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DR. FINLEY'S TRIBUTE TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Open Letter in The University
Bulletin to Dr. Mezes, Welcomes
Him to Empire State

The University of the State of New York wishes to be the first to welcome into the state the newly elected President of the College of the City of New York, Dr. Sidney Edward Mezes.

"This college, which is open without fee to the young men of half the state, presents in some respects the greatest opportunity that is offered to a constructive, administrative mind in the field of higher education.

"Doctor Mezes comes with a scholarship, experience and a spirit which will enable him to meet with highest success that opportunity and make the college minister even more effectively to the needs of New York City. He will find the people of that city, increasingly interested in its college, prepared to give him cordial support. But he will find also a sympathetic spirit in this Department of the State which desires the richest possible development for every institution within it, a Department whose executive head has need only to be careful lest his interest in the fortunes of this particular college be too great."

CLASSIC EXHIBITION IN LINCOLN CORRIDOR

Series of Charts Set Up in Lincoln Corridor
Illustrating the Value of the Classics
in Modern Times—Present Evidence of Prevalence of Classical Element in Present-day Life

In the Lincoln Corridor, the Latin Department is conducting an interesting exhibit on the value of the study of classical languages.

The charts show how a knowledge of Latin and Greek makes English more intelligible. To prove this, pages are shown from the dictionary and from various books with all words of classical origin underlined.

There are charts which show English words and their classical roots, charts which show how English words may be derived from a single Latin or Greek root. There are titles of stories, titles of magazines, quotations, inscriptions and names of modern inventions which sound strange to those not acquainted with Latin or Greek. Mythology, operas, cartoons, poetry, prose and even advertisements make frequent classical allusions.

The Sciences, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, etc. are replete with Latin and Greek names. As one of the charts has it, "Even The Disease Which Makes You Sick Has A Latin Name." So has the medicine which cures you.

Latin is beneficial to the linguist. French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Roumanian are offsprings of Latin. French, Spanish and Italian are each 90 per cent. Latin. Besides these, the study of Latin prepares one for the study of any language, say the charts.

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Evidence is given to show that Latin contributes more or less directly to success in the professions. It is a well-known fact, they say, that the lawyer, and doctor study Latin because in their professions, they meet numberless Latin phrases.

Some of the greatest men of the world, such as Newton, Gladstone, Bacon, Bismark, Von Moltke and William II. owe much to Latin and Greek. In the same class are men in our own public life, Wilson, Roosevelt and Taft.

Modern architecture, too, is based on the architecture of the ancients. Greek columns and Greek friezes are used to-day. The Pennsylvania station was modeled after a Roman Bath. Latin, finally, develops the power of voluntary attention and mental accuracy, which are brought about by translations of Latin Prose, declensions and conjugations.

Dr. Schapiro Talks On War

Dr. J. Salwyn Schapiro of the History Department of the College spoke before the University Club of White Plains on Nov. 19th.

The subject of his lecture was "The War of European Cultures." He analyzed the cultural contributions of England, France and Germany.

There has been a demand on the part of the students of the College for a lecture on the war by this popular instructor.

James P. Luby Addresses

Phi Beta Kappa

At the Phi Beta Kappa meeting on the 19th in the College Room of Hotel Astor, James P. Luby '77, Editor of *The Sun*, read a paper on "The War and War News." Mr. Luby pointed out the problems with which war correspondants are confronted and their difficulty in getting first hand news of the actions at the front.

A large audience applauded his remarks.

High School Alumni

Clubs To Hold Smokers

Two of the High School clubs are holding smokers in December.

The De Witt Clinton Club will hold its smoker in the Faculty Lunch Room, Tuesday Evening, Dec. 15th. The tickets will be \$.25.

The Boys' High School Club will hold its smoker the same week, Dec. 18th, in the Faculty Lunch Room, and will charge \$.50 admission.

Both clubs expect to have a great number of men down from their respective schools and a rollicking, good time is promised.

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Hunter College Holds

Red Cross Bazaar

On the evening of November 27th and the afternoon and evening of November 28th a Red Cross Bazaar, the proceeds of which will go to the Belgian Relief Fund, will be held at Hunter College, Park Avenue and 68th St. "Nat" Lerner has charge of the sale of tickets (\$.10) in C. C. N. Y.

Senior Tea To The Faculty

The Seniors celebrated the redecoration of their study room by giving a tea to the members of the Faculty on Tuesday afternoon, November 10th. Admiration of the new red curtains, exceptional tea and delicious cakes were the features of the afternoon.

—*Barnard College Bulletin*—

Coming: Minstrel Show

The Y. M. C. A. is now rehearsing for a Minstrel Show to be held in the near future at the West Side Branch. Reserved seat tickets will be on sale in Room 16-A beginning Nov. 23, every day from 12 till 1.45. Prices are 35 and 50 cents.

The Freshman Annual Banquet will be held at — (place deleted by censor) on —, 1914 (time deleted by censor). The Sophomore Smoker will be run off on —, 1914 (date struck out by censor) at — (locality deleted by censor).

Trials To Be Held For Debating Team

The Public Speaking Department will hold try-outs for the Varsity Debating Team on December 4th; the room will be posted on the Department Bulletin Board. Six men will be chosen to represent C. C. N. Y. in the debate with Fordham.

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—Article of Incorporation of
The Campus Association.

The Athletic Association seems to have fallen into the questionable practice of appointing as Assistant Athletic Managers members of teams. It does not appear likely that these Assistant Managers can attend to their duties with the necessary and desired results. They must not only fulfill their obligations as Assistant Managers, but they must also see to their team-work and studies. The men qualified for these positions are those who are not members of teams and who are in good standing as students.

Charles McConnell, proprietor of the Lunch Room deserves praise for his sincere efforts to better conditions in the Students' dining hall. There is no need to list the evident improvements. The Lunch Room is improving every day.

Julian Simon Resigns

We regret to announce the resignation of Julian Simon from THE CAMPUS editorial staff. Pressure of outside business was the cause of the resignation. Hereafter he will have charge of the Silver Lining Department of THE MERCURY which will demand but a small part of his time.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, November 25—

- 10 A.M.—Reading Circle—Book of Job, Menorah Alcove.
- 1.45 P.M. Fifth Lecture on Post-Biblical History by Dr. C. L. Levy.
- 2.45 P.M. George Horowitz '15 will conduct a class on Hebrew Grammar.
- 4 P.M. Organ Recital in the Great Hall by Professor Baldwin. Numbers from Tschaiukowsky, Bach, Weber and others.
- 4.45 P.M. Gymnasium Hall, Freshman Basketball Practice.

Thursday, November 26—

- 4 P.M. Gymnasium Hall, Varsity Basketball Practice.

Friday, November 27—

- 10 A.M. Trip of the Engineering Society to the Electric Light and Power Co. Members will meet at the Dyckman St. Subway Station.
- 3.45 P.M. Freshman Basketball Practice.

Saturday, November 28—

- 8 P.M. Annual Banquet of the Newman Club at Carlo's, 25 West 24th St., near Broadway.

Sunday, November 29—

- 4 P.M. Organ Recital.

Monday, November 30—

- No College Exercises.
- 9 A.M. Re-examination in all subjects.
- Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, in Gymnasium.
- Freshman, Doremus Lecture Theatre.
- Except in Art, Room 416 and Public Speaking, Room 226.

Tuesday, December 1—

- 1.45 P.M. Class in Hebrew Grammar.
- 4 P.M. Morris vs. '18, Soccer Game, on Jasper Oval.
- Varsity Basketball Squad in Practice, Gymnasium Hall.

CORNELL WINS INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPS.

Jaffe Takes Forty-fourth Place

On Saturday last, the Cross-Country squad journeyed to New Haven to compete in the Intercollegiate Champs. Scarlata, Schaffer, Weberpals, Skelding, Schroeder, and Jaffe represented us. Jaffe was the first C. C. N. Y. harrier to finish, taking forty-fourth place. Schroeder was our next man in. Scarlata, Schaffer, Skelding, and Weberpals followed.

The course of six miles is one of the toughest in the East. Potter, of Cornell, took first place, finishing in thirty-four minutes, six seconds. Morrison, of Princeton, followed on Potter's heels and Wenz, of Colby, took third position. The verdict of all competing, was that the course was much harder than the 181st St. course. "Mac" was well pleased with the showing the boys made.

The temperature was down to 25 degrees and there was a stiff north wind, which was not conducive to speed. Spectators and competitors alike shivered and stamped in the gale. The run was started just outside the Yale Bowl, and the finish was on the old Yale Track.

The point summary follows:
Cornell, 35; Harvard, 77; Yale, 91; Mass. Tech., 113; Pennsylvania, 114; Princeton, 129; Colby, 150; Dartmouth, 171; Brown, 195; Columbia, 214; C. C. N. Y., 251.

Rensselaer Here On Dec. 4

Next Saturday we will inaugurate the basketball season with the Rensselaer game. Under Coach Palmer's coaching the men have been brought up to the keenest pitch of fitness without the danger of going stale. There is no doubt as to the outcome of this first game and it will give the players that confidence in themselves that will enable them to win the succeeding games.

Juniors Win Another Soccer Game

The Juniors defeated the Seniors in a very one sided soccer conflict last week by a score of nine to nothing. There was nothing to it for the '16 men from the beginning of the game and they kept the Seniors from scoring during the whole forty minutes of play.

Final score; 1916—9; 1915—0.
Referee Schaatman 1917.
Goals—Farrell 4, Hoffman 2, Wolk, Lefkowitz, Caro.
Time of halves 20 minutes.

Juniors Win A. A. Banner From Sophs.

The C. C. N. Y. baseball tournament ended with the Juniors winning the A. A banner from the Sophomores. Although late in the season the game did not lack excitement. Rosenberg pitching for '17 started it by hitting Manz on the shoulder with a fast ball. In the sixth inning Donaldson, twirling for '16 knocked in the winning run with a line drive over third, and to cap the climax Wright who was umpiring called the game in the seventh with a Soph. on third.

Coach Holton of the Varsity Baseball team was present looking over the material. With the class teams we have seen in action as a nucleus, we should have a large squad out and a very good team next season.

The line-up follows:

'16	'17
Shauer, r.f.	Conover, l.f.
Kramer, 2b.	Greenfield, c.f.
Farrell, 1b.	Rosenberg, p.
Donaldson, p.	Richman, r.f.
Muldofsky, c	Schwartzman, s.s.
Manz, s.s.	Tanz, 3b.
Scarlata, c.f.	Bronstein, 3b.
Lease, 3b.	Waters, 1b.
Millman, l.f.	Horowitz, c.
	Morris, 2b.
	Smythe, 2b.

Score by innings:

													R. H. E.
1916—	0	1	0	1	0	3	x	—	5	6	3		
1917—	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	—	3	7	2		

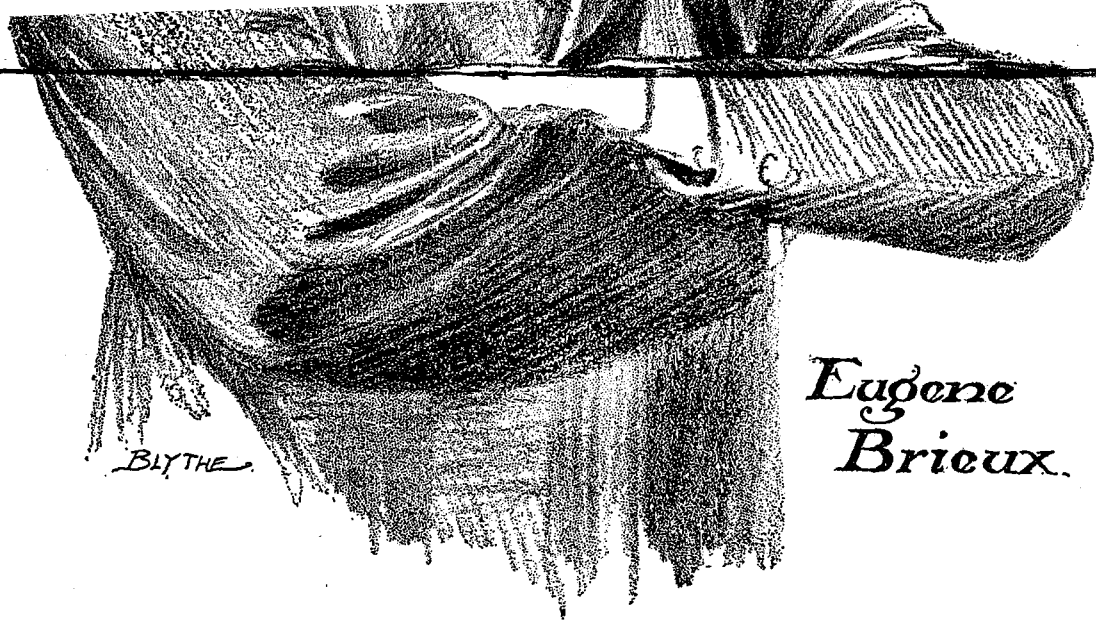
There ought to be a great jump in the sale of A. A. tickets this week. Bear in mind that A. A. members are admitted to games free and can get extra tickets for twenty-five cents. Non-members are charged fifty cents for tickets. Why be a non-member?

Those who intend to come out for the Varsity tennis team should make themselves familiar shortly with manager "Gus" O'Connell in the A. A. room. A successful season is anticipated if there is enough new material, for other colleges are always anxious to meet our tennis teams.

Ship Ahoy!

The 1916 "Mike" has already set sail and the skipper intends to arrive in port about the beginning of June. The good ship is carrying in its cargo pages of wit and knocks concerning the students and the faculty. Contributions are requested.





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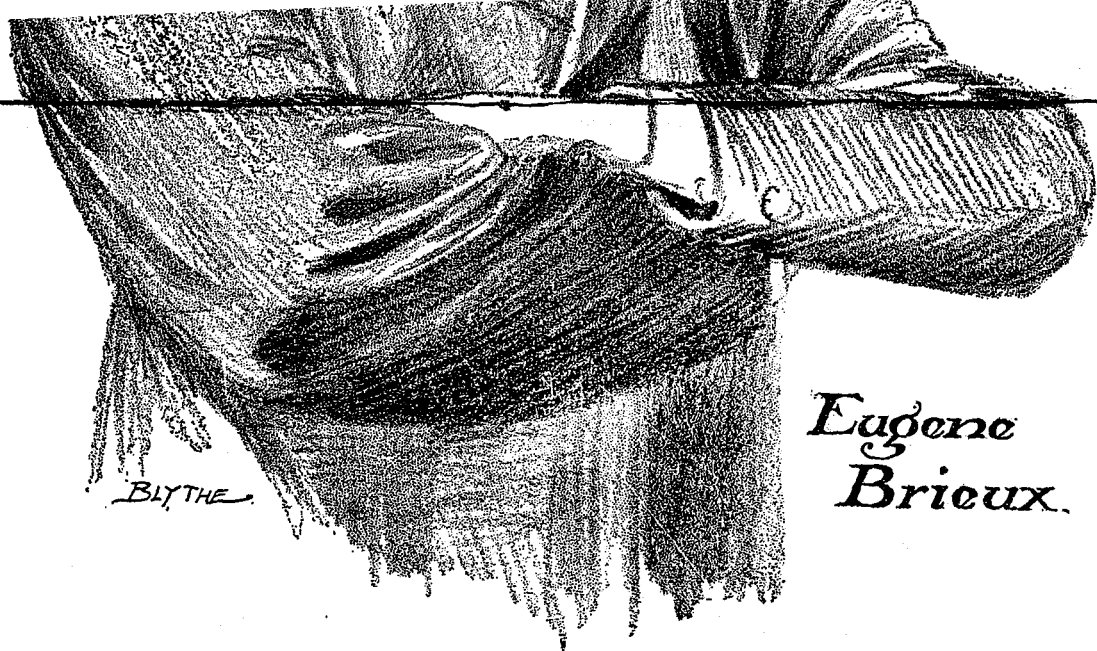
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The Campus does not necessarily support correspondents' views.

The Library

To the Editor of THE CAMPUS:

Sir: I never felt so certain of the college's need for a new library than when I dropped into the Library Department a few days ago. I not only found that the library was so crowded that magazines had to be placed on the floor, but that the bindings of the books were in a crumbling condition. They were also very dusty.

The catalogue of the books is inadequate. To be sure there is a catalogue of authors but the classification of the titles of the books is lacking.

One admirable feature of the library is that the light is excellent and that there are comfortable nooks in which to read.

Through the efforts of Dr. Finley \$100,000 was promised the college by the city provided that \$150,000 could be raised from the alumni and other sources.

The Alumni Library Committee reports that more than half of the required money has been pledged. But owing to the unsettled financial state due to the war, it has been of late rather difficult to obtain any more money. Let us hope that the committee will nevertheless soon succeed in the good work to build a College Library with many and modern books.

Lester Degnan.

C. C. N. Y., Nov. 19th.

Gym. Notes Again

To the Editor of THE CAMPUS:

Sir: It may interest your readers to hear of a newly discovered disease which has been decimating students in our college. Who can tell as we gaze about us, who the next victim will be? There is not a man in the College who

has not in some way or other been affected by this disease.

The name of this fearful malady is *Jymnotes* and its ravages are terrifying. The victim is seized with an intense desire to stand in front of a bulletin-board and write continuously. He will fight fiercely and viciously to carry out his purpose.

In its incipient stages the disease can be cured but soon the sufferer becomes weak and delirium results.

T. Castellano.

C. C. N. Y., Nov. 23.

Nickel Day

To the Editor of THE CAMPUS:

Sir: Dime Day is a splendid institution, but *Nickel Day* should by the law of inverse proportion be twice as acceptable—at least twice as popular.—

Why a Nickel Day?—For the commendable purpose of amassing a sum of money with which to purchase at least a few of those modern books for which so many of us seem to be hankering!

If this is a practical plan, let all those croakers and Jonahs who have been bewailing the antiquatedness of our library, get busy and put up their nickels.

David Syrop.

C. C. N. Y., Nov. 20th.

Sociability on The Campus

To the Editor of THE CAMPUS:

Sir: Until I came to this college I had always thought that a Campus was a place where youths with flamboyant socks, pompadours and Kampus Kut Klothes sat and smoked and swapped stories with their companions. To be less flippant, a Campus was a place where the social spirit among the students was fostered.

To my dismay, I found that our Campus resembled the play-ground of a large preparatory school. It is on our Campus that the Townsend Harris boys gather to do their lessons and to play various games. Only a few college men are seen there. The majority prefer to sit in stuffy alcoves instead of going out and enjoying the fresh air.

To make our institution look like a college, let the college men show themselves on the campus.

Henry Mannix.

C. C. N. Y., Nov. 20th.

Settled With Uncle

Thank Heaven for last year's overcoat!

* * *

We learn with surprise that a man bit the thumb off a policeman and still lives.

* * *

Love thy neighbor as thyself, but don't share your copy of THE CAMPUS with him.

It Applies In 410 too, Says O'Brien

"I've killed line after line and column after column," he was telling an admiring circle of friends.

"Some distinguished military man, I suppose?" asked the stranger.

"On the contrary," confided the man at the right, "he's the news censor."

—*Buffalo Express.*

* * *

"What you need, madam, is oxygen. Come every afternoon for your inhalations. They will cost you \$4 each."

"I knew the other doctor didn't understand my case," declared the fashionable patient. "He told me all I needed was plain fresh air."

Mixing Them Up

Professor of Natural History—"Confusions, what plants flourish in excessive heat?"

Confusion (who has just had Political Science)—"Ice Plants."

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Price of chemicals has gone up, which is one of the good results of the war.

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Of course, we're chem students.

VOCATIONAL COURSES OF STUDY

By Gilbert H. Crawford '68 in the Quarterly

(Continued from last issue)

An important suggestion germane to the subject under discussion, has been made recently.

In a letter to the Trustees of the College, Mayor Mitchell asks:

"With several great private universities in the City, is it not a question whether it is wise for the City to conduct a general university, or an institution merely for higher academic training?"

This question has a familiar sound. At intervals during the last forty years it has been proposed to discontinue the College altogether as an unnecessary expense, the "private universities" being adequate to furnish "academic training" to graduates of the public schools. The Mayor's suggestion is to subordinate the course of arts to "the training of young men for successful participation in the municipal and commercial activities of the City, as opposed to the rigid academic training of the conventional college."

The answer which has been made again and again to the proposed abolition of the College is no less appropriate to Mr. Mitchell's question. The City should retain in its own hands a complete and symmetrical system of public education. That has become a settled principle of our educational policy. Vocational courses may be added to the College, a school of commerce may be brought under the control of the Trustees, and special training in municipal service may be provided, but the academic course of liberal studies should be maintained in full vigor until indeed (if that time ever comes), the general opinion of mankind shall condemn such a course as useless. This we believe to be the unanimous wish of the friends of the College. Educators are agreed as to the practical value of the Arts Course for those who are able and desirous to undertake it; the history of the College has proved its value; and with this consensus of competent opinion and experience in its favor, the City should not abandon to private institutions the control of so useful an instrument of culture. Enlarge the usefulness of the College by addition of special courses, but do not cripple it by emasculating the vital culture course.

But, it will be asked, what is to be the practical result? At what point is the special to be joined to the general, and how many "specials" shall there be? These questions are for the professional teacher to answer. Mr. Mitchell has clearly indicated municipal administration as a profession for which the College should furnish special preparation. The new School of Commerce opens up a different field of endeavor, which seems especially promising at this time. Doubtless the Trustees and Faculty will at an early date present a practical plan for, at least, the beginning of the new departure.

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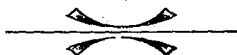
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