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ATTENTION, ALUMNI!

As has been the custom of the Business Management of the "Messenger" heretofore, a copy of this issue of the "Lyre Tree" is being sent to every Alumnus and Former Student on our list. We urge you to read it carefully, to see how well things are running at the old place, and to consider seriously a subscription, if you are not already enrolled as a subscriber. It is useless to say that we need money. We always do. Anxiously as we have sufficient money, we can improve the quality and extent, perhaps, the quantity of our publications. Then, too, we want to hear news of you. So please keep us to know that you stand behind us morally and financially.

LET'S GO!

Jersey Collegians To Play at Dance

Much progress has been made recently in the plans for the Spring Dance to be given by the Kappa Gamma Chi fraternity on Friday evening, May 22. The dance committee, consisting of James Clarke '25, chairman, Jones '25, Haver '26, Title '25 and McKean '28, confidently expect to have one of the best dances held here in years. Arrangements for the music have been made with the "Jersey Collegians" of New York City. This orchestra is recognized as one of the best in the city. A large number of students have been invited to the dance, and on Easter Sunday the largest number of people in the history of the college received the Blessed Sacrament.

EULEXIAINS ADMIT NEW MEN INTO FOLD

Alumni Return for Initiation Banquet at Poughkeepsie

Eight members of the Alumni returned last Friday to see four men admitted to the Eulexian fraternity. Late in the afternoon a large bell took the whole society and their Alumni to Poughkeepsie, where the initiation banquet was held in the Nelson House.

The following freshmen who have been taken into the fraternity: John Myers, William Brumot, Edward Lobster, and Kenneth Townsend. Of these, it is reported that Myers and Brumot were presumed to do themselves proud in oratory. How the other two escaped this trying situation is not known, but it is said that they were able to enjoy the gastronomic entertainment of the evening more fully than their less fortunate brethren.

The alumni members who returned are: P. Mc D. Blecker, '76; H. S. Stoddard, '90; J. M. Gilbert, '90; A. J. M. Wilson, '14; Judd Child, '14; W. J. Leonard, ex '22; H. M. Gifford, '24, and E. C. Lewis, '24. Of this number the following were called up on for speeches: Stoddard, Gilbert, Blecker, Wilson and Gifford. The upperclassman who graced the occasion with a few words was "Larry" Webber.

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PRESIDENT BELL PLEASED WITH OBSERVANCE OF LENT

"Much the best Lent since I have been here," was the reply President B. L. Bell gave a Lyre Tree reporter when he was asked to comment on the observance of Lent at St. Stephen's this year. He said there were a large number of deans and other communicants during the Lenten season; one of these was the last Sunday, the largest number of people in the history of the college received the Blessed Sacrament.

FIVE CONTESTANTS OUT FOR P. S. PRIZE

Packard, Willard, Moser, Gibson and Davidson to Compete

The Department of English has announced that there will be five contestants for the Public Speaking prize this year, three of whom will be freshmen. They are Geo. V. Moser, Robert Gibson and Orville Davidson. The other two competitors are Lawson Willard and A. A. Packard. The contest will take place on the evening of April 27th, in the Gymnasium, and it is the wish of the English department that the undergraduate body take a lively interest in this event. Although not as far reaching in its results as field athletics, it is nevertheless, worthy of interest and support. As "platform athletics" it is a test to appeal to those who consistently cheer and root for football, lacrosse and basketball.

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THREE EX-STUDENTS ORDAINED AT G. T. S.

Barry, Sayre, Vannix Ordained Sunday After Easter

Last week there appeared three notices on the bulletin board of the college stating that St. Clare Vannix, Frederick L. Barry and Samuel H. Sayre, all students here in the early years, were to be ordained to the diaconate on the Sunday after Easter. All three were admitted to the Church in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at the General Theological Seminary, and were ordained by the Bishop of South Dakota. They served during the war with the U. S. forces.

No one of those three was a graduate of the college, but all, during the years they spent on the campus, formed many friends who are interested in their welfare. They were members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Vannix was from South Dakota, and after leaving here he '21 attended the University of South Dakota for a year. While at St. Stephen's he played on the varsity football team.

Barry, ex-'22, also entered St. Stephen's as a special student. While at the General Seminary, he was elected the president of the Missionary Society there.

Those who remember the days on the campus will recall the activities of "Doc" Sayre, a favorite follower of Hippocrates whenever there was anyone who needed the services of a doctor or dentist. At the end of the year in which he left college, Sayre was awarded the prize that was at that time given to the most valuable man in the outgoing group.

Alumni and Undergraduates Will Benefit From Vocational Bureau

Dean Upton Now At Work Forming New Department

Of special interest to the alumni is the report that the latest activities of Dean Upton have been turned to a new field—the formation of a vocational bureau for the Alumni and the undergraduates of the College. For several years past, those approaching the June celebratory, by those who have gained their degrees, have often desired information about the possibilities of employment, but up to the present time there has been no definite organization in the College that could afford them certificates of their work here or facts about vacant positions elsewhere.

As yet the Dean has not been able to get his system thoroughly organized but he thinks that a good bit of information can be supplied this year. It is certain, however, that the bureau will be fully prepared for service next Fall. The Vassar bureau, so successful in one of the best, is to be studied carefully so that the system here can be made as efficient as possible.

The bureau will not serve the Alumni alone. For the records of each Senior this year and in coming years are to be filed for reference. Information concerning the scholastic standing and occupations of the members of the Alumni is to be collected as far back as the resources would allow.
I have no illusions as to the excellences of The Messenger. It is an undergraduate publication and attempts to be nothing else. But it is also a nucleus for efforts which surely are laudable. Anyone who is familiar with undergraduate English would admit that the quarterly was worth while and indicative of undergraduate publication. But it would be more interesting to the bulk of the student body. However, that is probably not the case in the future. The newspaper will be more of a type of publication that will probably be kept for future generations. The Messenger, in particular, has a rich history and has been an important part of the college community since its inception.

In the Spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of poetry; one might be malicious and add that the young woman's turns to Miss Mills. Two of her volumes have been recently added to the library shelves, The Harp Weaver and Second April, and it is with mixed feelings of irritation and regret that I read them: irritation that she should publish such stuff, and regret that she has not fulfilled the promise that she gave with Renaissance and A Few Figs from Thistles. But even there she could not resist the temptation to use baby talk; she plays a poetic Helen Hayes and there seems to be little chance of reform. One wonders, in the face of the high esteem in which her work is held, what will be the future of English poetry.

The rebellious, I think, have run their heads into a cul-de-sac and, by the time they realize their blindness, are pruning merrily on. Tiresome rhymes, conventional stanza forms, and even vers libre have become so monotonous that the Spectator book was accepted with a gullibility that must have made Barnum "play the long derish in his grave." The revolt, for the most part, is centered on pure verse mechanics. Progress is being made interestingly and pleasingly by such men as Walter De La Mare; perfunctory rhymes, and assuages, are an improvement, no doubt. But they are hardly radical enough. It is men like Marquis who dare to end a serious poem about a witches' lady.

"Why should one's wife take a spinner?"
and who can get away with it, who are going to bring life to the sterility with which we are now confronted. A new voice, which really has something to say, was raised last year by Marianne Moore in Observations (The Dial Press, N. Y.) and she captured the substantial Dial Prize. I should like space for a brief analysis of her mechanisms, her paradoxes, and her anti-climaxes, but I must content myself with recommending interested persons to the book. Perhaps I may quote one of the shorter poems, in closing:

To A Chameleon

Hide by the August foliage and fruit of the grape vine,
Twine your anatomy round the pruned and polished stem,
Chameleon:
Fire laid upon An emerald as long as
The Dark King's messy One

Could not snap the spectrum up for food as you have done.

—Silence.

APPOINTMENT

The Board of Editors wishes to announce that Joseph G. Parks, '24, has been appointed to the Associate Board.
Chapel Notes

The sermon on Sunday, April 19, was taken by the Rev. Father Barry, of the faculty, who took as his text the words of Deborah, "Behold, he goeth before thee into Galilee" supplemented by the phrase "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" We seek Christ among the dead, said Father Barry, when we consider ourselves with intellectual problems concerning the story of the Resurrection. The evangelists, the apostles, told the real story in their lives. The empty tomb, the disbelied stone, the presence of the angels, are not the entire or essential proofs of the Resurrection. Its power and its value are all spiritual. Don’t let it be a cold and cheerless problem with us, but a warm and reassuring reality. Don’t let it baffle us in a crude idea of the atonement. Christ died because of what man is, and the Resurrection is a promise that man will not always remain so.

The world, as it is organized today, has no place for Christ. He is as impossible today as he was in the days of Herod. We ourselves will find him “In Galilee,” that is to say, in our homes, and we shall not find Him among the dead, but with those who are living. The token of Easter Day is the living altar, and the token of the living altar is a risen and a powerful Lord.

Coach Bray Pleased
With His Practice

Although attendance at all practices by all men has not been regular, Coach Bray is well pleased with the number of candidates who have been reporting daily for spring football and lacrosse. More than 25 men have reported for practice in lacrosse and these men are anxiously awaiting the day when they will play their first intercollegiate game.

An average of 25 men have reported daily for football. These men are being drilled by group leaders under the supervision of Coach Bray. It is the Coach’s plan to call off spring practice after the men have had 30 days work. In addition to the afternoon field work, the candidates have had moving picture drills at night.

Drying Room Will Be Made

Football and basketball men will be interested in knowing that Coach Bray has secured permission from President Bell to have several new steam pipes installed in the room in the basement of the gymnasium building, now used for storing stage equipment, for the purpose of making a temporary drying room. Football and basketball uniforms placed in this room overnight will be thoroughly dry in the morning. It is expected that this new “steam” room will be ready next fall when the men return for football practice.

St. Stephen’s Alumni Scattered Throughout The Whole Universe

St. Stephen’s college is being well represented in Liberia by its young alumni with the Holy Cross Mission. The Reverend Harry Brattle, ’19, and Herbert Donovan, ex-’22, have been in the field for about two years. The Rev. Henry J. Saunders, ’21, now at the General Theological Seminary, expects to sail this summer to assist in the work of the mission.

Two of the younger alumni, the Rev. E. L. Sanford and the Rev. Hollos B. Smith, are reported to be doing excellent work in the mission fields of China.

At the General Theological Seminary in New York this year, St. Stephen’s College is well represented. Saunders and Newton are doing advanced work. In the senior class are Fred Barry, Gerald Barry, A. Rickey, Colwell, Petchel, Slayre and Vannin, Howell, Wellford, Wilson and Wood, the middlers, and the juniors are Buchanan, Dickerson, Hubbard, Louis, Kroll, T. Rickey, Simmonds and Smith.

ON THE FRINGES

There have been reported: dogtooth, English, and thin leaved wood violet; wild honey suckle; bloodroot; hepatica; amsonia; shepherd’s purse; plainstain leaf everlasting; and ground ivy. Bird enthusiasts have seen canvas backed ducks; red tailed and red shouldered hawks; American and fish crow; pewee; phoebes; kingbirds; black capped chickadees; nuthatches; English, field, white thrashed, song, and vesper sparrows; dickers; Northern downy woodpeckers; rose breasted grosbeaks; goldfinches; rusty blackbirds; grackles; bluebirds; hermit and Wilson thrushes; slate colored juncos; robins; and brown thrashers. What can you report?

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POTTERISMS

We have already gone on record as sponsoring the development of an American literature. But our conscience was not satisfied. “Sponsoring is not enough,” she insisted; “should not you rather—I?”

“Oh, rather,” we responded hastily, anticipating, in both senses of the word, the rest of the sentence.

She nodded approval on both counts which will serve as well as anything perhaps, to explain what follows.

Chapter I

With the sang-froid for which he was already becoming famous, Gregory sidled into the restaurant. “Pump pudding,” he murmured to the wait-

er, “ham and eggs, anchovies, and cold sla.” He tipped the man and departed.

Before him was a subway entrance. Crawling cautiously down the stairs, he took his station near the front of the platform. Lights, Noise. A train oozed in. “Coney Island, Henry,” he remarked to the motorman, and dawdled into the fourth car. Babble, babble. The streaming crowd of humanity. A roar, piano crescendo, as the train began to move. Gregory drew a deep breath. Drawbacks, of course—but life was good. So real! . . . . . He achieved a paper and buried his face in the column headed “Help Wanted—Female.”

The train stopped at 180th Street, and Gregory emitted himself from his seat. Five minutes of carefree adventure brought him to the surface. The sun! After thirty-seven blocks. He promenaded toward the park.

For the next five minutes he lived Life at its highest and sweetest. Then, recovering his hat, he settled into a more sedentary stride. It was not until he had traversed fully an eighth of a mile that he confronted upon Her whom he had been seeking.

She was seated not quite in the center of an irregularly shaped piece of turf. All around her were orange peels. Even as Gregory developed she created a schism between a splotch of citrus epidermis and what was evidently the last of her fruitage.

Gregory paused, hesitating between doubt and dulness, but the demolições seemed to perceptibly the exigencies of his ideation. “For the finagler, she lied seductively; and man has no true friends but butterflies.”

The dulness of her rationalism ascended him. So young if he were to judge by the fragrance of her words. And yet: . . . . .

“Lilith,” he expostulated.

Her glance was imbued with that indefinable tinture of comprehension for which he had always yearned. Arm in arm they perpetuated toward the carousel.

—Luis.

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