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Dramatic Society Give Annual 'Varsity Show With Success.



HE Annual 'Varsity Show took place on Friday night, Nov. 14, at Carnegie Lyceum and it met with a decided success. The players presented "The Snowball" and "The Steeplechase" to a responsive audience of professors, alumni, students and guests that filled the house. "The Snowball," a farcical comedy in three acts by Sidney Grundy was played first. Martin D. Sidney Petersen '15 took off the leading part of Felix Featherstone,

a husband who gets into matrimonial difficulties because he has gone to see a play which the Puritans of the seventeenth century would not have considered particularly conducive to the high moral development of the community. Petersen acted the part to perfection, portraying the character in his usual natural style. Thomas E. Coulton '14 took the rôle of Harry Prendergast, the charming lover of Ethel Grainger, who was portrayed by Charles Planick '15. They made a delightfully affectionate pair. Uncle John, the irate old man, who condernns his nephew, but who went to the questionable play himself was Max Meisel '14. Meisel did a remarkably fine picce of character acting and received round after round of applause from the audience. Mrs. Featherstone. the jealous, scheming, but beautiful wife was Roy Denslow 15 and the prim, saucy maid Penelope was George D. Hirsch, '15. These two acted in a very skillful, perfected manner, showing their ability to portray difficult female parts. Saunders, the valet was Charles Campbell '15 and a very polite valet he made indeed.

"The Steeplechase" a farce in one act by John Madison Morton followed "The Snowball" and was well

received. Francis V. Kear '16 took off the main part, Mr. Tittums, who gets into trouble because someone has stolen his Sydenham suit, leaving him in possession of a morning gown, a pair of "Bluchers" and an umbrella. Kear acted the part in his usual excellent way. in the playlet were Jerome M. Ziegler '14, who played the hot-tempered, irascible old uncle, Alderman Slowcoach, Arthur Albrecht '16, who was the medical jockey, Dr. Clipper, Kelmuth Moerchere '16 who was Buzzard, the knowing detective, Thomas Hayes' 15, Jesse Norman' 16 and Anthony J. Armore '17, who were employed at the "Black Bear," a Ostler in the person of Wm. H. Jones' 16, two gentlemen who were Opal Waters '17 and William O'Brien '17 and the three ladies, Mrs. Tittums, Mrs. Clipper, and the Chambermaid, who were Thomas Clendenin 15, Maitland Harvey '15 and Milton Tanzer '17.

Most of the success of this production, as of all dramatics at the college is due to the untiring efforts of Dr. Thomas Gaffney Taaffe, the coach. Under Dr. Taaffe's leadership dramatics have been received a new impulse because of his energy and personality. We await the spring celebration of Shakespeare's anniversary with

Alumni Bid Farewell to President Finley.

The Alumni bid official farewell to Dr. Finley last Saturday night, when they tendered him a brilliant banquet at the Hotel Astor. Fully five hundred graduates, Professors and guests did honor to our retiring President. Leaders in all walks of life were there to pay tribute to the man, who for ten years has been the main factor in the development of this institution.

When each guest arrived he was led into an anteroom where he signed his name to a parchment, which was beautifully illuminated and bound in a leather case. This was presented to the President as a souvenir of the occasion. From the anteroom the guests were led to their places in the banquet hall where each one found an autographed photo of Dr. Finley.

Mr. Burchard, President of the Associate Alumni was in the Speaker's chair and he delivered the opening address, speaking on behalf of the older Alumni. Other

speakers were Professor Werner who represented the faculty, the Hon. Abram J. Elkus who spoke in behalf of the Board of Regents of the State of New York, the Hon. Thomas W. Churchill for the Board of Education, the Hon. Frederick P. Bellamy for the Board of Trustees, Bernard Hershkopf for the younger alumni, the Hon. Charles S. Whitman for the City of New York, Professor Jeremiah Jenks of New York University, who was the teacher of Dr. Finley and the Rev. Dr. Robert McKenzie who is the President's Pastor. All spoke in sorrowful terms of the President's departure, but said that he was taking up a position which needed a man like him. The President delivered a stirring reply, which touched the very depths of every one present.

The evening was both sorrowful and joyful. Mr. Burchard and Mr. Jenkins had composed some special Finley songs, which the assemblage sung with fervor, being led by a professional singer who had been hired for the night. An orchestra played during the dinner and various college and class songs were sung. Professor Duggan, Chairman of the Committee that arranged for the dinner succeeded in making the occasion one that will never be forgotten in the annals of the college.

Lecture to the Education Club.

At a meeting of the Education Club held last Thursday professor Bonser of Teacher's College addressed the members on "Vocational Guidance and Vocational Education." Dr. Bonser is the leader of the movement to introduce efficent vocational training into our educational system and has done much to bring about a solution of this most perplexing problem. In his address, he pointed out the necessity for vocational guidance and education, and described the work now being done by our leading educators to give to the world better trained more efficient workers. In answer to questions put to him by members of the club, Professor Bonser outlined the elements of early technical education and the nature of the experiments now being carried on to make possible an accurate psychological analysis, which shall determine the capacity of pupils in our public and technical schools, so that they may enter those vocations for which they are eminently fitted.

The Associate Alumni Hold Annual Meeting.

The Associate Alumni of the College of the City of New York held their annual meeting in Townsend Harris Hall on Saturday night, Nov. 8. It was the first meeting of the alumni as an incorporated body and fully 200 members attended. The main business of the evening was the election of officers. Lewis Sayre Burchard '77 was reelected President of the organization over Bernard Naumburg '94 by a vote of 110 to 87. The other officers for the ensuing year will be as follows: First Vice-President, William M. K. Olcott '81; Second Vice-President, Lee Kohns '84; Third Vice-President, Thomas W. Churchill '82; Secretary, Frederick M. Pedersen '89; Treasurer, Charles Murray '84; Historian, John S. Battell '73; Associate Historian, Howard C. Green '02; Auditors, William Fox '84, Walter Timme '93 and Kenneth Groesbeck '05; Inspectors of Election, Ernest Ilgen '82, Henry Hofheimer '03, and Raymond C. Thompson '09; Representative on the Board of Managers of the City College Quarterly, Everett P. Wheeler, '56.

The thirty-six directors elected are Steers '53, Wheeler '56, Wood '61, Eurich '66, Knox '68, Sim '68, Claffin '69, Rush '69, Frank '71, Lydecker '71, Greenbaum '72, Battell '73, Davis '76, Burchard '77. Campbell '78, Pollitzer '79, Kost '80, Olcott '81, Kenyon '81, Churchill '82, McDowell '82, Gibb '83, Kohns '84, Murray '84, Bach '85, Downer '86, Pedersen '89, Huehner '90, Scheuer '91, Thompson '93, Naumburg '94, Roberts '95, Goldwasser '97, Birkhahn '01, Green '02 and Mason '03. In the directors report, which was read and adopted, they urge that the alumni should come back, get into the spirit of the college and support activities. Judge Bartow S. Weeks put a resolution before the meeting which read to the effect that the Associate Alumni present to the Board of Trustees their hope that the successor of President Finley would be an alumnus. It was passed unani-

President Finley Made an LL. D.

Last Friday President Finley and Professor Moody represented the college at the installation of Syman P. Powell as President of Hobart College. delivered an address and received the honorary degree

ATHLETICS.

Varsity Swimming Schedule.

The Swimming Schedule was passed by the A. A. Board on Friday. It is the best C. C. N. Y. has had in many years and much credit must be given "Steve" Carr for the success of his endeavors. On December 5 we meet Yale at New! Haven. This is the only out-of-town meet. U. of P. visits us on December 12; Princeton comes on December 19; Columbia is here on January 9 and Williams, a new addition, swims us on February 27. On March 6 the Inter-Collegiate Championships will be held in our pool. This is a very important event in inter-collegiate athletics and we are very fortunate in having it staged here.

Columbia Beats C. C. N. Y. 17—43 in Cross-Country Run.

The A. A. mass meeting was successful in that about a hundred men were urged to go up to Van Courtlandt Park last Thursday to root for the cross-country team. They did some pretty good cheering under Crowley's

leadership.

Frey was picked by everbody to win the run but owing to the condition of his feet and a poor pair of shoes (they came off four times) he droppod back to fourth place, although he was second at the end of the first half, Schaffer who was picked to finish in the front, had a pain in his back, but showed his gameness by sticking to it. All the runners had ill-fitting shoes and are by no means to be condemned for the showing they made. Every one did his best. We have another chance against Columbia Saturday in the Inter-Collegiates.

Gertz, of Columbia, led at the three-mile mark in 17 min. 55 sec. and finished the entire six miles in 36-31 1-5. Simon and Smith of Columbia were second and third respectively, Eddie Frey came fourth, about a minute and a half behind Gertz. After Frey came Slade and Whelan, both of Columbia, giving them in all 17 points. Brandstadter, Scarlata, Guinness and Schaffer finished seventh, ninth, eleventh and twelfth, giving us 43 points. Mones and Drake finished behind Schaffer.

The officers of the Varsity Club are Straley, Founder; Donaldson, President; N. O'Connell, Vice-President; Crowley, Secretary; Berman, Treasurer. Mr. Holton's Great Dane has been chosen mascot of the college and will be on hand to root at the basketball games as usual.

1917 Basketball Schedule.

Manager Rauch has completed his schedule for the 1917 Basketball team. It includes some of the fastest high school teams in the city.

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The second game with Mt. Vernon will be played on their court; all others will be played here as prelimina-

Inter-Class Track Meet.

To-morrow, at 12 M., an inter class track meet will be run off on Jasper Oval. The results of this meet will show just what sort of a foundation C. C. N. Y. has upon which a representative track team may be built. Each competitor must have a green or yellow card and must be an A. A. member. He is also limited to one event only. There is no reason why this last ruling should not furnish an unusually large entry list. The success of the affair really depends on the number of men the class athletic managers have on the field. So hustle, you

Freshman Soccer.

Following in the footsteps of their predesessors, the Freshmen have organized a "1917" soccer team. They have already met Yonkers High School and Townsend Harris, the remainder of the schedule being between the High School of Commerce and Morris High School on Nov. 20 and Nov. 22 respectively. The Commerce game will be played on Jasper Oval while those who will

attend the Inter-Collegiate Cross Country Run at Van Cortland Park next Saturday, will also have an apportunity of witnessing the Morris game. After this schedule is played off the Freshies will meet their arch-enemies the Sophs. This brings on the talk of a Varsity soccer team for next year. We already have such good men as Shanholt, Lefkowitz, Farrel and Van Bouin from last year's Freshman team, who, combined with the best of this year's Freshman team, ought to form a fine squad for a Varsity team.

Inter - Class Water - Polo.

The inter-class water polo tournament is on. All classes are showing a keen interest in this sport and indications promise the contest to be a success. The remaining games are as follows.

Friday	Nov.	21			1914	vs.	1917
Monday,	Nov.	24			1916	vs.	1917
Monday,	Dec.	1			1914	vs.	1915
Friday,	Dec.	5			1916	vs.	1914

Varsity Basketball.

The Varsity team is coming on with a rush. At present only one position seems doubtful, and that is Southwick's running mate. For this position Ricca, Manne, Bramson and Lefkowitz are fighting for all they are worth. The other positions seem to be Captain Southwick, forward: Schaeffer, center: Shulberg and Feldman, guards. Commenting on the work, Coach Palmer claims that this year's squad is the best all-around squad C. C. N. Y. has had in years.

Last Monday night, our boys proved their real worth. In the first half, the Washington Heights Y. M. C. A. team, champions of their league, led our boys by the score of 22-11. In the second half, we came back with a vin and nosed them out to the tune of 30-28. Coach Palmer was very much satisfied with the showing, saying it was one of the best games contested on our court.

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A Plan to Continue President Finley's Policy.



week Dr. Finley will be President of this college, and then he goes to take up new duties. In all probability the Board of Trustees will not select a new President until next year. For a long period of time a common interest will be lacking. Presi-

dent Finley has been the moving spirit in harmonizing all factors in our college life. He has shown us a unity of purpose. He has tried to make a college out of what was, at his coming, only an institution. When he leaves, shall we be satisfied to let things stagnate, until another leader is chosen to stir us up?

The Student Council is the most natural group for the students to turn to in this hour of uncertainty. It has the power of continuing President Finley's policy of organizing this college into a great, purposeful body. The weekly assembly is the chief means by which all are brought together. At the invitation of the Council, men influential in municipal affairs would be glad to come and address gatherings composed of faculty and student There are numerous ways in which the Council could carry out successfully a plan of weekly assemblies. And if we could have those inspiring meetings the absence of President Finley would be less hard to bear.

The Senior Dance as a Socializing Force.

On Thanksgiving Eve the annual Senior Dance will take place in the college gymnasium. In most colleges the balls and hops are the grand social function of the year. The professors and their wives and students and their fair friends attend in great numbers. In the past few students have gone to our dances, and fewer still have been the professors who have thought it worth while to attend these affairs and meet their students outside of the class-room. Thanksgiving Eve affords us another opportunity to change this condition. The dance is a great socializing force, and if we admit that social ties at college are not what they might be, here is an opportunity for making them firmer and faster.

Showing at Columbia Meet Encouraging.

Of the two hundred men who attended the A. A. mass meeting on Thursday, about one hundred accompanied the team to Van Courtlandt Park. This is most encouraging. Last year it would have been almost an impossibility to get such a number of students to respond. A good start has been made and if enough men will answer the call for a cheering squad, we can hope for spirited teams this year.

Formerly our 'Varsities have had to fight their battles alone. The need for an organized band of students to incite them to victory was felt. This year we shall have successful teams and we can show the players our appreciation by coming out and cheering for them.

Lester Israil, '13 is conducting an important series of tests for the Wireless Improvement Company, at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Israel is one of the men who have gone forth from the college with so thorough a training in radio-telegraphy that they have been appointed to important and well-paying positions as engineers.

Last Thursday the members of the staff of the Natural History Department held their regular seminar at the home of Professor Winslow. Dr. Broun and Mr Edwards presented extensive reports on their researches in Bactereology and in Physiology.

A. A. Mass Meeting.

There were about two hundred out of a possible fifteen hundred at the A. A. Mass Meeting on Thursday and a number of those who did come had to be coaxed. President Nussbaum aroused the enthusiasm of the little gathering by speaking of the meet with Columbia. As a result about half of those present went up to see the race. Dr. Storey was introduced and spoke of the opportunity the A. A. offers for forming intimate relations with fellow students. He urged the fellows to give their personality, loyalty and enthusiasm for the benefit of the college. He said that every man should know how to train for a team and should stick at it until he made good, for four years if necessary. Mac said that the fellows were out of tune; they were not in harmony. Everybody is waiting for the stadium to be finished instead of developing teams that will be prepared and trained to with meets when the stadium is opened. He said that the fellows did not encourage each other to work for the teams and thus keep up the interest in athletics.

The captains of the teams were then called upon. Capt. Southwick accused the fellows of not showing enough interest in the basket ball squad which is the best that Coach Palmer has ever produced. Crowley, Frey, Schaffer and Nussbaum spoke about their several branches of activity after which the pins were awarded for the inter-class cross country run which was won by 1916. Those to rececive pins were Frey, Schaffer, Rimbach, Brandstadter, Drake, Guinness and Mones.

A list will be posted outside of the Dean's office on Friday giving those courses which had to be struck out, because enough students did not elect them, those courses that are doubtful and those courses that are sure. The doubtful courses will be held open for three days and if a sufficient number of men elect them, they too will be given.

Alumni News.

Everett P. Wheeler, '56 has been elected Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Man Suffrage Association of New York. Mr. Wheeler is an ardent worker in the Anti-Suffrage Cause.

He also represented the diocese of New York to the last general convention of the Epicopal Church and made two addresses there, one of which was on Child Labor.

In a recent number of the "Outlook" Mr. Wheeler published a history of Tammany Hall, in which he relates the corruptness of the organization from its origin up to Mayor McClellan's administration.

Work and Results of Dr. Goldsmith's Course.

The radio laboratory is carrying on some special wireless telegraph transmission tests with the United States Government. The Secretary of Commerce has sent a letter to the Physics Department, expressing great praise for the work done under the able direction of Dr. Goldsmith. A special license has been given to the laboratory (the only one issued in this city) granting it unusual privileges in sending and receiving messages.

Some important test in wireless telephony are also in progress. It may be that before long, that oft-repeated request "Hold the wire a moment" will be changed to "Hold the air."

Dr. Goldsmith is writing a series of articles on "Engineering Measurements of Radio Telephony" in the Wireless Age. The magazine contains several photographs of apparatus in use in our laboratories. Priess, 14 is writing a series of articles for the same publication.

Reinhard A. Wetzel of the Physics Department was the guest of the Research Department of the General Electric Company at Schenectady on November 8. The subject of his address before the colloquium was "Einstein's Relativity Concepts as Interpreted by a Physical Model."

Dr. Philip is giving a review course in mathematics at the National Business Institute. The course is designed to correlate all the high school and college mathematics and aims to give the prospective teacher of the subject a broad view of his specialty.

Society News.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise will lecture to-morrow at twelve o'clock in Room 126. Dr. Wise recently made a trip through Palestine, and the subject of his lecture will be the impressions made upon him by the scenes of the historic city. Palestine has seen a wonderful transformation during the past few years and the lecture, delivered by a man who is one of our best citizens and well-known educators, will doubtless, be of unusual interest to those students interested in the religious history of the world. Dr. Weise comes in response to an invitation extended him by the Menorah Society. All students are welcome at the lecture.

The Y. M. C. A. has rented a piano for the semester and desires that all student organizations have the rent of it at the lowest possible expense. The piano will be placed in any room in the Main Building for \$1.00 plus \$.50 for moving. Advance reservations may be made in room 16A, payment to be made at time of reservation. From now on the Y. M. C. A. is to conduct bi-weekly dinners on Man.

dinners on Monday evenings with the nominal fee of \$.25 to cover expenses. Prominent men will speak at these banquets and the whole student body is invited.

Daniel F. Burke D. D. is to deliver a lecture on "Life in Rome" on Friday night, under the auspices of the Newman Club. Reverend Burke was educated and spent a good part of his life in Rome, so that he is well versed in the topic of this talk.

At the last meeting of the Biological Society, I. Balenzweig, '14 read a paper, "Succession of Living Organisms." The paper was a record of the experiments he has been carrying on in the Natural History laboratories during the past five months.

The members of the Biological Society made a trip to Montclair, N. J. under the guidance of Dr. Scott. They made a careful inspection of a model dairy and water plant, and the trip proved most enjoyable and instructive.

At the meeting of the Philosophical Society held last Thursday Kaufman '15 read a paper on "Mechanism and Teleology." Professor Overstreet and the other members of the Department of Philosophy joined in the discussion.

Council Meets.

At a special meeting of the Student Council last Friday afternoon Schachner 15 was elected Business Manager of the 1915 Microcosm. It was necessary for President Cohn to cast the deciding vote. Other candidates were Planick and Stockel.

The New York Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution announce as the topic for their three prizes of \$50, \$30 and \$15 "The Services of Franklin to the Cause of Independence." Upper A students are eligible to compete. For information they should apply to Professor Johnston of the History Department in Room 208.

Professors Baskerville and Winslow read papers before the American Chemical Society at its last meeting on "Investigation of Ventilation in the Schools of New York" and the "New York State Commission and its Problems."

Next Thursday there will be an examination for prospective teachers of Italian in the Evening High Schools in the city. Dr. Ettari, instructor in Italian will be in charge.

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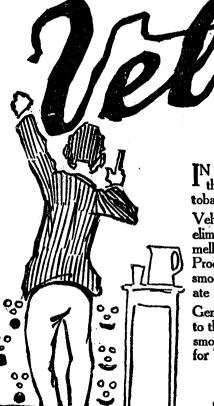
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