

# CHANGE STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION

## Most Radical Revision Consists of Application of Psychological Tests.

Full particulars concerning the new standards of admission to Columbia College were given out yesterday by Adam Leroy Jones, Director of University Admissions. The following article will appear shortly in pamphlet form and gives the main facts and changes which govern the system.

Columbia College has adopted a new method of admission, alternative to the methods heretofore employed, but not at present replacing them.

The new method embodies several features which belong to the old methods but introduces one which is entirely new. (See D below.) By the new method a candidate's qualifications for admission will be based upon the following four considerations:

### Candidate's School Record.

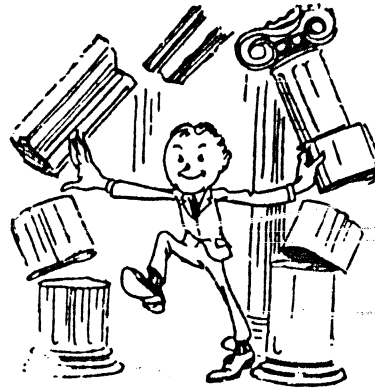
In considering this the standing of the school, the excellence of the candidate's work, and to some extent the subjects studied, will be vital. He must have completed in an acceptable secondary school a course, extending over at least four years. He must be able to offer three units in English, two and one-half units of mathematics (including elementary algebra complete [elementary and "intermediate"] and plane geometry) and at least three units in a foreign language, ancient or modern. His school course must have been concerned primarily with languages, science, mathematics, and history. He must have graduated and must be recommended by his principal or headmaster. In schools in New York State in which Regents' examinations are required for graduation, the candidate must, of course, have passed the Regents' examinations.

In determining whether or not a school is satisfactory the procedure to be followed in 1919 will be this:

Schools within the territory of the New England Certificate Board will be acceptable if on the accepted list of that board.

Similarly schools within the territory of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States or of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools will be regarded as acceptable if on the approved list of either of these associations. Schools outside the territory of any of these bodies will be requested to submit the names of leading colleges on whose accepted lists they do appear, and their acceptability will be determined for the time being upon the basis thus fur-

time in June, 1919, for candidates for admission in the following September. They will be given also in September. In June they will be given in any place in which suitable arrangements for conducting them can be made. In September they will be given at Columbia University only. The usual entrance examination fee of five dollars will be charged.



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#### His Character and Promise.

His qualities, mental and moral, as shown by his record in and out of school and the recommendations which he can submit, will be important factors. Whenever possible, a personal interview will be required. In cases in which this is not possible a photograph must be submitted and the names of at least three responsible citizens must be given as reference.

This will include a health history and the results of a health examination. These must be submitted on blanks furnished by the University.

#### A Test of Mental Alertness

These tests are similar in character to the tests given in the United States Army. They are designed to select the students qualified by general ability to profit by a college course. They are not examinations in the subject matter of the secondary school course. They are to test good common sense and special fitness rather than preparation in specific subjects. Samples of these tests will not be furnished.

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## PRESENT INITIAL CONCERT TO-NIGHT

Ten selections are on the program tonight of the first combined concert and dance of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs, to be given this evening at 8:00 p. m., in Earl Hall under the auspices of the C. U. C. A. After the concert, which will be held in the auditorium, the floor will be cleared for dancing. One dollar a couple will be the price of admission.

The program for the concert is divided into two parts. Part One will include:

- Winter Song, by the Glee Club;
- Columbia March, by the Mandolin Club;
- Deep River, by a Quartette;
- 'N Everything, by the Mandolin Club;
- Violin Solo, by N. Zinner;
- Kentucky Babe, by the Glee Club.

Part Two will include:

- The Americans Come, by the Glee Club;
- Bacarle, by the Mandolin Club;
- Original Ballads, by Rene Wormser;
- Columbia Medley, by the Combined Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

had succeeded in raising \$110,000. This announcement was made by the campaign headquarters at 2 West 43rd Street. It was also stated that the seemingly small increase in the contributions was due to the fact that the men on the various teams were unable to see more than a few alumni a day. However, it was encouraging to report that all those who had been approached had subscribed substantially. As the contributions were coming thru it appeared as tho the full amount might be raised in the New York District alone, but the workers in the rest of the country are not allowing their thought to affect their ardor in the least. Due to the slow collection of subscriptions it is inevitable that will take quite a little time to collect the full amount, but the campaign leaders have not the slightest doubt as to the ultimate outcome.

#### National In Scope.

Thruout the country the alumni Columbia are organized into teams each under a captain, and are ardent devoting their spare time to answer the call of their Alma Mater. There are twenty-one teams altogether each composed of about ten alumni. The standing of the different teams in the competition for supremacy will be published in a later issue of SPECTATOR, as full reports coming in from all over the United States have been completely compiled by the Campaign Headquarters as yet. Of the twenty-seven teams seven are representative of Barnard College, which come thru splendidly with its contributions.

The drive came as a result of realization that in order to put Columbia on a firm financial footing and clear up the considerable deficit which faced the University, a radical step must be taken. This deficit which is directly due to the war had been caused by the increased cost of operation and a considerable loss in tuition fees as a result of hundreds of students entering the service of the Government.

#### Previous Gifts Restricted.

A number of gifts amounting to approximately \$17,000,000 have been received in the past seventeen years from various sources. But these the most part have been restricted special endowments, unavailable for use in meeting the ordinary expenses.

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Sophomore candidates want for assistant managers of athletic teams. Competition starts now for elections to take place in Me Report in A. A. office to Graduate Treasurer at noon.

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