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At 12.50 To-day.

The completion of the catalog of about 10,000 volumes and pamphlets comprising the Newcomb Library, will be briefly celebrated at 12.50 p. m. to-day, in Room 126. Professor Updegraff, successor to Professor Simon Newcomb, in charge of the American Ephemeris, will speak on Professor Newcomb's work in mathematics and astronomy. Professor Compton will then explain the construction and mode of using the newly completed catalog which will enable the students to find ready access to whatever works they may wish to refer. Among the other speakers, will be President Finley, probably Mr. Shepard, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and one or two others, the meeting finishing within the hour. Seniors and Juniors are warmly invited and strongly advised to be present. A cordial invitation is likewise extended to the Faculty and instructors.

A Few Days More.

The few days still remaining before our President's departure for Europe, will be a strenuous period for him. On Saturday evening, October 29th, at the Arion Hall, the Faculty and instructing corps will tender him a parting dinner. Professor McGuckin, in whose charge the arrangements have been and are being made, looks forward to the participation of perhaps three quarters of the Faculty.

On Monday evening, the 31st, the Upper Senior Class will give a farewell reception in honor of Dr. Finley while on Wednesday, November 2nd, the entire student body will gather in the Great Hall to bid him "Bon Voyage." On the day following he will sail, and on the 29th of November, he will deliver his first lecture.

Of the Council.

Unless the exhibitors of divers appeals for "lost" books and pens, notices of literary and other meetings, and of placards offering untold happiness with the purchase of this, that or the other thing, make formal application for bulletin space, before this Friday, their advertisements will be unmercifully removed or destroyed. Feldman, '11, Chairman of the Bulletin Board Committee is the official to whom applications must be submitted.

The Council, furthermore, wishes us to notify the following organizations, that unless they make at least part payments of their 1911 *Microcosm* debts, by this Friday, they will be barred from all collegiate activities. The delinquents and their unsettled accounts are: June 1912, \$7.50; June 1913, \$11.00; Chemical Society, \$7.00; Biological Society, \$2.50; Dramatic Society, \$7.50; Elizabethan Cast Society, \$15.00. Payments may be made to Lorenz Reich, Jr. former Business Manager of the 1911 *Microcosm*.

To-morrow afternoon, in Room 209, will be held a regular meeting of the Student Council. All members must attend in person or send proxies.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Dramatic Society, Enos Waters, '13, was elected Business Manager to succeed Sydney W. Caulfield, '12, who is away from College on leave-of-absence. The office of Property Manager, which Waters formerly held, is thus left vacant.

There will be a general meeting of the Society today, at 1 P. M., in Room 226.

 Senior Dance.

The Senior Dance will be held in the Gymnasium on Thanksgiving Eve, November 23d. Many prominent alumni are expected to attend. Subscriptions are \$2. a couple, and will be taken by the committee in the Senior Alcove. Since the number of tickets on sale is limited, students are advised to secure theirs as soon as possible.

Retorts, Etc.

The course in Municipal Chemistry, given at the College last year, was the predecessor and model for numerous similar courses now being given at Columbia, and other universities. This is a significant fact reflecting much to the credit of our institution and the Department of Chemistry. The twenty or more lectures delivered last year are being published under Professor Baskerville's editorial supervision, together with ten or a dozen more lectures by nationally reputed experts, each expert contributing one chapter. The volume will consist of about thirty chapters, covering in all, more than 500 pages. The work is unique in that it will be the first text and reference book on the subject of Municipal Chemistry.

Another honor is in store for us, by way of the Chemistry Department. In 1912, the Eighth International Congress of Applied Chemistry will be held in New York. Professor Baskerville's offer of the Doremus Lecture Theatre as a conference hall was immediately accepted by the Committee on Plans, and a number of important sessions will be scheduled at the College.

About a hundred students have signified their intentions of reorganizing the Civic Club. Professor Guthrie will take active charge. The society is to examine into all phases of government, constituting itself in the course of the year into a Senate, a House of Representatives, a State Legislature, a City Council, and so forth. A preliminary meeting will be held at 3.15 to-day in Room 306. All interested are cordially invited.

Above Board.

Winning seventeen games out of eighteen, in a simultaneous contest with the members of the Chess Club last Friday afternoon, was the brilliant record of Mr. Finn, the well-known metropolitan expert. The eighteenth game, with Robert H. Dressner, '11, was a draw. This Friday, Russell, of N. Y. U., will play the club. On Saturday afternoon, the team will play the Sagamore Chess Club.

What Our "Grads" Are Doing.

Last Saturday evening, in the Physics Lecture Hall, Dr. Henry Leipziger, '73, was elected President of the Associate Alumni. Dr. Leipziger, it will be recalled has been for a number of years, the Director of Public Lectures, so many of which are given each year by members of our Faculty. Heading the Executive Committee, is Edward Lauterbach, '64, whose name ranks among the foremost of our city's counselors. Among his associates are Judge Vernon M. Davis, '76, of the Supreme Court, Lewis Sayre Burchard, '77, another well-known lawyer of our city, and Julius M. Mayer, '84, ex-Attorney General of New York State. On the Committee of Nominations, were Dr. Robert Abbé, Physician in Charge at St. Luke's Hospital, Mr. Edward W. Stitt, District Superintendent of Schools, and Major Charles E. Leydecker, '71, who marshals the Alumni at all formal functions of the College. A brother of Mr. Burchard, above mentioned, who is also a "grad" of our College, is at present Chairman of the House of Representatives of the state of Rhode Island.

"Sardou, L'Homme et le Dramaturge" was the subject of a French lecture delivered by Prof. Louis Delamarre in the "White and Gold" room of the Plaza Hotel last Saturday night.

Last Friday afternoon, the Y. M. C. A. held the first of a series of afternoon socials in the General Webb room. About 70 were present including several of the Faculty. Neil McMillan, of the International Committee, Wallace Ross (Dartmouth 1909) of the West Side Association, President Wood, '11, Vice-President Bloodgood, '13, and Mr. Bartlett, were the speakers.

English Club.

At the first meeting of the English Club, last Monday evening, the members were entertained by Professor Krowl, who gave a most interesting account of his vacation trip through Greece. Professor Mott also spoke, his subject being "Leon Battista Alberti."

ATHLETICS.

An Explanation.

When the report of the property department was investigated by the Auditing Committee, so many discrepancies and errors were found, that a letter was sent to the President of the A. A. severely criticizing the manner in which this department was conducted last year.

In justice to the property manager, we publish below an explanation of the condition of affairs, which he sent to the A. A. with the report.

To the Auditing Committee, C. C. N. Y. A. A.

There will be found a great difficulty in settling the accuracy of this report in the insufficiency of records. Many records, unfortunately have been lost. Many, more unfortunately, were not made. I know that in the two weeks I was busy with the Census work, my assistant kept all records on stray slips of paper. Later they were given to me by 'phone from memory, the stray slips having been lost.

There will be another difficulty in the fact that since May 26th, when the greater part of the last inventory was made, I have not been the only one with a key to the Property Room. I find that, for example, where an inventory of about that date gave me 32 lacrosse sticks, that of 4 weeks later gave me only 29 sticks. And on Sept. 19th, happening to recount the lacrosse sticks, I find *only 25!* Something is not exactly straight here.

At any rate, the reports here are the clearest and most accurate I can give you. I hope they prove satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE PERLMAN,

Former Property Manager.

For Your Own Benefit.

The first duty of a student who desires to compete in any kind or manner of athletics at C. C. N. Y., is to submit to a physical examination. This should be done not merely because it is required, but for the simple and obvious reason that it is to one's own benefit. To those who are considered in good condition, cards will be given which need not be renewed until the next season. Dr. Storey and Dr. Boyd will be only too pleased to examine any student presenting himself between three and five o'clock any afternoon.

In The Tank.

Last Wednesday, our swimmers emerged from obscurity. The emerging was accompanied with considerable splashing. In other words, the meet, held in the tank was very satisfactory.

Captain Edman modestly took only one first and one second place, and a few others monopolized everything else. The Sophs won with 14 points. "1914" took 7 points, and "1911" was lucky to get 6.

The Results: 50 Yards Swim:—Edman, '13, first; Nussbaum, '14, second; Fielding, '11, third; time, 31 seconds.

Plunge:—Steigman, '13, 40 ft.; Edman, '13, 36 ft.; Berman, '14, 35 ft.

Fancy Diving:—Fielding, '11, first; Berman, '14, second; Steigman, '13, third.

According to present plans, there will be several meets of this kind, all to take place on Wednesdays; and today at one o'clock the second of them will be contested. Be there; it'll be worth while.

November 2nd.

Now that interclass athletics are all the go, the track department is in line with a meet for Wednesday, November 2nd. The prizes that will be given are unique and attractive. First place will receive a track suit with his class numerals; second place, a track suit; and third place, a track shirt.

The events are a 100 yard handicap, a 440 yard handicap, a half mile novice, a one mile handicap, a shot-put novice, and a high-jump novice.

Owing to the miscarriage of proofs, our Quarterly has been late in appearing. It is expected, however, at the end of this week.

Morris Kaufman, '12, the brilliant forward of last year's Basket Ball Team, is at present, we regret to state, in the clutches of typhoid fever. He has our sincerest wishes for a speedy recovery.

Another of our athletes, Joseph Shipley, '12, a valuable member of the swimming team, is also on the sick list. We are anxious to see him back in College soon again.

Championship Series.

There has never been a better outlook for a successful interclass basket ball series than there is right now. The failure of last year was due to the great number of games, more than half of which were not played. This year there are going to be three games, and they will all be played. The winner of the series may play the Freshman team as a preliminary to one of the big games. The schedule and the rules that follow will be strictly adhered to.

The schedule: 1914 vs. 1913, Nov. 5th.
 1912 vs. 1911, Nov. 12th.
 Winner vs. winner, Nov. 19th.

The Rules.—1. If either of the scheduled teams is not on the floor of the Gym. by 3:30 P. M., the absent team will forfeit the game.

2. Men must present physical examination cards to Mr. Palmer ONE WEEK before the game in order to play.

3. Only men who have not played on 'Varsity or Freshman basket ball teams are eligible.

Baseball on Jasper.

Two interesting and exciting games were played last week on Jasper Field. Good-sized and noisy crowds attended both of them.

In the first, played on Monday. 1911 won over 1912 by a score of 3 to 2, in a six inning game. At many times during the game, it looked as if the wind were blowing in Twelve's direction; but the Seniors held together, as is generally the case, and did all the winning there was to be done.

The other game was, if possible, even more exciting, due to the fact that the Sophs and Freshies were the contesting classes. Tienken, 14, who twirled for Stuyvesant last year, fanned twelve Sophomores. When darkness came on, five innings had already been played and the game ended with the score of 4-0, the Freshmen victorious. And thus was the rush revenged.

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A Misguided Critic.



AFTER extensive competitive trials with college men and non-college men, a foremost mail order firm of Chicago makes the following comment:

"Thirty per cent. of the college men we tried made good. Seventy per cent "dubs" made good. The success of the latter is due to the fact that he keeps his mouth shut and listens. The college man knows too much. It angers him to tell him to do a thing. We have had all kinds of trouble with university boys. They are so cocksure that they become unbearable."

And this, despite the far resounding slogan that the college bred man is the hope of the race!

But the observations of this one firm cannot be considered a very serious indictment against the college man. Perhaps in the particular kind of business it does, non-college men more easily "fit the job" than their competitors. Perhaps a certain kind of meek docility is requisite to success in its service. This, it seems, is borne out by the excerpt we print above, which has it that the non-collegiate applicant succeeds because "he keeps his mouth shut and listens." If the college man stands for anything at all, he stands for calling a spade a

spade; and only those whose development has been arrested, will stand by with mouth shut, when a timely suggestion *might*, at least, conduce to good.

Besides, such a stand as this firm takes with reference to keeping one's mouth shut, indicates that it has not itself, caught the spirit of the modern business world. The best reputed concerns make it very evident by rewards and other stimuli for suggestions, that they *do not* want their employees to stand before their "bosses" like slaves in a galley, wagging hypocritical approval with their tails of heads. It is fortunate for the firm in question that its statement was disseminated without the maker's name. It would have laid itself open to the kind of ridicule that Huxley and Young meted out to the anti-evolutionists. We wonder if it will deem THE CAMPUS "unbearable" for not keeping its mouth shut!

AFTER a lengthy and nerve-racking meeting, the Junior "Prom" Committee decided to hold an informal function. We wish heartily to commend its action. Our friends of convention and form may look upon this as a dire calamity. They may even see in it the germs of a terrible disease which will, in time, eat the very heart out of our College! But these are idle fears. Breaking away from stereotyped conventions to meet the varying need, has ever been, and will continue to be the law of progress.

It was said, in argument against an informal "Prom," that such an affair would take on the appearance of a "shirt waist" dance. Such a characterization was entirely unwarranted for the lack of *local* grounds for it. We trust that the gentleman responsible for the remark will be present on December 23rd, to prove to himself its insufficiency!

The argument of precedent enjoyed its usual vogue. "Other Colleges have formal 'Proms,' therefore our College, etc." In this respect, it is of no use, deceiving oneself into thinking that a representative portion of the Juniors can afford the added expense that a "boiled

shirt," and its concomitant fripperies and frappareies entail. The argument about parading in someone else's plumage, we fear, is somewhat sentimental, and only cogent when taken together with the real issue—the money question.

"1914" Leads.

The Tug of War held last Friday afternoon, was distinguished by an unruly crowd of spectators, who, no sooner than the starting signal sounded, rushed towards the pulling, straining contestants, almost hampering them in their efforts, and often seriously offsetting the good work of the officials and judges.

The first tug, between two teams, each of three men, was won by "1914" in the comparatively short time of 40 seconds. The second struggle between teams of 15 men, again went to "1914," after 2 minutes of great physical effort. Here the Sophomores pulled themselves together and tied the score by taking the third and fourth tugs in $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes each, these contests being the most exciting and thrilling ever witnessed on the Oval. The fifth tug was forfeited to the Freshmen, because of the non-appearance of the Sophomores. Thereupon some "1913" men, who were greatly incensed at the decision of the judges, made a threatening rush toward the chief official, and if not for the timely interference of some Seniors, he would undoubtedly have suffered bodily harm.

After the orderly Rush of last week, we cannot understand the conduct of these few Sophomores. We re-

alize that their great excitement might have put them beyond self-control, but we also realize that college men are, or ought to be, gentlemen at all times and under all trying circumstances. We feel certain, however, that they were not acting in accordance with the ideals of "1913," and we are equally sure that the Class Council will mete out to these tiger-spirited rowdies the severe reprimand they deserve. The decision of the judges is final and no appeal can be taken. The two deciding tugs will be held perhaps held Friday.

Encouraged by the success of last year's play, the Department of English has decided to produce another Elizabethan play. some time before Christmas. "Henry IV.," Part I, is probably the play which which will be presented. The committee consists of Messrs. Keily, chairman, Coleman, Compton, Taaffe and Whiteside. The cast is now being selected by Dr. Taaffe.

The Prize speaking trials resulted in the selection of the following men: Seniors and Juniors: Alperin, Drachman, Drachsler, Eisenburg, Jaffe and S. E. Perlman. Sophomores: Falk, Glassenburg and Hecht. According to the collegiate calendar, the Prize Speaking is scheduled to take place on Friday, November 11th.

At the class meeting of June, 1911, held last Wednesday, Professors Guthrie and Woolston, and Dr. Robinson were elected honorary members.

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T. H. H. NEWS.

Commencement Heard From.

Preparations have been begun for the Upper A commencement. The cast for the French play, the name of which has not yet been announced, is being picked from among the best students in French, by Mr. Moore.

The Sons of the Revolution are offering an attractive prize for the best essay on the topic, "The Aid Received by the Colonies from France During the Revolution." Get busy, Historicus!

Football.

"Dad" White, a former Fordham crack, has been chosen coach of the football team. The material which he has to draw upon is exceedingly weak, so that it would be unreasonable to expect anything like results from him, despite his wide experience and recognized efficiency as a coach. We must however, hope for the best.

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Brevities.

Up to date only 480 A. A. membership tickets have been sold. This result is extremely disheartening especially in view of the increased T. H. H. registration. What's wrong now?

We are pleased to announce that the soccer team has not disbanded. Despite the lack of a coach there are strong possibilities for a good showing. The men are very promising.

Letters for baseball have been awarded to Sinnott, Rost, James, Herbert, Sheridan, MacErlean and Piscotta. The eleven members of the track team have also received their "H's."

Upper A elections will take place this week. A heated contest is expected as there is no scarcity of nominees. Hyman is chairman of the election committee.



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