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The Student Council.



THE REPORT of Samuel Levy, president of the Student Council of last term, was read and adopted last Friday at the third regular meeting of the Council. Mr. Bartlett spoke very warmly on the methods of the Employment Bureau and asked for the sympathy and co-operation of Council and students in the work of the bureau. A tentative report by J. Netter, '13, on the finances of the 1913 Microcosm showed that the total receipts amounted to \$747.95. There is yet outstanding \$140.90, due from the societies. The Social House Committee concluded that it would be practically impossible for the students to contribute enough for the purchase of a house, but that they ought to interest wealthy alumni in the plan. The Statistics Committee has drawn up a list of questions for information of use to the Employment Bureau, and during this week every student will receive a copy of the questions. The Lost and Found Committee has received new quarters and wishes no longer to take care of the students' mail. A petition of the Arts students in the Freshman class to make elective the prescribed descriptive and analytical geometry and calculus will be presented to President Finley through the Council. The Interclass Debating Committee has arranged for trials to be held this week and announced that Mr. Freeburg will coach the Freshman team, Professor Palmer the Sophomore team and Mr. Redmond the Juniors. The Seniors will have no coach. The classes are directed to pay as soon as possible the semi-annual fee of two dollars to the Student Council. The protest of the class of 1915 against Zevine, the Upper A man who entered the Fresh-Soph activities, has been satisfactorily settled.

Prize Speaking Contest.

Six men will deliver original orations and three men will give poetical declamations this Friday evening in Townsend Harris Hall in competition for two prizes, the Board of Trustees and Drummond prize for the best original oration and the Roemer prize for excellence in delivery of poetry declamations. The names of the contestants and the subjects of their orations are: David E. Grant, '13, "A Plea for the Indians;" Samuel Davis, '13, "Friendship;" Meyer Cohn, '14, "The Poet;" Henry Klein, '14, "The Panama Canal;" David Krauss, '14, "As a Man Thinks," and Richard Strauss, '14, "The Individual and the Home."

The three contestants for the Roemer prize in poetry are James Donoghue, '14; Ernest Knapp, '14, and Theodore Goodman, '15.

Roosevelt and Straus.

The College had an election day all its own last week and gave the presidency of the United States to Theodore Roosevelt with a vote of 455. Straus was a big favorite for Governor of New York with 709 votes. Wilson ran second in the race for the presidency with 408 votes and Debs received 112 votes as compared with the 102 given to Taft.

Sulzer was second to Straus with 236 votes and Hedges and Russell ran close together with 67 and 63 votes respectively.

Interclass Debating.

The interclass debating contest, which is being conducted under the auspices of the Student Council, is in full swing. The trials will be held during the next week on the question: Resolved, that the States make no discrimination in levying Panama Canal tolls. It has been decided that all men who wish to try out for their class teams must hand in their names by next Tuesday and that the contestants must be prepared to speak on the following day when the first trials will be held. The time allotted to each speaker will be ten minutes. It is not unlikely that the Student Council will award a banner to the class whose team is victorious.

A Notable Event.

The President of the United States will visit the College on the morning of Saturday, November 16, at ten o'clock. The French ambassador will also be in attendance and the assembly will be made an occasion for celebrating the distinction that has come to New York through. Dr. Alexis Carrel, the recent recipient of the Nobel Prize, who will also be present. There will be exhibited in the Great Hall on that day the model in plaster of the proposed Stadium.

It is hoped that every student of the college will be able to arrange his engagements as to be present for the two hours from ten to twelve. This assembly will give every student an opportunity to show his college spirit and loyalty. It is expected that there will be representative delegations from the learned societies and the scientific associations of the city, from the alumni and from the high schools.

Last Week's Assembly.

The Student Council Assembly of last week in the Great Hall achieved encouraging success. Professor Baldwin accompanied the four hundred students in "Urbs Coronata" and he taught them in a short time the music to Dr. Coleman's song, "C. C. N. Y." The results were so good that it is planned to hold another singing "bee" very soon for the practice of some new songs.

This afternoon at 1:05, Mr. James W. Erwin will give an illustrated talk on the "Glories of Our Great Northwest." Each subject is realistically depicted by many beautiful views in natural colors and by many interesting moving pictures. Mr. Erwin has been lecturing to crowded audiences in this and other large Eastern cities and has everywhere been received with enthusiasm.

The Lecture in French.

Lucidity, eloquence and abundance of apt illustration characterized last Thursday's lecture by M. Hourticq on "The Cathedrals of France." He outlined the growth of the present cathedral form from its earliest beginnings in Rome. Many excellent views added interest to the lecture.

Vocational Guidance Charts.

In connection with a paper read at one of the meetings of the recent National Conference on Vocational Guidance, charts were used to illustrate work done by the Committee on Opportunities for Vocational Training of the Woman's Municipal League of Boston. Through the efforts of Dr. Marsh these charts have been put on exhibition for a week in the English hall.

Congress on Mental Hygiene.

The Great Hall will be the meeting place of the Congress on Mental Hygiene which will be held at the College this Friday evening. President Finley will preside at the opening of the Congress.

Another Appeal.

The Lost and Found bureau reports that the interest in its care of lost property is waning. Since this diminished interest may be due to ignorance of the bureau's methods of restoring property, it should be emphasized that all articles found and entrusted to it are returned to the finder if after three weeks no claim has been established. This service is operated by the Student Council for the benefit of the students. Appreciation of its work ought to be shown by their hearty co-operation.

Of Interest to Seniors.

The committee on the Senior Dance sends forth an appeal to all seniors to hand in their deposits very soon, since the committee is hampered in its work by the slowness of the fellows. The dance is only three weeks away—Wednesday, December 27. Many members of the Faculty have promised to be there with their wives. The dance is the most important affair of the senior year. The class of 1913 must do all in its power to make that affair the biggest in the college.

The President.

President Finley spoke last Saturday at Middlebury College at an assembly in honor of Professor Hurd who was the President's teacher at Knox College. This evening, the President will give the first lecture in a course of educational lectures at Cooper Union. His subject will be "The College and the City."

ATHLETICS.

Freshmen Win Again.

The Freshmen, that most lively bunch of youngsters, have once more trounced the Sophomores—this time in the annual Fresh-Soph track and field meet. The score (most wonderful to behold!) was 55 points to 8. The lower classmen scored all the points in the broad and high jump and made an excellent showing in the dashes. Once again the results look like a sheet of fly paper specked with sixteens. The summary:

100 Yard Dash—Won by Tabor, '16; Von Bonin, '16, second; Schulman, '16, third. Time, 10 3-5 seconds.

440 Yard Run—Kallman, '16, first; Tabor, '16, second; Silverstein, '15, third. Time, 57 seconds.

2 Mile Run—Won by Butterworth, '16; Mones, '15, second, and Schneeweis, '15, third. Time, 11:01.

220 Yard Run—Won by Von Bonin, '16; James, '15, second, and Schulman, '16, third. Time, 24 1-5 seconds.

Half Mile Run—Won by Archer, '16; Cohen, '16, second, and Silverstein, '16, third. Time, 2:15.

High Jump—Won by Shapiro, '16, with 5 feet; Shaner, '16, second, and Alport, '16, third.

Broad Jump—Won by Shapiro, '16; Alport, '16, second; Cohen, '16, third. Distance, 19 feet, 5 inches.

The winning of this meet gains for the Freshmen the Student Council banner which is awarded to the victorious class in the Fresh-Soph activities. The flag rush gave the Freshmen five points and this meet six. Since they have a majority of all the points, the tug-of-war will not take place.

Cross-Country This Afternoon.

An interclass cross-country meet has been sanctioned by the Athletic Association for this afternoon. The first seven men to cross the tape will receive prizes and the winning class will be awarded a banner to hang up in its alcove.

Columbia Wins.

It may have been cold feet—most likely due to the chill November weather—that kept away New York University, Fordham and the Brooklyn colleges from the cross-country meet at South Field on Saturday. And the meet resolved itself into a duel between Columbia and C. C. N. Y. Ye scribe was part of a shivering group at the half-way mark, Ninety-seventh Street and Riverside Drive. The distance to be run was about six miles. After an hour's wait we saw a tall figure rounding the curve several blocks away. As he approached, a lavender stripe across his breast made itself evident. Still nearer, the figure resolved itself into Frye, one of our husky Freshmen. Behind him trotted three or four Columbia men, then some of our own, then a mixture of lavender and light blue. We gallumphed up to South Field and soon the first runner appeared. It was no longer Frye, but an ex-C. C. N. Y. man, Reichart, who is now running for Columbia. Frye was close on his heels, but the veteran, knowing all the tricks of the cinder path, worked Frye into nervousness and romped in first. Two Columbians finished after Frye; then came Scarlata. Our next runner to finish was Brandstadter. Donovan followed two more from Morningside. The final score was: Columbia 21, C. C. N. Y. 36. Not bad, but not as good as we had expected. Butterworth, '16, due to an indiscretion, failed to show up, and his absence was a drawback, for Mac had expected this winner of last week's run to make a place for himself.

Beside the really good running of some of our men, it was a most encouraging thing to see, not the usual "small but enthusiastic crowd" of rooters, but over a hundred men from C. C. N. Y. were down at the meet, and their presence and well organized cheering put some warmth into the chill atmosphere and into our runners.

Basketball Shots.

Kaplan, of last year's varsity brought up his Lexington Deaf Mute team—quite a capable five—last Tuesday evening and our boys, to keep warmed up, endeavored to wipe up the floor with them. The result was a victory by our men of about 30 to 22.

On Friday afternoon, Rouge Friedman, Whitey Kaufman and Propper, our ancient basketballers, came up and showed the young idea how to shoot. Our fellows showed up in such fine form that, from all indications, Maryland our first opponent, is due for a delightful trimming.

On Monday night, the prospective varsity tackled Barney Sedransky's stars. In that aggregation are Sedransky and Streusand, two men who have made history in our basketball annals.

A. A. Actions.

Interclass basketball begins to-day with a battle between the ancient rivals 1913 and 1914, who still remember their hostilities of their Fresh-Soph years. This is the first game for the Baskerville trophy and should be a hummer. Up in the gym then, at 4.45! A week from to-day, the Juniors play the Sophomores. After that, comes the game between the Seniors and the Sophomores. The winner of this series will play 1916 for the interclass championship.

The much-herald, much-abused, much-postponed and much awaited-for interclass swimming meet will begin "without fail" to-day at 1.15

To Songsters.

The Athletic Association has announced officially the opening of the annual competition for new songs and cheers for the coming basketball and swimming season. The writer of every song and cheer that is accepted will receive a free season pass to every game and meet.

An unimportant departure from the usual methods of competition is that original songs will be given the preference over parodies on popular songs. We want, if possible, verses with meaning and music that has a "go!" Keep in mind what the songs are for and write accordingly. There is need of great haste in the submitting of the contributions. Give them to Bert Sommer.

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Song and Cheers.



THE SPIRIT which manifested itself at last Wednesday's assembly is an encouraging sign of interest among the student body in the songs and cheers of the college. And the interest makes for a worthy end. It is no small matter to feel a thrill of pride from the singing of "Urbs Coronata." Dr. Coleman's song, too, is a rousing one and is sure to be a favorite when it is more generally known. But the trouble lies in the fact that we haven't enough songs; there isn't a sufficient variety of them to keep alive the interest in them. The same condition exists with our cheers. At a basketball game or a swimming meet, it is encouraging to hear the crisp "Ripso-Razzo, Johnny blow your bazzo." But why must we repeat the same one over and over.

The basketball and swimming season is coming on quickly—it will be upon us in a month. The Athletic

Association has issued a call for songs and cheers. We must have many of them—good ones. Let necessity and free season passes to all games sharpen your wits. Arouse your dormant muse and respond to the needs of the college. All those men whose songs and cheers are accepted will be more than the recipients of season passes; they will be positive benefactors.

There will yet remain another duty, even more important. The fellows must learn the new songs and cheers that have been contributed, practice them and pledge themselves to gather in a body at the athletic events to exercise their lungs. It is obvious that if we depend on chance to have the fellows learn we will get nowhere. The result will be a straggling miscellany that will miss fire. The cheer leader and his assistant must call for *regular* cheer practice at least two or three times each week, oftener if possible, and work with the squad. The time is past when the office of cheer leader was nominal. He must be alive with enthusiasm and work his hardest to arouse enthusiasm in the other fellows. This suggestion of regular practice should not be unheeded. All men must come out for it.

In conclusion, it should be emphasized that we do not want parodies on popular songs of the day. It is difficult, when a chorus of voices is singing, to distinguish the words of the song. As a consequence, it will appear to the visitors that we are merely singing the popular songs with reference to their original meanings, the best of which has none too much dignity. Again, protest should be made against the too frequent use of that monstrosity, "We'll all go up to see the show!" It is not necessary to write original music. An old tune which has snap and yet dignity in it, combined with forceful words, is the ideal to be striven for. The famous Yale "Boola-boola" song is an example of this kind.

Then what we need is a variety of good songs and cheers, frequent practice with the cheer leader and hearty co-operation in the singing and cheering at the games. The need must be met and it is up to everybody to help do it.

Society Notes.

A Sketch Club is the latest comer to our society world. The club extends its invitation to all those who can draw or are interested in drawing. This infant society meets every Friday at 1:45.

The Philosophical Society was officially organized last week and Professor Overstreet traced the development of philosophical thought to modern times and outlined the present tendencies in philosophy. On Monday the members discussed warmly the question, "What Does God Mean?"

A view of Socialism which differs from the orthodox conception of it will be presented at a public meeting of the Newman Club on Friday evening, November 22d. "Marxian Socialism" will be the subject of the lecturer, Mr. Meeder, who is editor of the "Common Cause." This opportunity of hearing the side of the opponents of Socialism is an excellent one and is open to all. The "Common Cause" is a magazine whose avowed purpose is to fight the Socialist movement.

A novelty in the form of a United States Cabinet meeting for the consideration of additional dreadnoughts was served up at the last meeting of the Adelpian Society.

The Engineering Society is rattling its old bones and coming to life with an enthusiastic membership.

Le Cercle Jussurand is planning to take a very prominent part in the exercises on French Day, Saturday, November 16th.

The Society for the Study of Socialism elected the following officers: President, Irving Raskin, '13; vice-president, Frank Schiffman, '14; secretary-treasurer, L. Greiner, '13; editor, Bernard Meyer, '13.

Professor Guthrie explained to the members of the Civic Club at their last meeting the nature of the complications arising from the death of James S. Sherman, Vice-President of the United States. The results of the straw vote were announced.

The Biological and Chemical Societies have decided to hold a joint meeting in the Chemistry building on the evening of November 25th.

Bio Notes.

A unique plan has been adopted in the Natural History Department. A number of students are caring for the large wall aquaria which they have stocked with many kinds of fresh water fish. The plan is succeeding admirably.

Dr. Goldfarb described the work of Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Institute in connection with cancer. Dr. Carrel has isolated cancerous tissue, observed its growth and has attempted, apart from the body, a series of experiments which he hopes will give him the secret of the control of the growth of this dreaded disease.

Dr. Butler led the society's third fall field trip along the Passaic River. The study of plant forms was the purpose of the trip.

"Milk Supply" was the subject of Professor Winslow's lecture before the nurses of the Henry Street Settlement. Next Saturday morning, he will speak on "Ventilation" before the High School Teachers' Association.

Research Club.

To-morrow is the day set for the next meeting of the Research Club in the Tower rooms. The evening will commence with a dinner. Dr. Goldfarb will be the speaker of the occasion with a paper on "Recent Tendencies in Biology."

"The Nature of Matter" was the subject of an exhaustive paper by L. Israel, '13 at a recent meeting of the Chemical Society. Last Saturday the society visited E. B. Squibbs' chemical establishment in Brooklyn.

Great Carborundum Competition!

The honors achieved by Messrs. Weinberger and Abelson *in re* the making of carborundum, have called forth the professional jealousy of their colleagues, Messrs. Weirich and Aaronson. These gentlemen are happy to assure us that they have made larger quantities of, a greater mass of and more carborundum than their predecessors. Oh, happy day, when THE CAMPUS is overcome with the honor of being the battleground of so wonderful a controversy! But alas! THE CAMPUS is too overcome to receive any more such glory!

Handball.

There is a little world in the gymnasium whose exploits are not oft recorded in these pages, but whose inhabitants labor diligently just the same and spend more hours at practice than do either our basketball players or our swimmers. And then, there is no need at all for any manager to issue a call for men to come out for practice. There are plenty who come unsolicited. Now, however, our handball experts are coming into the limelight. They announce a handicap tournament. Those who cut hours to play handball may hand in their names to Lockwood, Nessler or Isler.

Looking for a Man.

The choice of a baseball manager has again been postponed. Richard O'Connell has been elected assistant to the still non-existent manager. Here is a last chance for some June 1913 man to win his letters!

A Harmony Quartette.

Mellow strains floated about the campus on Saturday morning. The source of the strains was lodged in the golden throats of several dignified seniors and members of the basketball squad. The occasion was after the voluntary practice in the gym. The plunk! plunk! plunk! of a guitar brought forth answering melodies from such notables as the manager of the basketball team, the president of Clonia, some victims of Chemistry 14, the dignified editor of THE CAMPUS and a few other sedate seniors. *Rah* for the Muse of Music! Long may she wave!

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Dr. Shapiro.

Dr. Jacob Salwyn Schapiro has written an article in the current number of the *Outlook* entitled, "Henry Moskowitz: A Social Reformer in Politics." This is a study of a prominent alumnus of the college who is very active in the Progressive party, managing the campaign of Oscar Straus, and is now a candidate for Congress.

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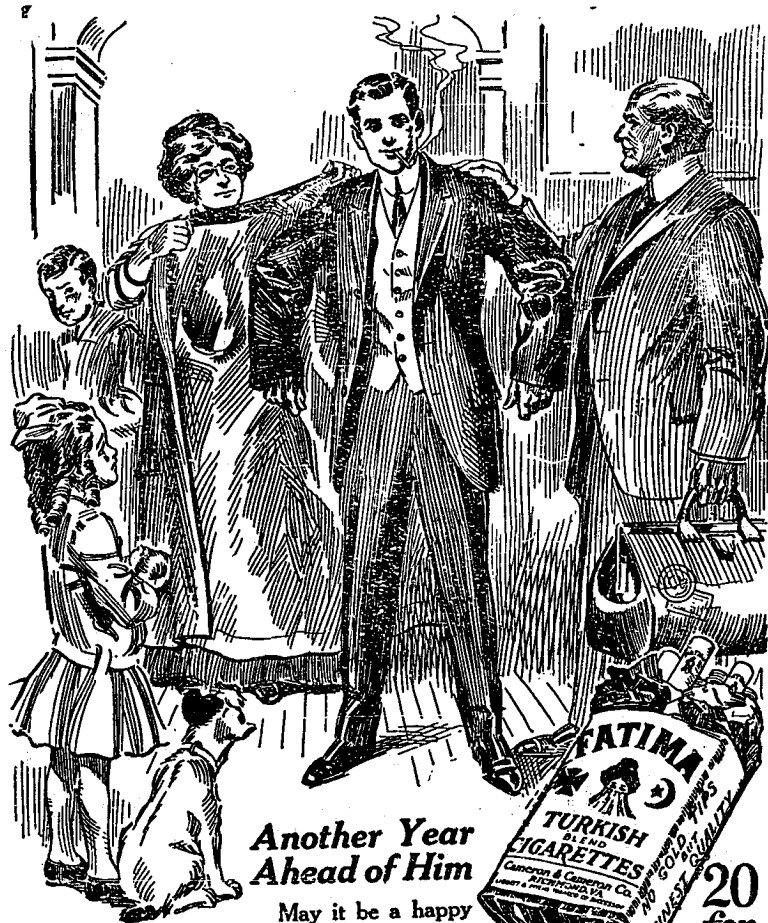
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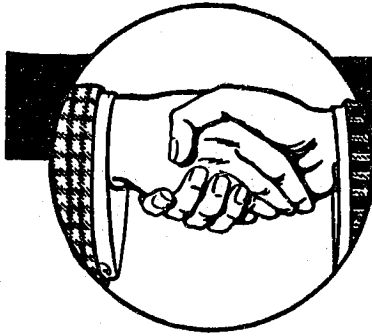
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