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The Outlook for Exam. Exemption.

At last Friday's meeting of the Student Council, S. B. Applebaum, 10, reported for the committee appointed to consider the desirability of requesting the Faculty to exempt from final examinations in a given subject those students who had acquired a term average of over 80 per cent. in that subject. It seems that while such exemption would be advisable in some subjects, such as the languages and the "arts" subjects in general, it would not be wise in the case of scientific studies. In the sciences a thorough-going review, such as is provided by preparation for examinations, is necessary for complete understanding. The committee recommended, therefore, that each individual department be given the power to decide for itself upon the question of exemption. The Council authorized its committee to draw up resolutions to be submitted to the Faculty requesting such departmental option.

Council Committees Render Reports.

The Student Council met last Friday evening in Professor Le Gras' Room. There were many committee reports. "The root of the trouble in the library is to be found in the lack of sufficient library assistants," reported the investigating committee, "and these will be provided for in next year's college budget." The book room committee reported that certain of the changes in the method of distributing books advocated by it would be carried out next term.

The lunch room committee submitted a written report containing a list of its findings and recommendations, which include a plan for the different arrangement of the counters and tables in the lunch room. The Council approved the committee's report and authorized it to work for the enactment of its recommendations.

Topic of the Sorbonne Lectures.

The topic of President Finley's lectures to be delivered at the Sorbonne in September will be "The Development of the West Where the French Were Pioneers." When the course of twenty lectures at Paris is completed, President Finley will visit a number of the Provincial universities, where he will repeat some of his

General College Fund.

A committee of the Student Council has been appointed, by virtue of a motion passed at last week's meeting, to consider and report upon the feasibility of establishing a general college fund, the need for which was outlined in last week's issue of the CAMPUS. It is felt that such a fund would tend to instill a sincere devotion to the college on the part of the students. For, a voluntary contribution for the general good of the College is an evidence of a much warmer sentiment than a contribution given as the result of an emphatic request for the support of some specific activity.

Details of State Examinations.

The results of the Regents' examination in Advanced Algebra taken by our T. H. H. students for the first time this January, have just been received from Albany. They show that an extraordinary record has been made. Of the 116 students who took the examination, 114 passed. Six students-Arthur Caldwell, Solomon Kantor, Benjamin A. Nussbaum, Isidor Smith, Emile Schwab and Thomas Spector-were marked 100 per cent, and almost thirty-five per cent of the total number received ninety or over, while only thirteen per cent were marked less than seventy. The marks of the state were, in general, higher than those of the college-one notable exception being the case of Nathan Schulman who was rated 100 by the college and ninety-nine by the state board. The showing is especially noteworthy, in view of the fact that the T. H. H. course in Algebra is shorter by one half year than that in other high schools.

Evening Students at Trustee Meeting.

The Board of Trustees met at the College on the evening of April 5th and took advantage of the opportunity afforded of visiting the Evening Session classes. The Evening Session students, on the other hand, also made the best of a good opportunity by sending a delegate to wait on the trustees and request in person the few things that they have been asking since last Fall. These are the use of the gymnasium on Saturday afternoons, the use of the swimming pool at nights, and the use of the library each evening.

An Early Prize Speaking.

Acting upon the request of Professor Palmer, the Board of Trustees have changed the date of the prize speaking contest, from its usual time during Commencement Week to the second Friday in May. By placing the event without the pale of competition with other commencement functions, it is expected that the faculty and students will take a greater interest in the contest than heretofore. The earlier date will also prevent the examinations from interfering with the preparation of the speakers.

The prize-speaking trial contests are being held this week.

Poor Observers.

That the perceptive ability of our students is sadly deficient, has been brought out by several experiments, recently conducted by Dr. Woolston on his class in Criminology. What bad sleuths, our students of crime would make was shown conclusively by the following test:—A lecturer told a story with the aid of pictures while he openly employed his left hand to do various tricks. At the end of the lecture, when the class was asked to describe what had been done, they all stared in blank amazement. Not one, of Dr. Woolston's entire class, had been sufficiently alert to detect the activity of the speaker's left arm.

The City College Club enjoyed the privilege of hearing Prof. William J. McGuckin, '69 talk about the government of Germany since 1870.

Professor Saurel is the author of two pamphlets on thermodynamics, recently reprinted from the Physical Review for March. One of his articles is a new derivation of "Wien's Displacement Law" and the other proves some new facts about "Black Radiation."

Dr. White of our Department of Education, visited a Talmudical academy last Sunday which has in its "faculty" of English, M. Jacobs, '10, B. Epstein, '10, D. I. Gelfand, '10 and I. Jacobs, '11. At the close of the recitations, Dr. White favored the aforesaid student pedagogues with his presence at a supper held in his

A Bit of Comfort.

Student census enumerators, who are absent from their recitations, will not be debarred from taking their examinations, if they submit the excuse of federal service. The Faculty made this decision at its meeting last week. Marks will, however, be deducted for all absences, the faculty refusing to grant immunity to the

The National Society of French Teachers held competitive examinations in a number of high schools and colleges last Thursday. The society offered a medal to all students now completing their third year in French, for the best translation into English of a selection from Buffon, a translation into French of part of one of Lincoln's speeches and an original French composition. Mr. Felix Weill, who is chairman of the committee in charge of the competition, has received examination papers from all parts of the country. The result of the contest, in which many of our T. H. H. students took part, will be published in the May number of the Bulletin of the Society of French Teachers.

ATHLETICS.

N. Y. V. 9-C. C. N. Y. 3.

Last Wednesday afternoon, our nine was defeated by the fast New York University team. As the weather was very chilly, the game was long drawn out and replete with errors. Brown and Polley were on the slab for us, and Griffin and Lapades for N. Y. U. Next Wednesday our team plays Steven's Institute at Heboken. Score by innings:

C. C. N. Y. 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 3 N. Y. U. 3 0 3 0 2 1 0 0 *-9

C. C. N. Y., '13, 8-Manhattan Reserves 7.

In a close and well-played game the Freshman ball team, under the leadership of Captain Ellner, defeated the strong Manhattan Reserve nine last Saturday. An encouraging feature of the game, besides the excellent twirling of Mullen, was the opportune hitting of our youngsters, no less than seven of their runs being driven in through timely bat-work. The game was called in the sixth inning to enable the Manhattan 'Varsity to play. The score:

Batteries—Manhattan, Brophy and Maher; C. C. N. Y., 13, Rapaport, Mullen and Davis.

Inter-Fraternity Baseball.

All Inter-Fraternity baseball games for April have been postponed until May on account of census interference. This gives the team more time to practice and livelier games can be expected. The last game between Delta Kappa Epsilon and Phi Sigma Kappa resulted in a victory for the latter, score being 13 to 10. The batteries were Delta Kappa Epsilon—Borden and Bull, and Phi Sigma Kappa—Wheat and Miller.

Tennis.

The C. C. N. Y. squad is practising diligently at Harry's court. Although Pike is declared ineligible, from the available material a fast team will be formed. The first game will take place next Saturday when the team plays Pratt Institute.

Inter-class Meet.

The track meet, which took place last Saturday night in the gym, was in every way a huge success. At the events were run off smoothly, and very little controlen was caused by the crowd of enthusiastic spectators. Although many races were exciting and the occasion of considerable anxiety among certain hopeful parents the medley relay, captured by the 1912 quartet, was perhaps the most interesting event of the evening. The meet was won by 1912 with a total of 28 points: 1911 second, with 27 points; 1913 third, 17 points; 1914 fourth, 4 points. Summaries:

300 yard novice—First heat won by Fensterblau, 12; second, Perlstein, 11; time 40 seconds. Second heatwon by Hahn, '12; second, Gordon, '11; time 40 1-5 Third heat won by Frank, '12; second Broeder, '13; time 40 4-5 seconds. Final-won by Fensterblau, '12; second Frank, '12; third Broeder, '13; fourth Hahn, 12; time 40 seconds.

220 yard handicap for T. H. H. First heat-won by Turchin, scratch; time 25 2-5 seconds. Second heat won by Bateman, 3 yards; time 25 4-5 seconds. Third heat won by Levine, 5 yards; time 25 4-5 seconds. Fourth heat—won by Weg, 3 yards; time 25 seconds. Final heat—won by Weg, 3 yards; second Levine, 5 yards; third Turchin, scratch; time 24 5-5 seconds.

I mile handicap-Won by Richard, '12, scratch; second Goldstein, '11, 80 yards; third Siebern, '13, 80 yards; fourth Frankel, '12, 40 yards; time 5 minutes

600 yard handicap—Won by Sullivan, 13, 30 yards; second Passhoff, '11, 15 yards; third Groggin, '11, scratch; fourth Frendel, '13, 30 yards.

12-pound shot-put handicap—Won by Reckersches, 11, 4-foot handicap, 37 feet; second Rosalsky, '11, 5foot handicap, 35 feet 4 inches; third Polley, '11, 4-foot handicap, 33 feet 2 inches; fourth Lieboff, '12, 5 foot handicap, 32 feet 8 inches.

Inter-class medley relay, 25 laps-Won by 1911 (Groggan, Passhoff, Bishoff, Messinger); second 1912 T. Dolan, J. Dolan, Reichard, Teigus); third 1913 (Siegel, Sullivan, Bogen, Nagelburg.) Time 6 minutes

40 yard handicap—First heat won by Teigus '12. Time 4 4/5 seconds. Second heat won by Bogen, '13, scratch. Time 4 3/5 seconds. Third heat won by Broeder, '13, 7 feet. Time 4 4/5 seconds. Fourth heat won by Kieran, '12, 7 feet. Time 4 4/5 seconds.—Semi Final—1st heat won by Bogen. Second—Kahn. Time 4 3/5 seconds. Second heat won by Broeder, Second—Kieran. Time 4 4/5 seconds. Final heat won by Kahn '12. Second—Bogen, '13. Third—Broeder, '13. Fourth—Kiernan, '12. Time 4 1/5 seconds.

High jump handicap—Tie for first place between Quinn '12, 5 in. and Havender '14, 5 in.—actual jump 5 ft. 1 in. Third, Perlman '12, 5 in. with an actual jump of 5 ft. Fourth, Janes '12, 5 in.—actual jump 4 ft. 9 in.

Interclass Basketball.

In order to vary the program of the interclass track meet a game of basketball was introduced. The 1912 team, playing four 'varsity men, trounced our fast Freshman quintet to the tune of 30 to 14. From start to finish the game was lively. At times it looked as if the Freshies would take the lead, but 1912, at these crucial moments, tightened up and shattered the hopes of their opponents. The feature of the match was Kaufman's shooting from the field—he caged 6 goals.

Field goals—Kaufman (6), Mueller (3), Breslau, (2), Ellner (2), Goodman (2), Kaplan (1) and Friedman (1). Fouls—Ellner (6), Friedman (4)

1912. Line-Up.	1913
Kaufman Right toward	Ellner
Right guard	Maglelon
Wineller Center	Coodman
Dresiau Left toward	Penis
Kaplan Left guard	Friedman

In the Hamilton games our relay was defeated by Pratt Institute in the one mile match relay race.

The contributions by the faculty and students for sending our team to Philadelphia have reached the dosired sum of \$30.00. The team is now sure to ge. Good luck to it.

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Babes and Baseball.

HE hordes of nurse maids and baby carriages that crowd our beautiful campus in numbers that increase daily with the warmth of the weather have been compared to the beggars that used to infest the grand old cathedrals of Europe during the Middle

Ages. That our campus is not peculiar, however, in the attraction which it has for children and governesses is brought out by a dispatch from Providence which relates how perplexing the problem of breaking the "baby blockade" is to Pres. William H. P. Faunce of Brown University. He has made public a plaintive statement which sets forth the situation as

"The authorities at Brown University have been perplexed about the situation created by the presence of little children and their nurses on the Brown campus. Several times recently the approach to the John Carter Brown library has been barricaded by a line of baby carriages which only the boldest man would attempt to break through. As the students go to recitations, they are compelled to avoid small boys on bicycles, who monopolize the path. If the students play ball there is imminent danger of striking the heads of inquisitive youngsters.

The conditions here at our college are much the same as described by President Faunce. We agree that some recreation ground other than our campus should be provided for children and nurses. But as to the chance of being struck by ball players, we would prefer to do away with the persons causing the danger rather than with those placed in jeopardy. This is especially the case in view of the fact that a baseball is no respecter of persons and can strike those that have more justification for their presence on the campus than the controversial babes.

Why students should insist upon playing ball on the campus when Jasper Field and a number of vacant lots adjoin our college buildings, we cannot understand. The beautiful lawns and the shrubs now being planted on the campus will doubtlessly be spoiled if ball playing be allowed to continue on the college grounds. We trust, however, that the students will respect the beauty of the gardening and will take the trouble to walk a few steps to a vacant lot or to Jasper Field whenever they are inclined to play ball.

Teachers of the Classics.

The Classical Association of the Atlantic States will hold its fourth annual meeting at our College this Friday and Saturday. The convention will open on Friday at 2.30 P. M. when President Finley will deliver an address of welcome. Among the papers to be read will be one by Dr. Barclay W. Bradley of our Latin Department, who is to make a plea for the "Reform of Secondary and Collegiate Instruction of Latin and Greek." On Saturday afternoon the College will tender a luncheon to the members of the Association and to the visitors. Professor Burke is devoting much of his time in arranging for the convention.

A College Hymn.

A new hymn, "In God We Trust," has been printed by the College and will be sung by our students in the Great Hall at our weekly assemblies. The words and music were both written by Joseph B. Gilder, the brother of the late Richard Watson Gilder.

Next Monday's Lecture.

The first lecture in the series to be delivered at our College by Mr. Norman Hapgood, editor of Collier's Weekly, will be given next Monday afternoon on the topic "The Present Industrial Era." Succeeding lectures are: "The Ethics of Employment," on May 2nd; "The Ethics of Labor," on May 9th; "The Ethics of Production," on May 16th, and "The Ethics of Distribution,"

1911 Banquet.

On the evening of May 1st, the long delayed banquet of the Class of '11 will be held at Lexington Hall, Harlem. The attendance bids fair to be very large, for the cost has been brought within the means of all. The committee in charge has already completed arrangements and all classmen are requested to pay their deposits of fifty cents immediately. The members of the committee can be found in the '11 Alcove any afternoon from 1 to 1:22 P. M.

Among the numbers of to-day's Organ Recital, are several pieces from Tannhaeuser including the Pilgrim's Chorus and Elizabeth's Prayer. Bach's Air in D, Kreb's Concert Fugue and Frank's Piece Symphonique will also be

The Choral Society and the College Orchestra will give a public concert on May 18th or thereabout.

The members of the Freshman Class were received by their Faculty Advisors in the General Webb Room yesterday afternoon.

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Society Notes.

Last Wednesday evening Mr. Felix Weill, spoke before the Menorah Society on "The Jew in France." As an introduction to a course on "The Bible in the Light of Modern Thought," Dr. M. Kaplan, of the Jewish Theological Seminary, delivered an interesting philosophical talk on the "Historic Interpretation of the Bible." Dr. Kaplan emphasized the need for religious education.

The Adelphians are diligently preparing for an open meeting to be given during the early part of May. Last Friday's program consisted of a paper on the passing of the "divine right" idea, and a reading from Villon's poetry. Freshmen and Sophomores are cordially invited to become members.

The City College Club will on May 7th, tender a reception to the surviving members of the Class of 1860 in honor of the jubilee year of their graduation. These receptions to fifty year old classes have become an annual event at the Club.

On April 8th Phreno held its first meeting in Professor Downer's room and judging from the program, the new quarters must have been very inspiring. The principal number was a talk by Professor Horne in which he recounted some interesting experiences at the old college.

The Chemical Society under the leadership of Dr. Breithut will visit a factory of corn products this Safurday,

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T. H. H. 4-Poly Prep 2

That Townsend Harris has an excellent ball team was sufficiently proved by its victory last Wednesday over the crack Poly Prep nine. For the first few innings there was comparatively little stick work, but in the fourth and especially the fifth innings, the Harris men walloped the ball-circling the bases once in the fourth and rapping in three runs and retiring the Poly pitcher, Gleason, in the fifth. McErlean, the Townsendchen who covers second, certainly played well, and Sheridan, our catcher, hit as well as McErlean fielded. The Poly giants played a good game, the Townsendites a better. T. H. H. 0 0 0 1 3 0 0 0 0 -4
Poly. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1-2

Batteries—T. H. H., Rost and Sheridan; Poly, Gleason, Sykes and Bailey.

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