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## Employment Bureau Established.

An entirely new feature which will undoubtedly be of great benefit to students has been inaugurated by President Finley. A committee, to be known as the Committee on Employment, has been appointed, the object of which will be to procure employment for students in want of it.

The committee met and was organized on Friday, October 11.

Students who are in search of positions for after college hours should give their names to a member of the committee. The committee is as follows: Prof. McCuekin, chairman; Prof. Ilgen, Prof. Duggan, Mr. McClelland.

✕ Apropos of the record trip made by the turbine engine trans-Atlantic liner Lusitania, it may interest you to know that in the Mechanical Building there is a turbine engine of latest type. It will be in operation very shortly and it will be worth your while in an off hour to go over and see it.

Speaking of engines, Mr. Davis tells us that he hopes to have all the engines running by the early part of this week—perhaps even today. This means water, light and heat, a prospect that makes glad the hearts of the Natural History and Chemical Departments, but puts a sudden end to the untimely joy of those students who had been having their three hours of laboratory cut down to one "owing to lack of laboratory facilities."

One nice thing about a summer flirtation is the ease with which it may be dropped.

### Class and Society Notes.

The regular elections of the Class of 1908 held on October 4 resulted in the choice of the following officers: M. Litwin, president; F. Westphal, vice-president; A. Schaeffer, secretary; S. Ackerman, treasurer; F. Fruchtmann, historian; H. Goldstein, poet.

The elections of the Junior Class were held on October 9, and resulted in the choice of the following officers: A. Silberstein, president; L. Brand, vice-president; H. Phoenix, secretary; S. Weinreb, treasurer; E. Coyle, athletic manager; G. Di Martino, marshal; M. Frankel, historian.

A meeting of the English Club is scheduled for the evening of October 14th. Dr. Thomas G. Taaffe will preside.

The first regular meeting of the Newman Club was held on October 4. An election resulted in the choice of the following officers: P. Haley, president; T. Githens, vice-president; W. Fox, secretary; J. Grattan, historian. An interesting programme was presented and was followed by open discussion. The general sentiment of the meeting was against securing a permanent club room outside the college. On October 18 an address on "Cardinal Newman" will be delivered before the club, to which members of the faculty and student body are cordially invited.

The Students' Zionist Society will meet regularly on Fridays at 2.30 p. m. in Room 226 of the Main Building. The society plans to arrange a series of programmes of interest to outsiders as well as Zionist members. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the weekly meetings.

Dr. Lucke, head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Columbia University, will lecture on October 18 in the Physical Lecture Room. Dr. Lucke's subject will be "Engineering as a Profession." The Senior Mechanical Society, under whose auspices this and other lectures will be held, counts itself fortunate in securing Dr. Lucke's services.

Professor Baldwin delivered the first of a series of lectures on "Music" on October 7 before an interested audience numbering over a hundred. Dr. Baldwin spoke of the purpose of the course, of the elements and history of music, and illustrated the relation between the metre of poetry and music by referenc to Irish ballads. The lecture was repeated on October 10. The second lecture of the course will be given to-day at 2.30 p. m.

### More Nature Fakes.

Though oft your head feels heavy as lead,  
And your voice sounds like a bark,  
They're only nature fakers who  
Can go out "on a lark."

To say the "wolf is at the door,"  
Or e'en "to smell a rat,"  
A man must be a nature fake  
To talk of things like that.

To all the tricks of nature fakes,  
A man can be no stranger  
Who tells of "bees in his bonnet"  
Or of "dogs in the manger."

I ne'er saw "bull in china shop,"  
Or felt "flea in the ear";  
It's time that all these nature fakes  
Were doomed to disappear.

Mr. Winter, '10, has graciously volunteered his services as guide to the C. C. N. Y. Sisterhood and would be pleased, on any afternoon, to point out the interesting features of our new home. We have been informed that friend Winter qualified exceptionally well several days ago when he conducted a quartette of Wadleigh tourists about the Acropolis.

Many students spend most of the term planning work for the vacation season; but finally are content to pass the latter period in making plans and resolutions for the succeeding term.

## Woes of the Track Team Captain.

To Editor of THE CAMPUS:

I am forced to write a brief article in your paper in order to call to the attention of the student body their lack of interest in their College and their faulty spirit in matters relative to the College. As a result of an interview between Dr. Storey, Mr. Cohen, manager of the track team, and myself, it was agreed that a cross-country team would be permitted to exist, providing a sufficient number of candidates devoted the proper attention to this sport. Dr. Storey kindly permitted the able services of Mr. McKenzie to be rendered in coaching and directing the candidates.

In answer to the posters, about twenty candidates handed in their names for the cross-country squad. It was agreed that work was to begin the following Monday and was to continue on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3.30 p. m. On the first day about twelve candidates appeared. On the next practice day but five! If this spirit is to continue there will be no cross-country team or cross-country practice.

It is well known that condition is essential for all sports, and it is also recognized that cross-country work is the best producer of good condition. This is made apparent by the victories of Cornell in the intercollegiate championships of 1905 and 1906.

Mr. Cohen, with the sanction of the proper authorities, is proposing a triangular cross-country meet between Fordham, N. Y., and C. C. N. Y., to take place on Thanksgiving Day. We have no time to spare in order to get in to condition for such a meet. It is "up" to the students of C. C. N. Y. if such a meet will take place or not.

Yours sincerely,

MATTHEW M. STANDER, '08,

Captain Track Team.

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The Gym Team meets on Saturdays from 1 to 2 p. m. Manager Haas announces that all college men are eligible to membership. The team at present consists of A. Goldberg, '08, captain; F. Fruchtmann, '08; H. Hoiser, '08; and A. Kaestner, '10. Mr. Palmer will act as coach.



### Aquatic News.

Morris is looked to for some good long-distance work this year.

The A. A. announces its intention of conducting inter-class swimming meets.

The Preparatory Department is turning out some good material among whom Reilly, Tift and Davis, of the West Side Y. M. C. A., might be mentioned.

While the tank has been very well attended of late, as many as 100 students taking a plunge on some days, we don't purpose to shiver, so we'll wait before we take our dip until next Saturday, when, Dr. Storey assures us, the heating apparatus will be installed in the tank.

When Ford lost all sense of direction, after intercepting one of St. John's forward passes, and ran quickly toward his own goal, Thompson gave a rare display of rapid thinking that is deserving of praise.

Realizing that to yell at Ford would do no good, he went after him and tackled him 20 yards from the goal posts. While Ford can hardly be censured for his momentary lapse, credit is due Thompson for his quick judgment.

All students wishing to compete in the dual Fresh-Soph track meet will report for practice with the Cross-country Team on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 3.30.

All men having any cross-country ability are urgently requested to report at once and get busy.

Many of the abuses which were current in the organization and management of the College Athletic Association have been corrected by the new methods of faculty supervision which have been instituted in the A. A.

Dr. Woll, of Prof. Storey's staff, has been appointed faculty supervisor, and hereafter every detail of the association will come under the close scrutiny of Dr. Woll.

It is also intended to give to the members far greater benefits than have been previously received, and in every way to make the association attractive and beneficial to the student.



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## X The Fowler Episode.

We published last week, without comment, a letter written by Chief Examiner Fowler, of the Civil Service Commission, in which he stated that our college was "not of collegiate grade according to the standards of the best colleges." By this time the matter has become, to all intents and purposes, a dead issue, but every student should realize that Mr. Fowler's letter bears no authority whatever, and is to be taken merely as an interesting exhibition of official ignorance, for the question is not one of opinion: it is one of fact. The Board of Regents, which is the sole authority on this matter, has ruled C. C. N. Y. to be of full collegiate rank; and the C. C. N. Y. degree is accepted by every university in the country for admission to its graduate courses. And even if this official testimony were lacking, an actual comparison of the standards of C. C. N. Y. and Columbia, for instance (which is certainly recognized everywhere as of "collegiate grade"), shows that our standards are fully as high as those of "the best colleges."

Of course, the most obvious point of attack on the College is its three years' preparatory course, as against the four years' preparation presumably necessary for entrance to other colleges. In the first place it is a matter of common knowledge that very few men find it necessary to spend four years in preparation for entrance to other colleges, it being quite the usual thing for a student to make the required counts in three years. Furthermore, in the high schools of this city practically all of the fourth year is devoted to a review of the work of the

previous three years. Lastly, we must consider that an enormous amount of time is wasted in other colleges by the repetition of courses which the student has taken up in high school, and by imperfect articulation between the high school and college courses as a whole—all of which time is saved at C. C. N. Y. by the singleness and unity of the entire seven years' course.

But we need not content ourselves with *reasons* why the entrance requirements of C. C. N. Y. are as high as those of other colleges. The facts prove it. A graduate of the city high school's four-year course is not admitted into the fifth—the sophomore—year of C. C. N. Y., but into the fourth—the freshman. And, though space forbids us to go into a detailed comparison of the entrance requirements of C. C. N. Y. and of the general College Entrance Board of Columbia or N. Y. U., for instance, an examination of them proves beyond necessity of argument that our requirements for admission are fully as high as theirs, if not (we say this advisedly) in some respects higher.

The question of admission requirements being disposed of, it remains to consider the standards of our College course itself. Comparisons being odious, we shall not make them, but shall let the figures talk for themselves. At Columbia the average number of hours of attendance per week is sixteen; at N. Y. U. it is a trifle less; and at Cornell, in the arts course, it is still less. At our own College the number is twenty-one and in some cases as high as twenty-three. Assuming what we are perfectly justified in assuming, that our instructors and facilities for instruction are of generally high standard with theirs, the figures need no comment. When we remember, in addition, that any student of the College may, without examination, obtain admission to an equal grade of Columbia, for instance, no doubt can remain of the "standards" of our institution.

Recognition of our "standards" is, of course, not the fundamental or primary object towards which we should strive. If we work to accomplish results, our "standards" will take care of themselves. Nevertheless, we should not permit such a glaring misstatement as that of Mr. Fowler's to go unrefuted. Let each student study

the facts herein set forth; let him supplement them with facts of his own knowledge; and let him be fully prepared to answer any of those too credulous persons who believe that if you see it in print it's so, and who have as a result taken Mr. Fowler's ignorance for good authority.

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## T. H. H. News.

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### Wednesday's Rally.

On Wednesday afternoon President Finley addressed a large gathering of prep men in the assembly room of Townsend Harris Hall.

The President, in his short address, exhorted the students to support the A. A. and told them of the benefits of athletic training.

He was followed by Mr. Hayes, coach of the Football Team. Mr. Hayes spoke very earnestly to the students, urging all who could to come out for the teams, assuring them that all who reported had an equal chance of securing a place.

Dr. Storey followed and told of the difficulties of caring for 4000 students in a gym that was built to accommodate but 1,000. In the course of his address Dr. Storey impressed on the students the fact that no man could fail to become athletically successful if he persevered in his work.

Swimming Instructor Mackenzie then told the students of the benefits of aquatic work, and his remarks were timely and appreciated.

Dr. Cossenza closed the meeting by urging all the students to attend the football games this season.

Great enthusiasm was displayed, and judging from the spirit shown, Townsend Harris Hall will not lack a large delegation of enthusiastic rooters at all their games.

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With students standing in many of the rooms of Townsend Harris, and crowded conditions prevailing downtown at the old building, it is high time to give attention to the question, whether or not an addition should be built. It is evident with each half year far more students



enter T. H. H. than are graduated into the College, and hence if some provisions are not made for taking care of the new students in a comparatively short time, T. H. H. will be unable to accommodate but a small percentage of the students who apply for admission.

Normal, 5; T. H. H., 0.

Due to "football luck," or whatever else you call it, Townsend Harris Hall lost to the Manual Training eleven at Brooklyn on Wednesday, 5-0.

There is no cause for disappointment, however, for in spite of Manual's fast team and their superior weight, we were not outplayed. In fact, in the first half we played headier and more aggressive football than the Brooklyn lads, but the whistle stopped us just when we seemed to be on the path to a touchdown.

The second half was just as bitterly contested as the first. The elevens see-sawed up and down the field until with about three minutes left in which to play, Manual put in five new men, and playing for all they were worth, just managed to get a touchdown as the whistle blew, ending the struggle.

Although handicapped by the loss of Devlin, our boys played a great game. The feature of the game was easily the snappy work of the back field quartette, Wagner, Dooley, Lear and Thomas. It would be unfair to give individual praise to any player, for everyone did his best, and when that is said it means a whole lot.

Townsend Harris certainly has a fine eleven and the students should support it loyally. No one of the hundred rooters who journeyed to Brooklyn regretted their travel, and you won't if you come out at all the other games.



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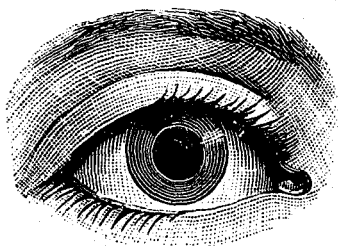
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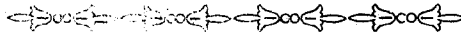
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