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## A Library Building.



AT A meeting of the Class Secretaries Association plans were discussed for the erection of a Shepard Memorial Library Building which would be in the nature of a gift from the Alumni to the College. The collection of funds has been undertaken by the various class secretaries under the direction of Trustee Kohns, '84. Thus far a large amount of money has been promised; several of the alumni have already expressed their willingness to co-operate in terms of thousands of dollars. Chairman Kohns has appointed a committee to draw up and send out circulars to the alumni and former students of the College asking for their co-operation. It is expected that the first fifty classes will donate twenty-five hundred dollars each and that the classes which follow will each give at least one thousand dollars. The outlook is very encouraging. The George B. Post Company, architects, have already planned the construction of the building which will cost about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to erect. In all probability it will be situated directly west of the Mechanical Arts Building on the plot of sunken land which fronts Amsterdam Avenue and will be a gigantic structure covering the ground from 139th Street to 140th Street.

The College has long felt the need for such a building. The present quarters are cramped and inadequate and do not satisfy the needs of the student body. The enthusiasm which the alumni are displaying over the project and the energy with which the plans are being carried forward by Trustee Kohns and the class secretaries make the erection of the building almost

a certainty. No more fitting monument to the memory of the late Mr. Shepard could be erected. Situated on ground which he helped secure for the College it will stand forth as the embodiment of all that was noble, kindly, generous and idealistic in his nature, and will express his lifelong interest in the education of the people.

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### The Field.

The bill empowering the Sinking Fund Commission to grant to the College under such terms and conditions as it may impose the land for the athletic field and stadium has been signed by the Mayor and by the Governor. It is worthy to note that it was one of the very first of the "thirty day" bills which the Governor signed. It was taken out of its regular order so that the subsequent steps necessary for securing the land to the College could be taken without delay. The request is already on the calendar of the Sinking Fund Commission which meets to-day. Perhaps to-morrow the land will belong to the College and then the erection of the stadium and the building of the athletic field will proceed rapidly through the kind generosity of Mr. Adolph Lewisohn. The thanks and gratitude of the entire College are due Senator Wagner, '98 who introduced the bill in the Senate and Assemblyman Nelson, a former student at the College, who introduced it in the Assembly. To these gentlemen and to the other hosts of City College friends who helped secure its passage, the student body owes a great debt.

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### The President's Trip.

The President spent Monday and Tuesday of last week in a trip to Lake Erie where he visited the site of the old French fort, Le Boeuf, where the English and French first met. Washington was at that time a major in the militia. From there the President went to Buffalo in the night and in the morning he travelled to the mouth of the Niagara river and walked from Lake Ontario to Lake Erie to a point five miles past the Falls covering a distance of twenty miles. Here it was where the French built their first vessel for the navigation of the Lakes, the equipment for which they carried on their backs along the route which the President followed.

All essays for the General Tremain History prize must be given to Professor Reynolds not later than April 15.

### The Student Council.

At the last meeting of the Student Council held on March 29th, eighty dollars were voted as a maximum amount to be contributed to the funds collected through popular subscription from the student body for the erection of a suitable tablet in the Great Hall to the memory of the late Edward M. Shepard. A committee has been appointed to investigate and to study carefully all the conditions pertaining to the 80% examination exemption rule which is in force in several Colleges and to recommend in a report the advisability or non-advisability of instituting the practice of examination exemption at the College. Arrangements are being made for suitable exercises to celebrate Charter Day. Hereafter the committees for the Senior Dance, the Junior Prom, the Sophomore Smoker and the Freshmen Banquet will be supervised by the executive committee of the Council. None of these functions will be held in the future without the approval of the executive committee. Formerly the Senior and Junior functions were supervised by Professor Moody and the committees for the functions of the two lower classes did not report to anybody.

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#### Dr. Taaffe Dined.

In recognition of his services as coach and as a mark of their esteem and friendship for him, the cast of "The Wedding March" tendered a dinner to Dr. Taaffe at Arden's on March 28th. "Wines of rarest vintage" flowed freely and witticisms of more recent date dropped lightly from the mouths of embryo matinée idols. Dr. Taaffe read several programs of performances given at the College many years ago. One of them disclosed the fact that Professor Horne had the part of a Spanish dancer when he was a student at the College and trod the boards behind the lights. At the end of the dinner the too earnest worshippers of Baachus swore eternal friendship towards each other and vowed that they had never spent a more pleasant evening. The guests of the cast were Professors Palmer and Ball and Drs. Coleman and Moore.

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Di Martino, '09 has been appointed to the Bureau of Buildings, of which Dr. Ray, formerly of the Physics Department is chief engineer. Three other City College men are in the same department.

## The June 1912 Smoker.

With good pipes and tobacco, with plenty to eat and to drink, with four members of the Faculty present, the graduating class could not but enjoy itself on the evening of March 30th when it held its last undergraduate reunion in the Tower Rooms of the College. Nothing was lacking to make the evening a social success. From the commencement until the finish the best spirit of good fellowship prevailed; the members of the Faculty lost their "professorial dignity" and became youths once more; the members of the class, the youths, now men about to begin the battle of life, felt a new spirit taking possession of them—a feeling of deep friendship drawing them more closely towards one another. The program was long and entertaining. Professor Guthrie traced the history of smoke, spoke humorously upon its effect on "corporations" and then recited a splendid poem dealing with the dreariness of solitude. Schloss read a play in four acts entitled "Bonnycleer," in which the downfall of the *concierge* was depicted to the unbounded delight of his auditors. Then Professor Clark spoke about the relations existing between the College and the students. The class song was sung; the strains of the piano and the merry twang of the banjo blended harmoniously; the noise of the rattling dishes was pleasant to the ear, and the buzz of conversation filled the smoke enveloped room. Landy sang about the Faculty, Kaplan impersonated them and then Professor Baskerville gave a few entertaining sidelights on southern college life. Becoming more serious he spoke of the growing intimacy between instructors and students at the College and the June 1912 men felt that never before had they understood the Faculty members present better than on that evening as they sat and smoked and ate together. While the ice-cream was being served Hochenberg sang several parodies on a popular song about the members of the Faculty which kept everybody convulsed with laughter. The program was closed by Professor Friedburg who spoke in the quaint, humorous delightful way which has endeared him to the hearts of his students. The memory of that evening will long remain in the minds of those present and will serve to strengthen in later years the bonds of loyalty to the College of those who are about to step out of its active life now.

## ATHLETICS.

Fordham 15; C.C.N.Y. 5.

Fordham University had to use eighteen of their men in order to beat us in the first baseball game of the season. Handicapped by lack of practice and an abundance of green material in many of the positions, our men were "taffy" to the Marooners. The reason for the eighteen men was that the Fordham coach wanted to give as many of his men as possible a tryout, and not because we were hard to beat.

Fordham could only score once in the first inning. The College was blanked. The second and third innings netted both sides goose-eggs. *But* the fourth! Oh, that fourth inning! That was our Waterloo. Ten runs were garnered by the Bronxites. Hits, bases on balls, errors, etc., etc., all followed in Kaleidoscopic procession. Two of the scorers had to be carried off the field. Poor unfortunates, they fainted like brave men—for duty's sake. The base-paths became red-hot (if there can be such a thing) from the constant friction of running feet. Finally the agony was ended by Mr. Threeout. We merely dittoed our work of the preceding innings.

The relief was temporary. The fifth inning was a miniature repetition of the fourth. Four men crossed the home rubber for Fordham. We found our batting eyes for the next three innings—or perhaps the balls found the bats—and scored an aggregate of five runs. Bennett on the box gives indications of being able to pitch good ball; with a little seasoning he should be our best "firer." Barrigan, the stocky little fellow played grand ball.

Read it in synopsis form:—

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Batteries: Fordham—Walsh, Williams, Keelen, and McCarthy; C.C.N.Y.—Magner, Dill, Bennett, Sappoe and Steinbach.

### Twelve Wins.

In a game replete with sensational shots the graduating Seniors mixed things up with the Upper Sophomores.

The battle bore all the earmarks of a championship contest. One wee point gave the game to June 1912. The same combination that won the Interclass series last Fall took a fall out of the '14 Class. The game was evenly contested throughout—the first half left the Sophs only three points behind the Seniors; the second half was even more close.

Gottlieb and Notarius were the main factors in the scoring for the winners. Shulberg and Saltman handled the ball most valiantly for the lower classmen. After an unstable zigzagging of the score, 1914 forged to the fore near the end of the game, but Notarius, getting the ball three-quarters of the field away from his goal, shot the ball on the run. It went in. The score became 23-22 with 1912 handling the odd number. A few seconds later the game was ended.

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30—8.

In the third game of the Inter-Term series June '13 took the measure of June '15 at basketball. It was nought but a runaway for the former. They scored at will and substituted men at will. The score was somewhere in the neighborhood of 30—8. Hellner and Kaplan played fine ball for the Juniors.

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#### Varsity Insignia.

The following men were awarded Varsity letters at the last meeting of the Athletic Association: Basketball—Friedman '12, Kaplan '12, Kaufman '12, Frank '12, Bradner '13, Southwick '14; Swimming—Coughlin '12, Fielding '12, Berman '14, McGrath '14, Nussbaum '14, Couhill '15, Riemer '15, Rogers '15, Schneider '15; Water Polo—Levinson '12, Steigman '13, Steinhoff '13, Summerfield '13, Nussbaum '14, Pruzan '14, Davis '15, Rogers '15.

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#### More Basketball.

In a one-sided game the February 1916 basketball team easily defeated the February 1914 quintet by a score of 33—8. The brand of ball played by the Freshmen gives promise of a good team for next year to represent the Freshman class.

The inter-term basketball series is proving a decided success. In view of the fact that only one regular will remain for next year's Varsity, Coach Palmer has acted

wisely in arranging this series. New men can be developed and with the experience which will be gained there is no doubt that the College will be represented by a fast aggregation.

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### Track.

A track meet has been arranged between Columbia, Fordham, Rutgers and C.C.N.Y. Coach McKenzie is bending all his efforts to enter a team which will make a favorable showing. This will prove an exceptional opportunity for the track team to show what it is made of. The enthusiasm of the coach, however, will not effect much. The men themselves must become enthusiastic and eager to give the best that they have. Faithful practice under "Mac's" direction will work miracles. The recent indoor interclass track meet has shown that the material at the College is at par. These men can be developed if they will train. The date for the meet is not far off. Become serious at once.

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### Faculty Notes.

"Some Heresies of Modern Chemistry" is the title of a paper which will be read to-morrow by Professor Baskerville at the meeting of the Faculty Research Club.

Professor Storey who is secretary-treasurer of the American School Hygiene Association attended the annual meeting of the society in Boston on March 28th and 30th. He read a paper on "Medical Inspection and the Practice of the Physician and Dentist."

Professor Winslow will journey to Boston next Monday to deliver an address on "Bacteriology of the Household" before the students of Simmons College.

Professor Hunt has resigned his position of Trustee and Treasurer of the Students' Aid Fund. Professor Burke has been elected treasurer and Mr. Compton, trustee to serve until the expiration of Professor Hunt's term of office.

Dr. Marsh of the Philosophy Department has accepted an invitation of the Missionary Education Association of the United States to speak on "Masculine and Feminine Traits in Adult Life" before the conference on Adult Religious Education.

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The contest for the Intercollegiate Peace Association prize will be held to-day at 4 o'clock. Competitors are advised to consult the Public Speaking Department bulletin board for further details.

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## A Bronze Tablet.



THE College had no better friend than the late Edward M. Shepard. His death took from it one of its most distinguished alumni, one of its staunchest admirers, its Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He was highly regarded by the public; the scrupulous integrity which characterized his private and his public affairs won him the respect and love of the community in which he spent his life; his clear, analytical mind with its wonderful power for logical reasoning placed him among the foremost lawyers in the City. But it is in his relation to the College that we find chief interest. In 1869 he received his diploma and entered upon the study of the law which held a peculiar fascination for him. Public affairs soon claimed his attention and his reputation became known all over the city. Through the many years of his active life the love for his College did not diminish. He always found time to think and labor for it. Through his efforts the control of the College was taken from the Board of Education in



1900 and placed in the hands of a body of nine men appointed by the Mayor. Mr. Shepard later became Chairman of the Board of Trustees which he had helped to create. It is needless to state with what zeal and power he strove to secure the land upon which the present buildings stand. All of his brilliant faculties were employed in behalf of his Alma Mater and it was his unbounded joy to witness the successful consummation of his labors—the beautiful buildings which crown this hill. He was taken from us at a comparatively early age; but his spirit will remain for years and years to come.

The Alumni have started a movement for the erection of a library building to the memory of Mr. Shepard and the outlook is very promising. Most of them received their training in the old building downtown which had long proven insufficient to meet the ever increasing demands of the City. Surely, we who are enjoying the fruits of his labors, who have these beautiful buildings and this beautiful site to stimulate our onward progress towards Knowledge, should in our small way raise some monument which should stand until the buildings crumble to dust as a mark of our appreciation of this man who proved himself so loyal a son of Alma Mater. It has been suggested in the legislative body of the students to place a fitting bronze tablet in the Great Hall which should be paid for through popular subscription from the student body. The Council has voted a maximum sum of eighty dollars to add to the amount collected. When the buildings were formally turned over to the City on May 18, 1908, Mr. Shepard made the first speech in the Great Hall when in behalf of the Board of Trustees he offered the buildings to Mayor McClelland. He used to sit in that noble hall and watch the artist at work upon the splendid mural decoration on the platform wall. No more fitting place for the erection of a monument to his memory can be chosen than the Hall which he loved so much. When you are asked to give your mite to help erect this tablet give it, and give it as soon as possible so that the work will not be retarded.

### An Explosion.

A tremendous shock followed by the crash of falling glass brought students running from all directions towards the Chemistry Building on March 28th. An explosion had occurred in the bomb room almost completely wrecking the organic chemistry laboratory. The room was built to withstand the effects of possible explosions, for the materials used in it are of a highly explosive nature, but the force of this one was so tremendous as to lift the heavy steel door from the hinges and send it hurling across the room smashing laboratory apparatus and six large plate glass windows. The total material damage done, however, was not very large. Fortunately no one was injured. Professor Friedburg and his class had left the laboratory but a few minutes before the explosion occurred and the sweepers had not yet entered it. It is believed that a hydrogen tank under a pressure of fifty pounds with the aid of which a student had been attempting to reduce an organic compound, sprung a leak and the combination of escaping gas and air formed an explosive mixture which reacted with characteristic violence.

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### With the Societies.

Dr. M. Cohen of the Philosophy Department spoke at the last meeting of Clionia held on March 29th, on the "Recall of Judges." He discussed the subject from all angles and said that in one respect the government is a judicial oligarchy, for the courts not only interpret the law but also constitute the sole department which has the power to limit its jurisdiction. He did not believe, however, that the "Recall" would prove a practical remedy for the evils of the judiciary because the personality of a judge might influence the public more readily than the value of his decisions.

The Adelphian Literary Society will hold an open meeting on Friday evening. The feature of the program will be a well prepared mock trial. All Freshmen and Sophomores are invited to attend.

Members of Phrenocosmia who contemplate attending the dinner celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the society are requested to give their subscriptions to E. Cohen, '12, this Friday evening in Room 209.

At the last meeting of the Common Welfare Club, A. L. Glassenburg, '13 spoke on "Self-Government in the Settlement." He used the Jacob A. Riis house as a type emphasizing the fact that the expenses of the house are met by the clubs. On Friday, Professor Winslow will discuss the health problem in the City in a lecture on "Sanitation."

Dr. M. Kaplan will deliver the third of his series of lectures on "Vital Jewish Topics" before the Menorah Society, this Friday. The Convention of Menorah Societies which met last January has recommended the formation of an Intercollegiate Menorah Association. The City College branch has under consideration a model constitution suggested by the Harvard chapter.

At the meeting of the Biological Society to-morrow, Dubin '12, will speak on "Methods for Preservation of Wood;" Strumwasser '12, on "Fish Culture;" and Feldbaum '12, on "Practical Agriculture."

President Hibben will be formally installed at Princeton University on May 11th. The College has been invited to send representatives.

### Convention of Civic Clubs.

Professor Sait of Columbia University spoke before the Civic Club on March 28th, and outlined several changes in the present form of government which would effect better administration. He stated that there should be only two departments of government—the Legislative and the Administrative. The United States Supreme Court is the only judicial body in the world which has the power to nullify legislative action. Under his plan the courts would be part of the executive department, punishing infractions of the law as laid down by the Legislature. He also advocated a more widespread extension of the commission form of municipal government although he was skeptical about its efficacy in a large city like New York.

The following men will represent the College at the Intercollegiate Civic League Convention which will be held at Columbia College to-morrow: Landy '12, Nolan '12, Curoe '13, Bach '13, Glassenberg '13, H. Schwartz '13, Raphael '13, Stitt '13, Keepnews '13 and Nessler '13. President Landy will travel with the convention to Washington, on Friday.

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### United.

An American society has been organized to co-operate with the French society known as the Comité France en Amerique and has applied for incorporation papers. Among the incorporators are Paul Fuller, Frederick Coudert and President Finley. In the latter part of April a distinguished body of Frenchmen are coming over here bearing a bronze by Rodin. Among the members are Messrs Hanatoux and René Bazin. This bronze has some association with the lighthouse on Lake Champ-lain. The united societies will welcome the French visitors upon their arrival.

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### "A Trust Formula."

This month's number of *Everybody's Magazine* contains an article by Professor Clark entitled "A Trust Formula," which an eminent economist has declared to be the best exposition of the trust problem thus far written. Professor Clark has been engaged by the *Securities Review* of Scranton, Pennsylvania to prepare a monograph on "Bonds as a Form of Investment during a Period of Rising Prices." This will be one of a series of ten articles on "Investments during a Period of Rising Prices" which will be contributed by authorities on the subject.

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### Senior Hop.

The Seniors will hold an informal dance on Saturday evening, April 27th in the gymnasium. Handsome programs will be distributed, refreshing drinks will be served, and excellent music will aid the Seniors and their friends to glide gracefully over the waxed floor. Tickets may be secured from any member of the dance committee.

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### Gifts.

Miss Blanchard has presented the French Department library with twenty-five des pièces du Répertoire du Théâtre français.

Mrs. Walter Shirlaw has presented the Art Department with fourteen drawings and studies in pencil, charcoal, oil and water color, both landscape and figure subjects, by the late Mr. Walter Shirlaw. The drawings are already framed and constitute an extremely interesting and valuable contribution to the art gallery.

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### Drawing to a Close.

Max Grossman, '16, the Freshman recruit, has surprised the worshippers of the ivory images by winning his last eight games. He is now tied with J. Barth, '13 for first honors in the chess club handicap tournament and an interesting game may be looked for when the two contenders match wits for the prize which has been offered.

The chess team will play the last game of the season with New York University on April 20th.

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On Friday, Sig. Anthony Fiala, leader of the Zeigler Expedition to the North Pole will deliver an illustrated lecture at the weekly dinner of the Y. M. C. A. Club of T. H. H.

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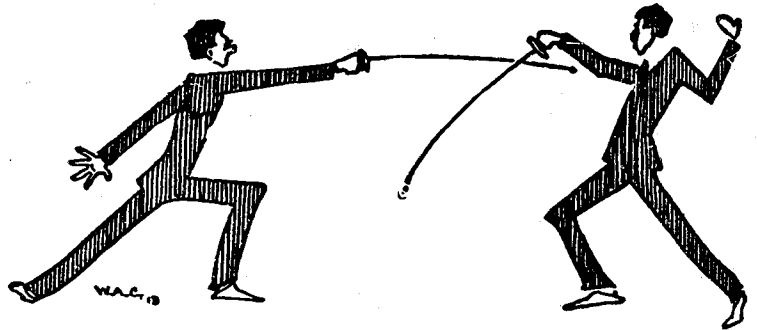
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