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## Charter Day Exercises.

The sixty-third birthday of the College, which comes on May 7th, will be celebrated to-day at our gathering in the Great Hall at 10 A. M. As a fitting memorial of Charter Day, we will have with us, as guest of honor, a member of the first class of the College, Mr. James R. Steers, '53. Mr. Steers is first among our loyal alumni "givers." Several years ago, he made a gift of \$10,000 as a fund for the purchase of scientific books. His latest donation is a very complete library of chemistry purchased for \$3,500 from the heirs of the late Professor Wolf of the University of Delaware. These books are now installed in the Wolcott Gibbs Library where they will be formally presented to-day.

At this morning's exercises, there will also be presented to the Class of 1912, the pennant won at the recent inter-class meet. This trophy is the gift of the *College Mercury*.

## Commencement Functions Heard From.

Before time has had an opportunity to work its dimming influence on the lustre of our recent histrionic successes, word is had to the effect that preparations have already been begun for the production of the Senior Class Play. The plot and principals of the show are being well concealed, but report has it that the story concerns itself with a vital social question—a question which embraces every college student in its scope. It is encouraging also to note that the play will be given in a regular theatre, where seeing will not be unhappily divorced from hearing and where the great demand for seats will be satisfied. The work of staging the piece has been kindly assumed by Dr. Robinson.

### A Half Century.

The flattering addresses in his honor, the lusty cheers of his well-wishers and the unprecedented attendance in the Great Hall will make the occasion of last Wednesday's assembly a fond memory for Professor Tisdall. Local appreciation of his fifty years of faithful and efficient service at the College was voiced by President Finley, Professor McGuckin and Marcus Adler, '10 while from "the classical fortress across the Harlem valley" came the congratulations of New York University through Professor Sihler. Mr. Horace E. Dresser of the Board of Education and a fellow classmate of our esteemed professor spoke the affectionate sentiments of the class of '59.

But the address of the morning, which had a significance that was most forcibly felt by the audience, was Professor Tisdall's vehement and oratorical vindication of "the culture of forty years ago." With scathing logic he met the unwarranted criticism of those who belittle classical learning as "stale" culture. His homely advice, gleaned from a life fraught with much valuable experience, doubtless sunk deep into the hearts of his hearers. The singing of "*Gaudeamus*" concluded the exercises.

### An Alumni Index to Appear.

Prof. Gustave Le Gras, '79, who has headed the Alumni Class Secretaries since they were organized a few years ago and who is largely responsible for the increasing usefulness of that body, was re-elected president of the association at the annual business meeting held on April 25th. The other officers elected are as follows: H. S. Mack, '77, vice-president; John C. Hume, '80, treasurer, and R. F. Smith, '87, secretary.

A biographical index of the alumni will soon appear as the result of the activity of the class secretaries.

The universities of Europe are to be made acquainted with the proceedings at our College on the occasions of the receptions tendered to the French and German Ambassadors. The printed account of French Day will be sent to all the French universities and of German Day to the German universities.

### Inter-Collegiate Chess Tournament.

The C. C. N. Y. Chess Club came out second best in the inter-collegiate chess tournament recently completed. N. Y. U. won the trophy by a small advantage over our college.

The second City College team beat the University settlement at chess by the score of three to one.

### Convention of Public Speaking Teachers.

Dr. Redmond represented the college at a convention of public speaking instructors held not long ago in Pennsylvania. He was pleased to find, in exchanging notes with the other delegates, that our methods of public speaking instruction are unsurpassed.

### Prize Orators.

An unusually large number of competitors delivered orations in the prize speaking trial contests, held during the early part of last week. Some very fine speeches were produced. The six men chosen to speak at the final contest to be held on Friday May 13th, are Messrs. Applebaum, Fried, Haskavy, and Zorn of the senior class and Berenberg and Rapp of the junior class.

### The Jubilee in T. H. H.

The Townsendites did their share in honoring Professor Tisdall last week. They attended, in large numbers, exercises held in the main hall of T. H. H. and listened to appreciative addresses delivered by Professors Le Gras and Guthrie. They were all impressed with the admirable devotion of Professor Tisdall's fifty years of service.

At the recent examinations held under the auspices of the National Society of French Professors, thirteen contestants represented Townsend Harris Hall. Of this number Balzac succeeded in winning the fourth prize while H. Hyman and Smithers received certificates of honorable mention.

Juvenile delinquents are to be studied at first hand by Professor Woolston's class in sociology. This Saturday the class will visit the Children's Court and Randall's Island.

## 1911 Banquet.

With a grand attendance of one hundred and fifty members the Class of 1911 gathered at Lexington Hall last Sunday evening to participate in their Junior Banquet, and when the early hours of morn had passed by and all the jolly-makers were departing regretfully for their first hour at College, the affair was pronounced the most successful and the most spirited held by that class. The guests of honor present were Drs. Robinson and Coleman, both of whom made addresses. That the diners were in rare humor was evinced during the course of the banqueting, when many songs were sung and high-class imitations of the Faculty rendered by the unsurpassed (in corpulency) Auerbach. The ready wit and reparté of the listeners during the speech-making helped to make the evening one to be long remembered. Among those who spoke were Mr. Feldman, Chairman of the Banquet Committee; Mr. Mayper, President of the Class of February, '11, and Messrs. Samuels, Lazarus, Rapp and Unger. Beautiful souvenirs of the occasion were distributed during the course of the evening.

The opening of a new building for the faculty of engineering of Union University was the cause of much celebration at Schenectady last week. Professor Reynolds represented our college at the exercises of dedication. It is a matter of interest that President Richmond of Union was at one time a City College student.

## Dedicated to Cleveland.

Little by little the main features of the 1911 *Microcosm* are being divulged to an expectant student body. We are informed that the frontispiece of the annual will consist of an art work than which nothing more beautiful has ever appeared in a student publication. It is a photogravure of the late Grover Cleveland, to whom the whole book is dedicated. The engraving has been made from an original photograph in the possession of President Finley, which is the latest and best likeness of Cleveland ever taken.

When the *Microcosm* appears in a few weeks it will be sold in the little room opposite the library and near the corner of the curator's office.

# ATHLETICS.

## Baseball Team Victorious.

A large crowd gathered on Jasper Oval last Wednesday afternoon to witness the first victory of the varsity baseball team this season. Our whole team was perhaps in better form than ever before and Cathedral College was an easy prey. Brown, on the mound for C. C. N. Y., did some fine twirling. He struck out eight men. Nor were our boys deficient in stick work; they had lost their former nervousness and came with battling eyes wide open.

Kelly celebrated his debut on the varsity team by hitting out a two-bagger the first time he came up to the bat.

In the second inning, amidst much shouting, bunting and sliding we scored four runs. These were our salvation, for in the ninth, the Cathedral rooters began to make a little noise and Brown weakened. A run came in and things began to look a little serious. Fortunately, Brown steadied and we came off victorious by the score of 6 to 4. The line-up follows:

C. C. N. Y.	<i>Cathedral.</i>
Kiernan, s.s.	Ryan, s.s.
Rosalsky, r.f.	Kenny, c.
Kelly, c.f.	Brady, p.
Polley, c.	McLean, 1b.
Miller, 1b.	Burns, 2b.
Heskowitz, l.f.	Booth, 3b.
Hatch, l.f.	Dunnigan, r.f.
Michaels, 2b.	Crownin, c.f.
Roberts, 3b.	McGrath, l.f.
Brown, p.	

Score by innings:

Cathedral . . . . .	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1-4
C. C. N. Y. . . . .	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	*-6

Umpires, Messrs. Daly and Cotter.

## Tennis.

In spite of some very fast and steady playing by our racquet wielders, the tennis team met defeat at the hands of Pratt, in its opening match of the season held on April 23rd. The final score was 2 to 1. In the singles, Weinstein won and Shapiro lost. In the doubles, the pair, Weinstein and Shapiro, was defeated.

## 1913—Yonkers.

The Freshman baseball team experienced its first defeat last Wednesday, when they succumbed to the strong Yonkers nine at Hollywood Inn Field by a score of 7 to 2. The game was hardly a fair test of the relative abilities of the two teams, as it was played on a slippery field and under a constant drizzle. The youngsters did not show to great advantage at the bat, but this was in a measure due to the condition of the grounds. The feature of the game was the all-around playing of Captain Ellner. The score:

Yonkers	0	0	4	0	1	0	2	0	0-7
C. C. N. Y., '13.	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0-2

This afternoon the '13 nine will face the representatives of Eastern District, and a fast game will doubtless result. The game will be called at 4 o'clock on Jasper Oval. The following is the line-up:

Lebowitz, 2b.	Ellner, s.s.
Schlessinger, 3b.	Rappaport, p. or r.f.
Risley, 1b.	Horowitz, c.f.
Meier or Borowsky, l.f.	Davis, c.
Sokal or Chason, l.f.	Mullen, p. or r.f.

Now that the students who had undertaken census work are at last relieved, it is to be hoped that the lacrosse men, most of whom were census enumerators, will resume their schedule.

Assistant Manager Freynick would like to have all members of last year's "Gym" team meet in the A. A. room this afternoon at 1.22 o'clock for the purpose of electing a captain for the coming season. The team has a few new members and the material looks promising.

## Speed in Slowtown.

Last Saturday, as announced, our relay team went to Philadelphia. There were nine teams in the race:

- Ursinus College.
- Maryland Agricultural College.
- C. C. N. Y.
- Gettysburg College.
- Franklin and Marshall College.

Indiana State Normal School.  
Galludet College.  
University of Maryland.  
St. John's College (Annapolis.)

Our boys confidently expected to win the race and by right should have had it. The "unforseen" happened. There was a mix up at the start and before he knew that the race had been started Feigus found himself left alone on the line. He took up his heels and ran for all he was worth but his speed availed him nothing, because he got "boxed." We were in eighth place when Bogen took up the race. Dutch was unwell, but gamely stuck, and Tom Dolan started the race in next to last position. The brothers Dolan ran the best race of their lives. Tom left three men behind him when he touched Joe off. The kid immediately got busy and passed two more men and then took third place away from the man in front. In the stretch he tried valiantly to win, but only succeeded in finishing ten yards behind Maryland Agricultural and three behind Indiana State Normal. Time 3 minutes, 34 seconds. Although our men failed to bring back that much coveted banner, they succeeded by their remarkable work in carrying away silver loving cups. By the way, don't believe Feigus when he tells you it was his fault we lost. Nobody would have done better under the circumstances, and Feigus was certainly under the circumstances.

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## College Spirit in the Concrete.



IN THE course of a chapter on "College Beginnings," written by Mr. James R. Steers, who is our guest to-day, we meet this significant statement in the "Memories of Sixty Years": "In those days there was no janitor service in the College, and the good students would be permitted to stay after hours to dust the desks and sweep the rooms."

In our own day, there is no demand for janitor service on the part of the students. The material equipment of our College is almost perfect. But we need a concrete manifestation of the true college spirit of those men of '53, who so gladly sacrificed the time which might have been spent much more pleasantly, in gladly performing an irksome and disagreeable service for the good of their Alma Mater. For it is ridiculous to suppose that any selfish motives of personal advantage ever entered the minds of those men in that case, or that they could not have found any more agreeable occupation than that of sweeping and dusting.

This little incident should serve us as a concrete example of college spirit—a name that is much abused. The "rah! rah!" boy with college pins and fobs on his clothes and an ever ready college yell on his lips may



indeed have spirit, but it is *conceited* spirit rather than *college* spirit. True college spirit is the feeling shown in an act of service for the college—in a sacrifice that does not bring with it a personal reward in the shape of honor or power.

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There is always plenty of opportunity for student service to the college in spheres higher than that of janitor service. He who contributes, generously, his time, money or ability to any activity that furthers the general good of the college, he who does this unselfishly and without any thought of glory, is manifesting a true college spirit.

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#### Our Painting in Other Colleges.

It is gratifying to note the warm reception accorded the beautiful color prints of the mural painting in our Great Hall, copies of which have recently been sent to colleges and universities all over the country. Letters of appreciation have flooded our President's mail. In a single day, letters were received from a college president in Minnesota and from one in North Carolina. The western college wanted thirty copies for distribution among the members of its graduating class. The southern executive wrote that the painting had suggested to him the topic of his next baccalaureate address.

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#### A Press Banquet Now.

A community of interest has been established among the members of the editorial staffs of our various college periodicals and the C. C. N. Y. correspondents of the daily papers, as a result of which a Press Club has been organized. The club will hold its first and (let us hope) annual banquet on Saturday evening, May 14th. President Finley has very kindly consented to be present and the indications are that the event will be most successful. Winfred C. Allen, '10 is chairman of the committee of arrangements.

### More Honor for Professor Tisdall.

Last Saturday evening, friends of Professor Tisdall from the alumni and faculty, gathered at the Hotel Astor where a dinner was given in his honor. Among the speakers were President Finley, Professor Compton and Mr. Sayre Burchard. The feature of the occasion was the exhibition of a portrait of Professor Tisdall which is to be presented to the college by some of the alumni.

Prof. A. M. Levy of the University of Berlin, who is lecturing in this country, visited our College last week. He admired our fine laboratory equipment.

Dr. Robinson, the enterprising business manager of the *Quarterly*, has decided to place the magazine on a self-supporting basis. To accomplish this, the *Quarterly* will hereafter publish advertisements. A liberal commission will be paid to students securing these.

The Class of February 1914 is manifesting unusual activity for one so young and so unsupported by alliances with other classes. A baseball team is its latest acquisition. Kostuck, the athletic manager, is working hard to turn out a first class team.

The Evening Session students have decided to wind up their year's activity with a final smoker to be held on May 21st. Their record for the year will then include a dance, a banquet and two smokers.

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As a member of the militia, Dr. Ray is particularly faithful to the ideals of civic virtue extolled by Colonel Roosevelt in his lecture at the Sorbonne—the virtues which consist of “power to work, to fight on need, and to have plenty of healthy children.” He has lately become the proud father of a ten pound boy with a voice pitched at 1280 vibrations per second every second. Dr. Ray's lectures on sound may now be illustrated by home talent.

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The next lecture in Municipal Chemistry will be given in the Doremus Lecture Theatre, by Dr. Storey upon “The Chemistry of Hygiene.” Last week's lecture by Professor Moody on “Ventilation” proved highly interesting and instructive.

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Despite the inclemency of weather and the call to Government service, Clio held an enthusiastic meeting last Friday night. An interesting talk was delivered by Sarasohn on the development of the Short Story. There followed a debate on college degrees as pre-requisites for professional work.

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## T. H. H. NEWS.

### Commerce Wins.

Commerce added another victory to their credit when they defeated our team last Saturday. The boys played better ball than the score shows, and if it were not for that fatal first inning, when Commerce scored three runs we might have won the game. Rost pitched splendid ball and brought in our only run by a two-bagger. McErlean showed up well by knocking two Texas leaguers. The batting order follows:

#### T. H. H.

Sinnott, 1b.  
Janes, c  
Sheridan, l.f.  
Rost, p.  
Piscoth, 2b.  
McErlean, 3b.  
Smith, s.s.  
Herbert, r.f.  
McBride, c.f.

#### Commerce.

Morrell, s.s.  
Holz, 2b.  
Erhardt, 3b.  
Shaefer, c.f.  
Schwarz, c.  
Sapenstein, r.f.  
Wynne, 1b.  
Cheval, r.f.  
Shacht, p.

#### Score by innings:

Commerce . . . . .	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0-5
T. H. H. . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-1

### Relay Quartet.

T. H. H. has an 120 pound relay team, consisting of Levine, Van Bonin, Batman and Weg, which expects to win fame for us in the Erasmus meet to take place, May 7th. The quartet has also been entered in the Peekskill Academy meet at Peekskill.

### Notes of the Annex.

The regular T. H. H. baseball nine may expect a challenge from the crack Annex team. Mr. Fitzpatrick, the coach, thinks highly of their prowess on the diamond, and anticipates an excellent showing.

The success of the "C" Debating Society is far exceeding the hopes even of the most enthusiastic of its organizers and already the membership is large. A few more interested members, however, are desirable. Applications should be addressed to Secretary Haber.

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