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A Tribute to Prof. Hibben.

In the two and a half years that Professor John Grier Hibben has been special Professor of Philosophy, he has endeared himself to his students as a man of broad and profound culture, and as a teacher whose lectures it is a pleasure to attend. Yesterday he delivered his last scheduled lectures at the College. As a token of their appreciation, the members of the Senior Class presented to Professor Hibben a beautifully wrought sterling silver traveling and desk clock. Professor Overstreet will assume charge of the courses in Philosophy, in February.

Our Recent Theatricals.

The performance of "Henry IV" given during the week of December 18, by our students under the supervision of the Department of English, afforded the New York public the first opportunity in years to see and hear Falstaff, the immortal Sir John. The rôle of Henry IV in which Berenberg and Berkson, alternated, was played with the strength and dignity which befit Shakespeare's ideal king. The knight of the "sack", as acted by Perlman and Ziegler, kept the audiences in convulsive laughter the greater part of the time. Perlman's portrayal, especially, drew favorable comment from all. Matlow's modern interpretation of Bardolph could not have been excelled by Panhandle Pete himself.

On the whole the presentation of the play was excellent, and this was in no mean measure due to the tireless efforts of Dr. Taaffe and the other members of the English Department's Committee. The cast acquitted itself creditably.

Another Success.

Of successful social functions of the College, only the recent Senior Dance can vie creditably with the Junior Promenade held in the gymnasium last Wednesday evening. No less than ninety gay couples gracefully danced to the merry music of the orchestra. The patronesses were Mrs. Baskerville, Mrs. Storey, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Ilgen, Mrs. Duggan, Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Kost, Mrs. Bruckner, Mrs. Saxe, Mrs. Redinond, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Holton and Mrs. Estabrook. Among those of the Faculty who were present were Acting-President Werner, Professor Ilgen, Professor Bruckner, Dr. Kost, Dr. Saxe, Dr. Stevenson, Dr. Otis, Dr. Feinberg, Mr. Holton and Mr. Tynan.

A very enjoyable feature of the occasion was the grand march led by Mrs. Kost and Professor Ilgen. Beautiful souvenir bill folds were distributed to all who attended. The "Prom" Committee deserve much praise for the success which met their ceaseless efforts to prove that the students will support a well-managed informal dance, and that such a dance *can* be made successful, financially as well as socially.

Seeing the College.

Last week scores of language teachers from all parts of the nation came to the College to attend the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Modern Language Association of America. Incidentally, the members of the organization took the opportunity to examine our excellent facilities for the highest order of undergraduate study. Many expressed extreme surprise and wonder at the fulness of the equipment with which a generous city had provided us.

The cast recently selected for the Varsity show will meet during the week preceding the new term, for the assignment of parts, and for a first reading of the play. Dr. Taaffe has not yet decided upon the piece to be given, but it is quite certain to be either Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer," or "Sheridan's "School for Scandal."

Schedules For Next Term.

The Schedule of Recitations for the coming term is now ready for distribution at the Dean's office. Dean Brownson asks us to remind students of the Lower Senior, Upper and Lower Junior, and Upper Sophomore classes, i. e. those who have filed elective cards at the office, of some details of the plan to be followed at this time: all such students are requested to make out their individual schedules at once, choosing the groups with which they wish to have their several subjects and determining whether they can include all the subjects listed on their elective cards. Students whose proposed courses prove impossible, either through the withdrawal of certain electives or because of conflicts, will report to the Dean's office, not later than January 10th, any changes they may be compelled to make; students who are not compelled to make changes are not required to report to the Dean's office at all,—they will simply obtain their registration cards on February 3rd, and then present themselves to the enrolling officers for enrollment in the various groups they may choose. In other words, *all* registration cards will this year be issued in blank, i. e. specifying subjects—but not groups, and all students will follow the plan of enrollment which has heretofore been followed for the lower classes only.

Copies of the schedule of recitations will not be distributed to Lower Sophomores, Freshmen, or "A" students until after the close of examinations.

Prof. Mott Honored.

Professor Mott was elected President of the Modern Language Association of America for the year just begun, to succeed Professor Brander Matthews, of Columbia University. Congratulations to our Professor upon the great honor conferred through him upon the College.

The College In The Crash.

While the president of the Northern Bank was criminally manipulating the funds of that institution, little was it suspected that deposits very intimately related to us, were being unscrupulously tampered with. It now appears that more than half the members of the instructing staff are depositors of the closed bank. Not only that, but the funds of the Student Council, the *1912 Microcosm*, and *The Quarterly* are similarly involved. This unexpectedly sudden tying-up of these funds will cause great inconvenience and even hardships to those of us who were "caught". It is encouraging, however, to note that the suspension of payment will not continue very long.

A Thrilling Rescue.

On Wednesday evening, December 21st, at Colaizzi's, a hundred Freshmen gathered at the "1914" Banquet. One meek, lonely Sophomore was present to add to the gayety of the occasion. But our "copy" is getting ahead of our story.

When all was set and ready, a report was circulated that Rosenfeld, '14, was languishing "in durance vile" at the home of one of the Sophs. Immediately a volunteer squad set off "to the rescue." At 135th Street the knights-errant accosted their captive classmate in the company of the foe, and after a brief parley he was surrendered. Then broke the war cloud. In the crowd of Sophs was discovered one who had shamefully broken his pledge to attend—not in the French sense—the Freshies' jubilee. It was too dark to follow the progress of the battle, but when peace was called, and casualties counted, a number of "Uppers" found themselves the prettier by those "blue-black orbs," of which the poets sing.

Then shifted the scene to lower Sixth Avenue again. The Sophs had followed the Freshies to Colaizzi's pass, and they ruthlessly determined to storm the stronghold of the enemy. But numbers favored "14," whereupon the Sophs called to their aid a soft-hearted policeman who bravely rescued the meek, lone Sophomore to break up what had been pictured to him as a veritable cannibal feast.

But the frolic of the Freshies was little disturbed and their spaghetti tasted all the better for their exertions. Shientag, '12, was the guest of the Freshmen. Frieder, '14, acted as toast master whenever he could make himself heard.

Phreno-Clio Debate.

The subject of the not far distant Phreno-Clio debate will be the graduated inheritance tax which is exciting such a widespread interest throughout the nation. Clio's team will consist of Budner, '11, Sohmer, '11, Rapp '11, while Schwartz, '11, Mantinband, '11, and Bernstein, '12, will champion the cause of Phreno.

ATHLETICS.

C. C. N. Y.—23. M. I. T.—12.

On Christmas Eve, before the basketball game began, all the visitors in the gym felt sorry for the City College team. They looked at the "Tech" players then at ours, then back again to the "Tech" giants, and half sadly shook their heads. They thought our team looked small and light and loose (whatever that means). What misdirected compassion and what poor judgment!

The team from the Bay State was heavier even than Yale's, and withal, as the writers say, they were beaten worse. Starting the game with the coolest and most supreme confidence they were not disillusioned until the second half began. The guarding of Propper and Friedman in the first half was very effective, although it did not prevent Schar from making a few goals from the center of the field and even beyond, which reminded us of the shots of Dave Perlman. The playing in the first period was mostly in "Tech's" territory, although they rarely broke through our guarding. It was this excellent guarding that forced them into those long, and, as it turned out, successful shots. The half ended 10 to 6 with our opponents at the better end. The visiting team, as it left the floor, smiled happily, and our team smiled wisely. (Moral: Always smile wisely.)

When Mr. Deering blew his mighty whistle for the second half, the City College five made their usual dramatic appearance in a change of costume, as the heroine does in the second act. But here the simile ends, for in the second act the heroine goes from bad to worse, while our *five* heroines (or heroes, if you will have it so) came out of a bad rut and in a triumphant succession of easily-made goals closed the act amid maddening cheers.

The close of the contest saw City College joyfully laden down with 23 points while "Tech" demurely bundled up her 12 points, put them under her arm and went back to the bean city

The line-up:

Parker,	L. F.	Mester (Ellner).
Schar,	R. F.	Gorschen.
Johnston.	C.	Heskowitz.
Crocker,	L. G.	Friedman.
Darling,	R. G.	Propper (Kaplan).

Goals from field—Gorschen (5), Heskowitz (1), Propper (1), Ellner (1), Schar (3), Parker (1), Darling (1).
Goals from foul—Friedman (7), Parker (2). Time of halves, twenty minutes. Referee, Mr. Deering.

Newtown—14; 1914—11.

In the preliminary to the M. I. T. game, our Freshmen gave the Newtown champions the first *real* game of the Long Islanders' season. It was nip and tuck from beginning to end, and it was only two baskets at the very end of the game that finally beat us. The Newtown men were excellent shooters, while the Freshmen did some brilliant passing. The first half ended 9—8 in favor the Long Island lads. The visitors did considerable fouling, while our men played a straight, clean game throughout. Rosenfeld at center, with a weak shoulder and a bad knee played a remarkable game. Captain Kostiuk guarded well and Ricca was in the middle of everything, fighting for dear life. Southwick, who played a fine game at forward against Boys' High, had been down with grippe (the grippe always comes *just* at the wrong time) and consequently was unable to help his team, except by cheering. The game closed with the score 14 to 11 with Newtown the victors.

Here's to the Clinton game on January 7th—for better luck and better playing. Let the defeat to Newtown be the only defeat of the Freshmen team.

Coach Palmer, of the basketball team, underwent an operation about two weeks ago. We hope that he is now, or will soon be back in his old form.

What wouldn't you give to see Coughlin against Schmidt in the 50-yard swim?

A New Record.

It is surprising how, on a Friday afternoon, after a full week of our much-abused curriculum, a crowd of over-worked students can assemble in the tank-room and become wildly enthusiastic over a swimming meet, or for that matter, over anything at all. The fact is that on Friday, the 23rd, the interclass swimming meet was "swum off" and the attendance was large and noisy. The feature event was Coughlin's performance in which he broke the College 50-yard record of $28\frac{1}{2}$ seconds, held by Kip Schmidt. The new record is $27\frac{1}{4}$ seconds. Fielding '11, of course, took the fancy dive and Stern '11 came out of his shell and won the 220. The class of '14 were the proud winners of the relay, which was composed of Hookey, Lahm, Otto and Nussbaum. But the Seniors rolled up the most points (27), while the Freshmen took second place with 24 tallies.

The results:

Relay: 1914 first, 1911 second, 1912 third, 1913 fourth. Time 3 min., $8\frac{3}{4}$ sec.

Fancy Dive: Fielding, '11 first, $99\frac{1}{2}$ points; Berman, '14 second, 95 points; Merryman, '11 third, 65 points; Kranz, '12 fourth, 56 points.

50-yard swim: Coughlin, '12 first; Stern, '11 second; Fielding, '11 third; Steigman, '13 fourth. Time $27\frac{1}{4}$ sec. (new record).

Plunge: Mayer, '14 first, $51\frac{1}{2}$ ft.; Kantsky, '13 second, 47 ft.; Steigman, '13 third, 40 ft.; Mayper, '11 fourth, 37 ft.

100-yard swim: Coughlin, '12 first; Otto, '14 second; Fielding, '11 third; Lahm, '14 fourth. Time 1 min., 14 sec.

220-yard swim: Stern, '11 first; Nussbaum, '14 second; Bischoff, '11 third; Liever, '14 fourth. Time 3 min., $20\frac{1}{4}$ sec.

January 7th—R. P. I.

As a bracer before the exams the Renssalaer game on Saturday the 7th will be exactly what you need. And then, you know, it's a pleasure to come up and see a winning team, and it's a double pleasure to have your

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Excelsior.



THE archæologist of THE CAMPUS recently unearthed a most interesting leaflet which was published, so intensive evidence would prove, in 1882. The purpose of the folder is not stated, nor have we found any who remember the exact occasion for its publication. By a great array of statistical data gleaned from the catalogues and reports of fifteen or more representative colleges, evidence is brought to show that in 1882, in the number of "hours of recitation per year," in the "length of terms," in the number of "hours of teaching per week", in the number of "hours actually taught per year," and in the "number of weeks taught," the City College, in most every case, outstripped all the other colleges by large margins. One deduction drawn is—"No college in any year of its course has as many recitations as the College C. N. Y."

It is to be added with pride, that we are *still* outstripping all other institutions of our kind in the particulars above mentioned. We say with "pride," advisedly; for, while other colleges are falling into disrepute for

the frivolity their loose curricula engender in their students, we are plowing our way through the seas of adverse criticism unscathed. Indeed, it is a question, whether we have not gone *too far* in the *right* direction. And it does seem to most of us, that our curriculum could well stand a slight reduction—not a reduction in its high standard, but a lessening in the amount of diversified work it attempts to draw from the students.

“A Chanct t’ be good.”

THE echoes of the Publication Day speeches are still ringing in our ears, thanks to the accoustics of the Great Hall, and thanks to the “higher criticism.” We recall very distinctly, for example, how a budding young editor of our neighborly tri-weekly declared that cheating at examinations was in large measure due to the severity of the curriculum, and in appealing for the mitigation of this severity, in order to make way for the Honor System, he said: “Give us a chance to be honest.”

It pained us not a little to hear so weak-kneed and spineless an apology offered for cheating. It grieves us even more that so boyish an argument for the Honor System, should have been made with the full editorial approbation of our godly-named contemporary. The appeal, for such it was as much as apology or argument, was reminiscent of the poor little boy whining pitiably for “a chanct t’ be good”. A student with even a pinch of manliness should resent an imputation such as this plea voiced, namely, that he had not the will-power and the sense of honor to be honest under *all* conditions. This, doubtless, is what one of our Yuletide well-wishers had in mind when he said, “I trust that in the new year, the students will have the chance to be honest in the presence of their teachers as well as in their absence.”

“A Walk . . . A Book . . . A Friend.”

The following cablegram from President Finley was read at the last Assembly in the Great Hall.

“Affectionate greetings to entire staff. Appreciation of loyal activities of Student Council. Best New Year wishes to all students. Usual vacation advice.”

With Our Chemists.

"Preparation of 'Known' Solutions in Qualitative Analysis," a paper by Dr. Curtman, was read and very favorably commented upon at the winter meeting of the American Chemical Society, held last week at Minneapolis. Dr. Stevenson contributed a paper entitled "Instruction in Physical Chemistry: Two Modifications." A novel part of the program was the reading of two papers on Qualitative Analysis, written by E. Frankel, '12, and P. Rothberg, '13. Dr. Curtman assisted and advised the students in their researches.

Text Books.

Mr. Anderson desires to call attention to the new method of returning text books. "Students will procure from the office blanks on which to list the books returned by them, and get receipts. When two or more books are returned at the same time, they must be tied together. Students who do not return their books, as required, will be sent at once to the Executive Council's office, and will not be permitted to proceed with their examinations without the Council's permission."

February 1911.

Pending the decision of the Board of Trustees to do away with February commencements permanently, the class of February 1911 is planning to hold its graduation exercises during the week of January 30th. The rehearsals of the class play, "The Stolen Skeleton," give promise of a very entertaining performance. Henry, as the leading man, and Jaffe, in the rôle of the leading lady, are sure to be the envy of Broadway stars. They will be ably assisted by a chorus who will sing compositions of the students. The Numeral Lights will be of a novel nature, consisting chiefly of very artistic fret-saw work. The Cremation Exercises will be held indoors, strange to say; while the scene of the banquet will be Murray's.

FOUND—at the Junior Promenade, a scarf pin. Loser is requested to communicate with THE CAMPUS office.

Alimentary Exercise.

PEPTIC DIGESTION — TRYPTIC DIGESTION.

Not the least interesting feature of the recent Biological Society's dinner was the menu which was written mainly in a chemical, biological and mathematical nomenclature. Herewith we print the "carte" with an official interpretation, in italics, of its unusual items.

H₂O Proteids Na Cl
(Soup)
 Section Muscle Bos Frontalis
 fixed in gravy solution
(Roast Beef)
 Solanum tuberosum *(Potatoes)*
 3.1416 *(Pie)*
 H₂O C₆H₈O₇ CoF₂E₂
(Water) (Punch) (Coffee)
 Nicotiana tabacum *(Tobacco leaf)*
 CO₂ Heat Ashes SO₂

After the dinner Dr. H. D. Pease, of the Lederle Laboratory, entertained with a most interesting and instructive illustrated talk, "The Fly". Those of the instructing staff who attended were Professor Winslow, Doctors Butler, Edwards and Scott, and Mr. Hilliard.

Freshmen and the "Mike."

Among the many freshman features of the 1912 *Microcosm* will be a beautiful photograph of the recent Freshman Banquet. Members of the Class of 1914 desirous of subscribing to the annual may arrange for convenient instalment payments, with David R. Bernstein, '12, Business Manager. Freshmen are also invited to make art and literary contributions to the annual.

On Thursday afternoon, December 22d, in the wood-turning shop of the Mechanic Arts building, Mr. Jeffery accidentally had his hand caught in the teeth of a fast revolving circular saw. We trust that the injured hand will soon heal.

On Saturday evening, December 17th, the Menorah Society held its first Smoker. Representatives from the Harvard and Columbia chapters attended.

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friend come along and see *your* team win. The tickets will be distributed in the usual way. Additional tickets are 25c. If you buy your ticket at the door, nothing less than 50c. will admit you.

Yale vs. C. C. N. Y.

On the first Saturday after the dreaded exams our swimming team will meet Yale in the first contest of the season. Our tank will be the scene of the mighty struggle. Kip Schmidt, our quondam star, will reappear, but with a large Y. where C. C. N. Y. used to be. Mr. Mackenzie, who has spent a vast amount of work on the swimmers, is confident that we are going to render an excellent account of ourselves. Remember—the 28th of January, Saturday evening—you and your friend.

The College at the I. A. A. C. Games.

On February 4th, while we're beating Tufts, a relay team composed of T. Dolan, J. Dolan, Groggins and Bischoff will represent the College at the Irish-American games at Madison Square Garden. The team is perhaps the best the College has had in years, and Captain Tom Dolan is confident of victory.

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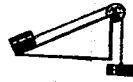
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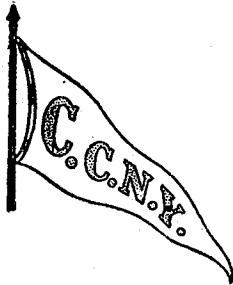
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