

The Freshman Smoker

Having seen duly into the advantages of smokers as promoters of good fellowship, the Freshmen were of the opinion that an all-Freshman Smoker would be a desirable thing, where they could be relieved from the tortures of Math. and Descrip. for a few hours. Consequently the Social Committee bestirred themselves, and the result of their labors was plainly visible when "Chimmy" Crawford, as chairman, opened the ceremonies at Douglas Hall February 16th. The guests of honor were Prof. Shattuck and the Keg. When the meeting adjourned, the Professor and the Keg were the only ones who did not contain an adult's allowance of malt extract. The "makin's" were there in plenty and later on coffee and sandwiches made their appearance.

A very serious question had to be disposed of. A certain member of the class had been accused of conduct unbecoming a Freshman, and was apprehended and tried for the unheard of and atrocious crime of "Knowing too d—— much. The prosecution established the fact that the prisoner was notoriously and conspicuously wise and that he knew more than enough to be a Sophomore. The jury adjourned to the keg and, after everybody had *drunk* a little from its hallowed precincts, a verdict of guilty was returned, and the prisoner was sentenced to death by "Electrolysis." The final words were spoken and the fatal lever pressed. Then arose a shriek in which anger and surprise were curiously blended, for by some strange fatality a soda-siphon was cut into circuit and the luckless prisoner received the contents behind the ear. This act of justice was followed by a couple of international sparring bouts between Marchese and Marr, also Lundgren and Zuckerman. In the first, victory was awarded to Italy, and in the second, to Sweden. Then all gathered round the place where Benny pounded the keys of a decrepit piano and the musical stars of '04 re-established their claims to distinction, while several new virtuosi—notably Frary and Marchese—made their debut. At twelve o'clock the assembly adjourned to another social function in a hall on the floor directly below—but that is a different story.