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President Finley's Resignation.

To the Board of Trustees,

The College of the City of New York.

Dear Sirs:—

I have regret, beyond the measure of words, in asking the acceptance of my resignation as President of the College of the City of New York, for what I ask means the giving up on my part of what has been for ten years the one dominant and possessing interest of my life. It has been a decade of constant labor, of constant anxiety and of constant and varied responsibility, but also of constant deep and substantial satisfactions. I have not for one hour of these ten years regretted on my own account my acceptance of this office, though I have daily wished for the College more than I could give even when I had given all.

I am aware that this Board has not always approved of what I have done or have wished to do, but I have also been conscious of a desire on the part of every member of the Board to give every possible consideration to my advice as President. What is of greatest satisfaction to me as I review the ten years of this relationship is that I have enjoyed despite all differences, the personal good will of every member of this Board through all its changes.

You will permit me to say, and without charge of invidiousness, that I have been especially appreciative of the time and thought which the secretary of the Board has given to the problems of the College during the greater part of this period. We have been in frequent disagreement as to matters of College policy, but his devotion to the College and his willingness to put aside his private affairs at any time for the College, have compelled my admiration and gratitude. The President

has had credit far beyond his deserving for the progress of the last ten years, and the great public service of the Board has not been adequately recognized.

I regret to be going before the realization of certain immediate projects in which I have been particularly interested, but the realization of most of these is already assumed, and they will give basis for a larger work and influence for the College under a new administration. In that administration I took forward to seeing Junior Colleges begun, in one or more Boroughs, the Senior College of Commerce and Administration well established at Twenty-third Street, Senior Colleges of Mechanical and Electrical Science and of Education organized, the proposed Library Building constructed and equipped, the Stadium and Athletic Field in use, and adjoining park property improved. My regret would be greater if I did not believe that all that I have had in vision and in hope for this College is likely to be more satisfactorily realized under a man of other qualifications than mine, and that in my new office I shall be permitted to have an active part in assisting this College from without in the fulfillment of its mission to this City. I am as firm as ever in the belief that no College in America has a more important work before it, and were I as certain of my own special fitness for directing that work in the next ten years, no other position in the educational world would attract me, not even that to which I have been elected.

I give back to you, with lasting gratitude, the office which was given into my hands by the Board of whose membership but two Trustees now remain. I have kept the faith with which I entered upon its duties, but I have also found that faith strengthened and deepened.

I have asked to have my resignation take effect on or before the 29th of November, but I supplement that request with another: that you will let me keep the keys now in my possession, not as keys of office, but as the memorials of an experience such as no other man of my time has been permitted to enjoy.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN H. FINLEY.

A Word from Professor Overstreet.

The City College may well rejoice in having had during President Finley's ten years of service a decade of not only wonderfully successful administration but of splendid inspiration. President Finley has been far more than an officer: he has been a man of rare insight and character. A poet of visions, but of power to transmute his visions into fact. The characteristic quality of President Finley's leadership has been his intense belief in his task: he believed in the students, the teachers, the College. It was this belief that carried him out into the highways and byways to tell men of the great work which the College is fitting itself to do, until men who had scarcely known ever of the existence of the College not only began to share his belief in the College's function and destiny, but to co-operate with him in the furtherance of his far-reaching plans.

But greater than his power of bringing the world to the College has been his power of bringing the College to the world. President Finley has worked unremittingly for that finer type of education which is at once a knowing and a serving. Education, to him, has meant not only a privilege but an obligation. He dreamed of placing the City College in a high sense at the center of our civic life, so that its students and teachers might have a constant sense of intimate connection with the larger life of the city, the state and the nation. If it has not been given to him in the crowded ten years of service to realize all his dreams, he has at least shown us the vision and pointed us the way.

We shall indeed be sad at President Finley's departure: but our sadness will be lightened by pride and joy in his great leadership. H. A. OVERSTREET.

President Finley Takes Oath of Office.

Saturday was the President's last day with us. In the morning he went to Albany, accompanied by Professor Mott, where, in the Secretary of State's office, before all the officers of the Board of Regents, he took the oath of office and signed the legal documents which made him Commissioner of Education and President of the University of the State of New York.

A Thanksgiving Turkey Trot.

To prepare themselves for the bitter social strife of life, the Seniors gave a dance on Thanksgiving eve, at which each man tried to outdo the other in fancy steps and peculiar contortions. President and Mrs. Finley graced the occasion with their presence. Professor and Mrs. Winslow, Prof. Cosenza and Prof. Woolston, our old stand-by, were the only ones of the Faculty to condescend to attend a student function of such importance.

The affair would have been brilliant, had it not been for a certain unnatural stiffness and affected reserve which marked the bearing of certain of the Seniors. This detracted somewhat from the pleasing feeling which should remain after a college dance. It may be that the Seniors did not care to know each other on the dance floor or it may be that the young ladies who attended found the gathering strange, but at any rate the affair could very easily have been much better.

The committee is in no way to blame. They carried out their work well. The gym was beautifully decorated, the music was good and the other incidentals that go with a dance, were well managed. But the occasion was by far too solemn and funereal to have been enjoyable. If the fault lies in that we haven't enough dances to make us feel at home when we do have one, it would be well for the student authorities to attempt to conduct more of them.

Student Assembly to President Finley.

Ever since it was known that Dr. Finley was to leave the College and take up a new position, there have been many sad partings, at which those with whom he came in contact showed their gratitude and appreciation of the work he has done here. But no leave-taking was more touching than the student farewell in the Great Hall last Wednesday morning. At the order of the Student Council, and with the support of a Faculty Advisory Committee, every student in college was asked to be present and from the number in the Great Hall it may be surmised that very few men were absent.

The students grouped themselves in classes, and the faculty, in academic procession, filed into the Great Hall and took seats in front of the platform. A representative from each of the classes which graduated under

Dr. Finley was seated on the platform.

Meyer Cohn, '14, President of the Student Council presided and delivered the introductory address. Professor Downer represented the Faculty and delivered an appealing address, in which he recounted the deeds of the departing President. Henry F. Mela '04, had as his theme "Ten Years Ago" and Edward W. Stitt, Jr. '13 spoke for the last graduation class. Perlman '14, and Reichert, T. H. H., '15 spoke on behalf of the students.

When President Finley was introduced by Mr. Cohn, he was received by a stirring round of applause and cheering which lasted for fully fifteen minutes, and was only quieted when he commenced to speak. He addressed the students in his simplest, sincerest manner and tried to reconcile them to his going. With promises of ever keeping a watchful eye on this college he concluded his speech and the procession filed out of the Hall. In the corridor President Finley shook hands with every student who waited, in order that he might bid a personal good-bye to as many as possible.

Board of Trustees Meet.

On Monday night, Nov. 24, The Board of Trustees met to accept President Finley's resignation and to consider promotions in the instructing staff. Dr. Frederick G. Reynolds was made Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics. Those promoted to Assistant Professorships are Dr. Felix Weill, in French, Dr. Earl F. Palmer, in English, Dr. Mario E. Cosenza, in Latin, Dr. Thomas R. Moore, in History, Dr. Reston Stevenson, in Chemistry, Dr. Maximilian Philip, in Math, Dr. George C. Scott, in Natural History, Dr. Abraham J. Goldfarb, in Natural History, Dr. John P. Turner, in Philosophy and Dr. Paul Klapper in Education. The tutors promoted to instructors are Dr. George M. Brett, in Math, Dr. Alfonso Arbib-Costa, in French, Dr. Bird W. Stair in English and Dr. Frederick A. Woll, in Physical Instruction and Hygiene.

These men are to be congratulated sincerely on their advancement, because everyone of them has worked earnestly for the betterment of teaching conditions here.

ATHLETICS.

Defeat by Lafayette Closes Cross Country Season.

The C. C. N. Y. cross country team suffered its third consecutive defeat on Saturday at the hands of the Lafayette team. Frey gave Otto of Lafayette a hard run but was unable to overtake him. After Otto and Frey came five Lafayette men; the rest of the C. C. N. Y. team followed them.

The order of finish follows:

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|-----|------------|-------------|------|-------|
| 1. | Otto | Lafayette | time | 36-43 |
| 2. | Frey | C. C. N. Y. | " | 37-10 |
| 3. | Gilbert | Lafayette | " | 37-47 |
| 4. | Strabig | " | " | 38-18 |
| 5. | Ellis | " | " | 38-19 |
| 6. | Hartman | " | " | 38-20 |
| 7. | Walk | " | " | 38-48 |
| 8. | Schaffer | C. C. N. Y. | " | 40-23 |
| 9. | Mones | " | " | 40-59 |
| 10. | Braunstein | " | " | 43-26 |
| 11. | Drake | " | " | 45-33 |

The team score was Lafayette, 19; C. C. N. Y., 40. Otto's time was very good considering the mud which had to be plowed through. Frey, whose fine running worried Coach Brunce of Lafayette from the very start of the race, was the only man of either team who could approach Otto.

The track department will devote its attention from now on to work in the gym and on the running track.

A. A. Assembly To-Morrow

There will be another A. A. Assembly in the Great Hall to-morrow at 12 o'clock. Some things of interest to all will be discussed. Come and make this assembly a success. The purpose of the Assembly is to get the fellows together for the start of the basket ball season.

Varsity vs. Alumni.

To-morrow afternoon we will have a chance to see the basket ball team at work. They will meet the Alumni team in a good hard practice game. The game will be worth while seeing and we can get in some good cheering practise at the same time.

From the Physics Department.

To the Editor of the Campus :

The Department of Physics is deeply indebted to President Finley on various accounts. There are two instances, in particular, that may be mentioned: the securing of the Dunn Fund for the purchase of radio apparatus and the transfer of useful surveying instruments from other city departments to the college.

Whenever attempts were made to introduce or develop work of a practical nature, the interest of Dr. Finley could be easily aroused.

WILLIAM FOX.

Department of German.

A large number of students in the German Department attended the performance of Lessing's "Minna von Barnhelm" at the Irving Place Theatre last Friday afternoon. From the stage, Dr. DeWalsh delivered an introductory address in English, reviewing, Lessing's important position in the history of the drama and giving a brief analysis of the play. He closed with the earnest appeal to the students, for whose special benefit these classical performances have been arranged, to avail themselves of this splendid opportunity to become familiar with the methods employed by German actors in the interpretation of their foremost dramatists.

Monthly Meeting of City College Club.

The regular monthly meeting of the City College Club was held last Saturday night at the club rooms, 63 West 57th Street. The Hon. Frank Moss, Assistant District Attorney of N. Y. City was the guest of honor and addressed the members. After the meeting there were Thanksgiving festivities and a collation was served.

Reception to the Faculty.

The College gymnasium was the scene, on Saturday night, of a farewell reception given by Dr. and Mrs. Finley to the instructing staff of the College and their wives. Nearly all of the teachers attended, to bid a last farewell to the President, before his departure.

1915 Celebrates.

On Saturday night the Junior Class held a gala affair in the form of a class re-union. Nearly every man in the class attended and helped to pass a jolly evening.

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Ten Utterances of President Finley.



THE following is an anthology of ten utterances of President Finley, one for each year of his presidency, as read by Professor Downer at the student assembly last Wednesday:

1. It is a splendid thing to have a college to work for, a college to fight for, an institution in sympathy with the aspirations of every boy in it.
2. The great central tower is not only a tower but a citadel, not a fortress in the old sense of the word, but a place in which are gathered and from which are to be sent forth those who are to defend the city. It is our Acropolis, our little upper city, where the temples and towers and defenses of the State stand; and there in this little city we are to worship. There we are to defend democracy, to train the boys to live in such a way that they will help the life of this Greater City when they go forth.
3. What is actually resident here, though intangible, unseen, are the ideals of the people who nourish this College. It is the City's holiest place.

4. Among those who are born in the city or nourished in the city and who must live in the city, must be gathered those who are to be taught the hopes, the ideals, the particular wisdoms that dwell in its consciousness.

5. This is the place of the City's prayer for her sons, the place where one generation, that has lost, or been denied some of life's most precious gifts, seeks them for the next generation, the Great Meeting House of the Past and the Present, where the hopes of men and the aspirations of youth strive together, toward a better future.

6. New York has set her College upon her most delectable hill, there to stand the symbol of what, in the midst of all the noise and pain and strain of the struggle below for livelihood and gain, she most desires for her sons.

7. You are not to go solemnly, priggishly, conceitedly down with the holier-than-thou attitude, as men too good to do the humblest, hardest, honest task, because you have heard great truths of the race; but with the modesty of a true scholar, yet with the consciousness of the high office and function into which you have been born.

8. The world is not static, the struggle is not ended. There is need of your flame down there in the darkened streets, not of your skill alone, not of your knowledge alone, but of your living true to the hopes of which the City has begotten you.

9. You are not to hold your light so that you may be seen; you are to hold it that others may find their way, that the verges of light may be extended and that you yourselves may not stumble.

10. If a man go forth sure of his mission, fervently praying for the truth, fervently loving his fellow men, untiringly striving to make the most of what he has, if he adheres to his mission through good and evil report; if he resist all endeavor to turn him from it and faithfully stand to his purpose — presently he will succeed; for the forces of nature and the powers of the spirit incarnate in humanity will come forth out of the recess of the universe, out of the recesses of men's souls, and offer themselves as draught animals to his plough which is his mind.

Preparations for High School Day.

The High School Day Committee of which Professor Winslow is Chairman, are making elaborate arrangements in preparation for High School Day. Saturday, December 20 has been decided upon as the day when the Seniors of the City High Schools will be entertained at College. The program, as arranged by the committee, consists of an inspection of the college buildings at 4 P. M. An invitation fifty-yard swimming event is scheduled for 5 P. M. The first four to finish in the final will receive medals and the High School to score the most points will get a banner. At six o'clock a supper will be served in the Lincoln Corridor and in the evening the guests will be invited to attend the Princeton game in the gym.

A large number of men are expected to visit the college on that day and those of the student body who would care to assist in the work of guiding the visitors around should make known to any member of the committee their willingness to help.

Evening Session Notes.

The library has been opened by Professor Robinson for the accommodation of Evening Session students.

A publicity committee has been appointed to make known to the public, by means of the press, the aims and work of the Night College.

Early next spring MacMillan and Company will publish a French grammar by Professor Maloubier and Dr. Moore of the French Department of our college.

On Nov. 24 Professor Turner, of the Department of Philosophy, read a paper before the Academy of Science on "The Character of Ideas."

SOCIETY NEWS.

An Eastern District Club Formed.

Stirred to action by their old high-school spirit, a number of former Easternites met in Room 214 on Tuesday, Nov. 25, to form an Eastern District Club. The purpose of the new organization is to bring together those students of Eastern who are now here and to attract graduates of Eastern to this college. The Society meets on Tuesdays at 1 P.M. and all former students of Eastern are invited to attend.

Clio Sociable.

Clio will hold its semi-annual sociable on Friday Evening December 12. As usual the affair will mark the close of a successful term's work.

Menorah.

At 1.30 to-day Dr. Margoshes will give the fourth of his series of talks on Jewish Literature. On Friday at 2.45 P. M. Dr. Margolio of Columbia will lecture before the society on Post-Biblical History.

Lecture to Civic Club.

Continuing its policy of having eminent men lecture to them, the Civic Club is to have a real treat to-morrow at 12 M. Dr. Martin C. Ray, Field Supervisor of the Bureau of Municipal Research, and former instructor and lecturer in the Department of Physics of the College will talk to the society in Room 306 on "Budget Making" and the New York City Budget. Dr. Ray is known to most of the upper classmen and his delightful personality and powers as a speaker should attract a large number to the lecture.

Le Cercle Jusserand.

Although the membership in the French Society is smaller than customary, the members have carried out their work enthusiastically and effectively. The trouble is to find a meeting day that is convenient for the greatest number of students.

The Tuesday and Friday groups have combined to form one group. The following officers were elected at the last meeting:

President, Sindeband, '15; Vice-President, Parisi, '17; Secretary-Treasurer, Lang, '15.

The Society will meet hereafter on Fridays in Room 209 at 2 o'clock sharp. All those who have a greater interest in French than a mere class-room interest are invited to attend.

Preparations for Clio-Phreno Debate.

Both Clio and Phreno have appointed committees to get together and make arrangements for the semi-annual literary society debate. Both societies have always shown a good spirit of rivalry, not marked by jealousy, and their semi-annual debates have drawn large crowds of appreciative listeners. As yet the subject for this term's debate, which will take place during Commencement week, has not yet been announced, but an interesting topic may be expected.

Work in Sociology.

Professor Parmelee's class in Sociology spent a profitable afternoon on Friday, Nov. 28, at the Museum of Natural History. They went through ethnological departments of the museum as a preparation for their deeper class-room study of the races of man. At the invitation of Prof. Parmelee, Dr. Lowe, of the Museum, gave an instructive talk on the American Indian, explaining the customs and mode of living of the North American aborigines.

The Junior Prom.

At last tickets are on sale for the 1915 dance and committee men may be observed trying their persuasive tongues on susceptible students. The men in charge of the dance expect to have something original, for a change, that will mark the affair as one of the best ever held. In decorating and designing the gym, which is a very poor place for a college dance, because of the roughness of the floor, they are to divide the walls into little alcoves, where the people who attend may sit comfortably between dances.

It would be well for the committee to get around and see the Professors and invite them to attend, for a College dance must be a dismal failure without the presence of a reasonable amount of the faculty. It would also add to the success of the dance if a goodly number of College men who are not in the 1915 class would deem it worth while to go to this one of our few college dances.

Crowley an Athlete ?

We see by the papers that Harry Crowley "one of C. C. N. Y.'s foremost athletes" is a "member of the swimming and cross country teams." Stick to it Harry and if you have any spare time you might try basketball, foot-ball and shot putting just to keep in condition.

There are still a couple of positions open on the CAMPUS board. Any men who desire to try-out should meet the editor in Room 410 on Friday at 5 P. M.

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