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Commencement.



LAST Tuesday evening the February 1912 class stepped out from the undergraduate life of the College. President McAneney 'spoke' to the graduates advising them to do for the City of New York or whatever place they may be the best that they can. He stated that he was glad he sees a tendency lately to make a closer alliance between the City College graduates and the City Government. President McAneney pledged himself to support President Finley's plan for transforming the wasted fields about the College into a huge stadium. The Senior addresses were delivered by Michael Kurz, who spoke on "Education and the Son," Virgil Bopp, whose subject was "An Old Spirit — A New Need," and Julius Drachsler, who set forth the importance of "The First Step."

The medals and their winners are: The Pell Medals "To the student who shall rank highest in all the studies of the year," Gold, Louis J. Mutterperl, '13, Silver, Virgil Bopp, '12. The Cromwell Medal for proficiency in History was captured by Lester Markel, '14. The Prager Memorial Prize went to Virgil Bopp, '12. The Ketchum Prizes (Political Science) were given to Louis J. Mutterperl, '13, and Lesem Bach, '13. The Ralph Weinberg Prize (English) was won by Solomon E. Perlman, '12. The Devoe Prizes in Mechanical Arts were awarded to Joseph Schwartz '15, and Alexander L. Shluger, '14. The prize of the Board of Trustees for the best oration went to Julius Drachsler, '12 for the second best oration to Isidor B. Berkson, '12, and honorable mention to Selig Hecht, '13. The Roemer Prize for the best Poetry Declamation went to David Kraus, '14. The Clafin Medals and their winners are: Latin, Benjamin Elwyn

'13, (Gold), Morris Buchter, '15, (Silver); Greek, Morris Buchter, '15, (Silver). Ward Medals were given for greatest proficiency in Chemistry, Natural History, Natural, and Moral Philosophy, Political Science, English, Greek, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Oratory, Composition, Logic, History, Botany, and Algebra and Geometry.

#### President Hibben's Reception.

"I shall always regard the City College as one of my academic homes," said President Hibben after the applause in the Great Hall had sufficiently subsided to permit him to speak. After discussing his relations with the College and telling of the spirit of eager desire of the students of the College to know the best and deepest things of the mind, he said. "The City College and the city expects you to be public spirited men even to the extent of untold self-sacrifice. Professor Overstreet welcomed the Princeton executive. President Hibben lectured at the College for five terms beginning September 1908, and last February Professor Overstreet came to the College from California to become the head of the Philosophy Department. President Hibben has received hosts of congratulatory letters, a large number coming from City College Alumni who had the good fortune to be his students. Although no undergraduate at present knows President Hibben, still his presence on the platform on February 5th has made us feel that he is, in spirit, a City College man. The student body offers its congratulations and best wishes to President Hibben.

#### Phreno Triumphs.

The eighty-second semi-annual debate between Phrenocosmia and Clionia brought a threefold pleasure to the adherents of the former: the decision; medals to the members of the team, and a gift of twenty-five dollars to the Society by the class of 1894. D. Boehm, '12, S. Hecht, '13, E. Drachman '12 upheld for Clionia the affirmative side of the question "Resolved that Judges who are elected to office in the New York State Courts be subject to recall." George Willet, '12, Peter L. F. Sabbatino, '12 and Jesse Schwartz, '12 successfully showed for Phrenocosmia how detriment the recall would be to the interests of the public. Professor Downer presided.

### Controlling Industrial Corporations.

"Resolved that industrial corporations engaged in Interstate business be under the control of a federal commission," will be the subject of the debate between John Hopkins and the College on April 19th. It will be recalled that each College will enter two teams in the field, one upholding the affirmative side of the question and the other the negative. In all probability the College team which voices the negative side will present its case at Baltimore. Trials will be held during the first part of March. It is the duty of both debating societies, of the student body, to become interested in this approaching debate. No man who has the least ability should hesitate to try for a position on the squad. Eight men will be chosen; the opportunity for "making" the team is exceptional.

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### A Feast of Feeling.

In the Café des Beaux-Arts last Wednesday evening the members of the graduating class held their last banquet of their collegiate career. It was a gathering in which all, including the honorary members and guests, could not but feel a poignant moving force which drew together and to the College, as never before, all who were leaving it. President Finley, and Drs. Neuman, Klapper, Clarke and Overstreet the honorary members of the class were present. Professor Dielman was the guest of the evening.

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### Feb. '11 Dines.

Last Saturday night the class of February 1911 gathered in the Peacock Room at Murray's and held its annual banquet. President Hibben, who directed the class in the study of Philosophy, was unable to attend. President Finley telegraphed his regrets. Professor Werner was the guest of honor and Professor Duggan and Drs. Coleman and Robinson, the honorary members of the class, were present.

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Today at 4 P. M. in Room 315 the trials for the annual Varsity play will be held. Sir William Gilbert's "Wedding March," a modern English comedy, will be the offering this year.

### Doings of the President.

President Finley has been elected a Trustee of the New York Life Insurance Company. On January 6th, he spoke at the dinner of the Mechanical Engineers; on January 21st he spoke at the opening of the new Y.M.H.A. building, and on the 23rd he spoke at the University Club of Albany. The President gave a reception at the College on the afternoon of January 30th to the members of the recently appointed Recreation Committee. In the evening he delivered an address at the Waldorf at the dinner tendered by non-Catholics to Cardinal Farley. Governor Dix and Mayor Gaynor were among those who spoke. Last Saturday, the President spoke at the dinner of the Y.M.C.A., held at the College; last Wednesday he spoke at the Dickens Centenary on "Dickens and America," and last Friday he spoke at the dinner given by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to Lieut.-General Sir Robert S. S. Baden-Powell.

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### Alumni Dinner.

Five hundred and twenty-five members attended the annual dinner of the Alumni Association at the Hotel Savoy on January 27th. The dinner was a huge social success and clearly demonstrated that love for Alma Mater does not perish with graduation. President Finley pledged himself to the Alumni, as he did to the student body before he left for Paris last year, to strive to secure for the College an athletic field, a library and better salaries for the instructors.

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### Baccalaureate Services.

President Rush Rhees of the University of Rochester delivered the Baccalaureate address at the services of the class of February 1912, last Sunday afternoon in the Great Hall. He counselled the graduates to devote their lives to the advancement of our civilization. President Finley presided. Professor Baldwin gave his usual splendid organ recital, the *Evensong* by Edward F. Johnston and the Prize Song, "*Die Meistersinger*," being particularly appealing.

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At a special meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Richard M. Hoff was elected Vice-President and Francis R. Dieuaide was chosen Secretary.

## ATHLETICS.

### The Tiger Dines.

Last Saturday night the basketball team journeyed to Princeton and offered itself, with the aid of the referee, as a repast to the Tiger. The game was played upon an unusually large court and the effect of the short pass which the team uses was visibly diminished. Every man played hard and well. Kaufman scored five brilliant goals from difficult angles. "Rouge" caged nine of his eleven attempts from the fifteen foot line. Southwick, Frank, Kaplan and Bradner deserve praise. After the first few minutes of play during which the speed of both teams was dazzling, the game lagged and became slow. The first half ended 16-12 with the Tiger's appetite half satisfied. The second half opened with a rush and for some time it appeared as if our usual rally in the second half would cheat him of his meal. But the weight of the Princetonians told heavily and when the half ended and the whole was over, Princeton had scored 29 points to our 23.

### January Thirteenth.

The date hoodoo worked beautifully in our favor. But it was almost our undoing. Fordham started off with a rush that took us off our feet. Before we could say boo the score was 9-1 in their favor. But with the advent of George De Zinny and "Hen" Propper into the game we pulled up, and when the first half was over we had one point to spare, the score being 15-14. The second half was a runaway for the College. The Fordamites could only score one goal while we garnered as many as sixteen points. Southwick made a backhand shot that had the spectators on their feet. Propper also contributed a thriller—it was a midfield shot that cleared the basket cleanly. The largest crowd that the gym ever accomodated was present that Saturday evening. Final score 31-38.

In the preliminary game the Freshmen administered to Mt. Vernon High School their annual defeat. In the first half, our lustiy infants had things their own way managing to keep Mt. Vernon to but one point. 1915 scored 17 points. The second half was more even. When the final whistle blew the score-board announced the final result as 29-11. Our Freshmen led.

## Troy Defeated.

To relieve the tired brains and the wearied minds of the exam-pestered student, Renssalaer came. It was a clean entertainment, with the outcome never in doubt. At first the Red Shirts set up a very fast pace but their bad aim kept their score low. Our new combination with Frank at guard played a sterling game. Kaufman modestly shot but five goals and then stopped. "Cap. Rouge" ringed eight foul shots besides making two goals. We more than tripled the score — 34 to 11. To fill up the period of intermission between the Varsity and the Freshman games, Spiegler '15 and Greenberg, an embryo Freshman, wrestled before an admiring audience. Greenberg was defeated.

The Freshman Team tackled the N. Y. U. Commerce team for the second time this season, and humbled them encore. Frank Cohen of 1915 shot three goals and Sappoe added two more. Nathan for Commerce caged eight foul shots. 18 to 12 was the score of the game.

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We trounced them well! And we did it as easily as rolling off a log. After the meet one had to use a microscope to find traces of Cornell. We even broke records: Yes sir! Two of them were hung up. Riemer who swam in open competition made a new mark of  $2:52\frac{1}{2}$  for the 220 yard race. In the century swim, McGrath, the blond boy, after a hard struggle with ex-Harrisite Kohn beat him out and won in 1:05, which is a new record. Of course, the relay race was gobbled up by us. We tasted victory twice that evening. The second dose was in the shape of a 32-2 score in the water-polo game. With the blow of the whistle the scoring began. Pruzan and Rogers were most instrumental in piling up points for us. Steigman on the offensive was irresistible. If only the others were as easy!

On Friday, January 12th, the last of the weekly running events was decided. As a result of these relays, the standing of the class is as follows: 1913—13 points; 1914—12 points; 1912—6 points; 1915—5 points. The active response to such an innovation showed that medal relay racing is very popular among the students. The Athletic Association will present a banner to the victorious class—1913.

### Yale Everywhere.

They were too much for our boys. We tried hard but with poor success. It was impossible to do anything against such champions as Maier of Yale, who did the "hundred" in 1:01 and Howe and "Kip" Schmidt. The only fruits of our labors were five third places (there were only two Yale men in each event). Davis, the new acquisition went to New Haven with the team and came back with it. Yale only collected 48 points out of a possible 53! In water-polo, a similar fate awaited us — defeat! We could only score 1 goal to the bulldog's 9. But wait, the Tiger is coming!

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### Avenged.

The chess team did it! The Brooklyn Chess Club was the scene of Yale's Waterloo. Spurred on by the defeat of our swimming team at New Haven, Captain Eolis marshalled his men against the chessmen of the Blue. The battles among the knights of the checkerboard were fierce but the College men were the better generals and Yale succumbed to the tune of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Glory to the Chess Team! New York University attempted a second tilt with us and naturally they were thrown. Three boards were captured and the fourth is asking for quarter. As an impetus to chess activity a handicap tournament has been arranged. Particulars in Room 413. There will also be a Freshman Chess Team organized.

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The following men will manage the Varsity Teams for this year; Basketball, S. A. Isaacson to succeed S. E. Perlman; Track, S. Davis to succeed S. Siegel. M. Cahn was elected acting manager of the Swimming Team to replace W. Finger.

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## The High School Problem.



DAPTATION to environment is man's prime consideration. The man who does not adapt himself to his surroundings, not alone does not thrive himself but hinders the growth of those about him and prevents progress. The first duty of a high school student when he registers at the college is to become assimilated with those already in the College and to become unified solidly with his classmates, who like himself, have chosen this institution in which to receive the higher education. Formerly, the vast majority of incoming classes was composed of graduates from Townsend Harris Hall. Last September, however, a significant change occurred. Fully one half of the men registered with the June 1915 Class came from high schools other than Harris. The record of these men in their relation to their class and to their College shows that they have failed in their first duty; they have not as yet adapted themselves to their environment, they have impeded the growth of their class and of their College. The part they have played in the extra-curricular activities of the College is as follows: Out of one hundred and twenty men only seven paid class dues; of the two

hundred and fifty men who attended the reception of President Finley only thirty were high school men; at the class banquet only six subscriptions from high school men were received; at the reception tendered by the Seniors to the Freshmen, high school men were very few in number, only on rare occasions are the high school students seen in the class alcove.

The College looks forward to the Freshman class for its athletic material. No team was entered in the interclass Cross-country meet; few Freshman teams were entered in the recent interclass track meet. As a result the Varsity track team has received a serious setback. The various societies are complaining about the lack of Freshman members. There is absolutely no reason why this state of affairs should exist. The high school man is as much a part of this institution as the Harris man. In fact, his added experience of one year should make him a leader in all activities. The College expects it of him. His present apathetic attitude is unfair to himself, to his class, and to his College. Only one term has gone by; seven remain in which to make amends and to demonstrate that he can fight, and fight hard too, for Alma Mater. The segregation of the high school men into small groups, each composed of graduates of a particular school, is antagonistic to the social spirit of the College. The men should lead a broader life, a life in conjunction with the greatest possible number of other men. College education broadens one's views; extra curricular activities are integral factors in collegiate life; no one can afford to miss the advantages accruing from participation in these activities and from close association with those about us. The teams need men, the societies want men, the newspapers want men, the class needs men to lead it. Will the high school man stand calmly by and pass up all these opportunities which are being offered? Will he be content to be led when he can and should become a leader?

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Numeral Lights Exercises of the class of February 1912, and Concert under the direction of Professor Baldwin were held in the Great Hall on January 10th. President Finley and Julius Drachsler made addresses and Robert Whitford read the class poem.

## Biological Lectures.

The first of a series of Thursday afternoon lectures under the auspices of the Department of Natural History was given last week by Professor N.L. Britton, Director of the New York Botanical Gardens on *The Scenic and Floral Features of Cuba*. To-day's lecture will be delivered in Room 315 by Dr. C. H. Townsend, Director of the New York Aquarium on *The Voyage of the Albatross in the Gulf of California*.

At the meeting of the Biological Society held last Thursday, the following officers were elected: President, Schlesinger '12; Vice-President, Adlerbloom '12; Secretary, Hertzstein '13; Treasurer, Strumwasser '12. Dr. Breithut has installed a set of fifteen food charts in the students' lunch room. These charts show the chemical composition and the calorific value of foods.

The registration in the Dean's office of the February 1916 class shows that the number of students from high schools other than Townsend Harris has increased more than fifty per cent. over the best previous record of any February registration. The Dean also states that many special students are availing themselves of the opportunity to pursue courses in the College, among them being several members of the graduated class.

Light-Heart—Light-Foot.

"On with the dance, let joy be unconfined.  
Our hearts are free of care, the diplomas have been signed."

So felt the Seniors last Tuesday evening, though for many a new kind of Waterloo was to take place in the ensuing weeks. A moderate attendance and good music made the dance the more pleasant. Dr. Storey graced the occasion and the Seniors found towards morning that their last exercise in his presence was doubtless the most pleasant of all.

Professor Delamarre who is one of the foremost French lecturers in this country made an extensive Western lecture tour during the last few weeks. He spoke in Cleveland, Detroit, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Chicago, Milwaukee, Ann Arbor, Meadville, Binghamton and Scranton.

### Topsy-Turvy.

Four years ago the Faculty received a Freshman class into the College and on February 5th, that class as Senior returned that reception with due interest. On the first occasion the hosts and guests could learn little of each other; on the last there came to be far better mutual understanding. The entertainment of the evening was furnished all by class talent. The refreshment and entertainment were such as more of the Faculty could well have enjoyed had they been in the General Webb room on that evening. Though the February '12 class has the distinction of having originated the idea it is hoped it will not remain unique in having carried it out.

### Newman Club Activities.

The Newman club will initiate a new series of public lectures on Friday evening with an address on "Cardinals" by the Rev. Francis H. Wall D. D. This talk should prove extremely interesting for Dr. Wall was present at the recent consistory at Rome. The lecture will begin promptly at eight o'clock in Room 105. All students are invited to attend.

Professor Anatole Le Braz of the Univerity of Rennes and official lecturer of L'Alliance Francaise was formally received at the College last Friday. Professor Downer welcomed the distinguished visitor; Professor Cohn of Columbia also spoke.

### Professor Baskerville.

Professor Baskerville has been re-appointed on the Examination Board of the Education Department of the State. Mayor Gaynor has appointed Professor Baskerville on the Committee of Tares and Tolerances, which recommends to the Mayor's Bureau of Weights and Measures. On February 2nd, Professor Baskerville lectured before the chemistry staff and graduate students of McGill University, Montreal, Canada, on "New Tests for the Determination of the Purity of Inhalation Anaesthetics" and in the evening of the same day, before the Canadian Section of the Society of Chemical Industry on "The Chemistry of Anaesthetics." On January 30th, he delivered a lecture before the Brooklyn institute of Arts and Sciences on "Commercial Anaesthetics; Their Impurities and their effects."

### Menorah Activities.

This evening, at 8 p.m., in room 209, a regular meeting will be held and a lecture by a prominent speaker will be delivered. On alternate Fridays, "Vital Jewish Topics" will be discussed by Dr. M. M. Kaplan, and "The Prophets," by Professor I. Friedlaender of the Jewish Theological Seminary. On Tuesday, at 2.45 Mr. E. Kohn will resume his course on the study of the Bible. If a sufficiently large number of men are interested, a course in the study of Hebrew will be offered.

### Boxing And Wrestling.

Our infant sport is growing! It is going to assert itself by means of a tournament. Manager Gerber announces that the wrestling tournament will start the week of February 26th. The finals will be run off at the basketball game on March 2nd. The boxing events will begin the last week in March. Besides the good material in College at present, Townsend Harris Hall has given us a few more good mat-men,

### A. B. Versus B. S.

Arts and Science clashed in the gym during vacation week. The parabola and hyperbola students were forced to knuckle down to the dead language artists. It is a sad, sad story but the truth must out! Either the artists played better or the scientists played worse. We leave the decision to your judgment. A few drops ofVarsity spiced the two teams. Kaufman, you know him, played for the A. B's and Zinovoy, our Adonis, beautified the B, S's. Never mind the score!

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## TOWNSEND HARRIS NEWS

### Upper A Graduation.

On Wednesday evening, February 7th, the class of February '12 passed out of "prep" school life. Raskin, the class President, delivered the Valedictory address. The usual Greek, Latin, German and Spanish declamations were delivered by Morris Ryskind, Morton Abraham, Melville Shauer, and Israel Wolk respectively. Under the direction of Mr. Moore of the French Department, a French play "Le Malade Imaginaire" by Molière was splendidly performed. Dreyfuss, Goold, Hoffman and Strumpf played the rôles.

The main event of the evening was an English sketch by Morton entitled, "The Steeple Chase." Under the able direction of Dr. Taaffe, this playlet was skillfully produced. Francis V. Kear won the honors of the evening in the part of Mr. Tittums, the leading character of the play.

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Last Saturday night Clinton defeated the basketball team in the City College Gymnasium by a score of 25-12. Nudelman scored all of the points for Harris. He scored two goals and shot eight fouls.

### Brief Paragraphs.

At the P. S. A. L. games held last Saturday evening, H. Turchin won the 70 and 220 yard dashes; A. Von Bonin captured third place.

Hendricks, our star basketball player is unable to play on account of illness.

W. Rogow, former captain of the Swimming team has left Harris.

The following committee to supervise Harris athletics has been appointed by President Finley: Dr. Newton, and Messrs. Linehan, Cozenza, Quakenbos and White.

The Groesbeck Debating Society held its first meeting last Thursday afternoon. At the close of the term prizes will be awarded to members who prove proficient in debating. Membership is open to students of the Lower B class.

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One hundred and seventy students were discharged for doing unsatisfactory work on the final examinations.

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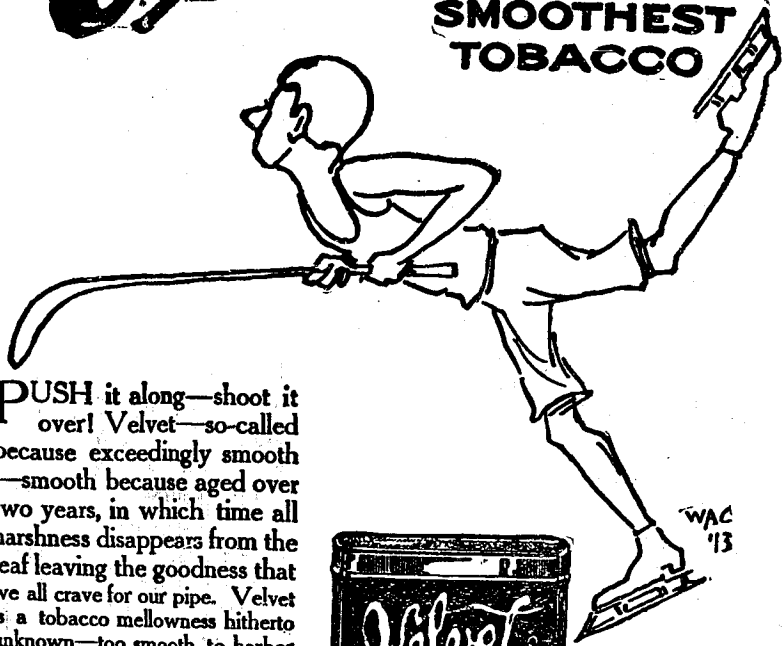
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