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COMMENCEMENT.

SUNDAY.

The sun shone brightly and the birds on the campus sang as only those at Annandale sing, when the long line of students proceeded down the terrace to the chapel. And the chapel! Very seldom has it been so beautifully adorned as it was on Sunday of Commencement Week. The Baccalaureate Sermon was preached by the Warden. Among other things he submitted a strong and convincing argument on the advantage of a college education as a preparation for every kind of life-work. The students agree that it was one of the best sermons our Warden has ever preached at the college and that is saying a great deal.

MONDAY.

Was there ever a more cheerless day for a ball than that Monday? The warmth, dampness, closeness, and stickiness of the morning seemed to take the life and spirit out of every one, but happily the sun came out just before evening and dried up things so that we were affected only by the heat. Scofield and his orchestra furnished the music and that is all we need to say. Messrs. Gardner and Weston are to be commended for this most successful affair.
TUESDAY.

Clad in caps and gowns and marching to the mournful funeral dirge executed by the college file and drum corps the Seniors bore their departed friend, Algy Bray, from the library, where he had been lying in state, to the funeral pyre. Tenderly the pall-bearers placed the draped bier upon the pyre and in a moment the flames were dancing upwards. One revengeful Senior cast into the flames his most bitter enemy; "Attic Orators."

Having sung a funeral hymn the Seniors, followed by the Juniors, ascended the platform where President Lewis introduced Class Prophet Wells. What witty, glowing pictures of future greatness he drew! May all the Seniors do justice to the prophecies!

The president of the class then spoke of the strife between '05 and '06. In conclusion he said: "But now there is peace, and to cement that peace let us imbibe the spirits of Algy Bray." The stein of peace was then passed to each member of the two classes. There are various conjectures as to what the stein contained but nothing can be accepted as being objectively necessary and valid, since the imbibers refuse to enlighten us.

The pipe of peace was then produced. It was up to President Lewis to start the smoke rolling. Although a total abstainer he did his duty manfully. (There were no bad effects visible after the indulgence, we are pleased to say.)

Finally the spade was handed down to the Junior class. The president of '06, Mr. Gardner, in receiving the spade, promised to protect the spade and the traditions concerning it. After the exercises the Glee Club, augmented by many of the Alumni, sang selections for the benefit of the assembled guests.

WEDNESDAY.

The usual reception was held by the Warden and his family in Ludlow and Willink Hall at 4 P. M. Pleasant company, a cordial reception and excellent refreshments combined to make the affair very enjoyable.

The Anniversary Service of the Missionary Society of the college was held in Holy Innocents Church. The Rt. Rev., the coadjutor of New York, presided. Evensong was sung by the Revs. Dr. Hobson and Prof. Anthony. The Rev. Christian Roth, '98, of Alaska, played the organ. The sermon was preached by the Ven. William Holden, Archdeacon of Suffolk, L. I., of the class of '83. In a brief, concise, and intensely virile way he presented the great work of the missionary as the carrier of the Sacraments to the world outside the church.

A large congregation was present and the stalls were filled with the students and Alumni. Bishop Greer pronounced the blessing.

The Euxelian Fraternity held their forty-fifth annual banquet in Preston Hall. The guests of the evening were Bishop Greer, the Warden, and Dr. Hobson. About twenty-five Alumni were present.

The Rev. G. D. Silliman acted as toastmaster.

The following toasts were responded to:

"Esprit de Corps," Rev. Charles A. Jessup, '82;

New York Sigma Phi Chapter, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, sat down to its banquet this year in Hoi Pip, which had been elaborately decorated
for the occasion with the purple and gold. Mr. C. G. Coffin acted as toastmaster in his usual felicitous manner. The chapter had as its guest the Rev. Paul Birdsell of Albany, a Delta Kappa Epsilon of Trinity. Toasts were responded to by many of the Alumni and several of the active members. Among those present were the Rev. Frs. Holden, Probst, Coerr, Stengel, Treder, and Prof. Selvage.

—The annual reunion and banquet of the K. T. X was held in Bard hall. In addition to the active members the following men were present: Messrs. Jewell, Auld, Longley, Steinmetz, Pyle, Aspinwall, Brown, H. Lewis, F. J. Hopson, McGay, Carroll, Tuthill, Graham and Elton. Though the number present was not as large as on former occasions, the usual Kappa enthusiasm made the merry evening one which shall long be remembered.

ALUMNI MEETING.

The corporate Celebration of the Holy Eucharist was held on Thursday morning at seven o’clock, in Holy Innocents chapel, the Rt. Rev. D. H. Greer, D. D., Bishop Coadjutor of New York being the Celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Archdeacon Holden, President of the Alumni Association.


The Treasurer of the Association reported a balance on hand, after paying all expenses for the year, of §9.58.

Mr. C. G. Coffin, Chairman of the Alumni Fund Committee, reported that there had been collected and paid over to the Warden of the College $632 towards College sustentation.

The Rev. A. C. Kimber, D. D., the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Alumni Scholarship Fund, reported $932.98 as invested in various securities.

A resolution was unanimously passed continuing the Committee of the Alumni Fund for College sustentation, and authorizing them to endeavor to raise $1000 during the coming year. It was the general sentiment of the meeting that every loyal Alumnus of the College should assist according to his ability in this worthy effort.

The following were nominated and elected as the Board of Directors for the current year: The Rev. Messrs. Wm. Holden, F. C. Steinmetz, F. C. Jewell, F. S. Sill, A. L. Longley, D. S. Hamilton, C. A. Jessup, R. Mackellar, and Louis A. Harris, M. D.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. Wm. Holden, B. A.; Vice-
President, Rev. F. C. Steinmetz, M. A.; Secretary, Rev. F. C. Jewell, S. T. B.; Treasurer, Rev. F. S. Sill, D. D.; Necrologist, Rev. R. Mackellar, B. A. The Rev. R. Mackellar was also elected a member of the Executive Committee, the other members being the officers of the Association ex-officio.


COMMENCEMENT DAY.

For many years it has been the custom of the College to hold its Commencement Exercises under lowering skies if not in the midst of a down-pour. Due to the efforts of the Exterior Decorating Committee, however, the sun beamed his brightest, and be it said, his hottest on the exit of the Class of 1905. An unusually large number of feminine guests almost averted for the rather small return of Alumni. The procession formed in front of the halls at 11:30 and marched to the Chapel. The 21st Regiment Band led the procession. The choir and undergraduates followed, led by Asst. Marshal Simmonds; the Alumni, led by Asst. Marshal Martin, followed, while the Senior class, Faculty, Trustees, and Clergy, led by Marshal Schroeder, ended the procession. In the Sanctuary were the Bishop Coadjutor of New York, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Greer, and the Rt. Rev. Dr. Griswold, Missionary Bishop of the district of Salina. Those of the Faculty in Holy Orders were also in their places in the chancel. The service was said by the Rev. Dr. Sill of Cohoes.

The Commencement proper was held as usual on the stage under the oaks on the campus. The Bishop of Salina invoked the divine blessing on the proceedings. Mr. Brinckerhoff then delivered an oration on "Life Work." Mr. Frear, winner of the Oratory Prize, followed with his oration "Es lebe die Freiheit." Mr. Hicks, the Primus of the Class, read the valedictory which follows:

"That with parting at Commencement there comes to all a mingled feeling of joy and sorrow, of pleasure and pain is no new thought. It has been told us oftentimes. But like many another feeling which we merely know to exist, we have passed it lightly by. Now, however, mere intellectual knowledge has been supplemented by feeling. We not only know that this bitter-sweet complex of pleasure and pain exists, but as at last we come to the point where we must say farewell, we actually experience the feeling—the sorrow at leaving old associations, familiar surroundings, is ours; the eager pleasure of looking forward to the unknown future, the yet untried, is also ours.

"This, I say we feel, as today we bid farewell to our Alma Mater. Four years most of us have been within her halls, four years we have been plastic to her forming hand and what we are to-day and what we shall be in the future must in great part be ascribed to her. Sometimes perhaps during our years here we have failed to be justly grateful, due perhaps to the temptations of the Modern University spirit, but always we have been brought back by the saving thought that St. Stephen's is standing for the true ideal in Education, standing practically alone, it may be, but still standing and standing forever. The universities may turn out clever specialists, may make keen scientists, but this is not the aim of St. Stephen's. She
builds a broad and firm foundation; she does not specialize, but she graduates a man who has in him the potentiality of becoming a finished scholar. Realizing the truth of this we have not yielded to the tempter and now the Gratitude and consequent Love which we feel for our Alma Mater cannot but make us linger in our Farewell, cannot but infuse into the joy of attainment a feeling of regret.

"Such a feeling we have for you also, our Rev. Warden and your associates of the Faculty, you who have been the potent agents of the College, you to whom has been intrusted the realization of St. Stephen's Ideal. To you also we express our grateful thanks. But we cannot stop with this professional side; as Men who have given us personal encouragement, who have inspired us to higher things we give you thanks also. But as we thank you, as we say Farewell, there comes the saddening thought that perhaps it is the last time. We hope not but we know that we hope against what must be, and the spirit of Sadness enters.

"But what of ourselves, we of the class of 1905, who for four years have lived together, worked together and sometimes striven together. To-morrow, and literally, we are scattered to the various parts of the earth. Our parting cannot but be tinged with pain. Old companionship is not to be severed with a smile. But though we are to be dispersed and scattered, still in mind and feeling we are together. The class of 1905 will not, must not yield to the stretch of miles, to space, a mere mental form as Kant pointed out and proved.

"And so we say Farewell, cry Vale, to our college, our instructors, to each other and also I must add to our fellow college men and to the friends of the college here to-day. The feeling of sadness enters, but we cannot abide in it. We cannot stand weeping all the day long. There is a World. On it there is a Man's work to be done and it is with Joy that we feel that the time has come to try our strength. We cannot all expect the great parts, but we do expect to use the treasures with which our fostering mother has endowed us. We do expect to fight the good fight and if by the grace of God we conquer, it will ever be for His glory and to the greater honor of His servant college, St. Stephen's.

And now we say Vale, Farewell."

After a selection by the band the conferring of degrees began. The graduating class of twelve, all of whom intend to study for Holy Orders, were in due form and solemnity inducted to the degree of Bachelor in Arts by the venerable Warden.

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS.

Frederick Turner Ashton
W. Fenwick Bachman
Samuel Raymond Brinckerhoff
Arthur James Eneboe
Edward Monroe Frear
M. Wilford Hicks
Fremont Newton Hinkel
Gerald Lewis
Henry Vaughan Saunders
Leonidas Ward Smith
Wallace Faucett Thompson
Shepard Winthrop Wells

Bishop Greer in addressing the class remarked that he could scarcely hope to tell them anything which they did not already know. He bade them aim high, for while he prayed they might never attain the highest it was the duty of every man to aim at the best. In concluding he gave the class his blessing.
The Warden then proceeded to confer the higher degrees. Master of Arts in Course was given to Mr. W. R. Selvage, B.A., of St. Stephen's and Cornell, M.A., of Pennsylvania. Mr. H. Grosser, '79, J. P. Graham, '01, J. G. Hargrave, '01, A. C. Saunders, '01 and the Rev. J. G. Hammarssköld.

The degrees Honoris Causa were as follows: Bachelor of Music, Arthur Rose, '83; Master of Arts, the Rev. Stuart D. Hamilton, '86, and Professor C. W. Popham, '99, and since then instructor and professor of Modern Languages in the College. The degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology was conferred on the Rev. L. T. Cole, B.A., of Michigan, Ph.D. of Columbia and sometime Warden of the College.

The prize list, which furnished some merriment to students and guests, may be briefly given as follows: Hellenistic Greek (100%), History of Philosophy and Ethics to M. Wilford Hicks, Primus. Greek, Latin and Logic to Mr. S. G. Martin of the Junior Class. The Pryun prize in psychology to W. J. Gardner.

The rank of Secundus was given to Mr. L. W. Smith. The benediction was then pronounced by Bishop Greer.

Luncheon was served in the Refectory. The Warden, after a brief address in which he declared the prospects of the college to be of the most roseate character, introduced Bishop Greer. Those who were there, students and Alumni and the ladies who began to arrive, will never forget it. He was followed by Bishop Griswold who paid a stirring tribute to the St. Stephen's men who comprise 25% of his clergy. The other speakers, clerical and lay, spoke in glowing terms of the prospects of the college. The speaking was prolonged to an unusually late hour and then the general exodus began.

It was a small contingent which sat down at
of affairs. The students are supposed to have influence enough to persuade competent men to work for the general good of the college. Something concerning a suitable basketball court, for which the students are not responsible, will be said later on.

If anything deserves the warmest censure it is the conduct of some of the baseball players at a time when a little more practice might have resulted in more victories. When men have time to play tennis even during recitation hours but must always study during baseball practice it is high time for the upper-classmen to point out to the others that a certain amount of self-denial is expected from every man instead of leaving the captain to work out his own salvation by coaxing and entreaties.

If the so-called “big” men of the college have not the desire or the power to stir things ought we not to consider the advisability of forbidding any outside contests, thereby saving us from so many unnecessary defeats, some of them at the hands of “prep” schools? It does not require very great thinking in order to see what harm to the college would thus result. A place where athletics are at low ebb is not attractive to prospective students.

What are we to do about it? There is no one connected with the college who cannot do something. The students, by word, example, and encouragement, could do much to raise the standard of athletics; the Alumni know very well how they can help us; the Warden and Faculty, though they do help us, some liberally, can do still more in laying our needs before the Trustees; and finally, there are the Trustees. Won’t you, Trustees, put yourselves in our place and consider?

Very few of the large universities and colleges can boast of a more beautiful situation than that of St. Stephen’s. The scenery is beautiful and the walks fascinating. A large field affords us the means of playing football and baseball.

In winter, however, when the snow and cold are not conducive to extended walks, we have a choice between only our rooms and the library. This is extremely oppressive to active men. To the majority of us a more serviceable gymnasium than we now possess would be a blessing. It would afford us an opportunity by which we might come together as a college body, not as fraternity cliques; but more, by running, jumping, shouting, and the exhilarating excitement of basketball games, it would guard us from all tendencies to moroseness and grouchiness.

Last winter we undertook to organize a basketball team, the missing and necessary link between the football and baseball teams. Despite the fact that we received very little encouragement from recent graduates who had tried the same thing and found the gymnasium wholly unsuited to the game we kept the team intact the whole season and unless better men enter in the fall we can count on practically the same team.

The value of basketball and, therefore, of a good gymnasium, is best appreciated when we consider that among those who came out daily until discouraged by the inconveniences of the place were those who either from lack of physical strength or of skill do not play football or baseball.

Again, because of the small number required to form a team and the slight importance of weight, a basketball team would be the most successful of all our teams. Give us a good court, leave of absence to make a few days’ trip around the state, the support of the students, Alumni, Faculty and Trustees, and we can produce a team capable of competing with Hobart, Trinity, and the other small colleges.
near us. Do you realize that athletics is just as important an advertising factor as is the standard of scholarship?

The preparatory schools of to-day, both private and public, afford their pupils every possible means for physical culture and recreation and if colleges wish to secure and retain men they must give those men the chance to continue their athletic pursuits.

AN APPRECIATION.

It was with sincere regret that we heard of the resignation of Professor Popham, '90. He intends to enter the General Theological Seminary to study for Holy Orders. As Professor of German and French he made his courses enjoyable and interesting.

Prof. Popham will be missed in Athletics as well as in scholastic work. Whatever success our football team has attained is due to his careful and faithful service.

As a member and secretary of the Faculty he always had in mind the interests of the students.

The best wishes of the student body follow Charles W. Popham, M. A.

The loss of Mr. R. G. Robb, Professor of Mathematics and Physics, will also be felt. He came to us two years ago and since that time has proven his ability as a teacher. Professor Robb was kind enough to give his valuable services as coach of the baseball team.

BASEBALL.

The second game of the season was played May 10th against Eastman College at Eastman Park, Poughkeepsie. Except in one or two instances the game was well played.

Jepson deserves credit for his steady work in the box. Allen fielded his position well. Oehlhoff made good behind the bat while Bold on first made good use of his length.

The most sensational play was made by Saunders. Bliss put a short fly some ten yards over third base. Saunders ran backwards and threw his right hand up in the air. The ball came down and stuck fast in his hand.

Smith, Eastman's catcher, made a pretty catch of a foul ball.

The batting order:

ST. STEPHEN'S.

Schroeder, r. f.
Jepson, p.
Bold, 1 b.
Allen, W., s. s.
Oehlhoff, c.
Thompson, l. f.
Matt, Loenhardt, 1. f.
Billingsley, 2 b.
Saunders, 3 b.

EASTMAN.

Meagher, s. s.
Lee, l. f.
Smith, Schriber, c.
Downing, 2 b.
Bliss, r. f.
Schlug, p.
Lawless, 1 b.
Boyd, 3 b.

Eastman. 1 2 0 4 0 0 3 4 x—14
St. Stephen's. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0

Our third game was played on the home grounds May 13th against New Paltz Normal. The game was won by bunching the hits. Two double plays were made. The batting and base running of our team were much improved. Allen, Jepson, and Billingsley did good work in their positions. Schroeder batted well. In order that the visiting team might make their train the game was called at the end of the sixth inning.
The batting order:

ST. STEPHEN'S. 

Schroeder, l. f. 
Elton, 3 b.  
Allen, W., s. s.  
Thompson, c. f.  
Oehlhoff, c.  
Bold, 1 b.  
Jepson, p.  
Billingsley, 2 b.  
Matt, r. f.  
St. Stephen's . . . . . . . 0 0 3 0 3 0—6

NEW PALTZ.  

Graham, p.  
Fike, s. s.  
Wagar, 3 b.  
Twaddle, t b.  
Domninick, 2 b.  
Grim, c.  
Simpson, r. f.  
Deyo, c. f.  
Gansoles, l. f.  
New Paltz . . . . . . . 0 1 1 0 3 0—5

On May 30th we played the Imperials of Catskill on their grounds. It was a very interesting and hotly contested game. St. Stephen's came to the bat first and scored three runs while the Imperials were shut out. In the second inning St. Stephen's was whitewashed and the Imperials hammered out five runs. Then came the real struggle. No runs were made by either side in the third. In the fourth Billingsley crossed the plate while the Imperials were unable to score. Allen and Oehlhoff, in the fifth inning, came in, making the score 6-5 in our favor. No runs in the sixth. Bold scored in the seventh, sliding for home on Oehlhoff's bunt. The Imperials increased their runs to seven and tied the score. The eighth resulted in a blank for both sides. During the ninth there was great excitement. St. Stephen's came to the bat with determination to do something. Allen made a hit and stole second, then third. Jepson smashed one out to left field, but the fielder made an unexpected catch. St. Stephen's was then retired with no runs. Catskill then came to bat and made the necessary run.

Jepson pitched well, Allen hit opportunely, and Billingsley played second in his usual accomplished manner.

The batting order:

ST. STEPHEN'S.  

Schroeder, l. f.  
Allen, W., s. s.  
Thompson, c. f.  
Oehlhoff, c.  
Bold, 1 b.  
Jepson, p.  
Billingsley, 2 b.  
Matt, r. f.  
St. Stephen's . . . . . . . 3 0 0 1 2 0 1 0 0—7

IMPERIALS.  

Terry, s. s. and p.  
Hollenbeck, 1 b.  
Cooper, 2 b.  
Cooke, 3 b.  
Snyder, l. f. and s. s.  
Walsh, l. f.  
Place, r. f.  
Ostrander, c.  
Groves, p.  
Imperials . . . . . . . 0 5 0 0 0 0 2 0 1—8

Our second game with Eastman was played June 3rd on the home grounds. From the beginning, St. Stephen's had everything their own way. In the second inning St. Stephen's piled up seven runs and Eastman's pitcher was taken out, but their best pitcher was unable to do any better. St. Stephen's had a batting streak and never lost it. The game was very interesting and marked by steady playing by both teams. Billingsley held down second well. Jepson did his usual good work in the box. Oehlhoff's catching, Bold's work at first, and Schroeder's batting, also merit mention.

St. Stephen's . . . . . . . 0 7 3 2 0 2 0 0 0—14
Eastman . . . . . . . 0 4 3 0 1 2 1 0 0—11

A very enjoyable though unscientific game was played between the Varsity and the Alumni on Wednesday morning of Commencement Week. The Varsity did not play as well as usual, while the spirit with which the Alumni worked kept the result doubtful to the last. For the Alumni, Graham, Tuthill, Elton, and
Rockstraw did good work. Allen, Sr., maintained his son's reputation. Owing to the extreme heat only five innings were played.

Varsity . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 0 5 3 4--14
Alumni . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 0 2 5 2--11

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COLLEGE NOTES.

The students, and particularly the members of the baseball team, wish to thank the Rt. Rev. Alexander Hamilton Vinton, '72, and the Rev. George C. Houghton, D. D., class of '67, for their generous contributions to the athletic association. It was only by the kindness of these two alumni that we were enabled to finish our schedule of games.

S. W. Wells, '05, is to be congratulated for the grand stand finish he made in order to graduate this June. Without doubt he was the hardest worker at college during the last semester.

Wallace John Gardner, '05, taught in the Catskill High School for a few days in June. St. Stephen's always did turn out good teachers.

S. A. Chapman has been elected Superior to St. Peter's Mission. It is to be hoped that this mission will receive more attention next year instead of being left in the hands of two or three workers. It is an inspiring work and the people appreciate what is done for them.

Mr. Fred Nichols Billingsley was initiated into Eulexian Fraternity on Friday evening, June 9th. After the meeting a "bust" was held in 11, McVickar.

Our thanks are due to the matron for the efficient way in which she managed not only this year's Commencement banquet but those of preceding years. Moreover she is an ever-ready help when any one is sick. Long life to matron!

Σ A E gave a most successful ball on May 12th in Preston Hall. The decorations were original and very striking. "Home, sweet home" was played at broad daylight and was accompanied by the singing of the birds outside the Hall. We are truly grateful to the members of Σ A E for a most pleasant evening.

The Athletic Association has granted the privilege of wearing the baseball letters to the following men: Allen, W., Billingsley, Bold, Jepson, Leonhardt, Matt, Oehlhoff, Schroeder, and Thompson.

The Freshmen buried their Algebra a few days before Commencement. If the Sophs had been watchful it is a question whether '08 would have succeeded.
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