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THE SUMMER SCHOOL

ENROLLMENT SHOWS NEARLY 100 PER CENT. INCREASE

This year the summer school enrollment shows an increase of nearly 100 per cent. over last year's. Twenty-two cadets are in attendance, the roster being as follows:

Most Artusse
Dave Barnett
John Beasley
Benton Biggs
Warren Bergen
Jack Chenoweth
Ralph Farley
Wesley Gephart
Stanley Gillin
Noche Grayson
Arthur Herman
Robert Jones
Otto Kreipke
Asa McBride
Harvey Moe
Ralph Pratt
Armand Sanders
Almon Sawyer
Mose Sawyer
Samuel Sawyer
Adam Scott
Dick Wright

It is good to have Farley with us again this summer. He has a new side-partner, Otto Kreipke, whom we are glad to see. Herman, Biggs, and Wright are also welcome figures from last year's summer school. Waldron Sanders also is with us, but in the capacity of instructor, having charge of the drills and teaching a class.

As before, classes are held only in mornings, from 8 to 11.45, with an half hour's recess in the middle of the morning. The afternoons and evenings are devoted to supervised recreation in the form of horseback riding, tennis, horse-shoes, target practice, swimming, etc. There is no study hall in the evenings, except for any boys who may get behind in their work.

The school has been divided into two clubs, as in the winter session,

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FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS SEEM TO BE BRIGHTER THAN USUAL

The football prospects for the coming season seem to be brighter than usual. A number of letter men graduated this year, but nearly half of the last year's team will return. Besides



CAPTAIN E. E. HILL

this there is plenty of new and promising material from cadets who enrolled too late for the fall season.

The cadets who played on the second team last year and some of the most promising of the new cadets are: Benson, Dalton, Bowen, Linville, Lichty, McCracken, McWhinney, Sawyer A., Spoelstra C., White B., and Win-

ger. The letter men who will return are: Elmer Hill, who is Captain Elect, Harold Condon, Gus Shiney, Albert Freeman, Edward Aldous and Edwin Grant.

Summary of the Team

ELMER HILL: Captain-elect, played left end. This was Hill's second year on the team. He is a good tackler, very fast, and a good receiver of passes. He should be a star this year, and much is expected of him.

HAROLD CONDON: as quarterback played splendid football all the time. He is small and light, but a most aggressive and fearless player, and a fine leader. He has played two years on the team and has been most valuable on offense and defense. He will be back this fall.

GUS SHINEY: 16-year old giant, was never out of a game. A real tower of strength, feared by every opponent. He will be back in the fall this making his third year on the team, and he should make a wonderful record.

ALBERT FREEMAN: "Meat", played guard. This was his first year on the team, and he made a very creditable showing. He was a fearless player and can be counted upon next year as a tower of strength on the team.

EDWARD ALDOUS: Guard, made an excellent showing for his first year on the team. He is fast, and an all-round good player.

EDWIN GRANT: as Full-Back did some good consistent playing last season. He made the team during his first year. He will be back in the fall, and should make a valuable man on the team.

ROBERT DALTON: End, was a good fighty player. However, he received injuries early in the season that kept him from playing until near the end. He should develop into a valuable man.

HORACE WINGER: Joined the squad late in the season. He made a good showing, and should develop

into a good player thi syear. He played half.

ROBERT McCracken: another new man last year, played center, and made a remarkable showing. He should make a wonderful center this year.

ROBERT LINVILLE: Half-back, was handicapped by his small size. He showed fine spirit and plenty of fight, and was always on hand for anything to help the team. He should make a good man this year.

The Schedule Follows:

Sept. 29—Ellsworth at Ellsworth.

Oct. 7—Solomon, here.

Oct. 13—Abilene, here.

Oct. 20—Lincoln, here.

Oct. 28—Marquette, here.

Nov. 3—Hays at Hays.

Nov. 11—Lucas at Lucas.

Nov. 16—Salina, here.

Nov. 29—Minneapolis at Minneapolis.

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but named the "Blacks" and the "Oranges" from the school colors. The Clubs are as follows:

BLACK—Kreipke (Captain), Artus, Grayson, Barnett, Sanders A., Jones, McBride, Wright, Bergen, Beasley, Gillin.

ORANGE—Farley (Captain), Sawyer A., Sawyer M., Sawyer S., Scott, Gephart, Moe, Herman, Pratt, Biggs, Chenoweth.

It will be noticed from the above that the activities are so planned as to correlate the scholastic and healthful outdoor exercises in such a way as to make them appeal to the boy, as it is only under such conditions that he can derive real benefit from them.

Our larger enrollment this year includes seven new boys: Warren Bergen, of Scandia, Ks., Wesley Gephart, of Greybull, Wyo., Stanley Gillin, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Robert Jones, of Concordia, Kans., Asa McBride, of Scott City, Kans., Armand Sanders, of Courtland, Kans., and Jack Chenoweth, of Clifton, Kans. Of these, Chenoweth and Bergen will be with us for the winter session, and probably Gillin and Jones. All are fine fellows, and we are glad to welcome them to St. John's. They have entered splendidly into the spirit of St. John's, and it is up to all of us, and especially the "old boys," to show the new comers a good time and do everything to make them become so fond of the School that all of them will plan to return in the fall as regular cadets.

SUMMER CAMP

On Tuesday, August 1st the cadets of the summer session left school to go into summer camp at Arcola, about 22 miles west from Salina. Camp was located on a hill overlooking a pretty canyon at Mr. Wagner's Farm, and the school had been kindly granted permission to use the large cabin and kitchen which the city of Salina has built there for the use of the Boy Scouts and the Y. M. C. A.

The main feature of the camp was the "swimming-hole", about half a mile from the camp. The pool is an artificial lake made by damming one of the springs that abound in the rocky surrounding country, and is one of the best to be found anywhere in this part of the state.

Capt. Shideler, who had general charge of the camp, acted as chief cook, assisted by Captain Bailey, Captain Allen, Waldron Sanders, and an efficient squad of four cadets: Kreipke, Gillin, Sawyer A., and Grayson. As last year the morning meal featured the traditional hot cakes, which were well patronized, as were in fact, all the goodies that figured abundantly on the menu of every meal. The swimming and the sleeping were good, too. Think of it! Sleeping under blankets (two needed most nights) during the hottest part of the year!

Another feature of the camp this year was the game of "Can-Can in the Canyon," which served to beguile the restless periods immediately preceding and following the meal hours. This game in its improved stage consisted of six cans set up on pegs, three at one end and three at the other end of a 35-foot course; about six inches between pegs. Opponents stand at opposite ends and endeavor to knock off the cans with another can as a missile. The game proved quite popular, and several "can-can" sharks were developed.

The snake men of the summer camp were Beasley and Herman, the former having succeeded in bagging two rattlers.

Visitors at camp were: Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Moore and family, Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Clark, Mrs. Hastings, Miss Catharine Hastings, Mrs. Frank Barbee, Miss Barbee, Master Frank Barbee, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moe and Miss Moe, of Scandia, Kans., Colonel and Mrs. Ganssle and Joyce, Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. Shideler and Raymond, Jr., Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Allen and "Sukie", and Mr. Swenson.

The summer session ends on Sat-

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urday, August 19th, when the boys will leave for the three weeks vacation before the opening of the fall term on September 12th.

A scenario writer experienced great difficulty in getting his plots accepted. As a rule, they were so uninteresting that a complete hearing was seldom granted. At last he managed to persuade a weary producer to listen to the synopsis of his latest play.

"Imagine," he began, "midnight, all silent as a grave.

"Two burglars force open library windows, and eventually commence operations on the safe. The clock strikes one—"

"Which one?" yawned the producer. —Reformatory Herald.

Hick's Camp Fernand Visits St. John's

On Thursday, July 20, St. John's had the pleasure of a visit from the Pioneer Section of Hicks' Camp, who drove up in the Camp truck and cars from New Cambria. Mr. LaVelle F. Hicks, founder and Director of the Camp, Mr. Edward Julius, Director of Athletics, and Mr. Russell A. Natt, Assistant Camp Director, accompanied the boys.

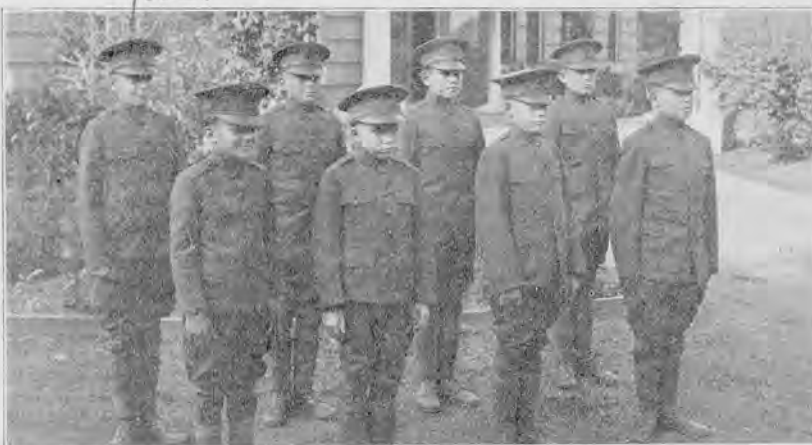
After having made a tour of the buildings, during which a few of the visitors listened in on the radio, a baseball game was played on the school campus between visitors and the St. John's Summer Team, which resulted in a win for St. John's, the score being 4 to 3. During the progress of the game the Directors of the visiting camp entertained the instructors of St. John's who were not taking part in umpiring the game, with an interesting account of their camp.

Visitors and hosts were mutually entertained, a fact which added to the pleasure of the day. After the game, all repaired to the Thomas Park, a short distance from the School, where the visitors treated us to a double entertainment consisting of a band concert and tumbling exhibition. The band of ten pieces gave splendid selections under the direction of Mr. Hicks, while the tumbling stunts were led by Messrs. Julius and Natt; both were very much enjoyed by all.

"Eats" came next on the program. A fire was built and a raid made on the surrounding thicket in search of suitable sticks for toasting forks with which to toast the wienies, of which a copious supply were on hand. Potato salad, sandwiches, olives, apples, ice cream, doughnuts completed the meal.

The last event was a pie-eating contest between four of the visitors against four of the cadets. The pies were placed on the ground about a yard apart, the contestants being required to lie flat on their stomachs with hands above their backs and use nothing but lips, tongue and teeth to coax the elusive pie into the mouth. Arthur Herman and Robert Jones, St. John's cadets, came first and second in this mirth making contest. It will be remembered that Arthur Herman won first place last year in the pie-eating contest held on the Fourth of July Picnic.

When this event was over the visitors, after extending a cordial invi-



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tation to the cadets to visit them in their camp, left for town, where they were scheduled to give an entertainment.

With Reference to Essay

The following letter was received from the Headquarters of the National Society Colonial Daughters in reference to the prize essay sent in from St. John's at Commencement. It will be remembered that this essay was written by Willis Hoskinson, and was published in the Commencement Number of The Skirmisher. We add our congratulations to those expressed in the letter below.

June 23, 1922.

My Dear Mr. Ganssle:—

The essay which won the medal offered by our Society in your School, has been duly received and read with very great interest.

This is one of the finest essays sent in to us this year, and congratulations are due, not only to the writer, but also to the School where the mental discipline and training are of such high standard as to produce so fine a piece of work. On behalf of our entire membership, I congratulate both the writer of the essay and your English Department most cordially.

We hope you will make this contest in patriotic essay-writing an annual event in your School, and I hereby formally invite you to compete for one of our medals next year.

Very sincerely yours,

MARY E. GAGE,

President.

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Phyllis—Has Dick proposed yet?

Doris—No, but he has an engagement ring in his voice.—K. C. Star.

Cadets Enjoy Mr. Peterson's Lectures

During the first two weeks in July the cadets of the summer school enjoyed a series of three lantern lectures given by Mr. Oscar Peterson, who, with Mrs. Peterson and their sons Leslie and Ralph, was visiting Mrs. Mercer at the School.

Two of the lectures were upon the Philippines, and were entitled "The Philippines" and "Mountain Tribes of the Philippines;" while the subject of the third was "The Clouds". The lectures were illustrated by wonderful slides, of which Mr. Peterson has procured an invaluable collection in the course of his travels incident to his missionary work in the Islands extending over a period of fifteen years. All listened with keen interest to the wonderful things Mr. Peterson related about the Islands and their inhabitants, and were surprised to learn what an intelligent people the Igorots, who inhabit the mountain sections, are, their systems of agricultural terracing being marvels of skill and unceasing toil.

The lecture on "The Clouds" was most interesting, and as Mr. Peterson has given practically a lifetime study to the subject and has some truly marvelous photographs of the clouds and the lightning, the lecture was very instructive.

Mr. Peterson expects to return to the Philippines this fall, but will leave Mrs. Peterson and the boys in Salina. St. John's takes this opportunity to thank Mr. Peterson for his kindness in entertaining the cadets with his most interesting and instructive lectures, and wishes him all success in his noble work in the Philippines.

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NEW INSTRUCTORS

ST. JOHN'S TO HAVE SOME NEW INSTRUCTORS

St. John's cadets will be glad to know that Mr. Franklin C. Davies, a brother of Mrs. Ganssle, will be one of the new instructors at St. John's this year. His subjects will be Science and Mathematics. Many of the old boys will remember Mr. Davies from his visit to the School some four years ago, when he became a familiar figure with his banjo. Mr. Davies was a Second Lieutenant in the Aviation Service, and holds his degree in engineering from the University of Wisconsin. While at the university he was a member of the university swimming team for three years, and he is keenly interested in all school sports and activities.

Mr. Davies has been spending the summer at Delavan Lake, Wis., and plans to be in Salina about the first of September.

Mr. Virgil S. Hass, of Wilson, Kans. has recently joined the faculty of St. John's as instructor in the Junior School. Mr. Hass received his training in the Kansas State Manual Training Normal at Pittsburg, Kans., and has had three years experience in high school work in Kansas. We extend him a hearty welcome, and trust that he will enjoy his work and associations at St. John's.

Major Perkins Joins the Faculty

St. John's has been very fortunate in securing the services of Major Roy W. Perkins, who has joined the faculty in the capacity of Quartermaster. As will be seen from the catalogue, Major Perkins' service in the Army extends over many years. He made a brilliant record in the late war, receiving several citations and medals, including the Distinguished Service Cross and the Croix de Guerre.

Major Perkins is in command of 1st Battalion, 161st Field Artillery in Salina, and is at present attending the National Guard Encampment at Fort Sill. It will add much to the efficiency of the School to have a man of Major Perkins' experience take charge of

the Quartermaster department. Major and Mrs. Perkins and their daughter Dorothy have taken up their residence on the first floor of Vail Hall, and we extend them a hearty welcome to St. John's.

Mr. Barker's Return

St. John's looks forward with much pleasure to the return of Captain N. A. Barker, who will be back September 1st to resume his duties as Headmaster for the coming session.

Captain Barker left last year to accept a call to assist an old friend in school work in Pennsylvania, where he has put in a strenuous year's work, remaining there also during this summer.

St. John's is indeed fortunate in Captain Barker's return. His training at Harvard and his long experience as a school man, gained in some of the best eastern schools, renders him a most valuable asset to any faculty. His specialties, as is well known, are Latin and Greek. He is also deeply interested in athletics, and in fact in all of the school activities.

We are very glad to welcome him back to St. John's, where he has already spent five years, and we trust that it will be a long time before he is again tempted to leave us.

The Fourth of July Picnic

The Fourth of July 1922 will long be remembered by the cadets of the summer school, as well as the instructors, as one of the most pleasant 'fourths' the school has known. Immediately after breakfast everyone was busy with the necessary preparations, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey taking charge of the "eats" or the "department of the interior."

Shortly after ten o'clock the party was ready for the start, and the school truck received special attention from a dozen or so cadets eager to be off. Of course the Henry could not accommodate all the party, and Mr. Shideler and Mr. Bailey kindly took the balance in their cars.

It will be remembered that the fourth was an exceptionally cool day, and the trip out was delightful. On arriving at the Mills, some of the party went on a tour of the pleasant surroundings, with eyes "peeled" for a "keen" swimming place, while others fixed the camp site and made ready for the midday meal, which Mr. and Mrs. Bailey planned and directed most efficiently, providing all sorts of

goodies, including an abundant supply of ice cream.

After lunch the party divided again, some going to the swing, some in swimming, some walking, and some playing horse-shoes. This engaged all the afternoon, and all assembled again for "eats" at about five o'clock, when another delicious meal was served, topped off with more ice cream. Everyone had a most pleasant time and the picnic was pronounced a decided success. The party reached home about seven, and the boys were allowed to go over to Thomas Park, where the North Side Boosters were holding a picnic.

At dusk came the last but by no means the least item on the program, namely the fireworks. Perhaps it would be more correct not to refer to this item as the last, as like all real "Fourths" this one also began with a cannonade. The night display consisted of a well chosen assortment of both the noisy and purely display variety. There was sufficient for everyone to take part in the fun of setting them off, and when the supply ran out, a detail was dispatched to Thomas Park to purchase more.

After the fireworks all agreed that the day's program had been most enjoyable and a complete success, and as all were tired out, tattoo and taps were welcome sounds upon the air, and St. John's lapsed into silence after a perfect day.

Since his return from the west last month Colonel Ganssle has been making several business trips overland in the interests of the School throughout the state. He is at present in Kansas City, where he will see several St. John's "old boys" and, we hope, interest several prospects in the School. Colonel Ganssle expects to go into western Kansas, and possibly down into Oklahoma on his next trip.

Arms and the Man

"Bang!" went the rifles at the maneuvers. "Oo-oo!" screamed the pretty girl—a nice, decorous, surprised little scream. She stepped backward into the arms of a young man.

"Oh!" said she, blushing. "I was frightened by the rifles. I beg your pardon."

"Not at all," said the young man. "Let's go over and watch the artillery."

—Literary Digest.

VACATION NOTES

Orris Armantrout is spending the summer on the road for his father traveling throughout the state in the interest of the Massachusetts Protective Association.

Lydon Lippincott is planning to go to the University of Colorado this fall. He writes to say that he has good prospects for our football team. Here's hoping he succeeds in getting one or two huskies to enroll. We all wish him success in his work at Boulder.

Ed'ard Aldous has been working for the Standard Oil Company in St. Paul this summer.

Jeff Schlesinger returned to Salina July 3rd just in time for the school picnic on the Fourth. He has been in Salina all summer working in the building office of the Eberhardt Construction Co. on the corner of Iron and Santa Fe.

Frederick Oehlmann and Dennis Phillips spent part of the summer camping up in the mountains at Castlewood Dam, about four miles from Denver. They rode out on horseback and pitched their camp in the canyon below the dam. They had an enjoyable time roaming the rough country surrounding the canyon, which afforded them caves to explore, and plenty of 'coons and squirrels to hunt.

Carl Johnson has put in a useful summer working on the farm. He says he is undecided as to whether he will go to college or not in the fall.

Eliot Putnam has been working for his father all summer in Salina. He is thinking of going to Kansas University in the fall.

Frank Titzell writes to say he is working in the Jamestown Creamery. He has made good use of "the car" during his spare time, without serious happenings to-date. He went on a visit in Montana the last of July.

Harold Condon has been spending his summer in Albany, N. Y., where he is working as time-checker on his father's steam shovel outfit. He enjoys the work and the opportunity of visiting a new section of the country.

George Frederickson has spent his vacation with his mother in Los Angeles and at Catalina Island. He is having a wonderful time.

Donald Pattison expects to go to the College of Emporia in the fall. He is going to try for the football team and we hope he makes it. We know that in both academic and athletic activities he will give good account of him-

self and uphold the traditions of St. John's.

Kenneth Harris has been working in the shipping department of the H. D. Lee Mercantile Co., in Kansas City. He writes to say he likes his work first rate and is planning to continue in it this winter, in which case he will take a course in law at night school with the view of going on to college next year.

John Harris has been spending the summer with his grandparents in Ohio. Ohio agrees with John, and he is fast regaining his strength in readiness for a hard year's work at school. He will be back with us in September, and we hope he will have no further handicaps to his progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen and Sukie have made several wee-end trips to Ellsworth, where they have enjoyed the hospitality of the Reverend and Mrs. J. T. Bovill and son Willard at the Rectory. It will be remembered that Mr. Bovill left Coffeyville during spring camp to take up his new abode in Ellsworth as Rector of St. James' Church. While in Ellsworth Mrs. Allen played the organ for the morning service.

Preston Hyde writes to say that he has been busy all summer working in the Bank at Reading, and that he likes the work very much. Preston will be back in the fall.

Mrs. Allen played the organ for the opening exercises of the Summer School, at which the singing of late and old favorite songs was a new and very popular feature.

The cadets of the Summer School were entertained on two mornings at the opening exercises by Mrs. Ganssle and Major Wier, who gave interesting accounts of their recent trips.

Major and Mrs. Wier left in their car on Thursday, July 27, on an extended business trip for the school. Their main objective was Denver and vicinity, where they spent about two weeks calling on "old boys" and enlisting new cadets for St. John's. They went out on the Union Pacific Highway and intend to return over the Santa Fe Trail.

Captain and Mrs. Allen and "Sukie" are leaving on Saturday, August 19th for Ellsworth for a three weeks vacation. They will be the guests of the Reverend and Mrs. J. T. Bovill, with whom they will go on camping automobile trips, including one to Kansas City.

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"Old Boys" Visit St. John's

On July 4th, St. John's received a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Lothaire W. Thatcher, of Topeka. Mr. Thatcher is a St. John's "Old Boy", having attended the school in the years 1911-1914. Mr. Allen, who was an instructor at St. John's 1911 to 1913, was agreeably surprised to see Mr. Thatcher drive up, and enjoyed recalling with him old memories of those times.

Mr. Thatcher is connected with the Farmers National Bank, of Topeka.

Bruce B. Davis, of Hutchinson, a St. John's old boy of 1917-1918, paid a visit to the School on Sunday, July 16. Bruce was accompanied by his father and younger brother, the three having driven up to Salina the day before. Bruce is 1st Sergeant in the Hutchinson Battery of the National Guards and showed keen interest in the school ponies.

On Friday, July 14th Mr. Shideler drove to Topeka to join Mrs. Shideler and Raymond, who have been visiting for six weeks at their homes in Silver Lake and Topeka. Mr. and Mrs. Shideler and son returned to Salina the following Monday, July 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bailey entertained the cadets and faculty of the Summer School at their home on Walnut street on Saturday, June 24th. The party numbered about twenty.

As has been the case on former occasions when Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have kindly entertained us, all spent a most enjoyable time on their spacious well-kept lawn, playing games and visiting their farm of chickens and rabbits, of which Mr. Bailey is justly proud.

The "eats" were sumptuous and consisted of a most delicious bean salad, potato chips, deviled eggs, pickled beats, chicken sandwiches, scalloped potatoes, with ice-cream and scrumptious cake for dessert, and with wonderful cherry punch in abundance. Needless to say, everyone did full justice to the repast. The cadets returned to school about nine p. m. all declaring the party a wonderful success.

On Sunday, July 23rd St. John's was honored by having as its guests at dinner the Rt. Reverend James Wise, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas, accompanied by Mrs. Wize; the Rt. Reverend R. H. Mize, Bishop of Salina; Mr. and Mrs. Edwards A.

Hiller, nad Mrs. Ralph Hiller. Bishop and Mrs. Wise were driving en route to Portland, Ore., to attend General Convention, and stopped off in Salina for a short visit with Bishop Mize.

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THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man, traveling a lone highway,
Came at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm deep and wide.
The old man crossed in a twilight dim,
For the sullen stream held no fear for him.

For he turned when he reached the
other side,
And builded a bridge to span the tide.

"Old Man," cried a fellow pilgrim
near,

"You are wasting your strength with
building here.

Your journey will end with the ending
day

And you never again will pass this
way.

You have crossed the chasm deep and
wide

Why build a bridge at eventide?

And the builder raised his old gray
head,

"Good friend, on the path I have
come," he said

"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet will pass this way.

This stream which has been naught to
me,

To that fair-haired boy may a pitfall
be.

He, too, must cross in the twilight
dim,

Good friend, I am building this bridge
for him."

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