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Yule Tide.



THE Christmas holidays will start at 4 p. m. on Wednesday, December 23rd. There will be no college sessions on the 24th. At 3 p. m. on Wednesday all the faculty and the students are to assemble in the Great Hall, where addresses will be delivered by distinguished visitors. The choral society will render the cantata, "Wisdom." Arrangements for the gathering are in charge of Professor Palmer.

Dr. Devine on Social Service.

The first lecture on "Vocations" was delivered last Thursday at 3 p. m. by Dr. Devine, who was introduced by President Finley. During the course of his lecture, Dr. Devine explained the working plan of all social service, taking the Charities Organization Society as a type. The basis of its work is: first, an accurate knowledge of fact; second, personal service; and, third, co-operation with proper authorities. The society has divided New York into ten districts, each with a district committee. All wishing to help in social work should apply to the proper district committee. Dr. Devine then spoke of the various evils, such as the extortionate employment bureaus, retail dealers and pawn shops, and of the measures which were being taken to correct these evils. Many American college men are engaged in social service, he said.

To-morrow afternoon, at 3 p. m., the second of the series of lectures on "Vocations" will be delivered in Room 126 by Hamilton W. Mabie, associate editor of *The Outlook*, on the subject "Journalism."

Professor Gibbs.

Dr. Oliver Wolcott Gibbs, the first professor of chemistry and physics in the College (from 1848 to 1863, died at his home in Newport, R. I., last Wednesday at the advanced age of 86. He was called from our College to the Rumford professorship of applied science in Harvard University, which chair he occupied until 1887, when he retired, as professor emeritus, to his beautiful home. There he devoted the remaining years of his life to the pursuit of scientific investigation in a private laboratory and the cultivation of roses in his garden, which has been characterized as one of the most beautiful spots in Newport. Prof. Gibbs was the recipient of many honorary degrees; he was an honorary member of numerous scientific societies abroad, and during his active life he occupied the highest offices in similar organizations in this country. The library in our Department of Chemistry, by authority of the Board of Trustees, was named "The Wolcott Gibbs Library" on the occasion of the dedication of the building occupied by that department last May. In unveiling the portrait of Prof. Gibbs on that day, Prof. Baskerville said —

"Handsome bronze doors will soon grace the main west entrance of the capital in Washington. On one of the eight panels, four being on each side of the door, is a scene depicting science. On the sides of this panel are two figures, one of Joseph Henry, the physicist, and the other of Oliver Wolcott Gibbs, the chemist, and founder of the Union League Club of New York. There he stands, a model to all Americans, as a scientist and a citizen, and here we have his memory and likeness as a constant inspiration and a stimulus to those who follow in our footsteps."

A faculty committee, consisting of Professor Baskerville, Werner and Compton, has been appointed to draw up resolutions expressing the sentiment of the College regarding the death of Prof. Gibbs.

An Appreciation of Gibbs and His Work.

The editor called upon Prof. Baskerville, who paid this further tribute to his predecessor: "Dr. Gibbs was the teacher, who remained a scholar; he was an investigator of tremendous patience, undaunted by almost insurmountable difficulties, often sweeping them aside in the rush of his undaunted zeal. His attention to details solved many a knotty problem, yet his closeness to them did not prevent his grasping the large principles involved. In fact, there was scarcely a chemical element upon which he did not work and work well. He seemed to go to the root of things and his published papers teemed with suggestions for others to pursue after him. This was also true of much of his unpublished work, which he was good enough to voluntarily place at my disposal. He was the father of electro-analysis, which plays such a prominent part in modern research in analytical chemistry to-day. I do not know any American chemist to whom the younger generations might better be painted as an ideal than Wolcott Gibbs."

An Illustrated French Lecture.

This Friday at 3 p. m. Dr. Weill, of the French Department, will deliver a lecture in Room 306 on "The French Stage in the Seventeenth Century." The lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides, made from old prints in the National Library at Paris.

Your Resignation.

as a member of the undergraduate body of this institution should be forthcoming next week if you are not among those present at the Indoor Meet on Saturday evening. The Meet is the biggest athletic event of the year. Your support is needed to make it a huge success. Secure your tickets and—do so at once

Every year the Cercle Francais produces a play in French. This year the organization intends to continue the custom. All those desiring to take part should report in Room 210 to-morrow at 3 p. m.

Junior "Prom."

The annual Prom, which was held last Friday evening in the Gymn, proved a very enjoyable affair. About ninety couples were in attendance, and the Class of 1910 is to be congratulated on the success of the event. Dance orders in leather were handsome souvenirs of the occasion.

At a meeting of the delegates of February '12 the following committees were appointed by the chairman: Constitution Committee—H. Ritt (chairman), Fabis, Feinsod. Concourse Vigilance Committee—Morris (chairman), Marcus, Eolis, Mahon, Wohlfeit, Borokov. Decoration of Alcove Committee—Ritt (chairman), Marcus, Tamor, Mosesson, Ruderman. Fob Committee—Ritt (chairman), Weintraub, Auslander, Mosesson.

The Student Council has sent notices to the presidents of all the college classes, calling to their attention the poor condition of the alcoves in the concourse, and urging them to take action towards bettering the condition of their "class property."

At a meeting of the delegates of the class of June '12 a committee consisting of Mittenthal and Propper was appointed to consider the matter of class colors.

Dr. Wm. L. Prager, of the Department of Chemistry, has published papers entitled "The Victor Myer Esterification Law" and "Studies in Esterification II" in the December number of the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*. These papers will be read before the general meeting of the Society at Baltimore during the Christmas recess.

About fourteen entries for the Chess Tournament have been received. All entrants must play at least two games a week. If unable to secure games they must register on four different days.

On the 17th inst before the Madison Avenue League, Prof. Duggan delivered an exceedingly interesting address on "Educational Forces of a Great City."

ATHLETICS.

C. C. N. Y., 37; Princeton, 25.

Who said that our boys were a nervous lot? Nervousness and stage fright were omitted from their lexicons last Saturday night, when they lined up in the Gymn against Princeton. They were there with the "goods" and had the game well in hand from start to finish.

The quintet from across the river were bigger and heavier than our New Haven opponents and they played a livelier game. Perlman commenced the scoring with a sensational shot from the side of the field and the rest of the team followed with additional tallies. Meanwhile Princeton made five points on successful foul throws through their guard Veeder, who was their principal scorer. After a splendid back-hand shot by Barbanell, which brought down the house, and one of Kaplan's famous tallies from the center of the field, the half ended and ex-Manager Fleisher announced a score of 21 to 11 in favor of the College.

The beginning of the second half saw President Finley's arrival, and our boys wearing their white jerseys. The intermission seemed to have benefited the orange and black team, for during the half they scored 14 points. Meanwhile our own team wasn't lazy and the half saw 16 points added to our credit. Captain Streusand was like a flash of lightning, completely bewildering his opponents by his celerity, while Heskowitz continued the tactics which had earned him so much applause during the first period. Kaplan, repeating his long shot of the first period, made the feature shot of the half.

The gym was very well filled, but the crowd was not nearly as large as last week's mob, while "Tommy" and his cheering squad hadn't lost any of their noise producing power. In the preliminary game, the Freshmen defeated Townsend Harris, 17 to 14.

The 'varsity line-up:

C. C. N. Y.—Streusand, r. f.; Barbanell, Goldman, l. f.; Kaplan, Spivak, c.; Perlman, Brand, r. g.; Heskowitz, l. g.

Princeton—Keyes, r. f.; Meese, l. f.; Hughes, c.; Veeder, r. g.; Warner, l. g.

Goals from field—Streusand (6), Barbanell (4), Meese (4), Kaplan (3), Heskowitz (3), Perlman (2), Keyes (2), Hughes (2), Veeder, Warner. Goals from foul—Veeder (5), Streusand.

The Mackenzie Cup.

A cup, donated by Coach Mackenzie, will be competed for in the high jump, broad jump and shot-put every Friday throughout the winter. Five points will be awarded for a first place, three for a second and two for a third place. The contestant who has the highest number of points in the spring will become the possessor of the cup. The only condition attached is that the competitors must have practised three times during the week preceding the contest in order to be eligible. The handicaps will be raised or lowered from week to week as the ability of the contestants decreases or increases.

That this contest will accomplish its object (to bring out and develop new material) was seen last Friday, when the first trials were held. This is your chance, O you beginners.

A. A. Board Meeting.

At the meeting of the A. A. board, which was held on Thursday, the Gym team was officially recognized, its schedule with Columbia and the Bedford Y. M. C. A. was sanctioned and Blumenthal, '09, was elected manager. It was also decided to support lacrosse and to make an attempt to bring the sport back to its old high standing in College athletics. A manager and assistant manager are to be elected at the next meeting, which takes place to-morrow afternoon.

A freshman hockey team has been formed and a manager will be elected to-morrow afternoon at the A. A. Board meeting. An offer for a game from N. Y. U., 1912, has already been received. Such men as Savage, Lange and Cotter are on the squad.

P. Dolan, '12, who finished such a game second in the inter-class cross-country run, was operated on for appendicitis on Thursday last. We can report to his friends that he is now on the high road to recovery.

All Out for the Meet.

While the basketball team is making its up-state trip, the college will run off the greatest set of board floor games in its history. Many of the stars of the recent A. A. J. Championship Meet will compete here, and experts predict that the evening of December 19, will give us one of the most interesting and, in all likelihood, record smashing exhibitions of the winter. The list of competitors is imposing. In the 600-yard scratch event we find Harry Hillman, of the N. Y. A. C.; Harry Gissing, formerly of the Mohawk A. C., who is now running successfully unattached; Charles Bacon, the hero of the 400-meter hurdle event at the London Olympiad; Jim McEntee, of the N. Y. A. C., who recently surprised experts with his wonderful speed; "Yank" Robbins, the Boston boy, who ran the head off Lieutenant Halswelle at the 400-meter flat race in London, and last but not least Melvin Sheppard. With these men on the mark the race will be one of the greatest ever held in America, and it would not be a surprise to see Tommy Burke's long standing record of 1.11 go by the boards. In a 70-yard special race such crack sprinters as Keating, Ekman and Cloughen will meet. Keating is anxious to get back at Cloughen for the beating the flame-haired fiver handed to him in the indoor championship last week, and with such men as Jimmy Archer, of the Irish American A. C., and Reed, of the Gordon A. A., to draw them out, it would not be surprising to see the record smashed. Then there is a special 4-mile limited handicap for the distance men and two special 1-mile relays, one for athletic clubs and the other for military teams. Not the least interest is being shown in the inter-class relay, which affords some sharp rivalry. And in the individual races the classes are not forgetting the point trophy.

Don't forget to bring *her* for the dance afterwards.

It is interesting to note that the profit from the Yale game was approximately \$375. A few more such games and the A. A. will be high and dry, far out of the slough of debt.

Swimming adherents, and other students too, will be glad to hear that "Kip" Schmidt has been declared eligible.

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Student Council Tax.



NOW that the Student Council is beginning to assume that position in our collegiate community to which it is entitled by virtue of character and peculiar service, the suggestion to establish a Council Tax is timely. That such a scheme may not appear idle and whimsical, we hasten to direct your attention to a few of the great number of things to be done by the Student Council which will require the expenditure of more or less money. In the first place, there are various celebrations which should be arranged for; such as those commemorating the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington, Charter Day, and, we might add, Memorial Day. There is no reason why the Council should not be enabled to insure on these occasions the presence of men prominent in public life to deliver addresses and to add to the dignity of our exercises. It would be quite out of the question, however, to carry out this plan without some

expense, though the amount expended would, in its nature, be small.

We feel that it is no more than right to expect that the expenses of our Inter-Collegiate Debating teams should be met, not by the college authorities as in former times, but by the undergraduate body. The Council would be the logical agency of such disbursements. There is yet another way in which a council fund would come in handy. It is not altogether unprecedented for organizations representing the College to incur debts large and small. Such circumstances endanger our reputation as an institution and jeopardize our credit. If the Council were in a position to cope with these contingencies in the future by liquidating debts it would prove a source of much satisfaction.

Yet another matter—*The Microcosm*. Available capital would very greatly facilitate its publication. These are but a few of many uses to which such a fund could be put.

It is not essential that the assessment per capita should be large; indeed, it might be fixed at such a nominal figure that even a college editor could reasonably be expected to contribute. No one need have visions of involuntary bankruptcy proceedings. We have consulted the editorial purse and are of the opinion that a tax of ten cents each semester would not precipitate financial ruin. And yet such an inconsiderable amount per capita would in all probability furnish the Council with sufficient funds. There are surely one thousand students whose loyalty and college pride could be relied upon in this matter, and their dues would yield two hundred dollars a year.

Some time ago the Council resorted to a tax of two cents in order to defray the expenses of special exercises. On another occasion each delegate was taxed twenty-five cents. Such methods are as ineffective as puerile. The Student Legislature should have a permanent treasury from which to meet its necessary expenses. The creation of such a fund would enhance the importance of the Council and attract wider interest in its proceedings. We hope the Council will pass the necessary measure, and are confident that such a bill will meet with very general approval.

The plans for the Lincoln Centennial Celebration next February 12, as announced by the municipal committee, include a musical festival in our Great Hall. A chorus of one thousand voices will sing.

The Water and Gas Analysis room has been completed, and the classes working in that subject are enthusiastic over the results that they are able to obtain with the fine apparatus there installed.

An organization is being formed for the purpose of discussing social, political, economic and religious topics of the day. Students interested should report at the organization meeting to be held to-day in Room 310 at 3.00 p. m.

The lecturer in the Chemistry Building last Friday was Dr. Alois von Isakovics, president of the Synfleur Chemical Co. The subject of the lecture was "Synthetic Perfumes."

Last Saturday evening the City College Club tendered a reception to President George S. Davis and the Faculty of Normal College. As you well know, President Davis is one of our alumni.

Philip Haas, '08, has been elected president of the Junior (afternoon) Class of the N. Y. U. Law School.

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T. H. H. NEWS.

FRED S. BAILEY, Correspondent.

T. H. H., 14; C. C. N. Y. 1912, 17.

Preliminary to the C. C. N. Y.—Princeton game on Saturday night, T. H. H. went down to a close defeat before the College Freshman five. The game was loosely played throughout, T. H. H. excelling in passing. Ampolsk and Mackler did good work for the team and Kostuck played his usual steady game.

The end of the first half found Harris in the lead, 10-8. In the second half the Freshman braced and Captain Barnes (who wore a football nose guard to protect that vulnerable organ) scored two baskets. Kostuck made a splendid shot over half the floor, but it was of little avail. The end found the 1912 aggregation ahead, 17-14. Fieldman. Mueller and Kaufman played well for our opponents.

At the Fourteenth Regiment games on Saturday, the T. H. H. relay, consisting of Hyman, Waig, Von Vonnent and J. Cohen, defeated six high school teams in a special half mile relay in the splendid time of 1m. 43 3-5s. The team thus won its letters, a silver cup and silver medals. Pretty good, eh? .

Friday's Rally.

A large and enthusiastic body of students were present at the mass meeting on Friday afternoon, the Lower A, Upper B and Lower B classes being represented. A special call was made for candidates for the track team by the manager, A. Hauser and Dr. Cosenza. Medals were presented to Wright, Hajek and Richter, the first three to finish in the 220-yard dash at P. S. 6's games. A new spirit seems to have risen in T. H. H., as was shown by the attendance. May it grow, and may there more such meetings be held to help it.

Should Harris win the basketball championship again this year, the Dodge trophy will remain in our permanent possession. Keep this in mind when you attend the games.

A meeting of the Athletic Council was held on December 1. A new Letters Committee, consisting of Messrs. McClelland, A. Hauser, Nagle and Sullivan, was appointed.

A T. H. H. rifle team is in process of formation. Practice will be held with the sub-target machine in the sub-way. Candidates report to Dr. Pederson, Room 17, M. B.

W. Schmid has been elected captain of the lacrosse team for this season. Kearney, Mirick, Schenck, Waters, Soria, Hamilton and Baker are left from last year's men, so that the outlook for an excellent team is bright. Candidates report behind the Mechanical Arts Building for practice.

The Progressive Literary Society, the oldest T. H. H. literary society, is holding its meetings on Fridays in Room 12. Students interested in public speaking and debating should attend at meetings. A debate with Morris is being arranged.

It is our sad duty to announce the illness of F. P. Stelling, the football manager. Stelling is seriously ill with typhoid. In behalf of the student body, we extend to him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The English readings for this week have been given out: Upper A, Dr. Taaffe, "The Rivals"; Lower A, Prof. Horne, "Later Poems of Kipling"; Upper B, Mr. McClelland, "Nicholas Nickleby"; Lower B, Prof. Krowl, "Ballads."

The Soccer team, although it did not win a game, and stood last in the league, was considerably better than last year's representatives. With a corresponding improvement next year, we may look for a winner. The scores were all close. In no game, excepting that with Manual, were we beaten by more than five points. The scores were as follows: T. H. H., 0; Clinton, 2. T. H. H., 0; Commerce, 3. T. H. H., 1; Curtis, 3. T. H. H., 0; Commercial, 5. T. H. H., 1; Boys' High, 4. T. H. H., 0; Morris, 5. T. H. H., 1; Manual, 10.

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