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On the evening of October 5th, in the Memorial Gymnasium, Dr. John Erskine, noted critic, and Professor of English at Columbia University, delivered what is generally thought to have been one of the best lectures ever given under the auspices of the Dragon Club.

The context of the lecture follows: Life is not primarily scientific or religious, it is primarily poetic. The idea is current that science is fixed in content, that only in this field is one able to find the closest approach to absolute knowledge. But this is to best a mere delusion. Years ago parallel lines did not meet. Today science holds that they meet in infinity.

Religion is conceived of in the same sense. Jehovah was not perfect in the beginning. As time went on b's attributes changed. His nature became more dignified, more just, and with the influence of each subsequent prophet, more perfect. So also does religion change.

The whole process of change was brilliantly illustrated by the prism. Life seen through it seems to be real. The permanence of persons seems to be constant. Then turn the prism. What do you see? Everything changes. To quote Dr. Erskine's own words, "I think that life is constant, but human nature is constant. But life living here at the present time is not the same as at any other time." It is the vital energy streaming through us that brings diversified phenomena.

Man has come to the realization that nature is producing various manifestations of life: What is the result? Man has developed an impulse to fix experiences. Man tends to mark these experiences for all time. This is the poetic side of life. It makes life more intelligent and much sweeter. But from this develops a danger. Man comes to think that there is something final or fatal about these experiences. Institutions, Colleges, various sciences will grow up from them. But this is no reason to believe that they must always continue to exist.

Most men are willing to believe in evolution up to themselves. It is hard to think that after a while the material side of life at the present time will not give way to something else. The germs of ancient times recognized this side of life. The literature of the Greeks reveals that life is a delusion. Only a projected view is obtained. It is only an opinion of a society. Nature was then more natural to follow than the idea.

VARSITY DROPS TWO GAMES

Trips to New York City Unsuccessful; Heavy N. Y. U. Team Wins; Captain Fells Crimson.

Tom Thorp's Violet eleven, the best team that has represented New York University in several years, defeated the Crimson varsity by the score of 19-0 on Ohio Field, Saturday, October 11th. St. Stephen's won the toss and chose to kick. The New Yorkers advanced the kick to the thirty-five yard line and commenced a series of line plays for a first down. The Crimson line stiffened, however, and Holden punted far into St. Stephen's territory. It was, as though the ball had been given for a punting duel. Throughout the quarter neither team gained sufficient ground to gain a first down. The defensive work of each eleven was admirable in its execution.

For the greater part of the second quarter the ball remained in the center zone. In the last few minutes of the half the first break of the game occurred when, upon failure to open a thoroughfare through the violet line, Noble kicked for a yard and the ball was run back by Haws to the St. Stephen's twenty-eight-yard line. New York University then began a smashing series of cross-cuts and off-tackle plays. Two first downs resulted and then one more play put the ball on the one-yard line. The Crimson line crouched low and the next offensive play up in the center of the line. When the referee had pushed through to the bottom of the heap, it was discovered that the ball was in possession of a St. Stephen's forward. Noble again punted, but his kick was hurried and the ball skimmed for twenty yards and struck the ground out of bounds. A stubborn attack was begun by the violet and against a stiff resistance they advanced to the one-yard line. On the following play, Holden plunged into the Crimson defensive and scored the first touchdown. Frank Howley kicked the goal. A few moments later the half ended with the ball in New York University's possession.

The third period opened with a snappy succession of plays by the St. Stephen's eleven, but no leaky spot could be found in the Violet line. Punting by both teams was resumed until, with the ball in N. Y. U.'s possession, Holden placed the ball on St. Stephen's twenty-five-yard line. Haws gave Holden the ball, he shot off tackle, eluded the Crimson secondary defense and scored the second touchdown. The try for the point after touchdown was blocked by Harrison.

In the last quarter a pass, Noble to Murry, gave St. Stephen's twenty-nine yards. The Violet line stiffened and Noble punted. Two plays by the Violet netted eight yards, but on the next play a 15-yard penalty was imposed. Holden kicked to the 10-yard line. St. Stephen's kicked and Holden ran the ball back to the twenty-yard line. A pass, Haws to Politica, accounted for the third touchdown.

A word must be said of the admirable work of Captain Noble. He played defensive back and his remarkable tackling accounted for the majority of the Violet losses. St. Stephen's has such an exhibition been staged.

New York University Game Score by periods
N. Y. U. 6 7 6 ——- 19
S. S. C. 0 0 0 —— 0
Time of periods: 12, 15, 15.

C. C. N. Y. GAME

On October eleventh the Varsity travelled to New York to meet C. C.
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UNRELATED COURSES

The last issue of the PROOF SHEET carried an editorial calling for the adoption of a comprehensive senior examination, and suggesting certain changes in the curriculum which might make the passing of such an examination reasonably possible.

It seems perfectly obvious that any course of work set up for us, unless we are prepared, at the end of our residence here, to face a board of examiners, have been largely a waste of time: and at least as evident that few, if any, of us would care to put the matter to trial.

Thus far, the case is clear. But when we come to the question of what is to be done about it, there is, as usual, room for much discussion. It is not enough to say that the students should work harder: most of us have quite enough to do as it is. Nor is it at all certain that the adaption of the major and minor system, or the insistence on more required subjects, would be of much help.

The make-up of our present curriculum is a fairly satisfactory working basis. It is, with its administration that we have to quarrel.

The faculty has selected courses to form an interrelated whole. But, very often, the individual instructors have planned these courses as independent units. The reason is obvious. When the faculty asks a professor to offer a certain course, the natural tendency is for him to outline it with regard, not to a general education, but to a knowledge of the single subject. Certainly, none of us is going to specialize in all of the fields in which we study. Indeed, we claim that our curriculum is not signed for any specialization at all.

Why, then, modify our courses to conform with this principle? Where is a man taking Biology I as preparation for advanced study needs a great deal of ground-work which is useless to anyone who will never go any further with the subject, but wishes to know enough about it to work in with his fund of general knowledge. To make the latter learn laboratory technique is not a loyal Alumni, a gentleman and a scholar, but to deprive him of much of the value of the course. In the form in the afternoon at the Lutheran Cemetery at Red Hook, where the burial service was conducted according to the Masonic rites.

Recent issues of the "New York Times" and the "Living Church" announce the death of the Rev. Henry Stewart Freeman, '91, the first rector of St. Stephen's Church. He was ordained deacon in 1883 and priest in the same year. His first work was as assistant at the Church of the Holy Communion, New York, and in 1885 he was put in charge of All Angels' Church. In 1887, he established St. Matthew's Church, now St. Matthew and St. Timothy's.

He was afterwards associated with St. Johnland, Long Island, the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Chappaqua, and St. Luke's Church, Katonah, N. Y., and with St. James' Church, Port Deposit, Maryland.

The Rev. Lloyd S. Charters, '17, recently became Rector of Emmanuel Church, Norwich, N. Y. The Rev. Donald H. Morse, '16, has assumed the rectoryship of Christ Church, Schenectady, N. Y., with an address at 790 State St.

Joseph O. Lowery, '17, is spending this year in Columbia University doing graduate work for his master's degree.

BISHOP OF DIocese Visits College

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as members of the Holy Catholic Church ought to mean to us in our lives. This meaning is summed up in the text chosen today, namely, that the power and courage of Christ should make us the great guiding force and influence in our community and our country. There are three primary secrets of strength. The first of these is honesty and sincerity, straightforwardness and truth, in thought and in deed. "This is the foundation of and very substance of manhood, of womanhood, and of religion." The really honest man is never insignificant. We must be real, with our own selves, our fellow men and our God. The second secret of power is clear convictions, and definite standards and principles of life. Some people are so open-minded that their minds may be open at both ends. We must, however, prove all things and hold fast to that which is good, above all faith in the Lord Christ. Another of our faith will lead to the free use of our minds combined with the spiritual convictions of devotion to Our Lord.

The Rt. Rev. Harry S. Longley, '91, Bishop-Coadjutor of Jow, spoke on Sunday October the fifth of the religious education which is so vitally necessary in these jazz-crazy days. Everyone of importance in public life in America today, even bankers from Wall Street down, urge us to go to Church and not to forget spiritual values. Religious education should begin in the home, where God should reign supreme, and the family altar be raised again. But under present circumstances little can be expected from this quarter. Although being one of those who do not consider the Church School as the ultimate solution of this pressing problem of a knowledge of God, the Bishop nevertheless presented the duty of the Church to make its schools as technically equipped and efficiently taught as the public schools. In closing he called upon the young men of this College to further this vital work of the Church in every possible way, so that God may be known up on earth by the good deeds of men.

Dr. ERSKINE LECTURE ON "THE POETIC LIFE"

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that one ought to enjoy the illusion of an emotion so great and so profound. This idea, or philosophy, as everyone knows, is widespread in classical times.

Because of the evolutionary trend in life, it is easy to see why the future has to be of more interest than the past. On this point Dr. Erskine re
demarked, "I don't think our ancestors should be of any particular service to us. I think the future is of more importance." This point of view follows logically with the evolution of the lecture. If present ways of life are bound to change, and if our present knowledge to a great extent will not stand the strain of time, our interests are inevitably turned to the future, which will be more varied then, and its manifestations greater.

The poetic impulse in its final sense is a creative power that grew up from this enlarged conception of poetry. A poet got something done. The Muses were not interested in you because of your good works, and in the things you planned to do. All of us have an impulse to be poets from this point of view. Man has always wanted to know what the world consisted of. Vast amounts of knowledge has thus been collected. A vast amount of evidence has been massed together which by the poet caused the possibility of a future life. To use the lecturer's words, "An enormous quantity of poetic literature has been generated and now is stamped as absolute knowledge." All this has been done because of the poet's desire to create something worthwhile.

Many persons fail to see the permuting tendency of the poet in us in this large degree. We ought to be glad to be alive and have a part in the endless change in this world. We can secure a tremendous amount of joy from it even when discouraged. If that be true, one easily becomes the artist in some form or other. Whatever man takes pleasure in doing, he will try to perpetuate for all time. If, however, no pleasure is found in life, nothing is done. The poetic impulse is lost. There will be no attempt to see life as it is at present and mark it for all time. Life will have lost its significance.

ALUMNI MEETING

Minutes of the Fifty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association of St. Stephen's College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, commenced Thursday, May 21, 1925.

The annual Corporate Celebration of the Holy Communion for the Alumni was held in the College Chapel at 8:30 a.m. on Commencement Day, the Celebrant being the Right Rev. John C. White, assisted by the Rev. President Bell and the Rev. C. H. Brookins.

The offering for the Alumni Scholarship Fund amounted to some fifty dollars.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Alumni was held in the College Gymnasium, the President, the Rev. A. M. Judson, and the following members present:


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SECONDS WIN FROM "POUGHKEEPSIE"

On the fourth of October the second team celebrated the opening of the season by winning from its old rival, Poughkeepsie High School. Not only was the victory a well-earned reward for four years of stubborn fighting, but it gave excellent promise of future success. The score was 13-0, which was good enough, but that does not tell the whole story. The only thing that prevented a much higher total was the time necessary for a good defensive team to get used to attacking. In the first half the Seconds had everything, but the final punch to put the ball across. In the second half they developed the punch.

The first score came in the third period, when the ball, after a forward pass by a pretty catch and ran forty yards for a touchdown. The try for goal was accepted. In the final quarter Patterson called for straight football and drove the team down the field on a series of short gains. Then on the fourth down, with four yards to go, he smashed through tackle and over the line. A pass to Stevens scored the extra point.

The line-up:
St. Stephen's: Poughkeepsie
Kunkel (Vandevere) L. E. Vanderburg
McKeen L. T. Harbold
Uphart L. G. Edwards
Moser C. Zimmerman
Rapollo R. G. Loury
Krull K. T. Girubbin
Rogan (Kerne) R. E. Alwater
Patterson Q. Rogan
Stevens L. H. Cummings
Sidwick M. Murry (Doggett) F. Kelly

SCREWS BRING HOME SECOND VICTORY

Roll Up Big Score On Middletown; Goal Still Undeceived

Under a blazing sun and through clouds of dust, the second team pushed through the blue line of Middletown High School and, by a great victory gained revenge for past defeats. The team showed a very great improvement over the form it displayed against Poughkeepsie last Saturday.

The seconds kicked off, downed the Middletown runner on his twenty-yard line, and, by breaking through, scored a safety which the officials inter- tered, when Aubuchon intervened. After several punts were exchanged, and as penalty of fifteen yards had been inflicted against the screws, Middletown had the ball on their twenty-yard line. Here Capt. Patterson recovered, and the grey team made a first down before the whistle blew ending the first period.

With the ball on the enemy's twenty-yard line, Murry heaved a pretty pass from an open formation to Van- devere, who scored the first touchdown. The try for point failed. Middletown received but lost the ball on downs. FASSES BY MURRY TO PATTerson and STolp advanced the ball to the enemy eight yard line. On the second down Stevens drove six yards for the second touchdown. Milling- ton was unsuccessful in his attempted end run for the extra point. Score at the end of the first half: St. Stephen's, 12; Middletown 0. After receiving the kickoff at the opening of the second half, Middletown was forced to punt. The screws then tore through big holes in the line for four successive first downs. A short pass from Millington to Vandevere brought the third score of the game. Stevens dove through center for the extra point. After the following kickoff, an intercepted pass gave the screws the ball on Middletown's fifteen yard line. Patterson went off tackle for the next touchdown, and a one yard pass to Stolp produced the extra point. Again after the kickoff, Moser recovered a fumble. Millington and Stolp skirted the ends for thirty yards, while a pass to Stevens netted ten more. Stolp went through the hole for a gain of six and Stevens smashed center for the fifth touchdown. The try for points failed. Neither team scored in the second period, though at times Middletown flashed a dangerous aerial offensive. Final score: S. C. Sec- onds 22; Middletown 0.

The line-up:
Middletown:
Vandevere L. E. Cuddington
McKeen L. T. Welsh
Peck L. G. Meyers
Moser C. Richards
Millington R. G. Sherer
Krull R. T. Baker
Rogan R. E. Rytkin
Patterson Q. B. Clark
Stevens L. H. McQueen
Murry F. B. "McNamee"
Substitutions: Smith for Peck; Raymon for Stolp; Kearsins for Rogan; Haver for Vandevere.

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Class of 1901, Rev. F. H. Simmonds; Class of 1907, Rev. Elwyn Skipworth; Class of 1911, Rev. Wm. T. Sherwood; Class of 1911, Rev. C. G. Pratt; Class of 1914, Rev. D. W. Hale; Class of 1915, Rev. J. A. Saunders; Class of 1921, Rev. G. L. Kidd; Class of 1922, Mr. K. F. MacInroy, 1923, Mr. O. F. Judd; Class of 1924, The Right Rev. J. C. White, Rev. C. Tomlison, Rev. S. W. Derby, Rev. D. H. Clark, Rev. H. S. Smith, Rev. E. Gabler, Rev. C. E. Lewis, Rev. H. R. Co- tram, Rev. H. Whitney, Rev. J. M. Gilbert.

The Rev. F. H. Simmonds was ap- pointed to act as Secretary pro tem. The minutes of the 1923 meeting were read and approved. It was resolved on motion that Messrs. Edward Lewis and O. F. Judd be nominated members of the Asso- ciation.

The report of the Neurologist, Dr. Dermer, disclosed three losses by death during the past twelve months. The Rev. Dr. Upjohn, Class of 1883; Mr. Nelson P. Lewis, Class of 1873; and the Rev. H. B. Heald, Class of 1901, had all left gaps in our rolls that will be impossible to fill. The Neurologist spoke feelingly of the life and work of each of these loyal alumni.

The President's report was read and accepted. On the motion of Dr. Dermer it was resolved that this report be embodied in the minutes and that the suggested action of the President be taken up under the head of a new business. The report is accordingly printed at the end of this account.

No report was made by the Treas- urer, the Executive Committee, or the Committee of Trustees.

It was resolved, on motion, that the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution be continued, to report at the next meeting.

President Judd read the following letter from Arthur Rose, chairman of the Committee on Alumni Pictures:

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Alumni Meeting

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Alumni Trustees requesting that the Commencement Day be changed back from Tuesday to Wednesday. This was carried.

In the absence of Archdeacon Holden, the President read a report of the Trustees of the Alumni Scholarship Fund, showing a total on hand, including interest up to April 19, 1924, of $2,014.82. It was resolved, on motion, that the report be referred to an auditing committee. The Chair appointed Messrs. Longley, Treder and Probst to act as auditors.

New Business.

It was moved by Clarkson, and carried unanimously, that the report of the President be not only placed on file, but that it be received with the thanks of the Association, and that the President be reimbursed for the money he had spent, from the Active Alumni Scholarship Fund.

It was moved by Bleeker that a committee of two be added to the present committee to further the work of raising funds for the Alumni Scholarship Fund. The motion was carried, and the chair appointed Messrs. Clarkson and M. DeP. Maynard.

On motion, it was resolved that: Gibert Smith be appointed as recipient of the Alumni Scholarship for 1924-25, and that the President of the College be notified that the Alumni Association would be responsible for the necessary funds.

The following nominations for Directors were made:


On nomination, nominations were closed and ballots cast by the Secretary pro tem, F. Simmonds, as follows:

For Directors, the nominees as above; for President, the Rev. Leo. pold Kroll; for Vice President, the Rev. John M. Gilbert; for Secretary, the Rev. Wm. T. Sherwood; for Treasurer, the Rev. D. H. Clarkson; and for Alumni Trustees for three years, the Rev. J. Probst.

On motion by Clarkson, it was resolved that an auditing committee of three be appointed to audit all treasurers' reports, and that the Secretary notify the various treasurers holding funds of the Association to have their reports in the hands of the Auditing Committee by the first of June.

On motion it was resolved that the usual appropriation of fifty dollars be made to the S. S. Messenger Proof Fund. The sheet, provided the minutes of the annual meeting of the Alumni Association be printed in the same and a copy of the issue containing the minutes be sent to every alumni and former student, the secretary of the Association to sign a copy of said minutes to the editor.

On motion by Whitney it was resolved that the Alumni Association undertake to apply for membership in the "Association of Alumni Secretaries," the secretary of our Association to notify the treasurer to send dues. On motion by Bishop J. C. White, it was resolved that a committee be appointed to wait on President Bell and convey our appreciation and gratitude for his splendid work in the building-up of the College and to pledge him our united support. The Chair appointed on this committee Bishop White, with the Revered Messrs. McIlvain and W. J. D. Thomas.

On motion by Clarkson it was resolved that the Association send a telegram to Bishop Fiske, and that a committee wait on Dr. S. H. Brown, in token of our constant love and affection and earnest prayer for speedy recovery. On this committee, the Chair appointed Bishop White, with the Rev. Dr. Jesup and the Rev. Alex. McMillan.

For Adjournment the motion was made and carried.

F. H. SIMMONDS, Secretary pro tem.

Varsity Drops Two Games

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N. Y. at Lewiston Stadium. After a slow game marred by many delays and times-out, the City College eleven, scoring most of its points as the results of its aerial attack, emerged victors, 20-7.

The Varsity, receiving the opening kickoff, which went over the goal line, put the ball in play on its twenty yard line. After gaining many yards for a first down, a Crimson back fumbled, C. C. N. Y. recovering. As the Varsity line held hard, City College attempted a field goal. The kick was blocked but City College recovered the ball, and, after several short stabs at the line, a completed forward put the ball on the Crimson one yard line, where three plays took it over. Plaut's drop kick for the extra point was good. The Varsity received and passed the rest of the quarter in a punting do.

C. C. N. Y. scored again at the start of the second period, when, after having worked the ball to the Varsity five yard line by a series of runs and passes, they rushed it over the goal. Try for point was blocked. A third City College score came at the close of the first half. With C. C. N. Y. holding the ball inside the ten yard line, the team stiffened. City College's attempted field goal was blocked but again they recovered the ball and, a few plays later, drove off left tackle for a touchdown. The try for points was wide. The half ended soon after the subsequent kickoff.

In the third period a completed pass and a long run by Meisel gave City College their last score. During the remainder of the quarter the teams fought evenly in midfield. At the opening of the final period a pass to Harding followed by a good run netted the Varsity thirty yards. Another pass to Murray brought the ball to C. C. N. Y.'s two yard line, and in two sashes at the line Murray scored. Notae made the extra points by place kick. City College opened up the game in a vain attempt to score again, but the teams played even ball for the rest of the time.

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