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On Thursday evening, February 14, The Mummers gave their semi-annual performance in the Memorial Gymnasium, with more than usual success. The plays produced were Molière's The Doctor in Spite of Himself; J. M. Morton’s Let Me Five Shillings, in which Joseph Jefferson used to play Mr. Golightly; and Moonshine, by Arthur Hopkins. It is surprising that such great success was obtained. The French play was given in an exceedingly bad translation which would shame any member of French 4. Moonshine has but little action, and it is much to the credit of Messrs. Riches and Billard that they were so successful. As to Morton’s specimen—well, Jefferson may have played Golightly; it is simply another example of what the actor had to do, during the Roaring Forties.

The high light of the evening was Mr. Craig, the dramatic descendant of the famous actor mentioned above. If the shade of “Rip Van Winkle” lay behind the kajiminoed stone wall, he must have nodded approvingly. But, most of us have seen former performances, and thus have the satisfaction of saying to ourselves, “I told you so!” Mr. Urquhart, who played Capt. Phobo in the same play, also deserves mention. Although he is but half a dozen rehearsals his work was smooth and altogether convincing. The play was a poor one, but the whole cast, on account of the excellent coaching of Dr. Bell, gave a performance which, in its ease and smoothness, seemed almost professional.

In The Doctor in Spite of Himself, there was evidence of the movie influence. Mr. Gruver had a Ben Turpin part, and he played it. He looked like a Rocky Mountain goat which had dined not whimsically but well, and he spent too much of his time wearing his beard in the face of Geronte. The watchful father seemed more of a fool than Molière made him, and thus slipped over the deadline of what is even utterly absurd. We have always had, be it admitted, a feeling that Molière’s plays were dull, and The Doctor in Spite of Himself changed our opinion not one whit. We have seen too many corny plots. Chaplin with their clubs, a straw man of a 17th Century farce which, in its action, had but little else. As we said above, the translation was bad, very bad, and

TRUSTEES HOLD QUARTERLY MEETING
Dr. Baldwin of Columbia Appointed to Board

A regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in New York City on Thursday, February 19. Among the matters of general interest then brought up, was the progress of the building program. The plans for the science building were presented and approved, and the contract was let. The total cost will be $35,000 more than at first expected, $129,000 instead of $85,000 as previously announced. The general contracting will be undertaken by Mr. Irving Steuley of Blichneck, and the plumbing and heating by Mr. J. F. Curtis of Red Hook. Excavating will begin, both for the science building and the new dormitory, as soon as the frost is out of the ground. By Commencement Day the foundations will have progressed sufficiently to make possible the laying of the corner-stones on that occasion.

The Treasurer’s report showed the college to be in a better financial position than at any February meeting in recent years. A considerable amount of the standing debt has lately been paid, and the rest has been undertaken for payment in the near future.

Bishop Manning was re-elected Chairman of the Board, and President Bell was again appointed Vice-Chairman. Other official re-elections were: Mr. William Harison, Secretary; Mr. Abraham Hatfield, Jr., Treasurer.

Charles Sears Baldwin, Ph. D., Professor of English Literature in Bard College, Columbia University, has been appointed a member of the Board. He is also a member of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education, and a vestryman of St. Ignatius’ Church, New York City. Dr. Bald.

VARSITY WINS AND LOSES
TAKES EASY GAME FROM ALABAMA STATE

Suffs First Defeat As Hands of Eastman

A fighting Varsity took the floor against the Alabama State five on the game Saturday, and succeeded in final whistle blow it had piled up forty points to Alabama’s twenty-eight. The game was all St. Stephen’s from the start. The team never had to extend itself, for only in the first few minutes did Alabama come anywhere near tying the score. Coffin drew first blood when he dropped in a free-try. Then Richie, who played some fine free basket during the evening, and Capt. Bittner took four of the game until 10:30, and 15:45 and the second quarter until two from the foul line. Final score: St. Stephen’s, 60; Alabama State, 44.

Eastman Hands Varsity First setback

The Varsity travelled to Poughkeepsie on February 16 for its first game away from home, and suffered its first defeat of the season when it was nosed out by Eastman College in the final minutes of a bitterly contested struggle. Hardly touched by the absence of Kilby from the line-up, and playing on a strange floor, the team fought its way through. Eastman was leading 15-11 at the end of the first half. Twice during the second twenty minutes of play the Varsity five forged ahead, only to lose their lead just before the close of the game. As the preceeding game, Coffin scored first when he dropped two free-tries through the hoop. Capt. Ring of Eastman scored three consecutive baskets. The Varsity’s stationary guard was being thrown out of its position. A moment later Ring added another point on a free-try. Both Bittner and Richie scored from the floor, Richie also contributed two baskets to the foul line. Coffin made two free-tries and Noble and Millington one each.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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FOUR attempted to vote upon the matter; but the majority, by their prudent isolation, rendered the treason fruitless. As a body we seem to be waiting for the next move of that second Moses whose revelations were followed breathlessly up to a week ago, when the Senators began to tell each other about their Teapot Dome. We are waiting for the great Eichmann's Commandment, which is to be the crowning and consummation of our Civilization. Thou shalt do all thy power to prevent the dawn of peace on earth and good-will among men.

Until that commandment has been formulated we have our own absorbing issues to consider, and who shall say that they are not important? We meditate like the pensive ostriches, with our heads buried in our food. We light fires upon the floors of buildings to show the superiors of our mind that our food is a myth. Our eyes even prevent the night-watches; we break locks and rob the college supply-room, by way of revenge. We are not touched by the forces of the every-day; if we were, a number of us would be doing time to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

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TOO PROUD TO VOTE?

We at St. Stephen's pride ourselves upon our isolation from the distractions of the larger world. A group of picked men, chosen because we are able to face the larger issues of life and see them whole, we live in terms of intimate personal contact with a group of instructors who—because you know the rest; see page 4 of the College Catalogue. It is natural that we should, situated as we are, look down upon other college and universities whose students think only of the materialistic aims of life, and never glimpse the beauties of the ideal.

In our attitude towards the referendum upon the Bux Peace Plan we have given a notable instance of this superiority of vision. Every other college and university in the country had allowed itself to be snared into voting, to a man, either for or against the Plan. But we were not to be这么; we saw the pit, and passed it by on the other side. Be it said against us that one man out of every four attempted to vote upon the matter; but the majority, by their prudent isolation, rendered the treason fruitless.

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The intrigue could not carry the dulness.

Sandmine had been cut, and should have been cut more. There was an interminable wait after the denouement, and the play would have been strengthened had the curtain been drawn after it realized that he had said about Jim Dunn.

Richey, as the moonshiner, gave one of the best characterizations which we have ever seen at St. Stephen's. Willard's work, when he was trying to convince Dunn that he wanted to die almost convinced us, although we had read the play. He was the perfect stage "revenuer" but he did something which not even worthy should do. Certainly no man really in such a position would have done it; that is, the constant neck-twisting and eye-rolling that betokened his delight at the success of the hoax. There was nothing, on the program, to imply that his patron was St. Stephen's, but it must have been true.

Richey's work was as good a piece of acting as we want to see except that he too plainly showed his aversion for, or perhaps trust of, Dunn, by almost never looking at him. Willard was not an especially ugly specimen, and he was certainly a "suspicious character" still, Ike kept his face turned away most of the time. Perhaps he was embarrassed.

Rehearsals for the next productions will start in three weeks. As the last plays were so successful,human has it, the next performance will be a three-act drama. The profits make it possible to turn seventeen dollars over to the athletic association, and plans are under way to hold further performances in some of the near-by towns. But that rests with the gods, and with Manager G. Smith.

TRUSTEES HOLD QUARTERLY MEETING

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The winners, whose appointment is for a three-year term, was elected by the Province of New York and New Jersey at their convention at Atlantic City two weeks ago. At that same meeting Mr. Henry Young, of Newark, was re-appointed a member of the Board.

Willard and Judd

For Dragon Club

Chosen Out of Ten Men Eligible

The result of the Dragon Club election—looked forward to with greater interest than ever this semester, because of the intense competition for the honor—was made known Tuesday, February 12. The two fortunate men were: C. Lawson Willard Jr., '25; A. R. Judd '24. Their averages for the last three semesters were as follows: Willard, 80.9, 87, 81.8; Judd 80.3, 84, 82. Both men have participated to a considerable extent in college activities, and are considered by the club in every way worthy of the honor accorded them.

The club is now in a maximum number, ten per cent of the college enrollment. Since five of the ten places are vacant, there will be room for several aspirants at the election in June, when the results of this term's work are made known.
In Memoriam Maestam
ALGAEAE NOSTRIS
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February MCMXXIV
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Requiescant in Fragmentis
Classis MCMXXVII

To all friends of the college who are familiar with its old traditions, the memory of which revolves around a story of spiritual values. These are the leaders of the world urgently need at today, and the kind of men our college should aim to produce, who will aid in bringing about the civilization of Jesus Christ.

Temptation Desirable, Says Fr. Fleming

On Sunday, February 10, the Rev. Frederick Fleming, Rector of the Church of the Annunciation, Chicago, and one of the most popular and successful of the middle-west clergy, preached a vigorous sermon from the text found in St. James, "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations."

Compare this, he said, with those who take the joy out of life and out of religion. Joy comes through the experiences of life and the release from it. Temptation should therefore be desired. It means to test and to make proof of a person. A person is tempted to see if he will "make good on the job." The converse of this is also true; only that which is not tempered by temptation will have strength.

Religion, declared Mr. Fleming, is a positive thing. Those who use religion as a cloak from temptation form a third class, and are weak and sound-pitying in character. Purity is a very different thing from innocence. To do good is to "make good," to fulfill the purpose for which a thing is made, not to avoid temptation; for temptation only comes to those who are busy on the job. Faith itself is the result of tempting. It comes out of the experience of men, and is not bought at second-hand stores.

All temptations can be resolved into one temptation, whether we shall do God’s will or our own selfish will. There is only one prescription for success, said Mr. Fleming in conclusion, and that is to give the best you have to the biggest thing there is. Men do better if he falls in a great endeavor than if he succeeds in a little thing.

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Lecture Recital

On Beethoven

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Twelve alumni returned for the occasion.

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