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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 drama 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 treatments, with a consequent variation of emotional appeal.

The first play, "The Lost Silk Hat," was so rich in plot and 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 a part of the audience might be moved by the beauty of the music; 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," was a triumph of cleverness 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 spectacles and lights.

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 Ogilvy of Trinity, and President Peirs of Kenyon. Bishop Brand of Western New York, Chancellor of Hobart, and Chancellor Findlay of the University of the South were unable to attend.

Many general matters were discussed, but the only 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 we 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 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 throughout 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 missed 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. Richer 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 angle lead. State College scored on another free throw and a goal from scrimmage. Four foul shots by Richer 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.

Brendel dropped a field goal for the Teachers, and Hornung scored twice from the foul line. Richer and Powers scored from play for the Crimson. Richer 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 foul line by Richer, the game ended.

The splendid work of Richer, 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. T. P. P.
Richer, r. f. ............ 17
Myers, w. f. ............ 10
Powers, t. f. ............ 2
Coffin, c. ............ 4
Brennon, w. f. ............ 0
Bittner, l. g. ............ 2
Steuart, l. f. ............ 0
State College
Hornung, t. f. ............ 18
Brosko, l. f. ............ 12
Baum, r. f. ............ 0
Puch, l. f. ............ 0
Gainor, c. ............ 0
Shelley, t. f. ............ 0
Juckett, l. g. ............ 0
Worce, r. f. ............ 0
Referee: Hill: Unprofit, Russell
Peeke committed the Stephen's, 18;
State College, 17. Time of periods, 29 minutes.

Faculty Adopts New Cut System

EFFECTIVE AFTER MIDTERM

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 average was below seventy percent will be granted no cuts. Those whose averages were between seventy and eighty-five percent 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 percent 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 bed.

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

If a student seeks to fit 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.
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 twenty-fourth through June twenty-eighth. 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 new centers of study. St. Stephen's, through the creation of the new priestly college, will be one of these new centers of study, philosophy, theology, and social problems. President Bell had a conference with Miss Augustine Elmendorf of Hackensack, New Jersey, and Herbert Parrish of New Brunswick, who have the matter in charge, and negotiations have practically been completed. There will be an attendance of approximately sixty persons. 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 served in Providence Hall. The President said, in the name of the college, that he is much pleased with this beginning of summer conferences at St. Ammandale. It is his hope that eventually the campus may be used for the greater part of the year, so 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, will be laid upon the norm of a bachelor's degree, gained by pursuing a well-balanced course of study, before entering the theological seminaries. The Association urges upon the authority of the Church the necessity of teaching this principle more vigorously.

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

Conditions in Russia

FRIGHTFUL, SAYS

Mr. Johnson

In his lecture here last Monday evening, January 16th, 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. "Everywhere in Russia," he said, "the Relief Committee has done wonderful work 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, 28,000 feeding stations, and brought from America over $200,000 tons of food, as well as clothing and medical supplies. Their work cannot be sufficiently emphasized, I think." He went on to describe the frightful conditions resulting from the famine. They found disease and death everywhere, and especially without doctors or equipment, children's homes without food. They found people living on roots 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 proletarian 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 is a country where money had been abandoned. He spoke at great length of the immense depreciation of currency, the rate of exchange having fallen in 30 million rubles to the dollar.

There is no freedom here, 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 Contempotary 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 atmosphere among the young generation. The lecture was held at the Automatic Club of America.

Sunday, January twenty-first, the President preached at Williams College, in the afternoon, 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 him time to come and address his school, last Fall; and secondly, for the splendid Principal who St. Stephen's has sent to them in the person of Mr. Harold Dunbar Nichols, a former student here. He praised Mr. Nichols' 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. Nichols was a member of the class of 1916. He was known as "Spike" Nichols, 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 Chaptered 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 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 worshiping him as the Divine Son of God.

Periodicals in the Library

The Library is now receiving nineteen 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.
American Economist.
American Historical Review.
American Journal of Philology.
American Naturalist.
Annals of the Amer. Academy of Political and Social Science.
Art and Archaeology.
Atlantic Monthly.
Biblical Review.
Biological Bulletin.
Book Review Digest.
Bookman.
Botanical Abstracts.
Century.
Challenge.
Chemical Abstracts.
Chemical News.
Church Times.
Churchman.
Classical Journal.
Classical Philology.
Classical Weekly.
Current History.
Current Opinion.
Dial.
Economic Journal.
Edinburgh Review.
Educational Record.

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I.
I want a D. D. gown;
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I want a D. D. gown.

II.
So much comment on my socks!
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Genetics.
Harper’s Magazine.
Hibbert Journal.
Holy Cross Magazine.
Illustrated London News.
L’Illustriation.
Inter-America.
International Book Review.
International Studio.
Journal of American Chemical Society.
Journal of Applied Psychology.
Journal of Applied Sociology.
Journal of Experimental Zoology.
Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry.
Journal of Philosophy.
Journal of the National Education Association.

Lancet.
Library Journal.
Life.
Literary Digest.
Literary Review of the N. Y. Evening Post.
Living Age.
Living Church.
Manchester Guardian.
Modern Language Journal.
Nation.
Nation and Athenaeum.
National Geographic Magazine.
Natural History.
Nature.
New Republic.
New Student.
Nineteenth Century.
North American Review.
La Nouvelle Revue.
Outlook.
La Petite Illustration.
Poetry.

Readers Guide to Periodical Literature.
Religious Education.
Revue Blanche.
Revue de Paris.
Revue des Deux Mondes.
St. Andrew’s Cross.
Science and Invention.
Scientific American.
Scribner’s Magazine.
Sociological Review.
Southern Churchman.
Spirit of Missions.
Survey.
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Theatre Arts Magazine.
Vaudeville News.
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