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ALFRED G. COMPTON.

FAREWELL YE COTANGENT!

(CLASS-DAY SONG OF '75.)

Air—"Villikins and His Dinah."

Farewell ye cotangent, cosecant, cosine!
All the joys of Ecliptics we now must resign;
In the sphere of the wide world we're going to soar,
And the old Equinoctial shall know us no more.

Chorus:

Right ascensions, declinations, zenith distances too,
With polar co-ordinates we're entirely through;
Our hard work with Compton is over and done,
And we don't care a (*) for the spots on the sun.

Heliocentric, geocentric and annual parallax,
Have stuffed our brains full with their horrible facts;
But fill up your glasses and all drink away,
And keep up your drinking for a mean solar day.

Chorus—

Occultations, eclipses and transits as well,
Have cast o'er our poor brains their magical spell;
But we've made a transit, from college are free,
And we leave every planet to its own majesty.

Chorus—

The moon is no longer an object to us,
For the transit of Venus we don't care a cuss;
Our fingers we snap in the face of the stars,
And we heed not Jew-peter, nor Venus, nor

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A high-contrast, black and white image of three fingerprints is positioned at the bottom left of the page. The prints are dark and show clear ridge patterns. The largest print is on the left, with a smaller one in the middle and a third, even smaller one on the right. The background is white, making the dark prints stand out prominently.

Friday, In the Great Hall.

The photograph we publish today of Professor Compton was taken in the Physics Department Office with the camera of President Finley by Mr. Jeffery. On Friday, in the Great Hall, an assembly will be held in honor of Professor Compton and of his fifty-eight years of service at the College.

Medicine.

Deploring the fact that so few College trained men are engaged in social work, Mr. H. Roswell Bates delivered an inspiring address, last Wednesday, on "Social Service." He stated that too many people seek only pecuniary gain in choosing a profession. The remuneration for men in the social service field is small and the sacrifices which must be made are sometimes enormous; yet the compensation which one derives from the knowledge that he is helping his fellow beings to lead cleaner, better and more cheerful lives, is worth more than money. Uneducated and untrained minds cannot work effectively among the masses. There is a heavy demand for College men to enter the field.

Dr. Joseph D. Bryant, a leading physician and former President of the American Medical Association, will speak today on "Medicine as a Profession." Professor Baskerville will act as chairman.

Freshman and Senior.

Owing to an unavoidable conflict in dates, the informal meeting arranged between the Senior and Freshman classes in the gymnasium has been postponed to Thursday evening. Every Freshman should take advantage of this opportunity to meet the upper-classmen and the Seniors should not miss this chance to become acquainted with the newcomers. Arrangements are being made to render the evening as pleasant as possible. Seniors, do not forget! Freshmen, remember!

Last week the College was visited by Mr. Seligman J. Strauss, '72, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Pennsylvania. Mr. S. Sakuragi who is inspecting the railroads of the United States also visited the College.

312 Years Later.

Last week, on three successive nights, our students under the supervision of the English Department presented Thomas Dekker's "The Shoemaker's Holiday," written in 1599. The rôle of Simon Eyre, the Shoemaker, was exceptionally well performed by Kohs '12, whose bellowing commands struck terror into the hearts of his journeymen, Chapman '14 and Ziegler '14. These beer loving apprentices, played their parts admirably. Margery, (Falk, '13), the loose-tongued wife of Eyre scored a decided success. "But let that pass." Rose, (Kummerle '14) was sufficiently charming to cause Rowland Lacy (Rotkowitz '14) to disguise himself as Hans, a cobbler, for the sake of his lady love. The pride of the journeymen, Sybil, (Hirsch '15) captivated the audience with her winsome smiles and her beauty led some to believe that her sex was not assumed. In the guise of "the angry mob" the Choral Society won applause for their singing of Elizabethan music, adapted by Professor Baldwin.

The success of the play can be ascribed in large measure to the efforts of the English Department committee composed of Dr. Taaffe and Messrs. Keiley, Coleman, Compton and Whiteside. Credit is due especially to Dr. Taaffe, who coached the entire cast for the performances.

Commencement Week Activities.

The class play of February 1912 has finally been completed. The modesty of the committee does not permit them to divulge the plot of the play but we have learned that the customary Faculty impersonations will be conspicuous by their absence this year. A call for candidates has already been issued and on Thursday and Friday the men will appear before Dr. Taaffe, who has kindly consented to act as coach. The numeral lights exercises, the Baccalaureate Address, Campus Day, Cremation Exercises, the class play and the class prophecy, will take place during the week beginning January 28th. The commencement exercises have been set for the evening of February 6th. The usual activities will be sup-

plemented by two innovations which should prove very successful. The policy of THE CAMPUS this year has been to weld the College classes more firmly together, to create better fellowship among the students and to establish sympathetic relations between the undergraduates and the instructors. This policy which is being reflected in the increased social activities at the College will find still further concrete expression in these two new undertakings of the Senior class. The graduating students will receive the Faculty informally in the Faculty room and will perform all the offices of hosts. The second innovation will be the participation of *all* the College classes in the Campus Day Exercises. Each class will be dressed in a fitting costume which will distinguish it from the others, and each will perform some ceremony indicative of its stage of academic development. Heretofore none but the graduating class has been interested in Commencement. Now that this first step has been taken to extend the sphere of activities to all the College classes, it is to be hoped that more and more functions of interest to all the students will take place, not only when a class graduates, but during the course of the year.

A Post Graduate Course.

Interest in College affairs does not cease with Graduation. In after years we yearn to know of the activities of Alma Mater. THE CAMPUS gives all the news, each week, of the students, the Faculty and of the outside relations of the College, and strives to set forth clearly the trend of student thought. Subscription rates are sixty cents per year, delivered at the College, and one dollar per year, by mail.

Menorah Activities.

Today, at 1.45, in room 219, Dr. Kohn will lecture on Jewish History. At 8 P.M., in room 209, Dr. D. de Sola Poole will address the meeting on "Food for Thought," a talk on the Jewish dietary laws. On December 28th, the Society will hold a smoker at the College. Members are requested to give their subscriptions to the Committee. Students who desire to attend will be welcomed.

ATHLETICS.

Crimson Succumbs.

They came, they played, but *we* conquered. With the blow of the whistle the excitement began. Those St. Lawrence fellows certainly could play! And they played us at our own game, at that. Like tall leaping devils, they traveled up and down the court, shouting, guarding and tackling with a speed that was amazing to behold. But hold on there, Steve! Our own darlings were there too, to assert themselves. And they did. The score, 19—18.

Several minutes of fast passing resulted in a goal caged by Zinovoy. This was the beginning. Propper, seeing the field open, attempted to dribble the ball down the length of the court but nothing happened. Rouge, playing like a streak, attempted shots that had our hearts in our mouths. However, none of his attempts were successful. It was time for George to take a hand or rather a shot again and he did. Cantfield, the auburn haired guard of the Saints getting the sphere under our basket, worked it down the field himself and shot a goal that was a beauty. The crowd was in an uproar. A fine pass started between Southwick and Propper ended in a spill. Both men tripped and fell. To show that foul-shooting was not his only speciality, our captain then took a chance at the iron-hoop and tallied. In quick succession, Calder and Lafferty of the Crimson warriors broke through the four-man guard of our team and scored. Kaplan, playing a strong guard game assisted both Southwick and Zinny to add four points more to our total. Twenty minutes of the fastest playing ever seen were finished. The black-board showed the score to be 12—7 with the Can-tonites at the short end. The spectators were hoarse but happy.

A brief respite followed. All welcomed it, for the strain was tremendous. Then at it again! This time St. Lawrence came up with blood in their eyes and on their shirts. Slowly but surely those tall fellows began to roll

up their score. Calder made a back-hand shot that was phenomenal. The noise was deafening. Southwick followed with one of his graceful shots, and duplicated it a few moments later. Lafferty shot a foul making the score 15 even. The strain upon both players and spectators became nerve-racking. The audience was on its feet, yelling like mad. Our boys were playing desperately. Fast play on both sides had brought the score to 19-17 in our favor. With two minutes to play, Lafferty shot another foul. Now was the time to hold them back! A goal in their favor meant defeat for us. We begged, implored, shrieked to our heroes to keep them from scoring. The ball was being forced towards our enemy's goal, but just then—the whistle blew! Pandemonium reigned!

Here, gloat over it:—

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| Zinovoy | R. F. | Calder |
| Southwick | L. F. | Lafferty |
| Kaplan (Kaufman) | C. | Griffin |
| Propper | R. G. | Cantfield |
| Friedman (Captain) | L. G. | Logan (Captain) |

Goals from Field—Zinovoy 3, Southwick 3, Friedman, Calder 3, Lafferty 2, Cantfield, Logan. *Goals from foul*—Friedman 5, Lafferty 4. *Referee*—Mr. Deering.

Remembering the defeat of two weeks ago, the Freshmen came back eager to atone for it. They only encountered some timid Seniors. The result was that they had some fine practice in passing and in foul shooting. "Doc" Cohen was the stellar attraction, shooting nine fouls. Feldman also added his little mite of three field goals to the general score. To show how much they feared Seniors, the second five men on the Freshman squad went into the game and still further aided in the scoring. Frank and Notarius of the upper classmen made two shots from the middle of the field, that earned them applause. The game from the standpoint of wrestling matches was a success. The final score was 25-9. The Seniors were underneath.

A large assignment of Philosophy Books has been received for the general library.

From Boston.

We make no distinctions! The Bostonese fall into the same category as the upstaters. Massachusetts Institute of Technology will grace our gymnasium this Saturday evening. They will assist us to usher in the Christmas vacation in a most joyous manner. Um! how our mouths water in anticipation of the double feast — one smacking of goose and sauce and the other of Boston beans and technology. They will take part in a "gamelet" entitled "How to Lose." The defeat will be administered in a most gentlemanly manner so that the high-brows from the city of educational institutions will hardly experience any remorse in their down fall. In the words of the prophetic sages. "They are going to lose because we are going to win."

Chess.

Unwilling to take the same dose that his fellow players received, Bassert of Stevens Institute forfeited his game to Lindholm. This makes our victory over the Jerseyites complete. Columbia has applied for admission to the league, and it seems that it will be admitted without any opposition. Rutgers College will be dropped. To tide over the weariness of the Christmas vacation our team will push the wooden images with the University of Pennsylvania checker-board schemers. Contests have also been tentatively arranged with Brown and Cornell.

Hail Columbia!

No! Cornell is not to be the first offering. Our water nymphs will first mingle in the deep with Columbia. January 5th of next year is the date set for the Blue and White's defeat (or perhaps vice versa). Last year, after we were beaten by the Morningsiders, our men vowed never to stop practising until they would be in trim to trim their victors. The time is come! The College awaits the first swimming victory. There is absolutely no reason why the team should lose. With an excellent relay team, with hundred and fifty yard swimmers that will break records, and with a P.S.A.L. champs for our plunger, the outlook appears rosy indeed. The new year will be started by a decisive victory over our neighbors.

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En Route.

John H. Finley, President.

My dear Sir:

We wish to impress on you the fact that the reception tendered to our Western Governors at the College of the City of New York was one of, if not the most cordial, received at any point and proved an extremely pleasant and agreeable occasion.

The Governors who had the honor of speaking at your College were especially delighted.

The conduct of your scholars made a distinct impression upon every member of our party. We have left New York with many changed ideas, feeling that we learned there more than we were able to teach, and our greatest lesson came to us within the walls of your great institution. You are doing something there which will live innumerable years, ultimately spreading in its good results over the entire United States, and we trust you will feel that you may always look for co-operation from the people of our western states.

With our warmest personal regards, we are,

Yours very truly,

(Sig.) JAMES H. BRADY,
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President Finley.

Last Monday, President Finley spoke at the Engineer's Club. Yesterday he spoke before the New England Society at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn. President Taft also spoke. This afternoon President Taft will lay the cornerstone of the building called the "Lighthouse," at East 59th, Street. President Finley who is President of the New York Association for the Blind will deliver an address. To-night, the President will speak at the dinner of the Automobile Club of America at the Waldorf Astoria; President Taft will be the guest of honor. To-morrow night the President will speak at the Beef-steak Dinner at Reisenweber's of the class of 1873. On the same evening he will speak at the annual dinner of the Instructors of the College at the Hotel Earlington.

Last Saturday night President Finley gave a dinner to the High School Principals in the Tower Rooms of the College. DeWitt Clinton, Commerce, Washington Irving Wadleigh and Morris, of Mahattan; Boys, Commercial, Manual Training, Girls, Erasmus and Bushwick, of Brooklyn; Bryant, Flushing, Elmhurst, and Jamaica, of Queens, were represented. The High School Committee of the College was also present. After the dinner the President and his guests went over to the gymnasium to witness the Basketball game between the College and the University of St. Lawrence.

In supplement form we are publishing to-day the schedule of examinations for this term. Schedule making for prescribed subjects is not an easy process and the large number of electives which must be taken into consideration render it an extremely difficult task. The Dean has prepared the schedule "for the greatest good of the greatest number" and this must be borne in mind by those who feel themselves hard hit.

The Upper Seniors, and all students who are now carrying a sufficient number of credits to complete at the close of this term the total required for graduation, are excused from recitations during the week beginning January 8, 1912.

Seminars. Papers, A Dinner.

The Natural History Department staff held its tri-weekly seminar at the home of Professor Winslow, last Monday evening. Drs. Scott and Butler read papers. At the seminar held last Thursday by the advanced Biology students, Mr. Edwards of the Department staff and M. Cohen, '12 read papers on the results of original research work.

During Christmas week Professor Winslow and Mr. Hilliard will journey to Washington, D.C., to read papers before the Society of American Bacteriologists, and Dr. Goldfarb will present a paper before the Society of the American Zoologists at Princeton.

The Biological Society will hold its third semi-annual dinner on January 4, 1912 at 8 P. M. in the Faculty Dining room. All members are requested to give their subscriptions to the committee before the end of the week.

A French Play.

The French Department in conjunction with the Cercle Jusserand will present a play in French this Spring. All students taking courses in the Department are eligible for positions on the cast and those who desire to take part in the performance must give their names to Professor Downer this week.

Mr. Gilbert Climard who was a year or so ago a member of the French Department, now at Brown University, has just published an admirable work on "L'Exotisme Américain dans la littérature française". This work will interest those who hope to read some day President Finley's lectures at the Sorbonne. The two subjects are very closely related.

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Notes.

Henry W. Fichen, '11, has been appointed Computer in the Coast and Geodetic Survey. It is reported that only two of those who took the examination to qualify for this post passed.

Dr. A. B. Keep of the Department of History, gave a lecture in Havemeyer Hall, Columbia University, last Friday afternoon, on "Libraries of Colonial New York."

The State Examination Board, in its constitution of the Committees for the preparation of the State Examination papers, has made Professor Mott a member of the English Committee, and has reappointed Professor Downer a member of the French Committee and Professor Baskerville of the Chemistry Committee.

Last Saturday evening the City College Club held its Yuletide Meeting. The question of a club house for the Club was discussed and the committee appointed to consider the curriculum of the College reported.

Mr. William English Walling, author of several Sociological articles, will lecture under the auspices of the Socialist Club on "Roosevelt's Socialism," this Friday at 2.45 in room 306.

Something New.

Last Friday, the first event of an innovation of the track department, an eight mile relay race, took place. It was a corking success! Our College Dorandos circled the track at a clip that vied with the six-day bicyclists.

They reeled off lap after lap; finally Siebern '13 passed Goldstein '12 and held the lead until the finish. The lung-test ended with 1913 (Conroy, Brown, Broeder, Siebern) in first place. 1914 (Levy, Wieder, Hirscher, Brandstetter) came in second, and 1912 (Frank, Groggins, Potash, Goldstein) took last place. The Freshmen, as usual, did not enter a team. There are plenty of events left, Mr. Freshie! Jump in and run your head off! This Friday at 4.30 the second event, a four mile relay race will tenant the track. On the first Friday after the holidays, the relay teams will try to break the record for two miles. On January 12th, the last relay race, one mile, will close the winter season's long-distance indoor events.

TOWNSEND HARRIS NEWS

BERNARD P. FINEMAN, Correspondent

15—10.

The Townsend Harris basketball team defeated that of Bushwick High School in a P. S. A. L. game at the City College gymnasium by a score of 15—10. Nudelman was easily the star of the game scoring more points than the entire Bushwick team. He shot five field goals and scored one point from the foul line. Schwartz and Hendricks, each shot one field goal. Locke, of Bushwick starred for his team, scoring seven of their ten points.

Townsend Harris has entered the recently-formed Inter-High School Hockey League. The squad will practise shortly at the St. Nicholas Rink. If you are interested or desire to play, see manager Broidow.

Two Places.

In the Stuyvesant High School games held at the Seventy-first Regiment Armory last Saturday night, Harris scored twice. In the half Mile Relay Race—Juniors, our team (Maclaire, Greenbaum, Kallman and Weisman) scored second place. Manual Training finished first and Stuyvesant came in third. In the Half Mile Run (handicap) Cohen, with a handicap of thirty yards scored third place for Harris. This race was the feature of the meet. With a field of forty rivals to pass, Lent of Stuyvesant won the event from scratch by a yard in 2 min. 4½ sec., breaking the indoor record of Whitney by 2½ sec. and the High School outdoor record made by A. Kiviat by four fifths of a second. Ballistier, Curtis, was second with a handicap of forty yards.

Last week the Swimming team showed its class by soundly defeating the Columbia Freshmen in a dual swimming meet by a score of 34—19.

On Jasper Oval last week, the Soccer team easily defeated the Stuyvesant ball kickers by a score of 5—0.

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