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firms and the auditing of the accounts of all class functions. Another power acquired was that of issuing charters to college organizations. The course of Vocational lectures, the management of which had drifted into the hands of the Y. M. C. A., was resumed under the specific guidance of the council. The students are represented at the meetings of the Faculty Employment Committee by the Chairman of the Council committee. An extension of the lunch period on Wednesdays was effected. The Lost and Found Bureau worked efficiently during the semester but there must be increased co-operation on the part of the students.

The recognition of the Council as the official organ of the students was shown when President Finley referred to it changes affecting the regulation of absences. A series of interclass debates was arranged and elimination trials had already been held when the Johns Hopkins debate and the Easter vacation caused interest to wane. The mass meeting which was called by the Council for the Shepard Memorial tablet marks an epoch in the history of the council since it was the first time that the students convened at the call of their representative organization. The long delayed Constitution and Customs book has at length been completed and is ready for distribution. A most important accomplishment by the council was the 1913 Microcosm. The book is a rare combination of literary and artistic qualities. Moreover, the benefit of a few years' of experience with these publications enabled the faculty adviser, Professor Robinson, to produce this Microcosm at a saving of over three hundred dollars, while the standard of work was improved upon.

The report contains many specific recommendations based upon the council's experiences during the previous term.

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### To-Morrow.

Mr. Dillwynn Hazlett, who has been sent by the Brazilian Government to this country with a commission to attend the International Rubber Exhibit and the Panama Exposition, has been secured to lecture tomorrow at 1.10 in the Art Lecture Room, 306. He will speak on "Commercial Opportunities in Brazil," especially in the rubber industry. Mr. Hazlett is reputed to be a very interesting lecturer and what he will have to say will certainly be opportune. Everybody should attend.

### Rally 'Round the Flag!

On Friday afternoon the Sophs and Freshies will leave off their petty squabbling and engage in the most exciting and strenuous event of the series of Fresh-Soph activities. At 4.30 the members of the Freshman class are scheduled to gather and make the annual attempt to secure the flag. The Sophs will stand around it with locked arms to withstand the onslaught. Ten minutes will be allowed the Freshmen in which to tear down the flag, which is at the top of a 12-foot pole. Only gym shoes are permitted to be worn by the contestants and all "rough work" will be tabooed. All decisions will be rendered by a committee of five composed of the presidents of the upper and lower Senior and Junior classes and the president of the Athletic Association, who will act as chairman. The class that wins the rush receives five points. Another five points is awarded to the winner of the tugs-of-war and six points to the winner of the meet. The class that wins the greater number of points will receive a banner from the Student Council.

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### Freshman Reception.

On Friday evening, the Freshman will be given a hearty welcome into College by President Finley and the faculty. In comparison with the flag rush in the afternoon, the reception will be quite strenuous for the youngsters. All told, Friday will be a day of experiences which the Freshmen will remember for some time.

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### Customs Book To-Morrow.

Owing to an unavoidable delay at the printers' the Student Council Constitution and Customs Book could not be issued last Friday, but to-morrow morning it will be on sale without fail. Everyone should respond to the call.

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### To-day 1.20

For the purpose of fostering a loyal spirit towards Alma Mater, Pres. Finley and the Student Council request the presence of all students to-day at 1.20 in the Great Hall. If you have the interests of your college at heart, then show it by attending this gathering.

### Professor Duggan's Colleges.

On the evening of September 28, the men of the Evening Session registered for the fall term. More than 650 men enrolled—an unprecedented showing, the registration being fifty per cent greater than that of last year. A number of new instructors have been engaged for the new year, among them being Professor Turner in philosophy, Dr. Moore in French, Professor Fox, Dr. Ray and Mr Corcoran in physics, Mr. Redmond in Public Speaking and Mr. Compton in English. The new courses include the Philosophy of Law by Professor Cohen, Advanced Surveying by Dr. Ray, and Advanced Chemistry by Dr. Breithut.

The registration of teachers in the Extension courses reveals a growing interest in the work. A new course, Ethics, is being given by Professor Overstreet, Professor Horne is taking Mr. Galwey's place in "English Composition".

Congratulations are due Professor Duggan for the great progress which he has made in these comparative-ly new departments of the College.

### Department Libraries.

The French Department cordially invites the members of the teaching staff and the students of the college to make use of the department library in Room 209. For the present, the room is open for readers and for the distribution of books every day from noon to one o'clock and from noon to one-thirty on Mondays and Thursdays. There are about a thousand volumes of modern works and several current magazines. The interest on the one thousand dollars which was donated by the class of '85 will be used for the purchase of books of permanent interest.

Joy came to the English Department last week in the shape of a gift by Mr. Bernard M. Baruch, a Trustee of the College, of five hundred dollars for the library. Mr. Compton, who received the check, is conferring with his colleagues about what books to buy. The library, which now consists of 1,500 volumes, is open to all students and books may be borrowed for periods of two weeks.

## ATHLETICS.

### Varsity Basketball.

Manager Isaacson of the basketball team is working on a schedule that will fully equal in importance and interest the standards of previous years. Games have already been arranged with Yale, Rochester, St. Lawrence and Maryland. The fans will remember from last season what excellent battles our team had with all of these colleges. Isaacson is also carrying on negotiations with Syracuse, Colgate and a few other colleges which will certainly force our men to play their hardest.

In the meanwhile, practice up on the gym floor is a treat to watch. It is a revelation to see how fast many of our men have become. What we may lack in weight we will more than make up in fast and clever work. Captain Southwick, Ricca and Palmer Bradner in action look like greased lightning. "Curly" Kaplan, '13, is surely a find. He should have been discovered long ago. Pete Sappoe and Schulberg are hard at work shooting fouls under Coach Palmer's direction. Leo Sorrin, too, is showing that he has had splendid training. "Skinny" Weirich and Harry Schaffer, the human sky-scrapers, are rapidly rounding into form. Frank Cohen and "Chick" Salzman look like fine varsity material. The other men, too, show up well in practice and raise to the highest pitch our hopes of having another cracker-jack basketball team.

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### Freshman Basketball.

Manager "Bunny" Thomas feels no doubt that he will secure the best high school aggregations as victims of our Freshman five. He has already arranged games with Hoboken High School, the champions of New Jersey; with Commercial, our friends from over the bridge; with the High School of Commerce and with DeWitt Clinton of our own fair city. Other games with equally strong high schools are pending, and it is hoped that the '16 team will follow the example of the other Freshman teams which the College has produced. From the fine looking lot that has reported for practice, we feel certain that such a thing cannot but happen.

### Forsaken!

Oh where and oh where did our college laddies go on Monday afternoon? The noble youth were gone from this "Shrine of Noble Youth;" this "House of Light" was dark, for we had all gone up to see the Giants play the Yankees. The occasion was the game which was arranged to entertain the United States sailors who came into port a few days ago with the fleet. This splendid treat for the student body is due to the efforts of President Finley, who is vice-chairman of the committee to welcome the fleet.

### 1914 Wins.

The first game of the interclass baseball series was played last Friday, 1913 *versus* 1914. Despite the fact that Greenberg and Jack Berrigan were absent, the Juniors defeated the Seniors in a five inning game. "Skinny" Bennett's pitching and "Skinny" Weirich's work at first and the latter's home run were the features of the game.

1914 . . . . .	1	1	1	2	1-6
1913 . . . . .	3	0	0	0	1-4

Batteries—1914, Bennett and Meyer; 1913, Mullen and Soons. Umpire—Steinkamp.

### The Ambitious Freshmen.

Not content with furnishing more or less entertainment in the form of scrimmages on the campus every other morning, the Freshmen are organizing a soccer team. The cream of last year's Harris team (which came within one game of winning the P. S. A. L. championship) is now in the 1916 class. With Farrell, Drake, Caro, Shanholt and Donovan as a nucleus and men from the high schools to help, great things may be expected. Games are being arranged with the strongest high schools in the city.

### An Opportunity.

Twice a week some of the knickerbockered youngsters from across the campus catch-as-catch-can under Mr. Hansen's supervision in the Wrestling Room. Any young Hackenschmidts who read this can have a chance to show their form on the mat this Friday afternoon. We wonder if some of our Arts I athletes could not readily master the intricacies of the Græco-Roman style.



## Water Whispers.

The Washington (D. C.) Y. M. C. A. has written Manager Cahn of the swimming team requesting a meet with our swimmers. If this materializes there is a possibility of our team's taking a southern trip, in the course of which the Baltimore Swimming Club and Anapolis would figure as our opponents. All undergraduates who feel that a trip to the Sunny South during the winter would benefit their health may have this glorious pleasure if they come out, practice and make good.

Our swimming team may have the opportunity to acquire the broad a which characterizes Cambridge, Massachusetts. It is quite certain that Harvard will become a member of the Intercollegiate Swimming League. On second thought, our boys will hardly have time to study peculiarities of articulation when there is a meet to be won.

Captain Steigman of the water polo team has departed from our midst. Nussbaum has been elected to succeed him and to lead our team to victory.

"Mickey" Cahn is doing his best to have the individual championships held in our pool on the second Saturday of March. We believe our tank is an ideal place for the event. It would certainly do a great deal towards advertising the college throughout the East.

The class swimming teams are all working hard for the interclass meets which will soon take place. These teams should be encouraged for it is from them that some of our best varsity material will come.

Cahn is going to have a bulletin board placed in the pool. Its purpose is to remind fellows of the days and hours of practice. The bulletin, we hope, will not become a useless part of the scenery.

A wonderful phenomenon is occurring in our pool. They say that two canny Scotchmen, Mac Pherson and McFarland just revel in the water. Can you beat it?

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## The President

Last night, President Finley spoke at a dinner in St. George, S. I., in the interests of the Staten Island hospital. On Saturday he is scheduled to speak at Public School 62 at the memorial services for Miss Julia Richman.

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## Past and Present.



ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found a summary of the work of last term's Student Council. Throughout the whole of the president's report one feels the dominant spirit of striving for complete student self-government. Toward the attainment of this ideal last term's work appears to be but a slight advance. The council did few things that would appeal to the popular mind as being worthy of admiration. Sensation was absent from the innovations which were made; all of which tends to heighten the impression of but slight progress. In reality, however, one can hardly overestimate the importance of the past term's contribution to the strength of the council. In the undertaking of any great work, sufficient preparation is essential. And it is with the careful preparation for the great work which lay before it that the Council busied itself. The work of the past administration was engaged in the storing up of power and equipping itself for greater tasks. With the co-operation of the Faculty and the student body, the Council acquired many new functions,

such as the supervision of business relations and class functions, disciplinary regulations, issuance of society charters and a voice in the Faculty Employment Bureau. Altogether, there was secured a fuller recognition of jurisdiction over almost all student activities.

The larger task, however, remains for us—the application and exercise of these newly acquired powers and privileges. It should be remembered that disuse causes atrophy. Of the utmost importance is it for the councilors to realize the heavy responsibility which is placed upon them. They must act thoughtfully but promptly and efficiently.

There yet remains another aspect of the situation. Moral support is not much to demand and to give, but the Council *must* have the moral support of every student in the college if it wishes to be a really representative body. The students should feel enough interest to cooperate in every way with the work of the Council. They must show interest enough to encourage the councilors to their best. When the Council calls for action by the students, the latter must not be slow in response.

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### Law and Order.

As a result of last Wednesday's scrimmage between the Sophomores and Freshmen, a special detail of "New York's Finest" appeared on the campus early Thursday morning to enforce an "outward order" policy during the season of hostilities. One very energetic member of the detachment busied himself with keeping everybody in motion. No respecter of places, he drove away groups of students who had gathered at the very entrance of the college. He was so strenuous about it that he bowled over a couple of Townsend Harris youngsters. Hoots and hisses greeted this act and one tall Junior who was standing near by muttered something that sounded like "big brute". For his pains he received a cuff on the ear that sent him on his way—too stunned to speak. And we are supposed to appreciate the fact that our guardians of the peace are capable of performing their duty!

### Class Elections.

February 1913—President, Daniel Nessler; Vice-President, Charles Schwartz; Secretary, Louis Fromme; Treasurer, Max Stern; Athletic Manager, Herman Lissauer; Marshal, Palmer Bradner; Student Council, Louis Prashker, Louis Goldman; Herman Lax and A. L. Glassenberg.

June 1913—President, Joseph Nothen; Vice-President, Leo Sorrin; Secretary, Francis R. Dieuaide; Treasurer, Sydney G. Soons; Poet-Historian, Bernard Meyer. Athletic Manager, Arthur Burchell; Student Council, Israel Weinstein, Jesse Raphael, Edward W. Stitt, Jr., Hyman L. Roth.

February 1914—President, Max Mosher; Vice-President, William Landsman; Secretary, Henry J. Klein; Athletic Manager, Sydney Nussbaum; Editor of the 1914 Microcosm, Solomon Bluhm; Student Council, Max Hirscher, David Krauss, Harry Millbach.

Max April and Hyman Grossberg were tied for treasurer and the lower 14 class must cast its vote for Business Manager of the Microcosm.

June 1916—President, Raymond Farrell; Vice-president, Max Greenberg; Secretary, Benjamin Levine; Treasurer, Nathan P. Dworetzky; Marshal, Eugene Zevine; Poet-Historian, Meyer Magee; Student Council, Max Wecker.

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### Chemistry Comments.

The report of Professor Baskerville on "The Chemistry of Anesthetics" was concluded in the August number of the Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry. Before the Eighth International Congress of Applied Chemistry he presented the following papers: "The Relative Stability of Primary Cadmium Potassium Iodide and Its Application in the Determination of Ozone," "The Extraction of Thoria" and "Ethyl Ether by Catalysis."

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### Research Club.

The Research Club of the faculty met for the first time this term in the Tower rooms on Thursday evening. They dined well as preliminary to the presentation by Professor Overstreet of a paper on "Some Philosophical Issues in our Present Legal Situation." The paper was highly praised by his hearers.

### More Society Notes.

The delinquent societies have at last come into the fold and begun their work for the term. The first meeting of the Chemical Society was held last Friday for the purpose of organizing the work for the year. The next meeting will take place this Friday evening at eight in room 204 of the Chemistry building. All students who are interested in chemistry are invited to attend.

The Menorah Society begins its work this evening with a speech of welcome by its president, Mervin Isaacs '13. L. Kraft '12 will discuss "The Work and Purpose of the Y. M. H. A." and L. Cohen will talk on "The Jews of Russia." An open discussion on "Anti-Semitism" will be led by I. Weinstein '13. The society meets every Wednesday evening and conducts a Friday afternoon course of lectures.

The Newman Club started its fall term with a lively meeting last Friday evening. Most of the old members were there to welcome a host of new ones. Plans for the annual dinner are very ambitious. All Catholic students are urged to come to the society's meetings.

Professor Guthrie gave a hearty address of welcome to the members of the Civic Club last Thursday and then spoke on "The Educational Value of Partisanship." Nessler '13 gave an account of the Hayes-Tilden controversy and entered into details of how a president is elected.

The Society for the Study of Socialism will recommence its activities this week with a large revival meeting.

The incoming Freshmen were heartily dined last Friday by the Y. M. C. A. in the Faculty lunch room. Edward E. Bloodgood '13 made a really splendid speech showing the young men what glorious opportunities there are in college and John A. Straley responded for the Freshmen. About forty students were present.

There are plans afoot to organize an Actors' Social Club among the members of the Freshman class for the purpose of staging and acting playlets. Students who have musical ability will assist in the productions.

### Faculty Lecturers.

In many lecture centers throughout the city various members of our faculty are "holding forth" before large audiences. In Eastern District High School, Professor Guthrie speaks every Monday evening on American history, and in School 101, Manhattan, he lectures on American government on Wednesday evenings. Professor Storey has carried his campaign against pathogenic bacteria to the platform of St. Bartholomew's Lyceum Hall, where he tells the audience some of the important health factors with which he has acquainted us. On Tuesday evenings, in Stuyvesant High School, Dr. Estabrooke explains the causes and nature of some chemical phenomena which are common but not commonly understood. Professor Meade gives a series of lectures on Friday evenings on general history in Public School 30, Brooklyn.

### Public Chorus.

Professor Baldwin, not having enough to do in his regular courses, his direction of the Choral Society and Orchestra and his semi-weekly organ recitals, is organizing a chorus of mixed voices which will present great choral works free to the public. The Great Hall, in which these performances will take place, is especially well adapted to such a purpose. The chorus, Professor Baldwin hopes, will consist of from two to three hundred voices. The requirements for membership are a fair voice and some knowledge of the rudiments of music. Rehearsals will be held in the Great Hall on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock, beginning October 15th. Application may be made to Professor Baldwin in the Great Hall.

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### Biological Bits.

Dr. Brown, successor to Mr. Hilliard in the Natural History Department, is well after a prolonged illness and has commenced his work in the courses on bacteriology.

The next meeting of the Biological Society will be held to-morrow evening. Walter Pels, Max Schwartzbarth and Joseph Hertzstein will speak on topics relating to zoology. The first field trip of the Club will be taken next Sunday under the guidance of Dr. Goldfarb.

The Course in Municipal Health Inspection is under way. Only five men have been permitted to take the course. They are under the instruction of Professor Winslow and Dr. Breithut and are doing their laboratory work under the supervision of Health Inspectors, through the co-operation of the Department of Health. The Mayor has expressed his approval of this plan.

"Fritz" Abramson, '12, has been appointed private assistant to Professor Phelps at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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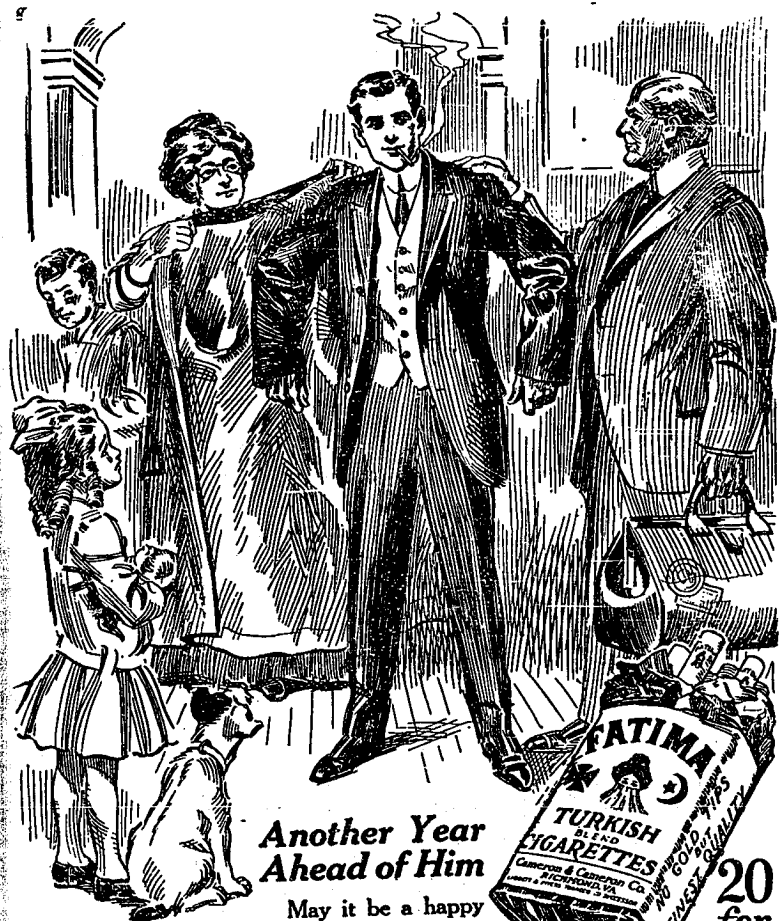
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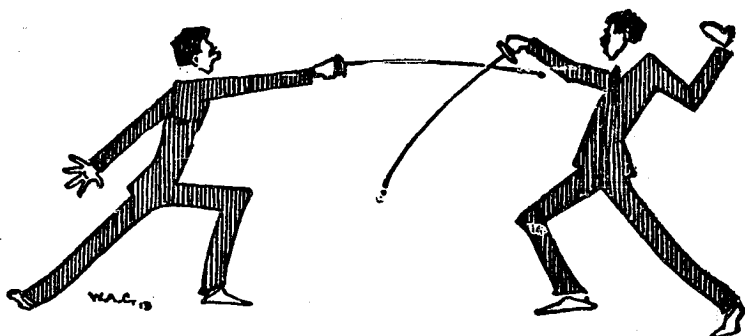
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