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Last Public Appearance for Year Made in Poughkeepsie Church

On December 4 the pecipitate choir of the chapel of the Holy Innocents ate in the Nelson House and sang in Christ Church, Poughkeepsie. It will be remembered that the parish of that church changed to this one some years ago. This time, Dr. Bell did the talking, and Dr. Cunningham did the singing.

At six o'clock the choir was royally entertained at dinner. At seven-forty-five the service commenced. The huge church was almost filled.

This was quite a tribute to the choir's reputation, for the Hyde Park line for the church usually has small attendance Sunday evenings.

In this, the last public appearance of the season, the quality of the singing was excellent, in fact the best of the season. The beatle, "Adeonut Te" of Palestine was especially well rendered.

The work of Dr. Bell in training and directing the choir and that of Dr. Shero in accompanying is largely responsible for the success of the choir in its public appearances.

Boar's Head Dinner Will Follow Caroling

On December 22 the students of the college will give a boar's head dinner with all the trimmings.

Full details of the event will be carried out in Full Form.

What Happened When the Thinkers Spoke?

An Account of the Wesleyan Conference

Now there were gathered together at the college of Wesleyan, in the city of Middletown, Athens, Heretics, Churchmen, Christians and Jews, and of devout persons not a few, from all the regions round about New England.

And there came up wise men from the East to synopen on religion: Rabbi Wise, an intimate than where there is none more beloved among the Gentiles; Father Cooper, saintly priest of Fordham, seeker of souls and searcher into Anthropology; Doctor Brown, of the tribe of Calvin, loving, gentle and learned; Professor Loeb, profound expounder of the behaviour of men, and John Hayes Holmes, than whom there is none than wiser.

And when all were met together, Rabbi Wise stood up in the midst and said, Men and brethren, I perceive that ye are in all things too dogmatic. Ye have sold the ethical greatness of your founder for a man of miracle-mongering. I passed by your city and lo, I saw there a cinema with a film of The King of Kings. And I went in to see, for that was He my brother too, and also I am one of those who love Him. And what did I see? A procession of the universal brotherhood of man. No. Emphasis on a Life? No. But what did I see? Miracle-mongering and an unexplained death.

I say unto you that the strength of your religion is in the fullness of the Faith and the Teaching and the Life of Jesus, what He was in Himself and what He conveyed to others. Ye have not supplemented this Faith, but ye have substituted for it a vast, complex body of doctrine and dogma, unrelated altogether to the lives and purposes of those who first called themselves Christians. Thus ye are divided, rent saunter into many churches, which is very blaming for your founder; thus ye have made religion easy to bear, have nothing in it of self-suffice; thus ye are failing to convert all men everywhere to the Way.

And when he had finished speaking, all the people cried Amen.

And on the morrow stood up Father Cooper and said, Little children, ye must be guided into all truth. No man can be searching and find out God, but when all roads converge towards

Basketball Season Was Opened With Victory

Eastman College Drowned in a 59-28 Contest

The St. Stephen's quintet defeated the Eastman College five by a score of 59-28 in the first scheduled game of the season. Due to a superior defense and clever passwork the Saints led throughout the game. In the second half St. Stephen's scored at will in spite of the loss of Captain Keen by fouls. The Crimson boys made a poor showing on free throws, sinking only five out of seventeen tries. Referee Kallich called many fouls on both teams, St. Stephen's receiving twenty-one and Eastman thirteen. Faulty footwork lost the ball for the Saints time and again. Even with this advantage the Poughkeepsie boys were unable to pierce the Crimson five man defense and had to resort to long shots.

In the first few minutes of play St. Stephen's amassed thirteen points to their opponent's one. Lately, who scored consistently during the entire game, sank three successive field baskets. Riccardi and Keen followed with two more baskets and a foul. Eastman made good on a free throw against Keen. At the end of the first half the score stood 25-15, in favor of the Crimson.

During the last half Keen, Burbaun, and Graziano each took two baskets and two personal fouls. In spite of their loss the Saints scored heavily. Brown of Eastman displayed an amazing dexterity for scoring from middle court, but the very fact that he was forced to shoot for the basket at such a distance showed that the Crimson defense men were constantly on the job.

St. Stephen's G P P
Rickard, r. f. .......... 6 1 13
Quiterman, r. f. ....... 0 1 1
Heiser, l. f. .......... 2 1 5
Keen, c. .......... 8 1 17
Brown, r. f. .......... 0 0 0
Loney, r. k. ....... 9 1 19
Graziano, l. g. .... 2 1 2
McKeen, l. g. .... 1 0 0

Eastman G P P
Brown, r. f. .......... 4 0 9
Ireland, l. f. ....... 0 1 1
Bernaldo, l. f. .... 0 0 0
Dragun, l. c. .... 0 0 0
Gucken, c. .... 1 7 17
McNitt, r. g. .... 2 4 6
Bullock, r. c. .... 0 0 0
Hale, l. g. .... 0 0 0
Griffin, l. g. .... 0 0 0

The game was played at 8:00 p.m. and the attendance was slightly over 500.

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The Hoffman Library is such a quiet building that there are few who realize that it contains one of the most active departments on the campus. [There are those whose belief that the only activity consists of talking and moving of chairs and feet. (We wish that so many of the books were as quiet as the library, or that the shoes these books have would not make noise than they have.)] Considering the number of books coming and going, it is difficult to keep a library up-to-date. And especially is this true of a college library, which must be well supplied in many more branches of knowledge than in ordinary cases.

At the suggestion of the faculty, a great number of interesting books have been acquired by the library this season. For the sociology department several volumes on Buddhism and present conditions in Russia have been ordered, in addition to several copies of Dr. Edwards' monumental tome on revolutions.

The English department has been supplied with a great collection of both biography and other non-fiction material. Chief among the biographical works are "Napoleon" and "Bismarck" by Ludwig; "Cavour" by Paleologue; "Jean Paul Marat" by Gotchick; and "Drinkwater's "Pilgrim of Eternity," a life of Byron.

Among the other orders of literature are "The Road to Xanadu" by Lowell, and new sets of the works of the Bronte Sistert and of Lawrence Sterne.

"Greek Art and Natural Life" by S. C. Kales-Smith, and "The Greek Point of View" by Maurice Mugnos have been procured for the Greek department.

A great many books have been secured at the request of Dr. Phalen. Suffice it to say that they are all on astronomy.

"The Changing College" by Wilkins and "Modemizing the College" have been specially ordered by Father Bell.

These are but a few of the many books which have been recently added to the library. The total number of acquisitions for the past three months is 334.
St. Bernard's Defeated
By Junior Varsity, 28-9
Scarlet and White Courtmen Easily Dispose of Visitors in One-Sided Game

In a slow and uninteresting game, St. Bernard's Junior Varsity easily defeated the Saint Bernard School at Amandale last Saturday night, 28-9. At no point in the game did the prep school boys threaten to tie up the score. The Junior Varsity opened with a passing attack which eventually led to ten field goals, Siegle leading the scoring with three.

The rangy Scarlet and White center seemed to have no trouble at any point in the game in dropping them in through the iron ring while Kroll, who substituted for Robinson, contributed three more, all coming from points on the floor outside of the fifteen foot mark.

Saint Bernard's, although clearly outplayed from start to finish, put up a game fight from the opening gong. Carberry and Scott easily stood out from their teammates by displaying remarkable coolness and good judgment in the thickest scrimmages of the evening. Scott, in particular, seemed to have an uncanny ability in drawing free shots from the fifteen foot mark although he only netted two out of several tries.

After several minutes of fruitless passing by the home quintet, Coburn dribbled up the floor and passed to Carberry, who dropped the ball in for the first score of the game. Saint Stephen's came back, however, and tied up the count when Robinson netted one from the extreme side edge of the court while Siegle followed with two in quick succession. At this point, Kroll entered the game for the Amandale quintet and quickly rang up three two-pointers while Robinson added another. Kelly dropped in one for the visitors as the gong rang for the end of the first half with the score 16-4 in favor of the Saint Stephen's quintet.

In the second session, the Junior Varsity five served up the game with five field goals in quick succession with a brace of free throws interspersed here and there while the visitors could not seem to find themselves.

LACROSSE MEN HONORED
St. Stephen's is indeed fortunate in being on the honorable mention list of lacrosse teams for the season of 1927. This was testified recently by Mr. Barber, secretary of the U. S. Intercolligate Lacrosse Association at a recent meeting in Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Barber further stated that the United States would have little difficulty in being represented at the 1928 Olympics at Amsterdam, Holland.

FRESHMEN PLAN HOP
At a recent meeting of the Freshmen Class it was decided to hold the annual Freshman Dance on Friday, February 24. It will probably be a fancy dress affair. The following are on the dance committee: Brewer, Gilbreath, Riley, Meinzer, Kingman.

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...but watch how other smokers are changing to Chesterfield!

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE THINKERS SPOKE?

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a common centre, well does the Catho-
lic say. There is God. Think not, O
ye scientists, that ye are wholly free.
Every advance that ye make, every
discovery of yours, limits your free-
dom. You strain all the resources
and the tools at your command to
discover that two and two make four;
when lo, as soon as you have discov-
ered it no longer can you believe that
they make five. So it is with the
Catholic faith. When, by cumula-
tion of evidence and rational examina-
tion of facts it is found that Jesus was
supernatural, no longer can we be-
lieve that He was only man. Is my
freedom limited? No, it is safe-
guarded. Rightly does the Church re-
fuse to bend to every vain wisp of
doctrine, but with infinite patience
and forbearance does she weigh and
judge all things according to her di-
vine prerogative. Herein is the truly
scientific, more so indeed than science
itself, which says, Go to work, we can-
not accept the miraculous, and thus
lays down the greatest of all dogmas.

And when he had made an end of
speaking, Dr. Brown called John
Haynes Holmes, saying, Cry! And he
said, What shall I cry? Cry for an
hour, with a mighty voice saying,
Poor deluded Christians, why do ye con-
continue to build upon yon un-
known, far off, up there, seeding
uncertainties from uncertainties, find-
ing little and guessing much? Ye are
slaves to theology. Come with me.
Be scientific. Begin here on earth, find all you can and then stop.
Guess not at all. Cease to assume.
If you cannot find God, then admit
God is a phrase. Ye are the makers
of this world, ye can make the uni-
verse so fit yourselves. Do but com-
mit six with me at the feet of the sci-
tein, who alone knows anything at
all. How long will ye continue to talk
about the Supernatural? Know ye not
that science cannot find any su-
pernatural? Be it known unto you
that to some, as they say, have found
evidence of it, there is that evidence
defective. Oh, how long talk ye about
Revelation? There is nothing re-
vealed save what comes to a man by
the exercise of his reason. Great is
the Diana of Human Reason! Religion
is Experience, and the Bible preci-
cious because of the Experience of
Israel and Jerusalem and all the men
who wrote it. What God do ye serve?
Know ye not that this Jesus of yours
was supernatural beyond belief, igno-
rant even beyond the men of Mis-
then, a teacher of impossible ethics
always contradictory? Ye know not
even to this day how He regarded
divorce. Nor, knowing, would ye
follow Him, else were ye fools. Per-
versely, the advance in the hate of di-
versions is a sign of the progress of
civilization.

Then did all the people and the
Wesleyans murmur together saying,
Surely this thing will not be so.

And he finished speaking and sat
down.

And when evening was come, then
did all the people gather together
in the tent of Eclectics, for they were
not yet satisfied. Now the mantle
of the prophet Ingersoll had fallen
upon Labis, and he stood up, before all
the people to provoke against the
God of the religions. And there were
assembled for to hear him Romans,
Gentiles, and Jews, and of the
cities of Canterbury—but John Haynes
Holmes had gone away. And he pro-
phesied saying, The Church has
failed, has failed that mighty insti-
tution. It has become a stumbling-
block to civilization, and within it
there is superstition but no intelli-
gence at all. Man has ever sought to
gain his ends by one of three ways.
Either he worked naturally, or the
mechanical way, and has be-
come the scientific, or he worked by
magic and incantation, a way which
has new perished from among civil-
ized men, or he worked the social
way, which way the way the asso-
ciates of man's work are unseen and
divine is called religion. Verily, this
is of all the ways the most foolish.
Nor sought ye to honour, saying, We
have yet our Inge, our Deans of Carlisle,
our Thompson, our Milligan, for ye
yourselves know that if ye do
substitute the god of Inge for the
God of the religions all churches will
disappear forever from off the earth.
This was indeed good, a communica-
tion devoutly to be wished. Content
not yourselves, saying, Let us alone,
and do no harm, We do no harm, We
do no harm. For I say unto you the
effect of your worship is very mis-
chievous. Your churches oppose ev-
every advance of science; they brake
the wheel of progress; they prevent
the attainment of moral betterment and
eternal perfection as long as they
cry. Take away from us all secular matters but leave us the
tings of the spirit. For I say unto
you that they are not fitted to be
decided in moral and mental
phases. Burn your Bibles and your
prayer-books. Throw your silly by-
books to the four winds of earth.
Then will there be money in a
and set free for the cause of science,
no longer will it be necessary to im-
power bad motives to Inge and to
Thomson, and the way will be paved
for the realization of that brother-
hood of man which the prophet Isaiah
prayed and Jesus elaborated, and
which the Churches of his followers
have failed to bring any nearer after
twenty centuries of years.

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And the men of Israel and the
Goyim returned every man to his
home, still incurably religious.

—John W. Warren.

Father, mother and son went in
the tube. All found seats but father,
she had to stand up.

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your father reaching for a strap?
Son: Only at home, Ma.

If the scene cold at first, brace her
up. Chill is often followed by
fever.

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