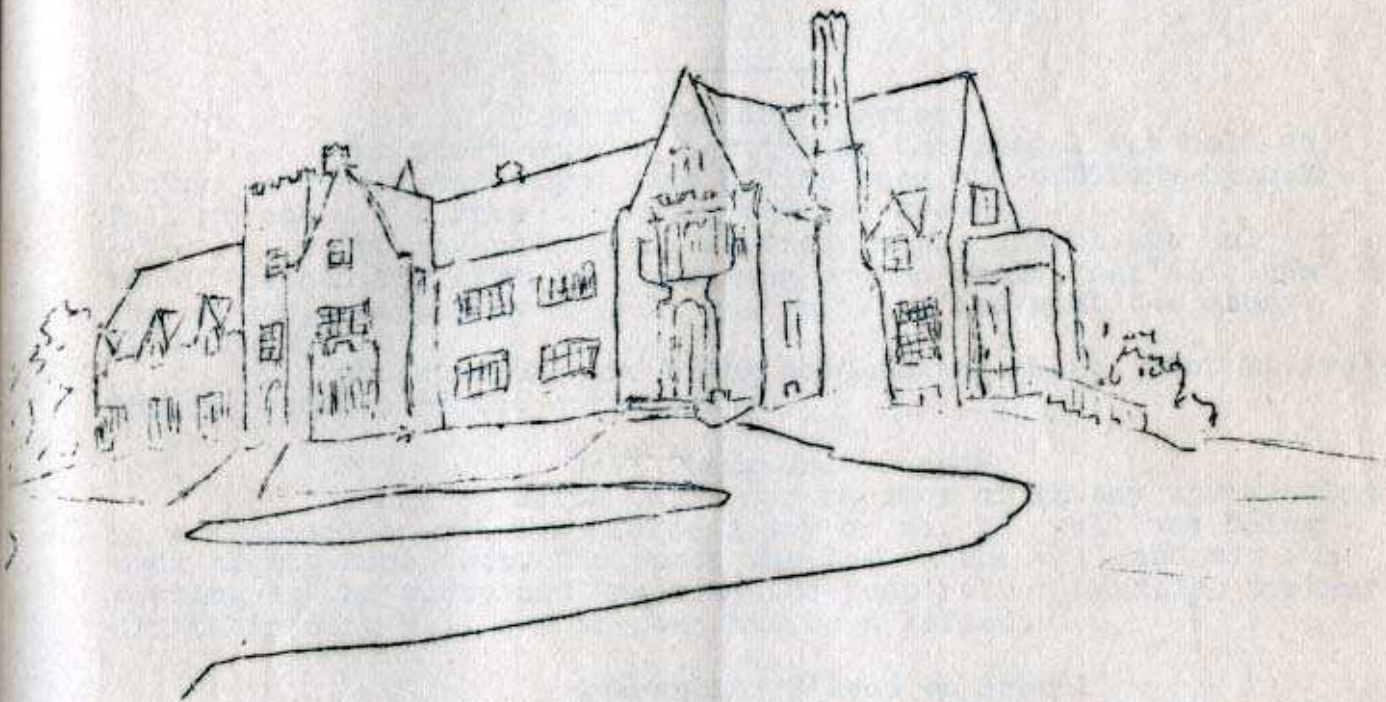


THE TEXTBOOK



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Editorial



We are very sorry that the Textbook did not come out last Monday, but on account of the Midyears all efforts had to be for the mid-years. The Textbook then has two weeks of news.

S T A F F

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First Morning Service

The first Morning Service in the chapel was held at eleven on Sunday the eighth. Miss Miller sang the offertory hymn. Mr. Pell preached a sermon on Stoics and Epicureans.

The second morning service in the chapel was held on the fifteenth. The offertory hymn, sung by the choir, was "Alleluia". The sermon, preached by Mr. Pell was on "Job," and what the story illustrates.

The services are being held in the chapel, not St. Ann's Church, because of the quarantine.

Well Being Made Deeper

A ban on using water for showers or in any way wasting it was placed on the school for a day or so. The well was being sunk eighty more feet. The water was low in the well and air was getting in the water and knocking the pump rather hard. The workman did their work well and the ban has been lifted.

Quarantine Placed on School

A quarantine, prohibiting the boys to enter any houses, has been placed upon the school. The school has been rather immune from disease, and since there is such a lot of influenza around, Mr. Pell placed the quarantine on the school. It has been very effective. A few colds have been reported, but under Miss Miller's care the patients recovered. Visitors may come; however.

New Boy Arrives

A new boy has come. He is Charles Bixler Scott of McDaniel, Maryland. He is enrolled in the Second Form. Until he was seven years old he attended the Edgewood School, which is in the suburbs of Pittsburgh. Then, when in second grade, he went abroad and attended the La Villa School, Lausaun, Switzerland. After a year he crossed the ocean once more, and again attended the Edgewood School. He had been attending that school ever since he came back from Europe. We hope that Charles, now 12 years old, will enjoy himself here, and we wish him the best of luck with his studies.

Boys Take 135 Mile Trip

When the quarantine was placed on the school, all hopes of a week-end at home after the mid-years were blasted. The

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The boys; however, received ample reward for their long term of studying for the mid-years. A trip was taken on Saturday the fourteenth to many places, notable, The U.S. Proving Grounds at Aberdeen, Maryland and the Conowingo Dam on the Susquehanna River.

The excursion started about eight-thirty. The truck, the station wagon and Mr. Sherwood's car were the means of transportation. An hour and a half brought the boys to the gates of the Proving Grounds. The cars were stopped, but no difficulty arose in getting a pass. On a railroad track alongside the road to the Commandant's office were a lot of ammunition cars, mortars, cannons ready for instant use to defend the coast. At the Commandant's office Lieutenant Crow met the group. He took them to the Ammunition Assembly Room, where he had prepared some experiments. He poured some flashless powder into a shell and put a slug in it. The bullet was fired in a French 75mm. gun which quoting the Lieutenant, "Did more for winning the war for the Allies than any other gun." The first shell was fired to warm up the gun. The velocity and speed of the shell is tested with an electrical device, a frame with wires across it. There are two frames, one in back of the other. When the bullet goes through the first frame it makes an electrical connection, likewise the second. The velocity is reckoned from the time it takes for the shell to go from one frame to the other. Four shots were fired. Many different slugs and shells were seen when the Amm. Assemb. Room was revisited.

The Machine Shop aroused no small interest in the boys. Giant lathes and planes, large guns, tanks and anti-aircraft guns are just a few of the many things seen by the boys. One tank could go at a speed of 75 miles an hour and 45 miles an hour when the tracks were laid down. A giant crane did all the "dirty work." Lieutenant Crow said that a howitzer gun is for firing over hills and obstacles, likewise mortars. The other guns fire in a straight line. An enormous gun for guarding the coast was seen.

The museum was next visited. Many paragraphs could be written explaining the things the boys saw in the museum but we have not enough space. Tanks, trucks, guns, rifles and every manner of things were seen. A 4,000 shell aroused some interest.

The airplane section was interesting. Two large planes, one a bi-plane and the other a monoplane were in a hangar. After seeing them they departed.

On the way to the Conowingo Dam, they stopped by a wood and ate lunch. The Conowingo Dam was an impressive sight. The turbine room was a huge one. The boys were amazed at how clean the place was kept. After leaving the Conowingo Dam the cars pointed homeward. A stop was made at Rising Sun and the boys were treated free to some hot chocolate and cup cakes. In about an hour the trip was ended. If trips like these were held every Saturday the boys would certainly look forward to them.

MINOR TOPICS

Mrs. Pell is reading "Dracula" to a group of boys every evening in her living room.

The ground in front of the school is being graded.

An addition is going to be made to the garage ample for six cars.

A pillow has been provided for the boys by Miss Michealis for the manly game of pillow fighting.

In a touch-football game on the sixteenth, Mr. Sherwood's side beat Bob Orr's side 18-7.

MINOR TOPICS(continued)

Bob Ellis is to have the splint removed from his finger this week. Dr. Niles states that his finger is in very good condition.

"Ye Olde Pony Express" was attached to Miss Miller's Chevrolet. It went at a speed of 25 miles per hour. Many humorous incidents occurred during the journey. Larry Kirkland, while on the Pony Express lost his school cap. It was picked up by a passing motorist who made off with it, much to Larry's disgust.

(This is taking the place of the Weekly Diary.)

An Important Event

Miss Melissa Pell is now a young lady, if you please. She has the great distinction of having discarded her bottle and taken to drinking out of a silver cup. When interviewed by our correspondent she stated that she preferred the bottle.

Masters' Knowledge Revealed

In a battle of wits, recently held, the masters showed their great knowledge. Mr. Naylor, representing the Betz Co. was demonstrating the properties of W-Sell, a boiler compound. Our learned masters outwitted him by far and he lost point after point in an effort to compete with the masters. The chemical analysis did not come up to the standard required by the school.

Visitors

On Sunday afternoon Mr. Allan J. Henry visited the school, accompanied by Mr. Wetherill and his young son, Francis Wetherill. Francis may come to St. Andrew's next year as a student. Mr. and Mr. McLane were also present. On the Sunday before, Dr. Julian Hill and his mother, Mrs. Hill came for tea with Mr. and Mrs. Pell. Other visitors were present but it would cover several pages to record all the visitors, so we name just these few.

Movie Theatre Formed

The boys have not seen any movies while at school, so two boys thought it would be a very profitable business to form a movie theatre. Mr. Pell has given consent to the use of the unused large study hall. A Paramount 16mm. Machine is the projector used. The films are rented from Wms. Brown and Earle, Philadelphia. At every show an animated cartoon will be shown. This project will form a very interesting business. The managers are W.H. Whyte and Rudy Ba stanbeck.

The Midyears

The mid-years have come and gone leaving some happy and some sad. As a whole, most of the people made rather high marks. The masters are very pleased with the marks. Scott Lytle, a Second Form scholar, made the highest mark in Sacred Studies.

Two New Subjects for the II Form

The Second Form is no longer having Art as a subject, but in its stead, they are having French. The III Form also has a new book, An English Book. Another new subject for the Second Form is Hygiene, which is to be taught by Miss Miller.

Confirmation Class

For those who wish to be confirmed, Mr. Pell is holding a confirmation class in his study every Sunday Evening. At each class a subject is discussed. The sin of worry, and a discussion of what God is like are a couple of the things discussed. Mr. Pell thinks Bishop Cook will confirm those who wish to be sometime after the Easter Holidays.

Mr. Curtler Returns

On February the Eighth the boys were very glad to see Mr. Curtler back. He was spending a sojourn at the University of Virginia, recuperating from an operation on his tonsils.

Declamation Contest Coming Soon

In about a month a declamation Contest will be staged. It is not compulsory, but there will be no lack of contestants. The winner will receive a book. Any subject may be chosen. It looks as though it will be a hot contest.

MURDER!

It is Saturday night. The lights are out. Figures are prowling around. A scream is heard. The lights go on. - What is it? Why it's the game-Murder.

Saturday night, the fifteenth was the date of this gruesome game. A meeting was held in the big study hall after chapel and Mr. Pell revealed the rules of the game. Every person received a slip of paper. One slip had an "M" on it. The person receiving this slip was the murderer. Two other slips of paper had "D's" on them. The pair receiving these slips were the detectives. When the lights went out, the murderer was to prowl around and "murder" somebody. When the act of murdering was done, the victim was grasped lightly around the throat or anything to convince him how the victim. He then screamed and the cry of "MURDER -MURDER" arose. The lights were turned on and the corpse inspected. An examination by the detectives then ensued. By the answers received, the detectives deduced the person of the murderer.

The first time the game was played, the slips got mixed up or else some complication happened, for a trial was not held. The second time when the corpse was found, Jerry Niles, it proved to be. The detectives were George Cullency and Peirce Fonhagen. Upon questioning, everybody had a good alibi. Mr. Sherwood was over by the mail box in the common room. Miss Miller was under Mr. Pell's desk. Mr. Pell had a fair alibi. Bob Orr and Gino Zoldy were under suspicion most of the time. After one hour the decision was made. The person convicted was none other than Mr. Pell. The detectives hit home for Mr. Pell confessed he had done the deed. He stated that he was always a good boy - He had sung in a Methodist Choir, sold tickets for a Congregationalist affair, attended the Episcopal Church and did many other religious good deeds. (These facts concerning Mr. Pell's pious boyhood may be wrong, but it was something along that line. Ed.) He had never committed a bad deed but that night he found the murderer's card. He saw red before him and he couldn't see without seeing red. Dark forms crept up before him and finally, exasperated, he murdered Jerry Niles.

Sicknesses

Philp Patterson caught the flu and had to stay in the infirmiary from Feb. 1 to Feb. 4

Frank Hawkins had a bad cold and staid in the infirmiary for two days. He is very well now, however.

George Patterson is staying in the infirmiary until he gains four pounds.

Philosophy

Some of the best investments a young man can make are not in bonds or life insurance or real estate, but in himself. When a young is in his early twenties he should look upon himself as a corporation capable of indefinite expansion in earning power. A dozen books each year, subscriptions to five or six magazines, membership in a good club, an occasional dinner with an influential friend and well made clothes, may involve, in a year, an extra expense of two or three hundred dollars that night, by skipping and denial, be diverted into a savings account. Six percent interest on the account would be twelve dollars a year. By using this money to develop his mind, to improve his appearance, and to make helpful friends, the young man might easily increase his salary by twelve dollars. A salary raise of twelve dollars a week is equal to \$624 a year- the yearly income of \$100,440.

In effect, then, the young man, by the wise expenditure of his salary, has added \$10000 to his worth as a corporation

-J.D.Niles M.D.

Old Room Of Study Hall

On Wednesday night at the beginning of study hall, a student-faculty meeting was held to discuss the conduct at study hall. It was resolved that the offenders at study hall should be expelled from the unsupervised study hall and should go into a supervised study hall held by the master of the week in his room. Several boys were put out, but everyone seemed satisfied otherwise. It was agreed that another such meeting was to be held on Saturday night.

Saturday night brought about some complaints. When the meeting was held in study hall, not everyone was satisfied. Since the mid-years were near and intense studying was needed with little opposition a motion was carried to bring back the old master-supervision study hall. This went into effect on Monday. Mr. Pell said that he would like to see a good unsupervised study hall, but until we could carry this out, the master-supervision would be desirable.

Fads

In a previous issue a treatise on fads appeared. Fads are still coming and going.

Different companies are being formed. The Penny ~~Express~~, an old buggy found over at Silver Lake, has procured a lot of money for its owners. A slingshot company has been formed. The Union Bank, which loans money to boys, is also pouring money into the hands of its proprietors. Another group have formed a developing and printing company. A dark room has kindly been furnished for them by Miss Michaelis.

The Marshmallow Roast

On Saturday evening there was a marshmallow roast in Mr. Pell's study. A notice was posted on the bulletin board inviting, the Altar Guild, the choir, Father John, Deacon Sherwood, and Brother Cameron. Much suppressed mirth prevailed. Then, finally, the boys saw the last three names. The roast was successful and was enjoyed by all.

Hare and Hound Game Staged

A Hare and Hound game graced the grounds of the school on Thursday, Feb. 5th. Billy Day Scott, Jerry Nile s, and Mr. Pell were the hares. They chose the region around the marsh and up by the fields as their trails. The hares managed to elude the hounds for a while until some sharp-eyed hounds sighted a hare. They were forced to drop the bags with the strings, for they were cut off by the hounds. The main object then, of the hounds, was to see after the strings were procured who could get back to the school first. Mr. Cameron, Charley Thackery, Miller Shaw reached the school ahead of the others, hence they are the hares for the next game.

Walk to Comont Road

Mr. Pell conducted a walk to the large comont highway on Tuesday the tenth of February. The first part of the walk was in Military formation. There were three squads. Each squad had a captain. Mr. Pell was the General. The "Pony Express" accompanied the group. When a large hill was reached, the "Pony Express" left the troops in its dust. Mrs. Pell rode in the stately vehicle on the way back.

Touch-Football

If every touch-football game held in these two weeks should be discussed in detail, sports would occupy several pages. Some of the scores give an idea of the games - 31-20, 26-19. A few days ago, an exciting touch-football game was staged. Mr. Sherwood's side won over Bob Orr's side to the tune of 26-7. A week or so ago the game of touch-football as a sport was threatened by the entrance of baseball. Although baseball is very popular touch-football games still maintain their hold on sports.

"Capture the Flag"

Any visitor, who chanced to venture out in the field behind the school on Friday the thirteenth at night, would doubt the sanity of the student body and the masters. Dark forms would be creeping around and every once and a while a ray of light would sweep the field. Upon asking, the visitor would be told it was but a game of "Capture the Flag".

A row of lanterns formed the boundary between the II and III Form. Each side was supposed to have two flags in plain sight. If a Second Former dared to venture over the boundary into the Third Form's territory he could be captured by a Third Former. He would be taken to a prison base and kept there until one of his comrades freed him by touching him. Then, they could walk back to their side, immune from being caught, and vice-versa. Most of the II Form was too venturesome, for fourteen of them were caught. One of the II Form flags was captured, but despite the efforts of Larry Kirkland, the other flag remained intact. Mr. Sherwood came within an ace of freeing the II Formers held captives by the III Form but, Alas, the whistle that terminated the game blasted his hopes. High hopes are had of having another game.

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JOKES

B. Patterson: The nerve of that
conductor! He o
glared at me as
if I hadn't paid
my fare."

G. Patterson: "And what did you
do?"

P. Patterson: "I glared right back
at him-as if I had."

Mr. Pell: "It gives me great
pleasure to give you
87 for your test paper."

Shaw: "Give me a hundred and
enjoy yourself thoroughly."

Mr. Cameron: (After giving first
lesson in wrestling.)
"How have you any
questions to ask?"

Felver: "Yes, how much is your
correspondence course?"

Husband: "Do you mean to say
there's only one course to-
night? Just cheese?"

Wifey: "Yes, dear. You see
when the claps caught fire
and fell into the sweets I
had to use the soup to put
it out."

Holly: "I say you might do
George a good turn and lend
him a dollar. His creditor
is pressing him very hard."

Steele: "Oh, to whom does he
owe money?"

Holly: "To Me."

Friend: "You look ill."

Furrier: "Yes, I dreamed that
all the animals who go to
make my furs were standing
around my bed."

Friend: "But you are not
afraid of a few rabbits?"