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## Miniature Budget Exhibit.



LAST Friday and Saturday a corps of carpenters was busily engaged preparing the English Hall, on the Main Floor, for the reception of portions of the Budget Exhibit of greatest interest to the students. The exhibit will continue for two weeks. Charts and photographs, showing the organization and work of the various city departments, are being displayed. The Budget Committee of the Budget Exhibit has loaned blocks of wood showing the different department expenditures, and charts explaining the organization of the city, photographs and charts of the new aqueduct are on exhibition. To the students of criminology and sociology are offered for study charts and photographs from the Board of City Magistrates showing the number of arrests and convictions and the per centages of these among the various nationalities. Charts explaining the character of the work done and the methods employed by the Police, Correction, Charities and Education Departments are in evidence. The United States Bureau of Census and the Public Service Commission explain their work in very interesting ways.

The Police Department gives a complete explanation of the Three Platoon System, which has recently been installed, and of the Bertillon system, used for the measuring and identifying of criminals. The Education Department sets forth the work being done in vacation and recreation schools and portrays the work of the schools for the blind and the crippled. Last year the College asked for \$641,477.17 and for the year 1912, an increase of \$62,570 has been called for. The cost of maintaining the College is ten cents every year to each inhabitant of the City.

We hope that this miniature exhibit will be a step toward the establishment of a permanent Civic Museum under the control of the City and that it may become a museum for the study of the social and ethical sciences, as is being done at Harvard University.

### Where The Trouble Is,

To the Editor of THE CAMPUS.

In a recent issue of THE CAMPUS there appeared a statement concerning the examination for Teacher's License held by the Board of Examiners last June. The statement was erroneous and I believe you will be glad to have it corrected.

The examination for Teacher's License consists of three parts:

- 1st—An oral examination in spoken English,
- 2nd—A written examination in History and Principles of Education and Methods of Teaching,
- 3rd—Practical tests in Drawing, Physical Training and Music.

The passing mark in every instance is 75% and no one receives a license who does not pass in Oral English no matter how well he may do in the written examination. The results of the examination last June were as follows:

No. of students who took the examination . . . 41		
" " " " received a license . . . 7		
Percent successful . . . . . 17%		
No. successful in Oral English . . . 16 . . . 39%		
" " " written examination,		
Principles of Education	}	. . . 28 . . . 70%
History of Education		
Methods of Teaching		
Percent successful in Practical Tests . 17%		
Drawing	}	
Physical Training		
Music		

These figures show where the trouble is. The Department of Education of the College concerns itself solely with the History and Principles of Education and Methods of Teaching. The students seeking to become teachers, therefore, must look elsewhere for their training in Oral English and the so-called Practicals. The need of doing this as soon as possible cannot be over-emphasized. It looks as if the women teachers have won their fight for equal pay. It is the general opinion in the educational system of the city that this will result in the appointment of more men teachers. Women have been preferred in the past because they were cheaper. Now

no saving will be made by employing them instead of men. The Board of Aldermen at its last meeting requested the Board of Education to appoint men teachers for the last three years of the Elementary School. But this probable increase in appointment of men teachers will have no effect upon the situation in this institution unless a great improvement takes place in the efficiency of our students in Oral English and the subjects covered by the practical tests. My department now holds its own examination in Oral English when the students enter Education 1. Students who are found to be defective will not be permitted to take Education 4 one year later unless their defects of speech have been removed.

I fear that this letter will use up a great deal of your space but I hope you can print it in interest of the students who look forward to teaching as a profession.

Sincerely yours,

STEPHEN P. DUGGAN.

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### Still Working.

The Curriculum Committee of the Student Council in pursuance of the second part of its plan has undertaken the investigation of the position of the students within the College, regarding the curriculum. It has provided most of the forty-eight representative students appointed by the presidents of the eight classes with question papers, tabulation sheets and directions. Each of these students is to work among the members of his course in securing and tabulating the answers to the questions he asks them. The presidents are urged to complete the final lists and those representatives who have not met the committee should do so promptly.

In view of the importance of the effort, all students are requested through thoughtful and accurate answering of the questions which the representatives will approach them with, to render all the aid in their power towards this attempt to obtain a true, intelligible and statistical description of the student point of view.

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Next Wednesday, Mr. Jenkins, former private secretary of Mr. John R. Mott, will speak in the History Lecture Room upon "General Principles that should Govern the Choice of a Vocation." This will be the first of a series of lectures held under the auspices of the Student Council. President Finley will deliver a few introductory remarks. The lecture will begin promptly at 1.45 and all students are urged to attend.

### Friday Night.

The semi-annual Prize Speaking contest will take place Friday evening at 8. P. M. in the auditorium of Townsend Harris Hall. This year an exceptionally well-balanced field of speakers will try for the prize. The Seniors and Juniors who are competing will deliver original orations, and declamations will be rendered by three members of the Sophomore class. Prize Speaking Night was formerly one of the events of the year toward which the entire College looked forward with great pleasure, and which was attended very fully by students. No tickets are required.

At the installation of Chancellor Brown, to-morrow at New York University, the College will be represented by President Finley, Professor Tisdall, Professor Krowl and Professor Delamarre.

Mr. Lee Kohns, '84, one of the trustees of the College and head of L. Straus & Sons, is seriously ill from typhoid fever. We are pleased to state that the fever has been somewhat reduced and that his condition has improved. Mr. Kohns was taken ill about ten days ago.

### Social Work.

To-day at 1 P.M. in room 301, Professor Overstreet and Prof. Woolston will be pleased to meet all students interested in social work. No definite plans have been formed as yet, but it is hoped that at to-day's meeting a fixed line of action will be determined upon, either to be followed in the College itself or outside.

The Chemical Society met Friday evening October 27th. Professor L. H. Friedburg lectured on "Color Photography".

### Echoes of the Food Show

Collier's Weekly for November 4th contains a picture of our laboratory at the recent Pure Food Exposition in Madison Square Garden and a commendatory description of the work done there. The National Food Magazine for November also contains a picture of our exhibit and in the course of an article on the exhibit, says: "The College of the City of New York had a booth in the main exposition hall\*\*\*\* which claimed first place in the public interest", and further on "The exhibit of the C.C.N.Y. proved most attractive to the New York newspaper reporters".

## ATHLETICS.

### A Letter.

Recently several letters have been sent to us (that's an editorial "us,") which attempted to criticise some of our most important athletic activities, notably the gym, the chess and the football teams. Some of these letters have been so interesting that we have decided to print them for your benefit. Here's the first—

To Athletic Editor THE CAMPUS:—

I cannot refrain from praising your beautiful and well equipped gymnasium. But by far, the more interesting and the more worthy of comment is your "Gym Team." I never before saw such a collection of well-developed, small-brained, strong men. One could read their intelligence on every muscle and on every sinew. And their acrobatics and contortions! To say "marvelous" would be but to express my admiration inadequately. When I entered the exercising-hall both of them were in action. One Apollo was bending over every-wink-of-an-eye to see if his shoe-laces were in place. The other was chalking his hands incessantly. Every few seconds he would slap his neighbor, who wore a black gym suit, on the back; and then would smile, happy to see the fine impression he had made. Ah, were I but able to emulate their wonderful gyrations! If I could only be one of them, how gladly would I sacrifice my brains at the altar of "Brute Force."

(Signed) CLARENCE LUMBRICUS.

[We have a strong suspicion that Virginius Snicker is trying to wedge himself into *The Campus* under an assumed name—Ed.]

### Swimming.

During lunch period to-day a 150 yd. swim will be held. Everybody is eligible to compete and we hope to see a good many new faces lined up. The race will be a handicap affair. No handicaps will be disclosed before the race so all will go to the post with no knowledge of what has been allowed.

### Sad Indeed.

Perhaps, gentle reader, you have been to Paris or Rome. If so, you know of the Catacombs;—dark, damp, dank passages that stretch for miles under the city. We have almost every attraction imaginable in our city and now New York Catacombs have been discovered. If you would like to go through them, follow directions. Go to the gym some afternoon for basket ball practice or to see our squad. Linger there until five o'clock when it is time to leave. Here the trip begins.

You go down to the ground floor in order to leave the gym—but instead of the swinging door, you see locked portals reinforced by iron gates, also closed. Do not give up hope,—you are not due to spend the night in the gym. There is one way out, and that is through the Catacombs.

The start is made from the pool, which at this time looks like a black pit. Here it is wise to give some advice.—do not go alone. If your heart has been passed upon by Doctor Boyd, and if your nerves are steady you can take a chance; but for ordinary mortals a companion is advisable. A dark passage looms up before you,—no lights, and water sluicing around your shoes. Then you grope up a flight of stairs and around in dark passage-ways. At last, after a trip that seems miles long, you see a welcome light. Your trip is over. It may be all right for one occasion, but why must the gym doors be locked at five?

### This Concerns You!

If you lack the *true* College spirit, please do not read this. We have in our institution four major sports—Basketball, Swimming, Baseball and Track. In order to be able to make any showing at all it is necessary to support these sports financially. *You* are, and if you are not, you should be, the supporter of the teams. The A. A. has placed the fee for membership at one dollar—a very reasonable rate. Our College has an enrollment of over twelve hundred students. Must we be forced to admit, that we cannot boast of an Athletic Association membership of at least seven hundred students? It is not sufficient to wear lavender and black ties and socks

to show your spirit. You must support the teams financially if the College is to be an important factor in Inter-collegiate athletics. Do not take an indifferent attitude! Introspect yourself! Have you played fairly by the College? If not, then there is still time to make amends. If you have read this far, we feel assured that you will become a member of the association to-day, — *now!*

### A Skirmish.

Last week, a small body of well-trained players under command of Capt. "Rouge" attempted to annihilate a number of Freshmen recruits. Both sides shot quite often—the basket, of course! The only casualty recorded was a slight rip in the network. As this will not inconvenience the combatants to any great extent, a fast and furious battle is expected within a day or two. Coach Palmer, commander-in-chief of *both* forces, will witness the bloodless entertainment from a *superior* position—seated atop the horizontal ladder.

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## Interclass Debating.



WHEN the debating team representing the College stood on the platform in Townsend Harris Hall together with the men representing Bates College, last year, something was lacking to the College team which the Bates men had. That self-possession and easy carriage, on a platform, before an audience, which count so much in the decision of the Judges, and which give added weight to the arguments of the debaters were missing in too large a measure. In logic, in argument, in sharp analytical powers, our men were equal, if not superior to Bates. What is the reason for these purely physical deficiencies and how may they be remedied?

A sufficient amount of attention is not being given to debating by the student body. Debating practice in the College has been reduced to a minimum. In fact, except for the semi-annual tilt between Phreno and Clio, there is no voluntary work at all. The College cannot and should not depend upon the innate genius of a few men to represent it in Intercollegiate Debates. There is good workable timber in the College which needs only seasoning to be brought to a state of academic fitness. The men who represent us should not have to engage in any contest laboring under avoidable handicaps.



The sole means of overcoming the defects which we have spoken of, is to establish Interclass Debates, with the elimination trials that go with them.

The Student Council has shown its ability to supervise the annual activities of the Freshmen and Sophomore classes. It should add a debate to the various contents which the two classes engage in. Or it might very conveniently substitute the debate for the tug-of-war. Then the Council should arrange debates between the Juniors and the Seniors. This would not only weld the College classes more firmly together but would also develop a field from which good varsity material could be chosen. We are positive that the instructors will be but too pleased to help as much as they can.

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#### To Professor Overstreet

To-night at the Century Club, President Finley will give a dinner to Professor Overstreet, to which prominent men in the philosophical world have been invited in order that our Western Professor may meet the Eastern expounders of Plato, Kant, Hegel, Descartes and Spinoza.

The following are to meet Professor Overstreet, Professors Charles M. Bakewell and W. E. Hocking, of Yale; Professors John Greer Hibben, Norman Kemp Smith, Howard C. Warren, and Dr. Edward G. Spaulding, of Princeton; Professors James McKeen Cattell, John Dewey, William P. Montague, Frederick J. E. Woodbridge, of Columbia; Professor Arthur O. Lovejoy, of John Hopkins University; Professor Tuffs, of Chicago University; Professor Le Fevre, of the University of Virginia, and Messrs. George A. Plimpton and Frank L. Babbott. President Finley has received letters of regret from Professors Palmer, Perry and Royce, of Harvard, and Professor Thilly, of Cornell, who are unable to be present owing to important engagements for the evening set for the dinner. The four who are unable to come sent good wishes to Professor Overstreet. Professor Palmer in regretting his inability to be present said "Indeed I should like to be able to dine with a philosopher so strong, subtle and attractive as Professors Overstreet."

### Industrial Service Movement.

Under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. of the College, a meeting was held in the History Lecture room last Wednesday, which was addressed by Mr. Robbins Gilman, Headworker of the University Settlement. Mr. Gilman gave a short account of the work carried on at the settlement which he represents and made a strong plea to the students to lead clubs of various kinds.

On Friday, Dr. Ettari will speak for the Board of Education of Yonkers at the presentation of a bust of Dante by the Italian Colony to the city. On Sunday he will lecture at P. S. 172 on "Naples". This lecture will be illustrated with stereopticon views. Next Tuesday he will speak at Boston on Parini, and his relation to Socialism.

Only two weeks are left in which to enter your songs and cheers for the A. A. song contest. Perhaps you will be lucky enough to win a season ticket for your lady friend.

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Professor Parsons, Mineral Chemist to the United States Bureau of Mines, will lecture in the Doremus Lecture Theatre on Friday at 3 P. M. on "Utilization of Mineral Wastes and Products".

### Zgbstxyop.

Yes, George Zinovoy, '12, was almost asphyxiated two weeks ago. He had studied his principles and methods of music all night and merely neglected to extinguish the light. The College should thank Zinny's father, for had not Pop Zinovoy arrived in time, Sol. Perlman would have been obliged to seek another center for his basketball team. Don't let it ever happen again, George!

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No, dear reader, this is not the date of any prehistoric battle. It is merely the score of our recent cross-country run against Columbia. Our boys succeeded in running up the larger score. Reichard, ex-1912, the boy whom Mac developed, won the race—a little more than 6 miles. Evans, captain of Columbia's team, was a close second. Then came Groggins, *our* captain. The rest of the team (only 5 men counted) finished in the following order:—Potasch, eighth, Broeder, ninth, Siebern, tenth, and Bogen, twelfth. But there is one thing with which we are not satisfied, — *we* should have won.

Coach Mac has issued his call for amphibians. All men that have any ability at all, should come out. We have excellent prospects this year of running away with the majority of our meets. Early practice is absolutely essential—our first swimming meet is scheduled for December 15th, against Cornell. Cornell helped us close last season successfully, and we expect her to help us usher in the coming season with a C. C. N. Y. victory.

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# TOWNSEND HARRIS NEWS

BERNARD P. FINEMAN, Correspondent

T.H.H.--15, C.C.N.Y. '12--10.

Last Friday the Harris basketball team defeated the College seniors in a fast, though somewhat rough game in the gym. A number of Harris men, watching from the track, cheered with some of the old snap that has spurred Harris teams on to victory so many times.

The first half was played under Collegiate Rules, and the weight of the heavier seniors made itself felt. Nevertheless, at no stage of the game was Harris behind. The team played a fast, heady game, marred only by several fouls called on one of our men for holding. However, this is a fault easily corrected, and Coaches Palmer and Purcell feel that the team will be as fast an aggregation as can be found among the High Schools. Hendricks, our left forward was easily the star of the game. He made twelve of the fifteen points scored, the others being made by Schwartz center, and Adler, right forward. Notarius, of the seniors played a good game for his team, at left forward, and later center, scoring seven of their ten points. While the seniors are good players individually, their lack of team work kept them from scoring heavily on our boys.

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And still they come! On Wednesday, November 1st our soccer team met and defeated the strong team of Yonkers High School by a score of 1-0. Up to this time Yonkers had defeated most of the Manhattan High Schools.

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## Harris Stops Manual

In an exciting game of soccer, T. H. H. played the champion Manual team to a standstill. The score was 1-1. Lehman for Harris and Skeer for Manual, were the offenders.

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To show that last week's victory over Clinton was no fluke, Townsend thrashed Morris in their Chess Match, 3-0; one board being adjourned. The Rice Chess Club was the scene of the massacre.

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