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Edward M. Shepard.

T the regularly monthly meeting of the Trustees of the College held last night, the first since Mr. Shepard's death, Theodore P. Miller, the Acting Chairman of the Board, paid the following tribute to the memory of Mr. Shepard, Chairman of the Board at the time of his death:

During the Summer our friend, the Chairman of our Board of Trustees, Edward M. Shepard, died. It is fitting, at this first meeting of our Board after the vacation season, that we should pause to record a tribute to his character, services and life, and to honor his memory, for in honoring it we honor our Board and the College, of which he was one of the most distinguished graduates.

Those of us who were admitted to the intimacy of his personal friendship found in him an inspiration to a higher life; a student and scholar of reserve, with an intellectual endowment lavishly bestowed by nature; a writer of distinction upon political history and topics, a connoisseur in music and art; a man of such marked personality and force as made him an influential leader even in his early manhood,—all coupled with a gentleness and sweetness of nature, and with a rare culture of deportment.

We will long remember his thoughtful countenance, his lithe spare figure, and his notable brow, as he stood with characteristic earnestness and sincerity, uttering in clear, ringing tones the phrases of thought and scholarship, whether in pleading professionally some great cause, or in political addresses, urging principles dear to his heart, not as a professional reformer seeking to capitalize the commonest virtues; but, with integrity, assuming only that such qualities and attributes are presumed to attach to every person worthy of public honors or private respect.

His death is so recent and its blow so staggering, that we can now only begin to realize our almost irreparable loss.

The tributes of the press have been as unusual as they have been unanimous in dwelling upon his conspicuous professional standing, his attainments as a scholar, his lofty character, and the peculiar value of his public services.

Some of the best efforts of his life were for the betterment of

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our city. Politicians had little use for him, for he would not lend himself to building up a political machine dependent upon patronage. They respected him, but they could neither understand nor appreciate him.

Even his political defeats, in his campaign for Mayor of Brooklyn in 1895, for Mayor of New York in 1901, and for United States Senatorship this present year, were conspicuous successes, when we regard his high ideals and his inspiring leadership in the interest of civil service and of clean, honest government, and will cause his name to be remembered long after the men elected may

be forgotten.

The measure of his usefulness was far wider than the city, but within its limits his loyal and unselfish efforts earned for him the gratitude, respect and admiration of every good citizen, and he

had at least this substantial reward during his lifetime.

Serenely philosophical respecting the attainment of his own ambitions, it could be said of him more appropriately than Macaulay said of an English statesman of a different type, when he retired from professional and political conflicts: " It was with a temper not soured, with a heart not hardened, with simple tastes, with frank manners, and with a capacity for friendship."

The fairness of his mind, his courage, the purity of his life and purpose, and the nobility of his spirit, were the sources of, and accounted for his ambitions and his contributions to the public

welfare.

It has been said of him more than once that in any other community the public would have called a man of his attainments, character and experience, to some important public office.

He was a keen, adroit counselor, but he never yielded to the temptation of rendering professional service against public interest. Notably, his retainer by the Pennsylvania Railroad in negotiations for the New York Terminals and Station came about because of an accidental declaration made by him of a sound principle of civic dealing, and his services following this retainer were fully as beneficial to the City as to his client.

He was never discouraged by defeat, for he always stood for principle and conscience. His appeal was to right and to time; and it has been said of him that "passing results were of little consequence, for they were only the warp and woof of the essen-

tial fabric of justice.'

His niche is sure enough, but we ask why he was not permitted to pass further up the ever-ascending steps of his career to an even more distinguished, useful future. Why this apparent ruthlessness? Why the felling of this tree whose rising crown was so beautiful in the sunshine of our great day. Is it a travesty upon the reasonableness of faith, a mockery of the high hopes of Is it wrong to feel mutinous? Where is the larger recompense for this untimely taking off?

In such dispensations of Providence as his death, we must remain silent, waiting, waiting, waiting, for some larger justification which now with our human limitations we cannot understand, comforted and consoled only by our faith in the beatitude which we know was true of him, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Services for Edward M. Shepard.

Last Monday at 10 A. M. services were held in the Great Hall by the Faculty and the Student Body to pay honor to the memory of Edward M. Shepard, late chairman of the Board of Trustees. President Finley spoke with deep emotion of Mr. Shepard's relation to the College and of its debt to him.

High School Representation.

The large Freshman class will be made up partly of eighty-six graduates of High Schools other than Townsend Harris Hall. High Schools in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Ohio, Canada, New Jersey and Mexico have sent their quota of representatives to the College bearing the name of the greatest city in the world. Brooklyn heads the list with thirty-nine graduates, drawn mostly from Boys High School and Eastern District. Mexico is last with but one representative. Manual Training, Curtis, Jamaica and Richmond High Schools are all represented. A promising feature of this wide representation is the fact that the good name of the College and its reputation for excellent work are rapidly spreading beyond the city city limits.

A week from to-day all class elections must have been held. The constitution of the Student Council provides for this and every class must follow its provisions.

Curriculum Committee.

During the course of the summer almost three hundred letters were sent to former non-graduate students of the College asking detailed questions pertaining to the cause for leaving the institution. A statistical table grouping common grievances and criticisms has been compiled and at the first regular meeting of the Student Council, the report will be submitted.



What Freshmen Can Do.

This term has witnessed the registration of Freshmen coming from almost every high school in the city and some from high schools of other states. To these THE CAMPUS extends a hearty welcome to, "the college on the heights." Many attractions which are offered beside the curriculum should be taken advantage of and enjoyed. To do the work called for by the curriculum is not the sole purpose of a college education. The social and athletic benefits derived from joining a society should be considered. Every Freshman should take a whole souled interest in at least one extra-curricular activity and the four years spent here are too short to leave one or two years go by before joining a club. The different socities of this College offer a wide range of selection. Of course, those athletically inclined have the gymnasium and services of experienced men at their disposal. To those interested in debating and literary work the Adelphian Literary Society offers splendid opportunities for developing readiness of speech and polish of manner. The Biological Society opens its arms to those interested in biology and the series of instructive talks by eminent physiologists is always interesting. For language enthusiasts there are French, Spanish and Italian Societies. Embryonic Irvings and Garricks can find boon companions in the Dramatic Society and budding economists are offered the Political Science Club. Masters of the king and horse are provided for by the Chess Club. In any one of these societies a Freshman will meet a set of pleasant young men where true College spirit is fostered and where lifelong friendships are often formed. A letter addressed to any one of these societies will meet with a cordial response.

Student Council.

The important and successful work carried on by last year's Council will be taken up again on Friday, September 29th, by the members composing the body this year. Election of officers will take place and an outline of the work before the Council will be drawn up.

ATHLETICS.

An Intercollegiate Champion.

Yep, we have one. Who'd'a thunk it? Our little Freshman diver, Gustave Berman, took a little ride to Sheepshead Bay on July 8th, and came back, the proud possessor of a gold medal and also the title of "Champion Intercollegiate Outdoor Diver." Before a crowd of two thousand, including about one hundred loval City College men, he dived his prettiest, and defeated Platt of Princeton, last year's title holder. Fielding also vanquished the former champion and beat him out for third place. Our boys have certainly improved during the past half year. Needless to say, Princeton won the meet. The point score was as follons: -Princeton, 20; Pennsylvania, 10; Brown, 8; C. C. N. Y., 7; Columbia, 0. Lest you may think that Columbia had no men of any value entered, we shall simply mention several of their representatives - Bertrand, Culman. Defaa, Dinkelspiel and Sutliffe. One record was broken at the meet, - the 440 yd. In this race Robinson, of Princeton, chopped his way through the water In 6.53, smashing the record by five full seconds. Israel, the C. C. N. Y. entrant, would have been placed, had he kept straight to his course. But he went astray and had to be satisfied with a fourth place. In the 100 yd. novice, both of our stars were entered-Capt, Coughlin and Eisele. Eisele furnished third, but would have done better, had he made a good start. His opponents gained a lead of several yards on him even before he entered the water. He made a good finish, however. and "added an additional" point to our score. In the half-mile race, Potasch, '12 could do nothing for us. In the last event on the program, the mile, we took - fifth place. Summerfield swam for us. He was last until the final lap of the race, when spurred on by the cheers of his enthusiastic followers, Sn---- sprinted and beat out Defad of Columbia. At the completion of these events, Eisele, Berman and Fielding walked up, took their prizes, took the car and carried their joyful news to America.

From the Basketball Captain.

Athletic Editor, THE CAMPUS,

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your request for information regarding the basketball outlook, would like to say that it is a bit too early to give an accurate forecast. The prospects for a good team, however, are very bright. We have with us most of our veteran players, who will form a nucleus around which a championship quintet may be built.

A rapid survey of the material shows that for guards we have Henry Propper, '12 and myself, who, undoubtedly should play up to the form displayed last year. As regards forwards, we shall have Kaplan, '12, Zinovoy, '12, Levitt, '12, Frank Friedman, '13, Southwick, Ricca and Saltman, all of '14. In addition Kaufman, '12, who had quite a lengthy tussle with Kid Typhoid last season and finally won, will play for the Varsity. Our centre will be picked from our large list of available forward candidates. There are many new men who intend to try for the team, and we may possibly develop several stars from among them. Practice will soon begin and then we shall be in a better position to say how the team will look.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS FRIEDMAN.

A. A. Clippings.

Last night, the Executive Board of the A. A. held its annual peanut fest. Besides the Board all the managers and assistants of the various teams were present. The schedules of the teams were discussed and the prospects for good basketball and swimming teams seem very bright.

Coach Mackenzie has issued a call for candidates for the swimming and track teams. Any man who has any 'stuff' in him should come out and try for these teams.

A. A. membership cards can now be secured at the A. A. room or from any member of the Excecutive Board. The price is one buck to those who join before the first basketball game. After that the charge will be one dollar and a "quotah".

An Accident.

Ou September 5th, Frank Mullen a City College graduate '08, took part in the National Fancy Diving Championship at Travers Island held under the auspices of the New York Athletic Club. He was hurt in the two and a half front turn event. As he leaped into the air he lost control of himself and struck the water with a terrific thud. He was pulled out of the water unconscious. Upon examination it was found that both his eyes were cut, one completely closed, and his face was badly bruised. After some time he was brought to, but we fear he will bear the marks of his mishap for several weeks to come.

W. C. Couhill, Freshman, fresh from managing and leading the Boys' High School swimming team, will be a valuable asset to our track squad.

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Student and Instructor.



N AN institution where the standard of scholarship is severely high, where the curriculum makes strenuous demands upon the students and where many of the young men are engaged in outside work, the social spirit must necessarily suffer. For these reasons all the more effort should be

made to give social activities as much prominence as possible. That this has been done in a large measure is evidenced by the increased interest in athletics, in collegiate and class functions, in debating and literary clubs and in the attitude students have assumed toward one another.

One important factor in the creating of the social atmosphere and in the developing of the student is absent. That close intimacy which should prevail between instructor and student, and which should bring them nearer to one another to inspire mutual interest and respect, is practically foreign to our institution. The fact is that only the superficial ties of the "examiner" and "examined" bind the two. Hence the student sees only the pedagogue, and the instructor sets a value on the student's character in terms of percentages above or below sixty.

There are, however, a number of teachers who would like to know more of the young men attending here than the recitation room permits. Likewise there are many students desirous of appreciating the other than the teaching qualities of their instructors. Often a word on hygiene, a stray philosophical thought, or a criticism of a book, will go a long way toward making the student a better man. A short chat will sometimes disclose the bent of an undergraduate, and by suggesting a systematic course of reading an instructor can point the way to a more comprehensive view of the subject in which the young man is interested. And can anyone doubt that the immature youth will be benefited socially, practically, morally, by closer association with the thinker and man of wide experience?

With the advent of this term we trust an appreciable change in the desired direction will take place. The narrow confines of the class room should be broken down and student and instructor should meet on a broader field. Under the new schedule a period of fifty-two minutes is given over each day to lunch. The entire time will not be devoted to the consumption of food. The remaining minutes might be spent in social intercourse between instructor and student in the concourse, on the campus, in the corridors, in the instructors' rooms. The gap now separating the two should be bridged over by a better mutual understandand by greater intimacy.

Herbert Apfelbaum Resigns.

The resignation of Herbert Apfelbaum from the position of managing editor of "THE CAMPUS" merits attention. For two years he gave his time, his energy and his brain to the weekly journal of the College. His witty and cleverly written news items will be missed. The fearless and inspiring editorials which set forth his honest opinions upon collegiate matters of prime importance to the students will long be remembered. His campaign instituted against the curriculum will be especially remembered. Mr. Apfelbaum has set an example of unselfish devotion to Alma Mater well worthy of emulation and the best wishes of all go with him.

Professorial Vacations.

Boating, swimming, fishing, tramping and sightseeing lured most of the "Profs" from the hot, dusty city to the cooler atmosphere of the lakes, rivers and plains, from libraries and worm eaten books to sweet smelling grass. shady trees and cooling waters. Some, however spent the summer hard at work in the metropolis while others combined work with recreation. Our President's vacation was spent in quest of further information about the spots where the French settled in America. His trip started from the place where the French first settled in Nova Scotia. He then went up past the Bay of Chaleur, to the St. Lawrence River which he followed to the Great Lakes. He crossed and recrossed Lake Ontario. went to and through Georgian Bay to Lake Huron, up the St. Mary River ("Sault Ste. Marie"). From here the way stretched to the Straits of Mackanaw, along the east shore of Lake Michigan to Chicago, down the New Drainage Canal into the Illinois River to the Mississippi and from the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico. The route followed as closely as possible the path of the first French explorers of the continent.

Professor Compton spent the early summer at Bass Rocks, Mass., and in August he stopped at Stamford, Conn. Great Barrington, Mass., was Professor Herberman's retreat and Hodlyme, Conn., was visited by Prof. Johnston. Europe, with its historic sights and beautiful scenery was the sojourn of many of the Faculty. Prof. Downer spent the greater part of the summer visiting Naples, Rome and Switzerland. At Paris he visited M. Michaud, the lecturer of the Alliance Française, and in London he met Mr. Colie, a former president of the Alumni Association. Professor Mott went to Paris and London and did some Alp climbing. In Paris he met Mr. Coleman and in London, at a concert which he attended, encountered quite accidentally Prof. McGuckin. Professor Ball spent his summer "harmlessly and in-, journeying through Europe. In Florence he met Dr. Moore. Mr. Hatch, Dr. Simmons, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Keily, Mr. Whiteside, Mr. Powell and Dr. Schoen, were all attracted to the Old World.

Professor Dielman basked in the Connecticut sun at



Richfield, and Professor Sims acquired a southern tan in Virginia. The Thousand Isles claimed Professors Baskerville and Palmer and Dr. Robinson as visitors The quiet, healthful farm life at West Nyack was sufficiently fascinating to keep Professor Sickles at home. The lersey shore with its majestic Palisades, was the resting place of Professors Schuyler and Reynolds. Professor Home spent his summer, boating, with a book in one hand, a paddle in the other, dictating to a stenographer, at Noank Connecticut. The beautiful quiet life at Hulett's Landing, Lake George, offered irresistible charms to Professors Duggan and Pedersen, while Professors Clarke and Storey spent a wet summer in East Orland, Maine, where "fishing records were broken." Professor Clarke informed us that Professor Storey occupied the position of "dancing master" of the village, unanimously elected by the rustic swains and maidens. Professor Woolston spent July in the city and then went to Lake Memphremagog, Canada. Professor Guthrie worked hard all summer, lecturing in the middle west and toiling among the books of the late Senator W. B. Allison whose life he has been authorized to prepare in relation to the senator's half century of work as a national character.

The study of an epidemic of acute tonsilitis near Boston found to be caused by an infected milk supply occupied the vacation time of Professor Winslow. Professor Delamarre gave summer courses at New York University and prepared for his numerous fall lectures. Prof. Coffin was in the city collecting statistics relative to College men for our President. Mr. Redmond was busy preparing for his thesis on the glove industry. Professor Brownson was at Castine, Maine, Professor Fox at Hunsdale, Mass., Professor Ilgen up in the Catskills and Professor Overstreet journeyed to California. Professor Moody rested at Sebogo, Maine, Professor Allan enjoyed Seal Harbor, and Professor Baldwin spent the summer at Vermont, "sleeping in a tent and tramping." Huntington, Sullivan County, with its facilities for baseball, tennis and bowling "drew" the athletes of the Fa-culty—Mr. Neus and Professors Fuentes, Meade and Burke. Right near by, at Jeffersonville, Dr. Richter contemplated their strenuous efforts with a smile of placid

contentment.

A Flattering Tribute.

We quote the following from the "Bates College Bulletin." "The contest occurred in the City of New York, and in one of the commodious and beautiful buildings provided by the metropolis for the institution to which it has given its own name. Save for the presence of a few loyal Bates graduates residing in New York, our men faced an audience wholly strange to them and under conditions that severely tested the nerves of the boys from Maine. The contest was even sharper and closer than in the home debate (with Clark University), on the same question. It was clear that Bates had the advantage in the main speeches. But in the rebuttal the sharpwitted, well-trained, enthusiastic and self-possessed New Yorkers pressed our men sorely.

The New York men raised so many issues, and with such rapidity, adroitness and confidence that the sturdy, solid, and well-elaborated reasoning of the Bates boys seemed pale and weak in comparison. Luckily for our team, however, the judges were men experienced in the weighing of arguments and after a period of serious anxiety during their deliberations, the verdict in our favor came as a gracious relief, almost a joyful surprise."

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Society and Club Notes.

The first meeting of the chess club will be held in room 413 to-day at 3 P.M. Election of officers will take place and plans for defending the cup will be discussed.

To-morrow evening the Biological Society will hold its first meeting. New plans and features for the coming term will be discussed. A series of fall trips is being planned by Dr. Goldfarb.

Clionia will meet to-morrow evening at 8 P. M. The coming year's work will be characterized by talks from prominent city men who were once members of the society.

The City College Club gathered again at their old rooms last Saturday to greet one another after the annual interval. The returning members recounted their adventures during the summer. At the beginning many a tale was unfolded that rivalled famous narratives of imaginative writers.

On September 29th, Phrenocosmia will held its first regular meeting. All members are requested to attend.

The Chemical Society will meet September 30th, at 10 A. M.

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TOWNSEND HARRIS NEWS

The Real Spirit.

Now that all have returned from their vacations, a few words on what may appropriately be termed, "School Life and Spirit," ought not be amiss. A mass meeting was called last term, after a baseball defeat, to summon a crowd for the next game. The conditions for this meeting were unfavorable. The day was hot and uncomfortable. The meeting was held during lunch hour. Yet five hundred students cared enough for their school to go with empty stomachs and wilted collars to hear what a few men had to say about their team. real spirit. This is the stuff that will make any team a winner and any school a leader. Support your school! Devote some of your time to athlelic and social activities and join the A. A. Nothing less than this, on the part of each individual student, will make Townsend Harris. one of the foremost of our city's high schools.

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The Athletic Outlook.

Townsend Harris has every reason to expect a successful athletic year. With Davis and Rogers, former T. H. H. stars, out of Clinton, the swimming championship may be expected to return to the Heights.

The soccer team will be composed of quite a few veterans, and a large number of new men have signified their intention of trying out for the team. As only some very bad luck prevented our men last year, from finishing better than they did, we can look for a good showing, if not a soccer championship.

The basket-ball outlook is not quite as bright as the other sports, but in our next issue we hope to have some definite news. A member of the Athletic Council is negotiating for the use of a gym, as Prof. Storey has found it impossible to grant the use of the College gym to the Harris team.

Football seems to be a dead letter in Harris, but perhaps it is just as well. Football was abolished last year in the New York high schools, although it was reinstated later on trial.

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