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## The Problem of Choosing a President.



THE Board of Trustees, in whose hands the matter of choosing a President for the College rests, are to hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 16. There is little likelihood however of a President being elected at that meeting. It is the policy of the Board to go slowly; they feel that there is no need for undue haste, with Professor Werner acting as President and with most of the work well taken care of. The plan of the Board of Trustees is to scour the whole country, if need be, in search of the man, who in their estimation will be best fitted to perform the complex work of our administration.

There have been many names suggested for the position. It is certain that the Board will only select a man who is in the prime of his physical and mental energy, for the college is at that stage, where it needs a leader who is not only a scholar but a practical man, who can deal impartially with the many problems which come up for solution.

## The Student Council.

At the meeting of the Student Council held last Friday all standing committees rendered their reports, and several important matters were discussed. Professor Downer reported to the Council that a student in his department was heard whistling to a young lady on the Campus. The Council severely condemns such action, and appointed a committee to investigate the matter.

The Customs Book Committee reported that it is working on a book which will be much larger and more elaborate than the one last issued. It will contain among other important data, all the college songs, a college calendar, and the constitution of the Student Council.

The Council voted the Social House Committee the power to enlarge its membership, and to begin preparations for a College Dance to be held early next term.

At the next meeting of the Council votes will be taken upon three amendments proposed at this meeting. A committee is at work upon plans of reorganization, and it is expected that their work will result in the establishment of a more efficient Council.

### The Seniors.

The Upper Seniors are making preparations for the exercises which will mark their departure from our midst. On Tuesday, December 23, the class will hold its Hop in the college gymnasium. This will be the last social function in which the class will participate. Many members of the faculty are expected to be there.

The Committee, consisting of Mosher, chairman, Rosen, Crowley, Swartz and Nussbaum, is working hard to make the affair a memorable one, and considering the fact that there will be no sessions on the day following, a large attendance is expected. The subscription price of the dance, which will be informal, is seventy-five cents.

The Banquet Committee of the Class of Feb. 13 has arranged to have the banquet a formal affair. It will be held on Commencement Night.

### Dinner to Dr. Taaffe.

Last night the Dramatic Society gave a dinner to Dr. Taaffe at Colaizzi's. About thirty of our foremost Thespians gathered to honor the man who, for four years, has given a good deal of his time to dramatics at the college. Max Meisel '14 was in the speaker's chair. Professor Coleman, and some of Dr. Taaffe's best friends among the instructors attended.

This semi-annual banquet to Dr. Taaffe, one following each show, is a fixed custom and is only a small means whereby the students who are instructed in the plays can show their gratitude and appreciation for the work which our "veteran coach" does.

Examinations will be given Dec. 30 and 31 for teaching positions in the Philippine Islands. Seniors or graduates who are interested may receive information at the College Employment Bureau, Room 16 A.

### The Student Volunteer Convention.

City College is to be well represented at the Seventh Student Volunteer Convention of the United States and Canada, to be held in Kansas City, Mo. during the Christmas vacation. Mr. William Bartlett, General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and Hood, Boscher, Petersen, Malmberg, Lear and Wykoff are to attend as delegates. Over 800 Colleges are sending delegations to this convention which is held once every four years. The convention is to last five days, from Dec. 31st to Jan. 4th and some of the ablest speakers of North America will address the delegates at the five evening Sessions.

#### Soph Smoker.

Keeping up their good work, the Sophomore class ran off the "smokiest of all smokers." Eats, drinks, smokes, songs, jokes (?) and Freshmen formed only a part of the evening's enjoyment.

The Sophs congregated on the campus at 5.30 P. M. last Friday. They missed a part of their pre-arranged fun because the Freshman class was no where in sight. After tiring of waiting for their arch enemies the '16 men marched down to the subway in a body, boarded a special train and rode up to Van Cortlandt Park. There an auto truck was waiting to take them to the Francfort Inn, Yonkers, the scene of the festivities.

The cream of the Soph class was gathered around the table. Speeches were made by Israel G. Ornstein, '16 who was the toastmaster of the occasion, Sydney Nussbaum '14 Harry Rotkowitz '14, Everett Southwick '14, Otto Tabor '16, William Jones '16 and Max E. Greenberg '16. B. Holofschiner '17 was the chief entertainer of the evening and kept the crowd laughing throughout the dinner.

Leaving the Inn at 1 A.M. the fellows marched down to the subway station, a distance of about three miles. The natives of the rural districts wondered whether they were an army of Mexican invaders or just plain night-raiders.

The committee deserves special commendation for the manner in which they carried off the affair. Composed of Israel, G. Ornstein, Chairman, Herman Grablowsky, Samuel, Hoffman, Aaron Marx, Helmuth Moerchen, Julius Schevitz, Max E. Greenberg and Otto Tabor, the committee worked very hard to get as many as possible to come to the banquet. From the attendance on Friday night, it is certain that never since classes have been holding dinners have so many undergraduates been gathered around a festive board. The smoker is only another example of the fine spirit of 1916.

### John B. McMaster, '72 Honored.

To commemorate the completion of his "History of the People of the United States" begun thirty years ago, the friends of John B. McMaster, '72, now Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania, tendered a dinner in his honor at Philadelphia on November 22nd. Professor McGuckin of the History Department represented the College at this celebration given to one of Alma Mater's most renowned sons. Professor McMaster was a Freshman at college when Professor McGuckin was a Senior. Many distinguished scholars of this country and of Europe were present at the banquet.

### General Tremain History Prize.

"The Causes, Conduct and Conclusion of the Great Civil War in the United States" is, as usual, the topic selected for the General Tremain Prize Essays. Only enrolled Juniors and Seniors may compete. The essays must be typewritten and must contain no more than 8000 nor less than 5000 words. An appendix containing references to authorities must also be handed in with each essay. Contestants are required to sign a statement to the effect that the essays represent their own-  
unaided work and are subject to oral quizzes by the judges. A sealed envelope containing the competitor's real name is to be added to each essay which should be signed with a *nom de plume*. Essays must be in the hands of Professor Reynolds, Secretary of the Faculty, by April 15th and the two prizes of \$150 and \$50 respectively will be awarded not later than June 15th.

Dr. Mosher, of the Public Speaking Department, lectured recently before the Citizen's Alliance of Millerton, Pa., on "Tendencies of the Modern Drama."

On Nov. 29th George B. Post, the architect of our college buildings, died at his home in Bernardsville, N. J. He was one of the most prominent of architects in America, some other of his creation being the New York Stock Exchange, the Pulitzer Building, and the Prudential Life Insurance Building.

## ATHLETICS.

### Proposed Rules Governing the Granting of Class Numerals.

*Art. 1.* The President of the Athletic Association shall designate at the beginning of each semester, the Athletic Managers of the eight classes as a committee, which shall be known as the Numeral Committee. This Committee shall recommend to the Executive Board, which shall have the exclusive power of granting Athletic Class Numerals, the awarding of the privilege of wearing same.

*Art. 2.* There shall be Varsity and Class Numerals. The Varsity Numeral shall be in College Colors, Lavender and Black. The Class Numerals shall be made in the colors adopted by the class to which the man is attached.

*Art. 3.* The Varsity Numerals shall be restricted to those Freshman Teams which shall have completed a recognized official schedule which shall consist of eight games of Basket-Ball at least and a soccer schedule shall consist of at least six games.

*Art. 4.* A Freshman Team shall be eligible for their Varsity Numerals if they shall have won at least fifty percent of their scheduled games.

*Art. 5.* An individual of a Freshman Team, which has complied with Rule set forth in Art. 4, who has played in at least 60% of the entire number of scheduled games, shall be eligible to receive Varsity Numerals.

*Art. 6.* A class team shall be eligible for their Class Numerals if it shall have won the championship in an interclass series which had been sanctioned by the Executive Board.

*Art. 7.* An individual of a Class Track or Swimming Team shall be eligible for his class numerals if he has taken a first place in an event of an officially recognized Interclass Meet.

#### Interclass Relays.

The Sophs and the Freshies divided the honors evenly last Thursday when the one mile and eight mile relays were run off. 1916 won the eight mile and 1917 took the one shorter race. The Freshman team, consisting of Moonan, Farola, Greenbaum and Margolies covered the mile in 4 minutes and 42 seconds. Two teams entered by 1916 took second and third place. Second place was taken by Drake, Roth, Tabor and Kallman and third by Schulman, Hoffman, Skoulschi and Archer. Only three teams were entered. The Sophs came back in the 8 mile run when their star team, Rinbach, Guinness, Scarlata and Frey, all cross-country men, did the distance in 51 minutes. Biolles, Schroeder, Weberpals and Braunstein got second place for 1917. Mones, Burrows, Stickney and Schaffer brought 1915 in third. 1917's second team,

Pellelsky, Smythe, Schoolman and Skelding came in fourth. The dignity of the Seniors would not allow them to condescend to enter a team. Jones did some good work for the Sophomores and added a great deal of interest and enjoyment to the meet. 1916 and 1917 each added 10 points to their scores giving the Sophs 60 and the Freshmen 41.

### Basketball Season Opens.

This Saturday night the curtain rises on the basketball season of 1913-14. The first game with St. Lawrence promises to be a hummer. The game will be the third contested between our team and the Up-Staters. It is needless to say that a huge crowd is expected, for St. Lawrence seems to be C. C. N. Y.'s greatest rival at present.

Coach Palmer has at last broken his long silence concerning this year's varsity squad. The premier five that will open against St. Lawrence are Southwick and Manne, forwards; Feldman, center; Shulberg and Weinfeld, guards. The team shows great promise, and after the first few games it should develop into a powerful machine, such as those that made C. C. N. Y. famous on the basketball court the past six or seven years.

Coach Palmer calls our attention to the difference in weights of last year's team and this year's team. The comparative weights are as follows:

1912-1913			1913-1914		
Southwick	F	131½ lbs.	Southwick	F	134 lbs.
Kaplan	F	132 "	Manne	F	134 "
Bradner	C	155 "	Feldman	C	174½ "
Shulberg	G	142¾ "	Shulberg	G	153 "
Sappoe	G	142½ "	Weinfeld	G	174 "

Average weights: 1912-1913, 141 lbs, 1913-1914, 154 lbs.

It is also interesting to note the weight of the other members of the squad: Schaffer weighs 168 lbs., Drake, 175 lbs., Hannley, 160 lbs., Lefkowitz, 140 lbs., Levine, 151½ lbs., Cohen, 145 lbs., Ricca, 151¼ lbs., and Blodnick, 174½ lbs. Let us not omit the weight of John Finley, Jr., who is our mascot for the coming season. His weight is 72 3-10 lbs.

### The Quakers Are Coming.

The swimming season opens our indoor sports this year, beating the basketball season just by twenty-four hours. On Friday night our amphibians will swim against the team from the University of Pennsylvania. The meet promises to be a corker, as our team this year is one of the best we have ever had. The list of events are the same as previously, viz., the 50 yd swim, 800 ft. relay, 100 yd swim, 220 yd swim, Fancy Dive and the Plunge for Distance. In the shorter swims we have McGrath, Shauer, Duncan and Gross. Riemer and Kilpatrick will take care of the 220. Capt. Berman, Straley and O'Connell represent us in the fancy dive and Schwartz and Jones will do the plunging. Coach MacKenzie has labored hard all season and it's up to the team to show the results.

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### Wrestling.

The Interclass Wrestling Tournament is still progressing. Last Thursday at 12, a large crowd of seventy saw Nemser '17 defeat Silver '16, thereby winning the title in the 140-150 lb. class. Nemser threw Silver by a pinfall in 6 min. and 30 secs. Eisenstein was the winner of the 120-130 lb. class.

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### Basketball Trip.

Bunny Thomas has arranged a trip for the basketball team on January 9th and 10th. Our five will meet Clarkson and St. Lawrence on their home territory. Arrangements are being made for a game on February 28, and Manager Thomas also hopes that the team make a trip to Lafayette.

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### Tennis Managerships Open.

The office of Tennis manager and of assistant are open to a '14 and a '15 man respectively.

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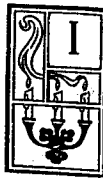
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## The Importance of the Off - Hour on Thursday.



IT was one of President Finley's foremost desires to get the whole student body together at least once a week, and accordingly the faculty past a ruling last year which stated that there were to be no recitations scheduled for the 12 o'clock hour on Thursday. Although it was well-nigh impossible for the President to hold a weekly assembly and although the students gave him meagre support in his attempt to bring them together, as the poor attendance at some of the assemblies signifies, still the faculty has allowed the students to retain this hour of recess, in which to foster a better spirit of comradeship. There has been a rumor about college that some members of the faculty consider this hour wasted, and if we do not make better use of it there is a possibility that it will be taken away from us.

Both faculty and student must realize the importance of this hour of grace. It is a pause in our work here. It is a period when we can throw off whatever college cares we may have; it gives us an opportunity to get together and mix. If the hour is really wasted, the faculty



would be justified in taking it away. But the hour offers so many splendid chances to develop a finer social spirit in the College that even though we do not have regular weekly assemblies during it, it still is desirable for all of us to have the hour off.

If we want to retain this off-hour, we must show the faculty that we are willing to make good use of it. We can have A. A. Assemblies, Student Council Assemblies, and Athletic Meets as heretofore; no week must go by but that the whole student body was engaged in some social activity during that hour. If the students can show the faculty that they are sincere, we are sure that the faculty will not only let them retain the hour and watch the good results, but will also aid and join them in their activities.

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#### College of Commerce.

The *New York Press* contained a long and interesting article on the proposed college of Commerce. Most of the facts given in these pages some weeks ago appeared in the article. In referring to the doubt expressed by some as to whether the attendance at the College would be large enough to warrant the institution, Professor Clark of our Political Science Department is quoted as saying that the problem will not be the attraction of numbers, but the handling of the great throng which would surely take advantage of the opportunities offered.

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#### Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools.

During the Thanksgiving holidays, Dr. Finley officiated for the first time as President of the University of the State of New York at the annual convention of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools held at Syracuse. Professor Mott, head of the English Department represented the College, and Mr. McClelland formerly an instructor in Townsend Harris Hall and now at the University of Pennsylvania, acted as Secretary of the Association.

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#### Dr. Kost Made a Professor.

The only promotion made in the German Department was the advancement of Dr. Kost from senior instructor to Assistant Professor of German. Professor Kost, an active alumnus of the College, is one of the ablest teachers we have here and we congratulate him sincerely upon his promotion.

### Fumes from the Chem Building.

Professor Moody has been appointed by the International Association of Chemical Societies as a member of the Committee on Inorganic Nomenclature. While in Europe, Professor Moody acted as a delegate at the Brussels meeting of the Association. He has also been honored with the chairmanship of the Committee of the American Chemical Society on "The Fixation of Atmospheric Nitrogen."

Last Saturday, Dr. Breithut lectured at the Hotel McAlpin before the Associated Clubs of Domestic Science on "The Pure Food Situation in New York City."

Dr. Curtman has been appointed chairman of a committee organized to revise the course of study in chemistry for the Evening High Schools of the City. Dr. Feinberg is also a member of this committee.

On Saturday, Professor Moody's class in Applied Chemistry visited the International Oxygen Works at Newark.

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### Natural History Notes.

Professor Sickles has been unable to meet his classes during the past week because of the illness of his mother. We sincerely hope that she will soon be well.

Last Friday, Professor Winslow read a paper before the New Jersey State Sanitary Association on "Pure Food and Public Health." He will lecture to-night at the Museum of Natural History on "The Control of Germ Diseases in the Household."

Professor Goldfarb has written a very important article on "The Teaching of Biology in Colleges." The article is based upon an exhaustive statistical study of teaching in the Colleges and Universities of this country. It has aroused much interest and comment on the part of prominent authorities on the subject.

The Biological Seminar was held last night at the home of Professor Winslow. Papers were read by Mr. Butler and Kligler, '22

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Dr. Titus B. Voelkel of the German Department will deliver a lecture on "Famous Women of the French Revolution" before the Deutscher Sprach Verein on December 26th. He is the founder of this thriving organization.

## SOCIETY NEWS.

### But We Go On Forever.

To further impress their earnestness (and we believe they are earnest) upon us the Ex-Thirteens have secured pins to wear as an emblem of their good-faith, peacefulness and sincerity. The insignia is composed of the Skull and Cross Bones. We can't say anything about the Skull because the Ex-Thirteens certainly are not dead ones, but the Bones seem very appropriate.

### Civic Club Lecture.

Dr. Martin C. Ray, chief of the Bureau of Municipal Research, lectured before the Civic Club last Thursday on "Budget Making and the New York City Budget." He explained how easy it was under the old system for departments to get a disproportionate share of the money voted for public expenses and how this is practically impossible under the new system of a segregated budget. Under the new system all wasteful expenditures have been eliminated. Dr. Ray distributed pamphlets which by means of statistics showed the advantages resulting from the change in budget making.

### Professor Gottheil to Speak.

"Jewish Problems in Many Lands" is the subject of a lecture to be delivered before the Menorah Society tonight in Room 209 by Dr. Richard J. Gottheil, Professor of Semitic Languages at Columbia University.

The Menorah Smoker will be held at the college on Dec. 24th. As usual a gay time is promised and tickets will soon be put on sale.

### Our German Actors.

The "Deutsche Verein" has decided to present two comedies during February. They are "Bekentnis Einer Armen Seele" by Ernst Wichert and either "Carla's Onkel" by Szafranski or "Cour-Dame" by Bernstein. The leading parts will be played by Messrs. Jampel, Albrecht, Mœhrchen, Licht, Friedman and Benjamin. Dr. DeWalsh, the honorary president of the Verein, has kindly offered his services as coach for the plays.

Last Monday the "Deutsche Verein" of Columbia University held a *Commers* in honor of their Kaiser Wilhelm Exchange Professor. Herman Jampel, president of our Verein, Albrecht and Mœhrchen were the representatives from C. C. N. Y.

### Classical Society.

The Classical Society is slowly but surely gaining strength. The membership has increased and the enthusiasm has not diminished. Last week Barneson, '15 read a paper on "Travel Among the Romans", and several epigrams of the witty Roman poet, Martial were read.

### The Italian Society.

A meeting of the Circolo Dante will be held on Thursday, December 11th, at 12 M. Some very important matters regarding the administration will be discussed, and an elaborate program has been arranged.

Dr. Lease of the Latin Department has received word from Professors Blase, Stegmann and Schmalz, who are three of the most eminent Latin scholars in Germany, that his recent contributions to the American Journal of Philology would be incorporated in their respective Latin grammars.

Professor Baskerville spoke last Thursday at the ceremonies incident to the unveiling of a portrait of the late Dr. Morris Loeb, formerly Professor of Chemistry at New York University, which took place in the Gould Memorial Library of the University. In referring to Dr. Loeb, Professor Baskerville spoke in enthusiastic terms of his lofty educational standards and ideals, his character, and his contributions to science.

### Night Session Notes.

The Smoker Committee of the Night College are doing everything they can to make the semi-annual smoker an enjoyable affair. The faculty is giving the committee as much support as the students. One of the new features of the smoker, which is to be held in the tower rooms, will be an entertainment to be given by professional vaudeville actors.

At the meeting of the Student Council of the Night College held on Friday Evening, December 5, the advisability of electing a member of the executive committee of the day student council as a representative-at-large in the night council was considered. The resolution was put in the form of a motion and passed. Sol. Bluhm '14 was elected the representative and the resolution will be incorporated into the constitution as an amendment.

Priess '14 presented a paper before the Engineering Society at its meeting last Thursday in which he discussed "Electrical Histerietics." The Society is doing very good work, and in the immediate future they will meet with the scientists of the Biological Society, and hold what is technically known as a "smoker." They will try to forget the brain-fatiguing problems which they delight in solving, and be regular people for a night.

At the last meeting of the Biological Society, Dr. Lieber, who has recently been appointed a member of the staff of the Natural History Department, and I. Glier, '11 read impostant papers.

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