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### The Dedication.



OLLOWING three days of incessant rainfall the sixty-fifth anniversary of Charter Day dawned bright and clear. A momentous epoch in the history of the College was to take place — the dedication of the two recently aquired city blocks upon which are to be erected an athletic field and stadium. At 11:45 the guests, the Faculty and the student body a sembled in the Great Hall. Present Finley reiterated the "three promises"

he made last year prior to his departure to the Sorbonne. Friday's celebration marked the fulfillment of the first. A College library, the second promise, will undoubtedly become an accomplished fact within three years and before that time he will have effected his third mission—an increase in the salaries of the instructing staff. Within a short period we may see a beautiful building take the place of the old structure at 23rd street and Lexington Avenue and there under the supervision of the College will be established a College of Commerce.

After the President's address the procession out of the Great Hall was begun in two columns. When the exits leading to the streets were reached, a stalwart band of Scotch pipers broke into a "windy" refrain. One column turned south, the other turned north. In a few minutes a complete circle was formed about the new boundaries of the College. Each one held his neighbor's hand and for a minute an intense silence hung over the scene for a minute an intense silence hung over the scene. Then the great tower bell pealed forth, one, nine, one, two — nineteen hundred and twelve. The single column two — nineteen hundred and twelve. The single column south of the gymnasium, where a temporary platform had been erected. Then the pageant emerged from the

gymnasium and headed by the "pipers" and directed by Dr. Taaffe, it commenced its march around the newly acquired territory. First came surveyors and laborers; behind followed the baseball team, the track team, and lo and Lehold, a football team! The actors brought up the rear. This pageant symbolized the construction of the field and stadium and the uses to which it will be put.

President Finley introduced Dr. Leipziger '73, President of the Alumni Association. He said in "Here on this field the body will receive due training, here on this field the Drama will be performed; and we shall realize for the first time in the history of New York a people's theatre. There is much pleasure in the fact that the Stadium is to be a gift from one of our best and most splendid citizens, Adolph Lewisohn. . . . People generally think that public colleges need no benefactions, but they do-and Mr. Lewisohn has set the pace, and this College will receive splendid endowments, splendid gifts from private citizens." Hon. Edward Lauterbach '64, former Chairman of the Board of Trustees narrated the struggle he had had to reserve the fields in order to keep the College from the encroachments of tenement property. The turning over of this land to the College itself, he regarded as the final consummation of his plan. The President then introduced Mr. Lewisohn whose generous gift of \$50,000 will make possible the construction of the field and stadium. To him every student in the College owes a deep debt of gratitude. In a short and witty address he hoped his gift would benefit the students and make them better men. Samuel Levy, President of the Student Council, expressed the sentiments of the undergraduates.

At the conclusion of the exercises the Senior Class proceeded to St. Nicholas Terrace. After a brief address by President Shientag, a linden tree presented by Commissioner of Parks Stover, was planted directly opposite the entrance and will be known in the future as the "June 1912 Tree."

Practically the entire College then adjourned to Olympic Field to witness the Faculty and Seniors engage in a baseball game, the result of which is noted on another page.

### Prize Speaking.

The annual Prize Speaking contest was held last Friday evening in the Great Hall. The prize of fifty dollars donated by the Board of Trustees for the best original oration was won by David Boehm, '12-" Fight On." The Drummond prize of ten dollars was awarded to Emanuel E. Weinraub '12 for the second best oration. His subject was "Socialism vs. Individualism." Milton Hochenberg '12,—"Thoughts on America," Lesem Bach '13 —" The Burden of the College Man," Jesse Raphael '13—"Dickens the Humanitarian," Israel Weinstein '13— "War or Peace, were the other competing speakers. The Roemer Prize, for the best poetry declamation by members of the Sophomore class was won by Harry Rothkowetz who recited "Cromwell on the Death of Charles I." Daniel Tenrosen—"The Road to Mandalay," and Paul Hahn-"Cardinal Wolsey's Farewell," were the two other declaimers. The Judges were Messrs. J. T. Mahoney '95, E. Mandel '88, Nathaniel Reich, '01. Professor Palmer presided and Professor Baldwin played several selections on the organ.

### For Heaven's Sake.

The cast for the June 1912 class play has been chosen and rehearsals are being held under the direction of Dr. Taaffe. In order to meet the heavy demand for tickets and avoid crowding the auditorium, two performances will be held, the first on June 15th and the second on June 19th. A limited number of tickets has been printed for each evening. It is advisable, therefor, to purchase tickets immediately for the performance you desire to attend.

### President Finley.

The President and Professor Mott journeyed to Princeton last Friday to attend the dinner in honor of Professor Hibben. On Saturday they represented the College at the official inauguration of Princeton's new leader. President Finley was present at the exercises held in President Finley was present at the exercises held in Carnegie Hall last Sunday, to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Straus. The President has received a card from six June 1911 men who are on a walking trip through Staten Island.

### High School Day.

The fourth annual High School Day celebration will begin this afternoon at four o'clock, when the delegates from seventeen high schools of Greater New York assemble in the Great Hall. From four until five o'clock the laboratories and museums of the College will be inspected by the visitors. The representatives will then adjourn to the Great Hall to listen to a portion of the organ recital. From five to six the gymnasium and swimming pool will be inspected and a practice basketball game will be played by two teams. From six to eight P.M., a reception and dinner will be tendered the delegates in the Lincoln Corridor. President Finley will welcome them and addresses will be made by Principals Denhigh of Morris High School, Von Nardaroff of Stuyvesant High School and Fairley of Commercial High School. The diners will then repair to Townsend Harris Hall where a special performance of that most charming of Gilbert's comedies, "The March," will be given. The College orchestra will play during the performance and will render selections during the acts.

### Jules Verne.

Professor Horne recently completed the task of translating and editing a "final and definitive edition" of the works of Jules Verne in fifteen volumes. The set is published by the Vincent Park Company. In his preliminary biographical essay, Professor Horne depicts Verne as a man of singular power of imagination, a prophet who forsaw the lines along which science would develop, a writer who, although of small literary ability, will remain a great educating force because of his ability to "novelize" science. His view has been favorably received by the critics, who regard it as the one which will survive.

### Tremain Prizes.

The first prize of one hundred and fifty dollars for the best essay on the "Causes and Conduct of the Civil War" has been awarded to George Landy 12. The second prize of fifty dollars was won by A. Gergofsky 13.

# ATHLETICS.

Instructors Instructed.

Strange as it may seem that's just what happened to them last Friday at the hands of the Senior ball team. But they are true "sportsmen" — all of them — and lost only because they were "just a little" out of practice or had "somehow" lost their batting eye on the way up to

Olympic Field.

After Professor Guthrie had assumed his new rôle as Umpire and Catcher Weinraub had adjusted his mask, Dr. Robinson took his place at the bat and the game was on. Before the audience had composed itself he connected with the ball but was thrown out at first. Mr. Holton who followed was retired and Dr. Marsh failed to beat out a bunt despite a burst of speed that would have done credit to a Mel. Shepard. In their half but one Senior reached first and Dr. Robinson caught him napping at third. So the inning ended. In the second first baseman Mackenzie leaned against the ball for a two sacker and then preceded home on a fine sacrifice hit by Dr. Mead. Dr. Allen the next batter, not only proved himself a heavy hitter but also a sprinter of mean ability. The fans applauded his neat single to center and his graceful, swift stride. Pitcher Fuentes' "spitter" and drop were working well and the Graduates soon-to-be sent but one man across the home rubber. The next inning was enlivened by a double play — almost. Somehow the slippery ball eluded the "gestive" hand of Dr. Robinson; therefore the "almost" and hence another tally for the Seniors. To Fielding belongs the honor of thelongest hit in the game - a long drive over the left fielder's head. The fourth proved the Waterloo of the Faculty although they hit the ball successfully and burned up the base-lines, they were unable to register more than one run; while the 1912 class bunched their hits off Pitcher Holton who had relieved Dr. Fuentus with the result that five runs were tallied. The fifth and sixth were uneventful except that now and then a dignified member of the Faculty endeavored to steal a base with the inevetable result that they had to

slide feet first—and not always on their feet. The seventh and last proved to be the feature inning of the game. In a batting rally headed by Mr. Neus who seemed to have found the "piercing point," the members of the Faculty nine used every scientific means within their power to overcome a seven run lead. The ball was charmed with Spanish eloquence by Dr. Fuentes and hypnotized with musical Latin by Rightfielder Burke, but it seemed to behave best to the real baseball lingo of Dr. Coffin who finds it just as simple to speak in baseball terms as in terms of higher mathematics and physics. However, the rally netted but two runs and the Seniors sighed with relief when the game was called. You can't tell what those Faculty men will do, you know. The Seniors secured thirteen hits and the Faculty, ten.

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### Second Team.

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#### A Prize Offer.

P ERHAPS in no College or University is the social problem as acute or unique as in this institution. Mr. Johnson, the author of "Stover at Yale," divides the social organizations in Colleges into four distinct variations: the closed clubs of Harvard, the

open clubs of Princeton, the Senior Society system of Yale, and the general fraternity system of the State Universities and the small Colleges such as Amherst, Williams and Wesleyan. "Beyond these four distinct manifestations are innumerable combinations and local evolutions." Outside of the comparatively few students who are members of secret fraternities and of the various clubs, there is no social organization for the general student body of this College. The influence of a good social organization on a College man's life, or on any man's life, cannot be denied. Here the undergraduates feel its absence most keenly.

Mr. Johnson is proposing a competition for the best constructive plan for the social organization of a university or college. A prize of one-hundred and fifty dollars will be offered for that paper which shall be adjudged

the best submitted by an undergraduate, and one hundred dollars for the best paper from a graduate. No limitation is imposed upon the nature of the plan submitted, except of its possible effectiveness in the safeguarding of education and democracy. Mr. Johnson hopes "that strong papers may be submitted in behalf of all existing systems, (with suggested improvements in the matter of detail,) and that equally there may be plans submitted for an entirely different system of division, as well as plans that would argue for no system at all." A wide field is thus thrown open to the students of this College. They can suggest a plan which would be feasible here and practicable in other institutions or advocate the abolishing of all systems and the substituting of a wholly democratic organization.

The manuscripts should be submitted in typewritten form and signed by a nom de guerre, the real name being enclosed in a separate envelope. In any case where, for obvious reasons a contributor does not desire to reveal his identity, his preference will be considered, even in the event of his winning the prize. The competition will close June 2nd, and the announcement of the winners will be made in the Sunday Times of June 9th. Hon. Otto T. Bannard, Mr. Norman Hapgood, and Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn have generously contributed their services and will act as a jury. From time to time, as the answers warrant it, The Times will publish them during the progress of the competition.

We cannot urge too strongly that the College be represented in this competition. Perhaps some student will submit a plan which will solve our own peculiar problem. Here then are two incentives to compete: the prize offered by Mr. Johnson and the need of the College.

## The Schedule.

We print to - day in supplement form the schedule of examinations for June 1912. Some, doubtlessly will feel that the fates have been unkind. But it should always be borne in mind that the Dean prepares the schedule for "the greatest good of the greatest number."

The class of 1902 will celebrate its decennial by a dinner at the Park Hotel next Saturday evening.



The New Register.

The 1912-1913 register, which was distributed last week contains a number of surprises. Registration Day will take place September 17th, six days later than usual; but there is no provision made for an Easter vacation. The winter vacation will be two days shorter than in former years. A no credit course in elementary free hand drawing has been introduced into the curriculum. Althrough a February Commencement will take place next year, the event has not been included in the collegiate calendar. Hereafter only 124 credits will be required before a student can be enrolled as an Upper Senior; formerly it was necessary to have 126. On account of a lack of funds the Serena Mason Carnes prize competions will not be held this year. The curriculum of the Evening Sessions has been greatly In Chemistry two new courses will be extended. given; in English one has been added; in History two have been added and one dropped; in Public Speaking one has been added; last term's courses in Physics have been supplanted by three different ones; two new courses in Philosophy will be given; Natural History has been dropped from the register.

Hereafter the Dean will permit the election of more than two subjects at one time in one department. Students whose records warrant will be permitted as many as four electives in the subject. Is this the beginning of the Group Elective System?

### Etching.

Herr Hermann Struck, one of the most celebrated painters and etchers of Germany delivered an illustrated lecture in German on "Etching," last Thursday. He described the process of making etchings, lithographs and woodcuts and told something of the history of this art. In conclusion he showed a marvelous collection of lantern slides of the best etchings, lithographs and woodcuts by Rembrandt, Liebermann, Israels, Millet, Hellen, Whistler and himself.

Professor Werner, although very weak, is convalescing

### Faculty Notes.

Professor Parmley who recently visited the Bureau of Standards at Washington, D.C., spoke before the Engineering Society last Monday on the conditions prevailing there.

Professor Saurel will speak on "The Regular Solids and Types of Crystal Symmetry" at the meeting of the Faculty Research Club, this Friday evening.

Dr. Prager has passed the danger point in his illness

and is resting quietly.

Dr. Schapiro read a paper before the Columbia University History Club on "Significant Tendencies in German Politics," Tuesday evening, May 7th. Professor Charles A. Beard led in the discussion.

Dr. DeWalsh has recently completed the preparation of an "Elementary German Reader" which will be published shortly.

The Shepard Tablet.

The Shepard Memorial Tablet which will be erected in the Great Hall is now being constructed. In lettering and design it will follow the Gothic style of the Great Hall, the severe grandeur of which Mr. Shepard loved so much. The unveiling will form part of the Commencement Exercises. Professor Downer has worded the inscription; Mr. Charles R. Lamb, one of Mr. Shepard's dearest friends is designing and executing the tablet.

## Jewel Synthesis.

Isaac H. Levin, Chief Engineer and Chemist of the International Oxygen Company and collaborator with Professor Vernouil the synthesist of the Sapphire, will deliver an illustrated lecture on "The Synthesis of Precious Stones" in the Doremus Lecture Hall, this Friday at 3 o'clock. A number of gems will be artifically made in the course of the talk.

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### Proteins-Carbo-Hydrates-Fats.

A demonstration of the scientific method of assimilating the abovementioned nutrients will be given by the members of the Biological Society in the General Webb Room to-morrow evening, at their fourth semi-annual dinner. In addition to the members of the Biology Department instructing staff, Professor G. C. Whipple, of the Massachussets Institute of Technology and Dr. Wm. Mansfield of the New York College of Pharmacy have been invited. The ingenuity of the dinner committee has been taxed to its utmost to provide original names for the numerous courses, and the menu will be a work of art. What with humorous speeches and others of a more substantial nature, the affair is expected to be a splendid success.

Under the leadership of Dr. Butler, the naturalists of the Bio-Club made a voyage to Staten Island last Sunday, to study local flora in the spring. A pleasant day was spent in the neighborhood of Great Kills and Grassville, and a number of specimens were brought back to the College.

At the Students' Biological Seminar held last Monday, Hecht '13, spoke on the "Isolation of Tissues and Their Cultivation Outside the Living Body;" Adlerbloom '12, read a paper "The Toxicity of Caffein."

Professor Winslow will speak at the Philadelphia Child Welfare Exhibit on "Housing and Infant Mortality" next Wednesday.

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#### Democratic Convention.

The Civic Club will hold a mock Democratic Convention next Thursday, May 23rd. Each member will represent a state in the union. A bitter struggle is expected when the argumentative supporters of Clark, Wilson, Harmon, Foss and Gaynor meet on the floor to nominate a democratic candidate for the presidency. Chairman Landy '12, who saw Speaker Clark break a gavel in an attempt to secure order in the House, has provided for any emergencies that may arise by purchasing two noise silencers.

At a recent meeting of the League a resolution was passed permitting womens' Civic Clubs to enter the League. The members discussed several planks of a "model" political platform.

To-day, at 1.10 P.M. in Room 105, an illustrated lecture on the Northfield Student Conference, to which the College always sends a large delegation will be given by former Y. M. C. A. Secretary Edmonds. All are cordially invited.

The New York "Sun" has recently been investigating the matter of incomes earned by college men during the first few years after their graduation. After making its investigation, the "Sun" published an article dealing with Yale men in particular, showing that the graduates who entered the Life Insurance business earned more money than those who embarked in any other business or profession, the average income for the first year being \$1,665., increasing in five years to \$2,708.

I should be very greatly pleased if any student who is at all interested in the above statement and who is about to graduate or who desires to earn some money during his summer vacation will favor me with a call at my office. It certainly cannot harm us to become acquainted, and I shail be very glad to put my time against yours.

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