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A Letter.



THE following letter was received by the head of a department in one of the country's great business organizations. It was written by the one in charge of the examination of candidates for engineering work and of course with no thought that it would ever reach the City College. It is not only complimentary to the departments of the College in which the student was trained, but it shows present students what openings they may qualify themselves to fill.

My Dear Sir:—

Concerning Mr.———, from the College of the City of New York, who submitted himself for our examination yesterday, I wish to say that he strikes me as an exceptional man, who has laid a thorough foundation for engineering work.

The reports of his laboratory experiments which he showed me are very excellent in workmanship and show good training. The school course which he has taken, and which he outlined to me, will, as nearly as I can judge, compare very favorably with that given by our best Technical Colleges, except that it stops somewhere short in the applied part of Engineering, including instead a little more of other things, which may ultimately make for a broader man.

He has the foundation for Engineering work, which will enable him to succeed in any line which he takes up, though it would evidently be of considerable advantage to him to take more work in the branches of applied Engineering. This I understand he contemplates doing, after a period of practical experience, such as he would obtain in our course for Student Engineers, and I consider it a wise programme to take the practical experience now and then the additional schooling.

I would say that this young man is sound and well trained, a man for any institution to be proud of. The Company will be fortunate in securing such men as this.

Mr. _____ stated that he has an opportunity with the _____ Company of N. Y. City, and though he looks upon our Student Course more favorably, he has not yet decided what he will do. I gave him a copy of our Student Circular, and sent a boy with him through the factory. He will write me after his return home if he decides to take the course.

(Signed) J. M. W.

The Smoke of Joy.

With a full measure of jollity, on the eve before Election Day the men of February, '12, began their swansong and ushered in the "first of the last" days of academic fun and good fellowship. The Senior Smoker was held with a dignity befitting the rightful wearers of cap and gown, and it showed how far they had risen above the riotous revels of Sophomore days. The disquisition on Friendship their president made was attuned to the spirit of the occasion. Everything about it was a success, especially the refreshments, and even the bad jokes were the best of their kind. Still many were there who felt that Ruderman's moustache did not make him an Englishman, that Valenstein's beauty did not make him one of the gentle sex, that Apfelbaum's hair did not make him a Paderewski and who wonder whether Drachman's mono-dialogue was dramatic, humorous or worse. Deutsch sprang a surprise in the shape of a 1912 march, of his own making, which moved all, even the professor to join in a triumphal procession. 'Tis a pity Professor Clark so aptly caused himself to be "let alone" and 'tis even greater pity that Professor Overstreet (present in spirit) was not there in body to hear Whitford's threnody on the "Family."

The curriculum committee desires all representatives to return the white papers containing the answers of the students before Thanksgiving. The Committee will welcome letters from students who have any suggestions, criticisms or grievances to offer.

The Decision.

Not in many a year has fresher material been discussed or greater diversity in presentation and subject matter been offered than last Friday night at the prize speaking contest. The eloquence and earnestness of the five men who competed inspired the goodly audience which filled the auditorium. The execution of the men was admirable. Drachsler's earnestness, his tremendous power in climaxes and the beautiful treatment which he accorded his theme—"Ye shall have Justice"—earned him first prize, books costing fifty dollars. He dwelled upon the relation of man to man, of man to woman and of man and woman to the child, in each case showing the duty that one owed the other. The eloquence, and at times the inspiration which Berkson displayed in his subject—"The Strength of an Idea"—communicated themselves very forcibly to the audience and to the judges and he was awarded second prize. Honorable mention was accorded Selig Hecht of the Junior class for his oration, "The Unrest of the World". The length of time that the judges deliberated is evidence of the closeness of the competition. Drachman, Perlman and Schwartz performed splendidly and although they received no prizes, they did themselves and the College credit. David Krauss of the Sophomore class received the Roemer prize for his declamation, "The Benediction". The installation of the custom of announcing the decision of the judges on the evening of the contests was very pleasing to the audience. Formerly the sealed verdict of the judges was not opened until commencement day. The present arrangement lends more interest to the occasion and puts everybody on the qui vive. The judges were James J. Reynolds, '93, Louis Zinke, '93 and Shamus, '04 who took the place of Dr. Timme, '93 who could not attend. Professor Palmer officiated and while the judges were coming to a decision he related some public speaking anecdotes of his College career which greatly amused the audience. The playing of the orchestra under the direction of Professor Baldwin suited the eloquence of the evening.

The second of the series of dinners given by the Y. M. C. A. was held last Monday in the Faculty lunch room.

A Misconception.

To the Editor of THE CAMPUS:

I regret the necessity of writing again concerning the examination for teacher's license held last June. Some misconception, however, has arisen, as a result of the statement I made in your last issue, which I should like to remove.

The official title for that part of the examination which refers to spoken English is Oral English and Personality. Personality may cover a multitude of sins. The pronunciation and enunciation of many of our students are not good and some of them speak with a foreign accent. These students are not in the majority, I truly believe. But many of the others, when questioned, speak hesitatingly, timidly and often inarticulately. They make a bad showing because of the lack of confidence in themselves that a college graduate usually shows. Some of these mistakes are credited to an inability to use English properly. Moreover, the carriage of the student, his manner of holding himself, his general appearance, count for him or against him. Unless they are good, and they will only appear good at such a test provided they are so habitually, the applicant will have but little chance. I emphasize these things now, so that even a Freshman who may be looking forward to teaching, can take advantage of the opportunities offered in the Departments of Public Speaking and Physical Training to improve his delivery, hearing, manner and self-confidence.

Sincerely yours,

STEPHEN P. DUGGAN.

Menorah Gathering.

On November 4th, the Menorah Society held one of the most successful meetings of its career in the General Webster room. The gathering was characterized by an attendance of over sixty men and by the presence of President Finley, Professor Overstreet, Dr. Kaplan, Dr. Benderly and several former members of the Society. Professor Overstreet, Drs. Kaplan and Benderly and A. Cohen, '11, delivered very interesting addresses. A. Loesser, '12, furnished excellent music and delicious refreshments were furnished by the Faculty servers.

ATHLETICS.

Where We Stand.

In less than one small month, we shall be able to come up into our gymnasium with beaming faces and a girl friend, sit down and with enthusiasm displayed on our every feature, wait for the basketball team to begin its practice, preliminary to the Trinity game. Two weeks after that, we shall also go to the gym building,—not up, but down—down into our pool. Here we shall meet Cornell in our first swimming meet and incidentally win. A few lines concerning the prospects of our teams, basketball and swimming will not, we think, be amiss. Both of these teams are entering this season with glorious hopes. The record made last year by our basketball quintet, when they defeated Yale and Rochester, have given us an enviable position in the basketball world. We have made such a reputation in this sport that letters are coming in from the four quarters of the globe asking for games. We start this season with Trinity, whom we should defeat. The last time they were here, in 1908, they scored 12 to our 24 points. We hope to do even better this year. Why shouldn't we? Some may seem skeptical and smile,—to think that *any* team should be able to equal the record made by that 1908 team—by Perlman, Max Kaplan, Barbanell, Goldman and Heskowitz! Sounds foolish, eh? But see whom, we have this season,—Captain "Rouge" Friedman, Propper, Kaplan, Zinovoy and Kaufman. You, who have attended last year's basketball games, will surely agree with us, that not many forwards had the honor of scoring against our (and we say "our" with pride), Rouge and Propper. Kaplan, who last year played forward, will this season cover Heskowitz's position, and rest assured, dear friend, that when we say, "cover" we mean it in every sense of the word. Zinovoy, our Rochester game star, and Whitey Kaufman, our Typhoid game hero, will be our forwards—nuf sed. And then take a glance at our subs—Southwick, who is as good as any regular, Levitt, who, we are sure, will play more than three minutes in most of the games, Pruzan of the 1914 team, Bradner, a

new center, and others. Thus you see that we shall have a good team. Now, you prospective A. A. members, take a look at the schedule, rush off to the A. A. room in the gym and buy a season ticket :

Dec.	2	Trinity	at home
"	16	St. Lawrence	" "
"	23	M.I.T.	" "
Jan.	5	Oswego Normal	at Oswego
"	6	Rochester	at Rochester
Feb.	3	R.P.I.	at home
"	10	Princeton	at Princeton
"	17	Washington and Lee	at home
"	21	Brown	" "
March	2	Delaware	" "

Not only do you get these games for your "bone," but you also receive admission to four swimming meets, probably the Cornell, the Columbia, the Pennsylvania and the Princeton. Talking about swimming, see the array of stars we have. Coughlin, Eisele, Nussbaum, Fielding, Berman, Mayer, and all the other old-timers are with us again. Among our most famous newcomers are Rogers and Schneider, P.S.A.L. champs. These two should each do their share towards making this a successful season. And we should surely have a banner one. Mac, who is never very enthusiastic, claims three victories this year—over Cornell, Columbia and Pennsy. We have the men, we have the coach, and we have a pool. The swimming schedule will be announced in the near future. Everything looks rosy this year, both in basketball and swimming, and if we do not make our mark this year in intercollegiate athletics, we never shall.

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Fellows, the Athletic Association needs money. That is about as plain as we can put it. The A. A., in order that it may be enabled to successfully carry out its year of athletic activities, must have some foundation to rest upon. And the best foundation we know of is MONEY. At present the A. A. possesses a membership of about 350. Last term, when everybody was complaining about the small membership, we had 700. Imagine—we have only half that number now. We see no reason why our Athletic Association should not have a membership of at least 1000. Of course this sounds far-fetched when we realize that we have barely more than one-third that

number at present. But compare the membership in our COLLEGE to that of some of our N. Y. high schools. In Clinton, more than 85 per cent of the student body belong to their A. A., at Erasmus in Brooklyn, even the girls have shown spirit and joined their athletic organization. Now compare this spirit to that we have here. Out of twelve hundred students, we can only get 350 A. A. members. With such a small body of loyal men, how can we ever hope to bring real high-class teams to compete against us. How can we afford to bring Brown, Delaware, Washington and Lee, and others to play basketball against us? How can we afford to ask Cornell, Princeton and U. of P. to come down for a swim, if we have no money and no spirit? Money and spirit go hand-in-hand. You pay your money, your little dollar-bill, to anybody connected with the A. A., and we can assure you, the College spirit will come to you. You will feel interested in *your* A. A., in *your* officers, in *your* schedules, and especially in *your* teams.

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Social Activity.



NEW spirit is taking possession of the students. They have recognized the need of combining in a strong, central body for a common purpose. Last Wednesday, thirty men gathered in Professor Overstreet's room to discuss and to plan a project of common interest. They came there impelled by what they felt to be a need for doing social work in and without the College. Consciously or unconsciously they struck at the fundamental failing of this institution. Attempts to bring the students together in social ways have been made time and again, only to fail. But what insures success to this undertaking and promises to create eventually a wholesome social spirit within the College, is the fact that it is being projected and controlled by the students *themselves* and *not* by any one society or societies. Plans are being made to secure a house in which the students can assemble in one large body. There, actuated by a common spirit of raising the social tone of the College and extending its influence outside they can rear a new social structure of tremendous value to themselves and to society, upon a foundation planned and built by themselves. The work must be pushed forward rapidly. No delays must be brooked. The gradual evolution through which the College is passing at present makes this a most auspicious moment. The watchword is now "Forward."

Choosing a Vocation.

To-day at 1 P. M. in the History Lecture Room, Mr. Jenkins, at the invitation of the Student Council, will speak on "General Principles that should govern the choice of a Vocation". President Finley will deliver a few introductory remarks. This lecture is the first of a series which the Council has planned for this term. Men prominent in law, chemistry, agriculture, forestry, medicine, engineering, teaching, business and other vocations have been asked to speak. The Council hopes in this way to present to the students the essential requirements and the bare facts of the various vocations. The benefits to be derived from attending these lectures given by experienced, practical men cannot be over-estimated. The Council has arranged them primarily for the purpose of helping students in the choice of their lifework. It cannot be urged too thoroughly that every student who can possibly attend should make it his duty to be present at these lectures prepared for his benefit and in his interest.

In The Elections.

This year, as in every other year, the College was well represented in the recent City elections. Francis M. Scott, '67, was elected Justice of the Supreme Court of the First District and Nathan Ottinger, '92 was barely defeated for the same position. Dean Nelson, '90, James A. Foley, '01, and Max Shlivek, '05, were successful candidates for the Assembly. Messrs. Murray and Weil, former students of the College, were also elected to the Assembly. Twelve graduates of the College were candidates for office as against four for Columbia and two for New York University. It is interesting to note that no City College men were candidates for Brooklyn offices.

Last Week President Finley was called suddenly away from the College by the death of his father, James G. Finley, in Grand Ridge, Ill. President Finley's father had passed his seventieth year and had been ailing for some time. The entire student body and the instructing staff sympathize deeply with the President in his great loss.

Thanksgiving Eve.

Two weeks hence the Senior Dance will be formally held in the College gymnasium. The committee has received a satisfactory number of subscriptions which promise to make the dance one of the best ever attempted in the gymnasium. The Faculty have come forward encouragingly with their subscriptions. Yet the committee feels that the College as a whole is not sufficiently interested. This is the last opportunity the instructors and lower classmen will have of meeting the seniors at a social function, and it should not be overlooked. Everything in the way of making the evening a success is being done. Handsome souvenirs are being procured and the committee would deem it a favor if those who intend coming would signify as soon as possible.

On November 7th, Professor Pedersen lectured at the Metropolitan Temple on "Swords of the Samurai" and to-morrow he will lecture on the same subject at P. S. 46, St. Nicholas Avenue and 156th Street.

Mr. Howard Lyon will lecture in the Doremus Lecture Theatre on Friday, Nov. 17th, at 3 P. M., on the "Construction and Efficiency of the Edison Storage Battery". The lecture will be illustrated by samples and lantern slides.

The management of the Lyric Theatre offers the teachers and students of this College a reduction of 25% or more of the price of seats for to-night's performance of Molière's "Les Femmes Savantes", given in the remarkable English version of Prof C. H. Page, provided there are at least forty applications. A representative of the theatre will be in Room 209 from 1 o'clock until 2:30 for the sale of seats.

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"Help to the Study of French" is the title of a volume written by E. F. Maloubier, a former instructor of the College, and Dr. Moore. It is published by W. R. Jenkins.

A second edition of Baskerville and Estabrooke's "Progressive Problems in Chemistry" has recently been issued. Much useful data has been incorporated in an appendix, errors have been corrected and a separate book of answers has been prepared. This useful manual has been adopted by the leading colleges and universities of the country and the demand for it is constantly increasing.

To-day in Room 209 at 2:46, Professor Fuentes will address the Spanish Club in Spanish on the "Outlook for Americans in Cuba." Plans for corresponding with leading universities of South America, Cuba and Spain have been arranged by the Society.

Dr. Mario E. Cosenza will lecture before the Circolo Dante Alighieri on "Petrarch and his Relation to Cola Di Rienzi." The lecture, in Italian, will be delivered in Room 16, to-day at 1:10 P. M.

Professor Downer wishes to announce that the French Library is now open to Freshmen upon special recommendation of their instructors.

One hundred and twelve volumes of the Weimar Edition of Goethe's works were received last Wednesday. The department hopes to open the library to the student body in the near future.

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Opening the Season.

With a loud splash, our amphibians began the swimming season. A large crowd was on hand to see Rogers, the Clinton and Harris crack run off (or should it be swim off) with the 150 yards in the splendid time of 1:53. He and Eisele were on scratch; but the latter could not overcome the handicaps given. Kemmerer, '15, with sixteen seconds handicap, succeeded in coming in second. McGrath, a newcomer, received an "allowance" of 19 seconds, and helped himself to third place. Fourth position was taken by "Sid" Nussbaum, '14. He had a handicap of 12 seconds. To-day, at lunch period, a 75-yd swim will be held.

The annual cross-country run open to all college classes will take place on Monday, November 20th. Here is the chance for long distance men to show their prowess! The distance to be covered will be from the college to 181st street and return. The first man to return will be awarded a gold pin. To ameliorate the disappointment of the others, silver pins will be given to the next five who finish.

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Clinton Tallies.

At last Clinton has scored. In an exciting cross-country run around the 181st street course, the boys from Clinton defeated our cross-country team by the score of 23 to 36. Taylor, who finished first for Clinton, negotiated the course in 31.05. Farola of Harris, who broke his own record for the course by a full minute, was second, only five seconds behind Taylor. The team finished as follows: Mintz, 5, Auerbach 6, A. C. Cohen 11, and J. E. Kohn 12. Although defeated, our boys made a splendid showing. They are all novices in cross-country running, yet they made the veteran Clinton team extend itself to the utmost to win. Before the championships arrive, Coach Mackenzie says the team will have become more experienced, and will run true to their form.

T.H.H.—17, C.C.N.Y. '14—9.

The Harris basketball team has won its second game. The college Sophs were the victims this time. At the end of the first half our boys were at the short end of the score; but when the second half started things began to hum. Our fellows played all around the Sophs and before the final whistle blew they had rolled up a score of 17 points against their opponent's 9. The improvement in the Harris team was very marked. The men played a faster and cleaner game than in the contest with the seniors.



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