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Good and Welfare.



THE LAST meeting of the Student Council was the most important from a legislative point of view, held this term. A committee of upper Seniors and Freshmen were appointed to arrange a plan whereby representative Seniors can act as advisors to the Freshmen. A Senior advisory Board is in vogue in almost every university in the East. Such a system would benefit athletics and literary clubs and would help the social spirit in the College. New men would be brought immediately in touch with extra-curricular activities. Under present conditions, rarely does an undergraduate profess an interest in work not directly connected with the curriculum before the Junior year.

A committee was appointed to present the student's side in a booklet which Professor Horne is preparing. The booklet will be descriptive of the College in all its activities and its purpose is to attract students and incidentally to aid incoming men.

Open discussion under "Good and Welfare" resulted in three interesting movements. Committees were appointed to recommend to Dean Brownson that a general off hour be placed in next term's schedule, to arrange for a series of interclass debates and to draw up a list of student grievances to be submitted to the Faculty Committee on Discipline.

A matter which has long required attention was placed in the hands of a committee. This committee will supervise the embellishing of class alcoves and will arrange for the disposition of the decorations in the alcoves of graduating classes. An attempt will be made

to secure the banners of the classes which have graduated. The gymnasium is not overcrowded at present with trophies and we believe that the banners of graduating classes would do more service if suspended from the gymnasium track than if they were hung upon the wall of a student's room.

The following letter was sent last week to Professor Compton by the Faculty!

PROFESSOR ALFRED G. COMPTON,

Dear Friend and Colleague:

We who have been associated with you as members of the Faculty of the College of the City of New York deem it fitting to express to you our heartfelt regret that you have severed your official connection with us. A few of us are of your own generation and have labored side by side with you through the half century and more you have devoted to our beloved college. Others among us were once your pupils, and have continued to respect you, to admire you and to value the inspiration of your personality quite as much after reaching man's estate as during the days when they were seated on the benches before you. Others again have come to this Faculty from other institutions, and they too have learned to admire you and to love you and to realise that during the long period of your service you were a veritable pillar of strength in the upbuilding and the upholding of this College. We would not praise you overmuch, for we know your modesty, yet we must tell you at this moment of parting that your colleagues have ever looked upon you as a representative teacher, as a founder and exemplar of the tradition that gradually came to be established in your Alma Mater, the tradition of fine, effective teaching; the younger men among us have always looked up to you as to an ideal, and if they can carry on the work after the pattern you have laid down, if they can even partially equal your devotion to daily duty and your love of the College that inspired that devotion, you and we may all be sure that the fair fame of the institution is safe for another generation.

On the occasion of your jubilee a song was sung wherein you were called "our competent Compton". Our Alumni liked the jingle of the syllables, but they knew the epithet was in the highest sense deserved. You have the inalienable satisfaction of knowing that the Alumni of this College have ever looked upon you as extraordinarily competent, able and efficient. And this efficiency

was not of a narrow sort; you have been a master of your own specialty surely and a master in presenting your subject to the students, but we all know how thoroughly you have mastered other subjects, how wide your outlook has been, how varied your knowledge, how enthusiastic your interest in all the things of the mind.

We, your colleagues, regret that we must forego your wisdom and your calm good sense in our deliberations. Our Faculty seems greatly changed without you. In truth the College will never seem the same to those who have known you longest and best, so thoroughly you have been a part of it.

In bidding you God speed we would not merely speak words of admiration but of genuine affection. Our regret at seeing you withdraw from among us is tempered by the knowledge that you will be near us, and by the hope that you will come back to us frequently. We offer you our heartiest good wishes. May you enjoy the rest you so richly deserve, may you have pleasure and profit in the studies you will surely pursue, though we trust with diminished zeal.

Bare indeed it is for a man to serve one cause so long. Bare must be his reward who knows in his heart that during all the days of a very long career he did his utmost, living in every hour up to his highest ideal. Deep must be his satisfaction to know that a host of friends have appreciated him and his effort, have been benefited by him, have caught through him a vision of the best and noblest things of life, and stand ready to bear witness to his success. These rare and deep things are yours, May they bring you joy for years to come.

Very sincerely.

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Public Service.

Last Friday afternoon President Vincent of the University of Minnesota visited the College and addressed a large audience in the Physics lecture room. He said that the obligations of the students of the City College are analogous to the duties which the students of State Universities owe. Public Service for the good of the community is what we should strive to effect. State Universities and Municipal Colleges are based upon the philosophy of social service. A graduate must not seek primarily personal success in the competitive world; he must think of himself in relation to society.

A Public Apology.

In accordance with the ruling of the Student Council, Philip Germansky, '14, who was suspended for two weeks, has written a public apology to the four Freshmen whom he hazed. He regrets the ungentlemanly treatment which he accorded them and is exceedingly sorry for his unseemly conduct. Germansky has been deprived of his office of President of June 1914 and will not be permitted to participate in class or College functions for a period not less than one year. The Council is to be congratulated upon the unprecedented case of unwarranted behavior on the part of a member of the College. George Gottlieb succeeds him as President of the class.

Help Wanted.

A temporary employment bureau has been established at the College by the Faculty Employment Committee. As soon as sufficient funds will be secured from the Alumni, a permanent department will be instituted. Already several students have secured jobs. A list of positions which are open to students is herewith appended:

Several young men for the last three weeks in December. — A young man to sell electric specialties, odd hours. — A young man to take up a Life Insurance business at odd times. — A young man with experience as billing clerk. (Full time.) — A young man to call on various users of drawings and illustrations, and show samples. — A young man with executive ability to establish a new department of pressclipping bureau on half the profits. — A young man to handle an agency in the College for a firm which is advertising in THE CAMPUS. — A young man in College to assist in caring for an established business. — A young man of refinement, as a tutor. — An office boy. (Full time.) — A young man with some knowledge of bookkeeping, who is a good writer, and good at figures. (Full time.)
 Make applications at the Employment Bureau, Room 305 A.

All cards containing the choice of electives must be returned to-day in the Dean's office, Room 121.

ATHLETICS.

Swimming Meet.

In the near future, interclass swimming supremacy will be decided. The four classes will swim it out in the pool on the afternoon of the eighth of December. No admission will be charged. The winning class will be given a banner, donated by *The Mercury*. All of the classes should have a merry struggle for this trophy. 1912 will try to win another banner before they leave, 1913 will endeavor to repeat its victory of last year, and 1914 and 1915 will attempt to show what they can do. The regular intercollegiate program will be carried out—i. e. 50, 100, and 220 yd. swims, plunge, fancy diving contest and an interclass relay. The winner of the relay gets eight points, second, five, third, three, and last gets nought. The other events count 5, 3, 2 and 1, for first, second, third and fourth, respectively. Every class has a fine chance of carrying off the banner, and the various athletic managers should get busy digging up material. Hand your entries to them, and do it in a hurry.

Seniors Win.

1912 defeated 1913 last Friday afternoon in the gym, by the score of 18—9,—Isaacson played for the Juniors. He played centre against Novotny, who used to play in Sweden when he was a small boy. This blond lad succeeded in holding the tall Captain of the "13" team, and shot two pretty goals against him. Everybody on the Senior team took a hand in the shooting—Novotny 2, Notarius 1, Waldman 1, and Gottlieb, who played the last few minutes, *three*. Notarius and Novotny were the heroes for 1912, Sorrin, Nessler and Isler played well for the men who graduate in 1913. Isler made one shot which caused the house to warm up and applaud. Nessler's foul shooting was the feature of the game,—he is a future Rouge. The latter, by the way, referred. 1912 and 1914 are now tied for the championship and will decide the supremacy Friday afternoon in the gym. 1913 is last with no wins and two defeats to their credit.

"Mac" Tells Us That.

When the call for candidates for the Swimming and Track teams was made many names were pledged, but when practice was announced but few men reported. These fellows show a lack of spirit that is a discredit to themselves and to the college. Our defeat by Columbia in the crosscountry run was owing to the small amount of practice done by our men. Many refused to do the work asked of them. A great hue and cry was raised by the swimmers at the delay in the opening of the tank. During this period over thirty names were registered in person, and at the first call for practice four men reported. To date there has been no organized work and with the prospects better than ever before, the success of the team depends entirely upon it. We must have a squad of men who will be willing to come out for regular organized practice—who are satisfied to work, and work hard. Unless the response to the calls of the coaches and Managers for practice greatly improves, we can predict that in the near future athletic competition will be confined to interclass only.

1913-8; 1914-18.

The Juniors and the Sophs played the first game of the Interclass Basketball Tournament. The first half ended with the upper Classmen at the short end of a 10-4 score. The loose guarding of the losers was the cause of their downfall. The second half of the game showed a marked improvement in the passing of both teams. '13 could not overcome the lead of '14 and was forced to swallow an 18-8 pill. Kaplan and Hellner played well for the Juniors. Kramer '14, although knocked out, resumed play and showed himself a heady youngster.

Organized team practice, both swimming and water-polo, is held twice per, on Mondays and Friday sat 4.30 p.m. Anybody failing to appear at these sessions will be dropped. Less than a month is left before the Cornell meet, and our Coach cannot concern himself with men who come out one day and who do not put in an appearance on the day following. Coach Mackenzie also wants several men, fat men, to come down for the plunge.

The Freshman Squad.

Judging from the manner in which the Freshman squad is rounding into shape under the direction of Coach Williamson, the preliminary games to our stellar attractions, should prove unusually interesting. Frank Cohen and Sappo are certain to perform well. "Doc" Cohen (the chubby bonesetter), Luft, Wirklich, "Gym" Spiegler, Feldman and others will assist them. Practice is going on merrily and Coach Williamson is confident of turning out a "no-defeat" team. The strong Newton team is scheduled for the first game and Christmas eve. Stuyvesant will trot across the slippery floor, run around, try a few shots, and depart with shattered hopes. The 1915 aggregation will make a trip to Ossining — not to remain there — but to play Mt. Pleasant Military Academy. The husky youngsters promise to make it decidedly unpleasant for their friends on the Hudson.

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Getting at the Facts.



CONSCIENTIOUS reformers always make a complete analysis of the conditions they are trying to better before they recommend or apply remedies. This is exactly what the curriculum committee of the Student Council is doing. It is investigating the symptoms of the curriculum situation at the College.

Further than this, it has absolutely no aim but to gather the facts as speedily and as thoroughly as possible. When the facts will have been collected and arranged, all petty considerations eliminated, and a complete study of the findings made, then and only then, will the committee recommend specific remedies.

With this in mind, speculations as to the present purposes and aims of the reformers are evidently useless. Will the reform be in the direction of technical courses, of less stringent requirements, of a reduced curriculum? No one is competent to say, just now. No one knows. The committee is carrying on its work commendably. By the end of this month, it expects to have completed its investigations. The students should await the results with patience.

Journalism.

Before an audience of two hundred students Mr. Jenkins discussed the general principles that govern the choice of a vocation. The History Lecture Room was taxed to its utmost capacity and many who came later were turned away. Mr. Jenkins said that three factors must enter into one's life work if it is to be satisfactory: It must afford a livelihood; it must give an opportunity for the maximum work of all one's powers, and it must be a genuine contribution to the world's life. Life-work, he said, divides itself into two divisions according to the qualifications of the individual: the professions and business. In the former class belong those who work best as individuals and in the latter class those who are most efficient when they work in combination. In closing Mr. Jenkins discussed three important factors which should govern the choice of a vocation: health, relationships and considerations of greater importance than money. President Finley made a few introductory remarks and remained throughout the lecture.

To-day Mr. Shepherd A. Morgan, of the *New York Sun*, will speak on "Journalism." The fact that one is not inclined towards Journalistic work should not act as an incentive to stay away. Perhaps you possess, without being aware of it, just those qualities which Mr. Morgan will discuss.

The General Tremain History Prize.

The subject of the essays for the History prize this year is the causes, conduct and conclusions of "The great Civil War in the United States. Prizes are awarded to the two best Essays: \$150 for the first, and \$50 for the second. Competitors must be enrolled members of the Senior or Junior classes. The essays must be handed in to the Secretary of the Faculty not later than noon, April 15, and the award will be made not later than June 15th. The Essays must be type written and not contain less than five thousand or more than eight thousand words.

Professor Reynolds will be pleased to confer with eligible students about the requirements and conditions of the contest.

Professor Winslow.

Professor Winslow has been appointed Chairman of the High School Committee during the absence of Professor Le Gras. This Committee has done excellent work in the past two or three years, as is evidenced by the fact that there is a large and continually increasing number of High School students in the College.

Professor Winslow was invited by the New York State Factory Commission to give expert testimony on Ventilation and Dust Removal in manufactories, Last week he spoke on the subject before a public hearing at the City Hall.

On Friday, Commissioner of Accounts Fosdick will lecture on "The Meaning of the Budget Exhibit," in Room 126 at 1.10 p.m. Commissioner Fosdick is one who is best qualified to explain the Budget and his twenty-minute talk will prove most interesting.

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The Shoe Maker's Holiday.

The entire cast for the Elizabethan play has been chosen. The play will be performed four times, December 12, 13, 14, 15. Townsend Harris Hall students will be given the first opportunity to witness this excellent comedy. The other performances will be given in the evening in the Townsend Harris auditorium for the College and general public.

Professor Morris Loeb has presented the Wolcott Gibbs Library with a handsome life size bust of Count Rumford, a duplicate of the one in Rumford Hall at the New York Chemists Club.

In Brief.

The assistant librarian was withdrawn until the first of January next, when a permanent man will be appointed. In the meanwhile Mr. Bliss will be assisted by some of the Fellows.

The Newman Club sent a letter to Archbishop Farley congratulating him upon his election to the office of Cardinal.

Philip Curoe is now acting President of the Club. Thomas Dolan who resigned the office is studying Theology at Fordham University.

Mr. Hyman Segal, Editor of the Maccabean will address the members of the Menorah Society to-night at 8 p.m. in Room 209. His theme will probably be "The Prophets."

On Saturday night the class of 1908 will dine at the Café des Beaux Arts. Dean Brownson will be the guest of honor.

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Nussbaum Wins.

Last Wednesday afternoon our swimmers competed in a 75 yd. swim—a sealed handicap affair. Nussbaum, '14, with four seconds handicap finished first, McGrath, '14, also with 4 seconds allowance was second. The rest of the leaders finished as follows:—Third—Riemer, '15, (10 seconds); Fourth—Rogers, '15, (scratch); Fifth, Eisele, '15, (one second), and Sixth—Steigman, '13, with seven seconds lead. Riemer, an unknown, created a surprise in his heat by finishing ahead of Israel, one of our veterans. To-day, a two-length sealed handicap swim will be held in the Pool. Time—1 o'clock. Come up—You're welcome.

Dismayed at the prospect of being the first victim of our team, Trinity College has decided that Basketball is too rough a sport and has abolished the game for this season. Our Basketball Manager, however, has practically closed negotiations with the strong University of Maryland quintet to come here on the second day of December, 1911.

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A Record.

On November 11th, more than four hundred loyal Harris men braved the terrors of an unexplored land, and crossed over (or rather under) to Brooklyn. The occasion was the Boys' High-Harris soccer game. Never had so many men come out to cheer a Harris team when playing outside of Manhattan.

The contest itself was 'the best of the season. The Boys' High team, the champions, played a fast game and scored the only goal of the first half. In the second period, however, the splendid team work of our men began to tell. Donovan, Duffy and Shanholt each shot a goal, while our back-field held Boys' High scoreless.

The Executive Council of the A.A. has appointed a Committee to arrange a schedule for an Inter-Class Soccer series. Judging from the interest which is being shown in this sport, the series should prove as successful as the baseball series held last Spring. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams.

History and Debating.

To promote a fondness for the study of History, to promote friendship and a social spirit among its members, a Townsend Harris History Club, under the direction of Dr. Shapiro, has been founded. The club meets every Monday at 2.30 p.m.

Another Society, the T.H.H. Debating Club, has been formed with the aim of improving the speaking and debating abilities of its members.

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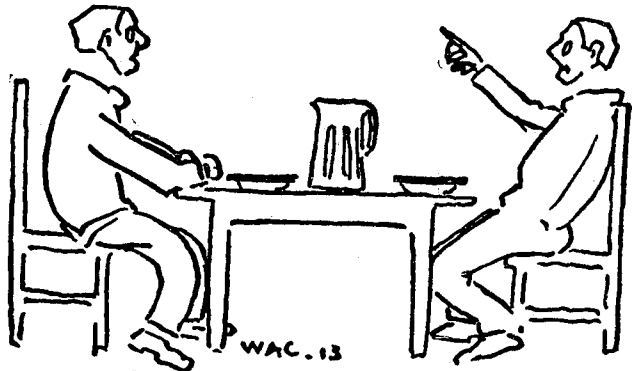
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