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## Reception to South Pole Explorer.



RECEPTION in honor of the notable explorations of Captain Amundsen will be tendered to him to-morrow evening in the Great Hall in the name of the High School Boys. Captain Amundsen will land in the United States to-morrow morning and the reception at the College is the first function he will attend. He has come to tour the United States and to give a series of lectures in the principal cities. President Finley has prepared elaborate ceremonies to entertain the Scandinavian explorer and the other guests. Not the least conspicuous part of the program will be some singing by choruses of Danish and Swedish singing societies. The president had intended asking them to sing for us long before now but various unexpected occurrence prevented their appearance before us. This occasion, then, will be a peculiarly appropriate one for them.

Captain Amundsen will lecture at Carnegie Hall on the experiences during his trip to the South Pole, which lasted for two years.

## Numeral Lights Exercises.

The numeral lights of the February 1913 class will be illuminated with much elaborate ceremony attending it on Friday evening in the Great Hall. Professor Baldwin will give a special organ recital on that occasion. Professors Duggan and Guthrie, honorary members of the class, will make addresses. Philip Curoe will read the class poem. The numeral lights design shows a sunset behind the Hudson Gate, with the rays of the sun shining brilliantly on the numerals of the class.

### Phrenocosmia Wins Cup.

Phrenocosmia was awarded the decision in the eighty-fifth semi-annual inter-society debate between Clionia and Phrenocosmia which took place on Friday evening in the Great Hall. The victorious society upheld the negative side of the question: Resolved, that the term of office of the President of the United States be increased to six years and limited to one term. The debaters for Phreno were David E. Grant '13, Hyman L. Roth '13 and Maxwell James '13, with Alexander Apisdorf '13 as alternate, while the Clionia team was composed of Jesse Raphael '13, Samuel Davis '13 and Lesem Bach '13, with M. P. Epstein '14 as alternate. The main contentions of the affirmative side were that the president would be made more independent of political campaigning and more familiar with the duties of the presidency, and that business would not be disturbed so often by political campaigns which cause much speculation, atrophy and disturbance. The negative contended that the stimulus afforded by the hope of re-election would be removed and cause indifference to the public welfare and that political campaigns are valuable public educators.

A beautiful silver cup for the society and silver medals for the members of the team is the annual award by the class of 1894 to the winner of the January debate between the two senior societies. Professor Palmer presided and the judges were Charles E. Levy '80, Philip S. Mosenthal '82 and William H. Hirsh '94. Professor Baldwin played some pleasing selections on the organ.

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### Senior Hop.

An informal hop will be held by the members of the upper senior class on the evening of Friday, January 24, in the gymnasium. This will be the last informal gathering of the class before the official commencement activities begin, and for that reason the attendance of every upper senior classman is urged. The members of the other classes are also invited to be present.

### The Biologists Dine.

Six silver medals were presented anonymously to the Biological Society at its fifth semi-annual dinner last Thursday evening to be given in the name of society to those students whose work in the various cours of the Natural History department is most worthy. The medals will be awarded not on the basis of proficient marks but on the promise which the students show. The medals will be given in physiology, embryology, bacteriology, botany, samitation and mineralogy. Dr. Hilliard, who is at present professor of bacteriology at Purdue University, presented to the society a large picture of the beautiful grounds of the university. The society presented two volumnes of historic interest to the department library.

These gifts were but incidental to the gaiety and the spirit of good fellowship which pervaded the gathering. Songs and piano selections (also Clysmic and Grape juice) liquidated the round of informal and sincere talks which began with Professor Saurel, continued by Drs. Hilliard, Coldfarb and Brown, William Crozier '12, Emil Bauman '12 and Carl Schloss '12 and ended up with a talk by Professor Winslow.

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### Employment Bureau Report.

The report of the Employment Bureau has been completed for the past four months, from September 17 to December 31, 1912. There were 84 waiting applicants for positions; 46 calls for men. 117 men were sent to positions. 72 men were employed in temporary part-time positions; 23 in permanent part-time positions and one in a permanent full-time position. For the four months covered by the report, the earnings by men who had been previously employed amounted to \$525; by men just placed in temporary part-time positions, \$567; by men just placed in permanent part-time positions, \$391.25; by the man just placed in permanent full-time position, \$26. The total earnings for the four four months are \$1,509.25. The bureau has progressed steadily since its foundation.

### Junior Prom a Success.

On the evening after Christmas, over seventy members of the junior class, accompanied by the fairest in the land, were present at the prom in the gymnasium. The place was beautifully decorated and it lent a distinct charm to the scene. The couples danced merrily through waltzes, two-steps and a Nantucket and nothing but the flight of time marred the enjoyment of the dance. Of the faculty, Professor and Mrs. Woolston and Mr. and Mrs. Holton were present to complete the pleasure of the dance. The ladies received silver bar pins with the college seal and the gentlemen were presented with stick-pins, the heads of which were also college seals. These will serve to recall to those who were present a happy evening.

### Cupid Comes to College.

Which may occasion surprise but his traces are seen everywhere! However, the upper seniors have boldly dragged him into the limelight and will put him on exhibition at their class play which is entitled, "Cupid at College, or Two to One." How would you like to have a prof as a rival for the effections of a sweet young thing? The fellow in this show runs a neck-to-neck race with his mentor, but something—there is always something—something—well, anyhow its something you'll have to find out because even we do not know what it is. The play will be given on two evenings. On January 31, the class prophecy will precede the performance which will take place in Townsend Harris Hall. On February 1, the cremation exercises will be held after the performance.

### Educational Luncheon.

Professor Duggan and the education staff entertained at luncheon on Monday, Miss Day, Mrs. Winthrop, Commissioner Weill of the Board of Education and a few other people who are interested in the Mothers' Meetings movement which is going on in the public schools. It seems that matters at the Mothers Meetings were not carried on very efficiently and Miss Day appealed to Professor Duggan for suggestions. At the luncheon on Monday, various suggestions were considered.

## ATHLETICS.

### The Doleful Trip.

Put yourself in a mournful state of mind, dear reader, in order to appreciate the recital of the direful results of the varsity basketball team's trip. It went down with a thud before St. Lawrence who beat us not so badly on our own court a few weeks ago. Potsdam Normal gloated over us with a score of 34 to 8 and Clarkson Technical Institute rubbed our hurt feelings with salt by a victory of 27 to 23. But then, it was not because our men were bad—it was because the others were better, as our fellows found out.

The team rang out the old year by starting for Canton, N. Y., on the evening of December 31. On January 1, they found themselves on a small court, with poles planted here and there in the midst of it to add to the architectural beauty of the Potsdam Normal gym. Far be it from us to make excuses, but the team certainly labored under mechanical disadvantages. Besides, the Potsdam team, in spite of its none too picturesque nomenclature, could play—and they played. Result—34—8.

The team found, on the evening of January 2, that conditions in the Clarkson Teck gym were just about as auspicious as the other. But our men perked up a bit and, in a game which really should have been ours, lost with the close score of 27—23.

Then came St. Lawrence—oh, St. Lawrence, on Saturday night. Their court was small, too. Even then, we wouldn't have been so badly off if "Shorty" Bradner hadn't got the notion to be too sick to play that night. As a result, Captain Southwick jumped at center in his place and Saltman took Sunny's place at forward. In the first half we held them down well but in the second, the St. Lawrence men ran away with the game. Calder was immense. By his own self he shot eleven field goals and five foul shots! Twenty-seven points for one man is no mean achievement. Wherever Calder wasn't, red-headed Canfield was. The two played our men off

their feet. But it was a stormy battle. Fourteen fouls were called on the St. Lawrence team, with eight on the varsity. Well, Cæsar was a great man in his day, and he slipped a cog once in a while! That may be some consolation for our men.

The beatings, we hope, will make them less merciful to their opponents on Saturday night. With the Oregon game cancelled, it has been decided to have the varsity play the alumni. We expect to see Rouge Friedman, Henry Propper, George Zinovoy and others of the old guard down.

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St. Lawrence

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Kaplan . . . . .	L. F. . . . .	Calder
Bradner . . . . .	C. . . . .	Griffin
Sappoe . . . . .	L. G. . . . .	Wheeler
Schulberg . . . . .	R. G. . . . .	Canfield

Goals from the Field—Calder, 4; Lafferty, 4; Canfield, 2; Wheeler, Kaplan, 2; Bradner, 3; Schulberg, 2; Southwick, 4. Time of halves, 20 minutes. Referee, J. H. Deering; Umpire, Mr. Kessey.

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### Society Season Closing.

Now that the great Clio-Phreno debate is over, the two societies will close their activities for the term on Friday evening with elections of officers for the coming term. Sixty people were present at the sociable held by Clionia just before the holidays. Professor and Mrs. Robinson were the guests of honor. The program included, among musical selections, a one-act allegorical play by Edgar Drachman '12, a burlesque, "Faustus, C. Q. D." by Julian Drachman '14 and "Clio Quips and Cranks" by Louis Gollomb '13.

The Tuesday group of Le Cercle Jusserand elected, at its last meeting its officers for the following term. *President*, Norman Feinberg; *Vice-president*, Melville Shauer; *Secretary*, Howard Adler; *Treasurer*, Jerome Dreyfoos; *Chairman of Program Committee*, Jacob Greenberg.

The Adelpian Literary Society, the Civic Club and the Menorah Society closed a successful term of activity by holding elections at their last meeting.

The Adelpian Literary Society has elected its officers for the following term. *President*, D. Weinberger '15; *Vice-President*, H. S. Katz '15; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Harry Moskowitz '16; *Program-Executive*, Nathan Schachner; *Executive Committee*, Theodore Goodman '15, *Chairman*, N. Isaacs '15 and A. Rosenthal '16.

### Obituaries.

Just before the winter recess, Professor Sickels suffered a severe blow in the death of his father.

At about the same time, Dr. Taaffe's mother, with whom he stayed to the last, passed away.

To both of these gentlemen we extend our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

### President Finley.

Last Saturday, President Finley attended the funeral of the late Ambassador, Whitelaw Reid at St. John's Cathedral. To-morrow evening, as president of the Recreation League, he will tender a luncheon at the Colony Club to Lady Aberdeen. On Saturday evening, President and Mrs. Finley will dine in Washington with President and Mrs. Taft.

### Chess Club Victories.

Everywhere they go, the Chess Club players snatch the palm of victory. Three "creme de la creme" chess teams have bowed down before the superior merit of our men during the holidays. N. Y. U. was beaten 3 to 0. At Stevens, our chess men won with 2 to 0. Sagamore went down to a milder defeat, the score being 3 to 2. Rosowsky, Goldman, Muldorfsky, Grossman, Herten and Hirschberg represented the College at these matches.

The club has transferred its "feudal system" of kings, queens, knights, rooks, bishops and pawns from the congestedly popular alcove back to the Y. M. C. A. room on the fourth floor. The alcove proved too attractive and the scheme became unmanageable.

### Peace Oration Contests.

Bulletins have been posted announcing that on Friday evening, March 14, the state contest of the Intercollegiate Peace Association will be held in the Great Hall. All of the important colleges in the state will be represented in the contest. A prize of two hundred dollars will be awarded to the winner and one hundred dollars to the student who is chosen second. Prizes of twenty-five dollars are offered for the best oration delivered in the local contests of the several competing colleges and universities on subjects of international peace. The local contest in the college here has been scheduled for either this week or the next. Bulletins will be posted announcing the time and place.

### Board of Estimate Elections.

Comptroller Prendergast, on the occasion of his speaking at the Christmas assembly at the College before the holidays, indulged in an intimate discussion of city affairs. He referred to the mayor as being an excellent man although Mr. Prendergast and the latter do not always agree. He advocated a system of elections for the members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment similar to that of the United States senators. His plan was to have at all times a number of old members in the Board so that they could accustom the new members to the modes of procedure and at the same time carry on the work without interruption.

### Heard in the A. A. Room.

Manager Soons complains that when the operation on his baseball schedule is completed by the A. A. board, nothing will be left but the appendix!

The Oregon Agricultural College has cancelled its trip east and in that way has cut out Saturday night's game. Dame Rumor hath it that there will be a game for the coming Saturday that will eclipse even the St. Lawrence game. It'll have to be a husky game to do that. But all aboard, anyhow!

As a token of their esteem, the A. A. board has presented the members of the 1916 soccer team with the shirts which they (the team) have worn through many a muddy battle.

Charles Steinhof's ruptured ear drum which kept him out of the Yale meet, has been slowly healing and our slender swimmer may swim in the "50" in our meet with Princeton.

### A Warning.

The students are urged to take better care of the conditions of their locks and, if possible, to substitute better locks for the cheap ones on many of their lockers. It is distinctly unpleasant to state that for the past few weeks, several articles have been removed surreptitiously from the lockers.

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A peep through the recitation schedule reveals the fact that there are no sessions slated for the hour between 12 and 1 o'clock on Thursdays. That is set aside for the weekly assemblies from which so much is expected.

The upper Seniors have their last college session on Friday afternoon, while all other mortals must linger on until the seventeenth.

And, by the way, have you secured an examination schedule to find out how many conflicts you have?

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