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City College Club Meeting



LAST Saturday night the City College Club held its regular business meeting at the club house, 208 West 59th street. The important business of the evening was the election of officers. After the nomination committee had given its report and same had been accepted, Professor Werner, president of the club, announced that the new officers were as follows:

President, Joseph S. Wood, '61; vice-president, Fred. Hobart, '61; second vice-president, A. H. Mann, '77; treasurer, John Weldon, '61; secretary, John Lieberman, '97; historian, John Hardy, '53.

Professors Adolf A. Werner and Lewis F. Mott are members of the Board of Managers.

President Wood, on taking the chair, spoke of the external beauty of our new buildings and expressed the hope that the quality of the beauty within would be as fine. He sounded the keynote of the evening's discussion, namely, the surprising number of graduates who were not members of the club. Out of two thousand graduates some one hundred and fifty were members. Many spoke along the same line and suggested various methods of increasing the membership. J. Welden, '61, emphasized the fact that a man did not have to be a graduate to become eligible to membership. Those who passed their Sophomore year upon the graduation of their class are eligible to membership.

James K. Hackett, an enthusiastic member of the club, suggested that circular letters be sent to graduating classes and he even thought it advisable to lower the annual dues.

Several committees were appointed to consider the matter of the consolidation of the city colleges.

1908 Class Play

Great indeed is the ambition of the Class of 1908 to make their class play not only a success, but a real departure from the ordinary run of productions of the foregoing classes. This year's show is not to be merely a mixed-up hodgepodge burlesque of the profs and college life, but a musical comedy with a plot. Messrs. Liebman and Geduldig have written the libretto and lyrics, while Mr. Geduldig also composed the music. There will be some forty in the cast and very few thinking parts. About twenty songs will be rendered. It is practically certain that the play will be given either in the Carnegie or Berkeley Lyceums. There is only one drawback, and that is the lack of chorus girls and soubrettes. The committee will welcome with open arms all seniors who can be either of these.

Adelphian Literary Society

The Adelphian Literary Society held a sort of informal reunion last Friday evening to celebrate its fourth anniversary. The whole meeting, with the exception of a history of the society by Mr. Rapp, and an impromptu debate, was given up to the members who have left either through leaving college or graduation into the Junior Class. The old members related many reminiscences of the society's past, and if it had not been for the janitor's rather forcible reminder that it was time to go home there is no telling when the meeting would have broken up.

Our library is at last beginning to materialize. Mr. Bliss now has almost all the books recatalogued. Prof. Herbermann insisted upon this, in order that we may have an up-to-date catalogue and that he himself may know exactly what books he has. In the cases in the reading-room (which is on the main floor) will be kept all our very expensive books and also the periodicals. On the floor below will be kept the other books.

Lecture by Prof. Herbermann

An open meeting of the Newman Club was held on March 20th, and largely attended. Mr. Coleman, honorary president of the club, introduced Professor Herbermann, the speaker of the evening, and led up to the subject of the Middle Ages by speaking of the importance to the modern world of the recovered knowledge of this wonderful period. Professor Herbermann began by defining the limits of the period. He next described the state of decadence into which the ancient civilization had fallen by 476, the date at which the Middle Ages are most commonly said to begin. Next he discussed the question in what sense the Middle Ages might be said to be "Dark Ages," showing how vast an improvement they were over the days of infanticide, slavery and debauchery which preceded them, showing that the Church is not to be held responsible for either all the virtues or all the defects of the time. He named among the advantages traceable directly to church influence the spread of both agriculture and mental culture under the influence of the monks; the beginning of peace through the institution of the "truce of God," the holding in check of Mohammedan invasion, which continually threatened Christian and European civilization. The rise of universities, the building of the magnificent cathedrals, the foundations laid for many of the most important and supposedly characteristic features of our modern life. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Redmond and carried with enthusiasm.



Under the new plan of advancement by subject, the collection and distribution of text-books have become much more difficult problems. A modification of the old plan under which distribution was made by section has been necessary. The preparation of the new machinery for this purpose has been given into the hands of Mr. Daly, of the Department of Mathematics, who spent a good part of last summer's vacation in superintending the preparation of the books in the Academic Department for this year.

Student Council

At a meeting of the Student Council held on Tuesday, March 17th, the following officers were elected: President, M. F. Littwin, '08; vice-president, A. J. Silberstein, '09; secretary, M. Schneiderman, '10 (June). It is interesting to note that the president and vice-president are also presidents of their respective classes. At a second meeting held on Thursday, it was decided that the council should hold a regular meeting every other week on Monday at 2.30 p. m.

On April 9, at Hotel Astor, a dinner will be tendered to Dr. Harvey W. Wiley. This dinner is to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the doctor's connection as chemist in the Department of Agriculture of the United States. To Prof. Baskerville was given the honor of being chairman of the committee which arranged this dinner.

Through the kindness of Mr. Kley who, by the way, is a graduate of our College, the Political Science Department has been able to give the students of the College tickets for "The Civic Forum" free of charge.

As stated in one of our previous issues, ex-Mayor Seth Low was to have lectured to us last Thursday, March 18. Mr. Low, however, did not appear because he was unexpectedly detained at Washington. He will speak to us later, although at present the date is not determined.

Editor Campus.

Could you kindly tell me in the Campus when the college songs are due and when the prize will be given?

Respectfully,

A _____

The College songs should be handed to Mr. Stodola in the president's office on or before April 20. This date has been selected so that the song chosen may be used at the dedication exercises on May 14. When the prize will be awarded has not been decided.

C. C. N. Y. 18; Harvard, 35

Saturday night the swimming team was defeated by the aggregation from Harvard by the score of 35 to 18. Harvard had practically a "one-man" team. During the evening there could be heard from our rooters the oft-repeated expression, "If Schmitt were only swimming," and we agree with them, for a different score would certainly have resulted.

Summaries:

Relay Race (800 feet, two lengths for each man)—Won by Harvard, with Manheimer, Hoyt, Aspinwall and Withington. C. C. N. Y., with Stern, Becker, Larkin and Thomson. Time, 3 min. 6 sec.

Plunge for Distance—Won by Hill, Harvard, with 53 feet 6 inches; A. Cohen, C. C. N. Y., second, with 50 feet 6 inches; Schulz, C. C. N. Y., third, with 45 ft. 6 inches.

100-yard Swim (three lengths)—Won by Withington, Harvard; Hoyt, Harvard, second; Stern, C. C. N. Y., third. Time, 1 min. 3 sec.

Fancy Diving Contest—Won by Mullen, C. C. N. Y., with 228 points; Mardfin, C. C. N. Y., second, with 170 points; Butt, Harvard, third, with 166 points.

220-yard Swim (six and a half lengths)—Won by Withington, Harvard; Stern, C. C. N. Y., second; Becker, C. C. N. Y., third. Time, 2 min. 53 2-5 sec.

50-yard Swim (one and a half lengths)—Won by Withington, Harvard; Aspinwall, Harvard, second; R. Cohn, C. C. N. Y., third. Time, 27 2-5 sec.

In the 220-yard exhibition swim between Kip Schmidt and Manley of the N. Y. A. C. our favorite won handily in the good time of 2 min. 52 1-5 sec.

In the water polo game that followed in an extra period of play our team working splendidly wrested victory from the visitors by the score of 2 to 1.

On June 18th President Finley will deliver the commencement address at the University of Michigan. Over five hundred degrees, will be conferred on that day upon students in the various departments of the University.

A. A. Amendments

Last Wednesday, as announced, the open meeting of the Athletic Association took place in the Great Hall. There were but few members present. Next Friday all members of the A. A. who are paid up through February may vote on the following amendments which were proposed:

Managers must submit schedule to both the Executive Board and the Faculty Committee for approval.

Certain new powers to be given to the property man. The Freshman teams should be supported by the A. A. Dues should be paid in advance each term.

An insignia committee composed of 5 A. A. members to allot letters under certain conditions.

- (a) Varsity letters to be given in the five major sports: basketball, baseball, track, swimming and lacrosse.
- (b) Teams must win 50 per cent. of the games played and on the swimming and track teams a man must make 7 points.

Many of the sections of the lower Junior class have formed baseball teams, and intense rivalry already exists among them. Oppenheim, manager of Section 1's team, and Rosenblum, manager of the nine of Section 4, are hard at work arranging their schedules, and will be glad to receive challenges.

With the coming of spring the lacrosse enthusiasts are turning out for practice. We ought to have a good team this year from the spirit and playing shown. Do you own a stick? Then get busy and report to the coach.

An interclass basketball tournament has been arranged and great enthusiasm is being aroused, as the teams to be turned out will almost equal in strength that of our 'varsity five. The games are to take place in the early part of April.

Don't forget the first baseball game this Friday afternoon with Teachers' Training School on Jasper Oval.

Strength Test

The strength test is to take place in the gymnasium on April 2, 3 and 4, from 1 to 2.30. Up to the present only 13 men, one Senior, seven Juniors, one Sophomore and four Freshmen, have registered for this annual event. It is to be regretted that so little interest is being taken in a function which ought to be hotly contested since there are enough good men in the College to bring forth strong competitors. As the entries are still open let those who would care to know their strength come out and try for a place.

Dr. Woll judged the intercollegiate gymnastic meet between Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania last Wednesday night. He has also been invited to judge the intercollegiate championship gymnastic meet at Princeton. He is to give a course in the Columbia Summer School of Physical Education.

There are 1400 students taking prescribed work in physical education. Three thousand men are in regular attendance at the gym, showing that it is being worked to its capacity.

After final adjustment of the results of the track meet the places are '08, first; '09, second, '11, third. In the broad jump '09 took second place.

Regular outdoor practice of the track team began Monday in preparation for the different events which are to take place. On May 2 we meet Pratt, and on the 16th, Rutgers. A relay team is also to be sent to the University of Pennsylvania games.

In a short time, the work of improving the grounds about the College buildings will be completed. The Board of Aldermen and the Mayor have permitted the contractors to start work on the arches which are to span Convent avenue at 138th and 140th street. Convent avenue will not, however, be closed, but will remain a thoroughfare.

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An Appeal



N appeal is made through these columns for a help of which one of our graduates is sadly in need. Mr. Samuel Elkin, of the Class of 1901, became a teacher when he left college, but was obliged to resign his position, as a blindness which had been growing upon him steadily became too acute. He tried to support himself and those dependent on him by delivering newspapers in the early morning. But the difficulty in reading names on the letter-boxes, with the consequent loss of trade, and the aggravation of his malady under his daily exposure to all kinds of weather, compelled him to find other work. He is struggling along now on the commissions he gets for ordering magazines and books.

The object of this notice is to ask our teachers and students to give him their aid. Instead of subscribing for periodicals or buying books through the regular channels, they can place their orders without the least additional expense through Mr. Elkin, and can ask their friends to do the same kindness. Orders may be sent to his address, 60 E. 119th street, or to Dr. Neu-

mann, Room 111, Townsend Harris Hall, who will in either case assume the necessary responsibility.

Besides, there is another way in which to be of great help. Deprived of his sight, Mr. Elkin is shut out almost entirely from the chief joy of his student-nature—the reading of books. Is it not possible for some of our young men who live in his neighborhood to give an hour of their spare time to reading aloud for him? Let a few fellows do this regularly and his life will be less painful than it is now.

This appeal, we are confident, must meet a generous response. If it is right to give of our own gifts in all cases where we can, surely it is most fitting to do so here in the case of one who claims kinship with us as a son of the College, whose noblest teaching is its insistence on the duty of helpful service.

Our organ recitals have been so well attended that Professor Baldwin has decided to give a recital every Sunday instead of every other Sunday.

It has been finally decided that the Lower Juniors are to have their personal histories in the *Microcosm* this year.

Prof. Dielman will deliver an informal talk on "Art and Instruction in Art" at the dinner of the C. C. N. Y. Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity, which will be held on March 30th.

The annual dinner of the Class of 1909 will be honored by the presence of President Finley, and the two honorary members of the class, Professor Clark and Dr. Guthrie.

The English Club will hold its next meeting on April 27. The time and place of meeting has not been announced.

It is probable that a relay team will be sent to the Intercollegiate meet at Philadelphia next month.

T. H. H. News.

Richard Toeplitz. T. H. H. Editor.

T. H. H. Victorious

The Clinton-Stuyvesant protest has not been allowed and the trophy is ours for a second year. Our chances looked rather slim before, and after the Clinton game, but "Every cloud has a silver lining." The ones to whom we owe the trophy most directly are Levy, Mendelsohn, Spanier and Prybil. The team has done wonderful work, and it cannot be praised too highly. We must not omit Schiffman, Ampolsk, Notarius and Doolley, who bore by no means the least share of the work in winning the trophy. And amid the general rejoicing let's not forget Manager Grant and Coaches Baum, Meade and Panaroni.

Hajeck, Tolmack and Bogan of the track team have been awarded their letters.

It is now clear that the Manual game was forfeited, not on account of an unsportsmanlike endeavor to prevent Clinton from winning the trophy or on account of fear of defeat, but because of their inability to secure an instructor to accompany them over, which is necessary according to the P. S. A. L. rules.

The T. H. H. chess team went down to defeat before the strong Clinton team by a score of $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$. Our team was composed of Frankel, Bidderman, Warburton and Rosenstein. We shall play, shortly, a return match.

The following basketball men were awarded their letters: Levy, Mendelsohn, Spanier, Prybil and Grant.

On March 14, at the Fourteenth Regiment games, our 120-pound relay compelled the Clinton relay to beat their own record by three seconds. We ran second five yards behind and broke the record by one second.

Baseball Schedule

- April 4—Hamilton Grange.
- “ 8—C. C. N. Y. Freshmen.
- “ 11—*East Orange H. S.
- “ 15—*Manhattan Prep.
- “ 18—*Manual Training H. S.
- “ 22—*Poly Prep.
- “ 25—Commerce.
- “ 29—St. Francis Xavier.
- May 2—Stuyvesant H. S.
- “ 6—Hackensack H. S.
- “ 9—De Witt Clinton H. S.
- “ 13—New Rochelle H. S.
- “ 16—Boys' High School.
- “ 20—T. H. H. Faculty.
- “ 23—*Morris H. S.
- “ 27—Mt. Vernon H. S.
- “ 30—Eastern District H. S.
- June 3—St. John's Prep.
- “ 6—*Commercial H. S.

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No Novice Games

It was decided at the last meeting of the supervising committee of the P. S. A. L. that this year there should be no novice games for high schools. Instead four novice events will be introduced in the regular high school championship meet, the date of which has been set for May 23, at the Columbia Oval, Williamsbridge. T. H. H. will enter a team.

Samuels, the well-known Clinton athlete, died at the Mount Sinai Hospital on Wednesday night. His death will be deeply regretted by all who knew him.

The Spalding baseball has been adopted as the official T. H. H. ball.

Two delegates have been elected from each Upper A section in order to perfect the class organization.

President Finley has been elected a member of the National Institute of Arts and Sciences.

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1908 Committees

Mr. Littwin, president of '08, has appointed the following committees:

Baccalaureate Committee—Rakowitz (chairman), Adlerblum, Haley, Donovan, O. Mahoney, Rich, Popper.

Commencement Committee—Finkelstein (chairman), McAllister, Rosenberg, Brosseau, Greenfield, M. Lipshitz, H. Cohn, Philip, Shindler, Piller, Cannold, Westphal.

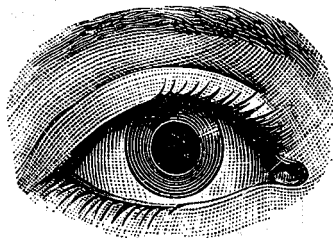
Banquet Committee—Kellog (chairman), Mullin, H. King, A. Cohn, J. Cohn, Gottesman, Mardfin, Corts.

Photograph Committee—Herzberger (chairman), Stone, B. Lipshitz, Friedman, Hausen, Berg, Shapira, Kaplan.

Reunion Committee—Shaffer (chairman), Seidler, Ravich, Shimmel, Wirth, L. King, Weiss, Linton, Salwen, Goldsberg, Fleischer, Scoppa.

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Clio Elections

On Friday, March 20, Clio held the first meeting in some time. Friday was the traditional night for the election of officers of that society. After the initiation of Messrs. Robinson, '09; Lindenbaum, '09; Oppenheim, '10, the election took place. The results were as follows: M. Littwin, '08, president; L. Jacobs, '09, vice-president; L. Spivak, '09, recording secretary; M. Barach, '09, librarian; G. Cohen, '09, editor. Character committee for 1908, Mr. Bleier; for 1909, Robinson; for 1910, Mr. Landesman; for 1911, S. Weinreb.



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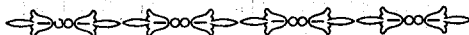
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