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The first number of the Alumni Journal was issued to start things moving. On numerous occasions there had been much talk about it and about plans considered, various details given thought, and the meetings adjourned leaving much left undone, to be taken up at future meetings. Finally, one alumnus said, "Let's go! Do the thing. Get it started!" So we asked several lights to contribute articles, ran a "News Page," inaugurated several departments, bound the "copy" into a none too neat pile and sent it to the printer.

Then the Board of Managers met and the question was asked. "What was your reaction to the first number? What did you think of it?"

The criticism was frank and brutal in spots. On every hand we heard expression given to the fact that an Alumni Journal was needed. Letters began to drift in to the Editor. We publish excerpts from some of them in this number. The reading of these letters gave the Editor much joy and pleasure and more than repaid him for his labor and the usual abuse that goes with the job.

We want to give what the majority want. But unless we know what you want we cannot supply the demand. Don't mutter your criticism, write it out and send it in. If you can't see what you desire, ask for it.

One, two or four men cannot do this Journal. All hands must pitch in and lend their efforts. We want news. If you have anything of interest take off five minutes, jot it down and mail it to us. We want articles on "The College in My Time." If you have the trick of making people chuckle (we pay highest rates for real humor), or can fashion a poem, or have ideas on medical education, or want to locate a class-mate or college pal, or have, in the back of your desk, an old photograph that will remind us of the days that are no more, in other words, if you can contribute anything the other fellow would read and be interested in, pass it along!

We want to do a human, readable, gossipy, newsy, interesting Journal, and you must join with us and help make it a reality.

June 2, 1925, is the date of the Alumni Banquet. It will be held at the St. George Hotel in Brooklyn. The cost per cover, $5.00. Every Alumnus contemplating a trip to New York this summer should arrange to be in Brooklyn on the second day in June. The previous week the American Medical Association meets in Atlantic City. An easy matter to kill two birds with the one stone and revisit old scenes.

This is probably no news to you but we like to say it over and over. The Long Island College Hospital is a Class A school. It is the eighth largest Medical School in North America.

On page 27 an opportunity is offered you to pay your annual dues. Surely one dollar a year is less than the proverbial drop in the bucket. But if every man arose to the occasion we
could do so many things now only
empty dreams. A genius does bet-
ter work in a comfortable room
with a well filled stomach than in a
cold garret half starved; likewise
a publication of any type is a bet-
ter publication with the coin of
the realm behind it than with
naught but unpaid bills. It costs
money to get this Journal out to
you. That's common sense. And
you and you and you will have to
"come across" and help meet the
bills. So send your dollar in with
this reading.

Also, on page 25 is a "Who's
Who" which, we hope, you will fill
in and mail. This information will
be turned over to the Dean of the
College. It will be transcribed to
cards and indexed. Please do this.
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The Dean's Page

By ADAM MILLER, Dean

In the previous issue of the
Journal there was a brief account
of the Medical School as a whole,
including a hint of its policy of
development. In this article we
shall attempt a little more intimate
view of the institution with respect
to its every day activities.
The present undergraduate stu-
dent body numbers 379, divided
among the four classes in this way:
117 in the 1st year, 86 in the 2nd,
90 in the 3rd, and 86 in the 4th.
Seven of the students are women.
This year there were 525 ap-
licants for admission to the 1st
year class. More than 400 of these
were turned away because our
facilities in the fundamental
medical sciences set a limit to the
number that can be properly ac-
commodated. The largest number
that can be accepted for the 1st
year is 120.

Two years' work in an accredi-
ted college is the minimum re-
quirement for admission. This means
that every undergraduate has had
before he entered the medical
school at least two collegiate years
leading toward the bachelor's
degree. As a matter of fact only
a small percentage of the students
entered with the minimum re-
quirement; many have had three
full years, and 27% hold the bac-
calaureate degree in either arts or
science. The students now attend-
ing have come from 50 colleges in
the East, the South and the Mid-
dle West. A few have come from
abroad (Austria and Norway).

Since so many more prospective
students now apply for admission
than the school can accommodate,
it may interest the graduate, who
perhaps when he applied for ad-
mission was registered without
question, provided his credentials
were clear, to know what
machinery is set in motion to select
one out of five applicants and how
that machinery works. It is not
unusual to receive applications for
admission a year ahead. The great
majority of applications are filed at
least three months before the
opening of the session in late Sep-
tember. The demand for places is
so great that prospective students
realize that an application filed af-
ter July is very likely to be held
for the following year.

Before an applicant can be
formally considered he is required
to produce the credentials of his
premedical training, including his
high school record, certified by the
college he last attended. His col-
lege work must be certified as
leading toward the baccalaureate degree and must include certain specified subjects such as biology, chemistry and physics. These requirements, by the way, are not arbitrary on the part of the medical school but are fixed by the New York State Department of Education and the American Medical Association.

By the first of May each year a large number of applications have been filed, along with the applicants' credentials. Up to this time all the work of correspondence and preliminary examination of credentials is done by the Registrar. Further work is now begun by the Committee on Admissions, a standing Committee chosen by the Faculty. Each applicant is invited to appear before this Committee at a stated hour. The Committee in his presence goes over his credentials, which set forth his previous school records in every required subject, and discuss with him various phases of his work. Particular care is exercised to bring out the attitude of the prospective medical student toward his work, his reasons for studying medicine, his ambitions, his reaction to every day problems and any other information that may be useful in the attempt to determine whether this particular individual should be admitted to the school rather than another. Every applicant, if his credentials have been found to entitle him to admission to a Grade A Medical School, is thus personally interviewed.

Selections are made only after the most careful scrutiny of credentials and the weighing of all other information that can be reasonably secured. In this way the attempt is made to admit to the school only those who appear to be best fitted for the work that follows.

The School of Nursing

The enrollment of 155 students includes a class of 28 probationers. This is the largest number ever enrolled, and will have to be the maximum until a new nurses' home is completed.

In the near future a new curriculum for the School of Nursing will be published, showing that we are second to none in the course given to our student nurses.

Among our own graduates on the staff are: Mary E. Robinson, '06, Superintendent of Nurses; Florence Totman, '02, Director of Social Service; Gertrude S. Wood, '23, Instructor in School of Nursing; Elvera Bergstrom, '24, Night Supervisor; Gladys Roberts, '23, and a Post Graduate of Sloane Hospital of New York, Supervisor of Maternity; Ruth A. Groebler, '24, and a Post Graduate of Children's Hospital, Boston, Supervisor of Children's Medical; Wanda Erdmann, '24, Supervisor of Gynecology; Charlotte Hatcherson, '24, Operating Room; Blanche Naylor, '24, Operating Room.

There is still room for others in our various departments.

Among the recent marriages are: Mary Campion, '24, to Mr. Mallarkey, Housatonic, Massachusetts; Dorothy Potts, '19, to Mr. R. Peddit, Valley Stream, Long Island; Alice Cornew, '17, to Mr. Malloch, Brooklyn, New York, Alice Schneider, '22, to Mr. Freeth, Hempstead, Long Island; Evelyn Still, '22, to Mr. L. Russell, Coram, New York.
The History and Development of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

By JOHN OSBORN POLAK, M. SC., M.D., F.A.C.S.
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Long Island College Hospital.

(John Osborn Polak: Rutgers Grammer School, Rutgers, 1889, B. Sc.; Long Island College Hospital, M.D., 1891; Interne L. I. C. H., 1891, 1892; Resident in Midwifery at the New York Post-graduate Medical School. Instructor in Histology and Obstetrics, L. I. C. H., 1892; Instructor in Obstetrics at The New York Post-graduate Medical School, 1894-1898; Adjunct Professor of Obstetrics at The New York Post-graduate Medical School, 1898-1901; Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at L. I. C. H., 1900; Professor of Obstetrics at The New York Post-graduate Medical School, 1901 (resigned 1907); Professor of Obstetrics, and Clinical Professor of Gynecology at Dartmouth Medical School, 1903; Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at L. I. C. H. 1910; Attending Gynecologist, Williamsburg Hospital, 1894; Attending Gynecologist Brooklyn Eastern District Hospital, 1894; Attending Gynecologist Deaconess Hospital, 1899; Attending Gynecologist Jewish Hospital, 1906; Attending Gynecologist People's Hospital, 1909; United Israel-Zion Hospital, 1922; Visiting Obstetrician Methodist Episcopal Hospital, 1906; Consulting Obstetrician, Mary Hitchcock Hospital, Hanover, N. H., 1903; Fellow of the American Medical Association; Fellow of New York Academy of Medicine (Chairman on Obstetrics and Gynecology, 1913); New York Obstetrical Society (President, 1918); Kings County Medical Society (President, 1914); Brooklyn Gynecological Society (President, 1906-07); American Gynecological Society; American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and Abdominal Surgeons; Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.) Editor.

The history of the development of the department of obstetrics and gynecology in the Long Island College Hospital and of its contributions to medical progress is found in the biographies of John Byrne, Alexander J. C. Skene and Charles Jewett. These men of "master minds" were among the acknowledged leaders in his specialty in America. Each was honored with national recognition; each was elected to the presidency of the American Gynecological Society—and each has left an indelible imprint on the progress of American Medicine.

The specialist of fifty years ago, was first of all a well rounded general practitioner with special knowledge of one subject which had been gradually acquired by continuous painstaking observation of the clinical course of disease. These men did general practice, were general consultants, but were recognized by their colleagues as being specially equipped in some particular branch of medicine or surgery. They worked without laboratory aids, yet their diagnosis was accurate because their senses were keen; this we have seen demonstrated at the autopsy table on many occasions. Their ripened experience was always at the command of the community for the rich and the poor alike—medicine was looked upon as a profession not a business.

Byrne illustrated how these attainments could be developed in the general practitioner; for by his years of painstaking and untiring work with electric cautery in the treatment of cervical cancer, he was able to present in his presidential address before the American Gynecological Society, in 1891, a series of cases, the results of which have never been equalled by any operator in this country.

Byrne was an incorporator and a member of the original college faculty. He was succeeded by Chapman, Stuart and Skene. It was
the latter however, who established the prestige of the school in the disease peculiar to women. Skene had a commanding personality, a creative mind, a fluent tongue with the uncanny wisdom of the Scotch and manual dexterity far greater than that of his contemporaries. There advantages placed him in the front rank of American Gynecology. His clinics were the mecca for foreign visitors, his lectures masterpieces of narration and illustration. He recognized the latency of gonococic infection and discovered the final hiding place of the ubiquitous coccus. His discription of pelvic cellulitis and pelvic varicosities remain today classics on these subjects.

Upon Skenes' withdrawal from the college, Charles Jewett who was the Professor of Obstetrics assumed the dual chair; it was during his incumbency that the rational and sound teaching of Long Island obstetrics were carried into every section of the country. Jewett was an untiring student, a cultured gentleman, a man of superb physique, an indefatigable worker and a prolific writer. His Manual for Students and his large Text Book on Obstetrics by American Authors were marvels of the concise and direct expositions of the accepted theory and practice of obstetrics prior to this century.

It was Jewett who popularized manikin instruction, teaching his students diagnosis by sight, touch and hearing, making them familiar with the manual operative procedures and drilling them on the manikin in the use of forceps; so that notwithstanding the paucity of clinical material, when a Long Island man was confronted with an obstetric proposition, he was qualified to deal with it.

It is difficult for us of the present day to visualize the handicaps that attended the teaching of obstetrics thirty to fifty years ago. The limited amount of available clinical material, the inadequate equipment, the small space in the hospital allotted for the care of maternity cases. The lack of these present day facilities forced the instructor of obstetrics and gynecology to depend upon the didactic lecture, the quiz and the manikin.

I well remember paying “old Andrew” a dollar to use his persuasion on old Mrs. Foley to let me come to her room in a Hicks Street tenement to witness the birth of her baby. She herself being attended by a kindly neighbor who tied the cord. This was my only observation of an obstetric case in my student days.

Compare those times with what the present day student at the L. I. C. H. receives and with the facilities at our command.

He begins his work in obstetrics at the end of the second year with a course on the physiology of obstetrics, illustrated by the manikin demonstrations which allows him to become familiar with presentation, position and posture, the mechanism of labor and watch its course.

In his next year he has illustrated lectures and pathological demonstrations on the pathology of obstetrics, supplemented by a manikin course which familiarizes him—not only with malpositions of the fetus, their abnormal mechanisms, the corrections of said malpositions—but trains him in breech extraction, version and the application of forceps; which he does under competent supervision. This prepares him for his clinical year. This fourth year, or clinical year, allows ten consecutive weeks for instruction in gynecological and
obstetric pathology, diagnosis and treatment.

As now constituted, the department operates a prenatal and post-partum clinic which has an annual enrollment of over 1,500 pregnant women. Each of these patients is available to the student for abdominal palpation, pelvimetry and pelvic diagnosis. Small groups of students, four or five in a section, attend these clinics daily. All primipara and all abnormal cases are taken into the hospital for their delivery; and the student comes in personal contact with each, from the time that labor first begins until the child is delivered and the woman is discharged from the post-partum clinic.

In gynecology, we have not only an active out-patient clinic, but have ward accommodations for thirty-six in-patients; a service of sufficient number to permit the student to become familiar with almost all types of gynecological lesion. Here, again, as each patient is admitted a student is assigned to his case. It is his duty to take the history, make a physical examination, do the laboratory work-up and present this data to the visiting on his morning rounds for further demonstration and final diagnosis.

At the operation, the student re-examines this patient under an anesthetic and corrects or confirms the preliminary diagnosis. He then stands beside the operator and sees the living pathology, and at the conclusion of the case, discusses with the instructor the relation between the pathology and the clinical symptoms.

At the present time our physical equipment consists of the entire third floor of the hospital which includes 100 adult beds and 54 cribs. Two working laboratories, one for the obstetric and one for the gynecological division. Examining rooms in each division and a cystoscopy and demonstration room for the student sections. In other words, we have a hospital within a hospital, staffed by a special staff and so equipped that every branch of obstetric and gynecological diagnosis can be carried out.

In addition to the work in our own hospital, the student has advantage of studying the wealth of clinical material in the maternity service at the Kings County, Greenpoint and Jewish Hospitals; which are now affiliated in our undergraduate teaching. These institutions offer the student five consecutive weeks of intensive work as ward clerk.

During the past year, we have added a pathologist to the department so that a student can now not only study the gross specimen, under proper supervision; but also see the microscopic slides taken from the specimen, and in this way correlate the clinical picture with the pathological findings.

Through the original work that has been done by the several members of the staff, Long Island obstetrics and gynecology has become recognized throughout the country and the department has taken a place that is comparable with that of any other college or university in America.

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(In each issue of The Alumni Journal a College Department will be reviewed.—Editor.)
Gossip Exchange

(We solicit news items of the doings of Long Island Alumni. Mail all matter to the Editor.)

M. J. Siegelstein, ’09, is doing gynecology. He is located at West 86th St., and West End Avenue, New York City.

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Charles G. Strobel, ’88, of Dolgeville, N. Y., is Consulting Physician to the County Tubercular Sanitarium.

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Rudolph Duryea Moffett, ’08, is devoting his life’s endeavors exclusively to pediatrics. Ruddy labors in New York City. We hope to see him at the ’08 table at the Alumni Banquet on June 2nd.

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George Gray Ward, Jr., is Professor of Gynecology at Cornell University Medical School.

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Edwin H. Fiske, ’01, is Visiting Surgeon to the Kings County and Holy Family Hospitals, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Alfred Potter, ’02, is Professor of Dermatology at L. I. C. H. His daughter, Lucile, is a student at Smith College.

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Two names stand out from the class of ’08, Jaques C. Rushmore and Frederick Tilney. Dr. Rushmore is Professor of Orthopedics at L. I. C. H. Dr. Tilney is Professor of Neurology at Columbia University.

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Dr. Wade W. Oliver, Professor of Bacteriology, sailed on February 14th for England, having been granted six months’ leave of absence for study abroad.

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Dr. Frank L. Babbott, Jr., has been nominated for appointment as Associate in Pediatrics and Assistant Attending Pediatrician. Doctor Babbott will devote his time largely to work on diseases of the heart.

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Judge Edwin L. Garvin will deliver the lectures this year on Medical Jurisprudence. The College is peculiarly fortunate in obtaining such a worthy successor to Judge Frederick E. Crane who has held the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence for a number of years.

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Dr. J. Sturdivant Read, Class of 1902, Associate in Genito-urinary Diseases, has been granted leave of absence for six months to study and attend various clinics abroad.

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A welcome caller at the College recently was Dr. DeWitt C. Rodenbush, Class of 1879, of Philadelphia, New York. The doctor spoke of a number of his classmates with whom he keeps in touch.

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The student Council, with the approval of the Faculty, is taking the initial steps in organizing a loan fund for needy students and a sick fund for students who become ill and are confined to the hospital.

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Gervais Ward McAuliffe, ’20, is aural surgeon at the Cornell Clinic in New York City.

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Gastano de Yoanna, ’08, is an instructor in Surgery at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

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John J. Levberg, ’13, specializes in Oto-laryngology and defective voice and speech. He is chief of
the Phonetic Clinic, N. Y., Post-Graduate Hospital and School, and Lecturer on Voice Hygiene at Hunter College.

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Harry Unger, '08, conducts a sanatorium at Patchogue, L. I.

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H. M. Champney, '85, who lives at Belle Fourche, South Dakota, is doing an article on The Practice of Medicine in the Old West for The Alumni Journal.

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H. Hamilton McGuire, '08, is the father of two boys and a daughter. He guards the health of the inhabitants of Janenville, Wis.

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C. F. Kuhn, '83, sends greetings from Port Townsend, Washington.

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A. C. Bolton, '76, is enjoying the "land of flowers, waving palms, and perpetual sunshine" at Miami, Florida.

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Richard Smith True, '80, writes frequently to Dean Miller. Dr. True lives in Boston, Mass.

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John M. Holt, '95, is the proprietor and director of Abilene Hospital, and Visiting Surgeon of the Baptist Sanatorium at Abilene, Texas. He has two sons and one daughter.

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Eddie Curran, '05, soldier, physician, counselor, philosopher, has now entered the industrial field. He will be at the dinner to tell us all about himself. In a letter of recent date, he writes, that he is glad that the opportunity of seeing the "old boys" again has presented itself and looks forward to the gathering on June 1st with extreme pleasure. We might say here, that we shall all be glad to see our old friend Eddie again and hope to hear him tell us of his experiences during the past score years.

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Fred Albers, '05, is anchored out in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn. He has been "sawing wood" ever since graduation, having very little to say, though we hear a lot of good things about him. Perhaps, Fred will loosen up a bit and tell us about himself and about that "wood pile" he has been hacking at all these years.

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Bob Brockway, '05, lives at Long Branch, N. J., but practices neurology in Brooklyn. He spends one-third of his time in Jersey, two-thirds in Brooklyn and one-third travelling back and forth. That makes a total of four thirds, a mathematical impossibility but being a neurologist, Bob can explain this in a "neurological way" and will do so at the dinner. Come and hear him.

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William T. Doran, '05, "Dora," has been climbing the plum tree and pulled down some large sized plums. Besides his appointments as attending surgeon at the Columbus and Founding Hospitals he has recently been assigned a life long position as full attending surgeon of the fourth division at Bellevue Hospital. Good for you "Dora," we are proud of you. Yes, he is a F. A. C. S. Congratulations are in order.

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Dr. H. T. Beers, '17, was recently appointed Dermatologist to St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn.

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Dr. H. B. McIntyre, '03, continued in the Medical Service of the U. S. Army after the World War, with the rank of Major.
Dr. T. M. Brennan, '06, was recently appointed Attending Surgeon to St. Mary’s Hospital, Brooklyn.

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Dr. W. H. Cook, '12, is now Associate Attending Surgeon to the Wyckoff Heights Hospital, Brooklyn.

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Dr. Adam Eberle, '12, is an Associate Medical Superintendent of the Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn.

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Dr. H. C. Fett, '13, has been appointed chief Surgeon of the new St. Charles Orthopedic Hospital of Brooklyn.

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You'll send $1.00 eventually — why not today?

Deceased Graduates of The Long Island College Hospital From May 1, 1924, to Date

LEO ROSEN, New York. Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1913; member of the Medical Society of the State of New York; aged 43; died suddenly, May 27, of heart disease.

GEORGE MAYNARD MINOR, Waterford, Conn. Long Island Hospital, Brooklyn, 1885; member of the Connecticut State Society; for thirty years medical examiner and health officer of Waterford; aged 61; died, June 28.

JOSEPH WILLIAM LEADENHAM, Franklin, Pa. Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1876; aged 69; died, July 11, of chronic myocarditis.

SAMUEL ARNOLD MINNICH, Greenville, Ohio; Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1882; formerly a practitioner in Brooklyn; for forty years a teacher in the Dayton Public Schools; died suddenly at Dayton, July 20; aged 76; of apoplexy.

JOHN A. VINCENT SWEENEY, New York; Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1882; aged 67; died, July 22.

JOHN C. SCHMINKE, New York. College of Physicians and Surgeons, Keokuk, Iowa, 1877; Long Island College, Brooklyn, 1882; aged 74; died, July 23, of cerebral hemorrhage.

WILLIAM EDWARD SPENCER, Whitestone, N. Y. Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1881; aged 64; died, July 28.

VINCENT GOMEZ, Havana, Cuba. Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1892; Spanish-American War Veteran; died, July 28, following a long illness.

JACOB SHARTSIS, Brooklyn. Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1909; member of the Medical Society of the State of New York, aged 53; died, August 2, of angina pectoris.

LAWRENCE JOHN CARDONA, Brooklyn. Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1890; aged 57; died, August 22, of cardiorenal disease.

STEPHEN YOUNG, Rochester, N. H. Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1881; member of the New Hampshire Medical Society; for ten years city physician of Dover; on the staff of the Rochester Hospital, where he died, September 23, following an operation, aged 70.
GEORGE DEVERELL BARNEY, Brooklyn. Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1889; aged 59; died, September 30, at the Brooklyn Hospital, of carcinoma of the thyroid.

ZACHARY TAYLOR EMERY, White Plains, N. Y. Detroit, (Mich) Medical College, 1874; Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1874; president of the Kings County Medical Society, 1891-1892; health commissioner of Brooklyn, 1894-1897; formerly on the staff of the Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, medical director of the Manhattan Life Insurance Company, New York, since 1895; aged 77; died, October 7.

GEORGE HENRY CLARK, Holyoke, Mass. Long Island College Hospital; Brooklyn, 1891; member of the board of education; aged 56; died, October 8, at the Holyoke City Hospital.

DAVID RICHARD LEWIS, White-stone, N. Y. Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1893; member of the Medical Society of the State of New York, and the Brooklyn Neurological Society; for thirty-one years physician in charge of the Harrison Sanatorium, where he died, October 15, aged 69.

WILLIAM LOCKHARD, Lima, Ohio; Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1880; aged 59; died, October 23, of cerebral hemorrhage.

WILLIAM EDWARD WALKER, Mc Keesport, Pa. Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1881; aged 68; died, October 24.

JUNIA INGRAHAM GREENE, Springfield, Mass. Long Island College Hospital, 1899; member of the Medical Society of the State of New York; aged 49, died in November.

THOMAS HENRY HULL, Brooklyn. Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1890; member of the Medical Society of the State of New York; aged 61; died November 15.

ADOLPH NOAH LYONS, New York. Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1903; member of the Medical Society of the State of New York; aged 49; died suddenly, November 17, of angina pectoris.

ANDREW HARRISON ALLEN, Watertown, N. Y. Long Island College Hospital, New York, 1879; formerly health officer of Watertown; aged 69; died, December 4, 1924.

GEORGE SCHUYLER BANGERT, East Orange, N. J. Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1912; on the staff of the Orange (N. J.) Memorial Hospital; aged 39; died, December 10, 1924, of influenza.

FRANK ERWIN CARPENTER, Brooklyn. 1883; aged 66; died, December 20, 1924, of heart disease.

THOMAS MICHAEL BUCKLEY, Chicago; Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1891; aged 72; died suddenly, December 29, 1924, of heart disease.

HORACE MARTIN SLOAT, Brooklyn. Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1887; member of the Medical Society of the State of New York; formerly on the staffs of the Bushwick, Wyckoff Heights and Long Island College Hospitals; aged 61; died, January 13.

EDWARD BRAINARD MORGAN, Glen Ridge, N. J. Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, 1881; aged 72; died, January 13.

JACQUES LOEWE, Brooklyn. Long Island College Hospital, 1897; Fellow American Medical Association; Member State Society; Attending Physician Beth Moses Hospital, died, January, 1925.
WHO'LL RIDE WITH ME?

By WADE OLIVER, M.D.

Who'll ride with me in the gypsy weather
(Youth held lightly is youth held fast!)
Light and light as a white owl's feather,
Till we win to the world's last edge at last?

Who'll ride with me to the ultimate faring
(Dream won sorely is dream held long!)
Till the winds are knives in the teeth of our daring
And the last lone star is a thin-spun song?

For what is youth but a coin to squander,
(Youth spent lightly is age deferred!)
And what is dream but a voice out yonder,
And what is life but a flying bird?

(The above poem has been widely quoted. Professor Oliver, at our urgent solicitation, kindly permitted us to use it. We hope to receive the work of others who commune with the muse.—Editor.)

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Facts and Figures

Of 170 positions in the College, 77 (45%) are held by Long Island graduates and 93 (55%) by graduates of other schools.

Of 76 Hospital positions, 33 (43%) are held by Long Island graduates and 43 (57%) by graduates of other schools.

Of 118 Dispensary positions, 61 (51%) are held by Long Island graduates and 57 (49%) by graduates of other schools.

In a total number of 354 positions in the whole institution, 171 (48%) are held by Long Island Graduates and 193 (52%) by graduates of other schools.

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WHAT DOES AN ALUMNUS OWE HIS ALMA MATER?

If an attempt had been made to answer this question during the recent $1,000,000, Long Island College Hospital Drive, one might be prompted to say that a large proportion of the Alumni were inclined to feel that the distribution of diplomas at graduation terminated the responsibility of the graduate to his college. The alumni solicitors, in this drive, had to overcome an attitude of apathy, and, in a few instances, of actual opposition. And this state of affairs obtained even when the soliciting approach was made on a basis of college needs apart from definite hospital demands. There is, however, a ready explanation for the alumni attitude in this instance, in the general surfet of the Drive Campaign—hospitals, institutions of learning, and charitable institutions—for all of which, the doctor was considered a logical objective. In view of the many demands made on the medical profession, the doctor may be forgiven, if in answering requests for aid, he allows personal and sometimes selfish reasons to influence his failure to make contributions.

That this attitude necessarily represents the relationship between the Alumni and the College, we are not ready to believe. The reason of our partial optimism is found in the reception which has been accorded the Long Island College Hospital Alumni Journal. A surprising number of letters were received by the Editor, which showed interest in the affairs of the College, and which gave a hope that, with proper incubation, this interest could be encouraged to a healthy growth.

Our first answer, therefore, to the question "What does an Alumnus owe his Alma Mater," is interest in the college. In determining the extent to which this interest can be expected to be developed, we must be reasonable. The alumnus of a scientific or a professional school is not supposed to react, in his post-graduate relationship to his college, as do the graduates of an academic institution. Still there are experiences and remembrances even in professional and scientific schools, yes, and with no thought of being facetious, atmosphere, too. These things should keep the memory of the four years of study of medicine, in particular, ever a fresh one, even in view of the changing environment of professional life. These memories and recollections are a bond of association to the college which has given us our degrees, and should serve as an incentive to stimulating our interest in the welfare of the college. That such interest will find a varying and a variable expression, is to be expected. To some, it will only mean a desire to reunite with fellow classmates, and the recalling of the times that were. To others, and it is to these, that we must address our messages of hope and encouragement, it will mean, "What is the old College doing today?" And to others, again, the interest will be sincere enough to
want to know, what hopes are we justified in having for the College in the future.

The second answer to the question, "What does an Alumnus owe his Alma Mater." is Loyalty. Here again we plead for a liberal and a reasonable interpretation of Loyalty. We do not ask for an attitude of superiority among the Long Island graduates. There are many medical colleges of long life, with illustrious academic affiliations, and a more generally acknowledged prestige. Let us not deny them their honors and their glory. Still, Long Island has done much of which we can be justly proud. To maintain a Class A rating without a full university support is an evidence of progress, as well as an indication of considerable vitality. And we should be proud of this vitality, and of this progress. Granting the soundness of the criticism of some conditions which existed in the past, and willingly conceding the possibility of present defects, there is still left the indisputable marks of progress. Let us be loyal to such an institution. And let us be loyal to the extent of being hopeful for even better things in the future.

The third answer to the question, "What does an Alumnus owe his Alma Mater." Increase of the Force and the Efficiency of the Alumni Association. In view of the failure of the Alumni Association to avail itself of all its potentialities and possibilities, the criticism that this Association has done little in the matter of contributions to the solution of the scholastic and the administrative problems of the College, is a just one. The Board of Managers of the Alumni Association has been emphasizing, for many years, the necessity of more active cooperation and more enthusiastic support on the part of the Alumni. It was in the hope that more of the graduates could be reached with this appeal, and a more representative support could be obtained, that the publication of the Long Island College Hospital Alumni Journal was attempted. It is unfair to deplore a lack of creative force in the Alumni Association, until the Association has a sufficiently powerful organization to produce such a force. We still believe that we have the possibilities of an active and a doing Alumni Association. Among our graduates are many names which have brought distinction to their owners, and honor to the College where these men received their medical training. We have prestige, then; we have numbers; and we have our share of success in the practice of medicine. Let us reach now for the ideal of a real live Alumni Association. This much we owe to ourselves. This, too, we owe to our Alma Mater.

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Help the Alumni Association. Pay your 1925 dues—$1.00.

The Board of Managers of the Alumni Association

The management of the affairs of the Association falls upon the Board of Managers. This Board consists of the Officers of the Association, and six Councillors. The officers are elected annually, and two of the councillors are elected each year to serve for a term of three years.

The importance of having this
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governing body represent the best interests of the Alumni Association is a self evident proposition. The Annual Meeting of the Alumni body either reacts to the various recommendations of the Board, or directs the Board to execute certain recommendations of the Association. In either case, the Board of Managers is supposed to be an active, functioning body. It is up to the Alumni themselves to see that its representative governing body is not only alive, but is physically and mentally active.

What can the Alumni do to maintain a high degree of efficiency in its Board of Managers? It is the old story of civic interest applied to our problems. Attend the Annual Meeting, and make it a personal matter that only active men be elected as officers or councilors.

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A Splendid Example

The Board of Directors of The Jewish Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., voted a scholarship to be awarded to a worthy student at The Long Island College Hospital. The sum of three hundred and fifty dollars a year was paid the College for this scholarship. A special committee of the Faculty will designate the student who is entitled to the scholarship, which selection is to be approved by the Board of Directors of the Jewish Hospital. It has been deemed wise to select the student at the end of his freshman or sophomore year.

This is a worthy move. It establishes a relation of cooperation between the College and a Brooklyn hospital. It is hoped other hospitals will approve the idea and follow suit.

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One dollar less to your account would not make you insolvent, but that dollar sent to us might add to our affluence. Cogitate and let the checks fall where they may.

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In Good Humor

A doctor has a happy life—
He doesn't need time for family or wife;
All he must do is heed your call;
"Come over at once! I need you," that's all.
"Don't hesitate or wait, or I know you'll be too late!"
He hurries away in the night or day—
Does everything he can for you,
And more than often pulls you through;
Gives you back a lease on life;
Gives you back to the babies and wife;
Lets you smile at the world again;
Proves to you he's a wonderful friend.
Oh, it's Dr. this and it's Dr. that, until he presents his bill;
Then "Dear, oh, dear!" and "Dear, oh, me!"
"Why, it's highway robbery, don't you see?
"If I hadn't got frightened the other day
"Why I'd have got well, anyway!"

ETHEL MARION CHAMPNEY.
WITH NO APOLOGIES

If I should die tonight, and could come back for just one day,
I'd spend that day, full well I know, in trying to collect from
those who owe;
I'd come as a ghost, all soft and white, from out the morning light;
I'd give a shock, an awful fright, and then I'd say in tones quite
low:
"Now, pay that bill before I go, or I'll come back some other day,
And by your side, by Heck, I'll stay."

ETHEL MARION CHAMPNEY.
(Mrs. Champney is the better half of an old L. I. C. H. Alumnus.—Editor)

THINGS YOU MAY FORGET

Sinclair Lewis has done a new novel, Arrowsmith. We have read
only the usual press-agent stuff
sent out by the publisher. It is
about Doctors and Medicine for the
most part. It tells us where we
get off.
Medical Journals to most doctors
are like favorite mid-irons or
cigarettes. They select them "for
a reason." But your Editor has
long enjoyed one Journal not
known to the profession by and
large. It is The Annals of Medical
History. Without doubt it is the
aristocrat of them all. No adver-
tising matter is carried. About
150 pages of interesting and
fascinating reading. It comes out
four times a year. You'll have to
subscribe. If you are interested,
tell your desires and send eight
dollars to Paul Hoeber, Inc., the
Publishers, 67-69 East 59th Street,
New York.
The other day a show opened in
New York. It made fun of doctors
and the profession. One reviewer
called it the worst play ever pro-
duced. It folded up its properties
and died instanta. Serves the
author right, darn him. Hav'n't
we enough to contend with, with
bum bills unpaid, Osteopaths, new
laws curbing our freedom, fake
specialists and what not?
A woman sought medical advice
for a housemaid's knee. She said
it was hereditary as her father was
a pavement artist and her mother
a religious maniac.
THE PSYCHOTIC SMITH

"People always think of genius as neurotic. A blacksmith may be a genius, but you don't think of him as neurotic."—Mary Austin.

Before a psychoanalyst
The village smith he stands.
The smith a nervous man is he,
And he fumbles with his hands,
And the inhibitions in his soul
Are strong as iron bands.

His hair is thin, uncombed, and long,
His face is pinched and wan,
His brow is wet with troubled sweat,
He funks what e'er he can.
And he looks nobody in the face,
For he likes not any man.

He goes reluctant to the church,
And bickers with his boys.
He shudders at the preacher's drone,
For he cannot stand the noise,
And when his daughter starts to sing,
"The Ninety and Nine," by choice,

It sounds to him like his mother's voice
Singing him lullabies.
He wishes she were with him now,
Instead of in Paradise.
And the Mother Complex rises up
And swats him in the eyes.

Procrastinating—sorrowing—
Backward through life he goes;
Each morning sees him damn his luck,
Each evening curse his foes.
Nothing attempted, nothing done,
No dreamless night's repose!

Here's to thee, my neurotic friend,
And thy dreams, for thou'llt be taught
That from thy complexes and fears
Perhaps peace may be wrought.
Deliver to the doctor each
Uncensored deed and thought.

F. P. A.—N. Y. WORLD.
THE L.I.C.H. ALUMNI JOURNAL

The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association of the Long Island College Hospital, 1924

The Annual Meeting of the Association was held on Friday, May 23, 1924, at 4 p.m., in the Hoagland Laboratory, Henry and Pacific Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dr. J. J. Masterson, the president, was in the chair.

About twenty-five members of the Association were present.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting, 1923, were read and accepted.

The treasurer read his report for the year, 1924.

A motion was carried that the action of the 1923 Annual Meeting in reference to the So-called Special Alumni Fund, be reconsidered. (A subscription was started in 1914 among the Alumni for contributions to an Alumni Fund to be used for college purposes. On May 24, 1923, at the Annual Meeting, it was voted to turn this fund over to the College, to be devoted to college needs.)

This action was taken, because, since the last Annual Meeting, there has arisen a question of establishing a fund, to be named in honor of Dr. John C. Cardwell, the Professor of Physiology at Long Island, and to be devoted to the needs of that Department. To give such funds as the treasurer held under the name of a Special Alumni Fund to a definite collegiate endowment such as a Physiology Fund would very properly and appropriately serve the purpose for which the Alumni Fund was originally solicited.

It was regularly carried that a "Dr. John C. Cardwell Research Fund" be created, and that the treasurer of the Alumni Association be instructed to turn over to such a fund, when established, such moneys as were deposited under the title of Special Alumni Fund.

It was regularly carried that the treasurer be instructed to add to this Special Fund, which, to date, amounts to $411.83, when it is transferred to the "John C. Cardwell Fund," a sufficient sum, from the general treasury of the Alumni Association, to bring the amount of the donation to $500.00, (Five Hundred Dollars).

The correspondence of the Secretary of the Association and the Dean of the Faculty of the College, in reference to the appeal of a Committee of the Class of 1924, L. I. C. H., to the President of the Alumni Association, following the failure of eleven members of the Class of 1924 to be made eligible for graduation, was read to the members present.

The reading of this correspondence was followed by a lively discussion of the relationship between the College and the Alumni, and the need of a means of contact between the two was emphasized.

There was a discussion of the advisability of setting apart a day, to be known as Alumni Day, at about the time of graduation, to be devoted to the interests of the Alumni Association. This matter was referred to the Board of Managers for arrangement with the Dean of the Faculty.

A Nominating Committee, consisting of Dr. J. L. Behan, 1918, Dr. L. B. Eckerson, 1915, and Dr. O. C. Perkins, 1921, reported the following nominations for officers and councillors for 1924-1925.

Officers—President, Dr. R. F. Barber, 1908; Vice President, Dr. A. Harris, 1914; Secretary, Dr. J. Raphael, 1904; Treasurer, Dr. J. B.
D'Albora, 1912; Historian, Dr. E. A. Reed, 1919.
Councilors—Dr. F. Schroeder, 1905; Dr. R. M. Rogers, 1907; term expires in 1925. Dr. W. A. Jewett, 1897; Dr. J. Tenopyr, 1908; term expires in 1926. Dr. J. J. Master-son, 1908; Dr. S. S. Markell, 1907; term expires in 1927.
The above officers and councillors were duly elected.
JOSEPH RAPHAEL,
Secretary.

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The annual Alumni dues—$1.00.

Twentieth Anniversary—Class of 1905

The January issue of the Journal announced the intention of the class of 1905 to hold its first re-union sometime in the spring, to which those interested are referred.
The following committee has been selected to make all necessary arrangements for this affair:
William E. Lippold, Chairman; Frederick Schroeder, Secretary; Theodore L. Vosseler, Davis Livingstone, Alec Thomson, Gerard Casper, Sigrid Block.
At a meeting, held February 3rd, it was decided to hold the "Birthday Dinner" on June 1st at the Crescent Athletic Club, Clinton and Pierrrepoint Streets, Brooklyn, N. Y., at 7 p. m. All members of the class are requested to notify the secretary, Dr. Frederick Schroeder, 290 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., of their intention of attending.

It is interesting to note, that, the day of the dinner is the exact date of our graduation in 1905.
The committee has planned to make this re-union a memorable one and can assure those who come from out-of-town a most delightful evening. There will be many surprises in store for all. Responses so far indicate the "gang" will all be there. The boys are very enthusiastic and look forward to the event with pleasure. Those of you who have not signified your intention of co-operating, kindly do so at once, so the committee can proceed with the details, which are necessary to make the dinner a success. Drop Fred a line and tell him you will participate. Do not delay! Better still, send your check for ten dollars and that will settle the question of your going.

From The Mail Bag

The following are excerpts of letters received. For various reasons, personal and otherwise, we omit the writers' names. Should any alumnus write the Editor and wish to be quoted by name, kindly so indicate. Let us make the Mail Bag a heavy one.—Editor.

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"I have this moment received the first number of the L. I. C. H. Journal. Please find enclosed my personal check for $1.00 in payment for one year's subscription to same.
Judging from the lusty condition of the infant I should say that it will grow and broaden into a vigorous maturity, and live to a ripe old age."
"I wish to say that I am proud to own the good old L. I. C. H. as my Alma Mater. I am one of the old fossils who graduated in the class of 1876. I often find myself wondering what has become of the rest of the antiquated ones of that class. It is so long since I graduated that it seems as though it must have been in a previous life. Dr. White was the Dean of the College then, as we snobs used to call him old Jim-No-Plast."

"Do you know if Dr. Robert Bruce of Prince Edward Island, class of '76, is still living? If so will you kindly give me his address? He was my "sidekick" in College. I should dearly love to get in touch with him if he is still living."

From a member of the class of '83.

"Under gossip exchange was pleased to recognize several familiar names. Frank E. West I remember in the early '80s as the dapper young assistant to Prof. Armour. E. H. Bartley, laboratory man to the old L. I. C. H., conspicuous for his very red whiskers parted exactly north and south. Joshua M. VanCott was in '83 a young freshman who doted upon ambulance calls and usually was found riding on the back step."

"If you should chance to see him remember me kindly to Dick Shaw." From one of the class of '84.

"I find but two names in the January number with which I am familiar, Dr. Frank E. West and Dr. Elias H. Bartley and I still have the list of the surviving members of my class of 1880."

"My first impulse throughout my professional career has been to treat the sick and do for humanity. I have educated a family of seven children all of whom have lived to establish themselves in business, and we have twelve grandchildren in the course of proper training for the service of God and humanity. I sincerely hope and pray I have no apology to render for the course I have pursued in medicine."

"The L. I. C. H. has made rapid strides in the last forty years and I am still proud to be known as an Alumnus."

"Received my copy of the L. I. C. H. Alumni Journal today, and am enclosing my check. Hope to hear about some of my "buddies" in later numbers. My class is '77."

"Enclosed find my check for $1.00. I was much pleased to receive a copy of the Journal. Anything that emanates from old Long Island is for doomed to be good. I may claim to be an old timer, as I graduated in 1885. That was the best class that had ever graduated, and, if the following classes will allow, I still think so. We had one of the best faculties then extant. There was that grand old man of medicine, Samuel G. Armour, Dr. Jewett, Dr. White, Dr. McCormick, Dr. Raymond, Dr. Madden and Corrydon L. Ford. Can you beat 'em?"

I notice in the Journal a reference to the "Ol' Swimmin Pool" for the keeping of the dissecting material. The keeper of that pool was old Billy: other name forgotten if ever known. Dr. Frank Madden told the story to me. In effect, he had told Billy to remove a certain piece of material from the tank and Billy, in trying to obey orders, fell into the tank and had to be rescued. When he emerged.
dripping with the briny solution, and after he recovered his equanimity, he went home to change his clothes. Mrs. Billy met him in the hall, took one sniff, grabbed a broom and chased Billy out again. That pool and the dissecting-room were on the third floor in the old building. We had a student named “Mort,” a darkey who was getting a knowledge of medicine preparatory to going to some place in Africa as a missionary. He was a superstitious cuss, and was dissecting with his bunch in a small dissecting room which connected with the main room by a doorway. He was so scared that he became a mark for the rest of us. Deming, of the class, was working directly opposite the room Mort was in. He conceived the idea of fixing Mort’s subject so the same could be moved with wires and cords from his, Deming’s, table, and sprung it on the rest of us. We got busy. That night we gathered around the table to watch him dissect the Pes Aucinus. Dr. Frank Madden, who was demonstrator of Anatomy, and my preceptor, and a crackerjack too, wanted to know why we were all about the table. While he was asking the question Deming pulled the string. A wild yell, a scramble, a crash, and Mort hit the top of the stairs headed downward. When he reached the ground floor, which he did in record time, he turned through the hall back of the amphitheatre. Billy entered the other end at the same time. The hallway was lighted by one small light that served to make darkness visible. Billy tried to stop Mort and find out why he was in such a hurry, but Mort was scared and thought of safety first, so he whaled away and Billy came to about ten minutes later.

Then I came West to the Black Hills and the prairies of Western South Dakota and have been here ever since. In the early days I have made trips of 150 miles to see patients, and made them on the back of a half broken and wild broncho. When the prairie has about three inches of snow all over it, it all looks alike, and many a time I have lost my way and finally wound up at some cow-camp or ranch, and was glad to crawl in alongside of some festive cow-puncher for a little sleep.”

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“Just received the January copy of the Journal and it is needless for me to tell you how very much pleased I was to receive same. It brought me back to my old college days in Brooklyn. I congratulate you on the Journal, the future success of the Journal is assured. Wishing to contribute my mite to so worthy an undertaking and project, I am herein enclosing my personal check and sincerely trust every alumnus will, also, do so. It is a most worthy cause, its message from our Alma Mater to her graduate children is something that has been needed long ago, and now having been commenced by a few of the “live wire” alumni, it should meet with a most hearty welcome and quick financial response and moral assistance.”

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Anytime you need a real vacation and like good fishing, hunting, etc., (of course, golfing, too), why “come Over” and we will be glad to show you what the golden West is like. “Nothing Just Like It.”

(We accept with pleasure, Mac. Several of the other boys read your letter, and they accept too. T. S. W.)
I have just received the L. I. C. H. Alumni Journal and wish to take opportunity to express my appreciation of it and the hope that it may live long and prosper. My subscription has gone forward.

Being at such a distance (Texas—Editor) it appeals strongly to me, especially as I am one of those mortals who is always intensely attached to old things, old friends, old institutions, old scenes, old memories, and the like, and try to keep in touch with them. I am of the class of '95.

There are not many L. I. C. H. alumni in this section of the country. There used to be a Dr. Spohn in Corpus Christi, but he is dead, I believe. (Hope he won't deny it and embarass me.)

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Thanks for the new journal. I enjoyed every word. I was in the class of '98. We were the first class to be graduated from the Polhemus Memorial Building.

There were 98 in our class. For doing things and "raising Ned" we could not be beaten. It was a rousing class.

Billy was janitor then. Queer old chap. He would say, "Py golly, giv' me a quarter and I'll keep your stiff moistened for ye."

The boys of '98 used to sing about Mr. Glover, who was then assistant Secretary.

Oh Mr. Glover, tra-la-la-la-la-la,
Oh Mr. Glover, tra-la-la-la-la-la.
My name is Mr. Glover,
I think I am "hot stuff"
The faculty look in on me
And say, "Keep up the bluff."
I am the great factotum,
I am the great "I Am,"
And all the others in the push
Are hardly worth a
Oh Mr. Glover, tra-la-la-la-la-la-la, etc.

Things used to happen in that old amphitheatre. Dr. Gormley, who is now dead, used to sing:

"Sister Mary Walks like this."

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The boys would stamp out the rhythm as indicated. All the boys will remember it. I was pleased to read notes on Rathburn. He was our Valedictorian. He had his anatomy by heart. Dr. Polak was demonstrator in anatomy and dispensary gynecology. He is noted now. Smith was in the eye department in the dispensary, and Northridge and Winfield were in the Children's Dispensary and G. U. respectively.

I attended the Alumni session in 1921 and enjoyed it very much. (Repeat in 1925, Brother—Editor). I have been in Toledo 19 years. We have a very good Medical Society here. Enclosed find check for 1925 Journal, along with good wishes."

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This finishes this issue. Your dollar will make future issues possible.
Better Doctors

A PLAN OF GRADUATE TEACHING

The Medical Society of the County of Kings represents organized medicine in Brooklyn. Its membership is about 1,600. The Long Island College Hospital, also is in Brooklyn, now the largest Borough of the largest City in America.

Three years ago the County Society inaugurated what has been termed the "Practical Lectures." These have been unique and, since their popularity has been established, other cities have copied the Brooklyn idea. Every Friday afternoon at five o'clock there is given an hour's talk. Ten talks are given in the Spring and ten in the Fall, twenty a year. The country is fine combed to find teachers who can put over a talk on a practical subject. Each speaker is asked not to read a paper. No discussion is allowed. In fact, to date, most of the speakers have given what they considered their best lecture. A volume of these lectures (twenty authors; twenty-three lectures) has been brought out by Paul B. Hoeber, Inc., Publishers, 67-69 E. 59th St., New York City. To give you an idea of the type of speakers selected for these Friday Afternoon Talks I copy the list of authors in this volume (Practical Lectures): Joseph A. Blake, Harry A. Bray, Harlow Brooks, Wm. Francis Campbell, John B. Deaver, Robert L. Dickinson, James Ewing, John A. Fordyce, Russell S. Fowler, Samuel G. Gant, John E. Jennings, Louis C. Johnson, Emanuel Libman, W. Russell MacAusland, Thomas McCrae, Herman O. Mosenthal, Wade W. Oliver, John Osborn Polak, Joseph C. Regan, Frederick Tilney, Walter Truslow, James J. Walsh, and Luther F. Warren. Surely an impressive array of authors between the covers of one volume (484 pages, 132 illustrations and three colors plates; $5.50 per).

These talks from their popularity (average attendance about 500) made certain men believe the average physician is eager to learn and make of himself a better doctor.

Therefore, after quite some preliminary work, the Joint Committee on Medical Education was formed. Four of the faculty of the College and four appointed members from the Medical Society compose the committee.

This committee planned many short so-called extension courses. Men who could teach and had hospital material available were selected in the various city hospitals. The average course was of eight or ten hours, one or two hours a week. The cost to enroll for a course was sufficient to meet the overhead; about $10 a course. The idea was not to make a specialist of a physician by some magical short cut but to give to that man certain fundamentals, outline a course of profitable reading and demonstrate to him clinical facts. In certain subjects intensive courses of thirty hours were arranged.

This form of graduate study has been a success. A man did not have to leave home and practice, at great financial expense to do graduate study, but it was made possible for him right at his front door.

The combination of the Medical
Society and the College has been a happy one. The committee has seen the idea carried past the experimental stage. This Spring term will complete the second year. It is hoped within another year it will grow into real intensive post-graduate courses open to physicians throughout the country. (At present only the physicians of Brooklyn and Long Island are eligible to subscribe to courses).

The Practical Lectures begin their fourth year. Dr. Robert Barber, President of the L. I. C. H. Alumni Association, is the Chairman for 1925. Next year Paul B. Hoher, Inc., will bring out the second volume of the Lectures. All this, brother alumnus, to let you know your Alma Mater is right up to the minute, progressive, and doing more than confining itself strictly to undergraduate teaching.

T. S. WELTON, '08. Chairman of the Joint Committee on Graduate Education.

Before you end this day—mail your dollar for the Journal.

The Annual Dinner, 1924

The 44th Annual Dinner of the Alumni Association of Long Island College Hospital was held on Saturday, May 24, 1924, at 7.30 p.m., at the Montauk Club, Eighth Avenue and Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

About 100 of the Alumni were present.

At the speakers table were the following:

Dr. J. J. Masterson, 1908, the President.

Hon. Bird S. Coler, Commissioner of the Department of Public Welfare of the City of New York.

Dr. Frank E. West, 1876.

Dr. Richard E. Shaw, 1884.

Dr. John O. Polak, 1891.

Dr. H. M. Smith, 1893.

Dr. T. H. Dexter, 1901.

Dr. R. F. Barber, 1908.

Dr. J. J. Masterson was toastmaster.

Dr. Henry Mitchel M. Smith spoke of the value of an organized Alumni Association, and the necessity of co-operation between the College and Alumni.

Dr. Frank E. West reviewed the history of the Association, and urged a more personal interest in its meetings and activities.

Dr. John O. Polak spoke of the striking advances made by the College in the past ten years, and the hopes of continued progress in the future.

Mr. Bird S. Coler spoke of the needs of Medical Education in the Borough of Brooklyn, and gave an outline of a plan of greatly increasing the teaching facilities of Long Island College Hospital by the erection of a new Pathological Laboratory at Kings County Hospital, and using such a Laboratory for teaching purposes in connection with the students of the College.

A very gracious letter of regrets was read from Dr. Wm. Simpson, of the class of 1878, of San Jose, California.
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