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Resolution Adopted by the Faculty. on the Death of Professor Compton



HE demise of our late colleague, Alfred George Compton, Emeritus Professor of Physics, marks the close of a formative epoch of the College.

Graduating with honor in its first class in 1853, he had seen while a student its slow growth when New York was a small city comparatively; then as an instructor he observed changes in the staff and also in the curriculum by the omission of some and the

addition of other studies; the gradual increase of the student body, and instructing force; the change of name "to The College of the City of New York" with but slight change of curriculum; the coming of a second President and many changes in the Faculty, including his own admission to it; changes in administrative methods and in the scope of departments; the establishment of a Board of Trustees separate from yet joined to the Board of Education, and formation of a new curriculum by it; a further growth in the number of students and great increase in number of instructors.

Accompanying the internal changes, he had observed the erection of two new buildings on the original grounds and the use of two other large buildings in the neighborhood; finally the erection of the present buildings and the transference thereto of the whole body of students and instructors.

During this long period of sixty-three years, for the last fifty-eight of which he was an instructor, Alfred George Compton was ever distinguished by great capacity for work, mental and physical, for his equable and genial

disposition, his ever present symphaty and cheerfulness in helping and directing students and others; his earnest desire for knowledge, shown by his incessant and wide reading in many branches in addition to the considerable number included in his own department, in all of which latter he was expert, and in several he had specialized intensively. His attainments and mental and moral traits applied for so many years to the training and instructing of many thousands of young men in this College did not fail to produce a profound and lasting effect upon their minds and character. Hundreds of Alumni and others who have gained high distinction in professions and various business pursuits have expressed their great indebtedness to him. Among these and many others his work and character have been and will be for many decades famous in song and story.

During the forty-two years he was a member of the Faculty he took a prominent part in every movement looking to the welfare of students, instructors and the College generally, bringing to the discussion of questions sound judgment and a calm, judical temper. Presumably for this reason, at least in part, on the retirement of the late President Alexander S. Webb, the Trustees appointed him Acting President.

While thus beneficently active at College and in College affairs in general he was scarcely less so in matters affecting the welfare of the State and society. He was an active citizen and did not hesitate to peril his life for the safety of the former; and for the latter he disregarded his personal convenience to better the condition of others,

His character and his work so complete, finished and rounded make him one of the most prominent of the Thank have passed away.

Therefore the Committee respectfully submit the following resolution:

The Faculty of "The College of the City of New York" adopt the foregoing statement as a brief and inadequate recognition of the experience, work and character of its late colleague, Professor Alfred George Compton, and desire in addition to express their respect for his high character as a man; their appreciation and admiration of his deep learning as a scholar, his ability and influence

as a teacher, their esteem for him as a colleague and their affectionate regard for him as a companion and friend. Adopted at a meeting of the Faculty held February 5, 1914.

Commencement Exercises held on Lincoln's Birthday.

The exercises of the sixty-ninth commencement of the college were conducted last Thursday, Feb. 12th at 10 A. M. in the Great Hall, when Feb. '14 joined the long list of graduated classes. The program included speeches by three of the graduates, August Lodato, Jr., David W. Park and David Kraus, the lone "Cum Laude" man of the class. Addresses were delivered by the Hon. Marcus M. Marks, President of the Borough of Manhattan and Dr. John H. Finley, President of the University of the State of New York. Judge Joseph F. Mulqueen '80, conducted the ceremony of The City Oath in connection with the presentation of the "Arms" of the city to the graduates and Rev. Dr. Merle St. C. Wright delivered the Invocation and Benediction.

The list of prize winners and those who had received honorable mention was read by Professor Werner, who conferred the degrees. Thirty-eight of the graduates received the degree of Bachelor of Arts and twenty-six that of Bachelor of Science.

In the afternoon the alumni received the class in the Tower Rooms where Milton Perlman spoke on behalf of the graduates. President Burchard of the Alumni Association formally accepted them into the ranks of the alumni of the college and Everett P. Wheeler made a speech of welcome.

Feb. '14 Holds Graduation Banquet.

On the evening of Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. '14 held its graduation banquet at Murray's. Acting-President Werner, President Finley and Professors Baskerville, Guthrie and Woolston were the guests of honor. Besides the faculty addresses, speeches were made by Perl man, Cohn and Rosowsky. Willbach was toast-master. The Ex-Thirteen's, who graduated with the Feb. '14 class, attended in a body and had a separate table reserved for themselves.

Lecture in Education.

Miss Farrel, supervisor of Ungraded Classes in the schools of this city will speak before the Education Club at 1 P. M. to-day in Room 105. Miss Farrel is an authority on the education of exceptional children and comes in response to an invitation from Professor Duggan, of the Department of Education. All students are invited.

The Education Club will affect a permanent organization for the ensuing term after Miss Farrel's brief address, and it is desirable that all students who are pursuing courses in the Department of Education and all thos who intend to enter the teaching profession be present. Professor Duggan has promised to give credit for the work the members do in the club and there is no more valuable extra-curricular activity in which those intereste in Education can indulge. The club plans to have some eminent educators make addresses in the near future. **

C. C. N. Y. is represented on the editorial board of the Columbia Law Review by three of its graduates: Morse S. Hirsch '11, Stephen K. Kapp '11 and Carl Erpf-Lefkovics '12.

Phreno-Clio Debate.

The eighty-sixth semi-annual debate between the Phrenocosmian and the Clionian Literary Societies was held in Townsend Harris Hall last Friday evening and resulted in a victory for Clio. The subject of the debate was Resolved: That the Federal Government adopt a System of Direct Presidential Primaries. Levine, Hahn and Obstfeld upheld the negative for Clionia, while Wilchins, Feldman and Klein defended the affirmative for Phrenocosmia. Professor Palmer presided and Messrs. Burchard '77, Donoghue '94 and Naumbourg '94 acted as judges. Silver medals were awarded to the winners and Clio receiped a silver cup for winning the debate.

ATHLETICS.

C. C. N. Y 30-Rensselaer-20.

Last Saturday night was only a repetition of the story that is becoming quite familiar now-adays: C. C. N. Y. won. The game was a walk-a-way for our boys, Rensselaer never once coming within striking distance. The team started with a rush. Within a few minutes of play. Southwick scored a goal. Shulberg scored a foul shot and then our watchful Weinfeld added this two points by a basket from the center of the field. This was the first basket made by Weinfeld this season. "Eve" then scored two more baskets, one of which sailed down three quarters of the court. The score at this stage of the game was 9—0. Rensselaer then came to life and scored three points. The varsity came back with ten more points, contributed by Manne, Darkey and Drake. The half finally ended with the score 21-11 in our favor. Captain Southwick easily was the star of the contest. Drake showed a great improvement in his game which sovors well for next year. The team as a whole played a slashing game, letting up a bit as soon as they saw that they had things their own way.

In the second half, Rensselaer came back with a rush and things began to hum. McManus, Kimlock and Coulslin scored three baskets in quick order. Immediately after Southwick caged two goals and Darkey shot three fouls. Behau, the Renssalaer guard, produced a thrill when he dribbled the ball down the field and caged a beauty from the side. This was only eclipsed by our own Darkey, whose meteor like dribble down the field caught the up-state men by surprise. A quick pass to Southwick then resulted in an easy goal. In the last few minutes of play, Lefkowitz replaced Manne, Levine replaced Weinfeld and Donaldson substituted for Southwick. The final score was 30—20.

Summaries:

Renssalaer Coulslin McManus Hislop Behan Goddell	R. F. L. F. C. R. G. L. G.	C. C. N. Y. Southwick Manne Drake Weinfeld Schulberg
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Track Prospectus.

Goals from field: Coulslin 3; McManus 3; Histock 1; Behan 1; Kinlock 1; Southwick 5; Manne 2; Drake 2; Weinfeld 1; Schulberg 1.

Goals from fouls: Hislop 2; Schulberg 8.

Substitutes: Icke for Coulslin; Kinlock and Howard for Goddell; Lefkowitz for Manne; Donaldson for Southwick and Levine for Weinfeld.

Newtown, 26 — 1917 — 24

Newtown, seven feet tall, came down and beat our wee Freshies by the score of 26-24. Only after an extra period and after one of the hardest fought games this season did the freshmen capitulate. Nudelman easily was the star of the game, scoring twelve of the twenty-four points. Sexton was the mainstay of Newton, his length of body causing much discomfiture to our david-like players. Bronstein and Schwartz also played star games. Sumon. and Tanz put up their usually strong game.

Freshmen Win at Wrestling.

This is the first year that wrestling has been recognized by the Athletic Association as a regular 'Varsity sport Manager Crowley carried through a successful interclass tournament which brought to light some good material. The team has aroused sufficient interest in the sport to warrant competition with other colleges next season.

The competitors in the interclass tournament, about thirty in number, were divided into six classes according to weight. The winner of each class will be awarded a medal at the next A. A. Assembly. The winners are: Ehrman '17, 5 (11–120 lbs.), Rudinsky '16, 5 (120–130 lbs.) Farola '17, 5 (130–140 lbs.) Nemser '17, 3 (140–150 lbs.) Zetkin '17, 5 (150–160 ibs.) Cantor '14, 3 (over 160). Total: 1917–18 points, 1916–5 points. 1914–3 points, 1915–0 points.

Inter-Collegiate Swimming Championships.

Friday, March 6th! Make a memorandum of it and don't forget to send her your invitation. What for? Why the swimming championships will take place and it will be a gala night. The sprints, distance races, and fancy dive will be the most closely contested events ever held in our natatorium. Mayer, O'Sullivan and McGrath in the sprints, Cross and Riemer in the two—twenty and McAleenan, McGregor, Coons, Friesel, Barrett and Berman in the fancy dive! The admission to A. A. members will be fifty cents and only two tickets allowed to a member. General admission will be seventy-five cents. Only a limited amount of tickets are on sale, and tickets may be had in the A. A. Room.

Jacobson President of A. A.

The A. A. Board has elected Joseph Jacobson, June 14 to complete the unexpired term of Sydney Nussbaum.

The Vice-Presidency, made vacant by the election of Jacobson, will be held open until this afternoon.

Nathan Rauch '16 was chosen Acting Manager of the basketball team until Ex-Manager Thomas' term expires.

Washington and Lee.

The "Blue and Whites" hailing from Washington and Lee and ranked as the champions of the South are to be the guests of our basketball team next Saturday. Since they have beaten all the big teams of the south, we can be sure of a corker of a game. This game will close a very successful season and it's the last chance to see our boys in action.

Sidney L. Samuelson, '15, has been elected Editor of the Mercury for the ensuing year. We congratulate the Mercury Association on its selection.

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Open the Gym on Saturdays.



ORD BACON in his History of "Life and Death," a treatise on the art of living long, discourses at length, in a pseudo-scientific way, on the benefits of exercise. Many of his suggestions might be followed to advantage even to-day, but we have solved the

problem of exercise, and its relation to a sound body and a sane mind after the more scientific fashion of the modern century. To college men the gymnasium has been one of the means toward efficiency, but students at this institution have been slow in freely grasping the opportunity which they have. Our athletic equipment is of the finest, but few of the students make use of the "gym" outside of regular class hours, and upper-classmen, who have completed the prescribed courses, are rarely seen in the building.

Perhaps the arrangement of locker-room hours is not suitable to most of the students. The only remedy for this is an improved locker-system. But surely there is no irrefutable excuse for the closing of the "gym" on Saturdays. The number of students who would come to the gymnasium on Saturday afternoons would be sufficiently large to warrant its being kept open. Some way

can be found to exclude outsiders, such as supervision by a Committee of the Student Council or the guarding of the building by willing students. Members of the staff of the Department of Hygiene would voluntarily contribute their services, as in the past, to help along such a movement. Since the only present method of letting everybody get profitable use of the gymnasium is by keeping it open on Saturdays, this should be done without delay.

Class Elections.

There is nothing in a man's college career which gives him as much practical political training as college elections. He is given a part in the selection of class officers, and he experiences the same uncertainties and temptations that he will experience later on in life, even though college voting is on a small scale compared to the voting at the end of a big, national campaign.

During the next week there will be the usual commotion around the alcoves and the usual inevitable cliques will probably try to run the elections of the various classes. Compared to elections at most large colleges those held here have been comparatively free from smudge. They can only be kept so if every one will cast his vote regardless of religious or social affiliations.

John R. Mott's Great Address to Students.

Arrangements are being made for the reservation of a large portion of Carnegie Hall, exclusively for City College students on the first night of Mr. Mott's addresses. There is no charge but students must secure tickets at the college.

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Ex-president TAFT.

Four men are needed to lead boys' clubs for one or two nights a week at the Henry Meinhart Settlement House. Applicants are to report in Room 16 A.

Tablet of Information.

A bronze tablet is to be put up in the Lincoln Corridor, giving a condensed history of the college. From it may be read the dates of the establishment of the college, of the admittance of students, of the laying of the corner-stone of the new buildings, etc. The tablet is such a one as may be found in all the colleges of the country and was purchased by Curator Davis.

Prize Speaking.

The Prize Speaking trials to select the contestants for the Roemer Prize for the best poetry declamation will be held on to-morrow at 3:45 P. M. in Room 221. Members of last term's Sophomore class are elligible.

City Orchestra Gives Concert.

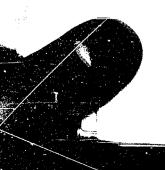
The City Orchestra, conducted by Professor Fleck of Normal College gave a public concert last Monday night in the Great Hall. The Board of Education appropriates the money for these concerts. Owing to the inclement weather, means of reaching the college conveniently was cut off, so that the audience was not as large as was expected.

Informal Dance of the '15 Class.

The Juniors are to hold an informal dance in the gym on the evening of March 11. The subscription price is seventy-five cents. The committee consists of Schacner, Youngwitz, Stockel, Freiberg, Shatzberg and Horowitz. This dance will be the first informal one of the class and the committee is endeavoring to make it surpass all others.

Registration Increases.

To date there are 1227 regular students registered in the college, against 1101 at a corresponding date last year. Besides this number there are 37 students classified as specials.



Dramatic Society Smoker.

The Dramatic Society is to hold an informal smoker, reception and entertainment in the Tower Rooms on Saturday night, Feb. 28th. Dr. Taaffe has promised to give a reading from one of his pet plays and the rest of the entertainment will consist of scenes acted by our famous Thespians, and musical numbers.

"The Snowball" to be Given Again.

The members of the Dramatic Society who took part in the 'Varsity show last Fall are to give a reproduction of "The Snowball" at Murray Hill Lyceum on Friday evening, Feb. 20. The performance is to be given for the benefit of the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, on Twenty-Third Street. The cast will be the same as the one that produced the play at Carnegie Lyceum.

Y. M. C. A. Dinner.

Arthur Howe, captain of the 1911 Yale football team will be the guest of honor at the weekly dinner of the Y. M. C. A. to be held next Tuesday evening, Feb. 24 at 6 P. M. in the Students' Lunch Room. All students are invited to attend.

Professor Marx Lectures to Menorah

Professor Marx of the Jewish Theological Seminary lectured to the members of the Menorah Society last Wednesday night on "The Persecution of the Jews."

Courses in Biblical and Post Biblical History, Jewish Philosophy and Hebrew Grammar are offered by the society to all those who make application.

Professor Guthrie of the Department of Political Science delivered a Lincoln oration last Thursday night before the members of the Get-Together Club of Bronxville.

Chemistry Notes.

Director Talbot and Professors Walker, Fay and Moore off the Institute of Technology spent a good part of Tues day the 27th of January making a thorough and detailed study of the organization and equipment of our department of chemistry. They were entertained by Professors Baskerville, Moody and Stevenson and Mr. Williams,

The January number of the Journal of the American Chemical Society contains an article by Theodore Cohen June 1912, on "A New Method for the Preparation of Colloidal Ferric Hydroxide." Cohen is also the author of an article on "Colloidal Chemistry" which appeared in the January number of School Science and Mathematics.

The last five volumes of "World's Famous Events" by Professor Horne of the English Department will be ready by the end of the month. This popular work in ten volumes is published by F. P. Niglutch & Co. Professor Horne spent three years in preparing it.

Engineering Society.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Engineering Society, Kummerle, '14, will present a paper on "Safety," as applied to machinery and shop practice. Two very interesting reports on current engineering literature will be presented by Logie, '15, and McAusland, '16.

The spirit behind the great movement for "Home Rule for Ireland" has affected the best friend of the Irish—the Germans. Our German scholars in the Deutscher Verein engaged in a heated debate at their last meeting on this question, and many were the expressions of sympathy and commendation for the Irish people.

The Sirrom Club.

The graduates of Morris High School at college hit upon *The Sirrom Club* as a name for their newly-formed alumni organization. *Sirrom* is *Morris* spelt backwards and this old, but ingenious idea may result in such societies as the Notnilc and the Tnasevyuts which are sure to be successful, if only because of their names.

The first meeting of the Adelphian Literary Society will be held on the evening of Friday, Feb. 20th, when the installation of officers will take place. Visitors are welcome.

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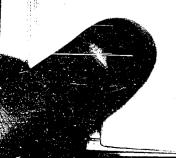
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