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Last Year's Work.



THE MOST successful term, from a legislative and executive standpoint, the Student Council has ever had, was last year under the presidency of Mr. Stephen K. Rapp, extracts of whose report we publish below.

The Library investigation directed attention to the necessity of installing a new and modern cataloguing system; to the short period the library is open for circulation and above all to the necessity of devising a method of bringing the department libraries in close touch with the central library. The Council undertook to present a liberal and carefully studied student viewpoint of the curriculum. The report is now in the hands of the Faculty for consideration. A thorough investigation was instituted in the lunch room and the two requests embodied in the report were granted: that the caterer in charge (Mr. Codington) be removed; and that the lunch period be extended from twenty nine minutes to one hour. A "Lost and Found" bureau was established and the immediate success which followed its installation proved that a long felt want had been satisfied. This bureau is also taking charge of the personal mail of the students. The "Mike" was published with great success and the appearance of the concourse was improved by the assignment of space on the large bulletin boards to the various organizations. A rare phase of the Council's work was the adjustment of a financial dispute between a student and an association connected with the College.

Mr. Rapp's report concludes with an enumeration of various minor activities which the Council engaged upon.

Student Council.

Last Thursday afternoon the Student Council convened for the first time this term. After spirited discussions, the following officers were elected: President, Solomon E. Perlman, '12; Vice-President, Samuel Siegel, '12; Secretary, Louis Prashker, '13; Faculty Treasurer, Professor Charles A. Downer. The spirit and the vim which characterized the meeting speak well for future activity. Professor Overstreet, who came to us from an institution where the Student Council has complete control of undergraduate matters, including discipline, was an interested visitor. As an appreciation of the debt which the student body owes the late Mr. Shepard, a committee was appointed to purchase a memorial token. Several committees of last term reported and the Curriculum, Employment, Library and "Lost and Found" committees were re-appointed. The Council by its excellent work last year has gained the respect of the student body; and by the earnest and determined position it has assumed in student activities, must inevitably gain the hearty co-operation of the Faculty.

Indigestion Cured.

There have been so many cases of indigestion owing to students eating their lunch immediately before taking their prescribed gymnasium work, that Professor Storey has changed the hours of attendance of some of the classes. Hereafter classes scheduled to report at 1:45 will commence at 1:10 and will be dismissed at 1:38. Let us hope that this will save the students' stomachs, even if they suffer the pangs of hunger for a short time.

"Lost and Found" Bureau.

All articles left last June in Townsend Harris Hall and Main Building lockers will not be returned to owners after to-morrow afternoon when unclaimed articles will be confiscated. The bureau will be open every morning from 8.15 to 9 o'clock and during the lunch period.

Lectures.

Below, we are printing the titles and places of lectures which several of the instructing staff are delivering in the city schools. Several departments place themselves at great pains to secure prominent men to lecture here. From time to time we shall make note of these and other lectures which we believe may interest the students. A good lecture will oft times save hours of reading.

Professor Charles F. Horne — beginning October 2nd a series of twenty eight lectures at Morris High School on "The Development of Fiction."

Professor Guthrie — beginning October 6th twenty-eight lectures at Wadleigh High School on "American History."

Professor Clark — eight lectures beginning Nov. 11th at Cooper Institute on "Pressing Public Problems."

Professor Mead—six lectures beginning October 7th on "Epochs of History" at P. S. 184, 116th Street and Lenox Avenue.

Professor Ball—beginning Oct. 11th, five lectures at P. S. 102, 71st St. and 2nd Ave., on "The Times of the Roman Emperors."

Professor Thompson—beginning October 10th, five lectures at 135th St., library on "American Ideas and Ideals."

Dr. Robinson—beginning Nov. 13th, five lectures at 96th St., Branch Library, on "Great American Authors."

Dr. Estabrooke—eleven lectures at P. S. 147, Siegel St. and Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn beginning Oct. 6th on "Inorganic Chemistry."

Dr. Breithut—beginning Oct. 7th, eight lectures at St. Bartholomew's Lyceum Hall, on "Chemistry of Common Things."

Dr. Klapper—five lectures beginning Oct. 11th at P. S. 58, Queens on the "Industrial Revolution in England."

Mr. Schoen—beginning Oct. 5th six lectures at P. S. 27, on "The History of Art."

Professor Sait of Columbia delivered a lecture before the Civic Club yesterday afternoon.

Class Elections.

While the "Primaries" were being held in the city, our own politicians were busily engaged securing votes for election. All week long the standing question was "Whom are you going to vote for?" The answer is published herewith:

February 1912—President, Julius Drachsler; Secretary, Benjamin Birnbaum; Treasurer, Louis Hayman; Athletic Manager, Edward Sanders; Marshal, Hugh Mahon; Prophet, David Bernstein; Poet, Robert Whitford; Student Councillors, Virgil Bopp, William M. Finger, Harry Levitt, Solomon E. Perlman.

June 1912—President, Simon Cohen; Vice-President, Morris Cohen; Treasurer, Benjamin Frumberg; Secretary, Isidor Nanes; Athletic Manager, Sol. Frank; Marshall, Samuel Levy; Poet, Mark Frackman; Student Councillors, S. Ginsburg, Phillip Leiboff, Joseph Raywid, Samuel Siegel.

February 1913—President, Glassenberg; Vice-Pres., Nessler; Secretary, Steiner; Treasurer, Shovit; Athletic Manager, M. Cohn; Student Councillors, B. Newman, L. Mutterperl, L. Prashker; Editor "1913 Mike," Max Lieberman; Business Manager, "1913 Mike," S. Netter.

June 1913—President, Thomas Schiff; Vice-President, J. C. Noethen; Treasurer, S. Soons; Secretary, Francis R. Dieuaide; Student Councillors, James, Ed. W. Stitt Jr., Emanuel A. Obstfeld; Historian, L. Gollomb; Athletic Manager, A. B. Thomas; Marshall, D. Summerfield.

February 1915—President, H. Feldman; Vice-Pres., M. Boskowitz; Treasurer, B. Flaum; Secretary, B. Meyerowitz; Marshall, Siegel; Athletic Manager, Salzman; Student Councillors, M. Slavin; Class Poet, L. Mones.

June 1915—President, L. Edwards; Vice-President, B. Margolis; Treasurer, Singer; Secretary, C. Shaffer; Student Council, H. Zorn; Poet, L. Kurtz; Athletic Manager, F. Merckel.

Professor Werner who was residing on West 29th St. since 1869, has removed to 72nd Street and West End Avenue.

ATHLETICS.

How it did pour! On Friday, when the SENIORS were to tackle the faculty, the "wise men," just when we expected to hear Pop Tisdall cry "Play Ball," Jupe Pluvius rushed down upon us and prevented the fracas. The 1912 team had been practising for two whole days, and were prepared to do their worst. Hughey (Swiftly) Mahon, on third base was dribbling the ball as good as even the best basketball player, while "Gaius" Schwartz, southpaw, was throwing the ball all over the lot. Harry Levitt hit the sphere as far at the great "Swat Milligan" ever did, and when we left the sward, Harry was still running. Of course the Faculty should not be forgotten. General Holton had his charges working hard all through the practice sessions. Fuentes, Burke, and the rest worked real hard and it is a shame that we were disappointed. The Faculty were doing well in practice and Prof. Johnston was already advising the General in vivid terms (and with gestures) how he should train his battery upon the inimical Seniors in this important struggle for land supremacy, when rain butted in. Here Prof. Storey interrupted the proceedings by inviting everybody on both teams to "take a shower bath."

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Dear Sir:

The prospects for a good water-polo team are very bright. All of the old men are back; added to these I am pleased to announce that Alperin, '12, and Rogers, '15, will probably play, and should put up a tough struggle for their positions. Pruzau, '14, seems to be possessed of his usual strength. Phillips and Kemmerer, both '15, look as though they are fit to demolish anything above, below and *in* water; and with Nussbaum, '14, and the writer back at their old stations, there is no reason why, after diligent practice, we should not be able to hold our own against any team.

Very sincerely,

D. D. LEVINSON.

Track Talk.

The call for track candidates has resulted in the response of nearly all of last year's flyers. Many new men have reported to Coach MacKenzie, making our prospects for a victorious season unusually bright. With such men as Dolan, Bogen, Fensterblau, Siebern, and Broeder to choose from, a fast relay is a foregone conclusion. Our cross-country team should make a very favorable showing at the intercollegiate championships this year as our hill and dale chasers are better than ever. The Fresh-Soph meet, which will be held shortly, will bring out our new stars. An interesting innovation in track history will be the next interclass track meet. One event will be contested each day during the lunch period. This will be convenient for everybody—Athletes and rooters.

PHIL GROGGINS.

A Surprise.

The track manager has received a communication from Columbia. Yes! a real one. We are invited to take part into a dual cross country run sometime during the fall. It may seem strange to some of you, that Columbia should *condescend* to meet us. For some time past Columbia has refused to pay the slightest attention to our requests for games. Yes it is true, we had a swimming meet with them last season, but it was not their fault.

In basketball, in baseball in gymnastics and even in chess they have steadfastly refused to recognize us. But now, we hope that this *kindness* will continue, and that they will meet us, not only in track and swimming, but even in basketball. Thanks Columbia.

How To Pass "Maxwell's".

Fellows, we advise you to either (pronounce "eyther") begin to walk or else to swim. For see what participation in these sports means. Monty Judelsohn, head-walker of the Finley Walking Club Settlement and "Dick" Stern, a former swimming captain, were the *only* men of 1911 to pass their Maxwell exams. Future teachers, get out and practise!

Not Yet.

How soon can we expect to be able to use the swimming pool? The contract called for the installation of showers along the south side of the pool by September 1st, but now the contractor says he can finish it in "ten days." After the showers are installed conditions will be much improved. No more will shivering students have to run down two flights of cold stairs. It will be fine, but meanwhile there is no swimming.

The Team.

Thursday afternoon the basketball team held its first practice. Both players did well. Keep your seats; there was a mob out to practise, but not having those precious blue cards, they were unable to do anything. So far the team consists of Captain Friedman and Levitt but when Dr. Boyd has examined the rest of the candidates we hope to have at least five men.

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Talk Without Thought.



NOBODY and nothing is above criticism; nor is anything perfect. Hence when we hear the College criticised in an honest manner we are not shocked nor are we averse to listen. But when a few non-graduate members of this College, not finding it to their liking, or perhaps it not finding them to its liking, malign the name of the College, then we feel not like listening but like "kicking". Our curriculum may be too diversified in its scope; it may even embrace too many prescribed subjects. But—and a fact every student here should feel proud of—our standard of scholarship is as high, if not higher than that of any other College. Our standard may have been *too* high for these undesirable young men. Believing that a College education consisted of a four year residence in a bed roses or in a field of clover, study and research did not appeal to them. The earnest, determined and hard working undergraduates in this College, battling against innumerable obstacles to receive the higher education, were incomprehensible to them. Hence they left our institution or were asked to leave. Not content with being unable to appreciate hard work, they have descended several scales lower

and are spreading slanderous reports about our institution. We feel nothing but the heartiest contempt for men of this calibre; men who exaggerate purposely, and who condemn instructing staff and student body for no other reason than to hear themselves talk. Our space does not permit more room for this type of College man.

Several former students of this College who left to pursue professional courses or to enter into business characterize our institution as "worthless" and a place for "killing time". These thoughtless young men forget that this is not a technical school nor does it yet aspire to be one. We cannot but sympathize with the intelligence displayed by those men who expected to receive medical, engineering or legal degrees here. In time perhaps the needs of the city boy will cause the curriculum to be made more practical. But if reform is to come, it must be through an intelligent examination of all the factors concerned; the purpose of the establishment of this institution, how the purpose has been realized and finally the relation of the present young man to the education offered here. This idle and pernicious talk from outsiders should cease. A one sided aspect of a question tinged by personal bias, can never effect anything.

We ask the students of the college who may come in contact with such men to point out to them the gross error they are committing.

Our New Chairman.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Theodore P. Miller, President of the Brooklyn Trust Company, was elected to the chairmanship of the board to succeed the late Mr. Shepard. Mr. Miller is a member of '69, the class of which Mr. Shepard was a member. Mr. Miller is the only one of the present board who has been connected with it since its creation. The entire College wishes Mr. Miller the best of success.

President Finley will be one of the speakers at Rabbi Stephen Wise's Free Synagogue. Dr. Wise is a graduate of the College.

Peace Declared.

War, which threatened to rival the approaching European conflict, was avoided on Friday, Sept. 22nd, when the Freshman and Sophomore classes signed the following treaty after slight casualties had been incurred on both sides:

Freshmen will wear black caps with lavender buttons; they will not wear colored socks; they will not smoke on the Campus; they will keep off the space known as the "Plaza"; they will give seven pledged men to the Sophomores in exchange for nine others that the "Sophs" had pledged before September 22nd.

The Sophomores will enter into no further hostilities with the Freshmen in reference to Student Council rules and pledging.

There will be no fighting or hazing on College Grounds.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CAMPUS:

The City College Civic Club is a member of the Inter-collegiate Civic League, a nation wide organization of College men whose purpose is to work in behalf of honest and efficient government. The men of this institution particularly should take a keen interest in such an activity. The work this term will be attractive. Every hour will be turned to good use. Professor Guthrie is with the society heart and soul.

The City College Civic Club can be and will be made one of the most effective constituents of the League. The new term has just begun. Let all those who are interested come and build up a powerful body of thinking young men all over the land.

Yours truly,

JULIUS DRACHSLER,
President, Civic Club.

Mr. Brickner has been granted a leave of absence for one year. Mr. Hutchinson has returned to take up his duties at college after a protracted illness. Mr. Shultz has been transferred from the History to the English Department.

Last week two more members were added to the Department Library Family. The Philosophy Library is situated in room 312 and the English Library in room 119. The latter is a circulating library and Mr. Compton, the librarian, informs us that many of the nine hundred or more books now comprising it, have been generously presented by members of the department.

Professor Woolston will conduct a Young Mens' Class in Social Ethics at the Mt. Morris Bible School, Fifth Avenue and 127th Street, every Sunday morning at 9.30.

President and Mrs. Finley, and several members of the Faculty and their wives will receive the Freshman class on October 11th, in the Tower Rooms. President Finley will address the class and refreshments will be served.

At the first meeting of Phrenocosmia last Friday evening memorial services were held in honor of Mr. Shepard who was a member of the society in the '60's.

Last Wednesday evening some Freshmen were kindly received. The Y. M. C. A. tendered a dinner to the men who have joined the association.

Circolo Dante Alighieri—President, Peter Sabbatino; Vice-President, Joseph Pagnotta; Secretary, Silvio Pellerano; Treasurer, Charles Christiano; Librarian, August Lodato, Jr.

Chess Club—President, A. L. Eolis, '12; Vice-Pres., L. D. Rosowsky, '14; Secretary, J. Shipley, '12; Treasurer, Julius Barth, '14.

Freshmen, Beware!

We hear that the Sophomores have issued a new edict. They say that whoever refuses to buy an A. A. ticket, will not only be hazed, but also drowned in the pool-less pool. The A. A. offers eight basketball games, four swimming meets, reductions on extra tickets for games and meets, and on athletic supplies. "With all these advantages," say the Sophs with true College spirit, of course, "the A. A. should sell more than one thousand tickets." So, Freshmen, take our advice and join the A. A.

More Athletics

Our chess team should make an enviable record this year. Although wrecked by the loss of two stars, Mueser and Hacker, they should nevertheless make good. Rosowsky, Eolis, and Frankel are still with us, and we should surely get one good man for fourth board from so promising a bunch as St. John, Lindholm, Caicedo, Goldman, Levy of Harris, and Larsen. The last named played on last year's Manual training team, which by the way, won the interscholastic championship. Our enterprising Chess Club is at present, trying to enter the Triangular League which is composed of U. of P., Cornell and Brown. Certainly ambitious.

Practice of the Freshman basketball team will start this week and judging from the material which has thus far reported for cross country runs, the success of the team is assured. Among the men who have reported so far are Frank and "Doc" Cohen of Townsend Harris Fame, Feldman, Dick, Siegel, Sappo and other experienced players. Mr. Williamson will coach the team and assistant manager Isaacson will give it the chance to demonstrate its ability by arranging a difficult schedule.

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Basketball.

A call for basketball candidates has been issued and practice will begin some day this week. "Duke" Farrell will manage the team. It will be the first time in three years that a Harris team will practise on the floor of the College gym. It recalls the days when Harris swept the boards two successive years, and won two P. S. A. L. championships. From the appearance of those who have signified their intention of trying out, we ought to repeat the performances of 1907 and 1908.

A number of former Harris men visited us last week. Jack Pollack, our late football star came to see the old place before returning to Cornell. "Red" Sears, another football man, took a day off at Clinton to tell us about the Harris colony down there. Tommy McErlean, captain and short-stop of last year's baseball team is now at Fordham and "Cy" Buell of the same team is at Stevens. Lindquist, our water-polo player, grabbed a scholarship for Cornell, while Fred Schang is at C. C. N. Y.

Track.

The track team has started to train for the winter indoor season under the direction of Coach Mackenzie of C. C. N. Y. The entire team will do some light cross-country work first, later branching off into systematic indoor training. Men are wanted for all the field events, for Mr. Mackenzie intends to place a well-balanced team in the field. With most of last year's veterans left and the wealth of new material acquired, we may now expect to win meets as well as relays.

The soccer team has been practising consistently and has developed strong team-play. Mr. Priscell, a new member of the Gym department, has taken charge of the team and expects to have a perfect running machine before the P. S. A. L. tournament opens. A few practice games are to be played before the season starts.

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