

# Freshmen Class History

**A**S THE youth of ancient times came to Athens to sit at the feet of Socrates and Aristotle, and, by listening to their words of wisdom, gaining knowledge which was to make them leaders teachers of men, so, during the month of September, in the year 1906 A. D. (quite a while after Socrates' time, it must be admitted), came some of the brightest of America's young men to Cincinnati, and there, entering the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, launched themselves upon the first year of the course which was to place them at the head of their chosen profession. With the kindly given words of advice of Professor Knight in his first lecture the class was well prepared to meet and combat with the trials and tribulations which fall to the lot of the Freshman.

The haughty Junior, with his grand and mighty airs, is universally supposed to be classed almost as a Deity by the Freshie, but this year he was pulled from the lofty pinnacle to which his flights of imagination sometimes carry him, and had to realize the bitter truth—that the Freshman was his equal. For, one day, while the class was attending a lecture by Doctor Berger, the whole Junior class caught one of the smaller members of our class in the corridor, and, tying his hands, threw him into the room and then—disappeared! However, a little while later they were heard down in the ante-room, and, upon investigation, it was found that a sign had been erected bearing the inscription: "Freshmen Outside." Ten minutes later the Juniors were "Outside" and the Freshmen occupying the ante-room.

On October 23, while the class was attending lecture in

Taylor Hall, the Juniors made their annual rush, attempting to take possession of the hall and eject the Freshmen. For a half hour the battle waged fast and furious, the Juniors being worked into a frenzy of fear lest they should not succeed in their purpose, for, in that case, they would be scoffed at by the upper classmen and disdainfully by the lower classmen. Their worst fears were realized, and they again tasted the bitterness of defeat. From that time on the Freshman class, as a whole, and personally, was treated with the great respect due them. Following the custom of years, the class presented to Jim, the faithful old janitor, a turkey for his Thanksgiving dinner. Custom also called for a speech from Jim, and he gave it, saying that this was the best class that ever entered the school. As no one ever knew him to tell an untruth, it must be believed! Preparations for the mid-year examinations proceeded vigorously during this time, and every one looked forward to having them over, and enjoying the Christmas vacation. Returning after the holidays, the class again set to work with renewed vigor, and even thoughts of the grewsome dissecting room did not dim the ardor which has always been one of the main characteristics of the class. About this time quite a number of the class seemed to become very much "swelled up," but it was not their fault that an epidemic of the mumps went around! The end of the year came at last, and every one looked forward to again being home, but it was with deep regret that we thought of parting from the friends and associations we had made during our one brief school year, even if it was only for a time.

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