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## Mahomet to the Mountain.



THE OLD home of the College in Twenty-third Street, the scene of so many traditions and memories, is at last being deserted by the lower academic students who have attended there. This accounts for the lively horde of wee youngsters in our midst. The little fellows, who would have been housed in the old building, are attending recitations here and in Townsend Harris Hall from 12 to 6. The reason for their migration to the Heights is that the Board of Trustees plans to erect the new College of Commerce upon the site of the old College building, and they have been unable to secure other quarters for the students at present. Fourteen rooms in Townsend Harris Hall and eight in the Main Building have been set aside for their use. The arrangement, of course, causes a little annoyance to the occupants, but it is only temporary. And besides, the students should keep in mind the fact that the little fellows are really our guests and should be treated with courtesy, not to say patience.

## Yesterday's Assembly.

There is nothing now to be desired in the Great Hall in point of perfection. Everything that the President, Professor Sabine and Mr. Dunn said was clearly heard. The acoustics have been attended to by Professor Sabine, of Harvard, who is the highest authority on acoustics. Mr. Gano Dunn presented, officially the wireless outfit which has been elsewhere mentioned. President Finley accepted for the College. The apparatus is now ready for use in the new course.

The president took advantage of the opportunity offered to welcome the Freshmen officially to the College.

## Invaded.

During the week before the opening of College, the buildings were the stamping ground of many ladies and gentlemen, both foreign and learned in appearance. They were the members of the Eighth International Congress of Applied Chemistry which was in convention here. Five of the meetings were held in the Great Hall. Four lectures were delivered, each in the native tongue of the speaker. The first was on "Recent Discoveries in Biochemistry" by Dr. Bertrand, of the Pasteur Institute, in French. Then one in German by Mr. Duisberg on "The Development and Progress of the Chemical Industry." The third was delivered in English by Dr. Perkin on "Permanent Fireproofing of Cotton Goods" and the fourth was in Italian, "Photochemistry of the Future" by Dr. Ciamician.

The audience seemed not a whit worried about the foreign languages since they were all equipped with what we would call "ponies." Every afternoon, tea was served the guests on the lawn. The staff of the Chemistry department assisted by Messrs. Singer, Weirich, Weinberger and Abelson, all of the 1913 class, had charge of the meetings.

The visit of the Congress left the College at least one lasting benefit in the shape of perfected acoustics in the Great Hall. Ten thousand dollars was expended this summer to accomplish it, and now, a person talking from the platform in a normal tone can be heard distinctly through the entire hall. Disturbing echoes are eliminated.

## Registration.

The registration of new men this year is peculiarly gratifying. It exceeds that of last year, and moreover, it is a good sign that the number of men coming from the high schools is increasing. One hundred and forty men have come from the high schools and one hundred and forty-four from Townsend Harris—a total class of two hundred and eighty-eight as compared with two hundred and seventy-seven of last September. Then, too, the high schools are more generally represented than hitherto. The number includes Erasmus, De Witt Clinton, Harkness, Boys' High, Morris, Stuyvesant, Conscience and quite a few out-of-town high schools.

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### 500 Miles a Second.

During the summer, Mr. Gano Dunn, of the class of 1889, presented to the college a wireless telegraphy outfit. The equipment, which is the finest in the country, consists of a five hundred mile wireless telegraph and a wireless telephone which has a carrying power of one hundred and fifty miles. Originally, it cost the government thirteen thousand dollars. The machinery, however, proved too complicated for navy purposes, but it is excellent for demonstration. Accordingly, there has been instituted a new course in Physics, called Radio-Communication, to be given by Dr. Goldsmith, who has spent four weeks in the erection of the apparatus. The instrument is now in perfect working order and any one who desires to hear messages from the other side of our little world, may listen to them in Dr. Goldsmith's laboratory.

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### Professor Le Gras.

In early Summer, the college sustained a greivous loss in the death of Gustave Le Gras, Associate Professor of Mathematics. He had been ill for a very long time and on July 24, he passed away at his home. Professor Sim was with him to the last.

The Professor's part in the life of the college was prominent and he filled it with much honor. He was born in New York City in 1850 and graduated from the College in 1879 when he became an instructor here. For the past twenty-eight years he has been Associate Professor of Mathematics.

In addition to other activities which have benefited the college in many directions, he founded the City College Class Secretaries' Association, which is at present very influential in keeping track of and in holding together the alumni. Professor Le Gras has been its President for some time.

The professor's personality was so engaging that it won for him many sincere admirers and friends. A few years ago, he married Miss Loeb, a charming Southern lady, who survives him, and to her the College extends its heartfelt sympathy. Those who knew the professor share her grief.

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### Worth Recognized.

Many of our faculty have been rewarded for faithful work during their length of service by promotion. The action was decided upon by the Board of Trustees.

Assistant Professor Krowl has been made Associate Professor in English, and Assistant Professor Guthrie has been promoted to Associate Professor in Political Science as the result of his excellent work in political theory and law. Instructor Coleman is now Assistant Professor in English. The same honor has been conferred upon Instructors A. B. Turner in Mathematics, Carrol N. Brown in Greek, Morris R. Cohen in Philosophy, Frederick B. Robinson in Public Speaking and Gaston Laffargue in French.

Dr. Camera has been promoted from tutor to instructor in Romance languages. Mr. McLoughlin is now a tutor in Physics, Mr. Dixon a tutor-at-large and Mr. Kurz tutor in Romance languages. Messrs. Reichardt and Heard are now tutors in Physical Instruction.

The congratulations of all are extended to all of these worthy gentlemen, and may their good fortune attend them further!

There are still other changes which have occurred in the faculty. Messrs. Galwey and Hogan of the English department, Mr. Chadwick of the Art staff and Mr. Alexander of the department of Romance languages, all have resigned. Mr. Riley of the English department has left to fill the post of Chief Examiner of the State Board of Massachusetts. Mr. Lamouret, instructor in French, has been granted an extended leave of absence until September 1913.

It may be mentioned here that through the President's efforts a general increase of salary was granted to the instructing corps.

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### The Stadium.

All summer long, Mr. Arnold Brunner, the architect to whom the contract for building the stadium has been awarded, has worked on the detailed plans of our new athletic field. He will soon complete a miniature model of the field, showing how it will look when complete. Work will be begun just as soon as the plans are finished.

## ATHLETICS.

### Basketball Gossip.

It was with much regret and quite a little sinking of heart that we lost through graduation such splendid men as "Rouge" Friedman, Kaufman, Kaplan and Frank. They played well enough to uphold and add to the traditional glory of the college in the realm of basketball and to deserve much commendation in the official Spalding Basketball guide.

Though their loss is keenly felt by our "fans," the present basketball season will be ushered in with the brightest prospects of success. Owing to the large number of men already on the list for the Varsity, practice will commence much earlier than usual. In fact, this very week the men are to report.

Of the men on last season's team, only "Sunny" Southwick and "Shorty" Bradner remain. Southwick certainly looks fit after the three months of vacation and the college may expect to see him play even better than last season. Bradner has grown more husky and can be depended on to make a fine showing. Sorrin, Kaplan and Weirich, all of whom starred last Spring in winning the interclass basketball champs for 1913, have impressed critics as showing much promise. They are all fast and cool-headed players. Interclass basketball should be encouraged more than it has been hitherto for it brings out material which would otherwise be hidden. The entire Freshman varsity team of last season has returned with the exception of Goldstein and Wirklich. Sappoe, whose playing was much admired, has kept himself in trim all summer. "Doc" and Frank Cohen, Feldman and Spiegler all look as if they have put on weight. Then there are others, not yet announced, who are coming out for practice. Pretty soon we'll see them all taking cross country runs to improve their wind.

Manager Isaacson announces games pending with Yale, Rochester, Colgate and St. Lawrence and holds out promise of nine home games as compared with eight of last year. It is rumored that there is possibility of a southern trip for the team.

From among the great number of strong and skillful Freshmen who have just come in from the high schools and from T. H. H., Manager "Bunny" Thomas feels confident of getting a crack 1916 team. He is busy securing for his schedule the best high school teams that can be found in New York City and vicinity.

Things will soon be going with a rush up on the gym floor.

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### Quite a Splash!

You would have been convinced of the splash we're going to make this season had you been in the A. A. room on Friday. Coach Mackenzie had a word to say about the swimming outlook. First he smiled, then frowned, finally stamped his foot and demanded, "Yes, sir, we will! Why shouldn't we?" Nobody being present to say him nay or yea, he continued, "There's McGrath and Nussbaum and Steigman, Couhill and Riemer and Israel and the rest of the old crew—all back in tip-top condition. Add to these the new material we're getting from the high schools and from Townsend Harris, and you can just bet there'll be a bully swimming squad this winter. And what's more,"—here he paused, "we are going to break a few records."

Now, if anybody else had said that, we would smile, but coming as it does from "Mac," it inspires confidence and enthusiasm. And what splendid opportunities there are going to be this winter to do things! Manager Cahn announces that besides meeting the teams of the league, Columbia, Yale, Princeton and Pennsylvania, our swimmers may be matched against those of Amherst, Williams, Brown, West Point and Harvard. It is almost certain that there will be a meet with Harvard, for she intends entering the league.

So you can see that the swimming end of the Athletic Association is dead earnest. Coach Mackenzie is determined to make things hum. He has issued a call for candidates—all kinds of men, tall, short, fat, thin, wise and otherwise. Everybody will be given tryouts. If a man shows he has any ability, it will be developed. There is room and need for men in all branches of water sport—swimming, diving, plunging and water polo.

To-day at 1 o'clock, there will be a meeting of the swimming squad in the A. A. room. All the veterans will be there. All other men who are interested in swimming, whether they have had experience or not, will be welcomed. Swimmers from the high schools especially should attend.

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### Interclass Baseball.

At the meeting of the Athletic Association which was held last Friday, it was decided that a series of interclass baseball games should be played. The various athletic managers of the classes will immediately set about choosing their teams, and in fact, Jasper Oval is at present fairly alive with ballplayers. Come out and practice, you laggards.

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### Orange Ones.

The A.A. has already issued its membership tickets for the year 1912-13. The one dollar scheme of last season worked so well that the same scheme is in operation now. The ticket admits the owner to twelve events in the course of the year which include eight home basketball games and four swimming meets. Besides this, the ticket entitles you to the privileges of A.A. membership and consequent reductions on the purchase of all athletic goods. The new orange colored tickets are on sale everywhere and it is up to the students to get them and soon. If the college is ambitious for exceptionally good schedules in basketball and swimming, there must be a great increase in the sale of tickets over that of last year.

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### Trophies.

The Chess Club and the A.A. (a good combination of brain and brawn) have united to get a fine trophy case wherein may be placed on permanent exhibition the cups and other prizes which are now lying in obscurity. A worthy deed, say we, and one which should be followed with regard to banners and pennants. These would be admired more hanging around the track than hidden in out of the way places.

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Dr. Knickerbocker is critically ill of pneumonia at the Roosevelt Hospital. We hope earnestly for his speedy recovery and return to his classes.

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FORTIFIED with a three months' change of environment and a consequent fresh enthusiasm for work, we return to college full of determination to improve what was accomplished last year, to finish what was last year left undone and to erect that which will stand in the future as the monument of the present year. And a mighty task lies before us. The character of last year's work was mainly storing up power and laying plans. Let us consider. A movement was started to erect a library. Plans are perfected for the building of the stadium. But more important to us than these, the Student Council, the representative of the students, spent all of last term in the accumulation of power. It gained the right to grant charters, to control student functions, to have complete power over almost all student activities. The Council has been acting quietly, but effectively, gaining strength. It is for us this year to add to this strength what we can, but mainly we must apply it, use it often, so that even in the use of it we may grow stronger.



We realized at the basketball games last season that we have red blood, that we do wish with all our might our college to win. We wished to help our team with our faith in them. But the cheers and songs were rendered miserably. Why? Not because we couldn't do them better, but because we weren't trained. We had not realized before that we wanted to cheer and to sing. And so the very realization was a gain. It was a move in the right direction. We know now, and consequently this year, we must have—and we will get them if we are determined—songs—not parodies on popular songs, which mean nothing and sound horrible, but songs which thrill and cheers which express what we really feel, which come from the emotions. It is this year's task to provide these and use them, and in using them to make our spirit grow strong.

The societies, too, have been realizing the new spirit and have stored up energy for use this year. Clionia and Phrenocosmia have revived their ancient rivalry, which will make the members of each put shoulder to shoulder and rouse the feeling of fellowship to its highest pitch. The Adelpian has awakened to a knowledge of its own possibilities and is preparing for the year. The same spirit possesses the religious and scientific societies. The feeling everywhere is, "Do! Do!"

So, then, the year will be known for its application of its stored up power to its problems, the problem of College spirit and creation of tradition, the problem of assimilating the high school man, not by mere invitation but by active encouragement, and the smaller but not less important problems of each individual and of each group.

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#### Joy in T. H. H.

History has been eliminated from the schedules of the Lower C students in Townsend Harris Hall. This will reduce the number of hours on their programs from twenty three to twenty and will consequently allow the students a little more leisure which certainly *they need* as no one else needs it. Perhaps this reduction of hours will help to decrease the large number of failures which occur during the first term.

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### Resting.

Yes, our Profs are human like the rest of us. They enjoy resting as much as we—and perhaps a wee bit more. Their tanned faces, all wreathed with smiles, invite our curiosity as to how they spent their three months of vacation. Our President's vacation was not all spent in recreation. He interrupted his stay up in New Hampshire by flying visits to the College, where he attended to some of his most pressing engagements. Professor Werner, who was convalescing from his operation at the beginning of the summer, rested quietly in town. Professor Herberman's vacation began with a misfortune in the demise of his brother, Alexander. The remainder of the summer he passed at his country home, Barrington. Professors Johnston and Dielman lingered in the choice parts of Connecticut, one at Hadlyme and the other at Ridgefield. Professor Mott spent a delightful time climbing the mountains of the French Alps in Dauphiné. While in Paris he chanced upon Professor Downer, who was leisurely making his way through Europe. Professor Baskerville lived in a houseboat on the St. Lawrence River and made occasional trips into Canada. Professor Sim, during the latter part of the summer months, was at Summit, Va., which is very near the Appomattox Court House. Professors Clark and Storey and Dr. Marsh played ball and fished up in Maine. The stork presented Professor Clark with a little son. Here also Professors Duggan and Brownson took their much needed rest. Professor Overstreet enjoyed philosophic calm at Saisconsett, Mass. Professor Palmer passed a rainy summer on the banks of the St. Lawrence. The one bright moment of his vacation was his attendance at the celebration of the centennial of Hamilton College, his alma mater. Professor Winslow summered at Ipswich and Nahant, Mass. Professor Guthrie journeyed through the Western States, through Washington and to British Columbia. At Vancouver he was pleased to meet one of our recent graduates. While in Rome, Professor Ball became especially interested in the new excavations which the Italian Government is conducting in Pompeii and in the palace of the Cæsars on

the historic Palatine Hill. Professor Friedburg camped in the good old-fashioned way on the banks of the Susquehanna in a bungalow near the water. Professor Delamarre worked at New York University for the greater part of the summer preparing for the courses he gives there. Professor Laffargue went to visit his family in France and spent the time agreeably. Professor Coleman was abroad and Dr. Goldfarb was down in Florida resting and finding biologic specimens.

And now all our Profs are back in good humor and ready to commence a rattling good college year.

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### The Graduates' Fates.

A peep at what our recent graduates are doing may not prove uninteresting and certainly not discouraging for, on the whole, they have prospered. For example, Crozier is now at Harvard, having gained a fellowship in Biology. Feldstein has a fellowship in Chemistry at the University of Chicago. Samuel Ginsburg has an excellent position in the Bureau of Mines. Cullen Adlerblum is a Scientific Assistant to Dr. Grager, of the Botanical Gardens in Brooklyn. Morris Cohen is at the head of a new department of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the Bureau of Statistics. Emanuel Cohen sold books and did well at it. So did Willett. Fabis is a post graduate student at Cornell. Elias Jacobs is connected with a clothing firm. Four City College men head the list of those who have passed the examination of the Bureau of Weights and Standards. Carl Schloss is with the Brooklyn "Eagle" and Jacob Shientag is in the Tax Office. Many of the men have gone to medical colleges, dental schools and law schools. Only one succeeded in passing Maxwell's examinations. But the boys are learning more and more that teaching is not the only field open to them. And thus far, June 1912 has had a good start in getting to its feet for the great battle of life.

### Freshmen, Behave!

The Sophs have already assumed the role of affectionate nurses for the Freshmen. They have distributed to their charges little cards with "Rules and Regulations." Even before college opened officially there was much hustle and bustle and business of pledging the Freshmen. But the youngsters appear to be a brawny lot; so their self-appointed caretakers, the Sophs, will have their hands full. There have already been a few preliminary skirmishes from which the upper class has not come off with more honors than they had hoped.

### Condolence.

With deep sorrow we learn of the untimely demise of Mrs. Weill, wife of Dr. Weill of the French department. Words insufficiently express our sympathy with him for his unhappy loss.

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