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## Saturday's Assembly.



IN spite of very inclement weather, more than 300 people, nearly all teachers, gathered in the Great Hall last Saturday morning to hear President Faunce of Brown University speak on "Efficiency in Teaching."

President Faunce's address was a very thoughtful and stimulating one. After making some introductory remarks, he laid down what were, in his opinion, the four primary essentials for a good teacher: a superabundant vitality, an ability to use our English speech concisely and correctly; a wide personal experience of life; and a sympathetic ability to put oneself in the mental position of the pupil.

While speaking of these requisities, President Faunce touched on several other important educational topics. He spoke of the startling ignorance of English speech and literature displayed by many college graduates, characterizing the situation as "perhaps the gravest problem that now confronts higher education in this country." He also disapproved very strongly of what he called the soft system of education in which all teaching is done along the line of least resistance and all the hard places are smoothed over. He quoted an authority to prove that the youth of to-day has far less capacity for hard work than the youth of ten or fifteen years ago. But by far the most practical and stimulating part of President Faunce's speech was that in which he advised all teachers to attend one or more of the summer courses now being given in nearly all large institutions.

President Finley, in a brief address following President Faunce's, heartily seconded his recommendation of summer courses and expressed his opinion that it was "a pity that these great buildings, occupied during nine

months of the year by the College of the City of New York should be occupied in the summer only by the janitor and the president."

After a brief and enjoyable organ recital by Prof. Baldwin, the assembly broke up, the visitors being shown over the buildings by members of the Senior Class.

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### Change In T. H. H. Course.

Numerous topics of interest were discussed by the Faculty at its meeting last Thursday. The question of examinations was brought up and it was found that the upper classes did remarkably well in the examinations, whereas the Sophomores and Freshmen were not so successful. By far the most important business of the meeting was the recommending of the increase in the course of Townsend Harris, so as to conform to the Regents' requirements. If the Board of Trustees passes favorably on the Faculty's recommendation (and it undoubtedly will) the English course will be extended in the B and A years to four hours a week, and a larger course in drawing will also be given. These increases will enable the student to gain the 70 credits required by the Regents. Another matter regarding the Academic Department was put on the table. It was proposed to permit a student to complete the academic course in four years instead of three, thus enabling him to take fewer subjects each term.

The "Junior Prom" Committee has decided to change the date of their dance from March 27 to, in all probability, some date in May. This action was taken because the old date occurs during Lent, and this was thought objectionable. The committee intends to depart from the old methods of "running off" a Prom, and to make it surpass any affair that ever occurred at our College. To accomplish this the class of 1909 will spare no expense, and the committee promises in return to make this dance compare favorably with those of any of the large universities.

### Next Organ Recital.

Prof. Baldwin has arranged another delightful program for the third organ recital, which will be given in the Great Hall next Friday afternoon at 2.30. Prof. Baldwin's recitals are public and all are invited to attend:

The program:

Fantasia and Fugue in G minor.....	Bach
Concert Adagio in E.....	Merkel
Sonata No. 1 in D minor.....	Quilmant
The Question } .....	Wolstenholme
The Answer }	
A Twilight Picture.....	Shelley
Toccato in G.....	Dubois

Of the many activities of the College, our orchestra is undoubtedly the least known and the least appreciated. Here is a body of students and teachers who regularly devote their time and energy to further the interest of instrumental music in the College. They work without reward, their labors bringing more often criticism than the praise due them. They love their work, and therein will be the secret of their ultimate success.

Professor Baldwin has moulded his material into a better orchestra than the College has ever had, and the students should appreciate his work and that of his men by occasionally showing some interest.

The orchestra is fairly well balanced, but any student or teacher who plays the clarinet, flute or oboe would be welcomed any Friday afternoon in Room 126 with open arms.

A number of Upper Juniors petitioned Prof. Clark to give them a special course in "International Law." In consequence, Prof. Clark now has a section of about fifty Upper Juniors taking that course. These students are taking this subject in addition to the required course in economics.

### '08 Numeral Lights.

With fitting ceremony the Class of 1908 lit its numerals in the Great Hall last Friday. About three hundred people were present, but owing to the size of the hall and the large number of empty seats the audience appeared rather small. Prof. Baldwin opened the exercises with a selection on the organ, and was followed by Littwin, president of 1908, who reviewed, in a spirited address, the history and ambitions of his class. Littwin, by the way, has the honor of being the first student to speak publicly in the Great Hall. President Finley spoke next upon the aspirations of the class. Immediately following his address, Peter L. Tea lit the numerals. These are undoubtedly the most beautiful that any class of the College has ever illumined, and it will take a great amount of thought and artistic skill to surpass '08's numerals. H. M. Goldstein, the class poet, read a poem which sounded good, although we did not know what it meant. The exercises were closed with the singing of the College song.

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Through the kindness of one of his friends, President Finley has obtained for exhibition Boutet de Monvel's series of 46 paintings illustrating the life of Joan of Arc. The paintings will be hung in the instructor's library on the fifth floor, but this will be open to students during the coming month, while the pictures are on exhibition.

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Leslie J. Tompkins, an ex-assemblyman of our State, will pay us a visit Thursday afternoon, February 27. While here, he will deliver the sixth number of the course of lectures which is being conducted by the Department of Political Science. The lecture will be held at 2.30 p. m. in the Natural History Lecture Hall (Room 315).

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The Register of the College for 1907-08 is being set up into type and will be distributed to students sometime next month.

### The Swimming Meet.

With Yale for an opponent, C. C. N. Y. held her first swimming meet in the tank on St. Nicholas Terrace and incidentally the first home meet of the Inter-Collegiates.

The fact that we lost is a minor consideration after the great showing made by the team, and all loyal City College men may be justly proud of the human fish.

A great crowd was present when the first event, the 880 relay, was started. This event was won rather handily by the Yale four—Catlin, Goodhue, Moses and Richards—in 6.00  $\frac{1}{5}$ . Stern, Kohn, Morris and Corts swam for C. C. N. Y.

The fancy diving was especially interesting, and the crowd yelled its approval when Mullen was awarded first place with 126 points, Peters of Yale taking second with 122, and Mardfin, C. C. N. Y., getting the place with 117 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The 220 proved a walk-away for Capt. Schmidt, he winning in the fast time of 2.53 without having to exert himself. Goodhue of Yale was second and Hyde of Yale third.

The plunge for distance was easily won by Reidle of Yale with 61 feet. Corts, C. C. N. Y., was second, with 48.6, and Dannenberg, C. C. N. Y., third, with 45 feet.

In the fast time of 28  $\frac{2}{5}$  seconds Schmidt captured the 50-yard dash from Moses and Peters of Yale.

Captain Karl also annexed the century in 1.07 from Richards and Catlin of Yale.

Altogether Schmidt had a very profitable evening, winning 15 points for the College and playing some water-polo.

The water-polo game was very exciting, the first period of eight minutes ending with the score 2-2. In the second period, however, Yale made two more goals, while C. C. N. Y. was unable to touch the goal. Playing for City College were Larkin, Mardfin, Baum, Kohn, Schultze, Schmidt, Vos, A. Levy and De Martino.

In the course of the evening Reilly of T. H. H., the local Y. M. C. A. crack, swam an exhibition 100 in the very fast time of 1.03  $\frac{2}{5}$  seconds. Won't you please hurry into the College, Jim?

## C. C. N. Y. 26; Fordham 23.

In the most exciting game of basketball played at C. C. N. Y. since we threw such a scare into the Columbia five some months ago, City College defeated Fordham last Wednesday night by the score of 26-23.

The game was replete with brilliant and almost impossible shots, and the large crowd present seemed to enjoy the excitement. One basket, made by lanky Kaplan in the first half, was a wonder. Getting the ball in the shadow of Fordham's basket, he dribbled it to close toward the center of the floor, and with one hand from that point caged the ball. Shortly after Streusand, from the side of the court, made another wonderful one-handed shot, and just as the whistle blew ending the second half Perlman made a third beautiful basket. All the good work was not confined to us, for Fitzpatrick, of Fordham, played a remarkable game, he scoring 17 of Fordham's 23 points, Siskind getting the other 6.

Fisher, of Columbia, was referee, and without casting any aspersion on the work of Marx, who refereed previous games, we wish that all games would be as cleanly and as quickly played as the Fordham game.

In the preliminary skirmish the Freshmen, owing to their inability to shoot fouls, were beaten by Central High School of Philadelphia 24-21. The Freshmen played and passed better than Central, but they caged but one foul, while the sons of Penn caged 8.

Sedransky, Brill and Pepis played very well, Pepis showing great improvement over the Clinton game. For Central, Fritz and Dubbs played star games, the former shooting 8 fouls and 2 baskets.

The Varsity-Fordham line-up:

Fordham—Left forward, Fitzpatrick; right forward, Siskind; centre, Mahoney; right guard, Cassasa; left guard, McCafferey.

C. C. N. Y.—Left forward, Streusand; right forward, Barbanell; center, Kaplan; left guard, Heskewitz; right guard, Perlman.

The Freshman-Central High line-up:

C. H. S. of Philadelphia—Right guard, Stoll; left guard, Smith; center, Wolton; left forward, Fritz; right forward, Dubbs.

1911—Right guard, Eggert; left guard, Pepis; center, C. Soloman; left forward, Sedransky; right forward, Brill.

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C. C. N. Y. 35; Pratt 11.

In a very fast and somewhat rough basketball game the 'Varsity five last Saturday night defeated Pratt Institute rather easily. The College started off with a rush and scored several baskets before Pratt realized that the game had begun. Throughout the first half the Brooklyn boys seemed content to try to keep the score down and they succeeded fairly well, the half ending 11-4.

With an almost entirely substitute team the 'Varsity played rings around the visitors in the second half with the result that we scored almost at will. The game ended with the one-sided score of 35-11.

The entire 'Varsity squad played well.

The line-up:

C. C. N. Y.—Barbanell, Brand, right forward; Streusand, left forward; Goldman, Kaplan, center; Heskowitz, Perlman, right guard; Goldman, Spwak, Katz, Litwin, left guard.

Pratt Institute—Cole, right forward; Horton, Hutchins, left forward; Johnston, center; Livingston, Spero, right guard; Sleigh, left guard.

Final score—C. C. N. Y., 35; Pratt Institute, 11.

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In the tank of the N. Y. A. C. last Saturday night, Karl Schmitt won his preliminary heat in the 220-yard swim for the Metropolitan A. A. U. championship in 2.54 1/5. In the finals "Kip" was third, finishing behind Daniels and Reilly. The time was 2.32 3/5, equaling the world's record.

Morris won his heat in the 100-yard novice, but was unplaced in the finals.

Columbia lined up against the College at water-polo, and we lost after a stubborn struggle, 2-1. We scored first and maintained our lead throughout the first period. In the second half Columbia scored twice, the last goal being somewhat questionable. We made a splendid showing considering how much we were outweighed.

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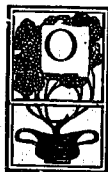
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## "Checks"



ON the first day of last week, on making our accustomed mid-day peregrination to the subterranean lunch-room (where anything from a gingersnap up to a cup of coffee may be had), what was our surprise to behold a turbulent crowd of students surging about a little counter near the door. After making various surmises as to the cause of the riot, we finally had the situation explained to us by an obliging young lady behind one of the other counters.

The management of the lunch-room, in its wisdom (and its desire to keep a check upon its employees) has instituted a "system" whereby, before you can get anything, you must buy "checks" to the required amount at the little counter in the corner; these "checks" are the sole and only legal tender of the realm. In other words, all who wish to make any purchase, however small, in the lunch-room must first be waited on at one counter and by only one employee. The delay and inconvenience caused by this system are too obvious to require comment. It was hard enough before to get any satisfactory lunch in the brief time allowed. Now such a thing is little short of impossible.

Of course, the management of the lunch-room is not to blame for trying to protect itself in this manner, but at the same time the convenience of the student-body must be the prime consideration. The only advantage



that the lunch-room downstairs has over the numerous lunch-rooms on Amsterdam avenue is the time saved in getting to it. If now that saving is to be nullified by the loss of time incidental to getting one's check, then the lunch-room downstairs has no justification and is merely taking up space that could be used to better advantage otherwise.

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### Our College Song

THE exercises attending the lighting of the '08 numerals last Friday were undoubtedly among the most enjoyable and satisfactory that have been held in the College for some time. But they were more than a little marred by the concluding number—the singing of the College song by the student-body. It was fortunate that the tone of the organ was rather loud, so that, in a measure, it drowned the singing of the students. Accordingly what few visitors there were probably did not detect the fact that not more than 50 per cent. of the students knew the words of the song.

We have heard many criticisms of the song, especially of the music; but, nevertheless, at the present time it is virtually the only song we have. It is therefore needless to dilate upon the obligation that is imposed on each student to know the words of the song. They can be found in the Y. M. C. A. memo bok issued last term. Let us all try to avoid a repetition of such a ragged performance as that of last Friday.

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### Instructor's Grill Room.

No more will the student have a chance to meet his teacher over a friendly "hot dog" at lunch time, for last Monday the Instructors' Grill Room upon the fifth floor was opened. All necessary arrangements for the event were made by the House Committee, of which Prof. Legras is chairman, and Prof. Reynolds, secretary. The grill room will be open from 1 to 3. The Codington Company has the concession.

## T. H. H. News.

Richard Toeplitz, T. H. H. Editor.

### Upper A Graduation.

ON Monday evening, February 10, the closing exercises of the Upper A Class were held. It is not going too far to say that the excellent manner in which they were arranged and carried out is beyond praise. It is useless to try to pick the best portion of the program, for each was so good that it is impossible to discriminate in favor of one or the other. Selections in Latin, Greek, German, French and English were given, and, contrary to what was expected, proved to be among the most enjoyable features of the evening. There were also a number of musical selections very creditably performed on the piano, violin, and cornet. Professor Werner presided and addresses were made by President Finley, Professor Sim and Class President Borookov. The excellent performance of the orchestra, under the direction of Professor Baldwin, also contributed materially towards the success of the occasion. A feature of the evening was the presentation of a picture of Townsend Harris, a most tactful and appropriate gift. The portrait has been accorded a prominent position above the platform. Very great credit is due to the participants, the managing committee and, not least, to Dr. Taaffe, for the most enjoyable and successful closing exercises T. H. H. has yet seen.

Le Cercle Français du Cours Académic, though it is perhaps not generally known, is one of the most enterprising and active of T. H. H. societies. It meets every Thursday afternoon in Room 116, T. H. H. All students interested in French and their French work are strongly advised to look up this excellent society.

At a recent meeting of the Academic Literary Society, the oldest in T. H. H., the following officers were elected: President, Richard Toeplitz; vice-president, Theo. Siegel; secretary, J. Kantor; treasurer, M. Schlesinger; editor, Carl Schloss; librarian, M. Schwartz; sergeant-at-arms, A. M. Hess.

Examination times have worked havoc in other schools before this, but such ruin as has been worked in T. H. H. at the recent mid-years have seldom, if ever, been paralleled. Every man that failed, instead of being allowed to repeat the course, as formerly, was simply dropped. Result—all the Tuff Nutts out of school and the entire basketball team and substitutes debarred from playing.

At last, after three years, lockers are being assigned to the men in T. H. H. By this time all the classes will have received their lockers, and the most ancient and loudest kick of T. H. H. men will have been satisfied.

About 500 new men have been admitted to the Lower C class, divided about equally between Twenty-third Street and Townsend Harris Hall. About 1,000 applied for admission. As a result of the examinations, 22 men have been dropped from Upper C and 115 from Lower C.

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### T. H. H. 17; Morris 8.

Surprises will happen. And it was indeed a surprise when T. H. H., with a crippled team, beat Morris. It was our everlasting good fortune that Levy and Mendelsohn were allowed to play. It was a poorly played game throughout, but in the first half it was nip and tuck, the score being 8-4 in favor of T. H. H. The second half was more favorable, T. H. H. scoring eleven points to Morris' three.

The line-up:

T. H. H.—Left forward, Ampolsk; right forward, Notarius; center, Mendelsohn; left guard, Levy (captain); right guard, Fried.

Morris—Left forward, Lord; right forward, Nixon (captain); center, Van Valkenberg; left guard, Eustis; right guard, Bardo.

Goals from field—Ampolsk (3), Mendelsohn (2), Levy (2), Lord, Van Valkenberg.

Goals from foul—Lord (4), Levy (3).

Referee—Mr. Harper, P. S. A. L.

Time of halves—Fifteen minutes.

Mr. Samuel Heckman, Ph.D., who is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, has been transferred from the German department to the Department of Education.

This year we will not have our younger brothers rubbing elbows with us in the halls. All the Lower A students will remain in Townsend Harris Hall.

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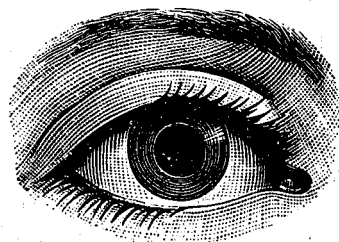
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