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SAINT STEPHEN'S COLLEGE

THE MESSENGER PROOF SHEET

Mummers Stage Excellent Performance

Three of Lord Dunsany's Plays Presented

On the evening of Thursday, January eleventh, the Mummers set a new standard for dramatics at St. Stephen's by their admirable presentation of the three Dunsany plays. All three casts were unusually good for a first-night performance, and it is impossible to say whether or not any one cast showed to greater advantage than the rest, or whether any one character was better portrayed than any of the others. The plays themselves were sufficiently unlike in nature to give an opportunity for the demonstration of widely different treatment, with a consequent variation of emotional appeal.

The first play, "The Lost Silk Hat," was so slight in plot and vague in humor that it depended entirely for its success upon the work of the actors. They responded to the challenge and gave an admirable display of sheer historic skill. There were repeated curtain-calls, and flowers of a sort.

The second play, "A Night at an Inn," was a tragedy of considerable intrinsic force. The actors made the most of their opportunities, and worked up to the powerful conclusion in a manner deserving of the highest praise. There was, at one time, danger that this play would be marred by the behavior of the audience: there is always danger of hysteria when one sees friends acting in a tragedy. It is to be hoped that future audiences will try to keep their emotions better in hand.

The last play, "The Glittering Gate," a didactic tragedy aimed against abuses in the present social order, was well up to the standard of the two before it. Opportunity was here found to make full use of the new spot lights and floods.

President Bell and Mr. Voorhees are to be congratulated upon the results of their patient efforts in the coaching of the plays. The impressionistic scenery designed by King also did much to add strength to the presentations. It is unfortunate that there will be no possibility of presenting the plays outside the college. The President hopes, however, to work up another set to be given soon after Easter. The best of the new series will then be selected, along with the best one or two of the former set, for presentation at Poughkeepsie.

Church College Executives Meet At St. Stephen's

Hold Semi-Annual Meeting on Campus for First Time

Thursday, January eighteenth, a regular meeting of the Association of Church College Executives was held at St. Stephen's. Those present were President Bartlett of Hobart, President Bell of St. Stephen's, President Ogilby of Trinity, and President Peirce of Kenyon. Bishop Brent of Western New York, who is Chancellor of Hobart, and Chancellor Finnley of the University of the South were unable to attend.

Many general matters were discussed, but only the following statement was given out for publication: it was Resolved: that

"Whereas there is at the present time an unfortunate conception abroad that modern thought and religion are incompatible,

"Therefore, we believe that it is of the utmost importance that men going into theological schools receive first a thorough collegiate training. The Association of Church College Executives is determined that their institutions shall increase their present endeavors to provide a group of educated men for the Ministry. All of the Church Colleges are studying the problems involved in pre-theological training. While they recognize that there is definite work in the Ministry for men of mature years who wish to take Orders and yet cannot give the time for college preparation

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A New Messenger Board

Libaire '24 Elected Editor-in-Chief; Simmons '23 Made An Associate Editor.

Upon receipt of the resignation of Langdon '23, who completes his College work at mid-years, as Editor-in-Chief of the Messenger, a new Board of Editors was nominated and presented to the Student Body for ratification. At a meeting of Convocation, held on Friday evening, the new slate was formally approved. George Libaire, of the class of 1924 and a former Associate Editor, is raised to the rank of Editor-in-Chief. Tongue '24 and Andrews '24 remain as Associate Editors. Otto Simmons '23 becomes the third Associate Editor. King remains in charge of the Art Department. Titus and Gruver, both members of this year's class, are made official reporters.

There has been a considerable change in the make-up of the business division. Smith remains in charge as Business Manager. McLean '25 is created Circulation Manager, a new office for which there has been a great need for some time. Ferris, Horton, and Scott of the class of '25 become Assistant Business Managers.

The Messenger slate is nominated by the retiring Board and submitted to the Student Body for election. Every undergraduate is encouraged to interest himself in this form of College activity, and elections are usually a reward for meritorious work.

Basketball Season Opens With Victory

'Varsity Defeats State Teachers' College 27-14.

The basketball team started its season on Saturday last with a victory when it defeated New York State Teachers' College at Albany by a 27-14 score. The Crimson led by a comfortable margin thru-out the game, and at several periods exhibited some remarkable floor work. The contest was featured by close guarding on the part of both teams; St. Stephen's dropped only seven baskets from scrimmage and the State College three. The 'Varsity scored thirteen times with seventeen tries from the foul line, while the home quintet caged eight out of sixteen chances.

State College registered the first score of the game on a free throw. Immediately thereafter Myers caged the first field goal for St. Stephen's. Richey scored from the foul line and Coffin dropped a basket from scrimmage. Two foul shots by Bittner and another field goal by Coffin gave the Crimson an ample lead. State College scored on another free throw and a goal from scrimmage. Four foul shots by Richey added materially to the 'Varsity total. A State forward registered another field goal, and the half ended with St. Stephen's leading by a score of 14-8.

Breslau dropped a field goal for the Teachers, and Hornung scored twice from the foul line. Richey and Powers scored from play for the Crimson. Richey made three additional free throws. He followed with another field goal from a difficult angle. State College again registered from the foul line. After two more successful shots from the foul line by Richey, the game ended.

The splendid work of Richey, who caged three field goals and eleven free throws, is deserving of much mention. The entire team played well and held out real promise for a successful season. The line-up:

St. Stephen's	f.b.	f.p.	t.p.
Richey, r.f.	3	11	17
Myers, lf.	1	0	2
Powers, lf.	1	0	2
Coffin, c.	2	0	4
Bouton, r.g.	0	0	0
Bittner, l.g.	0	2	2
Steuart, l.g.	0	0	0
State College			
Hornung, r.f.	1	8	10
Breslau, lf.	1	0	2
Braun, r.f.	0	0	0
Pugh, lf.	0	0	0
Gainor, c.	1	0	0
Sherley, r.g.	0	0	0
Juckett, l.g.	0	0	0
Howe, r.g.	0	0	0

Referee, Hill; Umpire, Russell. Fouls committed: St. Stephen's, 16; State College, 17. Time of periods, 20 minutes.

Faculty Adopts New Cut System

EFFECTIVE AFTER MID-TERM

The faculty has at last drafted a new cut system, which will go into operation as soon as the results of the first semester examinations have been published.

According to the provisions of the amendment, no student will be granted cuts, other than for illness, until he has passed one semester in residence. Then all those whose general averages were below seventy per cent will still be granted no cuts. Those whose averages were between seventy and eighty-five per cent will be allowed three cuts a semester for each course which requires three or more hours of work a week, and one cut a semester for each course which calls for one or two hours work a week. Any man whose general average during the previous semester was eighty-five per cent or over, will be allowed five cuts a

semester in each three, four or five-hour-a-week course, and three cuts a semester in each one or two-hour-a-week course.

Men may be excused in excess of the above figures in case of illness, but the nurse will issue no excuses unless a student is actually confined to his bed.

For two days before or two days after any holiday or vacation no unexcused cuts will be allowed. At present the penalty for overcutting remains as before.

If a student sees fit to use any of his allowed cuts he must make up any missed recitation or written work at the discretion of the professor.

Upon investigation of a number of other colleges and universities, the faculty has found that the above cut system is somewhat more liberal than those generally employed in this country.

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AN APPRECIATION

Last spring it was decided that the Messenger should be run according to a new plan—a plan more ambitious than ever before in its history. Much hard and thankless work was involved, and the strain of that work was bound to fall upon the Editor-in-Chief. He took charge and went to work with a will, and today every department of the college paper shows the result of his tact and perseverance. The issues have always appeared at date, the journalistic and literary tone of the publication has been raised, and—what is most unusual in any collegiate activity—the entire labor has been carried on without friction. An example has been set which will be invaluable for the future. We, and the boards which will come after us, can only hope to carry on and improve in minor respects the policy which has been established during the past six months. It is needless here to say more than that we regret the retirement of Mr. Langdon, and will sorely miss his assistance and advice.

EASE UP ON THE HONOR SYSTEM.

Once more we must exhort our brethren to "grow up!" The latest scheme of the Student Council for preserving order in our midst looks

like an abortive at labor-saving. It tells us that by signing our names in the book at the Matriculation Service we have promised to obey everybody from St. Stephen's all the way down to the Student Council, under pain of forfeiting our honor. In other words, if freshmen smoke a cigarette on campus, they are putting themselves in jeopardy of expulsion and disgrace. To our mind this is childish. The honor system is burdened heavily enough without adding to it. If everything we do is traced back under our matriculation oath, it will be a very short time before the whole system breaks down from sheer over weight. Let the student council keep to itself some of its powers. True support will only be accorded it by the steadier upperclassmen when it shows by real action that such confidence is deserved.

Summer Conferences At St. Stephen's

It has been announced that almost certainly there will be a summer conference at St. Stephen's, from June twentieth through June twenty-fifth. For a number of years summer conferences have been held both at Geneva and at Princeton, under the direction of the Province of New York and New Jersey. The conferences have grown very large, and a need is now felt for the creation of another one, to which the older and more advanced in knowledge among the Church people may go for a concentrated study of philosophy, theology, and social problems. President Bell had a conference with Messrs. Augustine Elmendorf of Hackensack, New Jersey, and Herbert Parrish of New Brunswick, who have the matter in charge for the Province. The negotiations have practically been completed. There will be an attendance of approximately sixty persons, of whom forty will be women and twenty will be men. It is proposed to lodge the women in the new dormitory, and the men in Aspinwall Hall. Lecture sessions will be held in the gymnasium and the chapel, and meals will be served in Preston Hall. The President said, in the name of the college, that he is much pleased at this beginning of summer conferences at Annandale. It is his hope that eventually the campus may be used for the greater part of every summer, in the same way that the famous conferences are held at the Northfield schools, or at Silver Bay.

CHURCH COLLEGE EXCLUSIVES MEET AT ST. STEPHEN'S

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before their theological training, still they believe that emphasis should be laid upon the norm of a bachelor's degree, gained by pursuing a well-balanced course of study, before men enter the theological seminaries. The Association urges upon the authority of the Church the necessity of maintaining this principle more vigorously.

The Association will hold its next meeting in New York, sometime during the spring.

Dragon Club Elects Officers

At a special meeting of the Dragon Club, held on Tuesday evening, January 16th, a new President was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. George Langdon, who has completed his academic requirements for a degree, and is leaving the College this month. Alan H. Tongue, Secretary of the Club, was unanimously chosen for President, and Frank L. Brown was elected to fill his place as Secretary.

In retiring, Mr. Langdon spoke of the practical benefits that he had derived from his connection with the Club, and that he regarded his membership as a high honor and privilege. He deplored the fact that, owing to the small membership during his presidency, little had been done toward the furtherance of an effective program; but now that the membership had been increased, and in view of the fact that there were prospects of a further increase in the near future, he hoped that the Club would be able to play an ever increasing role in promotion of scholarly attainment.

The new President, Mr. Tongue, said that he would devote his attention towards the accomplishment of these aims; and that he hoped to make the Club an even greater factor in the future life of the college than it had been in the past.

As a part of its future program, it was decided that membership in the Club would not be based simply on the attainment of a certain grade, but that in addition, consideration would be given to the way in which the work of the student has tended toward the maintenance of the high ideals and principles for which the College stands.

The January Recitals

The Wednesday evening organ recitals in the Chapel, for the month of January, were given by Willard Retallick, Class of '26.

Retallick, whose home is in Watervliet, is a member of the American Guild of Organists. He was taken into the Guild in September, 1919. Before he entered St. Stephen's he was organist at St. Luke's Church, Troy. Since September 1922, he has been the organist at the Memorial Baptist Church, Albany, one of the largest churches in that city.

Retallick, in his recitals, has shown remarkable skill in making full use of the limited resources of the College organ, and his recitals have been indicative of his broad musical ability and of his intelligence. The programs have been interesting and well balanced. The most effective of his numbers have been the "First Movement" of Borowski's "First Sonata," Guilman's "Caprice," and the "Solemn Prelude" to Tertius Noble's "Gloria Domini."

Conditions in Russia Frightful, Says Mr. Johnson

In his lecture here last Monday evening, January 15th, Mr. Charles Johnson, the Secretary of the State Board of Charities, drew a vivid picture of Russia as he saw it while there as a member of the American Relief Committee last year.

He first told of the wonderful work which the Relief Committee has done in the famine stricken areas of Russia, and of the immensity of their task in feeding eleven million persons scattered over a vast area in which all transportation facilities had broken down. To accomplish this great task they organized, in ten months time, 28,000 feeding stations, and brought from America over 800,000 tons of food, as well as clothing and medical supplies. "Their work cannot be sufficiently praised," he said.

He next went on to describe the frightful conditions resulting from the famine. They found disease and death everywhere, hospitals without doctors or equipment, children's homes without food. They found people living on weeds and roots, and cannibalism itself was not uncommon. He ascribed these conditions to the inefficiency of the Red Government, and said that it is a "Workmen's and Peasants' Republic" in name only, and that it is really a proletariat dictatorship. He spoke of his disillusionment regarding the comradeship that he had expected to find. There is no comradeship, he said, unless you have money, and this in a country where money had been abandoned. He spoke at great length of the immense depreciation of currency, the rate of exchange having fallen to 20 million rubles to the dollar.

There is no freedom there, he says, either of speech or of the press or of assembly, and there is no system of courts to secure justice. He declares that there is a complete breakdown industrially, religiously, and socially. "It is the flower and fruitage" he said, "of class hatred and class antagonism, and should be a lesson of warning to the United States."

The President's Engagements

Tuesday, January sixteenth, President Bell addressed the Parents' Association of New York City. His subject was "The Spiritual Defect in Contemporary Society." The lecture was attended by about three hundred and fifty persons prominent in New York life. The purpose of the Parents' Association is to bring about a sane social atmosphere among the younger set. The meeting was held at the Automobile Club of America.

Sunday, January twenty-first, the President preached at Williams College. In the evening he lectured before the College Christian Association.

Headmaster of St. Bernard's School Preaches Here

On Sunday morning, January 14th, the College had the pleasure of hearing the Rev. Thomas Conover preach. Mr. Conover is head of St. Bernard's School, Bernardville, N. J. He prefaced his sermon with words of praise for the College. He said that he was deeply indebted to St. Stephen's for two reasons,—first, because our President had so kindly given his time to come and address his school, last Fall; and secondly, for the splendid Principal whom St. Stephen has sent to them in the person of Mr. Harold Dunbar Nicholls, a former student here. He praised Mr. Nicholls' character and ability very highly, and said that if he is a sample of the kind of men that St. Stephen's sends forth, he is rooting for St. Stephen's.

Mr. Nicholls was a member of the class of 1916. He was known as "Spike" Nicholls, was very popular here, and a football star. He is a member of the Kappa Gamma Chi Fraternity.

"Don't Be a Grumbler," Says Dr. Muller in Sermon

Preaching at the Sunday morning Chapel Service on January 21st. Dr. Muller took his text from the 1st Chapter of the Book of Wisdom, "Beware, then, of unprofitable murmurers," and drew from it a timely lesson against the vice of grumbling. His sermon, in brief follows:

The text implies that there is such a thing as a profitable murmurer, and so there is, and they are very greatly needed. The Prophets were profitable murmurers. Both Christ and St. Paul were profitable murmurers. Today, profitable murmurers are needed very badly. They are needed to make us see our responsibility as a nation, to make us aware of the industrial situation, and of the evils of child labor. They are needed to make us see the evils of a disunited Christendom. Above all we need to murmur against ourselves, against indolence, and selfishness.

There is much unprofitable murmuring today. Many of us are destroying ourselves by unprofitable murmuring, like the ancient children of Israel. We are prone to grumble at everything and do nothing to make things better.

President Bell Refutes Dr. Grant

On the day following the publication in the New York papers of Dr. Grant's radical utterances, President Bell addressed the student body at the evening Chapel Service. He said that one usually takes no notice of such a sensationalist, but he thought perhaps that what Dr. Grant had said

might tend to unsettle the faith of some of the men here, and he wished to speak to them to put any possible doubts at rest which might have arisen. To begin with, he said he wished to refute Dr. Grant's assertion that none of the Clergy who have taken courses in modern science at the large universities any longer believe in Jesus Christ as one who was equal in power with God. There are five Clerical members of this faculty, he said, who have studied modern science at universities, and who are graduates of universities; yet none of these finds any inconsistency in retaining the belief that Jesus Christ had the power of God, nor, indeed, in worshipping him as the Divine Son of God.

Periodicals in the Library

The Library is now receiving nine-two periodicals, and it has been thought desirable to call attention to this fact by publishing a complete list, especially as there have been many new and valuable additions to the list of last year.

American Church Monthly.
American City.
American Economic Review.
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