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## FUTURE BUILDING PLANS DETERMINED

### OPEN QUADRANGLE THE FEATURE

A conference of the Administrative Committee of the Board of Trustees, Nichols and Gardiner the college architects, and Mr. Irving Staley the contractor, was held on campus one day last week.

The whole question of future development was discussed from educational, architectural, and engineering points of view; and it was determined to build an open quadrangle running from the present stone buildings to Wardens' Hall, and extending back to within thirty feet of the gymnasium. The preliminary plans for the new science building and the new Albee dormitory were submitted by the architects, and in general approved. The science building plans, which have been worked upon for over a year in consultation with the Science faculty, were found to be almost wholly satisfactory. Two plans were submitted for the dormitory, one with one entrance, to house thirty-six men, the other with two entrances, to house forty-two men. In each case the entire north front was divided into suites of three rooms, each suite to accommodate two students; the studies were drawn twelve by fifteen feet, the bedrooms ten by twelve feet. The plans of each dormitory also called for the entire south front to be divided into single rooms. It seems probable that the larger of the two will finally be constructed.

One feature of the project which will be of interest, and which will be carried out in any event, is the Faculty Club which is developed underneath part of the new dormitory; another is the student common room which is developed under the rest of the structure. The student room will be twenty-five by thirty feet, and will have attached to it a kitchenette and coat rooms. The common room will be turned over to the Convocation of Undergraduates, to be furnished and managed as they may desire. It is the intention of the Trustees that it shall provide an informal lounging room such as one finds in Metropolitan clubs.

In the science building, in addition to the laboratories described in a former issue, there will also be a psychology laboratory, since it is expected that with the division of the Departments of Philosophy and Psychology—which will take place in the near future—the latter department will develop very rapidly.

## GRANT NOBLE ELECTED FOOT- BALL CAPTAIN

### WILL LEAD 1924 ELEVEN

At a meeting of the members of the 1923 football squad held in the Gymnasium on November 20, Grant Noble was elected captain for 1924. Noble, a junior, has just finished his third year on the Varsity. For two years he played halfback, where, besides being a good interference man and end-runner, he enjoyed the reputation of being the hardest line-smasher in the backfield. Due to a wealth of excellent backfield material and a need for good wing-men, he was, during the past season, shifted to right end, a position he had played in preparatory school, and at this position he also starred. Defensively, he is hard to beat; offensively, besides being expert at handling a tackle, he can catch almost any forward pass that comes within reach. A fighter from the first whistle to the last, and always urging the team on, Noble should be all that can be desired as a captain.

Next fall's eleven should be good. Only six of the squad will not return to College, leaving as a nucleus, ends; Capt. Noble, Wilson, tackles; Jones, King, Smith, Harrison, guard; Wade, centers; Gruver, Moser, backs; Deloria, Patterson, Murry, Voothees. Next year's schedule, which includes games with Bowdoin, N. Y. U., C. C. N. Y., Fordham, University of Rochester, Providence, and Rhode Island State, will be even harder than that of the past season.

### BASKETBALL BEGINS

The afternoon of Friday, November the twenty-third, saw a squad of some twenty-odd report to Coach Murry for first basketball practice. Old men out are: Capt. Bittner, Bouton, Richey, Coffin, Powers, Kilby, Derrick, MacLean and Scott; while among the new men are: Wilson,

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## NEW SEWAGE PLANT BEGUN

### WILL REMEDY POLLUTIONS IN BIG WELL

A society interested in the promotion of educational institution in the state of New York has given \$15,000 for the reconstruction and enlargement of the sewage disposal plant of the college, which at present is composed of five separate units. These plants have been a source of pollution for the large well which was completed a month ago, and it is because of that fact that a special well now has to be maintained for drinking water. The New York Sewage Disposal Co., the engineers who are designing the new system, state that if a single plant of the proper sort is put in, the water from all the wells on campus will be fit for drinking. At present the final plans have not been determined upon, but it seems likely that the new plant will be located not far from the main road, about seventy-five yards north of the Cahalan cottage. The system will consist of settling basins, three concrete sand-filtering beds, and a chlorinating plant. When the sewage has gone through these three steps, the engineers say that it will be ninety-seven per cent pure, and may safely be discharged into the brook. The plans have been submitted to the Health Department of the State of New York for approval. All of the buildings on the hill top, from the president's house to Ludlow, will drain directly into the new plant. The gymnasium, Orient Hall, and the new professors' residences which are to be constructed to the north of the gymnasium and east of the president's house, will drain into a separate collection-sink to the north of the gymnasium, whence the sewage will be pumped over the hill to the main system. Ditches are now being blasted to connect the president's house and the library with the sewage line which leads from Wardens' Hall. Running water is to be installed in the library in the spring.

## NOTED SOCIOLO- GIST INVEIGHS

### DR. WARD SCORES CAPITALIS- TIC CREED

#### Work Before Eating, Cure for Social Ills

On Monday evening November 19, in the Memorial Gymnasium, Dr. Harry Ward, noted ecclesiastical sociologist and Professor of Ethics at Union Theological Seminary, gave a lecture entitled "Plunderers, Parasites, and Producers." The substance of his talk follows:

In the science of biology we are taught that there are parasites whose nature it is to live upon producing organisms; so also in modern society there are people who live on the earnings of others, themselves producing nothing. All people who live on private incomes belong in this class. Suppose there were a hundred million inhabitants of a country, each of whom had a private income; where would the work come from to support them? Obviously, if there were no one engaged in production, there would be nothing produced.

In an industrial society, as matters are now arranged, the selection and acceptance of the services of any workman are arbitrarily left to the decision of an employer, who receives a disproportionate profit from the labor and who can refuse to give the work and can dismiss the employees at will. This is manifestly unfair, and it is an actual fact that no man, however willing to work, can in any way compel an employer to give him an opportunity of earning his own living. These employers are plunderers.

The parasites are those who, either by descent from a plunderer or by some other connection with him are living upon the people from whom plunder was originally taken. As an instance, I know some descendants of a rich man who have exhausted their ingenuity so far as to have to take up jousting at a ring as a means of passing time.

After the accumulation of the first million, the rest is in such a large manner automatic, that the money piles up without any effort on the part of the Croesus.

As an example of extreme parasitism there is the dole system in England, whereby a man will get a dole on the plea of being unemployed. It is necessary post war measure which has outlived its usefulness; and at present we see a million and a half men who are being supported by the state and are using their money, in some part at least, to bet on the races.

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### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 14—Eastman College at Annandale .....	Opp. S.S.C.
Jan. 12—Albany Pharm. College at Annandale .....	
Jan. 21—Clarkson Tech. at Annandale .....	
Feb. 9—Albany State College, at Annandale .....	
Feb. 15—Open .....	
Feb. 21—Hamilton College, at Annandale .....	
Mar. 1—Albany Pharm. College, at Albany .....	
Mar. 8—Albany State College, at Albany .....	
Mar. 14—Lowell Tex. Institute, at Lowell, Mass. ....	
Mar. 15—Worcester Polytech. Institute, at Worcester Mass. ....	



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### A PLEA FOR HARMONY

The recent liberal gifts to the college filled a greatly felt need and were most welcome, but there is a phase of the college life for which no adequate provision has thus far been made,—which has not shared in the material aids lately given to the general fund. We refer to the matter of music. One of the greatest disadvantages of our sequestration is the long distance which separates us from the theatre, the concert hall, and the opera. There is no music to be had within twenty miles, and even when there is a concert at Poughkeepsie, weather and expense often prevent attendance.

There are on the campus at least two able organists who are willing to give us of their time and talent, but with what do they have to work? sometimes, hearing the alleged organ, one would say a steam calliope. The pedal action often gives one the impression of a well equipped office in which there clatters the ubiquitous addressograph. And, at times, one remembers from the dim distance of childhood reading, the trumpeting of Kala Nag and of his fellow dancers in the jungle.

It is painful for the listeners—and how much more so for the organist—to hear a wild bellow in the middle

of a Franck chorale or—but why go on? The stiff action, the chronically disabled stops, and the small keyboard make it impossible to play many sorts of music on the chapel organ; and the chapel is the only place where the dwellers of Annandale can hear music.

We live in the hope that some kind friend, who in his time has had to listen to mangled harmonies, will have mercy upon us, and give the wherewithal to provide an adequate instrument for the college musicians.

### THE EGOCENTRIC

"Had Lincoln gone to college you would never have heard of him." So says Arthur Brisbane in *The American*. Knowing the source of the statement, it would be unwise to become unduly alarmed, or to conclude at once that the college is a mechanism for turning genius into mediocrity; and yet sometimes we wonder, when we look around us, and more especially when we look within ourselves, if after all something is not stifled within us by college life; something which, if it were allowed free expression, would not, it is true, make Lincolns of us, but which would make us of more value to the world, and of more worth to ourselves. We refer to the desire that comes at times to every normal man to find a place in the world where he will be of service to his fellows, even at the cost of sacrifice to himself.

During our college days we are so near to ourselves,—we loom so large on our own mental horizon, that the world is quite obscured. We have a hazy notion that it is out there, somewhere beyond the golden gates of graduation, waiting with open arms to receive us into its bosom, and give us honor, position, and wealth; but of our own place in serving the needs of the world, we really have no ideas. Say what you will about the broadening influence of a college education, there is a great danger that in our four years of seclusion and pampering we will become self-centered. Had Lincoln gone to college and become self-centered, we would indeed have heard of him, but we might not have heard the same things we have of him, and the history of our country would have been different.

A strong character such as Lincoln, we may be sure, would not have allowed any such influence to bend him. Wherever he found himself he would have been a force upholding unselfish action; but those of us who are not endowed by nature with his moral stature find it hard at times, in the sheltering seclusion of our colleges, to retain the Lincoln virtues,—unselfishness, fortitude, and simplicity of character.

### NOTED SOCIOLOGIST INVEIGHS

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There are cases where the workers are actually allowed to determine the amount of the profit of their employer, and in one specific case they even decided the amount of his salary. This employer said that the only time that he had ever had to reverse a decision of his employees was when

they gave him a larger salary than the business could stand. When the producer is allowed the management of the interests of his employer, he is more concerned with the latter's welfare than is the employer of the producer's, under the old system.

The church should take a definite stand upon such matters, and to some extent it has. At a recent meeting of clergy, the chairman read a letter purporting to come from the two great anarchists, Emma Goldman and Berkman. The parsons present were greatly upset, but imagine their consternation when they were told that a trick had been played, and that the letter was a paraphrase in modern speech, which changed the sense not one whit, of the fifth chapter of the epistle of St. James. The principle on which Christ was content to be judged through the ages was that of love. What can be the position of the Church when we find in the New Testament, "If a man will not work, then let him not eat?" Obviously, that everyone should work and should produce on the basis of his consumption.

### BASKETBALL BEGINS

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Vandeventer, Milton, Murry, Patterson, Crandall, Millington, Urquhart and Sypher. Prospects for an excellent season are bright. Much confidence is placed in the Coach; and while the schedule arranged by Manager Tite is a stiff one, the five letter-men on the squad, aided by some particularly good new material, should pull through successfully.

## '27 Crows— Sophs. Lose Classic

On November 15 Zabriskie Field and the sophomores were wiped up together, when the class of '27 won the first annual mud-slinging contest by a score of 7-0. Despite the figures, the second-year men played a steadier game than did the wearers of the green; but the work of the latter in the shape of two passes from Millington to Murry netted the lone score. Twice '26 was checked on the verdant five yard line by the uncertain tackling of the whistle-bearer.

Strader opened with a kick-off, Millington ran the ball back ten yards, where the sophomores held for downs, and carried on a steady march up the field, until stopped by a fumble. On the next play Millington completed a twenty-five yard pass to Murray, who ran through a clear field for the only touchdown of the game. He drop-kicked for the extra point. '27 then kicked off; Wade caught the ball, and was downed in his tracks. Then followed the two marches of '26 to within easy scoring distance; they threw back the freshmen freebooters for repeated losses, but were forced to give way each time before the shill cold blast.

Strader excelled for the sophomores, while Millington and Murry were the stars in the green caps. Moser beat the entire field.

## A Review of the Season of 1923

A glance at the results of the 1923 football season shows that St. Stephen's was represented by a team that, by winning five of its seven games, proved itself to be every bit as good as last fall's successful eleven. Playing all but one of its contests so far from home that few of the undergraduate supporters could be present to cheer it on, and frequently with odds in weight heavily against it, the Varsity fought hard at all times. Only one college, Hobart, managed to keep from being scored on; while in the last four games the team kept its goal line clear until in the final one Connecticut, though defeated, scored one touchdown. A total of one hundred and nineteen points as against seventy-six scored by opponents speaks for itself.

The opening game, with Hamilton, was unexpectedly easy. The Varsity getting off to a poor start, was scored on in the first few minutes of play; but it soon found its stride and ended by whipping Hamilton 25-7.

New York University nosed out the Varsity by a 14-6 score. It was a heartbreaking defeat, for in the third period, with the ball on New York's two-yard line, the team had an excellent chance for the score which would have made the game more even and given a chance of winning. But the opportunity was lost, and with it the game.

The only other loss of the season came when Hobart trounced the Varsity by a 49-0 score. We hate the thought of sour grapes and alibis, and will offer none of the latter; but even the most flattering of Hobart admirers must admit that their team was not more than fourteen points, at the most, better than St. Stephen's. Comparative scores of subsequent games (laugh if you will) show St. Stephen's to be as good as, even better than, Hobart.

In the next game the Varsity showed a decided improvement, in beating City College of New York 7-0. The score gives no idea of the superiority of the team over its opponents. Last fall the result of the game was the same, and the points were contributed by the same men, White scoring the touchdowns in both cases and Deloria adding the extra points by drop kicks.

Worcester Polytech was easily defeated in the next encounter by a score of 32-0. The game was marked by the wonderful passing attack developed by Coach Murry. Three touchdowns were scored and three hundred and sixty yards gained in this way. The technical school had previously held Trinity to a 7-6 score, and later played a scoreless tie with Rhode Island State College.

Drexel was the next victim of the Varsity's slashing attack, the score being 37-0. As in the Worcester game, three touchdowns resulted from forward passes, while the other three were scored by straight football. This game, played in Pough-



## A REVIEW OF THE SEASON OF 1923

keepsie, was the only one that took place near enough to the college to allow a cheering section to accompany the team—and the score was the largest rolled up by the Varsity during the season.

As a fitting climax to a fine season, the Varsity conquered the strong Connecticut Agricultural College team in a bitterly contested game. The Connecticut eleven, with victories over Trinity, C. C. N. Y., and Rhode Island State, and a scoreless tie with New Hampshire State, presented no mean record. The Aggies fought hard from start to finish, scoring one touchdown in the final period of the game and making a strong bid for another, but the Varsity was not to be denied this final triumph.

## A Word About the Players

Nineteen men composed the Varsity squad which so nobly upheld the records of St. Stephen's on the gridiron. Captain Francis "Bing" White, fleet left half back and star punter, playing his third year on the Varsity, proved to be a capable leader, and the scoring ace. More than he gave could not be asked for, and his loss will be felt badly by next year's eleven.

Captain-elect Grant Noble, a veteran of three seasons, is a hard hitting half back who was turned into a steady and reliable end during the last season. Fast and aggressive, he was in the game every minute of play, never letting up nor allowing his team mates to let up. He deserves to lead a good team next season, and we wish him all the luck in the world.

Harvey Simmonds, playing his fourth year on the Varsity, was a quarter back of marked ability. His handling of the team in the Connecticut game will not be forgotten by those who saw or played in it. The loss of Simmonds, who will be graduated in June, is sure to be felt.

Kilby, right half back, was a fit running mate for Capt. White. Equally good at circling the ends and catching forward passes, while now and then taking a crack at the line, he was also a fine interference man and a good defensive player. Kilby graduates, and leaves a gap that will be hard to fill.

Coffin, right guard, was one of the best men in the forward line. He was a veteran of four years, an aggressive, eager player, who had much to do with keeping up the spirit of the team. He will be lost to us next year.

Judd, left guard, completed his third year on the Varsity. Judd is a big man, fast on his feet, with a habit of breaking through and stopping plays before they can be started. He has several blocked punts to his credit, besides a touchdown resulting from a recovered fumble. Judd's graduation in June will leave the centre of the line considerably weakened.

Jones, the husky left tackle, playing his first season for St. Stephen's,

satisfied a want sorely felt in the line. He was a reliable player, always there when needed, steady on the offence and defence alike. We are glad to say that Jones will be back next year.

Wilson, left end, was also a new man on the Varsity. His speed enabled him to smother many an attempted run, while he was a wizard on the receiving end of a forward pass. Also, he played out the season with a knee that was wrenched badly early in the fall. He will be back next year.

King, right tackle, though unable to finish the season because of an injury, played remarkably well in the earlier games. Finishing his third season on the squad, he should prove immensely valuable next fall.

Deloria, star fullback, completed his third season on the Varsity and again demonstrated his all-round ability. He was the main reliance for line-bucks, and was the heart of the team's aerial game. He, too, will be available in the fall.

Murry, quarterback, playing his first season of inter-collegiate football, put up a fine game during the season. He is a freshman, with more time than room for improvement.

Gruver, center, was one of the smallest but "fightingest" men in the line. He was always an accurate passer and, with two touchdowns resulting from blocked kicks to his credit, showed up well on the defence.

Harrison, tackle, proved to be a capable player who came through well whenever called on. He is a freshman, and therefore has three more years of playing ahead of him.

Patterson, half back, developed rapidly during the season and should be able to land a regular berth next fall. He was good both on offence and defence, and whenever necessary filled Capt. White's place well.

Kroll, tackle, played a strong game during the fall. As he is a senior, he will not return next year.

Voorhees, half back, is another freshman who made the squad. This season's experience and his ability to drive through the line should win him a place next fall.

Moser, center, is a player of merit who worked hard for his position. He was a fine defensive man, and the experience gained during the past fall should stand him in good stead.

Wade, guard, was a man who showed a great deal of promise. With a year's seasoning on the squad behind him, great things are expected from him.

Too much praise cannot be given to Coach Murry for the success of the Varsity outfit. His drilling in fundamentals, a thing that was lacking before he came, won more than one game during the season. He knew his game and, what is more important, he knew how to teach it to the squad. He turned out a well-balanced, sportsman-like team, one that leaves behind a large group of seasoned and experienced players on which to build for the future.

Doctor Cookingham took care of the squad physically with such skill and

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thoroughness that at the end of the season not a man was unfit for scrimmage. Much credit is due him.

The managership of any team is a position that requires lots of hard work, and that receives little praise. Manager Woodruff is to be complimented on the zealous and conscientious way in which he handled the affairs of the Varsity.

That more or less unnoticed and hard-working squad of scrubs that all during the long season so hopelessly fought against and developed the Varsity are to be congratulated on their efforts, for they did not take their hard knocks in vain. Their season, with two tie games and two low score defeats, has been a good one. It is hoped that a better schedule will be arranged for them next year.

## Nominations for 1923 All-American

On November 25 a regular meeting was held in the office of Manager Woodruff, to determine the All-American football line-up as rendered probable by the results of the 1923 season. Those entitled to vote were Kilby, Libaire, Deloria, and Patterson. Their abilities are well known, and any line they approve always carries weight. They selected the following eleven:

Eyes of Brown—L. E.  
Farewell of Lafayette—L. T.  
Smoke of Pittsburg—L. G.  
Cedars of Lebanon—C.  
Herd of Buffalo—R. G.  
Battle of Gettysburg—R. T.  
Gang of Tufts—R. E.  
Bust of George Washington—Q. B.  
Son of William & Mary—L. H. B. (Capt.)

Act of Providence—R. H. B.  
Millions of Vanderbilt—F. B.

**Substitutes:**  
Texas, Steer; Lehigh Coal; Army, Mule; Rhode Island, Red; Knox, Hat; Navy, Blue..

To accompany the above, Archimedes of Syracuse was chosen referee; timer, Einstein of Heidelberg.

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## Junior Prom Well Received

On the evening of Friday, November 16, the Junior Prom. began its pleasant course at . . . o'clock, according to precedent. Enough dancers were on hand at the start to perform the colorful grand march, with its three-letter gyrations; and soon after, the floor was crowded to the limits of comfort.

Too much praise can not be given to the decoration committee, which as usual excelled the efforts of all such previous bodies. The lowered ornamental chandeliers effectually blotted out the familiar roof, and threw over the scene an effect of golden simplicity with Belgian blue trimmings. The orchestra was effectually framed by Shope, and groups of potted cedars. A final pleasant touch was provided by a hedge of evergreen across the balcony, through which blue lights shed a veritable Moonglo radiance.

The dance was marked all the way through by a smoothness of execution which spoke careful management. We can not testify for the refreshments, but we did return for the last number, and found—O chose impressive—the good feeling and high spirits of the first hour still intact. In this respect the Prom. is truly monumental.

One aspect which particularly soothed our jaded nerves was the warm reception accorded the waltzes. We would not advocate a return to the era of train-gowns and white gloves, but the waltzes. . . ah! nous jettons le baiser!





## Fraternity Notes

### K. G. X. HOLDS INFORMAL DANCE

An afternoon dance, which proved to be one of the most successful social events of the fall, was held in the Kappa Gamma Chi House on the day following the Junior Prom. Sixteen couples were present, and the music for the occasion was provided by Clyde Clark's "Collegians," rigged out in novelty attire. It is not known whether or not it was this attire that inspired them, but they were in top form, and the music was of the best. The house was particularly attractive upon this occasion, and the punch was excellent. In short, nothing was lacking to make the affair a complete success. Faculty guests were Dr. Wilson and Mr. Voorhees.

## Chapel Notes

Fr. MacDonald, who is away from the College on a year's leave of absence, made a flying visit here on Sunday November 18, as the college preacher of that day. He was welcomed by his many friends and former students, who were more than glad to see him and to hear him preach again in the college chapel. His sermon, on the new and the old—the radical and the conservative—was typical, and full of his characteristic anecdotes.

The following Sunday the Reverend John McGann, rector of Christ Church, Springfield, Mass., occupied the pulpit. He preached, by a coincidence, from the same text as that chosen by Fr. MacDonald—St. Matthew 13, 52, and while his treatment was different, he reached conclusions almost identical, and left as his message that we should not disparage the old, but should attempt to harmonize both old and new, for both are needed. Perhaps his most felicitous bit of exposition came in his condemnation of the terms "broad" and "liberal" as used of churchmen. He showed that their real synonyms are shallowness and laziness, and that the only way to treat one who is always harping upon why he can not accept an article of sound doctrine is to ask him what he is able to believe, and then listen to the silence.

## Tree Surgeons Complete Work

### EXTENSIVE SPRAYING FOR NEXT SPRING

The tree surgeons, who for the past month have been busy putting the cemetery to rights, have finished their work. Many of the dead trees have been removed, and the live ones placed in perfect condition. This includes the row of trees between the cemetery and the fields towards Whale's Back, which for a long time have marred the landscape. The remains of the stone fence on the same line will soon be removed, and the stone put into the new buildings; at the same time new cinder paths will be laid wherever necessary.

This is the last work the surgeons will be able to do for some time in the way of trimming. The money usually appropriated each spring and fall for the purpose will have to be put into spraying materials, for the next year or so, since the Gypsy moth has come over from New England and set to work on many of the elms on the college property. It is hoped to save these with three treatments.

The expense of cleaning up the cemetery was shared equally by the college and by Mr. John Aspinwall of Newburgh, son of the donor of Aspinwall Hall.

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