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Commencement.



THEIR parchment diplomas carefully tucked under their arms, the ninety members of the class of February 1911, stepped out of the undergraduate life of the College last Monday morning. Once more we say—good luck to them! Hon. Edward Lazarus, Secretary of State, and till recently member of the Board of Trustees of the College, addressed the graduates. The student orations were delivered by Isador Lazarus, whose subject was "The Torch Relit;" Marks Neidle who spoke on "The Rewards of Scientific Research;" and Lorenz Reich, who decried the worship of "The Modern Idol".

The prizes and their winners are: The Pell Medals "To the students who shall rank highest in all the studies of the year," Gold, J. Drachsler, '12; Silver, L. J. Mutterperl, '13. The Cromwell Medal in History went to B. Elwyn, '13. The Ward Medals were won by M. Neidle, '11 (Chemistry); H. D. Warren, '11 (Natural History); G. M. Green, '11 (Natural Philosophy); P. D. Bookstaber, '11 (Moral Philosophy); F. Maninband, '11 (Political Science); E. J. Drachman, '12 (English); J. Phillips, '12 (Greek); A. Germann, '12 (French); M. J. Leventhal, '11 (Spanish); P. Klein, '11 (German); N. L. Lieberman, '11 (Oratory); A. D. St. John, '12 (Composition); L. J. Mutterperl, '13 (Logic); L. Reich, Jr., '11 (History); H. T. Neumann, '11 (Drawing); R. J. McAusland, Upper B (Algebra and Geometry); H. Adler, Upper B (Honorable Mention).

The Kenyon Prize in Pure and Applied Mathematics and also the Prager Memorial Prize were captured by

M. Neidle, '11. The Ketcham Prizes went to M. Kirchstein, '11, and F. Mantuiband, '11, (Philosophy), and J. Schwartz, '12, and A. Beier, '12 (Political Science). J. Drachsler, '12, won the Ralph Weinberg Prize for the best written oration. The Devae Prizes in Mechanical Arts were awarded to B. Cohen, '14 and H. M. Boyd, '14.

The Claffin Medals and their winners are I. L. Moskowitz, '11 (Gold), A. M. Dushkin, '11, J. Felson, '12 (Honorable Mention), D. Schneidman, '13 (Silver), S. Abrams, '14 (Honorable Mention) in Greek, while the Silver Medal in Latin was awarded to C. L. Connet, '14.

The Debate with Bates.

The subject of this year's debate with Bates College has been announced. It concerns the economical advantages to the United States of the proposed reciprocity treaty with Canada. Trials will be held probably during the first week of March.

It should hardly be necessary to urge the coming out of candidates for the team. Clio has shown the right spirit by reserving the evening of February 24th for trials among her own members. The example is worth following.

Just because aspirants have never debated before in a "big" debate, they should not condemn themselves as unfit. Quite unknown to themselves, they may possess all the powers of winning debaters. They should permit Professor Palmer to appraise their worth. It may be stated, too, that the honor enjoyed by defenders of Alma Mater's glory in debate, is perhaps the greatest a student can strive for.

The Death of General Webb.

While the whole College had given itself over to the joys of Commencement Week, a deep shadow of grief was cast upon the happiness of Faculty and students when the news came out on Monday morning that General Webb had died the night before. We shall find it hard to adjust ourselves to our great loss. Throughout his long and eventful career, General Webb was looked up to as a fighter, a fighter of the first rank. Fearless and steadfast in the very teeth of the foe, forgetful of self in his defense of the Union, so also was he tireless and persistent in his efforts to elevate the College to a position comparable with its worth. It is related how he made trip after trip to Albany in the latter nineties, button-holing legislators and addressing committees with his indefatigable energy, and the result—this magnificent pile of buildings. These towers he helped erect, will ever stand as monuments in his praise, speaking with an eloquence beyond the powers of journalism, his benefactions to the nation, and to the city whose name we bear.

The Stolen Skeleton.

And "The Stolen Skeleton," supposed to have come back to life, is still in one of the T. H. H. rooms frightening the little high school boys and terrorizing Mr. Bonney's vacuum brigade. The comedy performed by the graduating class last Monday evening was truly subtitled "some fact, more fiction and most foolishness." Henry, as the handsome hero, convinced the audience that he was well versed in the gentler "science" of love-making. His affection for the beautiful Margaret (Jaffe) and the great trials he endured to win her, almost drew tears from his sympathetic audience. And Dorothea, the shy, demure Dorothea, without whom there could have been no "marriage bells," played his—or rather her—part so naturally (as one of the prettier sex expressed it). O Lazarus, how could you? The villain, M. Osterman, with a voice that went rolling down through the subway tunnel, was anywhere, everywhere and all over the stage. And his hands were SO expressive!

Becker, as Bones, was the star of the evening. His dance of the skeleton cannot be praised too highly, and we daresay that he contributed much to the success of the evening. But Greenberg still wants to know in what one respect Dorothea appealed to him. The splendid ending of the second act, in which the hero and chorus sang "Farewell My Own," required an encore to satisfy the audience.

The "Faculty" scene, which somehow always appeals to an audience, was rather slow, and at times, uninteresting. But many of the characters were excellently portrayed, and the cross-examination by the heroine (who arrived at the critical moment) was very amusing as well as pathetic. The most conspicuous feature of the happy finale was a noise produced by the entire cast, which the program fortunately informed us, was a song entitled "Marriage Bells." However, it was all in the play!

Dr. Taaffe requests the Varsity show cast to meet tomorrow at 3.15 P. M. in Room 113 for the first reading of "The Rivals."

French Day Coming.

At last Friday's meeting of the Cercle Jusserand, Professor Downer announced that soon after the return of President Finley in May, the College will celebrate its second French Day. Upon this occasion will be formally dedicated the French Department Library which will contain upwards of 2000 volumes and which is being collected with funds very generously donated by the class of 1885. It is thought that the program of the day's exercises will be arranged largely by the Cercle Jusserand.

It is pleasing to note that at the last *réunion* of the Cercle, Professor Downer was elected Director and Dr. Weill was chosen *un ami*.

A paper entitled "Uses of the Rare Earths" from the pen of Professor Baskerville appears in *Chemical Industry in Canada* for 1910. Another article by the same author is "City Sanitation" and may be read in *Science* for January.

Professor Baskerville recently purchased the library of the late Dr. Volney, the noted expert on explosives. A considerable number of his acquisitions our professor intends to present to the Gibbs Library of Chemistry.

Freshmen and Sophomores.

The editors of the *1912 Microcosm* inform us that the response of Freshmen and Sophomores to their call for subscriptions has not been as hearty as they anticipated. This is sadly to be regretted when it is borne in mind that the editors are bending every effort to make this year's annual essentially an *all college* book and that the volume contains numerous notable Freshmen and Sophomore features. It is not too late however to subscribe. D. R. Bernstein, '12, Business Manager, may be found during the noon hour in Alcove 4. A nominal deposit will assure the reservation of a "Mike."

Professor Brownson requests all students to return their registration cards not later than Friday.

ATHLETICS.

On The Eve of The Morrow.

Notable visitors from up-state will adorn our basketball court to-morrow night. On their sweaters there will be an "R", which, we are told, signifies "Rochester". Let us hope that the "R" does not loom *too* large. Of course, our opponents will be delighted to note the absence of Heskowitz, Gorschen and Mester. It will be a little hard to replace these men, but Coach Palmer has a new lineup that will give Rochester the time of its life.

Get your admission cards to-day or to-morrow.

An important meeting of the Track and Field candidates will be held this afternoon from 2 to 4 in the A. A. room. All should attend.

In addition to their diplomas, Heskowitz and Gorschen, will receive complete basketball outfits.

In and Out.

Although our track and swimming teams have been weakened by the departure of various athletes, nevertheless we have gained others who will probably take care of their positions. Joe Dolan, our former star quarter-miler, has left us and matriculated at Dartmouth College. There he has already been chosen a member of the Freshman relay team by Coach Harry Hillman. Captain Edman of the swimming team, has also departed from our midst and has entered Columbia University. But in their places we shall have Terwilliger, of Bryant H. S., a high-jumper and shot-putter. He will probably fill the vacancies caused by Rosenburg, now at Brown University, and by Rekersdres, who has just graduated. In Edman's place we have available the services of Eisele, who has already made quite a reputation by winning the 220 yard race at the recent Columbia meet. Our water-polo team was also improved by the addition of Kemmerer and Phillips from T. H. H., and McNabb from N. Y. U.

C. C. N. Y. Drowned.

The unfortunate drowning occurred February 7 when Columbia beat us in their tank $36\frac{1}{2}$ to $16\frac{1}{2}$ points. Besides that we also had the extreme pleasure of losing the water polo game, 20 to 0. Warner Eisele, a brand new addition to the College and the team, scored our only first by annexing the "220." Every other event was appropriated by our hillside neighbors. The relay went to Columbia by but a few feet and Peters won the plunge by a mere nose. The hundred was nip-and-tuck, but in the fifty and the fancy diving we were hopelessly outclassed.

The summaries:

200-Yard Relay Race—Won by Columbia, with G. W. Dunn, Jr., G. C. Defaa, L. Dinkelspiel, and F. Culman; C. C. N. Y., with R. Stern, W. Eisele, G. Coughlin, and A. Edman, second. Time—2:01.

50-Yard Swim—Won by L. Dinkelspiel, Columbia; F. Culman, Columbia, second; A. Edman, C. C. N. Y., third. Time—0:28 1-5.

100-Yard Swim—Won by F. Culman, Columbia; A. Edman, C. C. N. Y., second; G. C. Defaa, Columbia, third. Time—1:05.

220-Yard Swim—Won by W. Eisele, C. C. N. Y.; E. H. Sutcliffe, Columbia, second; R. Stern, C. C. N. Y., third. Time 3:06.

Fancy Diving—Won by R. C. Patterson, Columbia, with $58\frac{1}{2}$ points; G. Berman, C. C. N. Y., second, with $54\frac{1}{2}$ points; tie for third between F. Fielding, C. C. N. Y., and S. Rogow, Columbia, with $54\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Plunge for Distance—Won by W. F. Peters, Columbia, with a plunge of 58 feet 6 inches; F. Mayer, C. C. N. Y., second, with a plunge of 57 feet; H. M. Barker, Columbia, third, with a plunge of 51 feet.

WATER POLO.

COLUMBIA

Kuhlbusch
Barker
Clark
Ruthardt
Pell
Rogow

Position

Goal
Left Back
Right Back
Left Forward
Centre
Right Forward

C. C. N. Y.

Levinson
Bischoff
Steigmann
Prusan
Summerfield
Nussbaum

Touch goals—Pell 4. Substitutes—Kemmerer for Bischoff, Phillipp for Kemmerer, Gardner for Clark and Steineman for Rogow. Referee—F. Currier. City Athletic Club.

Well! Well! Well!

Last Saturday night, our relay team ran in the one-mile inter-collegiate at the Poly Prep games in Brooklyn against the representatives of Brooklyn College, Polytechnic Institute, St. John's College and Pratt Institute. Our men, who ran a beautiful race, succeeded in finishing first, in the excellent time of 3.46 2-5, Polytechnic Institute coming in second.

By running off with the 1000 yard run at the Caledonian games, Friday night, Captain Dolan prepared our palates for the sweet victory of the next evening.

Ripples from the Tank.

Princeton was the scene of an aquatic struggle last Monday night between the Orange and Blacks and our own swimming team. As we go to press, the results have not yet arrived, but we sincerely *hope* that we rendered a better account of ourselves than in the two previous meets.

Admission to the triangular meet with Amherst and Columbia will cost A. A. members 25 cents.

Owing to a conflict in dates for the use of the tank, the meet with Cornell will be held on March 3rd.

At the N. Y. A. C. Games, last Saturday evening, George Coughlin, '12, added another star to our banner of victory by beating out a select field of swimmers in the 75 yard novice.

Next Wednesday night, while we shall be in the throes of the Brown game, our relay team will compete in a one-mile inter-collegiate relay race under the auspices of the Millrose A. C.

Last Friday afternoon the Executive Board elected "Bert" Sommers '13, Secretary of the A. A.

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Running For Office.



HIS is the season of class elections. Judging from the number of nominations being solicited in the alcoves, the ballots will be long, perhaps too long. This will in many cases make representative choices of officers not an easy matter. Sections will be pitted against sections, and courses against courses. Yet there is nothing to fear; experience indicates that the best men will win out.

But that is not our point. We notice that too many students are running for the Council. At first glance this might appear a good sign, but we fear that many of the candidates look upon office in the Council as being only secondary to office in their classes. Holding office in the Council they consider pretty much of a dignified joke. Such men are to be reminded that the Council is the most potent factor in our undergraduate life, and that the composition and work of the Council reflects the "stuff" of the College, and that its efficiency and integrity may be used to gauge the worth of our whole student body.

To the electors we say—mere office-seekers should

be tabooed. The student who stands for something, who is not afraid to say what that may be, and who is willing to work in committee and out, is the sort of student to have a seat in the Council.

A Property Man Not Needed.

OF course, the College will greatly miss the Class of February, 1911. But unappreciative as we may appear to be of Feb. '11's true worth, we shall miss even more the beautiful banners, pictures and sculptures that formerly adorned their alcove. The other day the class' property man swooped down upon the treasures and hauled them off, some to a dark, dust-infested room in the attic, some to his own home. What a pity! As has been often observed, there are about the College many walls and nooks, the bareness of which constitutes an eye-sore. Would it not be better, then, if the enterprising and spirited Class of February, 1911, would hang its many victory banners in the gymnasium, and distribute its pictures and sculptures about the College where they are probably most needed? This is a precedent which future graduating classes might well follow.

Owing to the fact that next Wednesday will be a legal holiday, THE CAMPUS will appear Thursday morning.

Board of Trustee Changes.

His election to the office of Secretary of State has necessitated the resignation of Hon. Edward Lazansky from the Board of Trustees of the College. His place will be filled by Mr. Bernard M. Baruch, '89, who was a classmate of Professors Horne, Schuyler, Fuentes and Pedersen, and Dr. Morse. Our new trustee is a member of the firm of Baruch Brothers, Bankers. He is a member also of the Governing Board of the New York Stock Exchange.

Mr. Charles Strauss has also resigned from the Board of Trustees. This was probably made necessary by his recent appointment to the presidency of the Board of Water Supply of New York City.

On the Platform.

At the Museum of Natural History this Saturday Evening Professor Winslow will lecture on "Water Pollution and Water Purification." It may be recalled that our professor is the Curator of Public Health of the American Museum of Natural History. Professor Winslow is also to give a course of lectures at Teachers' College in "Municipal Sanitation," quite similar to the work given here.

Last Sunday, February 12th, Professor Clark lectured at the Mt. Morris Baptist Church on the question "Shall We Further Restrict Immigration?"

On Saturday evening Professor William B. Guthrie delivered an address at the Bronx Y. M. H. A. on "Lincoln As A Statesman." An interesting musical program followed.

Prof. R. J. Aitken's lecture last Saturday evening upon the subject "Astronomy in the Twentieth Century" proved most interesting and instructive. His many stereoptican views, especially those of the double stars, excited the wonder of his audience.

In the Doremus Lecture Theatre, Friday afternoon at 2.20, Prof. M. C. Whitaker of Columbia University will deliver the first of the Spring series of public lectures in the Department of Chemistry, on "The Chemist in Practical Life." The three succeeding lectures will be announced by us in our next issue.

Our Active Professor.

Professor Storey attended the 5th Congress of the American School Hygiene Association, at which he was re-elected secretary-treasurer. He read a paper before this society on "Individual Instruction in Personal Hygiene." He has recently published two other pamphlets "General Exercise" and "Fatigue and Morality."

Schmalz and Teuffel Praise Dr. Lease.

Dr. Lease's edition of Livy has recently received high endorsement from two leading authorities in Germany. It is mentioned among the "Notable Editions of Livy," cited by Teuffel in his new edition of Roman Literature. The honor is all the greater as it is the only American or English edition of Livy in the list. It is also mentioned by Schmalz, in the new edition of his Latin Grammar, among the "editions indispensable to Latin scholars on account of its valuable commentary."

This Afternoon at Four.

Professor Baldwin gives his 170th public organ recital in the great Hall this afternoon. Among the compositions he will play are *Barcarolle in B flat* by William Faulkes and *Dream Pantomime* (Angel Scene) from Humperdinck's fairy opera "Hänsel and Gretel." Next Wednesday's program will be devoted chiefly to the works of Richard Wagner.

Rehearsals of the Choral Society and the Orchestra begin this week.

The February issue of the Journal of the American Chemical Society contains an article entitled "Some Experiments on the Reliability of the Borax Bead Test for Varying Mixtures of Cobalt and Nickel" by Dr. Curtman and P. Rothberg, '12.



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Have you caught the germ—the research germ? The Department of Natural History seems to be a veritable hotbed for its propagation and hardly an instructor has escaped infection by it. Mr. Scott is investigating the effect of changes in the composition of water upon the blood of fishes.

Dr. Goldfarb is experimenting upon regeneration, while Mr. Hilliard is intent upon the study of new processes for the disinfection of water. Seniors likewise are not immune from this germ of our heading, and three of them, under the direction of Professor Winslow, are investigating the bacteriology of shell fish, milk and dust respectively.

The Upper and Lower Seniors will elect their class officers to-day. Vote early.

In Society.

At 1.15 P. M. to-day, in Room 226, the Dramatic Society will hold its first meeting of the term. All members are requested to attend as matters of great importance are to be acted upon.

The Chemical Society will meet on Saturday. Professor Moody, Honorary President, will speak informally on some matter of chemical interest.

A meeting of the Zionist Society will be held on Friday, at 3.15 P. M. in Room 226. Elections of officers will take place and all the preliminary business of the term will be discussed. I. B. Berkson, '12, will speak on "The Need of the Zionist Society."

Last Friday's election of officers of the Adelpian Literary Society resulted in the choice of J. Rapheal, president; J. Hertzstein, vice-president; E. M. Meyer, secretary-treasurer; and I. Weinstein, program executive.

T. H. H. NOTES

Indoor Champs.

Dr. Cosenza's charges gathered in two more cups at the Indoor Championships held at the 13th Regiment Armory, January 28th. The 100 pound relay took second place and the 120 pounders came in first. The judges very foolishly put the three strongest contenders, Clinton, Manual Training and T. H. H., all in the same trial heat. Clinton had to break the former record of 1.44 3-5 by 1 3-5 seconds to win the heat. Manual Training was thus eliminated. In the final heat our boys ran the Clinton aggregation off their feet, breaking the old record by three seconds time; 1.41 3-5 seconds.

T. H. H. has instituted a new method of instilling fear of the Lord and a proper respect for the college, into the hearts of the "C" children, Mr. Newman has pressed into service the skeleton used in the Senior Class Play as a terrible example. He claims that the number of delinquents is decreasing already.

Stuyvesant Wins.

In spite of the fact that we took four firsts out of six events the Stuyvesant artists showed up our swimming experts to the tune of 29 to 25. The 800 yard relay which our opponents won by a scant three inches decided our fate. In the same meet Schneider of T. H. H. broke the former plunge-for-distance record by going 59 feet in 63 seconds. Our defeat was due mainly to the absence of Rogow who probably would have made us enough points to win. At any rate the meet was worth going some distance to see.

The year which just closed has been a most successful one, financially, for the A. A. The total receipts were \$586.80, the total expenditures \$462.39 thus leaving a surplus of \$124.41 to start the new year. The membership, 798, is the largest in the last few terms.

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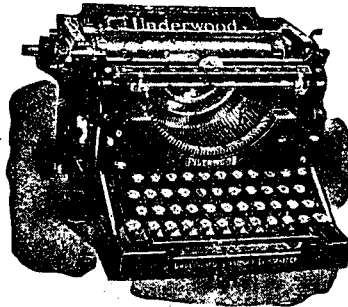
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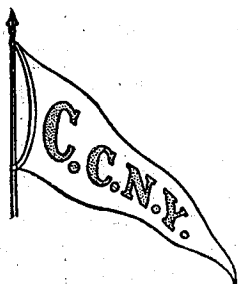
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