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# LYRE TREE

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## WETS WIN PROHIBITION POLL

**E. F. Albee Dies  
At Palm Beach****Benefactor of College Heart  
Disease Victim.****COLLEGE MOURNS LOSS; RE-  
QUIEM MASS HELD**

Edward F. Albee, trustee and benefactor of St. Stephen's College, died suddenly on the evening of March 11 in his room at the Breakers Hotel from heart disease.

Starting in life as a helper in a circus, Mr. Albee had lived to become president of the largest theatrical organization of its kind in the world, the B. F. Keith vaudeville circuit and subsequently the Keith-Albee-Orpheum Corporation.

While directing the affairs of this large circuit, which controlled 700 theatres in the United States and Canada and booked 15,000 performers, Mr. Albee found time to devote to innumerable charities and worthy causes.

Mr. Albee was made a trustee of St. Stephen's College in 1924, and in the same year he offered the college a new dormitory upon the condition that a new science building would be obtained also. This condition was promptly fulfilled and the Albee dormitory was built immediately. Upon the completion of the structure, Mr. Albee expressed his desire to completely furnish it. The cost of the actual building was \$165,000. The cost of the furnishings has never been learned, but is estimated at \$25,000. Mr. Albee has, since that time, made yearly gifts ranging upwards of \$10,000 towards the annual deficit. Last autumn he contributed \$100,000 additional towards the college debt.

In 1923 Mr. Albee received a Master of Arts degree from St. Stephen's for the services he had rendered to the fine arts by his designing and building beautiful theatres and his interest in painting and the drama.

With the decline of straight vaudeville and the formation more than a year ago of the Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corporation, embracing vaudeville, motion picture and radio, of which the Keith-Albee-Orpheum Corporation became a part, Mr. Albee had more or less retired, although he was still active as a member of the R-K-O directorate.

**Started as Circus Helper**

Mr. Albee was born at Machias, Me., on October 8, 1857, son of Nathan S. and Amanda A. Albee. His father was the grandson of William Albee, one of the original Minute Men of 1775-1776. His great-great grandsire took part in the first naval battle of the Revolution against Great Britain.

He had scant education when he joined a wagon show, which he followed for seven years, feeding the lions, watering the elephants, and performing other chores but enjoying all the thrills of circus life.

With an ambition to establish himself permanently, Mr. Albee as a young man went to Boston in 1883. There he met the late B. F. Keith, a vaudeville pioneer who, in his own words, had just "left" the Barnum Show flat on the lot" and launched out for himself in Boston.

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**Sketch-Book Progress  
Will Allow Volume  
To Appear May 9th****Three Publications to Be  
Issued on Senior Ball  
Week-end.**

The progress on the make-up of the Sketch-Book has indeed been remarkable. On March 1st the entire copy of the editorial division was in the hands of the printer. All the pictures, individuals and groups, have been in the hands of the engraver for the past week. There remains but one section of the book to complete, the advertising. Due to the illness of the Business Manager the soliciting of advertisements was withheld until this month.

The success of the editorial section of the book is practically assured and the financial success is a matter of time. The cost of the Sketch-Book will run some five hundred dollars more than that of last year's annual, yet the business department believes they can handle the situation.

During the Spring vacation, Gamble, editor-in-chief, spent two days in the offices of Kent & Company, printers, reading proof and compiling the galley sheets into book form. The editorial section of the book alone numbers over two hundred pages.

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**Baseball Candidates  
Start Spring Practice****Season's Schedule Announced  
By Banks**

The baseball candidates started their practice session after a brief vacation. Nineteen men are training daily in preparation for the coming baseball season, the first in five years at the College. It will be remembered that baseball has ceased to be a spring sport with the introduction of Lacrosse. But last year just before the closing of school a number of men petitioned the student council for baseball and after a heated discussion on the part of the students baseball was introduced and Lacrosse dropped as a Major sport.

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**Kappa Gamma Chi  
Admits 5 New Men**

On Friday, March 7th, 1930, the annual initiation ceremony of Kappa Gamma Chi Fraternity was held in the Chapter House at five o'clock in the afternoon, at which time five new men were received into the fraternity.

At seven o'clock the annual initiation banquet was held in the main room of the new house. Father Crosby was the guest of honor, and among the alumni present were: James Blackwell of Port Washington, N. Y., Harold L. Keene, '29, of Oneonta, N. Y., and Edgar S. Palmer, '12 of New York City.

The initiates were:  
Monroe Bold, '33, Amityville, Long Island.

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**Honorary Club For  
Athletics Formed****L. Smith to Head New Group  
—Lemley Elected Vice-  
President.****CLUB NUMBERS 8 MEMBERS**

On March 12th a new organization was formed on campus to be known as the "St. Stephen's College Varsity Club" which group will fill the need for an honorary athletic club among those students interested in sports.

Some years ago there was an organization here called the "Varsity Club" which served somewhat the same purpose as the club which has just been formed, yet that organization failed to perpetuate itself. This new movement is another attempt, yet along a different line as the Constitution below will make clear.

The charter members of the "Varsity Club" are Kent Smith, '32, Gilbert Symons, '32, Richard Nale, '32, Robert Burbank, '30, Thomas Bloomquist, '31, Walter Tibbets, '30, Walter Lemley, '30, and Leverett T. Smith, '30.

At the first meeting of the club on March 12, the Constitution which appears below was adopted and officers were elected to fill their posts until June. Leverett T. Smith of (Continued on page 2, col. 3)

**Sigma Alpha Epsilon  
Initiates Five Men****Formal Banquet Marks the  
Founding of Fraternity.****SEVENTY-FOUR YEARS OLD**

On the evening of March 13th the New York Phi Alpha Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon initiated five men at their chapter house in Annandale, N. Y.

The newly elected members were: Robert F. Chapin, '32, of Pasadena, Calif.; William E. Jordan, '33, of Ottawa, Ill.; Edward M. Fried, '33, of New York City; Tracey B. Darling, '32, of Port Jefferson, N. Y.; and Harold Griffiths, '31, of Pottsville, Pa.

Following the initiation ceremonies the fraternity adjourned to Duncker's Hotel in Upper Red Hook, N. Y., where a banquet was given in (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

**Speakers Are  
Named for 1930  
Commencement**

On March 11 the Administration announced the following speakers for the Commencement exercises of the Class of 1930: Baccalaureate Preacher, the Very Rev. Milo Hudson Gates, LL. D., D. D., Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City, Secretary of the Hispanic Society of America; Phi Beta Kappa Orator, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of the University; Commencement Speaker, Professor Paul Elmer Moore, M. A., LL. D., Litt. D., of Princeton, perhaps America's most distinguished humanist.

**Overwhelming Majority Oppose  
Enforcement of Prohibition****Ninety-seven Per Cent of Entire College Is  
Canvassed for Straw Vote.****Ballot Reveals Seven Drinkers Favor Enforcement—Sixteen  
Per Cent Teetotalers.**

The Prohibition Poll conducted by the Lyre Tree, in accord with other such polls throughout the nation, has revealed much interesting data and opinions concerning the present Eighteenth Amendment.

Until 1928 St. Stephen's college was definitely affiliated with the Episcopal Church and generally known to Educators as a "church college." Since the amalgamation of St. Stephen's with Columbia University the college has been definitely non-sectarian. It is interesting to note that at least 75% of the students enrolled are members of the Episcopal church. The Registrar's records show that a great majority of the students come from outstanding preparatory schools in New England and the Middle Atlantic States. The remainder come from accredited "day" and high schools. These facts are significant and must be kept in mind in reviewing the results of the poll. Ninety-seven per cent of the entire college, including the faculty, voted. Of this number 15.3 per cent favored enforcement; 39.3% favored modification; and 50.4% favored repeal. Thereby intimating very strongly that this college thinks something should be done about the prohibition situation.

It is curious to note that sixteen per cent claimed to be teetotalers, and that only half of them voted for enforcement, while there were seven confirmed drinkers who strongly advocated strict enforcement.

Because of the widespread discussion concerning the relative value of "straw vote," the Lyre Tree included in its questionnaire the question "Do you advocate straw voting as being of value?" To this question seventy-four per cent of the entire college assented.

Following are the tabulated numerical results of the Lyre Tree canvass:

	Faculty		Students		Combined	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Do you favor Enforcement?	4	13	15	95	19	108
Do you favor Repeal?	4	13	60	50	64	63
Do you favor Modification?	19	7	49	70	50	77
Do you Drink?	13	4	93	7	106	21
Do you drink Occasionally?	11	6	7	193	18	109
Do you drink Frequently?	2	15	38	22	90	37
Do you approve Straw Voting?	15	1	79	31	95	32

**Choir Again  
Sings Services  
In Hudson****First Trip on Schedule Com-  
pleted With Success.**

On Sunday, March 9th, the St. Stephen's College Choir traveled to Christ Church, Hudson, N. Y., on their first trip of the season where they sang the evening service. All the selections rendered were of Bach. Dr. Bernard Iddings Bell, warden of the college, preached a Lenten sermon.

The choir, of some forty men, will be heard at the various Episcopal Churches in Kingston, Red Hook, Rhinebeck and Tuxedo during the Lenten season. Dr. Bell, director, and Dr. Garebedian, organist, have arranged a splendid (Continued on page 2, col. 4)

**Orators To Compete  
For Prizes In May****Eight Contestants Already  
Signed for in Forensic  
Battle.**

Call's for contestants for the oratorical contests in the past have barely polled enough candidates to warrant a competition, yet the results this year have been truly amazing. Already eight men have signed up for the elimination contest and more are expected before the end of the month. Of the eight men five are seniors, all of whom are experienced orators having either won prizes at St. Stephen's for their powers of persuasion or at "prep" school. The Lyre Tree makes no predictions other than that the contest will be a hot and interest- (Continued on page 4, col. 2)



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## EDITORIAL

We have an opinion! Nothing very strange about that except that it is really a strange opinion and not one with which all our readers will especially agree. We believe that compulsory chapel is a splendid ruling. If you have read this far we suppose you will look on to see what arguments we will put forth to support our cause. We have no arguments, in fact, we don't believe in arguments—just good 'ole bloody discussions.

Well! For the past four years we have been forced to wend our weary way down the elm path to the little brown church in the vale; we have been forced to go to chapel. Let's face facts fearlessly. It was through that enforcement that we learned to readjust our ideas on the subject of compulsory chapel. We have grown to enjoy spending a half hour before dinner in that quiet meditation. You don't have to be religious to enjoy chapel; but you do have to be able to appreciate and enjoy the beautiful. You, as a collective group, are paying money for an education. You have a right to demand your money's worth. If there wasn't a chapel service you might well have your discontent justified. If you weren't forced to go it would take a deal longer than four years to appreciate its beauty. That's a poor argument about going when the spirit moves you. We are well aware of the fact that if the spirit doesn't move you at 7:20 for early church you would be hopelessly without spirit at 6:30 for Vespers. We can make our lives well-rounded and happier by seeing each day a beautiful picture, by hearing a bit of beautiful music, and by reading a bit of beautiful literature. Here's an opportunity never again to be realized so completely nor as easily. Or perhaps you don't want all those nice things? Well, we're not going to beg you. Have an unhappy life if you want to.

If our chapel service was similar to that of most colleges we would have a just cause to kick against the pricks, but it isn't. We are unique in this respect and we don't cough when we say it. Being different at least suggests being a little worthwhile. Point us out another college where the men stay after the service, on their knees, and pray. This is significant of something.

In the past we have often heard of the various things about college life which impressed certain alumni most. Invariably the chapel services came into the category. Yet they didn't say much about it—they felt it. They felt that the vesper services had been a high mark in their career here. When a man can feel like that about it after he has been out in the world three, five, or eight years there must be something good about it. We gave it a try—a four years try—and found that their argument held water, good clean water. You question us? Those men aren't the alumni who return each year to utilize an opportunity to boo a speaker at the Commencement luncheon, nor are they alumni who return with their valises filled with bad gin and spend their time damning the administration. If any one of us had possessed the courage at that Commencement luncheon we were supposed to have, when certain of the alumni banged on the table with dishes and hissed the speaker (in an undertone) we wouldn't be bothered with them now. We wouldn't have to listen to their smugly complacent talk. None of these are the men from whom we heard about chapel, rather they were business men who left college with an enviable four years' record behind them. These men boost St. Stephen's whenever the opportunity presents itself. You rarely see them for they don't return often. They are entirely too busy to return to the college for a two-day celebration every year.

There are few things in the world which you aren't going to be forced to do either out of circumstances or necessity; you are going to like it and grin. If it is for the betterment of your mind, body and soul why should you kick? Oh! We see your point. You don't care to have religion stuffed down your throat. We don't blame you; neither do we. St. Stephen's is a small place. We know in great part what is going on around us. If we didn't know so much about these matters they probably wouldn't bother us half so much. We get an idea, which is in most cases a rumor, immediately there is a session in the dormitory on the subject and after three hours' discussion we come to the conclusion that some one is stuffing something down our throats. The full details or facts on the case are not necessary nor, in most cases, desired. All that is needed is an idea. You know its a funny picture when you get off and view it from a different objective.

If you don't care to worship during the vesper services go and enjoy exercising your lungs. We all like to shout, we are Americans. Half an hour a day is all too little time to sit quietly and take account of stock. Robert Burdette once said that it was a fine thing as you turn in at night to lie awake and think back over the day's work. We usually go to bed too late to enjoy any such luxury, but why not utilize chapel for this if you aren't in accord with the religious direction?

We have an opinion and we are going to keep it unless you produce some pretty conclusive evidence that we are wrong. We have an opinion—strange!

## Honorary Club For Athletics Formed

(Continued from page 1, col. 3) Newport, R. I., was elected President; Walter Lemley of Newark, N. J., Vice President, and Gilbert Symons of Cincinnati, Ohio, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

## CONSTITUTION

**St. Stephen's College Varsity Club**  
Section 1. The Club shall be called the "St. Stephen's College Varsity Club."

Section 2. Men eligible are as follows:

(1) Those men who have been awarded three letters in more than one branch of athletics.

(2) Such men must have been in residence at St. Stephen's for at least one college year.

(3) Such men must be in good scholastic standing and in good standing with the college authorities.

N. B.—See also Section 8 below.

Section 3. Managerial and cheer leading letters are not counted as a step towards eligibility to the Varsity Club.

Section 4. The officers of the Varsity Club shall be (a) a president, (b) a vice president, (c) a secretary-treasurer, and they shall perform their usual duties.

Section 5. A man upon election and the receipt of his initiation fee shall receive a regulation Varsity Club key on the back of which shall be engraved the sports and year in which the varsity letter was won.

Section 6. The principle purpose of this club is the binding together of the athletes into a closer organization for the furtherance of athletics at St. Stephen's College.

Section 7. There shall be an initiation fee of five dollars (\$5.00) payable upon election and there shall be yearly dues of two dollars (\$2.00) payable at the beginning of each college year regardless of the date of initiation.

Section 8. Seniors who have made their letter three times in any one sport, if the active body acquiesces by the regular ballot, may be elected.

Section 9. There shall be one honorary faculty member of the organization elected yearly by the members.

Section 10. All moneys belonging to the organization shall be kept in the Red Hook Bank and money withdrawn only by a three-quarters (%) majority of the members.

Section 11. This constitution may be changed only by a three-quarters (%) vote of the entire active

## Potential Dates Given For Play

## Mummers to Aid Hospital Benefit.

An announcement was made by the Oral English Department last week that the spring play, "Candida," would be offered three times during the month of May.

After vacation the casts will go into its fifth week of rehearsal. The first act has been learned letter-perfect and the players spent part of their holiday learning the lines for the remaining two acts. The rehearsals are going smoothly, much to the satisfaction of the coaches.

The play will have its first night at Annandale on May 1st before the college audience. The following night it will be seen in Rhinebeck where the Mummers will play for the Hospital Benefit and the next night, Saturday, May 3rd, it will be taken to the Bennett School at Millbrook for its final presentation.

Plans for its showing under the auspices of the Junior League have not been completed, yet it is hoped that the Thespians will be able to round out their schedule with a four night program. Never before have the college players' offerings created enough interest outside Annandale to merit a tour, yet it is quite probable that this year's experiment will prove a huge success. Last year's success, "Outward Bound," was taken to the Millbrook school during the spring where it was accorded a great ovation.

There has been a change in the caste since the first announcement was made. Guy Pickering has succeeded Floyd Bell as the old man, Burgess, in the play.

## Choir Again Sings Services in Hudson

(Continued from page 1, col. 4) series of programs for these presentations.

At Christ Church on Sunday, the choir, dressed in their Oxford gowns, and led by the Marshall of Undergraduates with his gold mace, presented a colorful spectacle.

The service was attended with usual good response from the parishoners of the church. Preceding the service the choir was tendered a dinner by the Young People's Society in the parish rooms.

body; such action to be ratified by the Student Council and the Athletic Council.

## WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

## CROWDED COMMENCEMENT CONDITIONS

## "Cujus Re Hac Diploma Testimonium Sit"

Commencement is not far off, and as members of the Senior Class, we would like to offer to the Administration of the College a suggestion while there is yet time for discussion, and more important, action.

One of the most disagreeable things that the College and its guests is forced to face on Commencement Day is the stuffiness and overcrowding of the Chapel. Our ritual of conferring of the Degree is most impressive and of such a nature that to hold it in any other place than the Chapel would seem a solecism. The only way therefore, in which this condition can be remedied, is by reducing the numbers who are present. These may be divided into four classes: members of the College proper, both Undergraduates and Faculty; the families and friends of the Graduating Class, and Alumni returned for the occasion. The latter, perhaps can be excluded, but we feel that this is not only an insult to them, since they still love and cherish their Alma Mater, and should be accorded the right as well as the privilege of participating in her culminating and perhaps most important ceremony of College life. Nor can the family and friends of the Bachelors-to-be be denied admission, since in by far the majority of cases it is by their aid and encouragement and sacrifice that there is any Graduating Class at all. It remains, therefore, to select from the Undergraduates some who must be absent to insure the comfort of the rest.

This class we believe to be the Freshmen. This is no disparagement of them, and we have a strong suspicion that allowing them to leave campus at the close of their examinations will cause no heart-burnings or bitter disappointments. Moreover, much as we hate to confess it, we know that four years repetition of the ceremony rather dulls its appeal for us, in spite of the fact that now we are the actors in the limelight, and so we feel that a little less familiarity with the ceremony will be of positive benefit to them in their senior year. The Freshman class is always the largest single group on campus, and the space they occupy in Chapel can not only permit the greater comfort of the College and its guests, but may allow a few (very few) more guests to be present.

We therefore request that the Faculty and the Administration change the rule of previous years, and permit the departure of the Freshmen at close of their examinations.

—R. R. W.

## J. B. Pratt Of Williams Lectures On Missions

## Can One Religion Justly Send Missionaries Into Foreign Lands?

The evening of March 31st found an eager audience in Hegeman Theatre awaiting the argument which Professor J. B. Pratt of the Department of Religion at Williams was to present on the justification of one religion sending missionaries into the territory of another religion.

Specifically, the question was the justification of Christian missionaries in Buddhist lands and what should be the aim of such missions if they be sent, and what the nature of the missionaries might be.

Various arguments against missions were presented and a large part of the lecture was devoted to a comparison between Christianity and Buddhism. His conclusion was that the two religions have a great deal in common; each possess something which the other lacks. The lecturer's deduction from this was not that the two religions should give up sending missionaries, but that each should continue to do so. For the goodness of a religion for a given individual depends in part upon him; people with different temperaments will find different values in different religions, and all people should have an opportunity to find the religion which best suits their needs. Finally, his conclusion was that the ideal relation between the great religions of the world should not be one of hostility but one of cooperation; that men of good will in all religions might well like as their model some such mutual accord as we in England and America have been working out between the various denominations of Christianity.

The lecture has caused no end of discussion and has set many of the embryo ministers to reform their ideas on foreign missions.

## Sigma Alpha Epsilon Initiates Five Men

(Continued from page 1, col. 3) honor of the new brothers and to commemorate the founding of the fraternity which took place seventy-four years ago on March 9th, 1856, at the University of Alabama. The fraternity had as guests three members of the St. Stephen's College faculty present: Drs. Upton, Davidson and Mauzey.

## Bloomquist-Mellen Engagement Announced

The engagement of Miss Katherine Mellen, of Brooklyn to Mr. Thomas Bloomquist, of Brooklyn was announced by Mrs. C. Mellen at a formal dinner given by the bride-to-be at her home on Monday evening, March the twenty-fourth.

Bloomquist is a Junior at the college and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

The Editor has received no less than ten complaints from certain interested parties concerning the story of the Frosh Dance which appeared in the last issue of this paper. In many instances the indignant persons have suggested that the Editor himself read the stories before the paper goes to press which is, on the whole, an admirable suggestion. For that very reason the Editor has seen fit to throw out the many communications on the subject of the Frosh dance. The board offers its regrets to those interested persons for having allowed the story to appear in these columns. If it would be of any interest those parts of the story in question which struck some of our readers as ungentlemanly have been deleted from the issue being sent to our subscribers.

—THE EDITOR.

Joseph "Al" C. Settle, '29, S. A. E., visited friends on campus over the week-end of March 1st. Al is now sales representative for a large lumber concern in Philadelphia and may be addressed at 1110 Filmore Street, Frankford, Pa.



## E. F. Albee Dies At Palm Beach

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With limited capital Keith had begun upon the campaign in which he eventually won leadership in the vaudeville field.

### Introduced the "Mikado."

Mr. Albee got a job with Keith as chief of staff. He introduced Gilbert and Sullivan. When he staged the first excerpt from the "Mikado," and charged 10 and 25 cents admission, the police of Boston had a difficult time holding back the crowds that tried to get into the theatre. Keith and Albee adopted as their slogan, "Cleanliness, Courtesy and Comfort." They made up their minds to supply wholesome entertainment for families, including children, and enjoyed increasing patronage in Boston.

Before and after the death of Keith in 1914, Mr. Albee adhered to and enlarged upon the standards of management that the partnership had adopted. He ruled coarseness off the stage over which he had control, and as far as possible tried to eliminate jokes on important issues which would have been in bad taste. He ordered his actors not to pun on Hollywood. He also prohibited jokes on prohibition because he thought they bored. Likewise, he would not tolerate any jokes at the expense of trolley service in a town where there was a Keith-Albee theatre. When Helen Keller was featured in his circuit, Mr. Albee forbade other actors and actresses under his booking to make the blind, dumb and deaf girl the butt of any jokes, as they were at liberty to do in the case of other members of their show.

Following a protest made by Father John B. Kelley, Chaplain of the Catholic Writers' Guild in October, 1923, to Mr. Albee, directors of the B. F. Keith theatrical interests withdrew a sketch, "The Unknown Lady," by George Middleton, featuring Mme. Alla Nazimova. The play was a plea for "more humane" divorce laws.

### First Theatre in Boston

When Keith and Albee were assured of success in Boston, where they built their first important theatre, B. F. Keith's, at a cost of more than \$500,000, they laid plans for vaudeville theatres in other cities of the country. Mr. Albee mastered theatre construction to the last detail and personally supervised the architects employed to design new theatres. Among the most important of the chain are the Palace, in Manhattan, the New Orpheum theatre and office building built as a memorial to the late Mr. Keith in Brooklyn, at a cost of \$3,000,000, and the Keith Palace Theatre in Cleveland, Ohio, which was erected at a cost of more than \$5,000,000.

Mr. Albee remained in partnership with Keith until the latter's death. Keith divided his fortune, estimated at \$15,000,000, equally between his son, A. Paul Keith, and Mr. Albee. When A. Paul Keith died in 1918 he in turn left a portion of his theatre holdings to Mr. Albee, in recognition of "the creative genius, the executive ability and the untiring devotion" Mr. Albee had shown to the interests of first the father and then the son.

It remained for Mr. Albee as partner and legatee of the two Keiths to introduce a new element into the Keith business by creating a new spirit in the relations between managers and artists. At his suggestion and through his endeavors the managers organized the Vaudeville Managers' Protective Association and the artists the National Vaudeville Artists. The two organizations had contact through arbitration boards.

### The Big Vaudeville Merger

In December, 1927, the formation of the Keith-Albee Orpheum Corporation, to merge the Orpheum Circuit, Inc., B. F. Keith Corporation, Greater New York Vaudeville Theatres Corporation and the B. F. Keith-Albee Vaudeville Exchange was effected. Mr. Albee was Presi-

dent of the merged corporation. It was capitalized at \$10,000,000 7 per cent preferred stock, and 2,000,000 shares of common stock, of which 1,119,170 were outstanding in February, 1928.

Mr. Albee was a loyal supporter of the Church, an enthusiastic civic worker, and a great friend of charity. In the World War he headed the sub-committee representing the vaudeville interests that aided in selling more than \$27,000,000 worth of Liberty Bonds.

In the campaign to raise \$15,000,000 to complete the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Mr. Albee headed the committee of vaudeville managers and pledged himself to underwrite a \$150,000 fund with which to build some part of the Cathedral as a memorial to the theatrical profession. Last October he gave \$150,000 personally for the work. He previously had given \$200,000 to the general building fund. He has subscribed heavily to the bond issue to build the Methodist Broadway Temple at Broadway and 173rd Street.

Mr. Albee turned his theatres over for charity. He headed the committee that raised funds to buy Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home. He was a member of the American committee that raised funds to build a Shakespeare Me-

morial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon.

He not only gave financial support to churches but encourages actors and actresses in his circuit to speak in church when opportunity offered. He once explained to countless benefit performances why he did so, saying:

"For many years there has been an unjust prejudice against vaudeville actors. Although people in a community liked to go and watch them in a theatre, they were not inclined to regard them as human beings. The actors had resented this feeling, but they could not seem to do anything about it. But I think I have been fairly successful in breaking down these barriers. Actors on the road these days are invited to speak at churches and clubs and in the towns they visit and meet the best citizens. I get many letters from all over the country—Mayors and Governors among them—who tell me of various artists who have made enlightening and inspiring speeches at churches or clubs while playing the town."

Mr. Albee was a member of the New York Athletics, Rotary and Larchmont Yacht Clubs of New York; the Algonquin Club and Boston Athletic Association of Boston,

and the National Vaudeville Artists. He was a Vice President of the Actors' Fund of America and a Trustee of St. Stephen's College. He was honorary Colonial member of the Minute Men of Lexington.

## Sketch-Book Progress Will Allow Volume To Appear May 9th

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The volume will contain many out of doors views of the campus, a dedication to Dr. Lyford P. Edwards, a memorial to E. F. Albee, an appreciation, colored inserts for each division of the book, a biography of each member of the faculty, pictures and stories of sports, classes, and organizations.

Unless a last minute change is made the binding will be of cardboard covered with red leather; in the center of the front cover there will be impressed with gold the college seal. No written matter will appear on the cover.

The book will contain nothing unusual by way of a feature section. It will be simply a review of the year's events and a record of the Senior class for the past four years. To run a feature section would require a great deal more

money than the staff sees fit to expend. It is hoped that in later years there will be a section devoted to the more humorous side of college life on the campus at Annandale.

The Sketch-Book will first be seen in its final form on the campus May 9th, the week-end of the Senior Ball, at which time the "Lyre Tree" and "Messenger" will release an issue.

## Kappa Gamma Chi Admits 5 New Men

(Continued from page 1, col. 2)

John Mitton, '33, Holyoke, Mass.  
Floyd Reinhart, '33, New Haven, Conn.

George Lockwood, '33, Ottawa, Ill.  
Leland Greey, '33, Amityville, Long Island.

Kappa Gamma Chi is making plans for the improvement of the grounds around the Chapter House, including the construction of a new driveway from the main road. The recent acquisition of property to the southwest of the house, makes it possible to abandon the old driveway and build a new one which will lead directly to the main entrance of the new house. This work will probably be started in the early spring.

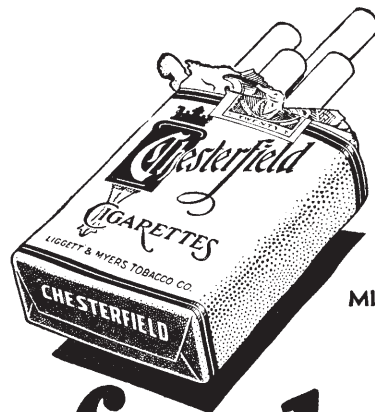
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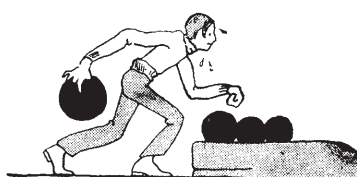


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## BOWLING TOURNAMENT



The first annual bowling tournament ever held at St. Stephen's has been completed, the team representing the K. G. X. fraternity emerging as victors. They were awarded with a handsome trophy, a mounted silver bowling ball, donated by Dr. Bell, which is to remain permanently in their possession. Six teams representing the K. G. X., S. A. E. and Eulexian fraternities, the Non-society group, the Faculty and the help competed. Each team met the others in one match consisting of three games, a total of fifteen games per team. The trophy was awarded on the basis of the total number of pins scored. The K. G. X. team was the only one to score over ten thousand, their final score being 10,084. The

other teams followed closely.

As the tournament progressed there was a notable improvement in the bowling of the men and several fairly high scores resulted. The only man to break 200 was Tracy Darling of the Sigs, who bowled 201. Coach Banks proved to be the best man in the contest with an average of 160.7, seven pins above his nearest rival.

Since considerable interest was shown in the tournament Coach Banks, director of this year's contest, plans to hold it again next year. Other prizes will probably be given so that those who were unsuccessful this year will have a chance to vindicate themselves at that time.

The final scores are listed below:

	Total Pins	Team Avg.
K. G. X. ....	10084	134.45
Help .....	9998	133.30
S. A. E. ....	9822	130.95
Faculty .....	9141	121.88
Non-society .....	8857	118.09
Eulexian .....	8702	116.00

## INDIVIDUAL SCORES

High Average	High Game
Banks ... 160.7	Darling .... 201
Alex .... 153.64	McDermott... 196
Kingman . 146.06	Bloomquist.. 192
McDermott 145.	Banks ..... 188
Lemley .. 144.69	Lemley .... 186
Darling .. 142.11	Mulligan .... 186
Perella ... 140.78	Kingman .... 184
Fried .... 135.2	Goodsole ... 169
Seigle .... 133.85	Alex ..... 135
Frank .... 132.64	Perella ..... 166
	Seigle ..... 166
	Rudge ..... 165

on this score later on.

The season will officially open on the 26th of April with East Stroudsburg. Williams, Stevens Tech, Seton Hall, Pratt, Union, and the Hartwick College of Oneonta will follow. All these teams will present seasoned ball clubs and the opposition will undoubtedly prove tough teams to beat.

## ALUMNI NEWS

Gordon Stancliff, ex '30, S. A. E., of Malone, N. Y., was seen on campus March 14th for a few hours. He is now with the Cadillac Sales Corporation of Albany.

Harvey Fite, ex '30, S. A. E., of Houston, Texas, was a visitor over the week-end of March 14th. While at St. Stephen's, Fite showed extraordinary ability in the acting art. He is now with the "Jitney" players at Danbury, Conn.

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Orators To Compete  
For Prizes in May

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ing battle for each student is keen on his subject.

The prizes which are four in number include the McVicker prize of fifty dollars for the senior entering the ministry who wins first place. So far this prize is open to Warner, Wilcock, and Gamble. The prize open to all students is thirty-five dollars; second prize, fifteen, and third prize, five dollars, so that there is in all four prizes available. The list of contestants thus far are: Cone, Lemley, Gamble, Warner, Wilcock, J. Paul, Waeber and Reinhardt. The last two named are freshmen.

The elimination contest will take place not later than May 1st while the final public presentations will be held about the middle of May. The contest will necessitate six candidates passing the eliminations in order that the final contest may be held.

Last year the orations were of such poor calibre and there were so few entries that it was thought advisable to abandon the contest for that year. From all accounts the compositions this year will be high above the usual run of orations and the speaker's forensic talents will leave no one in doubt as to their abilities.

Baseball Candidates  
Start Spring Practice

(Continued from page 1, col. 2)

Coach Banks is confident of putting a good team on the field because of the promising material which has shown up for practice. For pitchers we have Kenneth Glenn, Tracy Darling, Jim Paul, Burbank, Jonasson. Of this group of candidates, Glenn and Darling are seasoned ball players. Glenn, a former Hampstead star, pitched and captained his high school team. Darling, a transfer from Yale, pitched for the Freshman team. A great deal is expected from both these men. On the other hand, the rest of the pitching staff have shown enough to encourage Coach Banks. Craven and Hatfield are trying out for the catching job. Walter Siegel and Mulligan are candidates for the first sack. Both men are long and rangy and seem to handle themselves in a capable manner. Pepper, Ortmeier, and Caldiero are trying for the keystone sack position. Bloomquist, Madonado and Gilreath are candidates for the far corner. The third baseman's job is difficult; all three men show promise.

There seems to be a shortage of material for the outfield. Trefry, Fuscas, and Bell are the only candidates thus far who have signified any intention to try for the outfield positions.

It is hard to make any predictions about the coming season. Early spring training, and especially in a gymnasium, never indicates the real strength of a team. When the men get a taste of outdoor practice and when they have all limbered up and taken a few cracks at the ball, it will be better then to get a line on the individual men. Furthermore, one cannot judge from indoor batting the real hitting ability of the team. It takes practice to develop a batting eye and more can be said

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