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EXPERT SEESES POLAND FREED FROM FRENCH YOKE

On the evening of December 6, the college was favored by a brief visit from Mr. William J. Reo, late head of the student relief work in Poland. He found time to lecture for over an hour to the faculty and a number of the students here, and opened to them many interesting avenues of thought. Mr. Reo was interned in Poland throughout the war, and has now returned to the States for his first visit since 1915. An abstract of his talk follows.

The reactionary policies of France and Italy occupy all the scare-heads to-day, but we must remember that much of those policies partakes of a propaganda nature. While the Latin are stressing the Menace of the Rhine, few are considering the real menace, which is Soviet Russia. By this is not meant the menace of spreading Bolshevism, but the peril of Russia's nationalistic ambitions. She has seen great slices of her empire cut away to make the new states of eastern Europe, and now she casts a greedy eye upon them. Her army numbers 800,000 men, German trained; her economic life is recovering, due to the influx of German goods and experts whose activities on other markets France, England, and the U. S. have checked by embargoes. This is the source of the fear and the military aspirations of the new states, whose borders are weak, since they have been marked out not with an eye to defense but to linguistic allegiance. It is often said that Poland is only a war-baby of France, now impatient for the day when it will be able to march beside Papa to further conquests. But last year, when prompted by the old ronder on the Seine to expand her boundaries in a manner forbidden by the Treaty, Poland refused, and the proposition before the World Court. The soundest rested, and France's influence in eastern Europe was ended.

The new states are doing foolish things, and waving their little flags, and putting their awkward feet on the good furniture. But we must remember that they are new to the good things of democracy. One hundred and fifty million voices are now making themselves heard in government, where formerly there were only three—the Hofmuzollern, Romanesque, and Hapsburg. It is true that the new legislators are better fitted as gardeners and carpenters than as statesmen, but the Palace of State is now theirs, and naturally they will first inspect the premises and enjoy the views from the windows.
Varsity Wins Practice Game

RHINEBECK BADLY BEaten

In a practice game played in the Memorial Gymnasium on the evening of Dec. 5th, the Varsity Five easily remixed away from the Rhinebeck Independents, pulling up an even hand against seven of its opponents. Although the visitors offered little defensive opposition, their passing work was very good. The fact that Rhinebeck, with their excellent passing, scored but three goals from the floor shows how rude the Varsity's five-man defense system. The results of the game lead us to believe that a fast, steady and accurate shooting quintet, a team that will work together well, is being developed by Coach Murry.

The team that started the game, consisting of Bittner and Richey, forwards; Coffin, center; Vanderwater, left guard; and Kibby, right guard; rolled up thirty-nine points to Rhinebeck's two during the first half. Millington, Powers, Myers, Bouton and Miton, substituting off and on during the second half, seemed to increase the team's scoring power. There was great excitement when, with but a minute to play, the score stood ninety-four to seven. The gully shotted madly for the hundred points. Two goals from the floor followed in quick succession. Then, just before the final whistle, Millington scored the last two points from under the basket.

The Varsity opens its regular schedule next Friday, when Eastman College of Phugkeetoom comes up. We look for a victory. We are sorry to say that Joe Wilson, speedy end on the football team, has been forced to retire from the basketball squad because of water on the knee.

Dragon Club Entertains One of Its Founders

FR. SHERWOOD IS GUEST AT MEETING

At its third regular meeting of the term, held on Monday evening, December 11th, the Dragon Club had as their guest and speaker of the evening, the Reverend Wm. T. Sherwood of the class of 1912, who has the honor of being one of the founders of the organization.

The meeting was held in the President's Room, Ludlow. After the business of the evening had been transacted, addresses were made by the President of the Club, Mr. Tongue, and by Fr. Sherwood. Following this, the meeting was adjourned to the Eucleian Bungalow, and there continued in a more social manner. Refreshments were served by Roy Wehber and Gilbert Smith, the Club's younger "Dragons."

Fancy: What's the name of your prize Irish bull? Fanté: George Bernard Shaw.
Chapel Notes

President Bell Opens Advent Season
With Sermon—Dr. Pomery of General Seminary Preaches.

Preaching in his characteristically direct and vigorous style, President Bell opened the season of Advent by a sermon directed against the modern ideals of flashy living and flashy thinking. The judgment of God, he said, for which Ely Church bids us prepare ourselves during the Advent season, is not a dramatic cataclysm which is to come upon the world at some definite time, as the Early Church made the mistake of supposing, but it is a thing outside of time, a judgment that is constantly upon us. For this reason we should be ready at any time to face God and give an account of ourselves. To be thus ready we should examine our lives to see if we are conforming them to God's purpose for us, and if doing this we must not make the mistake of judging ourselves by our standards of those around us.

Constructing a vivid metaphor from the meaning of the Greek word for sin, "missing the mark," he declared that there are but five targets at which men shoot the arrows of their lives—wealth, pleasure, power, knowledge, and comradeship with God.

The first four of these are good in their place, but when taken at ends in themselves, fail to satisfy, and unfit us to meet the judgment of God. A pantheistic note was struck in the sermon in referring to the fifth target—comradeship with the Eternal. By the Eternal, he said, we do not mean something abstract and speculative but energy—selfless, creative energy—the kind that the physicist and biologist tells us about, and which was fully manifested in the Person of Jesus Christ.

An Advent sermon of a different type was preached on Sunday, Nov. 9th, by the Reverend Ralph Pomery, Prefect of Missions at the General Theological Seminary. Taking as the background of his sermon the story of the demonic boy whom the disciples were unable to heal, and of whom Our Lord said, "This kind cometh not forth but by prayer and fasting," he stressed the value of self abnegation and of self consecration in living a Christian life. The disciples failed to heal the boy, he said, because these principles were lacking in them.

All our problems, he declared, should be approached in the spirit of those who have fasted. XRM must be used as a means to pull oneself into a closer relationship with God.

ALUMNI NOTE.

Anton F. Bauern, '09, who was in the midst of the great Tokio-Yokohama disaster, has written to say that he is safe and that his present address is 86 Yamamoto-dori-ni-chome, Kobe, Japan.

A Communication

We are possessed of an honor system that is functioning very well as a mechanism for eliminating cribbing in examinations. Like all reforms, it is based on a sound "ecumenical" basis: it shifts the tiresome burden of procrastination to the individual student. But when any college considers the adoption of an honor system, the argument stressed is not that it will relieve the faculty of an onerous task but that it will instill a love of honor in the undergraduate bosom.

A sense of "nice, comfortable" technical kind we have, but many of us lack an honor that is actuated by the spirit as well as by the letter of the system. The value of a law is determined by the respect paid to the ministration it implies, and this respect we have not. "Did he call the roll today?" "No." "Then I'm all right." This is heard too frequently. Whispered aids to translation are not unknown in our classes and it is considered far from immoral to glance at notes while writing. Some of the lending library books contain timely penciled glosses and annotations, but it is not known whether these are the work of ante—or post-Sys-system students.

In another matter the honor system is incomplete. Just as murder is a virtue in time of war and a sin in peace, so an undergrad's word carries weight in certain subjects but not in others. One student under oath may bear witness that condemns another to expulsion for cheating in an examination, but let that same student swear by his God or gods that he was in chapel when the marker's pencil says not, and he will find the value of his word has changed. Let him affirm that although he had no fever he was not well enough to go to class, his word in this and in too many other matters is taken, if at all, at a heavy discount.

A passage in the Bible says, in effect, that they who are not trustworthy in small matters cannot be trusted in great ones. If this is so, the highest kind of honor does not characterize St. Stephen's. "Quid vana proficiunt leges sine moribus?"

—Signed— J. Harold Bessom.

Fraternity Notes

PACKARD '26 IS "KAPPED."

On Friday evening, December 7th, Alphonse A. Packard was made a member of Kappa Gamma Chi Fraternity, and his initiation was made the occasion of much good cheer at the K. G. X. House. A light but delicious supper was served, which, by all appearances, "more than satisfied," and this was followed by the customary speeches, which were unexpectedly but delightfully brief, and interspersed with singing of a cheerful character. In addition to the Active Chapter and pledges, there were present Past Member Kerley Lewis, and Dr. Wilson, the faculty guest of the evening.

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The week-end of December 9, President Hall preached the annual patronal festival sermon at St. Mary’s Church, New York City, together with sermons at St. Mark’s Church, Orange, and in the Columbia University Chapel. Sunday, the sixteenth, he will be the College Preacher at Hobart.

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