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The Organ in the Great Hall.

THE work on the organ in the Great Hall is now progressing rapidly. The wind-chests are in place and by another week the wind will be on, so that the pipes can be set. After that the tuning and regulating will proceed without delay, and we hope to have a considerable portion of the organ available for use by January 1st.

The organ is in five departments—the Great, Swell, Choir, Solo and Pedal organs. The Swell, Choir and Solo organs are enclosed in cement swell-boxes, giving unusual control over the power of the instrument.

There are seventy-three speaking stops in all. The wind is supplied from a blowing plant in the attic. There are no bellows, but the wind is piped from the blower to reservoirs in each department of the organ, where it is regulated to the required pressure. The blower contains a series of fans which deliver the wind at pressures ranging from eight to thirty inches. These pressures are regulated at the pipes to six inches for the ordinary flue work and soft reeds to ten inches for the heavier reeds and portions of the Solo and Pedal organs, and to fifteen and twenty-five inches for the powerful Tubas. The average wind pressure is unusually high in order to meet the requirements of the Great Hall, the heavier wind adding greatly to the intensity and carrying power of the tone.

(Owing to the distances traversed, the action is necessarily electric. About 400,000 feet (over 75 miles) of insulated wire is used. To overcome the distance and secure promptness, a special relay system has been devised for use in this organ. The two chambers are con-

ected through the blower-room where the relay is placed. The console (key desk) will be movable with about one hundred feet of free cable, so that the desk can be placed anywhere at the front of the hall that may be desired. But, above all, and that to which these mechanical appliances are merely accessory, is the instrument from a tonal standpoint. Upon this side the organ has been planned, so that it will be without doubt one of the great organs of the world. But tonal characteristics can better be heard than described, and we await their hearing.

SAMUEL A. BALDWIN.

On the day after to-morrow, the last day of college before the Christmas holidays, an assembly will be held in the Great Hall of all the students of the College. Two very interesting features will be the rendering of several new numbers by the orchestra (this is the first time it will play under Prof. Baldwin's direction) and the singing by the Choral Society of "Gaudeamus Igitur" with the words that President Finley wrote for it. In addition there will be an address by President Finley and also by some prominent men—just who has not yet been decided on as we go to press.

President Finley welcomed the Association of History Teachers of the Middle States and Maryland with his usual cordiality, Saturday before last, down at the old Lexington Avenue building. After he had finished various reports were made and addresses delivered. Prof. James H. Robinson, of Columbia, who was the principal speaker of the day, had the misfortune of having a few disconnected sentences of his speech printed the next morning in the newspapers in such a manner that they expressed sentiments quite opposite to those he really voiced. On Monday the *Times* commented editorially on Prof. Robinson's speech and started a controversy which bids fair to cause the whole world of Ph.D.'s to rise up in righteous wrath.

It is expected that the first organ recital to be held in the Great Hall will take place in the early part of January.

New Academic Requirements?

Some months ago the Regents of this State established a new certificate—the college entrance certificate. At the same time they issued a definite statement of the requirements for this certificate. At the last meeting of the Faculty a committee, which had been appointed for the purpose, reported that the differences between the Regents' college entrance requirements and the course of study now pursued in the Academic department of the College were comparatively slight. It is therefore proposed that the Academic course be so changed as to conform with the Regents' requirements. If this were done the Academic course would have to be made somewhat, though only slightly, more difficult, but graduation from it would entitle one to entrance not only to C. C. N. Y., but to any college in the State. The Faculty has the matter now under consideration. The Faculty also, at its last meeting, voted to join the student body and the Board of Trustees in asking that the name of the 137th Street Subway station be changed to "City College Station."

Science Meetings.

On Friday evening the Biological Society held a meeting in Townsend Harris Hall. Mr. King first addressed the society, his talk dealing with the life of Pasteur. Mr. Worth then followed with an address on the Biology of Bacteria. Mr. Sickles then spoke on Ophthalmic Theory. Mr. Unger, with a short talk on the Ehrlich Side Chain Theory, rounded out the program. The meeting adjourned at 10.30.

The third meeting of the General Science Journal Club was held yesterday in Room 318, Main Building. Prof. Fox reviewed an article on "The Point of Inflammation of Mixtures." Dr. Scott reviewed "Recent Developments in the Theory of Mimicry." Dr. Cohen reviewed the "Relation of Principles of Logic to Geometry," while Prof. Baskerville spoke upon various chemical topics. The meeting lasted about one hour.

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College paper verse is the deadliest thing

That the poor staff poet must do:

It's his poetic duty compels him to sing
Of subjects so old that the barnacles cling
In spite of it having a lyrical swing;

It's the same since the first poet grew
Not new—

A poet can never be new.

He starts with the issue the first of the year

And writes what he wrote once before:

'Bout girls and 'bout games, 'bout his cocktail or beer,
And "the old College days" when he's full of good cheer:
Then he versifies gags from which Adam kept clear.

And he defies the copyright law

What's more—

You know of the copyright law?

He can rhapsodize, too, if he only will try

(Year in and year out it's the same)

'Bout all holidays coming, from the Fourth of July
Till the following Fourth; then he asks himself why
Should he try to be funny—and he doesn't—oh, I

Am a pretty wise guy at that game—

What a shame!

For a poet to play such a game!

To write for this issue is the job of them all;

There's no news or gossip or pun,

There isn't an item 'bout which I can scrawl

(Unless it's as old as your grandmother's shawl).

This was written, you know, just to fill space—that's all.

And I'll bet you are happy it's done;

For one

I'm thoroughly glad that it's done.

Any member of the instructing corps desiring to attend the Senior dance, to be held this Friday evening in the gymm may obtain a card of admission from M. Geduldig, '08.

Basketball.

C. C. N. Y. 24: Swarthmore, 25.

In what was one of the most exciting and rough-and-tumble games ever contested on the local courts, City College was defeated by the Swarthmore five at Swarthmore on Saturday night.

The defeat in part can be attributed to the many fouls called on our five, no less than 15 such offences being charged against them.

Heskerwitz and Brandt played well for the College, while Boughton was the star performer of the Swarthmore men.

The line-up:

C. C. N. Y.—Forwards, Goldman and Streusand; guards, Perlman and Brandt; centre, Heskerwitz.

Swarthmore—Forwards, Clement, Beecher and Sproul; guards, Dill and Swayne; centre, Boughton.

Field goals—Boughton, 3; Clement, 2; Beecher, 2; Dill and Swayne; Heskerwitz, 4; Goldman, 3, and Streusand, 2. Goals from foul—Swayne, 4; Boughton, 3; Heskerwitz, 6.

C. C. N. Y. '11 19; Columbia, '11 13.

In a very fast game at our gym last Saturday night the Freshmen, defeated the Columbia '11 five by the score of 19 to 13. Both teams played fine basketball, but we were the faster and the better team.

Most of the scoring was done by two men: Sedransky for C. C. N. Y. and Benson for Columbia. "Barney" played a remarkable game, scoring 11 of our points, while Benson was the star performer for Columbia, his work being responsible for nearly all of Columbia's points. Pepis also played a good game.

In a preliminary game the All-Scholastic five beat the University Settlement team 29-21.

In the 300-yard handicap swim at the New York Swimming Club's meet Monday of last week, Schmitt, '08, with a handicap of 30 seconds, finished third; Manley, N. Y. A. C., with 47 seconds, winning by 10 yards from Daniels, N. Y. A. C., scratch, who was about two inches in front of Schmitt.

All Out for the Trinity Game.

Next Friday night we have for our opponents Trinity College. The very name should bring out a large crowd of rooters, and when we remind you of that 95-0 football score of this year, and the fact that we are going to avenge that defeat, the crowd should be still larger. It is distinctly up to every student to help rub it in the Hartford boys (providing, of course, we can do it squarely), so hurry up and get your tickets for yourself and your friends, male and female, and turn out in as large numbers as you did at the Columbia game.

The preliminary game is sure to be a corker, as the Freshmen line up against Townsend Harris Hall, and you all know the rivalry existing between them.

Tickets can be purchased at the new office of THE CAMPUS, Room 412, Main Building (4th floor) at any time from 8.45 to 9.05, and 1. to 1.30.

The recently organized Bowling Club received a letter from Dr. Woll stating that at the next meeting of the A. A. the club would be officially recognized and could compete under the name of C. C. N. Y.

The Bowling Club will roll against Pratt Institute some time early in January, and will then match their prowess against the Faculty, having received a challenge from the Faculty Bowling Club.

1908 Football Captain.

Raymond C. Thompson, '09, was last Friday elected captain of next year's football team. "Tommy" was also captain of the football team in his Soph year.

Coach Mackenzie was present and addressed the men, telling them that he thought the prospects for next year were very bright. He stated that he would have a squad of twenty-five or thirty men out practicing two weeks before College started, so that the men could become familiar with the rudiments of the game and be ready for real work when the season began. Thompson then suggested that the squad indulge in short cross-country runs several times each week, so as to improve their wind and to condition them. It is very likely that that course of training will be pursued.

TO THE STUDENTS:

The College of the City of New York has had many baseball teams, some poor and some good. This year it is my intention to turn out a team worthy to bear the letters of the College. In order to do this I need the support of the student-body, not merely in coming up to the games, but in coming out for the team. Heretofore we have had about 14 men out, and so have had, on the whole, poor results. Any man who comes out will receive due consideration, and it will be the duty of the coaches and captain to pick out the men who are best fitted to play on the team. On Thursday, December 19, there will be a meeting of the baseball candidates, and certain suggestions will be made to bring out the best team C. C. N. Y. has put forth. Mr. Holten has consented to address this meeting and give his views on the subject. I hope that any one who is at all interested in baseball will attend this meeting and start the ball rolling for a victorious team.

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The A. A. will shortly give out details for the Inter-Class Meets it is planning. The idea at present is to hold all sorts of athletics meets—track, swimming, basketball, baseball, and gymnasium—between the upper and lower divisions of each class and then between the entire classes themselves.

By this method, it is expected, good material will be developed and all the latent spirit and vitality of the lower classes will be brought to the surface.

Professor Dielman last week invited many members of the teaching staff of the College to attend the opening reception of the National Academy of Design, of which he is President.

Owing to the illness of his father, Mr. Coleman of the English Department left the city last Friday. He will not return until after the vacation.

Mr. Marsh, of the Department of Philosophy, has been helping Dr. Newton in some of his arduous duties as secretary of the Executive Council.

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Literary Societies.



WITH the semi-annual debate between Phreno and Clio only a few weeks off, those organizations loom up somewhat larger than usual in the college horizon. It is therefore somewhat timely to inquire what has been the progress of these two societies, and also of the Fresh.-Soph. Adelpian Society, during the college term now ending.

The literary society is the broadest, most inclusive activity in the College. It does not appeal to a specialized interest as does the Biological Society, for instance. It does not appeal to any particular denomination as do the Newman Club and the Zionist Society. Admission to it does not require any special qualification. The value of its work, if properly conducted, is unquestionable. It would therefore be no surprise to learn that the membership of Phreno, Clio and the Adelpian was extremely large and that their work had reached that high degree of efficiency which, as far as organizations are concerned, almost always comes with size.

How far away from such a condition the real state of the literary societies is may be seen from their attendance records for this term. The average attendance at Phreno's meetings has been twenty, or slightly over; in the Adelpian it has been somewhat under twenty, and in Clio it has been no more than fifteen.

It may be said that this is a matter of interest only to

the societies themselves. - But second thought will show that this is not so. By virtue of their semi-annual debates Phreno and Clio have come to be considered more than any other non-athletic organization as representative of the College. In fact to a considerable body of alumni and friends of the College the semi-annual debate has become the only means of judging and keeping in touch with conditions at the College. In addition our Intercollegiate Debating Team is naturally, almost invariably, made up of men from Phreno and Clio. It is therefore a matter of concern to the whole College that Phreno and Clio and the Adelpian (on whose efficiency the efficiency of Phreno and Clio will undoubtedly in large measure depend) that these three societies should be strong and active.

Their present unhappy condition is no doubt in part due to the apathy of their members, but it is in equal, if not greater, measure due to the apathy of the student-body in general. When out of nearly eleven hundred men the literary societies number only seventy-five, or less, it is obvious that the societies do not get sufficient support from the student-body.

The remedy and the moral are equally obvious. More support and larger membership are absolutely necessary. New blood is needed. Every student who can possibly spare the time required should join one of the societies. With a regular attendance of forty or fifty men each the meetings of the societies might be dignified and impressive instead of resembling committee meetings, as they do now.

We have removed from our cosy but somewhat diminutive office in Room 116A to larger and loftier quarters in Room 412. The office will be open every day from 1 to 1.30, and if you have any news to give us or any suggestion to make, we would be glad to have you call on us.

We desire sincerely to thank Prof. Mott for his kindness in allowing us to use Room 116A, which belongs to the English Department, as our temporary office for the past three months.

T. H. H. News.

T. H. H., 62; JAMAICA, 13.

Townsend Harris Hall's fast quintet scored a rather easy victory over Jamaica High School at the College gym last Friday afternoon, beating the Long Island boys to the tune of 62-13.

T. H. H. completely outclassed the visitors and Schiffeman and Pryibil scored almost at will. For the visitors Wolfman was easily the star.

The five should prove a match for any of their scholastic rivals, and from present indications T. H. H. will once more win the Dodge Trophy.

The line-up:

Townsend Harris—Houseman, right forward; Specter and Ampolaski, left forward; Schiffeman, centre; Sadone and Pryibil, left guard; Spaniel and Seog, right forward.

Jamaica—Kline, right forward; Wolfman, left forward; Baker, centre; Gulick, left guard; McLoughlin, right guard.

Goals from field—Schiffeman, 10; Seog, 4; Pryibil, 4; Spaniel, 3; Houseman, 3; Ampolaski, 3; Specter, 2; Sadone, Wolfman, 3; Kline, Gulick, McLoughlin. Goals from foul—Seog, 2; Baker.

The Townsend Harris swimming team is rapidly developing into a very strong aggregation. The squad, consisting of about twelve men, practices regularly three days a week between the hours of 1 and 2. It is expected that after the vacation the team will meet Boys' High School, Clinton High School, Manual Training and other schools.

Capt. Wagner has every cause to feel elated with the material for next year's football team. He has eight veterans left—Thomas, Lear, Storm, Schenck, Pollak, Stein and Bruce. With the closer co-operation of the varsity team and the benefits of an early call for practice, T. H. H. will probably have the best team in its history.

The prospects for this year's track team are unusually bright. There seems to be such a wealth of good material in T. H. H. this year that the coaches are very optimistic for a successful season.

T. H. H. is especially strong in the jumps this year, the coaches having in hand three men, among them a "young Lochinvar who has come out of the West," each capable of clearing the bar at about 5 feet 3. Captain Macauley, Thomas and Lear are still the sprint men; Frank, Rappaport (P. S. A. L. champion last year) and Searles in the weights, and a batch of promising candidates to fill out the other events.

Professor Sim called the Upper C class together last Friday for the purpose of ascertaining the number of students who intend taking the Art I course.

The delegates from the Upper A sections met recently and appointed a committee of twelve to make suitable arrangements for the graduation exercises in February of the Upper A class. Baumgarten was elected chairman of the committee and Dublirer, secretary. The committee is very desirous of securing good numbers for the commencement program. All those who desire to appear should hand their names to any member on the arrangement committee.

On Saturday, December 7, the Townsend Harris Chess team played a tie match with Ethical Culture, each team winning two games.

Clinton High School beat Townsend Harris on November 27 at checkers by the score of 10½ games to 5½, but on December 9 T. H. H. turned the tables and beat the Clintonians 9 to 7. The deciding match, which will be held in the very near future, will undoubtedly prove exceedingly interesting.

The open handicap tournament of the Townsend Harris Chess Club ended in a tie for first place between Gluck and Eolis. Bitterman came third and Warburton and Jurka were also tied for fourth place.

The election of officers of the Upper A (February, 1912) class will be held next Friday in the T. H. H. Assembly Hall. All those who have paid their class dues are entitled to vote. Much interest is being shown by the Upper A students in this election, and it will undoubtedly be one of the most hotly contested in years.

The Academic Literary Society held one of its most interesting meetings last Friday. A large number of members were present.

Several weeks before last commencement a scholarly-looking youth called upon President Eliot of Harvard. "Dr. Eliot," he said, "I am a believer in spelling reform. In fact I am writing my thesis on that subject. Now I should be much obliged if you could write my degree on the program as F.D. instead of Ph.D."

"Certainly," replied Dr. Eliot; "in fact, if you insist we will make it a D.F."

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Phreno-Clio Debate Trials.

At the trial debates held last Friday night by Phreno and Clio, C. Schnölhauser and M. Lieberman, '08, were chosen to represent Phreno, while Mr. Litwin, '08, and A. Schatteles, '09, were picked as Clio's team. J. Piller, '08, was chosen alternate for Phreno. Mr. Redmond acted as judge for Clio, while Messrs. Guthrie and Klappper, together with Ascher Blum, '07, an ex-star of Phreno, acted as judges for that society.

We have had clubs and organizations a-plenty for the past year or so, but this is the first that has been heard from a "Strollers' Club" that the members of Lower Soph 6 have formed. The object of this club is to take long walks through the neighboring country. The club is desirous of securing members from all over the College. Apply to any member of Lower Soph 6.

"The Summer Evening," a painting by Mr. Schulman of the Drawing Department, will be exhibited at the winter exhibition of the National Academy of Design.

A large consignment of the latest scientific books was received last week by the Department of Natural History. These books have been placed on the reference shelves of the Department's library and may be had by students any afternoon during the week.

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