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Gore!



THINGS have come to such a lively pass between the Sophs and Freshies that they have time enough only to catch their breath in between skirmishes. The streets and fences for blocks around the College are proudly bedecked with green, orange and purple fifteens and sixteens, Sophs strut about the campus looking like the Pirates of Penzance seeking whom they may devour. Docile Freshies who are peacefully inclined are decorously arrayed in somber ties and socks and their heads are partially covered with black skull-caps topped by lavender buttons. On several mornings of the past week, open warfare broke out. Those who witnessed the encounters were unanimously of the opinion that there was a woeful ignorance concerning military manoeuvres. It all happened too suddenly. The opposing parties should first have selected safely guarded positions and hurled biting epithets and choice sarcasm at each other. Perhaps it would help had they made a few faces at each other. But alas! it was not to be so!

The Freshman, after gathering at a rendezvous, (Seventh Avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street, to be more exact), arrayed in ties of a hue calculated to rouse the ire of a bull or a Soph. With no preconceived notion of their object, they locked arms and marched on defiantly singing "The Wearing of the Red." Up Convent Avenue they came, under the arch, then they stopped, or rather, they were stopped. One hundred Sophs, lusty and roused to a high frenzy by the flare of the red cravats, swarmed among the invaders, pulling and tugging at the cause of their annoyance.

The Freshmen persistently resisted. The carnage was short, sharp and shattering. A reddish tint pervaded the atmosphere. The watching crowds howled and cheered with delight. When the dust settled, many of the Freshmen were tieless and the remainder harmless. Many of the Sophs were wind-less and the remainder were no longer restless. The Freshies, having established their status as a class, gave a cheer for 1916 and dispersed shouting vengeance for the next time. And to this day (so it is said) every Sophomore wears a little piece of red in his lapel as a memento of the fearful battles.

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### Employment Bureau.

The Employment Bureau is beginning its second year's work. While only a small proportion of those who applied for positions during the first year were located, yet the year was successful. During this time 86 men were placed, forty-eight in permanent part time positions, fourteen in temporary positions, four in permanent full-time positions and twenty in summer positions. The best possible estimate of the total earnings is \$885 between November 15, 1911 and April 1, 1912, \$443 between April 1 and June 1 and \$2,500 during the summer, or a total of \$3,828. This does not include many men who have been put in touch with places where they have later secured employment and a number of men who have been placed in touch with various canvassing opportunities.

Positions filled have been as stenographers, clerks, agents, waiters in summer hotels, farm hands and general handy men about summer homes.

Students who desire work during the present year should register as soon as possible with the bureau in room 305 A.

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### Prize Speaking.

The Prize Speaking contest will be held in the Great Hall on Friday evening, November 8. Preliminary trials to select speakers for that evening will be held in room 315 on the 17th of October, at 3 o'clock. Upper Juniors and Upper Seniors only are eligible. The original orations to be spoken on that occasion should not exceed seven minutes in length.

## Perfected at Last!

It is difficult to describe the feeling of great satisfaction which is occasioned by the remedy of the one defect that marred the perfection of our wonderful Great Hall. It is as if some unwelcome visitor who had thrust his presence upon you for an unusual length of time had suddenly departed, and left you to the full enjoyment of your home. At the assembly which was called last Tuesday to commemorate our good fortune, the President was not alone in the joy which he felt from the accomplishment of Professor Sabine. The students revelled in it and felt as if they had come into their own. An interesting program, especially designed to test the acoustics from every angle, revealed how excellently the task has been done. No ill-looking sounding board was needed to carry President Finley's voice throughout the entire hall as he spoke in a normal tone of many matters pertinent to the college and introduced the man who "doctored" the acoustics, Professor Sabine of Harvard, the highest authority on acoustics in the world. The professor spoke interestingly of the deed and recounted some of the difficult problems in his field of activity. Dr. Coffin's violin selection, received with much enthusiasm, proved that even the strains of a delicate instrument can now be carried to the furthest part of the Hall. Then the vocal solos rendered by Mr. Chase of the Art department showed further that the quality of the singing voice can be preserved. College cheers made the welkin ring and welcomed in the good news in the heartiest fashion.

Mr. Gano Dunn, who is President of the American Society of Electric Engineers, presented officially the wireless outfit which was described in last week's issue of *THE CAMPUS*. Mr. Dunn spoke of his struggles in college and exhorted the fellows to stick in spite of all obstacles. Professor Michael Pupin was then introduced and he made a speech lauding Mr. Dunn. He hoped that the college will develop more men like him. Professor Pupin was the instructor of Mr. Dunn and Dr. Goldsmith. The assembly was concluded with the singing of "Urbs Coronata" which was accompanied by the majestic tones of the organ. Professor Baldwin,

responding to the spirit of the occasion, was at his best, and there was many a thrill at the wonder and greatness of it all.

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### All Hail!

Prepare to bid a hearty welcome on Friday to the coming of our long awaited Constitution and Customs Book. The committee of the Student Council in charge of its making, Jesse Raphael '13, chairman, Emanuel Obstfeld '14 and Paul M. Hahn '14, have worked both hard and long to choose only the cream of all the mass of material which they had at hand. And the result (we have seen it in proof) is one calculated to arouse enthusiasm in the most phlegmatic. In the booklet, which consists of thirty-two pages, may be found the history of the Council from its beginnings and its constitution which is a logical and consistent recital of the Council's powers. These should be known and appreciated by all the students since it concerns them so nearly. Then there is a descriptive enumeration of the customs of the different classes and of the college in general, customs which have become established firmly in the hearts of all through the sixty-five years of the existence of the college. To warm the heart there are songs, real songs which have evolved out of the passing years and growing traditions, songs which are saturated with genuine sentiment. These we should accept, not only to be called our own but to be used as our very own. They should form an essential part in the spirit of every loyal City College man.

The booklet is more than worth while; it will fill a positive need. The students must know all about the Council and they will get all particulars through this medium. Again we say, welcome the book with open minds and hearts for it comes opportunely. The Council will meet on Friday for the first this term, and you should be on hand knowing all about it.

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In the August number of the *North American Review*, there appeared an interesting and instructive article by Professor Allan P. Ball of the Latin department entitled "Democracy and the Rescue of French Culture."

## ATHLETICS.

### The Hall of Fame.

It is indeed an ill registration day that ushers in no new celebrities among the Freshmen. Our athletics will get quite a boost from the capable looking lot which has just come in. Unheralded by a brass band comes Donaldson, a crack basketball player from Richmond Hill High School. His fast and clever work may be depended upon to secure for him a place on the Freshman team. Besides, he is touted as a pitcher of no mean ability. Poly Prep sends Straley who holds the record of his high school in diving and plunging. He may be remembered as the man who emerged from the water blue-faced and half-drowned after attempting to smash the record for immersion a few months ago. Gavin and Cusak, a pair from Boy's High come here tagged with football honors. They put one in mind of Polley, our old star half-back, in the days when the College boasted a football team. Harry Frank and "Fritz" Hayes are two nimble gymnasts, who may form the nucleus of a splendid gym team. Healy was left tackle on the team and is a diamond expert; while Whelan is a twirler of whom great things may be expected. Doubtless there is many another "gem of purest ray serene" which is at present hiding its light under a bushel.

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### Attention.

This is a special request from Coach Palmer. Give heed, all you athletic managers! Know ye all by these presents that on Friday at 1.15 your presence is desired in the A.A. room. The meeting will consider a schedule for the inter-class basketball series and some other important business.

It sounds good to hear such positive talk about inter-class basketball right on top of pretty definite arrangements for on inter-class baseball series and a handball tournament. We cannot afford to let slip any activities of this kind. It brings out the best stuff of all the classes and arouses the right kind of spirit and plenty of it.

### Varsity Practice.

The following men have reported for practice which began officially on Friday: Southwick, Ricca and Bradner of the veterans, Pete Sappoe, Frank Cohen, Luft and Feldman of the 1915 Freshman team, Sorrin, Kaplan, Nessler and Weirich, all 1913 men, Shulberg and Salzman '14 and Shaffer '15. There is some splendid material in this aggregate and the way they are taking to the stiff practice brings cheer to the hearts of the fans.

### Freshman Team, Ahoy!

Coach Williamson expects that the 1916 basketball team will be fully up to the standard of the teams he has turned out in previous years. Thirty five enthusiastic candidates have reported, among whom, they say, the twinkles many a little star. The number includes men who hail not only from Townsend Harris and the city high schools, but from Montreal, Virginia and the states in between.

### Cross Country.

If any long-winded classmate is annoying you, suggest that he come out for the cross-country team and let him use his lungs to good purpose. There is much good material, but lots more is needed. A dual run with Columbia is contemplated and the college will be represented in the Intercollegiates. A run is just the thing you need on these crisp October days to set the blood in circulation. Come on and limber up!

Max Lieberman '13 was appointed by the A. A. to manage the Track Team. Lieberman worked hard the past year as editor-in-chief of the 1913 Microcosm.

### Sprinklings.

Coach Mackenzie has three especially good probabilities for the swimming team. Melville Shauer is reputed to be a real amphibian. John A. Straley is a fancy diver who will have to work hard to fill the place which Fielding made vacant. Paul Gross, too, shows promise. Others whom it will be interesting to watch are James Havender, Schulman, Raymond Lease, Frey, McFarland and Harvey.

There is a pressing need for plungers to take Snider's place. All heavyweights are requested to report to Mac.

### Lockers.

All those fortunates who are exempt from gym, meaning the upper classmen, can obtain lockers for their gym suits and towels by applying to Mr. Heard in room 105 in the gym. The wise know the pleasure of a swim when the snow is on the ground and unless you have a locker—— nuff sed!

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### Chess Athletics.

The Chess Club, active as usual, will begin a tournament next Monday for the purpose of choosing a varsity team. Every class will turn out a full quota of representatives. There never are men lacking here in college to come up to the little room on the fourth floor to while away the weary hours. The contest will be close between the veterans, Rosowsky, Goldman, Lindholm and Hertan of last year's team and the new intellectual gymnasts from the high schools. The men all look so fit and their competition is so keen that the prospects of winning again the Interstate Chess League trophy are so bright as to make it almost certain. Being the champs of the chess world is so usual for our gallant knights that we accept it as inevitable. We predict laurel wreaths for our brainy athletes without fear of disappointment.

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### For the Colonel.

Politics comes with a rush to the College now that the College world has entered politics. Many enthusiastic "Bull Moose" students gathered on Jasper Oval last Tuesday to express their sentiments and to sign their names to a set of resolutions to be sent to Colonel Roosevelt and Mr. Oscar Straus.

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### Dr. Shapiro.

In the "Independent" of August 29 appeared an article by Dr. Jacob Salwyn Shapiro on "A new Electoral System for France." The article, which was favorably commented upon by an editorial in the "Times," is on the bill that was recently passed by the Chamber of Deputies, establishing Proportional Representation in France.

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Dr. David Ray who left the Department of Physics for the position of Chief Engineer of the Department of Buildings has resigned from that office to enter private practice as consulting engineer.

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## A Duty.



THE PROBLEM of the high school man has become so acute that it demands almost immediate measures for its solution. It is a matter of common knowledge that in the Freshman and Sophomore years, the high school man feels that he is practically an outsider. He plays little part in class activities and he segregates himself. Students who come from Townsend Harris Hall are the leaders of their class doings and dominant everywhere. The reason for this state of affairs is not hard to see. Townsend Harris men have been together for three years and have an intimate knowledge of the college. High school men are as those who come from a strange land. How can they be expected to join whole-heartedly in the class activities when they are not encouraged and when one factor of the class delegates everything to itself? Mere invitations will not overcome their feeling of isolation. They must be actively encouraged, both by word and deed. Special effort should be directed to make them



feel that they are part of the whole. And it is up to the men from Townsend Harris to do this, for they compose the element that must act, for a time at least, as a host who is *determined* to make his guests feel at home.

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### To Musicians.

Music resumed her place in our college life yesterday afternoon when the choral society met for practice in the Great Hall under the direction of Professor Baldwin. The society will meet every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 2.45. There is the Orchestra which, beginning to-morrow, meets every Friday afternoon from 3 to 5. To this organization, too, Professor Baldwin is lending his efforts. Music should have a more prominent part in our college life than it has had hitherto. There are many among the students who have musical ability, but who must be encouraged to show it. Let these come out, join the societies and help to strengthen the musical spirit.

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### President Finley.

The president is vice-chairman of the committee for the reception of the United States fleet, which will be anchored in the Hudson from October 6 to 15. On Friday evening he spoke at the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association. On Saturday evening, he spoke in a purely personal way at a non-partisan dinner which was tended to Mr. McCombs who is the National Democratic chairman and a member of the Board of Trustees of the College.

The "Times" had a long article containing an account of a walking trip which the president made around Manhattan Island. There were a few inaccuracies in the report. The president took the walk partly for exercise and partly to get a fresh sense of the city at the beginning of the new term. He took the same tramp a few years ago. Moreover, the president has no intention innovating a course in walking but he does feel that walking should be encouraged. The "Evening Post" and the "Evening World" printed editorials about the tramp.

### Societies in Swing.

All the societies have responded to the active spirit of the new year and they are all up and doing, widening their scope and holding higher ideals before them. Most of the groups have already commenced their work with a hearty good will.

Clionia hailed in her sixty third year last Friday night with a reunion of old and new comrades. Selig Hecht '13 made his inaugural speech an informal one. Aaronson '13 gave a reading and was followed by a series of recitals of summer experiences. After the meeting they all followed their old custom of taking a jolly walk together.

Phrenocosmia, too, had a bully time across the hall from Clionia, ushering in her sixty first year in her own way. I. Weinstein '13 made his inaugural address, after which H. L. Roth '13 spoke on the "Hayes-Ponsfort Treaty" concerning the Panama Canal. H. Schwartz '13 introduced the subject of "Politics" and most of the members were given the opportunity to give their views.

The Adelprians held their first meeting on Friday evening also. There were a few talks by old Adelprians and the election of officers followed. Nathan Schachner '15 was elected president, Hyman Rosenblatt '15 vice-president, Theodore Goodman '15 program executive and Everett Hood '15 secretary.

Last Thursday evening the Biological Society held the first meeting of its new term. A delegation of eligible students was warmly welcomed. The outlook points to a widening of the scope of the work of the society, its field covering the entire student body, Alfred Salmon '12 spoke of his work of the summer at the State Board of Health Station at Canarsie and at the Museum of Natural History. Morris Cohen '12 told of his position with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and Selig Hecht '14 reported the general results of the experiments which W. J. Crozier '12 and he performed on fishes while at the laboratory of the Bureau of Fisheries at Beaufort, South Carolina. A series of field trips to a number of points of biologic interest has been arranged, and will be announced on the Society's bulletin board.

The work of the Civic Club this term will be essentially political in character. The programs of the various parties will be thoroughly analyzed and the presidential candidates fully discussed. A presidential year usually offers much opportunity for getting into heated discussions, so that the sessions of the club will not lack warmth. Regular meetings will be held every Thursday afternoon at 2.45 in room 306. Professor Guthrie will deliver a hearty speech of welcome at the first meeting to-morrow afternoon.

Le Cercle Jusserand laid down at its first meeting a new literary program. The club will direct its attention principally towards helping its members to acquire a greater facility in speaking French and in acting. Debates, talks, sketches and recitations will be frequent and there will be occasional lectures by eminent Frenchmen who visit the city. The society hopes to produce another play this year in conjunction, we suggest, with Normal. The meetings are held on Friday afternoons at 3 o'clock.

Il Circolo Dante Alighieri inaugurated the third year of its active existence with a formal meeting last Friday. The committee which had charge of the production of Goldoni's "Il Ventaglio" reported a net profit of \$103.18. Two fifths of this was donated to the new Italian Hospital and two fifths to the Verdi School fund. These commendable acts are evidences of the society's sincerity. The following officers were elected for the present term: President, August Lodato '14; Vice-President, Joseph Pagnotta '13; Secretary, Francesco Battistella '15; Treasurer, Charles S. Christiano '14.

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### Weekly Assemblies?

Now that all is well with the Great Hall, the president is making plans to hold assemblies at least once each week. There could be nothing more beneficial to the strengthening of College spirit. Assemblies of the whole students body give a feeling of complete unity in spirit and are a splendid source of inspiration to all who take part. Fellowship is promoted and patriotism to the College is fostered. Everything should be done to further the project and make it a success in every way.

## Class Elections.

February 1915—President, Harry Schaffer; Vice-President, N. Rauch; Secretary, F. Warning; Treasurer, L. J. Stickney; Student Council, Hyman Feldman and J. Zimmerman; Marshal H. T. Salzman; Athletic Manager, H. A. O'Connell.

June 1915—President, Frank Cohen; Vice-President, Chas. Schaffer; Secretary, F. Gross; Treasurer, A. Goldberg; Student Council, B. Samuelson and L. Marcus; Marshal, N. Singer; Athletic Manager, N. Schachner.

February 1916—President, Henry H. Shanholt; Vice-President, Chas. I. Stoloff; Recording Secretary, David Rosenstein; Financial Secretary, Benjamin D. Kaplan; Treasurer, Jerome H. Dreyfus; Marshal, Jacob Greenberg; Athletic Manager, Harold Wilk; Poet Historian, James Goold; Student Council, D. G. Krinowsky.

All class elections must be held before Thursday, October 3d. On Friday, the 4th, the first meeting of the Student Council will take place.

## Honored.

Morse Hirsch, a Phi Beta Kappa man of the class of 1911, has been elected to the "Columbia Law Review." This is a signal honor which is conferred upon law students who stand highest in their studies and who receive the approval of the faculty. City College is represented in Columbia Law school by twenty men. Our men are doing admirably there, even conspicuously, in a class which boasts of one Phi Beta Kappa man out of every four.

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Prof. Winslow.

Professor Winslow was actively engaged in investigating of Minneapolis during the month of August, with a view toward improving the conditions which prevail in that city. Last week he attended the meeting of the American Public Health Association at Washington. While there, he read a paper at the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography.

City College Club.

Once more the members of the City College Club are gathering at their club rooms on Saturday nights to discuss alumni affairs, to consider problems of the day and to spend a social evening. The regular meeting of the month was held last Saturday evening. Dr. Rudolph M. Binder, Professor of Sociology at the New York University, addressed the club on the subject of "Health as a Sociological Factor."

Dr. Weill has issued a book through the American Book Company, entitled "A French Newspaper Reader," which will be used extensively as a text book.

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