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Everett P. Wheeler, '56, to Speak.



REFERRING to the very noticeable preponderance of vacant chairs at last Wednesday's assembly, President Werner said, in his delightfully laconic way: "It seems that even the Seniors find it inconvenient to be present." This, indeed, is a very mild way of saying that a considerable number of august and otherwise dignified Seniors have not the whole-heartedness to support these weekly, half-hour meetings, which may be made to mean so much for the College. From the platform, the unoccupied rows looked like a horrible rent in the student ranks, while the vacancy in the rear proved an eye-sore.

But to-day, at 1.22 P. M., the Seniors, and for that matter all those who absented themselves from the Assembly last week, will be given opportunity to make amends. Recitations will in no wise be disturbed since no *official* recitations for College men are scheduled for 1.22 on Wednesdays. Neither will the lunch period be encroached upon. Mr. Everett P. Wheeler, '56, a loyal alumnus and one of the staunchest friends and supporters of the College, will address the Assembly. Besides there will be Thanksgiving speeches by Henry, '11, and Lazarus, '11, while Professor Palmer will read the Proclamations.

Come to the Assembly to-day and you will have at least one thing to be thankful for to-morrow.

An athletic coach of a university team threatens to resign unless the Faculty lets down on the home-work. What do some Faculties think College is for, anyway?

A Text-Book Takes Life!

Rarely is it given to our students to have the author of one of their text-books lecture to them. Thus were they greatly surprised last Friday, when Professor Winslow introduced to his classes in Natural History, Professor J. W. Sedgwick, Professor of Biology in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It is also interesting to note that Professor Winslow, and also Dr. Hilliard, were at one time students of our distinguished visitor.

Professor Sedgwick congratulated the students upon their beautiful buildings, their instructor, and their entrance upon the study of natural history. Speaking of his text-book, he spared no criticisms concerning its shortcomings, which in reality, were corrections made necessary by the progress of science. The vim with which the students gave the Varsity cheer at the close of the lecture showed their keen enjoyment of Professor Winslow's "treat." As one of the more expressive ones put it: "It seems as if our text-book suddenly took life and lived." And it is our opinion, that just such lectures that make text-books "live" will make better students and stimulate a greater interest in their work.

Last Thursday, Professor Baskerville delivered a lecture on "City Sanitation," at Buffalo, before the Tenth Annual Conference of Sanitary Officers of the State of New York.

Told in Song.

The Glee Club is getting along merrily. Several quartets have already been formed, and we look forward with especial interest to the début of the society before the College. That the Club's repute is rapidly spreading is evidenced by the fact that it has been invited by the Hebrew Orphan Asylum to take part in a concert soon to be given in its Auditorium.

Professor Baldwin has kindly consented to act as the organization's musical director. The officers, whose names follow, will gladly welcome new members: V. Mayer, '11, President; A. Fabis, '12, Vice-President; Becker, '11, Marshal; B. Levy, '12, Secretary; and C. Kessler, '11, Treasurer.

"May First."

"The Industrial and Civic Parade, under command of Major-General Butterfield, Chief Marshal will take place Wednesday, May 1st. Four hundred picked students of The College of the City of New York, and of Columbia College, will head an educational division, and will be followed by 3,000 boys from the grammar schools of the city. The line of march will be from Fifty-Seventh Street down Fifth Avenue to Waverly Place, to Broadway, to Canal Street."

Surprised? Let us hasten to reassure you. There will be no parade on May 1st. The above is simply a quotation from the "Programme of Festivities of the Centennial Celebration," a musty volume which was discovered in a mustier book shop. It was published in 1889, twenty-one years ago, on the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of Washington's inauguration in New York. The book has peculiar significance to a present day student of City College, not only because of its associations with Alma Mater, but also because it offers opportunity for an interesting comparison between the past and the present. Twenty-one years ago the student body of the College numbered but 608; now the number reaches 3,500, exclusive of the Evening Sessions and Extension Courses. This is, in itself, indicative of the remarkable growth both of this institution and of the city. Is it too bold to look forward to the time, a score of years hence, when the needs of the metropolis will find expression in a city College four or five times as large as our own? And who can say but that in 1930 we might not have a City University!

Get Acquainted!

Students having pedagogic aspirations will be interested to know that Dr. William H. Maxwell, whose acquaintance they will soon have the pleasure to make, will deliver a lecture on the "Social Influence of the Teacher," at the Mount Morris Baptist Church, 127th Street and Fifth Avenue, this Sunday morning. The lecture begins at 10 A. M., and all are invited to attend.

Alimentary Reactions.

Seeing the commoner minerals rendered phosphorescent by exposure to ultra-violet light, and watching the formation of ice in a glowing hot platinum crucible, were but two of the delightfully strange *external* (the gods be praised!) experiences lived through by the members of the Chemical Society assembled last Friday at their first Social and Smoker, in the Chemistry Department Museum. Their internal natures were amply satisfied, too, by the luncheon prepared by the students, and served with beakers, rods and spatulas. The menu, mercilessly concocted in accordance with the best recipes of synthetic chemistry, consisted, in part, of Cocoa á la Friedburg, Fancy Titbits á la Moses; Waters (we fear they were colored and not without foam) à la Hamor et Schultze; Ice cream, fruits and cigars á la Baskerville. Dr. Stevenson very gallantly toasted "The Ladies" and we wonder whether chemical affinity had anything to do with it! Short addresses followed by Doctors Prager, Curtman, Breithut, and Estabrooke. Solomon, '11, who heated the cocoa "to boiling with constant stirring" (to quote the direction notes) attempted to neutralize the alimentary reactions caused by his beverage, with a *near* toast. Everyone, at midnight, agreed with Professor Baskerville that he had had the "bulliest time of his life."

Varsity Play.

The eyes of the College will be upon the actors who make places on the cast of the Varsity Show which is to be produced next March at Carnegie Lyceum. Trials will be held Monday, November 28th, at 4.15 p. m. in Room 126 under the direction of Dr. Taaffe. The parts will be assigned before the Christmas vacation and rehearsals will not commence till next term. Candidates are to memorize, and be prepared to give a short selection from some play.

In Society.

On Saturday night, December 10th, the Physics Club of New York will meet in Room 105 at 8 P. M. Mr. Wetzel of the Department of Physics will show the apparatus by which he weighed the earth, and Mr. Goldsmith will talk on his hobby, "Color Photography," using many colored slides in connection with his lecture.

S. Schwartz, '11, was chosen president of Phreno, at the elections held last Friday evening. Hirsch, '11 was elected vice-president, while the secretary and treasurer are respectively, Margolin, '11 and Zuckerman, '11.

"Clio to-day is better than ever before in its whole history" was the statement of Mr. Arthur Hass, '94 before the members of the Society last Friday evening. His reminiscences of his classmates and fellow Clic-men among whom were the Rev. Stephen Wise and Attorney Max Steuer, brought forth hearty laughter and applause. Among the numbers on the program were a talk on "Popular Biology" by Hecht, '13, and a debate "Resolved that Commission Government be Instituted in American Cities."

The Menorah Society meetings will be held on alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Tuesday meetings will be devoted to a critical study of the Bible under Dr. M. M. Kaplan and on Wednesdays Dr. J. L. Magnes will give a course of lectures on "Judaism in the 18th Century." The courses are open to all students. This afternoon the Rev. Dr. H. Shulman will address the society.

To-Night.

Are you all prepared for to-night? Everything is in readiness for the best Senior Dance the College will ever have had. You can still obtain subscriptions from the committee. Prominent alumni and members of the Faculty will be present. A "big time" is assured to all.

ATHLETICS.

The Sophs Win.

The Student Council deserves the highest praise for the way in which it conducted the Soph—Fresh activities this year. It has been the custom to dispute the outcome of these contests until far into the spring term. But thanks to the business-like management of the committee, the Class of 1913 in about a week or two, will add two more banners to the now large collection in its alcove.

Of course, the Freshmen are a little sore. A Freshman was overheard on the Campus Friday afternoon telling his tale of woe in tones far from gentle. Quoth he, "Didn't we win the mile relay on Thursday? Well, that settled it. But one of their men was idiotically disqualified because he didn't train. And then we lost the relay on Friday." Here a tear glistened in his eye.

The relay teams that ran on Friday were composed of Pleshet, Tassinari, Kennedy, and Weg for the Freshmen; Johnson, Broeder, Siebern, and Nagleberg for the Sophs.

"1913" won by about twenty yards in four minutes flat. On Thursday afternoon Fallon, '13 took the Shotput, and Havendar, '14 tied Sullivan, '14 in the high jump, clearing 5 feet, 1 inch.

Summarizing the whole thing from beginning to end:—

The rush—won by 1913—5 points.

The tug of war—won by 1914—5 points.

The track meet—won by 1913—5 points.

Our heartiest congratulations to the Sophs.

Freshmen and Townsend Harris.

And now—something new! The cry for novelty has been answered. In a track meet, to be held in the gym, on Friday, December 9th, the Freshmen will try their strength with Townsend Harris Hall. Admission will be the small sum of ten cents. If enough ten cent pieces are forthcoming, prizes will be given to the winners of the events.

This Afternoon.

All out for the annual cross-country race this afternoon! The squad that will start is the biggest that "Mac" has ever put in the field. The stop watch will tell us that it is probably the best. The classes are fairly evenly represented, and there's bound to be some close running. Come out and cheer your class-mates to victory. The list below indicates all those who are eligible:

Seniors—Bischoff, Fernschild, Gell, Groggins, Messenger, Passloff, Perlstein, Potash, Ward.

Juniors—Cahn, T. Dolan, Englander, Frank, Frankel, Fensterblau, Goldstein, Levy.

Sophs—Bogen, Broder, Dann, Johnson, Nagelberg, Plager, Liebern.

Freshmen—Booth, Goodman, Kennedy, Knoblock, Luria, Newman, Pleshet, Tassinari, Waters, Weg.

The first five men of each class to finish will count for points. A placque, donated by "Mac," will be the reward of the triumphant class.

Looking Ahead.

We can look forward to one of the most successful basket-ball seasons in the history of the College. "Rouge" is doing fine work at foul-shooting. Captain Heskowitz is playing a perfectly beautiful game and Coach Palmer is bubbling over with enthusiasm for the whole team. Come up and watch them practice some afternoon.

It is likely that another game will be added to the basket-ball schedule that was published last week. If a game is arranged, it will take place before we meet Yale, on December 14th.

The Executive Council of the A. A. announces with regret that only basket-ball, baseball, swimming and track will be supported for the coming year. This leaves the Gym and Lacrossee Teams in the lurch. It's too bad, but the fact is, the Athletic Association is *not* rolling in money.

Last Sunday, the Inter-Collegiate Swimming Association met at Paterson, N. J. City College was represented by its Swimming Manager, Benson Storfer.

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The Man Behind.



NE need not be a very profound student of human nature to divide the great number of young men who ride in the Broadway subway cars each morning, into two general classes of students. And the reasonableness of this deduction soon makes itself evident when, at a certain station, one of the classes leaves the train, and at another station a little further along the line, the second set departs, leaving the cars quite vacant.

What is the basis of this distinction? One group shows a healthy-looking, clean-cut, self-possessed type of student; the other, a type not so healthy looking, not so clean-cut, not so self-possessed. The first set carries text-books and note-books, but these are closed; many read the morning papers, and others converse on topics of the University. The second aggregation also carries text-books and note-books, but these are more commonly open; while few read the newspapers, and the rest talk solemnly about this or that question which might be sprung upon them. The one class sparkles with true collegiate life. The other seems dulled and made spiritless by the ever-present fear of a curriculum.

We know that there are a great many good reasons for this contrast. We know well, that the more clean-cut, healthy and self-possessed appearance of the University men may be due to advantages not within the reach of many of the students of the College. But we know above all, that the students of the University are not compelled to devote nearly as much time or expend nearly as much energy, as the City College students, in the attainment of the same end. This brings us to the point.

Why is it, we ask, that the Columbia degree is looked upon with greater deference than that of this institution? Surely, the standard of work required here is as high, if not higher, than that required at Columbia. Surely, the City College degree has as great, if not greater, an intrinsic value, than that of Columbia. What then, constitutes the difference? And there can be but one answer—*the man behind the degree*. Give the City College student the opportunity to mingle more freely with his fellow men; let him realize that he is something more than a cram-machine; let him not be encouraged to sacrifice, day after day, the morning newspaper for his text-book, and then, and only then, shall we have the MAN as well as the degree. This contrast furnishes one of the strongest arguments in favor of a reduced curriculum, which, as the case of Columbia attests, does not at all entail a lowering of standards. Whichever way we turn, whichever way we face the problem, the burning issue is *the reduction of the curriculum*.

"Monatory"—and this from an Editor! What is the world coming to!

A Message from Paris.

At the last meeting of the Student Council, President Reich, was authorized to write to President Finley inviting him kindly to send a message to the students to be read at the Wednesday Assembly preceding the Christmas holidays. The Council also passed a unanimous resolution to the effect that the Faculty be requested to allow the Upper Senior Class one week in which to prepare for Dr. Maxwell's examinations. This is virtually necessary as the exams next year are to be given earlier than ever before.

Going to England.

Aspiring presidents, senators and statesmen, your opportunity has at last arrived! The Civic Club which already numbers seventy-five men invites you to come in, and promises to make of you a full-fledged congressman or a half-pledged alderman. The next meeting will take place Tuesday, November 29th, at 3.15 P. M. in Room 306 under the capable direction of Professor Guthrie. At that time the Club will constitute itself a House of Representatives, and the leader will be selected in caucus by the majority party. After the United States has been well provided for with a downward revision of the tariff, the members of the society, chaperoned by their Faculty Director, will take a trip to England where they will constitute themselves a House of Commons, and settle the question of Home Rule for good.

The officers of the Society are: I. Eisenberg, '11, President; J. Drachsler, '12, Vice-President; L. Prashker, Secretary-Treasurer and the Rules Committee consisting of J. Lazarus, '11, L. Reich, '11, G. Landy, '12 and M. Bungard '12.

Our Busy Professor.

Professor Storey is busy arranging the program for the Fifth Congress of the American School Hygiene Association, of which he is the secretary. The Congress will meet in New York City on February 2d, 3d and 4th, and it is probable that our own College will be the scene of a number of sessions.

"A graduate without health is a graduate with limited efficiency." This important principle was enunciated by Professor Storey in an address he delivered before the Department of Pedagogy of Clark University, on the subject, "The Responsibilities of the Training School for Teachers in Matters of Hygiene." The above is one of a series of lectures which have been incorporated into a pamphlet and widely circulated among teachers' training schools.

Up in the Air.

The mal-aerial fever has very seriously gripped a number of flighty T. H. H. students. Last Friday, not suspected by any one, the Aeronautical Club soared on to the field south, of the gym and carried on an informal model aeroplane meet, and from the showing of our young physicists, we can predict without the slightest compunctions, that the future of aviation is assured! Report has it, however, that a passing infant perambulator, was involuntarily made a landing stage for a refractory 'plane, without injury to the child, be it happily added. We shall watch the T. H. H. Aeronautical Club with intense interest for its success.

1910.

On Saturday, November 12th, the class of June 1910 held a reunion in the General Webb Room. A post-graduate organization was formed and the elections resulted in the choice of S. B. Applebaum, as president; W. Rosenblum, vice-president; M. Zinman, secretary; and F. Zorn, treasurer. We cannot too heartily wish the new men of June 1910 every success in their new organization, and it is our fond hope that the graduating classes of the future will by similar means link themselves more firmly to Alma Mater.

Mr. Alfred N. Goldsmith of the Physics Department has been elected Secretary of the Wireless Institute. Free lectures are given on the first Wednesday of each month at the Associated Engineers' Building, 27 West 39th Street. Mr. Goldsmith has achieved a reputation as an authority on wireless telegraphy and telephony, and his excellent work in color-photography has attracted wide-spread attention. It must be remembered, also, that these important subjects are still in the pioneer experimental stage.

On Saturday, November 19, that 10 P. M., the students of the Night Session will hold a debate on the subject, "Resolved, that the success of the Democrats in the recent election will conduce to the best interests of the country." The affirmative side will be taken by Mr. J. Hyatt, and the negative by Mr. Feder.

T. H. H. NEWS.

Amphibians.

Judging from the work of the men who are coming out for practice, T. H. H. will add another swimming championship to her laurels. A meet has been arranged with De Witt Clinton, and negotiations are pending for another with the Columbia Freshmen.

A. A.

Up to date 665 A. A. tickets have been sold. This excludes the number sold during the two previous terms. However, the number does not represent what the total membership of the T. H. H. A. A. should be. Every loyal Townsend man should show his real mettle by joining immediately.

Notes.

The following officers have been elected in the upper A class :

President, H. Hayman ; Vice-President, M. Wexlar ; Treasurer, M. Pomeranz ; Secretary, B. Waldman.

The prospects for a T. H. H. basketball team are rather bright. Breslau and Ampolsk of the Varsity team have offered their services as coaches.

Owing to the loose playing of the Townsend men, the Soccer team lost to Monual Training by the score of 2—0.

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Baseball.

The P. S. A. L. baseball teams will be stronger than ever, next year. This means that T. H. H. candidates for diamond honors will have to start practice as early as possible. The schedule for 1911 follows: April 22, De Witt Clinton; April 29, Commerce; May 6, Morris; May 13, Stuyvesant; May 27, Curtis.

The football team has been disbanded. Owing to the lack of material, it was impossible to produce a team that could hold its own against the others of the Public School Athletic League. Let's hope for better days.



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