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The Rivals.



DR. TAAFFE'S prediction that this year's Varsity Show would out-rival all previous City College shows, materialized in every detail. The performance went through without a hitch. The make-up of the players, especially that of the "ladies," lacked none of the art of the profession. The orchestra under Professor Baldwin's direction played as it had never played before. A large audience was in attendance to encourage the players to their best efforts.

The particular star of the evening was Leonard J. Matlow, '12. His impersonation of "Mrs. Malaprop" was "simply beyond retrospection." "And his physiognomy was so grammatical, too!" The ease with which he minced suffixes and prefixes and "hard" words generally would have done honor to Sheridan's original Mrs. Malaprop. Max Hacker, '14, as "Sir Anthony Absolute" played his part very effectively, while Isaac Chapman, '14, in the rôle of the simple-hearted "Bob Acres," whose valor was always on the point of oozing out at his finger-tips, showed himself a born actor. "Faulkland," Harry Rothkowitz, '14, with his ever present fear of his sweetheart's infidelity won the sympathy of the ladies in the audience. Jerome M. Ziegler's skilfully sustained brogue furnished ample proof of his ancestry! But the girls—ah! The "rouge-like paleness" of the romantic Lydia Languish (Harold L. Lemlein, '15), the "simplicity" of Lucy (Harold C. Falk, '13), and the demureness of the dark-eyed Julia (Sidney Abrams, '14) were very affecting; but their Finley Walking Club stride showed them up! John A. Kear, '13, played "Sir Lucius O'Trigger" with becoming dignity. The talkativeness of Fag (M. D. S. Peterson, '15) never seemed to fag him at all. Franklin R. Fielding, '11, was applauded for his

representation of the coachman. Thomas E. Coulton, as "Capt. Absolute", made a handsome young officer.

But when all is said and done, it is to Dr. Taaffe to whom we must address our congratulations. For nearly two months, with unfailing patience, he coached the cast to that perfection which made possible last Saturday night's glorious success. The gratitude the College owes the maker of its players cannot be expressed in words alone. City College will always be indebted to Dr. Taaffe for his many sacrifices.

THE CAST.

Sir Anthony	Max Hacker, '14
Capt Absolute	Thomas E. Coulton, '14
Faulkland	Harry Rothkowitz, '14
Bob Acres	Isaac Chapman, '14
Sir Lucius O'Trigger	John A. Kear, Jr., '14
Fag	Martin D. Sydney Peterson, '15
David	Jerome Martin Ziegler, '14
Coachman	Franklin R. Fielding, '11
Mrs. Malaprop	Leonard J. Matlow, '12
Lydia Languish	Harold L. Lemlein, '15
Julia Melville	Sidney Abrams, '14
Lucy	Harry C. Falk, '13

Debating Team Chosen.

At the debate trails held last Wednesday, Jesse Perlman, '12, Jesse Schwartz, '12, Richard Stern, '11, and Edgar Drachman, '12, (alternate) were chosen by Professor Palmer to uphold the affirmative of the reciprocity question against Bates College.

From now on the men will work down to the depths of the subject, and presently they will be given an opportunity to test their prowess on a team selected from the Political Science Club of the Evening Session.

The debate proper will be held in the Auditorium of Townsend Harris Hall on Friday evening, April 28th.

Last week Professor Winslow was called from the College to give expert testimony on the effect of cold storage on eggs. Dr. Wiley who confiscated 10 tons of eggs from a Boston egg company has been sued by the corporation for damages. Professor Winslow, in conjunction with Professor William T. Sedgwick of Massachusetts and Dr. T. E. Jordan of Chicago, has been asked to testify in behalf of the company.

Walcott Gibbs Library Grows.

Mr. James R. Steers, '53, donor of the Walcott Gibbs Library of Chemistry, and better known to the students through his many generous gifts to the College, has once more shown the fitness of President Finley's allusion to him as the "pioneer giver" of the Alumni. Recently he presented Professor Baskerville with a check for \$2,200 to provide for the complete indexing and cataloguing of the departmental library, and for the purchase of the *Journal of the Chemical Society of London* from 1841 to the present, as well as the *Chemiker Zeitung* and a selected list of the most modern treatises on chemistry. These additional purchases made, the Walcott Gibbs Library will be one of the finest chemistry reference libraries in the country.

C. C. N. Y. First in Histology.

At the recent examinations in Histology held at the College of Physicians and Surgeons only twelve students passed out of a total of ninety. Seven of the successful twelve were former City College students.

Histories of the Departments.

The *Microcosm* this year will be of especial interest to the professors and instructors of the College. How few of them are acquainted with the origin and early history of their own departments! The editors of the annual have spent much time delving into the records of the past in which they have discovered truly interesting men—men whom the present generation of instructors ought to know. The "*Mike*" will contain accounts of the illustrious teachers who directed the activities of the College in days gone by.

A Fourth Edition.

The demand for Professor Horne's "Technique of the Novel" shows no sign of lessening. Three large editions have already been exhausted and Harper Brothers are now hurriedly publishing a fourth. No better testimony to the excellence of the book can be had than its continued wild-fire sale.

French Day Plans.

Judging from letters received at the College, President Finley will be back before May 1st. No definite arrangements have yet been made, however. On Thursday, May 11th, French Day will be celebrated. As we announced sometime ago, Ambassador Jusserand will be present at the exercises. Professor Downer hopes, too, to invite a number of others who are prominent in French-American circles. The day's program will contain two or three literary numbers which the Cercle Jusserand is now preparing. The dedication of the recently acquired French Department Library will be included in the ceremonies.

Considering all, Professor Downer is confident that this year's French Day will be very much more successful than that of November 1909.

Faculty Submits

Our sympathy goes out to the Bowlers of the Faculty. Last Friday night they met defeat at the hands of Dr. Saxton's crew from Edgewater. The Faculty made a creditable showing but their opponents were just a little too strong for them.

Tremain Prize Judges.

Tremain prize essayists will rejoice to learn that the time still left to them in which to submit their theses has been extended until April 20th. They will thus have the Easter vacation in full to complete their work. The two judges of the competition are Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, who will represent the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and Mr. John Hampden Dougherty of the Class of '71.

Dr. Kost is at work arranging the details of a Faculty dance to be held in the near future.

President Finley's Successor.

President Finley's successor at the Sorbonne is Professor Schowfield, Professor of Comparative Literature at Harvard University. His course of lectures is entitled "Chivalry in English Literature."

ATHLETICS.

The Last Call.

Once more, fellows, we remind you of the coming indoor meet. This series of events, which will take place the coming Saturday night *must* be made a success. If we are to have more of these annual meets, we have to support *this* one. The manager and his assistant have worked faithfully and zealously in order to make these games a success, and we should all show that we appreciate their efforts. Come up, fellows, bring relatives and *other* acquaintances, show some spirit, run, jump or at least buy a few tickets; at any rate, do something. We shall see runners galore, we shall see star high-jumpers and finally—the basketball game of the season. THE CAMPUS is giving a victory trophy to the class making the highest number of points. Everybody that does anything will get some prize or other. Therefore we beseech you dig deep down (notice the alliteration) into your pockets and produce your coin or enter some event.

The first three teams to finish in the inter-class relay will have their names engraved on the William R. Hearst cups—an added inducement.

The "1914" class is making a strong bid for THE CAMPUS banner. They have entered six men for the high jump, two in the mile and three "children" in the 600. Surely the Seniors, Juniors, and Sophs will not stand idly by and see these youngsters run off with the honors. Get busy, you older brothers! It is expected that the mysterious fraternities will put up a good race in the novice relay. Among those who have already entered are Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Delta Sigma Phi and Alpha Lambda Phi. Then will come the last basket-ball game of the season. Captain Friedman will lead his cohorts against our graduates. Undoubtedly it will delight you to see "Pompadour" Breslau and "Whitey" Kaufman enter the contest. Although the latter is still a bit weak, he will nevertheless put up a stiff game. Our Alumni have promised to come out

strong. Among the "old gents" will be Marcus, '04, Marx, '06, Gemson, '06, Brand and Spivack, '09, Perlman and Goldman, '10, and Gorschen and ex-Captain Heskowitz, both of '11. Once again we say, "Come up." Come and see our quintet bowl over, throw over, knock over, drown, choke, hang and "pickle" the Alumni!

Number One.

Twenty-five! This, by actual count, is the exact number of rooters who came up to see our team defeated by Fordham University. The score was 8 to 2, with our Varsity at the wrong end of the score. But we are happy—extremely happy—we scored *first*. Now, what do you think of that? This unexpected phenomenon took place in the second inning. Through the wildness of the Maroon and White's pitcher, we received a few bases on balls, and with the help of the Fordham catcher, who contributed several passed balls, we scored. But what happened in Fordham's half was a shame. They simply fell on Brother Rappaport and scored three runs. But, on the whole, our men played well. Berrigan, who is so small that he has to get up on a chair in order to be able to grasp the bat, was our bright, particular star. He stopped grounders to the left of him, grounders to the right of him, grounders in front of him, and sometimes—grounders in back of him. In short, he stopped everything. He *only* put out four men and made merely three assists—and he is only a Freshman. What shall we expect when he will be an upper classman? We hate to imagine. And now we shall speak of Kieran. O Kieran—how could you do it? After being elected captain of the team, you go out and make two errors! Michaels, our second baseman, as is customary with him, played a strong game. Greenberg also played good ball for us. But Polley—whom we always loved—you allowed more than a dozen men to steal on you. But we still have lots of confidence in you, old man.

Having nothing more to write, will close with love regards to all, and the score:

C. C. N. Y.	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	—2	R.	H.	E
Fordham	0	3	2	1	1	1	—6	9	3	4	1

Shut Out.

In the second game of the season our baseball team went down to defeat before Columbia. Owing to the cold weather the men seemed unable to field properly. Many an easy roller was fumbled because of numb fingers. The score does not do justice to the game our men put up. Rappaport pitched the best game of his career, allowing only three clean hits. Michaels played a steady game at second, and if it were not for the lame throwing of Polley and Propper, the score might have been different. Many of the spectators commented highly on the individual playing of our men. If the players would pay more attention to perfecting their team work when practising, there is no reason why a majority of the remaining games should not be won. The score:

C. C. N. Y. . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0
Columbia . . .	0	1	2	2	0	3	0	x—8	

Batteries: C. C. N. Y.—Rappaport, Sporn, and Polley and Propper. Columbia—Church, Rothwell and Malloy. Umpire, Mr. Kennedy.

Next Wednesday afternoon our baseball team will clash with the New York University nine at Ohio Field.

Finley Walking Club.

With the advent of Spring our walkers are beginning to stretch their legs. On April 9th, under the leadership of General "Ed" Ward and Sergeant Montfiore Judelson, our squad will invade Coney Island. This bold feat (don't shoot!!) was accomplished last year in 2 hours, 46 minutes, which is pretty good time for 15 miles.

A C. C. N. Y. Reserve baseball team has been organized at the College and games have already been scheduled with other teams. One has been arranged with Stuyvesant H. S.

A picture of the Track squad *in action* will be taken to-day at 1 P. M. on the gymnasium steps.

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Aching Backs and Tired Eyes.



IT IS not uncommon to hear outsiders complain about the uncomfortable benches and the poor illumination of the T. H. H. auditorium. We have known visitors to depart from the hall with aching backs and tired eyes—and with no very favorable opinion of the institution that was responsible for their discomfort. While the authorities are repairing the Great Hall chandeliers and replacing with more powerful ones, the electric lamps in the recitation and lecture halls, and while they are in other ways ministering to the material needs of the College and its students, we wish respectfully to call to their attention the condition which so disagreeably affects visitors to T. H. H.

The Great Hall is a glorious edifice; but for plays, debates and similar college activities, it is too large. The lecture halls, on the other hand, are too small. Therefore, the T. H. H. assembly room which furnishes the proper seating capacity, is brought more and more into prominence as the scene of these activities. Therefore, too, is the disagreeable condition of the benches and the illumination brought more and more into prominence.

This must, in time, materially blur the good name of the College. This evil has still a further effect. A person with an aching back and tired eyes is in no position to judge of the merits of a debate or a play. His vision is clouded in more senses than one, and his estimate of the College's debating or histrionic ability is bound to be a low one.

This is indeed unfortunate; but the remedy is a simple one. It may appear a little costly but it is certainly worth the expense. The old benches, which nothing save their time-honored associations with the old Chapel, ought to keep from the auctioneer's block, should be replaced by comfortable chairs. The glaring yellow lights of low power should be replaced by lamps that give a brighter, whiter, more agreeable light. As matters stand, most of the students are ashamed of the T. H. H. assembly room. What a pity this is when it is borne in mind that the large theatre-like auditoriums of the high schools are the source of much of the pride and spirit of their students.

The College "Library."

NUMEROUS inquiries have come to us concerning the nature of the building "going up" just opposite the Hamilton Gate. And one cannot help smiling at the naive manner in which a dozen inquirers hinted at the possibility that the building was to be the "Library" of the College! No. The building will be nothing more nor less than one of those prosaic ten-story apartment houses with part of the front wall omitted to let in some light. It would be silly to weep over spilled bricks now, but it is to be genuinely regretted that the city did not see fit to preserve the simple beauty of the neighborhood. We suppose that with academic ceremony the structure will be dubbed the "Campus," or the "Commons" or University or College "Hall." However, there are still a number of excellent lots on which the College Library may yet stand!

The men of the Class of 1912 are requested to return the proofs of their *Microcosm* pictures to the photographers at once.

Flaming Craters.

Dr. Crampton's recital of his hair-breadth escapes and experiences in the South Sea Islands interested a large audience last Thursday night at the meeting of the Biological Society. Dr. Crampton's colored stereoptican views, especially the two showing the flaming interiors of the craters of two volcanoes just before eruption, excited the wonder of all whom where present. It is hoped that after Dr. Crampton shall have completed his lecture tour, he will return to the College and speak on the scientific significance of his travels.

German Notes.

Dr. Richter is organizing a Teacher's Excursion to Germany, in which many language teachers are expected to take part. The excursion will leave New York on a specially chartered steamer early in July 1912, and will return in time for the opening of the schools in September.

Mr. J. W. Hartman's dissertation on the "Göngu-Hrolfs Saga," is ready for the press. Mr. Hartman will spend the summer of 1912 in Norway, Denmark and Sweden, where he will visit many of the noted Germanic philologists.

Dr. De Walsh has been giving his lecture on Trillparzer's play, "Des Meeres und der Liebe Wellen" with great success, before several important German societies of this city.

Serena-Mason Carnes Competition.

Dr. Charles A. Doremus, '70, Professor Rupp, '84, of the Department of Latin, and Rev. Dr. Samuel Schulman, '85, have been chosen to act as judges in the Serena-Mason Carnes Competition for proficiency in German literature. We have not yet received the announcements of judges from the departments of French and Spanish.

Mr. Redmond of the Department of Public Speaking acted as one of the judges at the interclass debate held recently at Vassar.

More Light.

It has been a matter of constant complaint that the light in some of the lecture rooms is very bad. The students of the Evening Session found the light in the recitation rooms almost unbearable.

These conditions are now to be remedied. The sixteen candle power bulbs, the weak yellow glare of which is sufficient to tire the eyes of anyone, will be replaced by brighter lamps of thirty-two candle power. The change has already been made in the rooms in which the conditions were worst.

Dr. Klapper of the Education Department will deliver a lecture to-night at Public School 44, on "The Literary Sociologists, Carlyle, Ruskin and William Morris."

Spanish Club.

On Monday, the newly organized Spanish Club held its first regular meeting. Senor Caicedo, a native of Columbia and a member of the society, delivered a most enlightening address on the "Opportunities in South America for Young Men." The Society is unique in that it aims not only to teach its members how to speak Spanish but also to give them a knowledge of the business forms of the language which even now is one of the most important in the country's commerce.

The chess tournament is getting more and more exciting every day. Rosowsky, our Freshman player, has forged to the front, being at present tied with Lindholm for first place. E. T. Frankel is third.

In the future all meetings of the Civic Club will take place in Room 306, on Wednesdays at 1:20 P.M., and will last one hour. Those who become members at today's meeting will be included in the "Mike" picture. Membership is open to all students of the College.

Rev. Gleason to Lecture.

Having recovered from his illness, Reverend Gleason, U. S. N., will deliver his anxiously awaited lecture on his trip around the world with the United States battleship fleet, before the Newman Club on Friday evening. All are warmly invited to be present.

The Generosity of 1911.

They have gone, but they have not forgotten us. The Class of February 1911, through Edward F. Unger, has donated ten dollars to the A. A. But recognizing the fact that our baseball team possessed everything except a healthy catcher's glove and breast-protector, the recent graduates made especial provision for the purchase of these articles.

Next Sunday night at the University Settlement, Professor Guthrie will deliver a lecture on "Webster and the Constitution."

The French Way.

Next Friday the members of the "Cercle Jusserand" will compete with the Finley Walking Club. Starting from the College at 2 o'clock, they will walk to Paris, or as near to it as they can get by 5 o'clock. Everything seen will be given a French interpretation.

"1914" Reunion.

On the evening of Saturday, April 22nd, the Class of 1914 will hold a reunion smoker at the College. Subscriptions will be received by Henry Wolfson, '14, chairman of the reunion committee.

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The Art of Flying.

The students of Townsend Harris Hall had the pleasure last Friday afternoon, of hearing Mr. Clifford B. Harmon speak on "The Practical Art of Flying." The lecture was perhaps one of the most interesting yet heard in the Auditorium.

The Aero Club is to be congratulated upon having secured the services of so eminent a man as Mr. Harmon. Through the kindness of Mr. Bender of the Department of Physics, a stereoptican machine was secured by means of which the renowned aviator's pictures were shown to advantage.

One of our enthusiastic aeronauts, Robert M. Valverde has succeeded in constructing a waxed paper model aeroplane, correct in every detail, which has been put through several successful trials.

Briefer Mention.

The entire T. H. H. Swimming team has been declared ineligible to compete in the P. S. A. L. games on account of the team's participation in certain meets not sanctioned by the league. This is to be regretted.

A. Sheck has been appointed official cheer leader at all Townsend Harris games.

Steps have been taken toward the formation of a wrestling team. Those desirous of becoming members should report on Friday in the wrestling room of the Gymnasium, between 2:15 and 3 P.M.

The Townsend Harris Y.M.C.A. will hold its final dinner this Wednesday night at the Harlem Y.M.C.A.

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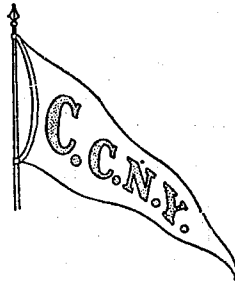
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