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Fresh.-Soph. Rush.

"The Battle of Jasper Field; or The Fight for the Flag." by 1910 and 1911, with incidentals enacted by Messrs. Silberstein, Mackenzie, O'Neil and Crooks, was presented for the first time at our new open air auditorium by a picked company of all star players. A crowded house witnessed the opening performance, which, thanks to the ability of all upper classmen in general and Silberstein in particular, was run off very smoothly.

The first act showed Jasper Field on a clear autumn day. The massive buildings of Fort Finley towered in the back ground. In the center of the field, surrounded by the proud army of Nineteen Ten, was a pole, from whose top waved a flag. Some leagues distance was the camp of Nineteen Eleven, busy in preparation for the coming battle. From somewhere came the shrill blast of a bugle.

Nineteen Eleven, gathering her strength, swept on toward their waiting enemies. Nineteen Ten bravely met the attack and was holding her own until a Baum projectile was hurled over their head straight to the flag.

"Curses! You have done it!" moaned Nineteen Ten. and amid the shouts of the victors and the moans of the vanquished, the curtain descended on the first act of the drama.

The second act was also in Jasper Field, but five minutes later. Nineteen Ten had pitched camp some distance further and were awaiting a new attack from Nineteen Eleven, drunk with victory. Along came the victorious army, and another battle ensued. Captain Henry.

of Nineteen Eleven, was captured, but a determined rush by his soldiers placed him with his army in safety on Grandstand Ridge. Both armies were resting for the final struggle. Amid the howls of Nineteen Eleven and the jeers of Nineteen Ten the curtain came down on Act II.

Act III again showed Jasper Field, now peaceful and serene. Under God's canopy of blue had met the Hons. Mackenzie, O'Neil, Crooks and Silberstein to draw up an armistice. The honorable gentlemen decided that to 1911 belonged the spoils and all the fruits of victory. A swift messenger was dispatched to hear the tidings of the victors, and amidst their rejoicing for the safety of their cherished pipes, fancy hose and the company of their feminine friends, the curtain put an end to this most thrilling of modern dramas.

"Blondy" Schultz, as a lean and underfed soldier of the Nineteen Ten Guards, was excellent. Together with Corporal Pasternak, Sergeant Lipmann and Privates Gaudy and Norman, he gave a rare performance of fighting valiantly against overwhelming odds. As a soldier afraid of battle, Neuman gave a good running account of himself.

"Batling" Baum, as the human projectile, gave a rare impersonation. Marshal Gluck and "Bucking" Winderman also played well. Hans Wagner, as a soldier looking for fights and getting them, played the character to the flesh. The many "supers" are deserving of praise for the way they acted. Altogether the performance was most enjoyable, and we hope to see similar plays enacted in the future.

With the purpose of getting the opinions of people outside of the College on the methods and courses pursued in it, the Board of Trustees has secured the services of several prominent persons to act as committees to visit the various departments of the College and report on them. The visiting committee for the Department of Mathematics, consisting of Mr. Frank L. Babbot and Dr. John H. Denbigh, principal of Morris High School, visited the department last week.

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College Notes.

Mr. J. Z. B. Raucher, '05, who is in charge of the repository, is now studying at Columbia for the degree of Ph.D.

Mr. James Boarer, of the Department of Mathematics, has just completed a work on mathematics which will be published shortly.

During the past two weeks four of the trustees of the College have visited the new buildings—Messrs. Shepard, Miller, Lewinson and Bellamy.

At the last meeting of Phreno, Mr. J. H. Jackson, '06, former president and debater of Phreno and member of the C. C. N. Y. Intercollegiate Debating Team of 1906, visited the society.

At the reorganization meeting of the Senior Mechanical Society the following officers were elected: President, R. Tarantous; vice-president, P. Tea; treasurer, U. Salwen; secretary, J. Gottesman and character committee, P. Haas.

The first lecture in the series of lectures on Education is to be delivered this afternoon at 4 o'clock. It will be of vital interest to all students, even those not interested in education. It will be upon "The Memory and Its Training," and will be delivered by Dean Balliet, of the School of Pedagogy of N. Y. U.

In his annual report to the trustees of the University, President Butler, of Columbia, attacks the system of instruction by lectures and says that it can become effective only by the enforcement of collateral reading on the part of the student. He quotes the words of A. C. Benson: "The promiscuous use of the lecture results in an enormous waste of power and a great loss of opportunity." President Butler also expresses his opinion that the modern course tends to compel the student to divide his attention among too many subjects of study.

Student Council Meeting.

A Student Council meeting was called on last Wednesday, but, as many of the members prophesized, there was no quorum, owing to the anxiety of the Student Council to witness the exercises that were held on the oval.

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Athletics.

Lacrosse.

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Why not get out this fall? Here is a strenuous open-air sport, not difficult of mastery, at your very doors. Think of the added force that thirty minutes each day would put into your work! It has a glorious past at the College, is a sport notably free from professionalism with its accompanying rowdiness, and the coach, manager and captain all pledged to the selecting of the team from practice work alone, and then there are the inter-class competitions—surely you will take part in this. "One hundred men!" is the cry this fall. Send your names to Manager Starr.

Seen with sticks:

- "Pete" Heath, of the '96 team.
- "Ralph" Adams, of the '02 team.
- "Sule" Devon, of the '06 team.

The aquatic enthusiasts have a good opportunity of showing their prowess by entering the swimming races to be run off by the New York A. C. on Saturday, November 23, at 8 p. m.

There is an entrance fee of 25 cents, and prizes will be awarded to first, second and third men.

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- 100-yard handicap.
- 250-yard handicap.
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Water polo.

Swimming.

Last Monday the Intercollegiate Swimming Association met in this city to arrange plans for the coming season.

Brown University tendered its resignation from the league. The resignation was regretfully accepted, and the league then favorably considered an application for membership from C. C. N. Y. Six colleges now compose the league—Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Columbia and C. C. N. Y.

The swimming team championship will be decided by a series of dual meets, every college contesting every other one in the league. Water polo will be entirely separate, the individual championships and the water polo games to be decided at the end of the season in Princeton's pool.

The schedule, which starts very late this year, follows:

- Feb. 1—Pennsylvania at C. C. N. Y.
 14—Princeton at Columbia.
 15—Yale at C. C. N. Y.
 27—C. C. N. Y. at Princeton.
- Mar. 7—Yale at Harvard; Columbia at Pennsylvania.
 13—Princeton at Pennsylvania.
 20—Harvard at Columbia; Yale at Princeton.
 21—Harvard at C. C. N. Y.; Yale at Pennsylvania.
 28—Harvard at Princeton; Yale at Columbia.
- April 4—Individual championships at Princeton.

A meeting was called on Tuesday, and Coach MacKenzie tried to imbue the men that reported with some of the spirit which he has ever shown since coming among us. He said, in part: "We have a great work before us, but there is no reason why we should not be successful, having everything in our favor. We have one of the finest pools in the country. The only thing that you men need is a little sand and grit. If each and every man will make up his mind to do what he is told while practicing, and do it to the best of his ability, there is no reason why we should not turn out a team that will reflect to the glory of the College and furnish inspiration to all other teams." We therefore hope that

the candidates will take this advice to heart, and we urge all men who want to try for a position on the team, either swimming, fancy diving, plunging or water polo, to report to Mr. MacKenzie, Mr. O'Neill or Captain Schmitt, and start practice at once.

With the basketball season gradually approaching, our loyal rooters will be pleased to hear that the honor of C. C. N. Y. will be upheld by a strong representative team this year. Though we are sadly hampered in the loss of our able captain, Donald McCreedy, whose unfortunate illness has deprived us of a valuable leader, the candidates who answered the call are gradually rounding into shape under the careful coaching of Mr. Palmer, and when the season begins we will have as strong a five as represented our institution last year. Though we carried the "Lavender and Black" through eight victories last season, it will be well to impress on your minds that VICTORY does not make a team invincible. Our aim is victory; this is the end to which we look forward. But, as our schedule is a real inter-collegiate schedule, and is therefore far more difficult than that of last season, we trust that our loyal rooters will gather up their forces and give us their support whether victory or defeat be ours. It is to you that we look for hearty support, and the only way you can give this support is to come to all our home games and bring your friends with you. Above all, don't forget to come out in full force at the Columbia game November 30.

A preliminary contest between the freshman and one of the High School or College 1911 teams will take place at each game. The freshman this year have one of the strongest teams in the field, and it will be no surprise to see them make a clean sweep. The 1911 team will play the Central High School of Philadelphia, the champions of Pennsylvania, for inter-city honors on Lincoln's birthday.

NAT FLEISCHER, Manager.

Mr. Schulman of the Drawing Department is dangerously ill. A few days ago he was removed from the Post Graduate Hospital to a sanitarium up the State.

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The Microcosm.



TWO weeks ago, in discussing the interclass problems raised by the creation of February classes, we said that there was going to be trouble with regard to the part to be played by the class of February '10 in the publication of the *Microcosm* next year. As yet there has been no trouble, but

it certainly seems as if there ought to be some.

It is obvious that Feb. '10 should have some part in publishing next year's *Microcosm*; for when it is published the year following, the Feb. '10 men will be Lower Seniors, and therefore will surely have no part in it. Nevertheless 1909 is going merrily ahead with its preparations to publish the *Microcosm* next year alone and unaided. As far as 1909 is concerned, it is perfectly justified in so doing, but at the same time obvious injustice is being done to the Feb. '10 class.

Fortunately, to this particular inter-class problem there is a comfortable solution and one which has many advantages quite independent of its solving any inter-class problem. This solution consists in adopting the plan proposed by the editors of the 1906 *Microcosm*, that the *Microcosm* be published by the Student Council.

A student annual published, not by one class, but by the representatives of *all* the classes, would undoubtedly be of far greater interest to the student body as a whole. It would be truly representative of the College, and

hence might become a far more important factor in our college life than it possibly can be now. Lastly, a very material consideration, so much larger a number of copies would undoubtedly be sold that the price of the book (now little short of prohibitive) could be materially reduced. Besides, under this plan, the *Microcosm* would be edited more efficiently. Its editors, instead of being green hands in this direction, as they must now almost necessarily be, would be men who had been trained in the work by having previously served on the board in lesser capacities.

And last but not least, the adoption of this plan would give the student council *something* to do, which, all things considered, would be an unmixed blessing.

The Academic Herald.

As we go to press we feel inclined to laugh. The *Academic Herald* places before us a Knocker Number, the knocks being aimed at us and *The Prep*.

Of all the exhibitions of brilliant thinking and irrevocable logic that presented by an editorial concerning "Our Advertising Agents" is the limit. To comment would only waste space on a jumble of words that a sane editor would consign to the waste basket. With the page entitled "The Speculator" (a supposed burlesque on *The Prep*), it is entirely different. Would it not be more manly for our esteemed contemporary to help those new to the profession of college journalism instead of venting their fear of competition in a humorous page? Should not a paper that openly boasts of its willingness to give "sound advice and instruction to younger brethren in college journalism" be more charitably inclined toward the editors of *The Prep*, who are only C and B men at T. H. H.? We are not taking up the cudgel in defense of any paper, but it is well to let students know who are sham editors, seeking notoriety at the expense of others, and those who are not.

Competition is the life of trade and apparently good old Dr. Truth should be called in to attend the *Herald*, for the editors have grave fears for its life.

T. H. H. News.

T. H. H., 30; Stuyvesant H. S., 0.



OWNSEND HARRIS HALL gave Stuyvesant High School a sound thrashing at Ontario Field November 9. A good sized crowd say the contest.

Stuyvesant kicked to Dooley, who ran back about 20 yards. After a series of line plunges and end runs by Frank and Lear,

Dooley was pushed over the line for a touchdown. Frank kicked an easy goal.

Stuyvesant again kicked off. T. H. H. then worked several delayed passes and false kicks, and in about five minutes more Lear skirted right end for twenty yards and a touchdown. Frank failed to kick goal.

After the next kick off, T. H. H. worked the ball to Stuyvesant's five-yard line, where they were held for hours. Stuyvesant, on the first play, was pushed over their own goal line for a safety.

Again Stuyvesant booted the ball, this time to Lee, who ran it back to midfield. A forward pass, a series of line plunges and an end run by Lear placed the ball over the goal line. Frank failed to kick goal and time was up for the first half.

In the second half T. H. H. kicked to Stuyvesant. Line plunges netted first down, and at midfield T. H. H. held and secured the ball on downs. Steady plugging at the backs slowly forced Stuyvesant back until Lear was jammed over for a touchdown. Lear then kicked a difficult goal.

After securing the ball on the next kick off T. H. H. was held for downs. Stuyvesant could not gain and kicked to Wagner. Frank was sent around left end for 20 yards on a fake kick. Then Lear took the ball and slipped past right end. Reaching the five-yard line, he fell, and the ball rolled from his hands across the goal line. Wagner was on it like a flash and scored a touchdown. Lear kicked another very difficult goal.

At this point Pollak took Wagner's place, and Bruce supplanted Perlman. Stuyvesant then got the ball to

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Harris' four-yard line. Here they were held twice for downs, a drop kick was blocked and time was called.

Lear, Dooley and Wagner played a good game, as did the whole line, Lee in particular. Frank was a bit slow in starting with the ball, but otherwise he played good football.

Le Cercle Francais, of T. H. H., has been organized and is holding its regular meetings in Room 116 Thursdays. At the last meeting officers were elected.

Mr. Crooks, the famous Cornell football player, has been coaching the Prep team the past week.

Arrangements have been finally made by which students repeating Lower B Mathematics will recite to Dr. Smith, fifth hour, while those repeating Upper B Mathematics will recite to Dr. Pedersen.

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It has been found that Prep students are particularly careless with regards to text books, and hence, beginning with next term, the books of T. H. H. will have paper covers, like those now used in the public libraries.

Mr. William W. Whitelock, of the French Department, has just published his new historical novel, "When Kings Go Forth to Battle."

The T. H. H. Chess and Checker Club is certainly the most active and wide-awake society in T. H. H. Besides holding an open checker tournament and playing their scheduled games in the Inter High School Chess League, they have arranged games with Clinton, Columbia Freshmen and other chess organizations.

T. H. H. beat Ethical Culture on November 9 at chess by the score of $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ games. T. H. H. also runs a big chance of winning the Manual Training match played on November 8 and which was unfinished.

Frankel won first prize in the T. H. H. checker tournament, winning $19\frac{1}{2}$ games out of a possible 20.

The open chess tournament of the T. H. H. Chess Club will begin Wednesday.

We often hear some such opinion as the one below, but when it comes from such a man as Thomas Alva Edison it is worth while to consider it. He said this in an interview a few days ago: "What we need is men capable of doing work. We can't get enough of them. I wouldn't give a penny for the ordinary college graduate except those from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Those coming up from the ranks are a far sight better than the others. They aren't filled with Latin, philosophy and the rest of that ninny stuff."

Prof. Jenks on Trusts.

Prof. Jenks, of Cornell, lectured on the subject of Trusts before about 275 students of the College on Thursday last, and touched upon the following items: The relation of tariff to trusts, the effect of trusts on wages, the question of railroad rebates, overcapitalization, the relation of labor unions to the trusts. Prof. Jenks said that a large part of the legislation with regard to trusts had been unwise; and he advocated that in the future some method of closer supervision of trusts be observed.

A committee has been appointed to make arrangements for the indoor meet of T. H. H., which will be held in the early part of January.

It is thought that in the near future the present conflict between the faculty rules and departmental rules regarding the repetition of subjects in which the student is deficient, will be settled and that there will be one set of rules for advancement.

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