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In Status Quo.



NE of the graduates of the class of 1911, on applying for admission into the Harvard University School of Law, received in reply to his inquiries the statement that the standing of C. C. N. Y. was a matter of doubt and question. The catalog of the law school stated that degrees conferred by Colleges of "high standing" only were officially recognized.

The substance of the letter of the school's secretary was forwarded to President Finley. He immediately communicated with President Lowell of Harvard, who assured him of an early investigation. On September 22nd, President Finley wrote the following to the graduate in question:

"I have a letter this morning from Mr. Ames Secretary of the Law School of Harvard University, saying that there is no longer any question about graduates of this institution being admitted to the Law School in regular standing".

The president is to be thanked and complimented for his promptness in securing to our College its well merited recognition as a College of "high standing".

On Sunday at 3 P. M. a public meeting in memory of Edward Morse Shepard '69, late chairman of the Board of Trustees, will be held in the Great Hall of the College. Mayor Gaynor will preside. Professor Werner will speak for the Alumni and the Faculty, and Mr. James Byrne will speak for the Trustees. Among the other speakers will be Judge Willard Bartlett, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson and Honorable Oscar Strauss. Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, President of the University of Virginia will also deliver an address.

At Work.

It is interesting to note that every member of the class of February 1911 is engaged in some work. Out of a class of eighty-five men, twenty four are in professional schools. Eleven are studying law; three at Columbia Law School, and eight at New York Law School. Five men are studying medicine, an unusually large number; four are at Physicians and Surgeons College and the other is attending Cornell Medical School. Three members of the class are taking post graduate work at Columbia University. Two are studying accountancy at New York University, two are studying engineering, and one is taking a course in philanthropy at The School of Philanthropy.

The remaining sixty members of the class have obtained lucrative positions. One is down in the Philippines in the employ of the United States Educational Department and two have passed examinations and expect to go there. Several of the men are in the government employ at Washington D. C. Several others have obtained Municipal Civil Service positions. Two or three are Rodmen and a few are substituting in the public schools. One man has gone as far as the Pacific coast and has returned. About thirty five have secured Evening School appointments. The remainder of the class is scattered throughout the city engaged in various business pursuits. Latest reports show that a grand total of four men have passed Maxwell's examination. Cheer up, there's a place for every one of us in this big world.

Thespian News and Notes.

At a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Dramatic Society, the date of the next 'Varsity Play was set for March 16th, 1912. The play to be given is "The Wedding March" by Sir William Gilbert, author of the opera "Pinafore". Dr. Taaffe will coach the players. In all probability, after the first performance the play will go on the road during the Easter holidays. The President, S. C. Kohs, and the Business Manager, Mitchell Cahn, are working to secure dates for performances out of town.

Popular Election of Senators.

The Civic Club convened last Thursday afternoon and after a spirited discussion, decided by a vote of two to one that senators should be elected directly by the people. Professor Guthrie has prepared a list of national questions which will be brought up as issues in the national elections. Topics from this list will be selected and discussed in the meetings. In the meanwhile the Organization a National Nominating Convention. The topics discussed during the term will constitute the platform, and the speakers who have shown ability to discuss these will present the planks to the Nominating Convention. Everybody is invited to attend the meetings of the Club and to discuss questions which are confronting the entire nation-

On Friday, October 27th, President Finley will address the Hampden County Teachers Association at Springfield, Massachusetts.

The Auction Sale.

"An auctioneer leaped on a chair and bold and loud
and clear,
He poured his cataract of words just like an auc-
tioneer".

A sale of found articles unclaimed by the losers was held last Thursday and Friday afternoons during the lunch period in the "Lost and Found" room of the Student Council. Thus far the sale has netted the Council about \$8.50. Everything from a battered slipper to a good Latin pony was sold. Gymnasium shirts and trousers, running shoes, triangles, rulers, looseleaf note book covers and a host of other things went under the hammer. The highest price was brought by "A First Book in French", by Professor Downer, which sold for forty-five cents. English translations of Latin, Greek and German text books brought good prices. A lunch box costing originally fifteen cents was sold to a delighted Freshman at a reduction of two cents. The auction was successful from a selling and a buying standpoint.

"A Formal Prom".

At a meeting of the Junior class held last Friday, it was decided not to have an informal Prom. In view of the splendid success achieved by the 1912 class last year, when it held an informal Prom, the decision comes as a distinct surprise. However, since the class has so willed, it is to be hoped that the dance will be heartily supported, not only by 1913 men but by the entire student body. The committee, consisting of Herzstein, Isaacson, Newman, Mutterperl, Stitt and Roth, have set the date for the 30th of December.

Messrs. George W. Edwards and Gabriel M. Green both of June 1911, were appointed Fellows.

Mr. Edwin S. Brickner of the Department of English was granted leave of absence until February 1st.

Mr. Goldsmith has been appointed instructor in the Department of Physics.

Mr. Henry A. Stebbins was appointed tutor in the Department of History.

With the Chemists.

At the last meeting of the Chemical Society, Feldstein, '12, delivered a lecture on Duda's Theory of Valency. At the next meeting on Friday evening, Prof. Friedberg will lecture on Color Photography. The lecture will be illustrated and will be held in room 204 in the Chemistry Building.

When Soph Met Fresh.

In a drizzling rain and when the campus lights had begun to shed their fitful glare, the annual tug-of-war took place. The first contest, after two minutes of terrific pulling, was won by the Sophomores. In the second contest the Fresmen proved themselves the victors. Their joy, however, was short-lived for the officials discovered that several outsiders had obligingly helped them. The contest was declared a draw. The third pull was awarded to 1914 because the Freshmen had disobeyed the Customs Book rule which states that rubber shoes must be worn in all contests. The score is 2—0 in favor of 1914.

ATHLETICS.

Interclass Basketball.

The class athletic managers presided over by Levitt, Vice-President of the Athletic Association, held a meeting recently. It was decided that only the three upper classes should participate in the interclass basketball competition. The winner of this triangular elimination contest will play the Freshman-varsity team a series of three games. The Baskerville Basketball Trophy, at present in the possession of the Juniors, will be awarded to the winner of this series. One of the three games will be played as a preliminary to the second 'Varsity' game. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that no candidate for any team will be permitted on the court without being on A. A. member and without having received a physical examination. The teams will practise every Wednesday and Friday at 4.30 p. m. The first game is to be played on Nov. 10,

Sh! In The Dark.

Well, the Juniors and Freshies tried to take each other's measure again, but darkness intervened. After six innings of mediocre ball-playing, the game was called. One lonely tally was all that either side could score. The Juniors, especially "Bert" Sommer seemed to be under the influence of the shades of night, for the uncanny darkness had an evil effect upon them. Many fell asleep, and were caught off base quite easily, evidently to the complete satisfaction of the Infants (not Brooklyn, Steve!) This is the second tie-game between 1913 and 1915. The upper classmen threaten to spank the "tots" if they show such resistance again. 1915 take heed! Summary of the nightmare:—

1913	0	0	0	1	0	0-1
1915	1	0	0	0	0	0-1

Engineers:

1913—Davis and Boehm.

1915—Wright, Hyman and Stickney.



Kennedy, that's all!

"It's a pipe!" this laconic phraseology delivered, Kennedy, '14, let-out another notch to his speed, and out-distanced a field in the half-mile run. He negotiated the distance in 1 min. 57 sec. Rothberg, also '14, led until within 40 yards of the finish, when Kennedy forged to the front and was never headed. It seemed that the race only whetted 'Ken's' appetite. The day following, he again showed his "calves" to the other contestants and won the one mile run. His time was 5 min. 21 sec. The Freshmen are planning to kidnap him until the rest of the interclass meet shall have been finished. Complete summary of the two disasters (for 1915):—
 880 yd. run—Kennedy '14, first; Margolis '15, second; Rothberg '14, third; Time 1 min. 57 sec.
 One mile run—Kennedy '14, first; Margolis '15, second; Kurdelsky '14, third. Time 5 min. 21 second.

12 vs 14

Poor '14! It looked as if they were really going to win. "Skinny" Bennet the '14 pitcher had the seniors at his mercy, for five innings. But the game lasted six. And in that last inning came the climax. When the Seniors went to bat the score was 6—1 against them. When they left the bat it was 9—6 in their favor. One after another they stepped to the plate hit the ball took a stroll around the bases and then waited for another try. Finally after they had gathered eight scores, they had mercy on the Sophs and were willingly retired. But the Sophs were not in need of any sympathy. They landed on Sullivan good and hard. They managed to tie the score and it looked pretty bad for '12 when darkness, that renowned life, saver, put in her belated appearance. And the game was called much to the disappointment of the Sophs. Voila;—

'12	1	0	0	0	0	8—9
'14	2	2	2	0	0	3—9

Batteries—Mahon, Sullivan and Waldman, for '12
 Bennet and Schulbery for '14.

O'er Hill and Hillock.

Our neighbor, Columbia, has invited us to participate in a dual practice cross-country run. Saturday, October 28th is the date. The number of entries is unlimited, so there is a chance for everybody with a pair of good legs and sound mind to help us hand the Blue and White a bitter pill—of course, we hate to do it. Get busy, you dale chaser! Hand in your label to Track Manager Siegel or Coach Mackenzie. The distance is only six miles, so do not let it take your breath away.

At Last

To-morrow, dry reader, you may, with emphasis on the "may," be able to take a swim in our long wished for pool. For over a month our thirsty eyes have been watching the slow workman. But to-morrow, *perhaps*, you may be able to shout joyously "Come on in, the water's fine!"

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A. Suggestion.



EVEN NOW perhaps the Dean is at work arranging the schedule of recitations for next term. Before too much headway is made we wish to suggest that one hour of the week be set apart during which there should be no recitations or curriculum work of any nature. The present schedule demands it; the student body needs it; and the monotony of the curriculum calls for it.

The interposition of the lunch period between the fifth and sixth hours has shifted the afternoon schedule back one hour, so that students having afternoon recitation periods must remain at College correspondingly longer than formerly. This has been entirely justified by the benefits accruing from a lunch period of one hour. But attendant disturbances have arisen. Class presidents find it difficult to secure quorums for late afternoon delegate sessions. Committee men encounter a problem in arranging meetings, and class mass meetings are impossibilities. At present part of the lunch period is devoted to these functions. The purpose of its establishment and the inadequacy of time do not warrant its use for these things. A convenient hour when all are at leisure is necessary.

The Student Council together with the heads of the various Departments are planning series of lectures by prominent men in various professions. The entire student body should be given an opportunity to attend these lectures. The immeasurable good to be derived from them should not be restricted to the few whose schedules permit them to attend. Time and again occasion demands the convocation of the student body. At present this is effected only through a disarrangement of the recitation periods. Interclass athletic meets could be held in a satisfactory manner. Under existing conditions the contestants are forced to forego lunch and the enthusiastic onlookers must gulp it down in order to be able to witness the events. A general off hour would stimulate the social spirit; it would enable instructors and undergraduates to know and to understand each other better, and it would break down the barriers of restraint that exist even between student and student. The manifold serviceable uses to which such an hour can be put render it an absolute necessity to the students.

"Variety is the essence of life". The constant pressure to which the curriculum subjects its followers should be relieved, even if it be but one time during a week. The wholesome relaxation from continuous application cannot be denied. An hour spent in association with one's fellow students, exchanging views, confiding hopes and aspirations, is an hour profitably and pleasantly spent.

We trust the Faculty will consider our suggestion. We hope these words may not have been uttered in vain and that the schedule of recitations for next term will provide for one hour a week during which everyone may follow his own inclinations. Everything speaks in favor of it. If it be used for no other purpose than to "make a friend, take a walk, or read a book", or we might add, read a newspaper, its establishment will be well worth the while.

Mr. Reilly of the English Department is on an extended leave of absence.

The Newman Club.

The first public lecture will be given by the Rev. Father Duffy, D.D., of St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, N. Y., in room 105 on Friday, October 27th, at 8 P. M.

The subject is "Christianity and Christian Science". Everybody will be welcomed.

More Biology.

At the meeting of the Biological Club to-morrow, Prof. Winslow will address the members on "How to Prepare and Deliver a Scientific Paper".

To-morrow afternoon the members of the club and some of their friends will go on an excursion with Dr. Scott to the Orange Mountains.

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A smoking room has been established at the College. It can be reached by a very sudden drop of the elevator.

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Faculty Loses.

Two members of the six-man Faculty team came into Room 203 last Friday afternoon and went out "sadder but wiser men." Professor Friedburg had a little tete-a-tete with E. T. Frankel and lost. Dr. Robinson proved as good as the Professor and was vanquished by Goldman. In order to show that he was real angry, Professor Friedburg, and Dr. Robinson played Frankel and Goldman return matches; Professor Friedburg won his game, and Dr. Robinson was ahead when this issue went to press. Unfortunately or fortunately, according to whether the reader is a prof or a student, these were not the games that counted. The score now is 2-0. The Tisdall-Rosowski, Clark-St John, Kinkeldey-Levy and Voelkel-Eolis matches were postponed to this week.

Friday, our field men came into prominence and a new star loomed upon our horizon. This fellow is Woodrasky, '15, a Morris H. S. football player. He threw the 16 lb. shot, 32 feet. Newman, '14, of Boys, came in second, while Larsen, '15, of Mannal Training H' S. was third. The day before that, we saw a two mile race. 1914 had this all to herself, both figuratively and literally speaking. Of course, she took the three places. Had eight places been given, 1914 could have taken all. Kennedy won, while Brandstatter and Herscher came in close behind. The Freshmen have protested. Should their protest not be upheld, the point score would be 43-20, with '15 at the large end.

S-S-S.

The Executive Board of the A. A. held a meeting last week and decided that Samuel Strumwasser, '12 ('and he's some tennis player') should be the next Tennis Manager. They also thought it best that Christopher Steinkamp be the manager of our ball team. And to complete the job, they added another "S" to their list of appointments, by making Hyman Salzman, '15, Assistant Property Man.


Not a Female.

Our editorial heart flutters with joy as we take up our pen to record the happiest news that has emanated from the A. A. for many a day. A typewriter has arrived—not one *who* typewrites, but one *which* typewrites. Every manager will immediately find a great deal of mail that needs prompt attention and the halting click, click, click of the unaccustomed hands on keys that refuse to be found will soon be heard by all who, for one reason or another, come within a two-mile radius of the gym.

Intercollegiate Swimming.

Next Sunday at Columbia will take place the annual meeting of the Inter-collegiate Swimming Association. Manager Finger, Captain Coughlin and Ass't. Manager Cahn will attend.

Through an oversight, last year's *Microcosm* announced as vice-president of June 1914 another name instead of Bennet.

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TOWNSEND HARRIS NEWS

BERNARD P. FINEMAN, Correspondent

Our Checkerboard Warriors.

Townsend Harris has entered the Inter-High School Chess League of Manhattan and the Bronx. Harris, Stuyvesant, Morris and Clinton comprise the league. The officers of the league are President Herschberg-Stuyvesant; Secretary, Enklewitz-Commerce; Treasurer, Sterman-T. H. H. The team that will represent us will consist of Sterman, Muldofsky, Hertan and Betkin. Several years ago, Harris had a championship chess team, and it looks as though this year's team will bring the title back. The schedule—October 20th Clinton; November 3rd, Morris; November 10th, Commerce; November 17th Stuyvesant.

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In the initial chess tournament game between Townsend Harris and Clinton Muldorfsky, Sterman, Hertan and Greenbom, playing first, second, third and fourth board respectively defeated the Clinton quartet of players. This auspicious beginning promises well for the future.

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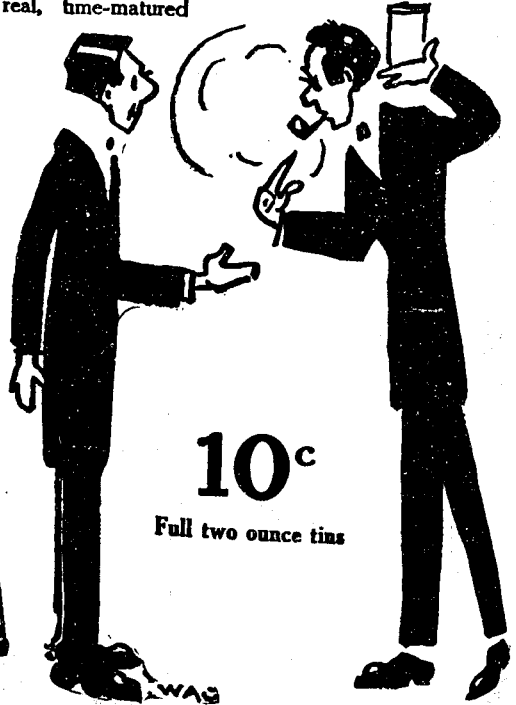
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