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COLLEGE YEAR BEGUN

University Opened by Formal Exercises—Alumni Meeting Bune Unveiled—Address by Prof. Peck

The formal opening exercises of the University took place yesterday after-
noon. A feature of the ceremonies was the unveiling of the statue of Dr.
Robert Goeltz and his son, in memory of Robert Goeltz, of the Class of 1866.
The trustees, members of the council, and members of the faculty formed in
academic procession in the trustees' room and marched to Old Hall. The
big auditorium was packed to the doors with students and visitors. Dr. Van der
Waerden opened the ceremonies by reading a paper on the work of the physics
department, which he also introduced Prof. Peck who made an address on the
"impress of the University. Prof. Peck's address is a generally accepted view
that education has for its aim the cultivation of the powers of ob-
servation, the capacity for critical analysis, and the ability to deal
with open to criticism and that he wanted to add a third factor, the imagi-
nation, and that perception and reason become crea-
tive rather than passive. The imaginat-
ion is no less necessary to the me-
ment of science than to the artist; for,
Lanchford, Dr. Walter M. Thorp, and
M. M. Goelet, of the Class of 1870, were
introduced. They have been on the
staff in some group of marble or bronze
that breathes with life, or in the exquisite
material of a noble painting, or in the
written word of a poet, or, it may not be
prose, or that marches to the music of
imponderable verse? The truth is, that it
is a more important function of
perception and reason than we have
to think, but the fanciful, and the gen-
tlemanly, and the scholarly.

Now when one speaks of the imagi-

GIFT OF CHAPEL

$15,000 Given Anonymously for Place of Worship on the Campus.

President Butler announced at the
opening exercises yesterday in Earl Hall that
an anonymous gift of $15,000 had been
made to the trustees for the erection of a
chapel. The donors added that if that
amount was not sufficient to build a suitable chapel they were willing
to contribute something extra. A site for a chapel was
arranged in the original scheme of the
University grounds, on Amsterdam ave-
num. It is to be completed in three years.

Plans for Gym Work

There are to be several innovations and
experiments made in the gymnasium work for this year. Dr. Meylin, the new
director of the department, plans to have a Volunteer Leader's Corps, to be
made up of students who have been instructed in the various branches of
gym work. The members of this Corps will be given opportunity to act as
required work and in the handling of apparatus. This Corps will include
students who have been instructed by the gym instructors. Dr. Meylin
hopes that membership in this body will be a useful thing for all the
students who are interested in this work and that it will be possible to have
well-organized and competent work
meant to assist in the provision of
valuable personal instruction and advice
to every man who works in the gym.
The director, however, is in some degree
responsible for the student's work in
the gym. It is impossible for him to be a
master of the gym; he must be a leader,
and the guidance must be such that
physical examinations for next year's
students will begin on Monday, Septem-
ber 20th, and underclassmen are urged
to take their examinations before the
beginning of the year's work—about
October 10th. The required work will be
practically the same as in former years,
but it will be given in a way that
unifies the work in the Freshman classes.
The gym work will be given in three
weeks and the whole year will comprise
three years of gym work in the Junior,
Senior, and Backfield classes.

The department of statistics will for-

The growth of the School

All of the departments of the Uni-
versity the recent Summer session shows
significant growth. After the Summer
session there were 643 students registered,
while the Summer of 1930 shows 593 of
the total. Of the 643 students, 369 were
new students and 362 of whom had previously
matriculated in the University. By the
time the Summer session ended, however,
there were 702, took courses in Education,
while 54 students, or 201 took courses in
Education, 101 matriculated, 152
courses in the Humanitarians, and 131
courses in the Social Sciences. The
states of the Union were represented,
Canada, Cuba, Japan and Puerto Rico.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting for Freshmen

The Columbia Y. M. C. A. plans to
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characterized by the most work seen
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In fact, the players were order to
practice a running back and a}

FOOTBALL PRACTICE FAST

WASHINGTON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1931

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News Editor for this issue, J. L. Robinson.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22, 1905.

Mr. Joseph Pulitzer’s gift of $2,000,000, found and endowed a Student Journal-Place upon Columbia the responsibility of conducting the first University school established for the training of this profession. It has been the general belief that journalists, like poets, were born, not made, and that none from a good general education, the only training necessary was to be gained best through actual experience in a newspaper office. College newspapers have, too, furnished a good field for preparatory experience. At the recent bi-centennial celebration at Yale, Hon. White-Law Reid, seeing a boy selling the Yale news, remarked: “That’s how the colleges help us. And it is manifest that work on the modern university daily, together with a proper selection of the elective courses offered in the college curriculum, most afford a fairly complete training. The difficulty is that the opportunity is limited, and that the tendency to specialization in the colleges is apt to make the course poorly adopted for the world-journalist.”

The new school of journalism will offer a carefully adapted and practical training for the newspaper man. That will make great journalists does not of course follow. It can, however, cultivate thorough knowledge and raise the general standing of the profession which it teaches. In the region of newspaper morals, it can set a standard both for the individual writer and for the newspapers themselves. The greater importance attaches to Mr. Pulitzer’s gift in that it does not come from a mere journalist, but from a successful newspaper man. Columbia is fortunate in the opportunity to put the plan into operation.

The announcement of the gift of a chapel for Columbia is, indeed, very welcome news. The church has always been a potent factor in the atmosphere and ideals of Columbia, its importance has at times, perhaps, not received the recognition it deserves. A building, beautiful in outline, sacred in form and purpose, and standing on our very Campus will not only prove that Columbia ever recognizes the claims and importance of her religious inheritance from times past, but it will also make for a deeper religious life among Columbia men. The donors of this gift will win increasing appreciation as the influence in our midst of a Chapel makes for an increased religious spirit among us.

Yesterday’s opening exercises were marred somewhat by the inadequacy of the auditorium in Earl Hall to hold the crowd. The disappointment was increased, however, by the fact that Columbia men were forced to stand back while students of Barnard and Teachers College and visitors marched up the stairs in squads. Perhaps our sense of ceremony is fault, but we think that the distinction seemed unnecessary, to say the least. After every one else had admitted, it was announced that there was room for forty Columbia men at Columbia’s opening exercises.

Correspondence.

While we are glad to publish any correspondence that may be sent in by any contributor for publication, we always prefer to receive our communications as the New York Commercial Correspondent, who is considered the best in the business.

Editor Columbia Spectator,

Columbia University.

Dear Sir:—It may be of interest to the readers of your paper to learn something of the origin of the words and correct of the song (“John Peel”), which I use as a framework for my “Vain Am.” I have always been astonished that so few at Columbia as among the graduates are familiar with the air, which as you will see from the enclosed clipping is known around the world. Both words and music are in the “Scottish Students Songbook” and the music with the words is to be included I believe in the New Columbia Songbook.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Bradley.

Sept. 16, 1905.

Of the 380 packs maintained in the United Kingdom for hunting the fox, the stag, the hare, the otter, and the hare, a larger proportion find their masters among our legislators than is commonly realized. To the roll of masters of the foxhounds in the Commons a most interesting addition has recently been made. The hunt and the bounds of immortal John Peel have for their new master no less a person than a member of the Privy Council, the Chairman of Committees and Deputy Speaker, the Right Hon. W. Lowther. By taking over the Blen- calf Hall, the mastership of which was left vacant by the death of Mr. Crozier, Mr. Lowther succeeds to a pack in which

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To a Young Man on Dress

Many young men through lack of dress study lose much, they never know how much. Some think the matter too important and are careless and confident that they will succeed in what they do. Logical, but extremely true, but what will a young man do when he is one at hand? Dress, good or bad, affects character. What you have in you, you have got to have opportunity to get out and use for some one. If well dressed some difficulties disappear, of course it is the difficulty of seeing the whole. The habit of wearing good fitting, fashionable clothing is very important to college men, and more important probably than some things that come out of books. There is not a man in Columbia who wants to make a good impression. Your clothes must be as much as to do as to the first word—your clothes are your introduction, that is all they will do; it is up to you to make good.” And home the name will be: “dress the man must.”

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runs today the blood of the bounds with which Peet was wont to scour the Columbia.

Dye ken that bitch whose tongue is death?

Dye ken that her sons of peerless faith?

Dye ken a fox with his last breath

Curst them all as he died in the morning?

The song "John Peel" is the most famous hunting ditty in the world. It is the national anthem of the hunting field; the song in which all farmers know the fowl. It has been sung a thousand times. There is a bishop to-day who made it his fame as a vocalist by his singing of it. It has brought down the house as the subject of a ball at Drum Launc; it has brought the tears to the eyes of many a distant wanderer around camp fire in bush and forest. Probably not one man in a thousand has ever heard that there was such a person as John Peel outside the song, and fewer still know the author. Peel was a typical Cumberland yeoman, with little property, less money, but an enormous zest for hunting. The fan who immortalized him was John Woodcock Graves, who had a modest wooden mill in the village of Caldwell, Peel's home.

It was just by chance that the song was written. Peet and Graves were seated one night in the little parlor of the poet, planning an excursion for the morrow. In another room Graves's mother was cooking an old ballad called "Bonnie Annie." The air, so well known to the pair, formed the setting to their conversation. Then Graves thought he would add a verse to go to the original; but instead he composed offhand his hunting song. By the light of the candle he read it over to Peel, and sang it to the ancient tune. Tears were streaming from the old hunter's eyes as he listened. The present musical setting was supplied by Metcalf. The song became the favorite of the county, was taken up by other hunts, spread from shire to shire, from the Motherland to the colonies, until to-day there is not a land on which the foot of Englishman has rested where the exploits of John Peel have not been carved. Nearly fifty years have elapsed since he was laid to rest in his village cemetery, but the prophecy of the author of the ballad, whose descendants flourish in New Zealand to-day, has been fulfilled. "By Jove, Peet," he said after he had read over the song, "you'll be sung when we are both run to earth!"—St. James's Gazette.

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