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Dean Davidson Becomes
Acting President

AUTHORITY INVESTED IN HIM AT SPECIAL MEETING OF TRUSTEES.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday evening, February 18th, a resolution was adopted investing Dean Davidson with the authority of the President of Saint Stephen's College, and he will be Acting President, with full powers, during Dr. Rodgers' leave of absence. The resolution further states that authority in regard to all matters pertaining to the Chapel is hereby invested in the Rev. Professor Kallenbach.

The resolution which makes Dr. Davidson, Acting President was the outcome of the personal investigation of the Trustees and the feeling of the need of a plenipotentiary head for the adequate administration of college affairs.

The Messenger desires to voice its approval of the appointment of Dean Davidson to Presidential powers and pledges its hearty support to his administration.

Editorial Characteristics

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST, NEW MESSENGER PLAN.

The present inadequate size of the Editorial Board and the apparent need for intelligent students in making themselves eligible for membership on next year's staff, is being well cared for. A formalized and put into operation at the last meeting of the Board of Editors. In brief, the plan is to assign a certain amount of the reportorial work of each edition to two men, not now listed on the Editorial Board, but chosen in alphabetical order from the incoming Seniors and Juniors. In this way, the present staff will be able to judge of a man's ability to handle news items, of which, for the most part, this publication is comprised. This, as a basis, will serve as a guide in the selection of next year's slate, which goes into effect in April.

Such a plan, of course, does not exclude miscellaneous contributions from any undergraduate at any time. We will be glad to consider news items, letters, poetry, etc., at all times.

Oh, do you see that terrible black bug crossing the table? That's a rat on his way to the kitchen.—Anuwan.

New Catalogue.

The annual catalogue for 1918-19 is in press and should be ready by the first of March.

Trustees Investigate New Scholarship Ruling

TRUSTEES' RESOLUTION BASED ON SCHOLASTIC STANDING

The following resolution, adopted by the Board of Trustees at their last regular meeting, has been posted on the Bulletin board and goes into effect at the end of the present Academic year.

RESOLVED, that there be adopted the following:

Rules Regarding Scholarships

1. No scholarship exceeding $200 shall be awarded to any student during his first year at the institution.

2. No scholarship shall be awarded to any student after his first year at the institution unless he shall have maintained an average mark of 75% in his studies during the preceding year.

3. The following shall be the maximum sums that under any circumstances shall be awarded as scholarships of the first year at the institution:

   a. To men having an average mark of 75% but not reaching 85% in the preceding year, $200.
   b. To those with such marks equaling 85% but not reaching 95% in the preceding year, $250.
   c. To those with such marks of 95% or better, $500.

Provided that no man shall be entitled to the continuance of his scholarship who shall have been dismissed in any study whatever and shall not have removed the condition within one year from the date of his failure in that study.

4. It is to be understood that the foregoing amounts are all maximum and that in all cases the award of a scholarship from the funds of the society for the Promotion of Instruction and Learning depends upon the intention of the student to take Holy Orders and also upon his need of the scholarship or of part of it; and provided further that all awards are absolutely in the discretion of the President or other officer temporarily in his place.

5. The foregoing rules are hereby adopted and shall take effect immediately upon the close of the College year 1918-19; provided that the award of scholarships for the year 1919-20 may in the discretion of the President or other officer temporarily in his place be based upon the marks of any student either for the full year 1918-19, or for the second semester thereof.

6. It is suggested that the President (or other officer temporarily in his place) appoint a Committee of the Faculty to advise with him as to the scholarship of the applicants and as to their desirability as students in other respects.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of

Trustees Investigate New Scholarship Ruling

COMMITEE MAKES PERSONAL EXAMINATION OF SITUATION

Three of the five members appointed by the Trustees as a committee to investigate existing conditions at St. Stephen's, spent several days on the campus this month. The Rev. Drs. Frederick W. Norris and Frank R. Remer interesting themselves in the scholastic and academic departments and Mr. Charles A. Moran making a thorough examination of the condition of buildings and grounds.

This decided progressive movement on the part of the Board of Trustees, in great measure fulfills a long wished for by the body of faculty. The effort to stimulate our Alumni, who we have sent out from us, and the Trustees, to whom we must look for guidance, to the point of personal investigation as a means of obtaining first hand information, has long been the "ruling passion" of undergraduates seeking the improvement of the College in its several departments.

Our curriculum, at present, lacks its former breadth; some important departments are handicapped. The condition of the library, both as an haven for the bibliophile and as an architectural adornment is badly in need of repairs. Domestic conditions can be improved. But only a first hand acquaintance with the situation can adequately reveal the necessity for amelioration.

The Council of the College and the faculty and the students and the alummi are, in all the several departments, trying to find the means to raise the College standard and to do the very utmost for the advancement of our college life.

Last Anniversary Banquet

SENIORS FEAST IN PRESTON HALL IN MEMORY OF ALGEBRA

The Third Annual banquet commemorating the demise of '91 algebra was held in Preston Hall on the evening of Monday, February 17th. A special table, decorated with their class banner was provided, while the artistic addition of many colored candies gave the setting an air of festivity. The Seniors regarded themselves with varied and especial delicacies which had been provided for the occasion.

During the course of the meal, a silent toast was tendered "Algebra" and toasts to absent members.

St. Stephen's College on February 4th, 1919.

Signed,
WILLIAM HARRISON,
Secretary.

Lieut. Kearns Won Croix de Guerre

"DIED LIKE A HERO" SAY FRENCH

The official report of the U. S. Government regarding the death of Lieut. W. Kearns has just been released and we print it herewith in full.


Lieut. Kearns was assigned to this Company on August 29, and joined the Company that same afternoon. The next morning the Company made an attack on and his bravery inspired the men to do their best.

On the afternoon of the 30th another attack was made and Lieut. Kearns led the 1st platoon into the thickest of the fight. When a tank was made, he went to reconnoiter new positions that was hit by shrapnel of a shell which exploded near by. He died shortly after that. His good work was praised by the officers and men, and as a reward for his bravery he was recommended for the French "Croix de Guerre"—an abstract of which is as follows:

"While Lieut. Walter Kearns, 179th Inf., (Killed),
For extraordinary heroism in action commanding the 1st Platoon of Co. "K", 179th Infantry, U. S. Army, on Aug. 30th, 1918."

"Lieut. Kearns led the 1st platoon in the attack on the enemy of Juzigny, and when the Company was scattered, personally gathered them together under heavy machine gun and shell fire, and re-organized and advanced within a hundred yards of the enemy's line, where he fell.

"While moving about to choose better positions and strengthen the same, he was shot in the breast and wounded so severely that he died within a very short time."

"Upon joining this Company, he expressed his satisfaction of being assigned to the 32nd Division because he knew the good record which it held."

"He died like a hero, while performing his duty in helpings to crush the world's greatest foe."

MARDI GRAS.

Preston Hall to be Scene of Carnival Nouveau

On Mardi Gras, March 4th, a masquerade carnival will take place in Preston Hall, if the present plans of the student body materialize. A committee has been appointed and a masquerade show is being planned by the dwellers in Potter. This should excel if not eclipse the successful masquerade dinner which preceded the Christmas holidays and all students and faculty are urged to take part.
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nandale-on-Hudson, N. Y., as second-class mail matter.

At last, a systematic method of awarding scholarships has been ar-
ranged. Entering upon a period of reconstruction, no wiser action could have been taken. In former times an undergraduate was uncertain, from year to year, as to the amount of financial aid which he would receive through the college authorities. Then, the extent of financial help de-
pended upon one some action more or less arbitrarily, and the under-
graduate in the case often had the sense that the assistance was being given him rather in the fashion of a Lady Bountiful bestowing her bless-
ings upon the poor, than as a rightful reward for sincere effort and des-
serving achievement. Now the aid ten-
dered the undergraduate by the col-
lege authorities is commensurate with the energy expended and the results attained by the student himself.

What is the excuse for the exist-
ence of a college? Athletics? To prepare one to be a "good mixer?" To give a young man the chance to see some wild oats, before settling down to a life of serious purpose? Perhaps those three, along with cer-
tain other kinds reasons, have their places in the purpose of a college; but surely they, in themselves, would be, at the most, very inadequate cau-
ses for the expenditure of millions of dollars each year for the upkeep of colleges and the thousands of schools, colleges and universities which are in the Uni-
ited States. The New International Dictionary says about a college, among other things, that "In the United States, the college is primarily an institution of higher learning; an organization for instruction in the liberal arts and sciences." Notice that college is a pri-
marily—not secondly or tertiary, but primary—organization of higher education, the seat for instruction in the liberal arts and sciences. In the definition, no mention is made of athletics; the term "wild oats" does not appear, nor is it suggested; the attainment of perfection in the form-
sions of the social circle is not included. Obviously, the college is, first and last, a seat of learning, its purpose, intellectual. If this be
so, then the motive actuating those in attendance at the distinguished Bulletin may be a desire for intellectual advan-
cement; and logically, no one with such a desire could resist the appeal of the
St. Stephen's, were awakened by the letter from the Messenger.

Thus, we are glad to say the out-
look for the publication of the colle-
ge Bulletin is much clearer and surer. The subscription list has grown consid-
erably, and it has been through the efforts of these editors alone. Not a
fraction of these subscriptions were breathed to the men outside of the Board until now. This is but one manifestation of the efforts interested in the Messenger to keep the paper going through all the vicis-
situdes of life here on the campus. This instance, we are sure, ought to disip any right to "crab" or find fault with the College paper unless you can and will do something better.

If you can let's see it.

A. M. P.

THE GREATEST NOVELTY OF THE YEAR

The Potter Bulletin

On Thursday, February 13, there appeared on the second floor of Pet-
ter Hall a small bulletin board published by the Messrs. Kidd and Atkins, "Novelties that were published, although interesting—yet on the whole were not uplifting. Conse-
quence, the name "Patrimied Potter-
ian was soon assigned to the pub-
lishers, which later was adopted as the appropriate title of the Bulletin Board. Two Idealists on the floor below, the gentlemen Pfaffko and Langdon, felt that, for the best inter-
ests of the College, they should open to public and publicize the magazine which was published to "Pub-
liched Potterian." This, they suc-
scessfully accomplished. The "Patrimied Potterian," realizing the possibility of extinction, immediately imitated the superior Bulletin and as a result their own was raised to a higher standard. The Langdon Lompoon as the new-
er publication was called continued unprecedented in excellence. Its pop-
ularity naturally invited jealousy and competition. Saturday noon of the
same week, "Holly" Colwell of Hoff-
man Hall, after expounding on and
prophesy, and uncorruptedly desconning both Bul-
liners in Potter, announced the pres-
tance of the Hoffman "Kneeler." The spirit of the "Kneeler" were to prop-
agate the highest and noblest prin-
ciples of Morality and Humanity. The aims of this publication predicted
failure, since consensus of opin-
ion held that all who Willis were lacking in the occupants of Hoff-
man Hall. Nevertheless, the two publica-
tions were not on a par; this was due in large part to the fact that the Hoff-
man Bulletin to preserve Truth and
 honestly, Pfaffko, of the Potterian, was driven to the "scroop" which might be death blow to the Hoffmans. The "scroop" appeared Monday A. M. on the second floor of the hall staff alone. They saw it was necessary it was to keep the Messen-
gers in existence, and the only way to solve the problem was to get sub-
scriptions. They worked every spare minute and sometimes with a great deal of inconvenience in order to
open broad cast to Alumni and others, appeals for subscriptions.

Before very long, a set of envelopes containing subscriptions reached the campus. Men who were becoming discouraged wanted to be rid of the whole thing. St. Stephen's, were awakened by the letter from the

Newsboy, Updike; Press Supt., Chandley; Press Oiler, Good-
 fellow; Staff Detective, High; Bull-
fin Hangers, Atkins and Kidd.

FRESHMAN ORGANIZATION

After many days of expectation, on the evening of February 10th, a group of nervous freshmen broke the evening silence with their short but vigorous yell. It was the Class of '22. Off in one secluded cor-
er of the campus, unknown to the ever-watching, eaves-listening "Sophs.

As the "Frosh" even barred all re-
porters from the Messenger from the FRESHMAN ORGANIZATION. The frosh, however, at the nervousness shown when certain names are mentioned, it would seem that L—.c—ton holds the</z>
The Messengers

Death of Rev. C. M. Niles, D.D.

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The mission Church was Archdeacon of West-
ern Florida. He went to Atlanta in 1934.

Dr. Niles was ordained a deacon on Trinity Sunday, 1888, and the follow-
June was ordained priest by Bishop Littlejohn at Garden City, L. I. Had he survived until next Trin-
He would have completed his thirty-sixth year in the ministry.

Dr. Niles was always interested in the young men of the churches he served. The Rev. A. S. Lewis, '09, whom he called to this city as his as-
was a choir boy in one of his former charges, and eight other young men turned to the ministry as a re-

Last Anniversary Banquet

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followed. It is hoped that when the "last date" is observed in June, the now absent members of the class will stand with those graduating, and join in sending "Alma Mater" to her warm, eternal resting place.

After the banquet, the Seniors ad-
He had to prepare for the final exam in June, and the dinner speeches were made, and discus-

More than half of the members of the Class of 1919 are still in the Service.

ALUMNI NOTES

'76.—The Rev. J. D. Herron, D. D., held his first service as rector of Christ Church, Xenia, Ohio, on Feb-

'79.—The Rev. Captain Thomas B. Barlow, Chaplin Third Regiment, F. R. M., and rector of St. Matthew's Parish, Homestead, Pa., received a commission from the Governor of Pennsylvania to represent the state as honorary delegate to the Atlantic seamen's World's Fair at Philadelphia. He was also nominated for the Peace Prize of the League of Nations.

'84.—Chaplain Robert Evans of the Navy has been appointed by the Secretary of the Navy as representative of the United States at the Peace Conference at The Hague.

'13.—The Rev. George Dudley Barr is now in charge of the work at Stearns, C. C., and the Mission connected with it.

'18.—Frank V. Anderson, who entered the General Theological Seminary last fall, has left there and has en-

"My dear Dorset, I have just been married, and the happiest dog alive. (Signed) Berkley, Annapolis." "My dear Berkley, Every dog has his day. (Signed) Dorset."
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SOPH’S ACHIEVEMENT IN LUDLOW.

Make It “Preferred” Not “Common”

Many of the sophomores in the music room have spent a great deal of time in the spring last year, practicing the various bands and choirs that perform at the school. The music room is decorated with posters and pictures of famous musicians, adding to the atmosphere of creativity and passion for music.

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NASHOTAH, WIS.

Hoffman, Ex., ’18, arrived from overseas on February 21st.

WEITZEL, Sp., who was stationed with the 41st Coast Artillery return to College to take up second semester work.

WESLEY R. UPKIND, of Trenton, N. J., who came to St. Stephen’s with the Students’ Army Training Corps, returned to pursue studies for the first week in February. He is a member of the Class of 1922.

The Freshman Dance

1922 Prepares for Big Event on 20th.

The Freshman dance, one of the greatest events of the year here at St. Stephen’s, is scheduled for the evening of Friday, February 23rd.

The event will take place in Ludlow and Willink Hall.

Great preparations are being made by the recently organized Frosh, and it is believed that in spite of their tardy beginning, this dance will equal or exceed, all former Frosh achievements.

Girls are expected from near and far and it is prognosticated there will be quite a number of light fantastic trippers.

The orchestra will be procured from Kingston, New York.

The Frosh are doing things on a generous scale and we wish them all possible success.

Send your magazines to the Students’ Reading Room in Ludlow!

Who said the Faculty was trying a psychological test in these mid-years?