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French Day Observed.



VERY little department has a welcome of its own," said Professor Downer last Thurs. day afternoon, very aptly paraphrasing the popular ditty, as he introduced President Finley to the audience that had gathered in the Great Hall in observance of French Day. Luckily Professor Downer's department monopolizes all of the most musical "exclamations" so that we could not tell whether his mode of welcoming the pres-

ident had or had not disturbed the serenity of the other departments. We hope not. Warm tributes were paid President Finley by Mr. Shepard and Professor Van Particularly warm however were the tributes paid him by Claude Gonnet, '14. who was very anxious to impress upon all how "fier" the undergraduates were of their president. Mr. Louis P. Bach, as the president of the class of '85, that presented the College with the French library, read an address.

When Ambassador Jusserand stepped forward to speak, he was greeted with prolonged applause and a rousing College cheer. He spoke in eulogistic terms of Dr. Finley. "He visited many French Cities," said M. Jusserand, "including the one in which I was born sa that I can say confidently that the people of France think of him just as you do here. I can say no less for that would be untrue. I can say no more for more does not exist." An agreeable surprise was sprung when the ambassador told the audience that he was presenting the College with forty works, "Les Ecrivains Francais which he had chosen with Gaston Paris as the greatest masterpieces of French Literature.

Mr. A. George, President of the Société Nationale des

Professeurs, distributed the prizes won by City College students in the recent French competition. The playing of the orchestra was delightful.

In the evening a dinner was tendered the Ambassador at the Hotel Brevoort by Professor Downer. The Ambassador told the guests that the French declamation of the students who had participated in the day's program was the best he had heard from young men not born or brought up in France.

The Campus Association Entertains.

In the Tower Rooms of the College, last Friday night, the Campus Association entertained the staff of THE CAMPUS at dinner. In an informal way the plan and scope of the Association's work were discussed, while at less serious moments delightful anecdotes and reminiscences constituted the order of business. Association was represented by its President, Louis Ogust, February '10, and Bernard Shalek, February '10, Charles Brisk, June '10, Fred Zorn, February '10, Louis Mayers, February '10, Winfred C. Allen June '10, and Lorenz Reich, Jr., February '11. President Finley, who is the honorary member of the Association could not be present being at the time in Cambridge at a dinner held in honor of Ambassador Jusserand. Jacob Hoffmann, June '10, was absent owing to illness. Albert Sohmer, who graduates in June and who was until recently news editor of THE CAMPUS, was elected to membership in the Association.

Prof. Fuentes III.

Professor Fuentes of the Spanish department was suddenly taken ill with appendicitis a week ago last night. A successful operation was performed last Thursday. The patient is doing well, and unless the unforeseen occurs he will be able to take charge of his classes before the end of the term. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Professor Fuentes was to lecture to-morrow on "Cuba" before the Spanish Club. His unfortunate illness necessitates a change of program.

Chess Team Wins Championship.

After one of the longest and most exciting contests in years the chess team of the College defeated the New York University team, thereby winning the championship of the Interstate Collegiate League and the Rice Chess Trophy. E. T. Frankel and M. Hacker delivered the final blows to N. Y. U., the former by drawing his game with A. Jayson after ten hours of play, and the latter by defeating J. Foster. The College was represented by A. L. Eolis, first board and captain, who lost to F. F. Russell; L. D. Rosowsky, second board who beat M. Sitzman; M. Hacker third board, who defeated J. Foster, and E. T. Frankel, fourth board, who drew with Final score, C. C. N. Y., 2 1-2; N. Y. U., A. Jayson. N. Y. U., the former holder of the cup, finished second in the league. The final standing of the two leaders is C. C. N. Y., won 12, lost 2, drew 2; N. Y. U., won 8, lost 7, drew 1.

Prof. Arrhenius Lectures To-day.

Professor Baskerville extends a cordial invitation to the instructors and students of the College to attend the lecture by Prof. Svante A. Arrhenius, in the Doremus Theatre, at 3.30 this afternoon.

Summer Work.

Several of the instructors and students of the Department of Natural History will busy themselves during the summer in bacteriological work. Mr. Edwards, Mr. Scott, Felsen, '11, and Crozier, '12, will be in the employ of the Laboratory of the U. S. Fish Commission at Woods Hole. Dr. Goldfarb will carry on experiments at the Marine Eiological Laboratory, while Schwartz, '11, and Spindler, '11; will be at the Biological Laboratory of Cold Spring Harbor. Mr. Hilliard will spend the vacation in research work at the Dublin Bacteriological Laboratory, Dublin, N. H.

The Class of 1900 will hold an informal dinner and class reunion on May 31st at the Café Boulevard. Members are requested to communicate with the secretary.

Marca rein Mails

An Important Notice.

Dean Brownson requests us to make the following announcement: The Dean's office wishes to inform all students now in the College who entered from other institutions than Townsend Harris Hall before February last, that it intends to make a readjustment of the credits allowed them upon entrance, so that such allowance shall not be less than that granted to students who entered in February. They are requested, therefore, to present at the office, not later than June 1st, their credentials in any subject or subjects in which they were not given credit at the time of their entrance.

Prize Speaking.

If sweet scents be detected in the T. H. H. Auditorium these days, the cause may be traced to the beautiful, flowery language of the orations delivered Friday night in the Prize Speaking contest. The student orators and their orations were: I. Eisenberg, '11, "Our Duty to Our Workingmen;" M. L. Jacobs, '11, "Progress;" D. P. Berenberg, '12, "The Poet;" S. L. Schwartz, '11, "Dreamers and Works;" S. K. Rapp, '11, "The Ideals of a City College;" J. Perlman, '11, "The Price of Progress." The Sophomores who competed for the Roemer Prize and their declamations were T. J. Abrams, "Unter den Linden;" J. S. Kear, Jr., "The Pipes of Lucknow;" L. M. Brown, "How He Saved St. Michaels."

The judges were Mr. Lewis Sayre Burchard, '77; Mr. Burton C. Meighan, '90, and Mr. George L. Walker, '90. The orchestra under Professor Baldwin's direction played with its usual excellence.

The annual dinner of the Biological Society will take place on May 25 in the Tower Rooms of the College. Dr. W. H. Allen, Director of the Bureau of Municipal Research, will speak on "Biology and Sociology". Dr. Max Morse, a former instructor in the natural history department, and at present Professor of Biology at Trinity College, the entire Natural History Department and several members of the Faculty will be present.

ATHLETICS.

An Unexpected Defeat.

Our 'Varsity baseball team, confident because of a victory over St. Francis, thought they could repeat, but they were defeated by the red-socked Brooklynites in an exciting seven-inning game. Coach Holton placed a substitute team in the field, with Hyman pitching. In the first inning he weathered the storm, but in the second stanza the boys from the "better side of the bridge" produced two runs. These were due to errors on the part of our embryo ball tossers. Then our regulars went in and quickly put a stop to their wild rampage. Hatch, the Brooklyn lad on our team, made a great onehanded catch for the third out in this inning. It was only through hard luck that we could not score in this inning. Kelly made a pretty triplet, but, being ambitious, he tried to go home on the hit, as Marc Antony would say, and was nabbed. Again, in the third, "Little Chief" Propper tried to emulate Kelly's example in a way and also trippled, but suddenly the umpire reminded himself that Propper had failed to touch second (which reminds us of a certain Big Leaguer's word) and called him out. In the fourth inning our regulars scored. "Straw" singled and made a great slide to second. It looked to us more like a dive for second. You probably would like to know who "Straw" is. Why, that's Berry's first name. In the sixth canto the St. Francis pitcher trippled and practically won his own game. In our half Sporn got back at his opponent by hammering out a double and scoring on Berrigan's single; then the latter scored on Michaels' double. In the last inning they scored, and we didn't. That explains the defeat. The score:

St. Francis 0 2 0 0 0 2 2—6 5 2 C. C. N. Y. 1 0 0 1 0 2 0—4 8 3

Batteries—For C. C. N. Y., Hyman and Davis, Sporn and Propper; for St. Francis, Donnelly and Dixon. Umpire—H. O. Beau, Lott College, '98.

New Officers

The Athletic Association held its annual elections last Friday. You are probably one of those who was cornered on your way to the campus and hauled off to the voting room, and you may possibly be interested to know the results. The battle for the presidency was very close, Mahon, '12, winning out over Groggins, '11, by a margin of only 5 votes. Levitt, '12, was elected vice-president, and Sommers, '13, was chosen treasurer. Weg, '14, was elected property man. There was no majority vote for both the secretaryship and the assistant treasurership. A vote for these offices will be held in the near future.

Letters.

The Athletic Association's Insignia Committee met last Wednesday afternoon. It considered only the basketball and swimming teams, and has recommended that the following men receive their letters: Heskowitz, '11; Propper, '11; Gorschen, '11, L. Friedman, '12; Zinovoy, '12; Kaplan, '12; Mester, '13, and Manager Samuels, '11, of the basketball team; and Fielding, '11; Coughlin, '12; Mayer, '14; Berman, '14; Eisele, '15, and Manager Storfer of the swimming team. It has also recommended letters for Levinsohn, '12, captain-elect of the water-polo team.

Friday afternoon our boys play their last game of the season against St. John's, which has already beaten us by a tremendous score. But here on Jasper Oval we expect to defeat them. Come out and see.

We Won.

On May 6th the C. C. N. Y. Tennis Team defeated the

team of Pratt Institute of Brooklyn.

Slatoff, C. C. N. Y., lead off by defeating Whipple, of Pratt, in two straight sets 6-2, 6-3. Then Banks, Pratt, defeated Captain Shapiro, C. C. N. Y., in a hard struggle, 6, 7-5, 6-4. In the doubles we gained a hard earned victory. Shapiro and Slatoff defeated Banks and Whipple by scores of 0-6, 6-3 and 6-4. The final score was thus 2 to 1 in our favor. Our team in this way redeemed itself for the Columbia defeat.

Invaders.

The University of Minnesota Tennis Team which is at present on its way east, will try conclusions with our boys, here in New York. This we believe is the first time in our history that we shall play a real Western team. Manager Storfer is very enterprising, indeed! Our boys will try to repeat the Pratt victory. See Storfer about the time and place and come out and root!

A Warning to the Seniors.

A week ago Monday was one big day for the Faculty. They trimmed the 'Varsity baseball team. 'Varsity had defeated Cathedral to the tune of 13 to 0, it went down to crushing defeat before those terrible zero-dispensers, the Faculty. What the score was will never be known. It was 80 to something-or-other when the wind blew the paper from the score-keeper's hands. But you should have seen the game. Mr. Fitzpatrick, who points out to the youngsters down at 23rd Street the beauties of Shakespeare and Spencer, pitched. His spitballs in real Elizabethan fashion brought down 18 stalwart youths. But the Drawing Department furnished the stars of the day. Mr. Neus sent the ball away beyond the horizon-line, while Mr. Kelly drew-merely bases on balls. Of course, the languages and sciences were fully represented. Professor Fuentes again upheld the reputation of the "Cuban Giants" and Professor Burke on 2nd base stopped those balls with a degree of celeritas that would have made Scipio the Younger look slow. Mr. Hogan always figured accurately the angle at which the ball struck the bat, while Professor Coffin's running bases at the rate of five meters per second would have made "Tom" Dolan grow sick at heart. Oh, yes, the department of Physical Instruction was Professor Storey caught one square inch of baseball bacilli out in left field, while Mr. O'Neil did some fancy diving behind the bat.

Next Wednesday afternoon our Faculty team, re-enforced by several stars, (no ringers, either) will trot out upon the field of battle and there wage war against our

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The Students' Point of View.



HILE the men of June '11 are happy in their preparations for Commencement, the men of February '12 are sick at heart; for among them is rife the rumor that there will be no February Commencement for them. We sympathize with the men of February '12 and with all February students. The lot of

February men is a hard one. They must adopt themselves to a curriculum which was constructed primarily for their more fortunate June brothers. For example, most elective two-term courses begin in September. This means that February men cannot enter these courses until their Upper Junior term. This complicates schedule making in no small degree. In the lower classes the February men begin in a two-semestre subject in the Spring. The interruption necessitated by the summer vacation gives them an excellent opportunity to forget what they learned in the preceding four months.

And now, the Board of Trustees wish to deprive the February classes of their hard earned February commencements—according to the very prevalent rumor. Surely it cannot be that the Trustees are moved to this action by the added expense of a February program.

And simply because other colleges have one annual graduation is no very good reason, it seems to us, why this College should not have two. Conditions here call for two. Furthermore, if breaking a time worn custom is undesirable, what shall we say of the projected plan to defer for a half year the formal graduation of a large body of men merely that they might walk up a red-carpeted platform and receive their "sheep skins" in warm weather?

Let us not be bound too firmly by tradition. Every day, almost, something happens at this College that puts it ahead of tradition. Evening Sessions, a Student Council, Extension Courses, are far and away ahead of all tradition. February Commencement is but another step forward. We trust that the Board will consider the question from this, the students' point of view.

In special supplement form we publish to-day the schedule of the coming examinations. If any particular student feels himself "hard hit," however, let him bear in mind that schedule making of any kind is a most difficult job and that schedules are made "for the greatest good of the greatest number."

A "Lost and Found" Bureau.

Last Monday the "Lost and Found" Bureau, established by the Student Council, began practical work with headquarters in the room immediately behind the storm board and to the right of the students entrance. The room will be a repository for lost articles that are found and a place where found articles may be recovered. The room will be open every morning fifteen to twenty minutes before 9 o'clock. The committee will post a more definite schedule of business hours in a few days.

Students who lose articles should immediately call at the bureau and file a "lost slip." Notice of all articles found will be regularly posted on the "Found Bulletin." All students who find articles in any of the College buildings are requested to turn them into the "lost and found" room immediately. Unless the students co-operate with the Bureau, no results can possibly be hoped for. Lost articles which are not called for within one month will be returned to the finders.



The Gibbs Library.

The cataloguing of the Chemistry department library is proceeding rapidly. A system of indexing both by title and author has been adopted. Every effort is being made to make the library as accessible as possible. A beautiful book plate has been designed by Professor Leigh H. Hunt, of the Department of Art. A list of over 300 new books has been prepared by the members of the instructing staff, each man bearing in mind the needs of his special department. With these acquisitions the College will be in possession of a library that will compare favorably with any in the country. The library will not be open for the students use before the end of this term.

A Class Orchestra.

The cast of the June, '11 Class Play is hard at work mastering their rôles. Franklin R. Fielding will, in all probability, be leading man, while the leading ladies will be Frank Mantinband and Harold Budner. An unprecedented feature of the play will be a class orchestra in—we fear we have said too much already! In a few days tickets will be on sale. The committee makes its headquarters in the June, '11 Alcove.

The current number of the Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry contains a paper on "Ethyl Ether," by Professor Baskerville and Mr. Hamor.

A Letter of Business.

To the Editor of the Campus:

It has come to my notice that several students and several members of the Faculty intend purchasing the 1912 Microcosm after the book has been placed on sale. For several reasons it will be impossible to print copies above the number subscribed for. Hence, anyone who intends buying the book and who desires a copy to be reserved should notify me at once. The book will be ready for distribution in two weeks, and on Friday, the printer will be told how many books to print.

DAVID R. BERNSTEIN, Bus. Mgr.

1851-1911

On Friday evening Clio will give a dinner in the Tower in commemoration of her sixty years of activity in the College. This stamps the society as the oldest of our organizations. Among those who are expected to be present are Professors Werner and Tisdall and other Clionians in the Faculty. A musical and literary dissert has been provided.

Chemical Society.

At last Saturday's meeting of the Chemical Society, Dr. Breithut delivered an address on "John W. Draper, Physical Chemist and Philosopher". Dr. Breithut, it may be stated, is a member of the committee of the New York section of the American Chemical Society which is projecting a Draper celebration. E. Frankel, '12, read an interesting paper on Gas Generators.

Evening Session Banquet.

This Saturday night the Evening Session will hold its banquet at the College. President Finley, Professor Werner, Mr. Kohns and Congressman Calder will speak. Mr. Shepard will try to be present to address the students.

Special Meeting of Council.

A special meeting of the Student Council will take place at 1:10 o'clock this afternoon. S. L. Samuels will submit a final report of the work of the Library Committee. A regular meeting of the Council will take place Friday.

At the last meeting of the Biological Society the following officers were elected for the term 1911-1912: Cohen, '12, President; Schlesinger, '12, Vice-president; E. Pels, '13, Secretary; Strumwasser, '12, Treasurer. Next Sunday the Society will make a trip to City Island under the direction of Professor Winslow.

Last Wednesday Emil Schwab, of the class of 1914, passed away at his home from scarlet fever and typhoid complications, after an illness of one month.

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departing Seniors. Franklin R. Fielding has promised to star in this contest. He will be aided by Raggie who will toss them over the plate. Sumner Samuels, erstwhile basketball manager will play the whole outfield and will also mascot the team between the innings. Once in a while he will don the mask and windpad and catch behind the backstop. The game will take place at Lenox Oval, on 145th Street and Lenox Avenue. The price will be 10 cents a seat—in other words, two nickels or ten pennies. Don't forget to come and see this tussle.

In Brief.

It was Professor John Christopher Draper who was at the head of the Department of Natural History of the College, years ago, and not Professor Henry Draper, as we stated in our last issue.

Dr. Neumann of the Department of Education is writing a book to be entitled "Ideals and Methods in Character Building." The work is an embodiment of theories formed as the result of several years of classroom work.

The last meeting of the term of the Newman Club will take place Friday evening. Plans for an end-term smoker will be discussed.

On May 19, Rev. Dr. Rudolph Grossman will speak before the Menorah Society on "Judaism and the Social Question", in Room 126 at 2:15 P. M.

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GEORGE D. HIRSCH, Correspondent.

Managers Wanted.

Candidates for the positions of managers of next season's Basketball, Swimming, Track and Association Football teams must have their applications signed by ten Athletic Association members and submitted to the Secretary of the Athletic Association in Room 6 before to-morrow morning.

At an A. A. mass meeting held last Thursday Mr. Linehan spoke on the question of athletic support and spirit. The surprise of the meeting came when Mr. Tynan stepped upon the platform and amid cheers and applause urged greater attendance at school games.

The Athletic Association membership up to date is 900.

Stuyvesant—9; T. H. H.—3.

Last Saturday, our team went down to defeat before the nine of Stuyvesant High, in a highly exciting and interesting game. Our boys took too many chances on the bases, and in their eagerness to stretch singles into home runs, were easily shown up by the Stuyvesant catcher. A brilliant rally in the ninth inning netted our team two runs. The final score was 9 to 3.

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