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TO-DAY.



IN the Great Hall, this morning, the entire student body will convene to bid our President "Bon Voyage." It is needless to urge the attendance of each and every student of the College. Edward F. Unger, '11, will speak the sentiments of the undergraduates.

To-morrow morning, our President sails. When the great French liner, *La Provence*, leaves her pier from the foot of West 15th Street, a delegation of students, selected by the Council, will be on hand with pennants, and noise-making devices of every description, to give him a rousing send-off; and in every cheer and in every blast of the horns. will be the best wishes of the whole College.

University Convocation.

At the 48th Annual University Convocation of the State of New York, held last week, in the Senate Chamber at Albany, President Finley spoke on "The Man and his Work in Education." Among the college presidents who attended the convention are President Lowell, of Harvard University, President Taylor, of Vassar College, President Gunnison, of St. Lawrence University, President Quinn, of Fordham University, and President Thwing, of Western Reserve University.

In the very near future, Professor Brownson will request all upper classmen for statements of their Spring term elective choices. No time schedules will be issued until after the students have signified what courses they contemplate pursuing. It is very probable that during the next few days, the Dean will call a meeting of the upper classmen to make the matter clear to them.

In the Eyes of Others.

Last Saturday was high school and college day at the Budget Exhibit. But in reality, it was the City College that monopolized most of the attention of the speakers. President McAneny characterized it as "the greatest institution of its kind in the United States and probably in the whole world." Dr. Green, Vice-President of the Board of Education, who presided, made the very flattering comment that "wherever you see a City College graduate, you see a man capable of the most earnest and difficult work." Among the other speakers were Dr. Davis, '80, President of Normal College, Mr. Patrick F. McGowan, ex-president of the Board of Aldermen, and our own Dr. Robinson, who represented the College. He showed very lucidly how the College was "rendering back unto the city, to its full capacity, all the good which the city was bestowing upon it."

Song and Cheer.

When Professor Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of the University of California, addressed our students, last year, he said among other excellent thing: "Cheer for your College and it will do your lungs goods! The organization of a Glee Club promises ample opportunity for "doing your lungs good." The club intends not only to participate in the college concerts, but also to form the nucleus of the cheering squad. All students who are interested may communicate with "Vic" Mayer, '11, or Charles Kessler, '11. Contributions of songs and cheers, will be gratefully accepted also by Unger, '11, and Rapp, '11, the College cheer leaders.

At their last meeting the members of the Faculty expressed themselves as favoring a mid-winter commencement. With this sentiment, the matter will be referred to the Board of Trustees.

Reforms Coming.

Last Thursday's meeting of the Student Council, was, without doubt, the most active held this term. The matter of reforming the curriculum, as agitated by the CAMPUS, was officially considered, and a committee was delegated to ascertain specifically the curricular grievances of the students, and to co-operate with the Faculty in their endeavor to remedy existing conditions. But, if the committee's work is to be of any good, it is essential in the highest degree that the *entire* student body help along. Do not waste energy in making mere fault-finding statements, however rhetorical they may be. Write your grievances in a letter and address it to THE CAMPUS. Lay particular stress on how the severity of the curriculum affected you in your freshmen and sophomore years. Finally, to show your good faith and sincerity, append your name and class. In this way, only, can your Council committee hope to achieve success in this movement.

A committee was appointed to consult with the Faculty on the advisability of maintaining a permanent employment bureau. It was recommended, also, that at least one student be a member of the bureau. This, by the way, is the practice at Columbia and most other institutions.

Feeling that regular Wednesday Assemblies can be made factors of much good in our institution, the Council constituted itself a "committee of the whole" to assist the Faculty in reviving those pleasant "half-hours," as our President so fondly used allude to them.

The office of student treasurer for the Council was abolished and a Faculty treasurer provided for. Professor Downer has kindly consented to act in this capacity. The Executive Committee will assist Prof. Downer.

But a matter that will probably appeal to the great majority of students, was the appointment of a committee whose endeavor it shall be to bring about the elimination of lateness and absence "excuses" from "parents or guardians." It is a matter of common knowledge, that most of us have too many "parents and guardians" anyhow.

ATHLETICS.

Three More Events and Then—

The crowd that was out on the Oval, Friday afternoon, was one of the largest, the most excited and the noisiest that ever yelled itself hoarse over an athletic struggle. The tug-of-war contest was decided by a single tug, although there were two remaining out of the scheduled seven. On Friday, October 21st, the standing was left 3 to 2 with '14 in the lead. But after '14 won the three-men tug last Friday, there was no necessity for fighting out the other. In spite of the fact that there were only three men on each team, the tug was by far the best contested of all. After two minutes and eighteen seconds of herculean effort, '14 pulled the knot over the line, amid a madly cheering crowd.

The track meet was, to say the least, a thriller. Neither class at any time allowed the other to take a serious lead. Bogin, '13, was a prominent figure in the races, and Weg, '14, came in for his share of adulation generously given by his classmates. Siebern, '13, lived up to expectations, and won the half-mile.

The broad-jump was probably the most exciting event of the afternoon. It was not until almost the last jump that it was decided who was going to win. But when Havender, '14, left the ground and landed 17 feet, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the line, the cheering of the Freshmen left no doubt as to who was the winner. Michaels, '13, tried his level best but could only be a close second.

The shot-put, the high-jump and the relay race are the events that are still to be run off to determine the question of supremacy between Soph and Freshy. The score is now 5 to 5, without considering the track meet. The unfinished meet leaves the Freshmen with 28 points and the Sophs 26.

The results:—

100 Yard Dash:—Bogin, '13, first; Fein, '14, second; Nagelberg, '13, third. Time, 11 seconds.

220 Yard Dash:—Bogin, '13, first; Nagelberg, '13, second; Rothberg, '14, third. Time, 23 4-5 seconds.

440 Yard Run:—Weg, '14, first; Fein, '14, second; Bogid, '13, third. Time, 57 2-5 seconds.

880 Yard Run:—Liebern, '13, first; Pleshet, '14, second; Kennedy, '14, third. Time, 2 minutes, 22 4-5 seconds.

Broad Jump:—Havender, '14, first, 17 feet, 3 1-2 inches; Michaels, '13, second, 17 feet, 1-2 inch; Goldstein, '14, third, 16 feet, 6 inches.

Preliminaries.

Those who have seen our Freshman basketball squad in practice agree unanimously that it has plenty of weight and quite a little speed. Nearly every player has had experience on a high-school or settlement team. There is no doubt that they will make a winning team, probably one of the best that we have had for a long time.

As usual, the preliminaries to the Varsity games will be between the Freshmen and the leading High School teams. Some of the games that have already been arranged, are with Newtown, Boys' High, Commerce, Clinton and Manual Training.

Acrobatics.

To consider the advisability of continuing the Gym Team, Sidney Kranz, '12, Captain of the team, wishes all its members to be in the A. A. room at 1.30 P. M. All of last years' men and those who are now competing for the team are urgently requested to be there.

Due to the pressure of work, Acting Manager Julius Freynick of the Gym Team will resign his position in the near future. In case it is decided to-day that the team will be continued, a manager and assistant will be wanted.

Cross-country practice is bringing out fine material Ward, Frankel and Siegel are leading the bunch regularly to say nothing of a newcomer, Kennedy, from Morris, is showing up very well.

Manager Judelsohn expects to send a cross-country team to the intercollegiate meet.

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Our Own.



“WHO is to succeed Woodrow Wilson as President of Princeton University?” is the serious and all-important question that has been enthusiastically discussed by the press, since the entrance of Dr. Wilson into the field of applied politics. And among the possible candidates the name of our own President Finley has been prominently mentioned. Our sentiments in this matter we need hardly express. Others have said it many times before, and we repeat again, that Dr. Finley is needed right here in New York, and more particularly right here in our own College. Apropos this question, one of the best edited morning papers, commented recently:

“ Many names have been connected with the Presidency of Princeton University. President John Finley, of the College of the City of New York, is among these names. This newspaper has no idea of nominating or advocating Dr. Finley. But *The American* has the right and the inclination to say here and heartily that President Finley is of a calibre and record which fit him for this work. At

Knox College, in Illinois, and at Leland Stanford, in California, he wrought an educational work of extraordinary vigor and success. He has stamped his character and individuality indelibly upon the West and the Middle West. And he is now the head of our own City College of New York, which many wise and conservative men—educators, business men and publicists—declare without hesitation or reserve to be one of the best, if not the very best, and soundest schools for the education of youth to be found in all this country.

It may not be Dr. Finley, but it should be some man of Dr. Finley's great and useful stamp whom Princeton should choose to fill the great gap left by Woodrow Wilson in the university life of America."

This, indeed, is what the whole college world holds of the next Harvard Exchange Professor at the Sorbonne.

But we do not cherish this connection of *our* President's name with another institution. We want the venerable Faculty of the University of Paris, to ever associate our President with *our* College, and *not* with Harvard, Princeton, or any other institution. What we are, President Finley has made us. And what he has made us, has reflected much honor upon him. Why, then, should we be deprived of a distinction *we* deserve? Why should the o'ertowering eminence of Harvard be unduly magnified by the *choice* of *our* President for its exchange professorship?

Upon the eve of his departure for Europe, we wish to feel, however selfish it may seem, that the honors which will accrue to Dr. Finley during his sojourn at the Sorbonne, may reflect upon him as the President of the College of the City of New York, rather than as the Harvard Exchange Professor, or as the probable President of Princeton University. With these sentiments, we wish once more to tender our President our sincerest congratulations upon the great distinction he is to enjoy. "Bon Voyage."

. We cannot but take notice when we find that the name of the Editor of "Brain," a journal of neurology, is Prof. Henry Head.

Brevities.

This afternoon at 4:30 P. M., in Room 315, Prof. Jacques Loeb, of the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research, will deliver an address on "Lifeless and Living Matter." Students taking courses in Natural History are invited to attend.

Last Saturday evening, the College was represented at two important meetings of L'Alliance Francaise. At McGill University, Montreal, Professor Delamarre spoke on "Le Vaudeville et l'Opérette en France," while Dr. Weill lectured in Pittsburg on "Fontainebleu."

Speaking before Clio on "Oral English in the Business World," Dr. Robinson somewhat shocked his hearers when he said: "People in the business world are more exacting in a man's use of oral English, than Dr. Maxwell and his board of examiners at 59th Street."

In his simultaneous exhibition at the College, last Friday, F. F. Russell, of N. Y. U., won fifteen games out of nineteen played. Meuser succeeded in winning two, Jurka one and Caicedo drew. Next week A. B. Jurka, manager of last year's team, now of N. Y. C. D., will give an exhibition.

Anaesthetics.

An important chemical analysis of anaesthetics is being conducted by Professor Baskerville and Mr. Hamor. The entire field of over 200 compounds is being covered in a most comprehensive manner. The investigation when completed, will be one of great scientific value. The physiological effects of anaesthetics is being studied by Prof. T. J. Gwathney, of the Post Graduate Hospital.

At a meeting of the Dramatic Society held on Wednesday last, Mitchel Cahn, '13, was elected Property Manager. The *Microcosm* debt was cancelled, and the constitution amended to provide for the election of a permanent Faculty Treasurer.

Mr. Max Shlivek, '05, is the present candidate for Member of Assembly in the 31st District.

The Newcomb Library.

The formal presentation to the College of the Simon Newcomb Library, was held last Wednesday afternoon in the presence of Mrs. Newcomb, the astronomer's widow, and one of his daughters, Mrs. Whitney, wife of Supreme Court Justice Edward B. Whitney. In the absence of President Finley, Professor Werner presided and introduced the principal speaker, Professor Milton Updegraff, who is the Superintendent of the Nautical Almanac office. Professor Updegraff congratulated the College in possessing the most valuable collection of Astronomical works in the United States, if not in the world. He paid a glowing tribute to the great persistency of Professor Newcomb, and commended the masterly and lucid exposition which characterizes his writings. Professor Hall, Librarian of Columbia, spoke the congratulations of that University.

Professor Compton, to whom, more than anyone else, credit is due for obtaining the collection of 4,000 volumes and 7,000 pamphlets, told of his appeal to the alumni for funds to purchase the library. In response, Mr. John Clafin expressed his desire to pay for the entire collection. Needless to say, Professor Compton immediately accepted the generous offer. Mr. Clafin also bore the expense of the cataloguing and installing of the books. The library is now open to all students.

It is a pleasure to announce the appointment to the position of Chief Engineer of Buildings of New York, of Dr. David H. Ray, until two weeks ago of the Department of Physics. Dr. Ray won the place in open competition against a hundred or more engineers. He is now in charge of all the work of building on Manhattan Island, with a considerable force of assistants under him. He has our heartiest wishes for continued success at this very important post.

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T. H. H. NEWS.

Soccer,

On Wednesday, October 26th, the T. H. H. Soccer team journeyed to Van Cortland Park, and there met the DeWitt Clinton men. It was the hardest fought battle played thus far and only by dint of great efforts were the Clinton players able to beat our team. The final score, 2 goals to 1, indicates the kind of game put up by both teams. One of the best T. H. H. players, Donovan, was absent in the first half, but made up for this later by kicking a goal.

Close on the heels of this report, comes the announcement that a coach is being chosen for the Soccer team. With this aid, the Townsend Harris men should succeed in reaching a high place in the league.

The A. A. has appropriated the sum of \$75 for the football team, and \$30 for the track team.

Candidates for the Cross-Country team should apply in room 011 after the 5th hour.

Professor Sim's outer office is graced by an exceedingly encouraging sight. A handsome trophy case, presented by the class of June, 1910, contains the spoils of former T. H. H. victories. There are six cups and two shields now, with more to follow, we have no doubt.

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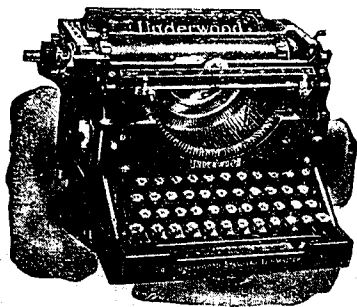
ANNEX NOTES.

A. A. Mass Meeting.

This Friday afternoon, at 2.30, a grand mass meeting will be held with the view to reviving the athletic spirit of the Annex. Professor Thompson will preside. All students are requested to be present as several important matters are to be discussed.

Mr. Schutt, of the Department of History, has left the College to assume the duties of United States Consul at Naples. Mr. Humphrey, also of the Department of History, has gone to the University of Paris.

Harap challenges any student to a banana eating contest! His record is fourteen bananas in four minutes. Mrs. Jalien vouches for the accuracy of the statement.



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