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The Epehic Oath.



WE, THE undersigned, do this day, after the manner of the Athenians of old about to enter public life, take this epehic oath: that we will never bring disgrace to this our city by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks; that we will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many; that we will revere and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in those about us who are prone to annul them and set them at naught; that we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty; that thus, in all these ways, we will transmit this city not only not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

This was the epehic oath taken by the members of the graduating class on Sunday afternoon at the Baccalaureate services. Their oath is a pledge of allegiance to the city and is a fitting one to be taken by the "sons of the city" on entering man's estate. President Finley delivered the Baccalaureate address and Professor Baldwin gave a special organ recital in conjunction with the exercises.

Commencement.

This Wednesday morning the class of February 1913, seventy-seven men strong, take their place in the ranks of the city's soldiers and of the City College alumni. Professor Baldwin, at the organ, ushered in the exercises which mark the end of their career as undergraduates. The Senior addresses were delivered by Samuel Davis, "The Passing of the Family;" Max Lieberman, "The Broader View," and Philip R. V. Curoe, "Hope." The degrees were then conferred upon the seventy-seven men, forty of whom were granted the Bachelor of Arts and thirty-three the Bachelor of Science. The most dis-

tinctive feature of the exercises followed. Justice Victor M. Dowling, as representative of the city, pinned to the gowns of each graduate the arms of the city in the form of a chevron. The chevron marks each man as being distinctly of the College of the City of New York. Followed then the awarding of honors and prizes. The gold Pell medal, to the student who shall rank highest in the studies of the year, was awarded to Philip R. V. Curoe, Senior; the silver Pell medal to Harry Eisner, Sophomore. The Cromwell medal for proficiency in history went to Joseph J. Zweifel, Sophomore. The Prager memorial prize was given to Philip R. V. Curoe, Senior; first Ketchum prize for proficiency in political science to Emanuel Obstfeld, Junior, second prize to Sidney Abrams, Junior; first prize for proficiency in philosophy to Selig Hecht, Senior, second prize to Philip R. V. Curoe, Senior; the Ralph Weinberg Memorial prize for proficiency in English to Meyer Cohn, Junior; the F. W. Devoe & Company prize for proficiency in metal working to Donald McConnoughy, Freshman, for wood working to John Boschen, Freshman; the gold Claffin medal for proficiency in Greek to Morton Gottshall, Senior; the silver medal for proficiency in Latin to Morton Abrahams, Freshman; the prize of the Board of Trustees for the best oration to David E. Grant, Senior; the Drummond prize for second best oration to Samuel Davis, Senior; the Roemer prize for best poetry declamation to James W. Donoghue. Ward medals were granted to those who were most proficient in chemistry, natural history, natural and moral philosophy, political science, English, Greek, Latin, French, German, descriptive geometry, Spanish, oratory, composition, logic, history, botany and algebra and geometry. Benjamin Elwyn was granted a *cum laude* in arts, and Philip R. V. Curoe and Selig Hecht received the same honor in science.

The City's Tercentenary and the History Department.

Mayor Gaynor recently appointed a Committee of one hundred citizens to arrange for the celebration of New York's "Tercentenary." A difference of opinion arose respecting the correct date in the case, some members claiming that New Amsterdam was settled in 1613. The first permanent settlement by Dutch families however, did not occur until 1626. Among outside opinions sought was that of Professor Johnston, head of our History Department, who recommended that the year 1614 be recognized as the proper date and that the tercentenary in 1914 be prominently a commercial and industrial commemoration. It was in that year that the Dutch began to exploit this part of the coast under authorized charter privileges and to establish our river and harbor as a new trading destination in the New World. This recommendation has been accepted.

President Finley, who is a member of the Citizen's Committee, expressed his hope at the recent College Alumni dinner that our new proposed College of Commerce and Administration, to be housed in the new building in Twenty-third Street, which the Chamber of Commerce is undertaking to erect for us, will be ready to celebrate its opening in connection with the City's celebration. This will be in the fall of 1914.

Varsity Show Date.

The date for the production of the annual varsity show is set for less than a month from now, Saturday evening, March 8. It will be performed in the Garden Theatre instead of the Carnegie Lyceum which is too small for its purposes. This shows a constant growth in magnitude of importance of the varsity show. In all probability, the play will be "The Critic," the well known farce by Richard Brinsley Sheridan. Much of the cast has been chosen and rehearsals will begin next week. There is still opportunity for men to make the cast. Those who are anxious to do so may report to Dr. Taaffe for a tryout.

Library Plans.

The plans for our proposed library building are coming along swimmingly, due to the efforts of Trustee Lee Kohns, President Finley and the rest of the committee. All the classes from 1853 to the very last one that graduated are doing their darnedest to realize the building. The amount sought is one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. A large part of this amount has been promised and it will not be very long before the matter is put into the hands of the architect. The proposed site is the ground directly north of the Main Building. The city owns the ground at present, but it is hoped and expected that it will be granted to the College for the contemplated purpose. The building will not be separated from the rest of the College, but will be brought into harmony with the general scheme of things in a manner which has not yet been decided upon.

T. H. H. Commencement.

The Commencement Exercises of the Upper A class of Townsend Harris Hall will take place to-morrow night in the Townsend Harris Assembly Hall. Murray Wachs, president of the class, will give his address and will be followed by Greek, Latin and Spanish declamations rendered by M. Schattman, J. Garlock and F. Méras, respectively. Besides the English playlet, there will be French and German skits. The City College orchestra will render selections between the numbers.

Boy Drowns in Pool.

Isador Thomashefsky, sixteen years old, and a member of the Upper B class, was drowned on Monday, January 27, in the swimming pool. The boy was seized with cramps while swimming and sank out of sight of his companions. The student, with several others, was in the pool after his history examination and later, they noticed the boy was not with them. They returned to the pool to find his clothing still in the locker. The water was drawn off and a pulmotor was used to restore the boy to consciousness, but it was of no avail.

ATHLETICS.

Yale Bulldog Bitten.

The most important game of our basketball season was also our best—not only in the fact that our team defeated the Yale five with a score of 27—22 but that it was done in a game which held the interest from the start. The faculty turned out in full force to see us tie another can to the Bulldog's tail, and from their genial expressions at the end of the game, we felt that they were almost human and not quite such cold-blooded zero-scorers as they appear on week-days.

To begin with, Bradner, Kaplan and Sappoe did not play. Brad is gone—graduated from these halls of learning and basketball. Kaplan and Sappoe have been declared ineligible on account of flunks. Things seemed dark for the team but—blessings on the Freshman team!—Will Silverstein and Howard Apfel jumped into the breach, with *Slender* Weirich at center, and proved themselves real varsity material.

The game itself started with a solo by Swihart, the tall, strapping guard of the Yale team. Putting all his teammates in the shade, he shot fouls and goals with such each and cleanness that it seemed he couldn't be stopped. The score zigzagged up through the first half with some pretty exhibition work by Southwick and Silverstein who discovered the Yale tricks and broke up their plays again and again. Weirich showed himself capable of caging the ball even when he was rushed. Swihart's foul shooting was so perfect during the first half that every time a foul was called on our men a point was added to Yale's score. It was only toward the end of the second half that his eye and hand became less steady while Schulberg's improved almost proportionately. The first half ended with 16 points for City College against 12 for Yale.

The second half was fully as interesting as the first. It was heartbreaking to see the good goal shots of Silverstein spinning on the very edge of the basket and then dropping —out. Little by little Yale crept up and tied

the score at 18—18. After that our men pulled away steadily from the Yale players and showed good judgment two minutes before the end of the game by keeping the ball to themselves and refraining from shooting.

The Freshman team won the preliminary game over Townsend Harris Hall by 12 to 7. The game was rather tame and uninteresting although Weinfeld tore through his opponents' plays in good fashion. Jeff Healy is a little clumsy and does not think fast enough. He would be a crackerjack if only he improved himself in these two respects.

The line up:

C. C. N. Y.—27	Position	Yale—22
Southwick	R. F.	Dunn
Apfel	L. F.	Swihart
Weirich	C.	Smith, Cobb
Silverstein	L. G.	Sumner, Herman
Schulberg	R. G.	Dietz

Goals from field—Southwick (3), Weirich (3), Apfel (2), Silverstein (2), Swihart (3), Dunn (2), Smith.

Goals from fouls—Schulberg (7), Swihart (10).

Referee—J. H. Deering. Umpire—Mr. Lee.

Halves—Twenty minutes each.

Dieuaide A. A. President.

The Athletic Association Board at a special meeting on Saturday afternoon elected Francis R. Dieuaide '13 president of the Association to succeed Bert Sommer who has graduated. William Hasenfratz '13 was chosen vice-president to succeed Jerome Kohn. Both of the new officers have served faithfully on the board and the CAMPUS wishes them a prosperous administration.

Anthony B. Thomas '14, hitherto assistant basketball manager, was elected manager at the same meeting to succeed Samuel A. Isaacson. I. Jacobson '13 was chosen tennis manager for the spring term.

On Tuesday evening, too late for us to get the results, the City Athletic Club came down to our pool to give us a return meet open only to A. A. members. No fair visitors were in evidence.

Drenched by Pennsylvania.

The swimming team received a thorough swamping in the pool of the University of Pennsylvania on January 17 in a one-sided meet in which the Quakers swam off with 41 points to our 12. In water-polo our seven was shut out with a score of 45-0. Summaries:

800-Foot Relay—Won by Pennsylvania (Douglas, Gest, Lawrence, Ouerbacher); second, City College (Shauer, Israel, O'Connell, Nussbaum).

Fancy Dive—Won by Jamison, Pennsylvania; Coons, Pennsylvania, second; Berman, City College, third.

Fifty-Yard Swim—Won by Ouerbacher, Pennsylvania; McGrath, City College, second; Nussbaum, City College, third. Time 26 $\frac{4}{5}$ seconds.

220-Yard Swim—Won by Riemer, City College; Shryock, Pennsylvania, second; Creamer, Pennsylvania, third. Time 2 minutes 44 seconds.

Plunge for Distance—Won by Shoemaker, Pennsylvania; Blatz, Pennsylvania, second; Kautsky, City College, third. Distance 61 feet.

100-Yard Swim—Won by Ouerbacher, Pennsylvania; Douglas, Pennsylvania, second; McGrath, City College, third. Time 1 minute 2 seconds.

An Inducement for Swimmers.

Coach Mackenzie, always on the lookout for a more lively interest in track and pool athletics, has generously offered two sets of medals to be given to those members of the Sophomore and Freshman classes who make the greatest improvement in time from now until the first of November. Records will be kept of each individual attempt and the improvement will be noted from time to time. All those Freshmen and Sophomores are eligible who can swim a length in twenty-five seconds or under. It is more than probable that places on the varsity swimming team await the ones who prove themselves of most worth. The scheme is commendable and should result in a large candidacy. The time to begin is now. Mr. Mackenzie will welcome all who enter.

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The Glory of our Gates.



THE LAST the splendid arches which guard from four avenues the approaches to our college buildings are to be immortalized in poetry to make tradition for future generations. President Finley, on behalf of the college, offers two prizes of fifteen and ten dollars each for the best poems either on one or on all of our four arch-gates. The Henry Hudson Gate faces the Hudson, the Alexander Hamilton Arch opens on the Terrace, the George Washington Gate faces the north and the Peter Stuyvesant Gate guards the entrance on Convent Avenue. The poems must be submitted by May 1. No conditions restrict the length, rhyme or rhythm of the poems. If it can be done, the poems may be set to music later.

It is in this way that we weave the threads of romance, of song and story about the scenes of our college day. These are the things that rouse of sentiment of affection in the hearts of the alumni and the undergraduates. Songs rising from the common body of the college, rising from the very spirit of it, as these will, are the strongest source of inspiration to do great things for the college.

Journalism at College.

If we may, we wish to make a plea for a stronger and more general interest in journalism at the college here. It seems to us that the main obstacle to the faster progress of journalism here is not the lack of men who have the ability but the seclusion which the college journals build about themselves and their workings. At present, it is usually by chance that men are selected for the editorial and business boards of the papers. There is a consequent one-sidedness to the management of the journals which is as unfair to the editors themselves as it is to the general student body. It is not entirely the fault of the editors but the lack of interest and knowledge that serve to bring about such a condition. College journalism is as valuable a course as any in or out of the curriculum and there is no reason at all why it should not be opened by competition to a larger number of students.

There is an opportunity at present for a few men to make places on the board of THE CAMPUS. Positions are open to men of all classes, regardless of race, color, creed or fraternity, in news, athletic and business departments of the journal. These positions will be filled by those men who prove their worth in competition. It is always a good plan to live in college with all your might. College journalism is one of the outlets for a man's interest in extra-curricular activities.

All those who wish to compete for the places on the board may see the editor at any time on Friday afternoons after 3.30 in the CAMPUS office on the fourth floor, or drop a note in the CAMPUS box in the instructor's mail room.

Professor Downer Honored.

The cross of the Legion of Honor has been presented by the French Academy to Professor Downer of the French Department for his excellent work and reputation. Now we have two men in college who have been awarded the cross of the order founded by Napoleon, President Finley having received it a few months ago for his services as lecturer in France.

Society Awakenings.

The elections at Clionia were of unusual interest, due to the close contests. President, Lesem Bach, '13; vice-president, Meyer Cohn, '14; secretary, Emanuel Obstfeld, '14; treasurer, Lazarus D. Rosowsky, '14; editor, Louis Gollomb, '13; membership committee, Jesse Raphael, '13.

Professor Downer will institute a general reorganization of the various branches of the popular Cercle Jussurand this week. A reunion of the Cercle will soon take place. New members are cordially invited to join.

The activities of Il Circolo Dante Alighieri will commence with a meeting on Friday afternoon. The following officers have been elected for the new administration: President, Joseph Pagnotta, '14; vice-president, Francesco Battistella; secretary, Herman Caserta, '16; treasurer, Charles Christiano, '14. The program will consist of an inaugural address by the new president, a summary of the second canto of Dante's *Inferno* and a general discussion by the members.

Alumni Dinner.

On Saturday evening, February 1, the Associate Alumni of the College held their annual dinner at the Liederkrantz, a large German club which placed its building at their disposal. About five hundred and seventy alumni were present. President Finley, Lewis Sayre Burchard, president of the Associate Alumni, Adolph Lewisohn, Talcott Williams, director of the Columbia School of Journalism, and others made after dinner speeches. The progress of the plans for our new library building were a cause of congratulation and much praise was given to Mr. Lewisohn for his generosity with respect to the stadium.

Reception Speeches Published.

The proceedings and speeches which were delivered at the reception in the Great Hall to President Taft, Dr. Alexis Carrel and Mr. Adolph Lewisohn have been gathered together and published as a large pamphlet, illustrated with photographs of the assembly and the stadium and bound with silk cord.

The Beauties of New York.

The Webster room of the Main Building has been opened to the public with an exhibition of pastel "Impressions of New York" by Mr. Louis Weinberg of the Art Department. The pictures vary in motive from the crowded stoops and markets of the East Side to the fashionable elegance of Fifth Avenue, from the office-buildings of lower New York, their tops bathed in sunlight, to the darkened interiors of theatres. The exhibition is a reminder that, in spite of the unseeing eyes of its inhabitants and its apparently prosaic aspect, New York has its beauties when looked at through the artist's eyes. The titles include scenes from Madison Square Park, Riverside Drive, Fifth Avenue, Broadway, Seventh Avenue, the East Side and Lower New York.

Concert by People's Choral Union.

The People's Choral Union, a great chorus of three hundred and fifty voices under the leadership of Mr. Frank Damrosch, rendered last night, in the Great Hall, Rossini's powerful work "Stabat Mater." The whole company interpreted the work in a most inspiring manner. The conductor was Mr. Edward G. Marquard.

The Seniors' Class Play.

Cupid played his little part and made the wheels go round in the class play of our departing students. The noticeable feature was an almost distinct plot, thus distinguishing the play from its predecessors. Undoubtedly the most successful part in the cast was "The Other" of the "Two to One," Professor Whosewell, impersonated by Philip Curoe. His manner and actions were delightfully realistic and acceptable to the audience's sense of humor. Joseph Netter may be commended for his work as Professor Hotairy, "he who has studied so long." The length of Palmer Bradner lent an air of grim reality to his role as the "Creator." Harry Falk, as the heroine, used his tilted nose to good effect in the indignation scenes. The portrayal of the professors and college student types were convincing and amusing. The players were coached by Mr. Freeburg of the Public Speaking Department.

A. A. Smoker.

In order to stimulate a greater interest in athletics on the part of the general student body, the Athletic Association has decided to hold a monster smoker some time in April. Every student in the College will be urged to attend. Addresses will be made by the various coaches, managers and captains. The smoker, it is hoped, will become an annual social event that is expected to do wonders in arousing a sporting spirit. The matter will soon be placed in the hands of a committee.

Track Notes.

Some time ago Spooch Donovan, one of our hill and dale chasers, captured the 440-yard novice run at the Xavier games in the good time of 55 1/5 seconds.

Our diminutive sprinter, Dutch Bogen, '13, won the novice quarter from a field of sixty starters at the games of the Brooklyn college on February 1.

More candidates are wanted for the track team. The lower classmen especially are urged to report in the gymnasium for practice. Coach MacKenzie will give prospective track men information as to the days and hours for practice.

Klein, the Townsend Harris plunger, is entering the College this term, and Schwarz, the star floater of Clinton High School, is with us, too. They will form a strong support in that branch of water athletics in which we have figured so lamentably ever since the departure of Mayers. And while we are on this matter, let us remind timid ones that the temperature of the water during these days of wintry blasts is so warm as to make a congenial refuge from the cold. Instead of gasping for breath on the campus, it would be better to do so in the water, where the results would be worth more to the College.

New Appointments.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, the following appointments were made: Mr. B. E. Mitchell, of Vanderbilt University, temporary tutor in Mathematics; Mr. Lewis Mayers '10, full tutor; Philip R. V. Curoe '13, assistant tutor to serve in the Dean's office.

Baseball Bits.

Soons, the baseball manager, reports a final schedule of nine games, with a few more pending. The opening game will be played at Fordham University at Fordham on Saturday afternoon, March 22. Just so soon as his schedule is complete it will be published in full.

Dark specks appear on the horizon of our baseball prospects. Captain Berrigan, our trusty third baseman; Peter Sappoe, catcher; Rost, short stop, and James, a promising pitcher—all of these men, who played hard on last year's varsity, have been declared ineligible on account of falling off in their studies.

The first battery practice will be held in the gymnasium on Friday afternoon. The bulletin boards will announce later developments. All who wish to try out for positions on the team may hand in their names to Manager Soons.

Rochester To-morrow.

To-morrow evening our basket-ball team meets the University of Rochester "five." This is the combination that trounced Princeton last week, and when the masters of the Bull-dog and of the Tiger get together, it should be some scrap!

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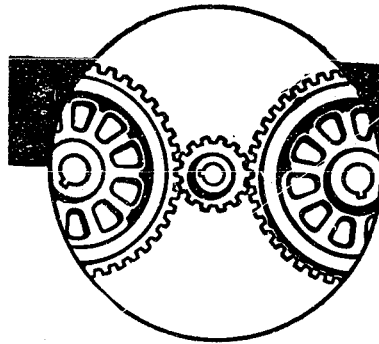
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