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"Just Jack."



YEAR by year, the dramatic talent of a new Sophomore Class makes its bow before our Microcosm in Carnegie Lyceum assembled. Each year, new embryonic Hacketts come forth as courageous heroes or heartless villains, and—is it possible that future prima donnas are to develop from the shockingly immodest Sophomores who play the women's parts? In one respect, however, the play given by the Class of 1911 last Friday evening, was a decided improvement over its predecessors, and to this improvement its success was in a large measure due. Instead of the usual modern English comedy which has been given in the past, the play performed this year was a real *American college comedy*. The advantage resulting from this choice was at once apparent. Instead of representing situations drawn from a sphere of life with which the Sophs have little in common, the play required mainly the natural ease of the college man in quite real surroundings. The diversity of costumes, which ranged from football togs to ball gowns, with the conventional fraternity room as an appropriate setting, resulted in a splendid scenic effect.

The plot of the play was simple. Jack, the hero, is represented as a champion football player and custodian of the funds of his frat. He is accused by Thurston Hall of having stolen \$500 from the treasury of the fraternity.

The real thief, however, is Frank Thornton, who uses the money to suppress a scandalous story which a "yellow" journalist is threatening to write about him. In order

to shield Frank, with whose sister, Eleanor, Jack is in love, he takes the guilt upon himself. Finally, however, the real culprit is found out. But, rather than in the plot itself, the real charm of the show lay, of course, more in the large number of character parts and the rapid, ever-changing action.

Profiting by the fortunate choice of an appropriate play, the acting added somewhat to the fame of Sophomores as great histrionic artists. The leading women, Eleanor Thornton as played by Abraham Koch and Anne Schuyler by Harry Weiss were very successful and Chester E. Frankel did justice to the leading role, Jack. In his part as the weak-willed Frank Thornton Max Greenberg showed perhaps the greatest skill of the evening. His was the most subtle and therefore the most difficult character in the play. Harry Greenberg, as the frat house matron, Mrs. Bone, did some very clever acting and talking, and her son, Thomas Edward, "l'enfant terrible," as played by Otto Kerpen, made a great "hit." Benson Storfer, in the double part of the chaperone, Mrs. Courant and the Swedish maid, Inga, was exceptionally delightful and amusing. In his case, as also in that of W. H. Fernschild, who made a very fine Catherine Stanton, nature is to be thanked for having provided an excellent girl's voice. A. Feldman, as Jack's father, was a remarkably good impersonation of an old man from the "backwoods," and indeed all the other characters were all that could be expected. Very good music was furnished by the College Orchestra, under the direction of Professor Samuel A. Baldwin.

One bad feature of the evening was the giving of yells between the acts by the different classes and frats. Everything has its time and place, and yelling which is proper at an athletic game, is altogether out of place in a theatre, let alone the fact that it interfered with the efforts of the orchestra.

The Soph Show was an unquestionable success and congratulations are due to the actors, to the coach, Mrs. Virginia Morgenroth, and to the Show Committee, of which S. L. Samuels is the chairman and S. M. Pike the business manager.

The cast of characters follows:

- Jack, a football hero.....*Chester E. Frankel*
- Frank Thornton, weak but not wicked....*Max Greenberg*
- Thurston Hall, who makes a mistake,
Nathan L. Lieberman
- Billy Holt, the inevitable freshman.....*S. M. Pike*
- Henry Warwick, a product of "yellow journalism,"
Leopold F. Praeger
- "Society Smith," one of the boys.....*Henry Green*
- Rodney, another*Benjamin Kramer*
- Summer, another*Philip M. Bernman*
- Hayden, another*Henry Stadler*
- Thomas Edward, "Tenfant terrible".....*Otto Kerpen*
- An Old Man, Jack's father.....*A. Feldman*
- Eleanor Thornton, who loves a man for his strength,
Abraham Koch
- Anne Schuyler, who loves a man for his weakness,
Harry Weiss
- Betty Carewe, who loves a freshman...*Joseph B. Lipschitz*
- Sally Middleton*I. Herbert Gordon*
- Catherine Stanton.....*W. H. Fernschild*
- Edythe Burnes-Jones, an impressionist from the
provinces*Milton Acker*
- Mrs. Bone, the frat house matron.....*Harry Greenberg*
- Mrs. Vanche, a chaperone.....*A. Kaufman*
- Mrs. Courant, another.. }*Benson Storer*
- Inga, the maid..... }
- Rooters, *H. T. Lewis, V. Mayper, S. L. Samuel,*
M. Fleisher.

Several members of our instructing staff have been pointed by President Finley as a committee whose it will be to promote a better understanding of the opportunities offered by the college preparatory department those students who intend to take the regular college courses. This committee will co-operate with teachers of the grammar schools.

The chess tournament was held. Frankland, Fra has lost but one-half a point. De V and Eolis are tied for fifth. Membership has been introduced as

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Address on "Business."

Mr. Lee Kohns, a City College alumnus and a member of the Board of Trustees, delivered an interesting and instructive address on "Business" before a fairly large number of students last Thursday afternoon. Mr. Kohns dwelt upon the essentials to success in the mercantile profession. He enumerated in this category hard work, concentration, thoroughness, thrift, tact, courtesy, dignity and sterling integrity. At the conclusion of his talk Mr. Kohns replied to a number of questions asked him by the students present and brought out some interesting points. To-morrow Dr. Joseph W. Bryant, president of the American Medical Association will take as his subject, "Medicine." Dr. Bryant will speak on the opportunities of a medical career and will answer questions on the subject.

The sixth annual dinner of the Mechanical Society of the College will be held at Schiffel Hall, Third avenue and 17th street, on Saturday evening, the 16th instant, at 6.30 p. m.

Chemistry Notes.

Last Friday, Dr. Virgil Coblentz, Professor of Chemistry in the College of Pharmacy, Columbia University, delivered a lecture on "The Pharmaceutical Chemist" in the Doremus Lecture Theatre. The lecturer for next Friday will be Professor Morris Loeb, who will speak on "Physical Chemistry."

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Professor Kahlenberg, Director of the Department of the Department of Chemistry, University of Wisconsin, lectured before our students in the Doremus Lecture Theatre, Tuesday, January 5th, at 12 m. The subject was "Separation of Crystloids and Colloids by Dialysis."

Professor Baskerville has placed about three hundred volumes of his private library in the Department Library for the use of the students.

ATHLETICS.

Swimming Meet.

About 200 persons, no small portion of whom was of the gentler sex, witnessed the first swimming meet of the season, which was held last Wednesday evening in our own natatorium. The surprise of the meet came in the 220-yard invitation swim, when Daniels, without any apparent effort, broke the American record of 2m. 32 1-5s., made by himself last winter, by almost three seconds. Norman Kohn, T. H. H., brother of Captain Kohn of our own swimming team, won the 75-yard novice rather handily. Both the C. C. N. Y. and Townsend Harris teams failed to qualify in the relay event. Richard Stern, of the C. C. N. Y. swimming team, came second in the 200-foot college event, inches behind Battles, of Princeton. "Bud" Goodwin, starting from scratch, swam a wonderful race and won by inches from Manley in the 300-yard handicap. There was also an exhibition game of American and English water polo.

The summaries:

75-yard novice—N. Kohn, T. H. H.; J. McAuliffe, Bath Beach; D. McAuliffe, DeWitt Clinton H. S. Time, 49 4-5s.

220-yard scratch—C. M. Daniels, N. Y. A. C.; J. Reilly, N. Y. A. C.; K. Schmitt, N. Y. A. C. Time, 2m. 30s.

300-yard handicap—L. B. Goodwin, N. Y. A. C. (scratch); N. Manley, N. Y. A. C. (51s.); E. Kelley, Bath Beach (60s.). Time, 4m. 48s.

200-foot college—W. Battles, Princeton; R. Stern, C. C. N. Y.; M. Simons and M. Liman, C. C. N. Y. (dead heat). Time, 43 2-5s.

800-foot relay handicap—Bath Beach (33s), with (Mullen, Stillwell, MacDusen, Rogers); Princeton (30s.), with (McLaughlin, Cross, Gosnell, Battles); N. Y. Swimming Association (33s.). Time, 2m. 56 3-5s.

Professor Downer gave a talk last Friday afternoon entitled "Through France on a Bicycle."

C. C. N. Y., 28; Lehigh, 21.

Bethlehem, Pa.—In order to demonstrate the fact that they can play on a strange court, the college team journeyed to Pennsylvania last Saturday night and defeated Lehigh by a close score. Both Streusand and Goldman acted entirely as if at home and took the liberty of shooting eight baskets between them. Heskowitz and Perlman played their usual strong guarding game. Lehigh also guarded very closely, thus rendering the game rough and spirited. Heskowitz made the first score of the game, being closely followed by Goldman. The Lehigh center then started scoring for the Pennsylvanians and the fight was on in earnest. The first half ended in our favor, 18-9.

Lehigh played a more aggressive game in the second period, but were unable to overcome our lead, the final count being 28-21. Street was the individual star for the opponents, scoring three times.

The line-up:

C. C. N. Y.—Streusand, r. f.; Goldman, l. f.; Kaplan, c.; Heskowitz, r. g.; Perlman, l. g.

Lehigh—Dayette, Cook, r. f.; Osbourne, Sterner, l. f.; Street, c.; Davis, r. g.; Kiefe, l. g.

Goals from field—Goldman (5), Streusand (3), Kaplan, Heskowitz, Street (3), Kiefe (2), Osbourne, Davis, Dayette, Cook.

Goals from foul—Streusand (8), Dayette (3).

Dual Gymnastic Exhibition.

1912, 23; 1911, 11

An exceedingly well-managed dual gymnastic exhibition by the Columbia and C. C. N. Y. squads was held last Saturday night in our gymnasium. Demonstrations of strength, agility and gracefulness on the side-horse, rings, parallel and horizontal bars, and in tumbling were the main features of the evening. By way of diversion a novel basketball relay, club swinging, wrestling, a basketball game and music were added to the program.

Our fellows excelled on the parallel and horizontal bars and in tumbling; but were notoriously weak on the rings. Columbia had a well-balanced team, among them our old

friend Kestler of last year's "gym" team. In the basketball relay the 1912 team ran away with 1911 on the first three trials, but by virtue of their lack of practice, the vanquished were given another opportunity and just managed to nose out the over-confident freshmen.

The tables were reversed in the basketball game, the freshmen winning rather easily. Every man on the 1912 team scored at least twice. Kaplan accomplished his purpose three times. For the 1911 aggregation Gorshen was the greatest factor.

The line-up:

1912—Kaplan, r. f.; Kaufman, l. f.; Mueller, c.; Friedman, r. g.; Parnes, l. g.

1911—Gorshen, r. f.; Lehner, l. f.; Solomon, Praeger, c.; Katz (1910), r. g.; Propper, l. g.

Goals from field—Kaplan (3), Kaufman (3), Mueller (2), Friedman (2), Parnes (2), Gorshen (2), Solomon, Propper.

Goals from fouls—Gorshen (2), Mueller, Katz.

Freshman. 26; Nyack Y. M. C. A., 17.

The Freshman team made its first out-of-town trip on December 29, when it journeyed out to Nyack and rather easily beat Nyack Y. M. C. A. The team had the game well in hand from beginning to end, and the result was never in doubt. Kaufman was the particular star of the contest, shooting most of the goals. Captain Parnes played his usual good game.

The Senior Society has planned a social function in honor of the faculty, the affair to take place on Saturday evening, the 16th instant, in the Faculty Social Room. The Seniors are thus returning the compliment paid them by the Faculty a short time ago on the occasion of a very successful reception.

Last Monday evening Prof. Baldwin gave the tenth free Public Organ Recital under the auspices of the American Guild of Organists before a large and appreciative audience in the Great Hall.

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"America at College."



AN interesting sidelight on American educational institutions, as viewed by a foreigner, is to be found in a book recently written by Robert H. Risk, a Scottish journalist. In his work, "America at College," he describes twelve of our representative universities and colleges, including the College of the City of New York. He also has chapters on "The Social Side," "Staff and Student" and "Some General Conclusions." The book is well written and enlightening.

Another recent book on the same subject treated with a different purpose is "The American College: A Criticism" by Abraham Flexner. Mr. Flexner complains that college students are for the most part lacking in spontaneous and disinterested intellectual activity, and that they are "slighty, superficial and immature, lacking, as a class, concentration, seriousness and thoroughness."

Dr. Brisco Honored.

At the December meeting of the Council of the Royal Economic Society of London, Dr. Norris A. Brisco was elected a Fellow. This is Dr. Brisco's second honor from abroad, as last year he was elected Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. These honors come partly from the favorable reception of his book, "The Economic Policy of Robert Walpole."

George Sylvester Viereck, '06, is now in Berlin, where he is being received in high intellectual circles with the honor due to a great poet. He was the chief attraction at a dinner given a few weeks ago at the Hotel de Rome, at which many notables, including ex-Ambassador von Holleben, Professors Schiennann, Brandi and Shott were present. Mr. Viereck expects to look up the Kaiser and tell him a few things about German-American relations.

The A. A. has recently adopted the suggestion of preserving photographs. Hereafter pictures of the various college teams will adorn the halls of the Gym. building. In due time there will perhaps be enough photos to fill up the empty spaces on the walls of the gymnasium itself. What with the old photographs presented to the College by the Alumni Association and the photographs of teams which the A. A. intends keeping, future generations will be able to know a little of the past history of the College.

The New York Conference of the Association of History Teachers of the Middle States and Maryland will hold a public meeting at our Twenty-third Street Building this Saturday morning. Professor Johnston will deliver the address of welcome, and Mr. William H. Allen, Secretary of the Bureau of Municipal Research, will speak on the subject, "Training for Municipal Citizenship." Professor Schuyler is the Secretary of the Executive Committee of this organization.

A meeting of the Newman Club will be held on Friday evening, the 15th instant, in Professor Herberman's room. Every member is urged to be present.

Faculty Dine.

Not to be outdone by the active freshmen, over fifty of our teachers had a dinner on the evening of December 22, thus forestalling by a single day the banquet of '12. It is a rather safe conjecture that the purport of most of the toasts was, "beat them to a frazzle" in the coming exams, or the more classic, "eternal vigilance is the price of"—flunking men. Mr. Whittaker, of the Chemistry Department, presided, and President Finley was the guest of honor.

Alumni to Meet.

Gen. Leonard Wood, of the United States Army; President Alderman, of the University of Virginia; Edward M. Shepard, chairman of our Board of Trustees, and President Finley will be the principal speakers at the Annual Dinner of the Associate Alumni of the College. The gathering is scheduled for the 23rd instant at the Hotel Astor.

Additions to Faculty.

Two new appointments to our teaching staff are announced: James Robert White, a graduate (Ph.B., 1893) of the Albany Normal College and A.M. and Ph.B. of the Illinois Wesleyan University, a former graduate student of Harvard, and a teacher for twelve years in the Albany Normal College, becomes a tutor in history. LeRoy Williams, a graduate of Hobart College, is appointed an assistant tutor.

Day Time Commencement.

While no definite action has been taken in the matter there has been considerable agitation among the Seniors in regard to the matter of holding commencement exercises in the daytime, instead of in the evening. One of the strong arguments advanced in favor of the change is that we now have our own Great Hall, the lack of which necessitated evening exercises in a hired hall. Those who favor the innovation claim great possibilities in the way of a commencement by daylight.

T. H. H. NEWS.

FRED S. BAILEY. Correspondent.

T. H. H., 9; Stuyvesant, 54.

It seemed one of Fate's curious reversals when Stuyvesant beat T. H. H. in basketball last Saturday night by exactly the same score by which Townsend Harris had defeated them in swimming a month previous. The disastrous score can be attributed in a large measure to the absence of Kostuck, on whose steady and consistent playing the rest of the team depended, and without whom they went absolutely to pieces. The foul rule also worked great havoc—18 fouls—and consequently as many points being called against T. H. H. The Stuyvesant men were in every case just twice as big and heavy as the home quintet. Stuyvesant commenced scoring at the very start and continued to do so throughout the first half, the score at the end of which was 33-5. At the beginning of the second period, T. H. H. braced for a short while, but was again overwhelmed by superior size and weight. In the preliminary game the Stuyvesant second team defeated the T. H. H. second team by a score of 31 to 23.

The line-up:

T. H. H.—Ampolsk, Ellner, l. f.; Harber, r. f.; Wolff, c.; Mackler, l. g.; Schulman, r. g.

Stuyvesant—Cavallero, l. f.; November, r. f.; Long, c.; Hoops, Nerrit, l. g.; Dowling, r. g.

Goals from field—Dowling (6), Long (4), November (4), Cavallero (4), Harber. Fouls called on T. H. H.—18. Fouls called on Stuyvesant—7.

The game with Boys' High, which was to have been played on January 2, was postponed at the request of the Brooklyn school. The Eastern District game has been protested because the second half, which should have lasted 20 minutes, was played over only 15. The protest will in all probability be allowed and the game played over.

The Townsend Harris relay, which was entered in the A. A. U. swimming meet on Wednesday, finished third in its preliminary heat inches behind the teams which won first and second places.

T. H. H., 23; Erasmus Hall, 21.

In a game fraught with excitement, which kept the spectators on pins and needles, Erasmus went down to defeat before the superior team work of T. H. H. The star of the evening was Miles, the 6 ft. 3 giant of Erasmus, who shot every field goal for his team—six in all. His playing was more than offset, however, by the work of Ampolsk and Harbor, both of whom made several sensational shots from the field. Wolf also played a fine game, shooting six fouls.

The game was very rough throughout. The Erasmus fellows fouling us again and again, which, however, the referee did not or would not see. In spite of this disadvantage our quintet put up a great game, and, unhampered by the new foul rule, showed just what they could do.

The line-up:

T. H. H.—Harbor, Schulman, l. f.; Ampolsk, r. f.; Wolf, c.; Kostuck, l. g.; Mackler, r. g.

Erasmus Hall—Scully, l. f.; Frost, r. f.; Miles, c.; Curtis, l. g.; Hawey, Katzenbogen, r. g.

A. A. Meeting.

On January 6, a meeting of the T. H. H. Athletic Association took place in the chapel. The meeting was called together for the purpose of voting on two amendments to the constitution, which are as follows:

(1) That the date for voting upon offices for the following term be changed from the first Friday of the following term to the last Wednesday of the present term.

(2) That the managers of the swimming and basketball teams be appointed members of the Student Council.

Both of the amendments were passed.

Mr. Geo. A. Daly has resigned from the faculty, having accepted a position to teach in the Cathedral School in this city.

The rifle team, under the supervision of Dr. Pederson, is practising three and four times weekly. The candidates are doing good work. The team that will compete in the high school contests will be picked in two weeks.

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