunch that God, if there be a God, is able to supply that need; faith, by which we adventure into action in accordance with the terms suggested; and the experiment vindicated by experience. By these things we live, and the challenge is never more clearly put before us than today. When God and his claims get shoved by to one end of life, and with the possibilities of forgetting him and leaving him out, then the adventure stands sheer and stark and clear before us, the adventure really meaning what we say when we say, "I believe."

Greeks Pledge 24 New Men

Ten weeks of active rushing by the three fraternities were climaxed at 7:30 P. M., Monday, December 2, by the pledging of twenty-four new men. Of these men, the Eulexian fraternity pledged 12, Kappa Gamma Chi 7, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon 5. Following the announcement, by those bid, of their decision, in the presence of the Pan-Hellenic Council in Albee Recreation Room, the formal pledging was conducted separately by the various fraternities.

The fraternity rushing has been in progress since the opening of college in September. It has taken the form of tea dances, "busts" dinners, informal smokers, as well as much effective individual work and numerous private parties. Exactly at midnight, December 1, the long awaited fraternity bids appeared in the letter boxes of various men. Then followed a day of silence, deep deliberation and much evident excitement among those receiving bids, and many consultations and not a little trepidation among the fraternity men, till finally the suspense was broken and the results became known Monday evening, December 2.

The Eulexian fraternity, founded in 1860, originally as a literary society and later instituted as a secret organization has a present active membership of 21. During the past year it erected a new stone fraternity house in the English Tudor style.

Kappa Gamma Chi, founded in 1861 by a group of students including the late Algernon Crapsey, author of "The Last of the Heretics", numbers 23 active members.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, founded in 1856 and installed in St. Stephen's College in 1895, has 11 active members.

The following men were pledged by the three fraternities:

EULEXIAN

Arthur F. Adenaw, '33, Flushing, L. I.
James L. Everett, '33, East Williston, N. Y.
John C. Foster, '33, New York, N. Y.
Henry Hamilton, '33, Brooklyn, N. Y.
William Parkinson, Jr., '33, Orange, N. J.
G. Willing Pepper, '33, Philadelphia, Pa.
Robert K. Rudge, '33, Glen Rock, N. J.
Clinton S. Spahr, '33, Smithtown Branch, N. Y.
E. Frederick Waeber, '33, Yonkers, N. Y.
Wilfrid G. White, '33, Waban, Mass.
J. Watson Cone, '30, Great Barrington, Mass.
Nathaniel Peeples, '31, Bluffton, South Carolina.
KAPPA GAMMA CHI
Walter M. Bold, '33, Amityville, L. I., N. Y.
Freeman B. Calkin, '33, Mamaronck, N. Y.
Leland V. Greey, '33, Amityville, L. I., N. Y.
Richard T. Kollmar, '33, Ridgewood, N. J.
George Lockwood, '33, Ottawa, Ill.
John Mitton, '33, Holyoke, Mass.
Hazen F. Simpson, '33, Peekskill, N. Y.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

Edward M. Fried, '33, New York, N. Y.
Phineas E. Jonasson, '33, Grantwood, N. J.
William E. Jordan, '33, Ottawa, Ill.
Dorwin H. Perella, '33, Johnson City, N. Y.
Donald D. Van Vliet, '33, Fort Fairfield, Maine.
J. King B. E. Seegar, '33, Baltimore, Md.
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Artemus Ward
Josh Billings
Eli Perkins
Bill Nye
O'Henry
Jeffrey Crayon
Petroleum V. Nasby
4. Mary Ann Evans (George Eliot), Madame Dudevant (George Sand), and Mary Knowles Murphy (Chas Egbert Craddock)
5. Swift, J; Alford; Stanley; and Inge
6. William Collins
7. Submit, commit, admit, and transmit
8. William Blake in his poem "The Tiger"
9. William C. Bryant
James F. Cooper
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ALUMNI NEWS

News comes to us of the death of the Rev. Charles Mercer Hall, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Bridgeport, Conn. His age was 65. Father Hall received an honorary M. A. degree from St. Stephen's College in 1903. He was ordained in 1891 and served as rector at St. Barnabas' Church, Camden, N. J., for the next two years. He was assistant of the Church of the Beloved Disciple, New York, in 1893 and 1894, and then served the Church of the Holy Cross in Kingston, N. Y., until 1912. From 1914 to 1925 he was rector of St. Mary's at Ashville, N. C. He had been rector of Trinity Church in Bridgeport for the last four years.

"Pete" Deloria, '26, has returned to the General Theological Seminary for his second year of study.

The Rev. James E. Clarke, associate rector of St. Paul's Church, Oswego, N. Y., is acting temporarily as priest-in-charge in the absence of the rector the Rev. Sidney Winter, who is spending several months in British East Africa.

Louis McC. Myers, '25, M. A. Columbia, '29, is now instructor in French in the University of Oregon.

John Myers ex '27, is reporting on a newspaper in San Antonio, Texas.

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