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FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF ALUMNI HELD

Class of '76 Holds Twentieth-fifth Anniversary

On Commencement Day, June 15, 1926, the Alumni and Former Students Association held their fifty-fifth annual meeting at St. Stephen's College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N. Y. The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

The Annual Corporate Communion of the Alumni and Former Students Association of St. Stephen's College was held in the College Chapel at 8 a.m. on Commencement Day, June 15, 1926. The Rev. A. J. M. Wilson, president of the Association, was the celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Dr. R. B. L. Bell, president of the College.

The Offering of 24.57, subsequently augmented to 37.52, was given to the Alumni Scholarship Fund, the Venerable Archdeacon William C. Holden, treasurer.

The fifty-ninth annual meeting of the Alumni and Former Students Association was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by the president, Rev. A. J. M. Wilson.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read for information.

Under communications from the Alumni, a letter of resignation was offered by Mr. Arthur Rose as chairman of the Alumni Picture Committee. The secretary was instructed to write Mr. Rose of the placing of the pictures in Bard Hall and urge him to continue as chairman of the committee.

Motion made by Mr. Geo. Gemham, that a member of each class be appointed to preserve for the Alumni a class picture to be placed in the alumni room. Carried.

Mr. Gresham was appointed by the president to notify the members of the various classes on this committee with Mr. Rose.

The Necrologist reported the deaths of Rev. Hilbert H. F. Roche, 1885, B.A., Rev. Eugene L. Toy, B.A.D.D., 1868, Robert Granger, M.D., 1875, Mr.heeble Dean, B.A., 1889.

Motion made by Rev. W. F. Hoffman: In recognition of his long and faithful service as superintendent of buildings of St. Stephen's College, a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. William Cahalen expressing the appreciation of the Alumni for his long service.

TRUSTEES RULE TO PROHIBIT PROFESSIONALISM

Committee on Eligibility for Athletics Formed

As a result of the action of the Board of Trustees at their spring meeting, athletics at St. Stephen's are protected from any possibility of professionalism. The board ruled that no student will be allowed to participate in athletics until he has filed with the committee on eligibility a statement of his sources of income. If any part of a student's income is contributed by a member of the faculty, an officer of the college, or a mem-

player of the board of trustees, he shall not be permitted to participate in athletic activities.

The committee provided by the board is composed of the dean of the faculty, and one professor and one student, both appointed by the president. The president has appointed, in addition to Dean Upton, Professor Edwards and Harry Meyer.

NEW DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Specialist in Basketball

Fresh and Soph to Meet on Gridiron

A notice, issued from the President's office, has announced the election of William D. Banks, Bachelor of Physical Education, as Supervisor of Physical Activity at St. Stephen's, with the title of Instructor in Physical Education. Mr. Banks, who is 30 years of age and married, will occupy quarters in Albee Annex. He graduated a number of years ago from the Springfield Y. M. C. A. College and while there had a fine record as a member of the varsity basketball, baseball, and soccer teams. Mr. Banks has been thoroughly trained in the coaching of all intercollegiate sports and in the management and direction of general physical culture programs. He is a member of the Central Board of Officials League and has been for many years in college he was president of his class. His sport specialty is basketball, in which he is adept both as player and coach. Mr. Banks comes to us highly recommended by the leading basketball authorities of the country and by Dr. McCurdy of the

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STUDENT CONVOCATION VOTES TO UPHOLD HONOR SYSTEM

Forester Hoag, who is one of this year's incoming class, is in the Vassar Bros. Hospital, Poughkeepsie, with a fractured spine as a result of an automobile accident which occurred in that city last week. He will be required to remain at the hospital until November 1, during which time it has been provided for him to take three of his subjects by mail. This work will be done by Hoag while he is on his back in a plaster cast.

Upon his return Hoag will take up his studies as a regular member of the Freshman class.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

President Offers Cup to Champion

The annual Fall tennis tournament will be under way by the end of this week, weather permitting. The result of the drawings will be published on the student bulletin board and it is hoped that the first two rounds will be played off by the first of next week. The last year's squad, only several players are left. The new men desired to fill the old places have made their appearances on the courts and it is hoped that the Fall tournament will sift out possible candidates for the varsity.

President Bell has offered a cup for the winner of the championship. This added inducement will surely quicken the interest in tennis. The President has also offered a cup for the winning team of an inter-fraternity tennis match. Scoring in this match will be arranged so that the number of candidates from each group will count, as well as the individual ability of the best players. This tournament, the Freshmen will be considered as one team, the non-society men of the other classes as another team and the three fraternities will furnish the other teams. Permanent possession of the cup is given to the group which succeeds in winning it in three successive tournaments.

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WELCOME FRESHMEN

"The Lyre Tree" takes this opportunity to welcome the class of 1929 to the college. You are to be envied in your unique position—coming new and fresh into the embrace of your alma mater, there to be nourished and guided to the strength of proud and intelligent manhood.

The College depends on you to carry on that which is worthy in her old traditions, and as you learn and grow, to develop her manifold resources to their fullest power.

You must place your place in the various extra-curricular activities, in athletics, dramatics, literary or musical work, debating or whatever others will profit by your support and cooperation. It is as important for you to do these things as to learn from books and professors. You make many mistakes, but they are to stimulate you to greater effort. While you are here, in the intimate contact with students and older men, you must take every advantage of the opportunities which are offered to make you wiser and deeper thinkers and better and stronger men. And so your alma mater bids you welcome with hope for your success and happiness.

NEW OFFICERS ON LYRE TREE

Poison!

A meeting of the "Lyre Tree" Board was held on Thursday, November 18, to elect men for the position of Editor-in-Chief left vacant by the departure of Huribut A. Griswold, 27, and the positions of Associate Editors left vacant by the departure of George V. Moses ’28 and Arthur G. Shure ’28.

The position of Editor-in-Chief was given to Robert D. Smith ’27. The position of Business Manager was given to Harold T. Bartley ’27, and that of Advertising Manager to Otto Faebker ’27. Those of Associate Editors to Edwin T. Hargre ’28 and Herbert Millington ’27, Chester Ritt ’29 were elected on the Reporting Staff to be Melvin P. Clark ’29 and Oscar F. Treder ’29, who were elected last spring.

The office of Managing Editor, left open by the departure of Lewis Hammond ’27, will be taken over by the Editor-in-Chief and Business Manager. Three Freshmen reporters will be chosen later from those who sign the names on the notice in Preston Hall.

New Men on Faculty

The college has been fortunate in securing four new faculty members. J. E. Harvy, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Greek at the University of Cincinnati. He was later elected to the position of Dean of the undergraduate college; dean of the post graduate school; and acting president. Dr. Harvy was also for some time professor of Greek in the University of St. Thomas. Alfred R. de Jonge, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Germanic Languages, is a graduate of the University of Berlin. He was in business in China for some time, and after his return to the United States he served in an editorial capacity on the Boston Herald and the New York Times. Dr. de Jonge received his degree at Columbia, where he taught for a while.

Beds, and Professors, Ph.D., Professor of Mathematics and Instructor of Physics, is a graduate of Tufts College, and received the degrees of M.S. and Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. Previous to coming here Dr. Thalen had the following positions: Instructor of Mathematics at James Miliken University; Instructor of Mathematics at Berea College; and Professor of Mathematics at Armour Institute of Technology in Chicago.

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FROSH INITIATED

Sohps Give Class of '20 a Lively Evening

Sunday night was the scene of great activity on campus when the class of ‘20 went through the mill at the hands of the sophomores. During the day the freshmen were seen carving out the weapons for their own fate, and at nine o’clock they were led, blindfolded and clad in their pajamas, from the dormitories. Outside they were lined up with their hands on a long rope and the procession started. Slowly the snake-like formation moved through Annandale, past Barrington Corners, and over the hill towards Red Hook. All was noise with the sophs bellowing for a song, a cheer, or a recitation from some
poor victim. Reticent and bulky freshmen fell to the ring of the prodding paddle and promptly complied with the order while upperclassmen followed behind, feet or in cars, and enjoyed the treat. Names, embarrassing to the particular freshman but inviting to the sophomore paddle, was the treasure called the resounding smack of paddles was quickly heard.

Escorted by strong-armed sophomore on either side of the rope, the frosh plodded their way on, half way to Red Hook, where the procession stopped and split up into several groups. Some of the frosh were taken through Red House and others along the borderwards Rhinebeck. When the sophomores thought that the frosh had had enough and that they were lost forever, they released them to let them find their way home. All of them reached campus in time, some of them more or less paddle-worn, and the first of the freshman-sophomore activities was over.

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF ALUMNI HELD

(Continued from page 1) and faithful services. Carried. Secretary so instructed.

The annual report was read and a committee appointed to audit the same.

The Committee of the Alumni Scholarship Fund reported that the fund at present amounted to $2,230.54 in the Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn, N. Y. A committee was appointed to audit the same.

Motion made and carried by Rev. A. L. Longley; That the active Scholarship fund for 1926-1927 be given to Oscar Tredor, Jr., son of the Rev. O. F. Tredor, Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Hosen; That the Reverend Frederick Norris, Percival, and Mr. William O. Holden has been elected for a period of five years as trustees of the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Carried. Secretary instructed to make note of date of next election in 1931.

Election of Officers

Executive Committee: Rev. A. L. Longley, Archibald Judd, J. Springstead, O. F. C. Tredor, William Hoven, George Mullen, David Clarkson, A. J. M. Wilson, Edward Gabler (Vem Wm. Holden elected a member of executive committee at large). As no other nominations were offered Secretary was instructed to cast one vote for the candidates.

President, Albert L. Longley. Vice-President, Oscar F. Tredor. Secretary, Edward Gabler. Treasurer, David H. Clarkson. As there was only one candidate for each office the Secretary was instructed to cast one vote for same. Carried.

Election of Alumni Trustee on the Board of Trustees of St. Stephen's College.

The Rev. P. McK Bleeker was nominated. As there was only one candidate, the Secretary was instructed to cast one vote for same. Carried.

Non-Socs Elect Representative

At a meeting held Sunday, Sept. 19, in Albee Recreation Room, the non-society group elected Robert D. Smith '27 to be its representative on the Student Council.

The non-society men also discussed plans for Friday evening entertainments which are to be held from time to time during the year. Babcock was appointed chairman of the committee on arrangements for their functions.

President appoint for the ensuing year, the Rev. O. F. Tredor as the Alumni Representative.

The following resolution was offered by the Rev. A. M. Judd: Resolved, that By-Law 7 be amended by the addition of a new section as follows, and that the present section be numbered Section 3.

Section 2—He shall send each year to all Alumni and Former Students a notice of the Alumni Meeting of the Alumni Association, stating in such notice the offices to be filled, together with the names of those then holding the said offices. Carried.

Motion made and carried, that the secretary be directed to express the thanks of the Alumni Association to Dr. Bell for the assignment of Bard Hall as Alumni Hall, and for having had the pictures of former classes hung on its walls. Carried.

Motion made by Rev. A. L. Longley; That the Alumni and Former Students Association's Executive Committee meet with the president of the College and the College trustees one day before Commencement each year. Carried.

Motion made by Rev. O. F. Tredor, chairman of Committee on Amending Constitution and By-Laws; as follows: Resolved, That Article 4, Section 4, to read "At each Annual Meeting there shall be elected one member of this Association to serve as alumni trustee of the College for the period of three years."

The present Section 4, of Article 4, to become Section 5. Carried.

Motion made by the Very Rev. O. F. Tredor: That the matter of the altar of the Chapel of Higher Education, now in the cathedral of St. John the Divine, be referred to the President and Board of Trustees of St. Stephen's College.

Motion made by Mr. Hosen that Mr. Arthur Rose be urged to continue as Historiographer of the Alumni Association. Carried.

Motion made by the Rt. Rev. Chas. Fiske, D.D.: Resolved, in order that a large number of graduates may return for Commencement, that the president be requested to set the Commencement Exercises for Wednesday, and that he be requested to communicate this resolution to the student body, that they may be informed of the reason for the request and asked to co-operate in the proposed change. Carried.

Motion made that president appoint committees to carry out the resolutions of the Association to the President and Board of Trustees of St. Stephen's College. Carried.

President appointed Rev. A. L. Longley, P. McK Bleeker, L. Kroll.

Meeting adjourned 11:45 a.m., sine die.

EDWARD GABLER

NEW DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

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Y. M. C. A. College. Athletic authorities at Yale, Princeton, and Chicago unite in reporting to college authorities that the judgment of Dr. McCurdy in the matter of physical training direction was the most expert in the country; and Dr. McCurdy has been the chief advocate of Mr. Banks' appointment. Mr. Banks begins his work with us September 23, one week after the opening of the term.

Mr. Banks has already tried to find out what athletic material he will have for his teams and has posted lists for those men interested in the different sports to sign. Among the sports listed are soccer, baseball, basketball, tennis, track, field sports, cross country running, handball, volleyball, and ice hockey. When Mr. Banks arrives he will find that the freshmen and sophomore classes have already put their foot in the water and both teams are practicing hard every afternoon. Interest in the sport is keen and the games ought to be good.

Both the basketball and the lacrosse schedules for 1926-27 have been kept as arranged last year and both sports undoubtedly will be very popular with the men. It is hoped that many men will respond to the calls for candidates and that the list may be represented by strong teams.

The basketball schedule includes games with Williams, Colgate, West Point Military Academy, Yale, St. John's, Dartmouth, St. Lawrence, Amherst, Fordham, Clarkson, and Middlebury. This, undoubtedly, is the heaviest and strongest basketball schedule that the College has ever had.

LARGE FRESHMAN CLASS THIS YEAR


STUDENT CONVOCATION VOTES TO UPHOLD HONOR SYSTEM

(Continued from page 1) the Juniors to the responsibility of $2.50 or $5.00 each, and the scheme was voted down.

The class of '30 had elected their officers on Sunday afternoon, and President Shigley announced that it was now permissible to publish the results of the election and called upon the Freshmen officers to rise and be recognized as their names were called. Those who are to direct the policies of the new men are: Lemley, President; Fite, Vice-President; Gam- bel, Secretary; and M. Wallace, Treasurer. The Freshmen were told by Shigley that it was their duty to give a dance, the annual affair held under the auspices of the new men.
Faculty Incognito

Those seeing America first thought it pedagogically wise to make New England a haven of rest.

Prof. Davidson found Maine a highly desirable spot for some weeks, moving down the coast to Boston and after seeing something of the surrounding territory visited the famed Catskills.

Dr. Garnier motored extensively through upper New York to the St. Lawrence, visiting the noted Thousand Islands and Lake Champlain, returning by the Adirondacks. After a business trip to Chicago, Dr. Garnier feels he accomplished his greatest physical feat; that is, successfully frying an omelette. For a man this indeed requires a master.

Dr. Foster could have been found during the early summer weeks doing extensive work in the Harvard Research Laboratories. Later, however, Dr. Upton and Dr. Foster rugged it in the Maine woods putting part time in camping and fishing. Dame Goose hath it that huge species were landed—Yes! Dean Upton found Richmond, Virginia, an interesting spot during the closing weeks of vacation.

Prof. Sherco and family passed a quiet summer in the mid-Western city Milwaukee, reading and writing various articles.

Dr. Obrenkovic after eight months in the Archives of the Carnegie Library, the Carnegie International Peace Library, and the State Department of Washington, D. C. He managed to obtain breathing space by making pilgrimages to the Virginia Valley, Harpers Ferry and other places of historical interest.

Dr. Edwards, after completing his book "Natural History of Revolutions," attempted to forget his usual dignity by becoming a yachtsman of no mean repute. Next summer we may expect to see his yacht entered in some of the cup races on Long Island Sound.

Mesaros, Corti and Voorhees not content with seeing America first took the first liner available and visited Paris and parts of Italy. Italy in their opinion was the most interesting country visited. Contrary to the belief of many visitors to southern Italy, our delegates found the climate far superior to that of New York in the summer time.

Mr. Libaire after spending most of the summer on campus, took a flying trip up to Nova Scotia.

Father Crosby Preaches First Sermon of the Year

The sermon on Sunday morning, Sept. 19th, was preached by Father Crosby, Chaplain of the College. The text was St. John XVI: 33; "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but of good cheer; I have overcome the world." The evils that have always troubled mankind cause many to ask the question, "If God is good and omnipotent, why does He permit evils to exist?" Our Lord answers us by telling us that in the world we shall have tribulation; and the Church tells us not to ignore trouble, but to recognize it as the true source of comfort.

The love of God, the grace of Jesus, and the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit are given to us in the Sacraments; and make possible the attainment of the Christian life and the comprehension of God's disposition toward man.

By His incarnation, Jesus revealed the humanity of God and the divinity of man. He is fully aware of our troubles and His sympathy and pity are continual.

In the Collect for the day we plead for pity in the Church's spirit of humility. We ask for the cleaning of inward sin; for defense against destructive forces; and for preservation in the midst of internal and external dangers.

Our Lord never explained why evil exists, and therefore doesn't expect us to question why it exists; He expects us to triumph in surmounting our difficulties. His victory over the Cross over apparent failure, and over the grave is ours to share with Him.

Familiar Faces Missing

With the opening of college this fall, many familiar faces are missing from the campus. Several former students have definitely decided to terminate their college careers, while others have chosen to enter some other institution of learning. The names of those in the latter category are listed below, with the college they are attending:

• "Ed" Abramowski, "Ed" Vreeland,
• "Dick" Jacobs, "Doug" Mackean,
• "Ned" Krell at St. Lawrence University; Tibbitts and Wylie Sypher at Amherst; John Myers, Middlebury; Schollenberger, St. Bonaventure; Hurhurt Gruwold, University of the South; Tidman Harrison, William and Mary; "Boh" Gibson, Lehigh; "Tom" Cox, Centenary College; Charles Lunn- dran, University of Chicago; Horace Simcox, Temple University; "Duglie" Paul, Colgate; Jack Wilson, Cornell;
• "Collie" Weeks, Dartmouth; and Rogers, at Bowdoin.

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