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Masters, Masefield and Tagore Presented in Readings to Students and Guests

In view of the recent discussion which has been carried on in this paper concerning the inability of the St. Stephen's student body to enjoy the more "highbrow" Monday night recitals, it was very interesting to notice the close and genuine attention to the poetry reading by Dr. Bell on Monday night, October 24th. The purpose of the reading was, of course, to start an interest among students for the reading of modern poetry. To this end he chose three poets to take selections. The first was an American,Mr. Edgar Lee Masters, a Chicago attorney, who writes chiefly in "free verse." The second was an Englishman,Mr. John Masefield, whose occupations have varied from being a ship's officer to performing menial tasks in English public houses. The third poet was Rabindranath Tagore, a Hindu scholar, teacher and mystic. Both Masefield and Tagore adhere strictly to classic poetic form. Mr. Masters' "Spoon River Anthology" from which Dr. Bell chose selections, is a collection of imaginary

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Coach Phalen's Men Are Showing Up Well

Fleet-footed Athletes Are Prepared for Intercollegiate Matches

The cross country organization is beginning to function in a manner that reflects the personality and personal skill of the man who has seen fit to take a part of his own time to devote to the students. The cooperation that has been given to him shows what can be done with a bunch of fellows when approached in a manner of good fellowship.

Daily the size of the squad has been increasing and the day's practice has been done with vigor and vigor. A call went out for a few managers and assistant managers. Immediately there was a general rush to arms and the following men were selected: Juniors, C. Smith and C. Enzien; Sophomores, Gallaccio, Graham and Smail; Freshmen, Kingman, Hammond and Bradner. They all got together one afternoon and

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Courtmen Get Ready for Eastman College

18 Men Answer Initial Call in Preparations for Home Game on December 1

Coach Bank's first call for basketball candidates last week in preparation for the opening game of the season with Eastman College on December 1 brought forth eighteen men. Eastman is expected to bring to Annadale a fast and shifting game that eager to average the stinging defense administered to them last year by the Scarlet and White backcourt. The Saints, however, are equally ready to start the season off with a victory as evidenced by eleven veterans turning out on the first day of practice.

Of those who have returned, Capt. Kean, MacKean, Lemley, Givens and Kroll seem to have first choice and will probably take the floor at the initial whistle. Those men have worked together for one year and have shown promise of developing into a five that will launch the Saints off on another successful season. However, Heusar, Riccardi and others are pushing this first group and should see service in many tilts this winter.

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Dr. Cummings Preaches Forceful Sermon

Emphasizes "Character of Christ"

Dr. Cummings, of Christ Church,oughkeepsie, preached in chapel on Sunday, October 23, "Who think ye, I am?" indicates, his talk dealt with the interpretation of Christ. In order to make Christianity a dynamic force in our daily lives, we must understand Christ in terms that are familiar to us. Dr. Cummings cited the marked tendency of modern biographers to discover the PERSONALITY of men as an illustration of a very desirable method of attaining some idea of Christ's character. We can gain an adequate understanding and sympathy with the truths of Christianity only by learning to know and love the character of Christ. The bestowal of "Kinship with Christ" was Christ's purpose in revealing himself to men. Insofar as Christ's human kinship with men is obscured by exaggeration of mitual or commercialization of religious influences—the true meaning of Christ's message fails to become effective.

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German Students Sponsor Active Organization

Der Verein ist schon unfer zwei Wochen unterweg

Ach, du lieber Augustin... has been heard issuing from the windows of the Aeolian Recreation room of Albee. The German Club has now had two meetings, elected officers, acquired a tentative program and activities. The club was organized under the supervision of Dr. Krumhelmham, who is directing its career and acting as its Faculty Advisor. In the near future he will deliver a lecture on German university life, communism and American university life. Through this he hopes to awaken interest in German life and civilization.

Der Verein already includes 28 members. They have elected the following officers: Morrell '28, president; Loscer '28, vice-president; Zisch '28, secretary, and Wallace '28 treasurer. While it is obvious that the main function will be to give the members increased acquaintance with German culture, at the same time the club will fill a number of large social functions. ("big time") for the members.

The entertainment, being almost entirely German, will include hilarious singing of well known German songs and dancing in pretzels and beer. (It is not known yet whether it will be Bock beer or moser beer.) The members hope to put on a German play sometime during the year. If possible it will be presented on the delectation of the entire college.

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Economic Aspects of Christianity

Dean Urges Application of Economic Interpretation of Our Religion

On Sunday, October 30th, Dr. Lyford P. Edwards, Dean of the College, preached in chapel after the text "Be instant out of season." The Dean prefaced his message with a brief analysis of our modern economic system. "There are two classes of men: the worker and the owner. The only real fight in the world today is the struggle on the part of men to remove themselves from the condition of servitude to the estate of ownership. Although this latter class is small (two out of a hundred becoming independent), the worker struggles all his life to become one of the few who enjoy the privilege of independence. Doctor Edwards maintained that a condition in which one man is subservient to another is degrading. No man exerts another man to a degree that warrants him to be trusted with his brother's chances or ideals in life. Since the modern social order is notable because of the fact of the rule by the few, it is notable for its lack of a sense of sin; for sin exists only where there is responsibility. All religions today are concerned with the soul of the individual. The individual sits complacently in church and enjoys selfishly all the accoutrements of flattering ritual. But such monotonous ceremony becomes boresome to some, and they cease to occupy the church pews."

The Dean was firmly assured that such persons could be won back, if one were to preach the economic interpretation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. "There is enough dynamite in Christ's teaching to cause the whole structure of our modern civilization to crumble into bits. Some day Christ will create a new civilization which will transcend all that have gone before."
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Previous editors of the "Lyre Tree" have toyed with the idea of creating a system whereby scholastic credit would be given for work on the "Lyre Tree" staff. Since no such system has been adopted, the editor wishes to propose a few reasonable suggestions. In the first place, the actual amount of work done during the year by some members of the staff approximately equals the amount of work done in a regular three-hour course. In the second place, the nature of "Lyre Tree" work is singularly in harmony with the general plan of collegiate training—it is training in writing clear and concise English. Finally, there is the example of other colleges. The editor regrets that he cannot point to specific instances where a system has been adopted. However, it is true of our larger colleges that regular salaries are paid to the editorial staff. (Lafayette, for instance, pays members of its staff from $450 to $10 a year.) This illustration is introduced not because the same desirable practice could be installed here, but to demonstrate that it has become generally recognized that newspaper work requires a very considerable fraction of the student's time and that compensation for this time is a reasonable expectation. The editor does not submit any definite plan for such a system here because he has no indication of the opinion or reactions of the authorities to such a project. Communications regarding this proposal will receive attention in future issues of the paper.

College Choir Will Perform in Public

Work of Organization Improves in Anticipation of Concerts

While there has not been a corresponding increase in Chorus attendance, there has been a decided improvement in the work of the choir this year. On four consecutive Thursday evening the choir has rendered anthems, and the prospects for continuance of the practice are quite bright. In presenting two of the anthems, President Bell has introduced two solo voices to the college. The first was Staubach's fine tenor, which was accompanied by the choir, in the first performance of the organization this semester. More recently Warren's baritone charmed the audience. With these soloists, he was accompanied by Mr. Prowell, a gifted and an interested group composited by the body of the choir, there is material for a good musical unit. Of the anthems which have been sung thus far have included T. Tertius Noble's setting of Eulogydon, Beethoven's "Fairest God in Nature," and Shaw's setting for the well-known hymn, "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand." Noble has been for many years one of the leading organists of the country. The scene of much of his work has been in St. Thomas', New York. Beethoven is known by practically everyone, especially by those who live in Albion, where the hall ten city and Dieu. The Ninth Symphony, Dr. Shero secured the Shaw arrangement when he was abroad.

The fame of the choir is not limited to Annandale for it has already secured three engagements off campus. The first date is to be kept at Christ Church in Hudson on November 13th. Two weeks later the outfit will appear in the Church of the Messiah in Rhinebeck. On December 4th, the organization will be heard in Christ Church, Poughkeepsie.

Cast Chosen for Plays

Staubach Will Direct "The Net"

On Tuesday evening, October 25, a play reading was held in the Albion recitation room. Candidates for parts in the plays to be given November 22 were given a tryout and the leading roles were assigned. The characters for "Napoleon's Barber" is as follows: Napoleon, (underdetermined); Barber, Robert Shleser; Josephine, Pauise; Arthur Willis; Delilah, Betty; Warden Holt, Edward Lesiter; An Attendant, Meissner. The second play, "The Villain," Nicholson was chosen for the leading role, while the character of James Dyke. The rest of the cast is as follows: Father Daly, Edwin Hugie; Josephine, Josephine; Arthur Willis; Delilah, Betty; Warden Holt, Edward Lesiter; An Attendant, Meissner. The third play, "A Night at an Inn," which is under the direction of Mr. Vorg, will have Staubach leading the cast in the character of The Toff. The importance of the minor parts in this play is almost equal to that of the leading part. The character of William Jones will be played by Red Krut. Lutheran Burbank will appear as Albert Thomas and Douglas McKeen will play the part of Jacob Smith (Sniggers).

The fourth play of the series, "The Patent," is under the direction of Mr. Staubach. The cast of characters for this play has not, as yet, been determined. However, there is little question that the Staubach's experience and ability in amateur theatricals will be evident both in the choice of characters and in the finished production.

Communications

"OUT OF SEASON?"

We are reflecting upon a sermon recently preached in Chapel, in which the characters of the gospel were treated with fine individualism of modern religion was condemned. We are wondering whether the dogmatic, disjointed manner with which facts, not suited to the text, were delivered did not smack of individualism of the preacher. Of course one would like to be liberal and broad-minded; but one also desires, for the sake of consistency, to place a line of demarcation between the preacher and the pedagogue. Perhaps someone will argue that even the preacher must draw his source of knowledge from the pedagogue. Indeed . . . but not his inspiration! Should not the vision of the prophet come down from a level far remote from the ruts of life? Should not the vision carry his personality to such realms of real as will inflame him with real ambition to produce a purposeful, but at the same time, consistent moral? Consistent, we mean, with the limitations under which it is delivered. "Let everything be done decently, and in order."

"IN SEASON?"

It is seldom that we have short sermons preached to us. So seldom is it, in fact, that when a preacher delivers a sermon which is incisive, very much to the point and soon over, many who have been in the habit of passing through longer and more lengthy sermons feel unconsciously jolted and almost insulted. Such seems to have been the case last Sunday morning, October 30th, when Dr. Edwards preached brilliantly for scarcely more than ten minutes on the practical aspect of Christianity today. (Certainly this is a subject on which not enough practical things can be said.) The sermon did not contain an unnecessary word. As a result, many gave expression to their inward discomfort in all sorts of strange and insolent criticisms. It shows that there is a painfully large number of us who really enjoy being lulled into a comfortable torpor by a flow of milky discourse.

*How about the text? (Ed. note.)*

You can spend five thousand dollars educating a student who never gets through his ears will be just as long.

Some people feel that the average college student is one who knows less and less about more and more. There are also those who feel that the individual, just mentioned knows less and less about less and less.
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amid many stakes, string, pieces of colored cloth and mathematical calculations, three courses were plotted—two, three miles and about five miles. The latter course is to be used for intercollegiate meets.

The Varsity Club has backed Dr. Phalen by offering a Trophy Cup to the best cross-country runner. The winner is to be determined by a series of three races, one of which has already been run, and the other two to be held in the near future. The man turning in the lowest time average for these three events is to be rewarded the cup. However, in order to retain the prize it must be won three years successively.

Coach Phalen has divided his charges into two groups which have been called the Red and White teams. The first of the three races to determine the cup winner was held last Wednesday, October 15. The Whites won with a score of 72 to 64.

The runners finished in the following order: Staubach (white), time 13:03 minutes; Nobis (red), Brewer (white), Fite (red), Townsend (red), Weber (white), Gilreath (white), Andrews (red), Willis (white), Aeschbach (white), Loefler (red), Brunot (white), Messeur (white), Kellogg (red), Dahm (red), also ran: Page (red).

THIRTY-THREE NEW MEN MATRICULATE

Thirty-three new students presented themselves at the altar for formal matriculation in the chapel on November 1

At the beginning of the church service the names of candidates were called by the marshall and each man, after responding orally to the required pledge, signed his name in a book which contains the names of all former students of the college. After the service, a holiday was observed by students and faculty. The following is a list of the matriculants:


Charles Sydney Nicolai, Dominick Charles Odoo, Gardner Mauric Riley, George Gooden Schumrich, Joseph Courcell Gill Sainte, Howard Allyn Seymour (did not matriculate due to confinement in hospital following operation), Willard Reaswick Seymour, Walter Hirsch Siegel, Harrison Cole


Staubach Takes First in Second Race

By winning the second heat of the Varsity Cup Race last Wednesday in 19:25, Staubach earned the right to have his name engraved on the cup as he also led the pack last week in the first run of the series of three. The winner's time was excellent, considering the condition of the course which was a fraction over three miles. Nobis finished a close second, although Fite pushed him strongly. Brewer brought up a poor third while Weber and Gilreath sprinted across the line in the order mentioned to take fourth and fifth places.

The other five places were taken care of by Loefler, Brunot, Andrews, Kelly and Willis, which gave the White team the honors for the afternoon over the Red, 50-55.

COURTSMEN GET READY FOR EASTMAN COLLEGE

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Fusca Shows Promise

Among the new men, Fusca, who starred on his preparatory school team in New York City last season, stands out as being one of the most promising bits of material that St. Stephens has had for some time. This diminutive courtman knows the basketball to the core and has quickly worked himself into the second string combination by his speed and ever-lengthing fight. Siegel, Robinson and Odo are quickly rounding into condition. Settle, a transfer from the University of Pennsylvania, is coming along slowly but surely.

Practice has been confined to letting the men get their eyes for the basket and to coaching them to develop the habit of passing quickly and accurately. Few scrimmage have been held to date as Coach Banks wants to bring his men around slowly to prevent any early season let-down. However, the few scrimmages which have been held have brought forth spirited and speedy basketball.

TENNIS COMES ON AS COLLEGE SPORT

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It is most needed. The Varsity will lose a good man if he decides to take up lacrosse next Spring. A plan for winter practice is being considered at present, and all signs point to a good season next year.

Score for semi-finals and finals:

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