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Another Intercollegiate Debate.



THE City College debater whose fame in contests with other colleges has not been blurred by a single defeat will have another opportunity to uphold his reputation in the early part of next term. A challenge to an intercollegiate debate has been received from Bates College, and Professor Palmer is already making arrangements for a contest to be held probably in March. A two-year agreement has been entered into, according to which a debate will be held this year in Lewiston, Me., the home town of Bates College, and one next year in New York. The teams will each consist of three men, each of whom will probably be allowed twelve minutes in presentation and five in refutation. Bates College will submit a question and our debaters will choose the side. Judges are to be selected by the home college from a list submitted by us. Trial debates will soon be held by our Public Speaking Department with the purpose of choosing the team to represent C. C. N. Y. Bates College is a co-educational institution, but only men will take part in the debate.

The first intercollegiate debate in which our college participated was held on February 24 1905, with Hamilton College. This, and a second contest with the same institution held on February 1, 1906, were both victories for the College of the City of New York. Our third victory was achieved in 1908 in a debate with the University of West Virginia.

The Graduating Class Lights Its Lamp.

On the last college day of the old year the numeral lights exercises of the first class to graduate in February were held in the Great Hall. Following the rendition of an organ composition by Professor Baldwin, the president of the class welcomed the audience and introduced President Finley. The gentle spark of human kindness, the light of civilization which differentiates the man of to-day from his ancestor with the "great jaw discovered at Heidelberg," was the subject of our President's address. He lamented the suddenness with which the civilized man may fall to the level of the brute—the light flickering and burning low—and he exhorted the men of February, 1910, to light their lamp brightly and bear the noble flame with them through life. Professor Compton also addressed the class and pointed out the importance of individual effort, however small it may be, for the progress of humanity. The chairman of the numeral lights committee then pressed a button and the class numerals blazed forth in electric light. David H. Perlman, the class poet, concluded the exercises with the reading of the class poem a truly brilliant work.

Increasing Usefulness of Teachers' Courses.

Full recognition and approval by the Board of Education, of our extension courses to teachers, has finally been secured. In 1908, all of the City College extension work was approved as meeting the conditions of exemption from part of the examination for license as teachers of a graduating class and from part of the examination for license as assistant to principal. Since then, Professor Duggan has been urging that teachers taking the extension courses be also exempted from certain examinations required for license as principal and for license as assistant high school teacher. On December 10th, the board passed favorably on this recommendation.

At 4.15 o'clock this afternoon Dr. Scott will lecture upon "Bacteria Parasites," in Room 315.

Mechanical Excursions.

Last Wednesday was a strenuous day for the members of the Senior Mechanical Society. In the morning of that day, they inspected the large factory of the Hermann Furniture Company. The visitors were especially interested in the ingenious devices for carving and polishing the wood. In the afternoon, the society was shown through the machine shops and foundry of the Brooklyn Navy yard by Lieutenant Norris. Here the large moulds for the turbine casings of the "Florida" attracted the attention of the members.

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ATHLETICS.

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The basketball team will usher in the new year with a series of nine games. The first three of these will be out of town, and we won't get a chance to see our lads until January 15. All our home games but one will be played, as usual, at our gym. The one exception is the contest with the University of Pennsylvania. The capacity of our gym is not great enough to hold the immense crowd expected at that attraction of attractions, especially since the preliminary game between our Freshmen and the champion Stuyvesant H. S. team will draw a large high school following. Nor must it be forgotten that a dance is to follow the games. In view of these facts, the basketball management has decided to hold the affair at the 71st Regiment Armory, at 33rd Street and Park Avenue, the newest, largest and grandest of them all. It will be recalled that the U. of P. five played the most talked of games throughout last season, losing only one of fifteen games. It need not be added that the Stuyvesant aggregation is the champion high school team this season, being very well able to cope with many of the college teams. Tickets for this gala event will be on sale on January 17. Following is the completed schedule:

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Coaches Palmer, Basketball; McKenzie, Track; and Enblatt, Lacrosse were awarded honorary letters.

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An added attraction at the Gym Meet this Friday night: Souvenir schedules of the Gym Team will be distributed. Furthermore, Manager Lutzky will announce the scores at the ends of the halves of the C. C. N. Y. -Georgetown basketball game, the reports of which will be received here by wire from Manager Rabinowitz in Washington. By-the-bye, THE CAMPUS will publish the official story of the game as sent specially to us by our correspondent, who will accompany the team on its trip; that includes the Navy game at Annapolis and the Princeton game at Princeton.

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Chess.

The Chess Club is organizing a second team to play the high schools and the Freshman classes of neighboring colleges. Goldenberg won the tournament for fourth board, his score of $10\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ being $\frac{1}{2}$ point better than Berkman's.

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An Unworthy Petition Denied.



THE recent refusal of our faculty to give credit for certain courses in pedagogical drawing, music, and English will be the cause of considerable satisfaction among broad-minded students. The action is very significant in that it will help to correct an erroneous impression which we fear is all too prevalent in the minds of many of our students. The object of this college is not, as some may think, to prepare men to pass the examination for a teacher's license. Anyone who has undertaken his college course with this end in view has misconceived the purpose of a liberal education whose aim it is to cultivate a perfection of mind and heart *without* regard to immediate utilitarian advantage. It is only the student with the narrow, teacher's aim who will regret the action of the faculty. Those who were moved to come here, on the contrary, by the more noble aim of "education for culture" will certainly think it proper that credit be given by a college for pure collegiate work only. Even though they intend teaching to be their profession, they regard preparation for the teachers'

examinations as something without the pale of their college studies; as something depending upon themselves alone. But if, by a generous act of an over-generous Alma Mater, courses of this professional character are thrown open to them, they will regard it as only a poor expression of gratitude to demand collegiate credit for gratuitous assistance of this kind.

An Associate Professor of Biology.

Prof. C. E. A. Winslow has been appointed to the Associate Professorship of Biology, not of Geology, as incorrectly announced in our last issue. It may be added that Professor Winslow will not assume his duties at the college until next September. In the meanwhile he will lecture in the place of Professor Jordan at the University of Chicago. On his return to New York he will also have a place in the American Museum of Natural History. His coming to this city illustrates the effort on the part of our institution to extend the sphere of its social usefulness.

After the Eight-Day Race.

If "the ruthless hand of time" snatched your Christmas vacation from you all too soon, you may still console yourself with the happy expectation of another holiday week after the successful completion of your examinations. That will be a real vacation—one free from the threatening aspect of approaching trouble, but one that must be earned by the work necessary to secure exemptions from re-exams. THE CAMPUS hopes that everyone will earn his holiday.

Mr. Weill on the City College.

The magazine section of a New York daily French newspaper, "Le Progrès," for December 26, contained a most interesting and comprehensive article entitled "Le Collège de la Ville de New York," by Mr. Felix Weill of our French department. The article was beautifully illustrated with excellent views of the college buildings.

This Month's Prize Speaking.

With the inauguration of the semi-annual commencement system most of the other graduation week events will also assume a semi-annual character. A prize-speaking contest will now be held on the Friday preceding each commencement. Students of the February classes are eligible to participate only in the winter contests; students of the June classes are restricted to the summer contests. This year's prize speaking will take place on Friday, January 28, preceding the commencement exercises on Thursday, February 3.

The Student Council has chosen Dr. Robinson and Dr. Coleman as Faculty Advisors to the "1911" *Microcosm* Board.

A Misinterpretation.

In an article printed in the last issue of THE CAMPUS reference was made to two of our highly respected gymnasium instructors. It now appears that our statement may unfortunately be construed as a slight affront to these gentlemen, and we hasten to assure everyone that no disrespect was intended. On the contrary, the painstaking teachers, the excellent organization, and the splendid work of our Department of Physical Instruction and Training, have always merited and received our warm admiration and most respectful praise.

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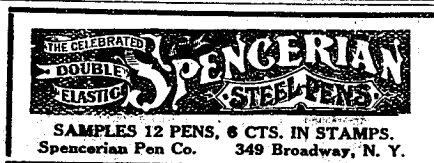
NORMAN O. JACK, Editor.

A Question of Motive.

A fact established by the students of the Evening Division of the College at a recent meeting of the Student Council is significant. The question was asked: "What feature of the Evening College has most impressed its students?" After closely observing the men and conversing freely with them the Student Council members came to the conclusion that none seemed to have been attracted to these classes under any impression that financial advantage would accrue, the apparent object being to acquire a mental culture impossible of attainment otherwise. As the classes most largely attended are those in English, Economics and Geometry, this statement would seem to be well substantiated. One of the students present was graduated from one of the largest law schools in the country, and the contrast between the point of view of his former and his present fellow-students, he alleged, was most vividly brought home to him. This, of course, does not mean that the subjects studied by our men will not be of material advantage to them in the battle of life, but, rather, that considerations of pecuniary return have not entered directly into their calculations. Considering the spirit of the age, this is truly refreshing.

Guthrie Club Meeting.

The political debating society, which students of the Evening Session have organized under the name of the Guthrie Club, will hold a meeting this Saturday at 9.55 P. M. Everyone is invited to attend the gathering and listen to a formal debate on some question of current politics. A prominent citizen will probably be secured to make an address.



T. H. H. NEWS.

Athletic Notes.

Twenty dollars will be appropriated by the A. A. for the swimming team and a like amount for the track team.

Letters (H. T. C.) have been awarded the following members of last year's tennis team: Slatapolsky, Goldberg, Chock and Liebowitz.

Baseball letters (H) have been awarded to Petersen, who managed the team, Bengert, and Mullin. Resolutions of appreciation have been sent to Adams and Dudensing, who received their letters during the preceding year.

At the December meeting of the High School Games Committee of the Board of Education a committee was appointed to revise the old gridiron rules so that football may be restored in the high schools without the risk of serious injury to players. The committee's recommendations will be submitted to the Board of Education for approval. Although we are not under the control of the Board, its decision may influence the T. H. H. authorities.

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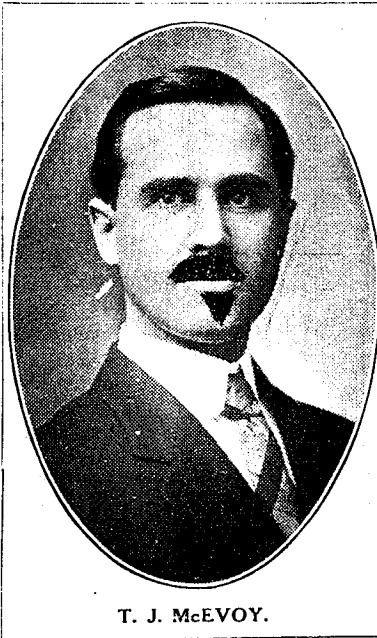
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