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The football Varsity played its first home game of the season last Saturday, with the result that the student body turned out en masse in the Memorial Gymnasium on the night before the game, to encourage the members of the squad and to work up a little spirit for use on the following afternoon. Cheers for the College and the team inaugurated the mass meeting. Then followed a speech by the president of the College, in which, between spirited interruptions in the form of cheers and clapping of hands, the work and record of the team, the captain, and the coach were praised. Grant Noble, Varsity captain, when called on to speak, had a few words of thanks for the students and ended by saying that he and the team would do their best, and then he told the team to talk on the field the next day. Father Irby took the occasion during his speech to thank the president for the fine way in which he is supporting athletics at the College. He also called for a greater demonstration of the spirit which the president has said was in all St. Stephen's men. Cheerleaders, Andrews, assisted by Perris, led a series of yells for the coaches and members of the Varsity, and for the second team in recognition of its fine performances. The evening ended when all rose to sing the Varsity Song and the Alma Mater. There has been some talk of the formation of a committee to further College athletics, and has such a committee been formed to consist of the presidents of each of the four classes, with the Senior president as chairman. Their duties do not require a specific definition, their chief function being the handling of mass meetings, rallies, and similar expressions of undergraduate enthusiasm. As a final word which is rather beside the point and yet somewhat apropos, it is our sincere opinion that with the scheduling of more home games will come a surprising increase in College spirit.

DR. MINER LECTURES

On the evening of November 3, Dr. Roy W. Miner, Curator of Lower Invertebrates, lectured in the Memorial Gymnasium. "The Kingdom of the Tides." Starting from Woods Hole, Massachusetts, he personally collected the specimens which ranged from high water mark to just below low water mark, and proceeded as far North as the Bay of Fundy. The lecturer gave an interesting talk.
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I. LEGES VORIOM CRUDORUM.

Stirring the timid student’s brain to the point of discussing and attacking conditions here at St. C. C. seems very much in vogue at present. Before we are overcome with weariness of this endless task, there is at least one more condition we can escape from our lives without sorrow or loss—namely, Freshman Rules. Hence the following journalistic attempt.

The last few years have shown that rules on Thursday night are foreign to freshmen by no means unanimously supported by our student body. But discussions in the Junior Public Speaking classes and in Convocation resulted in nothing. Why should we attempt to out something which is as vital a part—like Stover and Frank Merriwell are still with us—of American college life? Why, indeed? No startling reason; just the old slogan we have heard again and again—St. Stephen’s is different.

No history of the origin of Freshman Rules has come to our notice, but we may be sure that their fundamental purpose has always been to act as a socializing influence. The word freshman, we see, implies ignorance and condescension. This extremely green morn must be fashioned into the "Harvard Man," the "Princeton Man," or, indeed, the "St. Stephen’s Man." The age-long traditions of our various seats of learning must be inscribed indelibly upon the young brain. Any attempt to revolt against this moulding process must be violently put upon. This is all very well. If we are destined to live together, best be a harmonious group. (Peace through war and oppression; queer thing human nature!)

But did not this base of our freshman days evolve only when the members of the incoming classes reached the proportions that personal contact was impossible? A freshman class of a thousand or so is a problem, a menace to the survival of college spirit and tradition, and incidentally, something St. Stephen’s will ever be forced to face. Ours is definitely a small college. Within a month from the start of the college year, the majority of old men know—not casually, but fairly intimately—the greater part of the new men. There is abundance of intimate, personal contact. Such traditions as the students hold dear are explained to the young and innocent. Freshness, or any such obvious lack of "knowing" very few men can stand out for long against the active disapproval of people they must come in contact with every day. Just how much good does it do to make a poor man attempt to carry his hat, when he will not be reached his post, or keep his pockets filled with matches that cannot be used for his own cigarette? Not much. If we must be amused, the Red Hook movies or a Madam dance should be just as suitable.

Can we not make an attempt to break away from the superstition that Freshman Rules are of any use on our Campus? This imitating of other colleges, good old Siwash particularly, is as foolish as it is needless.

"THE LINE IS BUSY—"

When we heard that the telephone was to be changed from its old line to a new, we gave a sigh of relief; but when we thought we shall have some service, we were disappointed. Since this time on, we are to get through a call to McMichael.

The college has, according to one of the village statisticians, now many inhabitants at Annadale; it is growing every year; and many of the phone calls from St. Stephen’s are long distance, necessitating long-waits and a free line when the connection is obtained. In spite of this, the booth has been shifted onto a line where various conversations of garrulity use the telephone in lieu of a local paper.

The telephone company might well run a special line to the booth; in fact, there is no reason why the booth should not be both for Aspinwall, the buildings under construction, and for those built last year. This would be especially desirable for the faculty who live more than a hundred yard dash from the phone.

The increase in the use of the telephone would probably more than pay for the additional cost of installation. At present, many do not call on their own college number as it is decided problematical as to whether or not a call will come through in time; to an hour elapsed, one evening not long ago, before a requested conference from New York, could be made with the college.

We know nothing of the status of the telephone company; it may be that it is a satellite of the New York Telephone Company, as we have heard. But that, it seems to us, is a matter of little moment; it is evident that the college needs better service and privileges to all the companies that it is warranted. We hope that the attempt, on the part of the college authorities, to have a special line run to the college, will be successful, and that there will be more success, the next time.

A COMMUNICATION

To the Editor,

The Messenger Proof Sheet.

In reading the account of the Alumni meeting last Commencement in the last issue of your paper, we came across the item that no report had been received from the Alumni. This was an oversight due largely to the fact that we are still new to the Trustee business. This situation is not to be regretted as a report from the Alumni Trustees, but rather my own impressions of the meetings held by the Trustees, and it may be that my letter will in some degree make up for the failure to send in a report to the Alumni Association.

The meetings of the Trustees are well attended, which is in itself a good sign; for the Trustees are men of large affairs and very busy. I never saw a body of men more keenly interested in the business of a meeting than these Trustees. They follow every item of business very carefully, ask questions, and speak to the point. The President of the College presents his reports and plans candidly and clearly, and the minutes are a half hour detailed report of all the financial transactions.

The exhilarating part of the meeting is when the President of the College modestly and hopefully tells of all the things that are needed. He looks around the room, taking in the clergy as winnily as the last, and then the joy feast begins. One Trustee will quietly but very good for that item” will put in “put me down for that” and it goes. And everybody seems to have such a splendid good time in giving. I never saw money so cheerfully and gladly given. It is an inspiration to rich Priests whose very Goldman they will be glad to tack at a fifty dollar item. The best thing about it is that these generous men are shrewd business people and would not give tide if they did not believe in the College.

When the Trustees appeal to generous people to give money to the College they have a mighty good cheer among others; they can say, “We are doing ‘em ourselves and up to the limit of our ability.” I believe the colleges may be assured that the offerings of the finances of S. C. S. are handled in an absolutely safe manner, accounts being audited by certified public accountants.

The Board knows that the Alumni Trustees are not in a position to swing large sums of money; nevertheless they are welcomed and treated as real Trustees. It is a honor looking to them to be a means of fostering a spirit of good-will and co-operation between the Undergraduates, Alumni, and the Board, and of course helping in a financial way as they are able. If the Alumni and Undergraduates will show some keen constructive interest in the College as the Board of Trustees, we will have a united institution, sure to go on to a realization of its high ideals.

I myself took up with the President the question of a Wednesday Commencement. His explanation satisfies me that Tuesday Commencement is the best arrangement, since alumni and faculty come in during the week. It is an overwhelming majority of them, and such a thing may be brought up at another time. I hope my letter will help make clear to all our Alumni, Former Students, and Undergraduates the fact that the Board of Trustees of St. Stephen’s College is working intelligently and zealously for the good of the College. Let’s do likewise.

Faithfully yours,

JACOB PROBST.

CAMPUS NOTES

Socially, December will be an active month at the college. The juniors will stage their annual promenade in the Memorial Gymnasium on Friday evening, December 5; the Mummies will present four one act plays on Thursday evening, December 11; and the Board’s Head dinner will be served in the dining room on Thursday evening, December 18. President Bell announces that the dinner this year should surpass any held in previous years.

The Christmas recess will begin on Saturday, December 26, at 12 o’clock noon. Because the Thanksgiving holiday will be but a single day, the Christmas recess has been extended to January 5. The President wishes to remind the students that all classes taken two days prior to or after the vacation will be counted as double ones and are inexcurable.

DR. MINER LECTURES

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ideas of a small part of the plant and animal life in the water, upon the sand, and under the sea bottom. Colored slides gave a good idea of the various denizens of the briny depths, while all of our usual and some other new ideas of many of our biology enthusiasts.
President Bell Honored

Rev. B. I. Bell, president of this college, was the secreted secretary-treasurer of the Association of American Colleges. He succeeds in the office Dean Charles N. Cole of Oberlin College. The other officers of the association are: President, President Kirkland of Vanderbilt University; vice-president, President Pendleton of Wellesley College; additional members of the executive committee are: President, President Pendleton of Wellesley College; and President Gage of Coe.

DEATH OF FORMER TRUSTEE

The Rev. William M. Gilbert, D. D., for some time a Trustee of the College, died on Tuesday, December 8, 1925. He was for twenty-eight years Rector of St. Paul Church, Youngs, N. Y. During this long relation, he was very prominent in the affairs of the city, being president of the Fortnightly Club, as well as having an interest in many other things. A Requiem Mass for Dr. Gilbert was celebrated in the College Chapel on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1926.

THE MUMMERS ENTERTAIN

On the evening of December 11, in the Memorial Gymnasium, the Mummer presented their first offering since their organization. The program consisted of four one-act plays: "Their Wife," by George Middletan; "Release," by Edward Smith; "The Rising of the Moon," by Lady Gregory, and "Helena's Husband," by Philip Moeller. Three of them were very successful; the other, well, it was one of those times that man can be blamed on when wagons are hitched to stars.

In "Their Wife" William Vogt and Schooler Crennen appeared as the first and second husbands of a fascinating but uncertain lady apparently about to begin an experiment number three. They managed to get a great deal of a suggestive and acting situation. The fact that they played themselves should add further berries to their wreaths. The most unsatisfactory feature of the sketch was the makeup. Crennen's hair was "not beginning to gray over the temples." It was simply plucked; while Vogt left a flaxen but untilly resemblance to a wax clothes-model. The same trouble was repeated later to the twenty-three, looked as though he had spent at least thirty years in the pen. And some really good acting of Fackard's was weakened by his unfortunate resemblance to Santa Claus.

"Release" was, in our opinion, the strongest and most successful hit of original dramatic work that has been attempted here. Four men are in the death-house for a single murder. The escape of three of them if one will confess. After appeals for a decision have been made by prayer and the toss of a coin, Fate takes the matrix in hand and settles it in her own way. Brent Woodruff, as Bull O'Malley, swaggered through the earlier part of his role quite satisfactorily, and at the end arose to really powerful acting. Edward Loder, as Lefty, had some trouble in keeping his voice from being too young and husky. Aside from this defect, his performance in the extremely difficult character of the squire was gripping and real. The supporting cast achieved a convincing background. "Release" was William Vogt's maiden effort as an producer, and we are completely in accord with his opinion that he is to be congratulated on the result.

"The Rising of the Moon" was a gallant attempt made under heavy atmosphere, being extremely dependent upon its setting, and our stage apparatus was unequal to the demand. Moreover, the thing is so entirely Irish that it is meaningless without the illusion resulting from a humorous and more than brogue to which we can produce. Under the circumstances, you can yourselves to all your work. In "Helena's Husband" Philip Moeller gives a much more plausible explanation of the events leading up to the Trojan War than Homer managed to convey, but the audience's appreciation of the serious sociological side of the play was somewhat overbalanced by delight in a really glorious comedy. The seductive charm of Charles Menter as Helena was great enough to explain any catastrophe. In fact we enabled ourselves to appreciate the first time that famous line of Marlowe's: "Is this the face that launched a thousand ships?" For we did not have to say of our heroine: "He did very well for a man." Herbert Craig made the most of the none too elastic role of Paris. Alphones Packard's acting as the aged but bellicoseChancellor was intrinsically better than anything he has done in feminine parts. Harold Brandt have a remarkably animated, not to say life-like characterization of theTrio-color of the Ethiopian tri-color of the Ethiopian tri-color of the. And Wyile Spyker, if anyone, is entitled to the individual honors of the whole evening. His work as the bored and desperate husband was good; but his pantomime as the pacific king hopelessly protesting a strengthening chancellor was really marvelous! Dr. Bell coached this play; and, if the first two numbers on the program were evidence that the Mummer can get along without his help, the latter was sufficient proof that they will not wish to.

The casts follows:

"Their Wife," by George Middle- ton.
Marty McCormick...........William Vogt
Dudley Stand,sh...........Schuyler Crennen
Pauline McCormick-Stand,sh.

Scene: Mr. McCormick's own house.

"Release" by Edward Smith
Lefty Vercenian .... Edward Loder
Rabbit Morettio .... Warren Cran dall
Kid Malloy ......... Paul Titas
Bull O'Malley .... Brent Woodruff
Tarpey, a keeper, Frederick Richter
Scene: A cell in an up-state jail.

"The Rising of the Moon" by Lady Gregory.
Sergeant ............... Hobart Walker
Policeeman X ............. Philip Jonas
Mr. and Mrs. James Clark.
The Ragged Man... Courtland Prouse
Scene: A quay in Ireland.

"Helena's Husband" by Philip Moeller.
Helena ................... Charles Menter
Semele .................. Harold Brandt
Alphones Packard
Menelaus ................ Wyile Spyker
Paris .................... Herbert Craig
Scene: Helena's boudoir, in ancient Sparta.

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The actors produced the first play; Mr. Vogt, the second; Dr. Bell, the third and the fourth.

CHANGE IN BASEBALL MAN- AGEMENT

Charles W. McLean, class of 1925 has tendered his resignation as manager of the baseball team to the athletic committee. Although the resignation has not as yet been acted upon, it is expected that the committee will accept it, and probably appoint John Babcock, now assistant manager, as manager for the remainder of the season.

Manager McLean has completed the baseball schedule which is not so

heavy as the ones in past years. Inter- action not to begin the games until April 23 and a cut in the budget have been responsible for the lighter schedule.

The first game will be played on April 23 when St. Stephen's will meet the Lafayette nine. It is probable that this contest will be staged at Kingston. The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

April 25—Albany State at Red Hook.
May 1—Providence at Providence.
May 2—Conn. Argies at Storrs.
May 9—Albany State at Red Hook
May 15—Upstate at Kenilworth, N.
June 16—Stevens Tech. at Hoboken.
May 19—St. Lawrence at Red Hook.
May 30—Manhattan at Red Hook.
May 12—Temple University at Red Hook.

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SECOND TEAM WINS AND LOSES

 plundering of Welsh coaches and played a strong side of the basketball team to lose its first game of the season by 15 to 13 score, when they met the Pawling school team at Pawling, N. Y., on Saturday afternoon, January 18. The fact that the score was so low and close is a true indicator that it was an interesting game to watch.

The Pawling men, who are being drilled by a Basketball coach, displayed a small band of basketball which was a bit difficult for the St. Stephen’s men to follow during the first half of the contest. This is probably one of the reasons why the Pawling players gained five points on the second team players in the first half and were able to keep the edge on them during the entire game. It was quite evident, however, that our men had more practice as a unit, they would have had an even chance of winning the game.

It would be fair to say that the game was lost by the second team because of the failure to score goals from three. The Pawling team gave the St. Stephen’s men 20 fouls from which only seven were made. Weeks was responsible for six of them and Wilson for a lone one.

On the whole, the individual playing was good. Weeks, a member of the freshman class, displayed a good brace of basketball and his future work will not demand much playing. Weeks, Wilson and Kroll were responsible for the three points scored by the second team.

Burdick and Conley were the two men who worked the best on the opposite side. The former made two field goals and the latter three.

Second Team 27—Kingston HS. 11

On the evening of Friday, January 16, the St. Stephen’s Seconds defeated Ed H. S. in a fast and cleanly played contest. Wilson of the scrubs drew first blood early in the game when he scored from the foul line. For the rest of the period the score see-sawed back and forth, and the Kingston leading by a point, now with the Second Team a basket ahead. After the minute’s rest between periods, however, the scrubs came back strong, and baskets by Murry, Wilson and Quarterman gave us a lead of 15 to 8 when the half ended.

During the second half the seconds completely outplayed the high school lads, scoring 12 to their 3 points. Wilson caged two more shots, while Quarterman scored twice, and Kroll and Weeks added one point. The excellence of the scrubs’ defense is demonstrated by the fact that but one field goal was scored by Kingston during the twenty minutes of the second half.

THE RT. REV. PAUL JONES SPEAKS

The address on the second Sunday after Epiphany, January 18, was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Paul Jones, once Bishop of Vermont and now Bishop of Utah. The text was taken from the ninth chapter of St. Luke, “And they would not receive him, because their hearts were hardened toward Jerusalem. And He turned and rebuked them and said ‘Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.’”

“You know not what manner of spirit you are of.”

In the handling of this text the Rt. Rev. Jones brought up and discussed the preaching problem of how to deal with other personalities than our own—how to survive personal contacts with the inner spirits of our fellow-men. Whatever methods we use in doing this, we must remember that what we say or do must be in harmony with the peculiar traits of the personality which we approach.

The world, said Bishop Jones, is getting new light on methods every day, and the more enlightened we become, the more we realize that the means by which we hope to attain the end, are not apart from the character of the result itself. The causes are really part and parcel with the consequence. “And the great charge that may be made against our civilization is that it treats men as mere means to some further end rather than as ends in their own glorious selves.

“What are the proper methods, continued the speaker, if they are not those dictated by an attitude of trust and faith toward other people? It is the “approach” of friendliness and sincerity which carries the encounter on in blessed continuance. Illustrating this point, the Rt. Rev. Jones told two stories, relating, in one of them, how an early Quaker named Tyler saved himself and his family from massacre by refusing to bar his cabin door against a supposedly hostile tribe of Indians. Tyler could not betray his own attitude of “trust and faith”—and as a happy sequel, the surprised Indians themselves could not betray Tyler’s confidence.

Let us then, concluded the one-time Bishop of Utah, accept all persons as persons—in the spirit of which we are.” It is not the goal that matters, but the steps we take along the way.

The Rt. Rev. Paul Jones is now Secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

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