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General

The war had been over for more than a year when the School year started, promising greater chances for solid achievement, fewer obstacles, complications and shortages, and a speedy return to normal. Solid and superior achievement was attained; but in the rest of this hope the School, with the nation as a whole, was disappointed. It was a year of continuing problems, major projects carried out under difficulties, and if no longer "blood and tears", yet plenty of sweat, had to be poured out.

But in this year the School rose to its greatest heights in many respects, and Commencement in June struck a triumphant note above any in our history. The year ended with many problems solved, obstacles surmounted and hard work accomplished. The major part of our recovery from the War and reorganization for the future has been carried out, and our plans at least roughly sketched in for the completion and rounding out of the School's plant and program.

There is only one possible starting point for a summary of the year, and that is to express our overwhelming gratitude to the Founder and to Mrs. Irenée du Pont, the Donor, for their continued magnificent support of the School. Without this, our program of reorganization, expansion

and rehabilitation of the plant and equipment would have been hampered and restricted.

The School is well aware of the greater than usual interest and activity of the Trustees in connection with its total welfare, and with many special problems and projects; and appreciates deeply the hours of time as well as the expert judgment and experience brought to bear by members of the Board.

The death of Mr. John O. Platt on July 11th deprived the Board of a Charter Member and the School of one of its finest friends. To us Mr. Platt made a unique contribution to the School in its early years, chiefly because of three outstanding qualities of thought and action. He was a firm champion of uncompromising rightness and undiluted truthfulness; his power of analysis and judgment was most unusual; and his view of the School's affairs was always distinguished by breadth of mind and thought for the long future. The portraits he gave the School, and which hang in the dining room, will remind us of his interest and generosity.

We greatly regret the serious illnesses last summer of the Founder, Bishop McKinstry and Mr. Allan Henry, from which they have happily recovered, but which still prevent their visiting the School. Bishop McKinstry and the Founder were able to be with us for what seemed to many the greatest of all our Commencements to date; but for the first time in the School's history Mr. Henry had to be absent.

The Class of 1947 achieved the finest scholastic record of any Sixth Form, and the School as a whole reached a new high level of scholastic success. We ended the year with 42 Honor Groups in all. Sixth Formers took two First Groups and sixteen of the Honor Groups. The discipline

of the School was basically very good, though a number of boys received excessive demerits for minor misconduct. We had an all time record for good health. We started with a record enrolment of 146 boys and one boy was withdrawn during the year. Two Navy veterans were with us, William D. MacDonald and Richard E. Broome.

The School's enrolment by states and nations was as follows: Pennsylvania, 35; New York, 21; Maryland, 18; Delaware, 15; New Jersey, 14; District of Columbia, 9; Virginia and South Carolina, 4 each; three each from Bermuda, Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky, and West Virginia; two each from Florida and Ohio; and one each from England, Holland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Peru, and Tennessee.

The increased number of boys from Delaware is noted with pleasure. This tendency is all the more apparent in the 1947-48 enrolment.

Plant, Equipment, and Finances

The Schmolzes moved into the white brick house along the County Road last month, and the Flemings expect to take possession of the cinder block and stucco house in the edge of the woods within the next week.

Other projects or replacements authorized and carried out are:

- Purchase of a new Pontiac Station Wagon for the School.

- Painting of the dormitory chifforobes a light color, instead of the previous dark brown.

- Repair of small scratches and spots and reconditioning of Mr. Wyeth's mural in the dining room, by Mr. Frank Schoonover.

- Repairs and retopping of all Amiesite roads.

Completion of the road system around the two new houses, at a cost of \$2500; and through the courtesy of George & Lynch, the contractors, the grading and covering with top soil of the adjacent areas.

Purchase of a new Mimeograph machine, the second to be owned by the School.

Painting and refurnishing of the Registrar's Office, so that it is now a pleasant and dignified room.

Reconditioning the original deep well and installation of a new rotary type pump. This operation has restored to us the fine "soft" water we enjoyed in the early years, and has solved our water problem for the present.

Our Farm crops were excellent. The wheat was sold at \$2.72 and brought in \$1857.46. We picked about 2800 bushels of corn, of which we may sell about half. This should bring in better than \$2000. There is also a fine crop of soy beans.

Extensive repairs were made to the farm buildings and most of them were painted. The cost of this was \$2416.97, of which about \$500 may be considered normal annual repairs. The pig pen was extended and repaired. More painting remains to be done. The Chevrolet pickup purchased in 1937 has been replaced by a new one, and we have bought a new CASE Junior type tractor. The "turn-in" on the old tractor was so small that we are keeping it for tree-planting and other uses.

The very generous salary increases for Faculty and Staff in June were received with the greatest enthusiasm and gratitude!

Personnel

There were few changes in Faculty personnel for the year 1946-47. Last year's report mentioned Mr. Voorhees' return in September. Pending Mr. MacInnes' return, we

were fortunate to have the services of a veteran Mathematics teacher, Mr. Charles S. Woodward. A veritable American "Mr. Chips", Mr. Woodward had been called out of retirement to fill in at various schools during the War. The work he did here earned him the greatest affection and admiration of everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmolze were away on Mr. Schmolze's Sabbatical. After 15 years of uninterrupted service, he had accumulated two half-year sabbaticals, which the Schmolzes spent in Mexico, Florida and their summer home, "Piney Point" at Ocean View, Delaware. During his absence Mr. Fleming ran the Registrar's Office with his usual energy and unsparing effort.

Mr. MacInnes was released from the Navy and returned to School in January, with Mrs. MacInnes, the former Miss Alice Elizabeth Walters of Winona, Minnesota. They were married in Norfolk on November 27th. Resuming his duties as head of the Mathematics Department and Senior Master, "Mr. Mac" plunged into the life and work of the School with his characteristic vigor and high standards of performance. When the Headmaster took time out for rest during the Spring Term, Mr. MacInnes took over as Acting Headmaster, and not only carried the School year through to a successful close, but laid much of the groundwork for the administrative reorganization which we had planned for his return.

The Headmaster has been unable to give adequate expression to his gratitude to Mr. MacInnes, Mr. Schoonover, the School Clergy, and all the other members of the Faculty and Staff for their fine work and cheerful assumption of extra duties during his absence.

The appointment last summer of Mr. MacInnes as Assistant Headmaster and of Mr. Cameron as Senior Master

rounds out our administrative team. The Executive Committee of the Faculty now functions with the Headmaster as Chairman; Mr. MacInnes as Assistant Headmaster, with direction of the School's general program; Mr. Cameron as Senior Master, with general leadership of the scholastic program; and Mr. Schoonover as Business Manager, in charge of the business operations of the School and Farm. The Assistant Headmaster acts as co-ordinator of these groups of activities. The system is now in full effect and is working well. The Headmaster acknowledges much help from these gentlemen in composing this report.

At the end of the School year there were four resignations from the Faculty.

Mr. Daniel Holder has taught here since 1933 in the Mathematics and Classics Departments, and was Acting head of the former during the first half of the past year. He has made a great contribution as Chairman of the Discipline Committee, as an assistant coach of football and head coach of crew. His understanding of boys and close sympathy with their problems have made him one of our best liked masters, several times chosen a Form Advisor; and his home has been a chief gathering place for returning alumni. Last summer Mr. and Mrs. Holder made a great success of their Junior Sailing and Swimming Club at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Mr. Holder is now on Sabbatical leave, and after his resignation takes effect in February, will take up new work which will tie in with his summer project.

Three masters who came to us during the School year 1944-45 left us for other work.

Dr. Potts taught Biology and General Science, and introduced the emphasis on nature study into Second Form Science. He coached three tennis teams, one for a cham-

pionship, and helped with squash. He has joined the Faculty of the Pennsylvania College for Women at Pittsburgh.

Rev. George Culleney '34 was Chaplain, taught Sacred Studies and Latin, and coached the Second Varsity football team and Club crew. He is now Rector of St. James Church, Albion, Michigan, where he is also Episcopal Chaplain to Albion College, and has a spacious rectory for his sizable family!

Mr. Hunsicker taught French and Spanish, supervised the Riding Squad and helped in the Job System, School Bank and Registrar's Office. He is at Columbia doing graduate work in the classics.

To all these men we are deeply grateful for their varied and valuable contributions, and they leave with out best wishes for the future.

The vacancy in the Science Department has been filled by Mr. William H. Amos. He attended the American School in Tokyo and Brent School in the Philippines, graduated from Rutgers University, and studied at the University of Colorado and Columbia University. He was an Ensign in the Navy. He and Mrs. Amos occupy the Fifth Form Corridor Apartment.

Mr. Ralph V. Chamblin replaces Mr. Hunsicker in the Modern Languages Department. Mr. Chamblin is a graduate of the Episcopal High School and the University of Virginia, and was also in the Navy, as an athletic specialist. He and Mrs. Chamblin live in the Gymnasium apartment. He coaches the Second Varsity football team.

We have some much needed and very efficient secretarial help this year from three Faculty wives: Mrs. Schmolze is

helping Mr. Hawkins with the School Bank; Mrs. Schoonover is Secretary to the Registrars; and Mrs. Fleming assists the Alumni Secretary.

There was remarkable and most welcome continuity in our personnel during the past year, except in the Kitchen. Our chef, M. Chauvet, had to resign at the end of the Fall Term because of poor health. The next incumbent stayed for a month, and was followed by Mr. William Hammond, an Englishman and a fine chef. His marriage to Catherine Maria Lowe took place in the School Chapel on April 9th. With deep regret we report Mr. Hammond's death of diabetic poisoning in the summer. Our chef this year is Mr. Elmer Passwater of Smyrna, Delaware, a former Army Mess Sergeant and Cooking Instructor.

After five years of extraordinary skill and devotion in the face of terrific difficulties, Miss Sally Callaway resigned as Dietitian. We shall always recall with delight her wartime menus and shall remember her as a true heroine! This year she came back from her well-earned rest to run our Kitchen between the regimes of Miss Meredith Mayfield, whose father's serious illness forced her to resign, and Miss Della Truitt, who is expected to take over shortly.

Holidays celebrated the births of Lisa Culleney on December 22nd, Nicholas Baum on April 25th, and Melissa Hutton on June 10th.

Alumni

On June 14th the Chapel was crowded for the wedding of Miss Georgeanne Cochran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Woodall Cochran, to Theodore Burton III, '42, of Georgetown, Delaware. She was the first child to be baptized at the School, and this was the first marriage of an Alumnus

in our Chapel. The reception was held in the Common Room and Dining Room, and the whole occasion was a very happy one.

The Alumni have been so extremely active that it would take almost a whole extra report to give an adequate account of their doings. They held a most successful dinner in Philadelphia at the Bellevue-Stratford on December 20th, and a pleasant reunion at school over the Commencement weekend. Under the presidency of William Hollingsworth Whyte, Jr., '35, the Association decided that its War Memorial would be a scholarship for a boy from overseas, and in addition the suitable decoration of a cloister in the next wing, when built, with the names of our 24 Alumni who died in the War perpetuated there in stone. Over \$6,000 has already been collected or pledged toward the War Memorial Scholarship Fund. The campaign is to run until 1950.

Chester E. Baum, '36, Alumni Secretary, has done an enormous amount of work on Alumni affairs. The new President is Arthur B. Dodge, Jr. '41, and George B. Lewis '41 is Vice-President.

Our Princeton Alumni have started a St. Andrew's Club with over 20 members, and our old boys at Trinity College are planning to give a St. Andrew's pew to the college Chapel.

We are glad to report that two of our Alumni are currently trying for Rhodes Scholarships.

We have heard several times from Heinz Sander and Ulrich Birkholz, two of our German Exchange students; and through Mrs. Pell they obtained each other's addresses in Germany, and had enthusiastic reunion in Munich.

Our other German student, Horst Roloff, was missing in battle near Rimini, Italy, in September, 1944. The com-

bined efforts of his parents and the School, working through the War Department, have been unable to secure any further information on this popular and able former St. Andrian.

The Fathers' Club was inactive last year, but plans have been made for a meeting at the School over the weekend of November 15th.

Curriculum

Forty diplomas were awarded at Commencement. The fine address of Mr. William H. Jackson of New York sent off one of the best classes in our history. In a year when it was conspicuously difficult to enter the College of one's choice, most of our class did so. They are now distributed as follows: Princeton, 4; Brown, 3; Dartmouth, 3; Yale, 3; Columbia, 2; Harvard, 2; Lehigh, 2; Swarthmore, 2; Trinity, 2; and one each at Cornell, Delaware, Johns Hopkins, Kenyon, Lafayette, M.I.T., Pennsylvania, Union, Virginia, Wesleyan, Williams, and Williamsport-Dickinson. Five boys are working or pursuing further studies preparatory to entering college.

The faculty had long suspected that this was a class which would distinguish itself academically. Confirmation came with the results of the College Entrance Examination Board. Of the 86 subject matter examinations taken by 33 boys, only six unsatisfactory performances were recorded. In English, for example, a subject matter examination taken by thirty boys, only three boys fell below the fiftieth percentile, while two exceeded the ninety-ninth! This pattern was not exceptional. While it is the opinion of most of our teachers that the new type of examination is by no means the equal of the old as a measure of achievement, the record is noteworthy. The faculty were not

surprised then when approximately forty-two percent of the Class of 1947 graduated in Honors Groups or better. Two boys, Franklin B. Olmsted and Timothy C. N. Mann, made first group, an event almost without precedent. In addition, four of the class won very substantial scholarships—Edward C. Dobbs, a Harvard Regional scholarship; Landon C. Burns, a Yale University Gift Scholarship; John D. Atkins, the Class of 1905 Scholarship at Columbia, and Timothy C. N. Mann, a scholarship to Williams College. This list is incomplete, but these are the outstanding performances.

Although 1947 was an unusually hard year to get into college, of the thirty-eight boys who applied for admission, only three were refused, in some cases as a result of a tactical blunder. No college these days likes to know that it is a "second choice", but boys who take College Boards are forced to list the colleges of their choice in order to preference. Applicants in the future will have to temper optimism with fact, and choose where acceptance is likely, not hoped for.

Nearly all Sixth Formers took a battery of vocational aptitude tests given by A. K. Van Tine of Wilmington. The reports on these were most helpful to us in guiding the boys in their choice of college, college courses and tentative plans for their careers.

A notable event of the academic year was the evaluation of our curriculum, instruction and Library by the Co-operative Study of the Middle States Association.

After several months of strenuous preparation on the part of the Faculty, the Evaluation Committee, headed by Mr. Bliss Forbush, Headmaster of Baltimore Friends School, visited the School on May 1st and 2nd to complete the survey. Their report contains much that is encourag-

ing. All areas not evaluated as "Superior" in the 1940 study were chosen for evaluation this year. These were Curriculum, in which the rating rose from the 76th percentile in 1940 to the 89th in 1947; Library, in which the rating rose from the 51st to the 76th percentile; Instruction, in which our percentile rose from the 76th to the 81st, and Outcomes (the results of instruction) in which our percentile rose from 74th in 1940 to 86th in 1947. The 80th percentile is considered "superior", the 90th "very superior".

The Committee specifically remarked upon several things. They found evidence of reverence and understanding of Christian ideals and a marked School spirit on the part of the student body. They spoke with admiration of the academic preparation given to our students. The French department they especially commended for the "exceptional reading, oral and aural" abilities of its students; the Science department, for the splendid use made of visual aids, field trips and visiting lecturers; the Mathematics department for its efficiency; the Music department for its instructional qualifications and the enthusiasm of its students.

The Committee, however, had a number of recommendations to make which our academic committee will spend a considerable amount of time in discussing this year. In general it may be said that the Visiting Committee's recommendations are characteristic of schoolmen who favor a so-called "experience curriculum".

More specifically the Visiting Committee suggested greater emphasis on social values; that the English department include in its program the movies, radio, and newspapers; that the History department widen its scope to include economics, government, and social problems; that

music be made compulsory. In short, the Visiting Committee feels that greater effort should be made to bring life into the classroom in order to broaden the types of learning experience now offered to St. Andrew's students. Change, though no radical change, may be anticipated. The academic preparation of its students is still a major concern of St. Andrew's School, but the School is alive to the fact that it should not work within limits too narrow.

The end of the War enabled our courses to include more valuable trips and projects. The Art department held a series of interesting exhibits and Mr. Morris' students won first and second prizes in a poster contest at New Castle.

Library

The Library continued under the full time care of Mr. Campbell, assisted by Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. Campbell, and the usual staff of interested boys. By a budget of about \$800 a year, considered ample by those who know, the book collection is being built up soundly. All boys are given instruction in the use of the Library. That the organization, facilities and collection of the Library have greatly developed since 1940 is attested by the 25 per cent increase in its rating on the co-operative study.

Through Mr. Campbell the Library is co-ordinated with the audio-visual program, and includes collections of phonograph records, picture files and other related material.

For the past two summers we have placed eight dehumidifiers in the Library. These have worked fairly well, and it is no longer necessary to move all the books upstairs for the summer because of the dampness and consequent mold resulting from our basement library.

Health

Our all-time health record consisted in the fact that only nine boys were admitted to the Infirmary all year, and three of these had mumps! Miss Miller's report gives credit to Dr. Lee's sulfa and serobacterin treatment, which reduces the duration of respiratory and other infections to a matter of hours instead of days (the Headmaster had personal experience of the efficacy of this remedy!); to the administration of the Army A and B type flu vaccine in November; to the cooperation of the masters and boys in preventive measures; and to a diet containing a large measure of the protective foods. We may add to these factors the vigilance and skill of Dr. Lee, Miss Miller and Mrs. Campbell.

Our health and athletic program were rated in the 100th percentile in the Cooperative Study!

Athletics

In athletics we had a normal year, all teams being of the average variety. The average of all contests played was around the .500 mark which is an indication that results are those desired, for a percentage below that figure would indicate a failure on the part of our whole athletic program to achieve results, and a percentage above, while giving one the sense of pride in achievement, might open us to criticism for exploiting sports. The younger boys played outside contests in 6-Man football for the first time, much to their delight.

During the winter season the Squash Squad developed under Mr. Hawkins and Dr. Potts, to the extent that we were able to take on an outside match with Peddie School, practically the first in the history of the School. It ended in a tie!

There was a definite increase in interest in sailing during the Spring Term, which resulted in our having five boats operative; boats that we had decided to discard a year or more ago. The Yacht Club is to be highly complimented for the effort expended. The crew started well and might have gone to the National Interscholastics in Detroit but for the bogey gremlin who put a "check" in the shell as it was being launched for a qualifying race in Philadelphia. The large number of boys out for various spring sports crowded conditions to the extent that we found it expedient to organize an informal Track squad under the able guidance of Mr. Hickin. These boys entered two Interscholastic meets on an individual entry basis, with gratifying results. It is hoped that we may be able to continue to offer this sport.

A golf green which had been constructed before the war was given further attention; it is hoped that it will be ready for Spring 1948 so that we may say we have a One Hole course! Usually we can count on two weeks or so of skating, but last winter there was only one day.

Activities

The high cost of printing limited our publications to three issues (2000 copies each) of the printed Cardinal, though mimeographed news sheets supplemented these. The Yearbook was put out as usual, but "The Andean", our literary magazine, was suspended.

Our musical program continues to be one of the best in schools of our size and type. The Band began the year in an embryonic fashion with appearance at football games, and blossomed forth full grown for a very creditable performance at Commencement. The Dance Band or Orchestra became so proficient during the Spring Term that

the School was treated to a weekly dinner concert. The Glee Club soon saw that they were missing an opportunity and quickly arranged a name, "The Noxentooners", and appropriate numbers to vie with the Dance Band for weekly applause.

The Camera Club, sponsored by Dr. Potts and Mr. Culeney, was reorganized, and the Stamp Club, under Mr. Schoonover's leadership, was particularly active. Mr. Hutton arranged some down-to-earth political meetings along about election time. There were trips to Hamlet, Henry V, the Ford Plant at Chester and the Synagogue at Wilmington.

Amateur Night on Hallowe'en was disappointing, and it was decided to vary this customary event in 1947. The School Play, "Room Service", presented by the Criss-Cross Club and coached by Mr. Hillier, was excellent, however. The usual program of lectures, movies and two dances was maintained. The School had a whole weekend off for Thanksgiving, as it had before the War.

Chapel

Seven baptisms were performed in the Chapel during the School year. On February 23rd twelve boys were confirmed by Bishop McKinstry. The Choir, coached by Miss Miller, was especially good this year. Our policy has been that attendance at Chapel is "expected", but that occasional absence will not be penalized by conduct marks or other routine penalties. In the case of too many boys, absence became more than occasional, making it obvious that a change was needed in our approach. For the year 1947-48 a new system has been inaugurated, whereby boys are expected to attend all services, unless a written request for excuse is approved by the priest in charge of the service.

Attendance is checked before the service begins, and so far lateness and absence have been cut down to a minimum.

Until a new chaplain is obtained, the Headmaster is acting in this capacity.

The year was conspicuous for a number of religious conferences. The School was well represented by members of the Faculty at the National Conference on Religion in Secondary Education at Atlantic City in October, 1946, and by the Headmaster and five boys at the Buckhill Falls Conference in January, 1947. The Diocese of Delaware held a most successful laymen's conference at the School in September, 1946, and a one day young people's conference in the Easter vacation.

Chiefly under the leadership of Mrs. Culleney and Mrs. Schoonover the former "Ladies Guild" became a full-fledged branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. This fall this energetic organization has been selling sandwiches, soft drinks, etc. to the boys, and filling its coffers as well as many mouths hungry after an afternoon on the football field.

Other Organizations

Camp Appoquinimink was occupied by two small groups of boys last summer, but the run-down condition of the buildings means that any camping undertaken there must definitely be classified as "roughing it". From the School's point of view it would be desirable either to eliminate the Camp buildings entirely, or to rebuild them and provide adequate quarters for a caretaker the year round. The buildings will always be subject to damage from vandalism and the elements unless placed under resident supervision.

The Wilmington Trail Club had an outing at the School in July, a custom which it has enjoyed for several years.

Gifts

Besides the additions to the Endowment already mentioned with thanks, the following gifts are gratefully acknowledged:

From Mr. Gordon Hamersley, a sailing dinghy, which has become a valuable part of our fleet.

From Arthur B. Dodge, Jr., '41, a sculling boat and sets of the *National Geographic Magazine*.

From Mr. Ernest du Pont, Jr., a sculling boat.

From Mrs. Leonard Richards, a Japanese abacus, procured by her son, Warren, from the Naval Station, Kure, Japan.

From the Class of 1944, a chancel prayer book and hymnal, bound in red leather.

From Daniel B. Phelan, '40 a set of bird prints by Alexander Wilson.

From Dr. and Mrs. Francis Giammattei, a copy of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow", illustrated and autographed by Jack Tinkler.

From the Gilmary Society, a set of the Catholic Encyclopedia.

From Mr. John MacInnes, a ship's bell.

There were, of course, a great many generous gifts to the War Memorial Fund, and in four cases parents paid extra tuition to the School, above the amount contracted for, to help with the rising cost of operation, a gesture which was much appreciated.

In Conclusion

The concept of "One World" is having hard going just now, but the School is still committed to this ideal and is working for it in appropriate ways. Last winter we

"adopted" the College Classique du Quesnoy, Nord, France, and there has been some correspondence between the schools and a package of supplies sent over. In the spring we had a visit from Mr. Robert Robertson-Glasgow, Headmaster of St. Andrew's School, Pangbourne, Berkshire, England. And this fall the Headmaster preached at St. Andrew's College, Aurora, Ontario, and has invited Mr. Ketchum, its Headmaster to return the visit. So we hope for closer relations and communication, and the binding of closer ties of Christian fellowship.

Without doubt the greatest task of this generation is to learn to live together "in love and charity" in a world in which all have become neighbors in a practical as well as a theoretical sense. The School can do much to help in this process, through a program based on the Christian principles which must underlie a unified world. Most of all, we can work out together in the close-knit life of the School community that pattern of co-operation, mutual help and the sharing of opportunities and resources which flourishes best of all in the Christian fellowship. If to some extent the School can be a pilot plant, or a seed bed, of unity in Christ, it will be fulfilling a function far beyond its obvious one of the Christian education of young men.

Respectfully submitted,

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