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The Reception on Saturday.



THE President of the United States will be given a reception this Saturday morning by the students and faculty of the City College. President Taft will address the assembly at half past ten. The second part of the assembly will be devoted to the celebration of the world-wide distinction which has come to America and more especially to New York City through the awarding of the Nobel prize for medicine to Dr. Alexis Carrel, the distinguished scientist of the Rockefeller Institute who has performed such excellent work in the world of medicine. Professor Downer and a student will speak and Ambassador Jusserand will be presented and he will speak, too, on the honor which has come to France for being the birthplace of Dr. Carrel. After him, Dr. Carrel, himself, will make an address.

The third part of the assembly will be devoted to the presentation to the College of the miniature model in plaster of the proposed stadium by Mr. Adolph Lewisohn who has so generously donated the money for the building of it. The model is a most excellent one and exceeds our former expectations of the magnitude and perfection of the stadium. After the assembly President Taft will spend the afternoon with Mr. Lewisohn. The High School committee of the faculty will entertain at luncheon the principals of the high schools of the city.

Professor Palmer has charge of the organization of the assembly and the Student Council will have in its care the ushering. On Friday afternoon, invitations will be issued to the students and it is of imperative need that only those students who are positively coming to the assembly should accept them, for more than sixteen hundred applications for seats have been received from public.

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Off at Last!

It's started! We'll see "rare Ben Jonson" in all his glory, just as he appeared to his enthusiastic Elizabethan audience. The name of the Elizabethan show for this year is "Epiccene, or the Silent Woman." The play is full of fun and laughter, yet giving a vivid picture of the manners of the time. After much reading and sifting of suitable plays of the Elizabethan period, the committee has decided to produce this masterpiece of Jonson's. The date of the production has not yet been announced, but it is almost sure to be during the second week in December. Rehearsals commenced on Monday, and with Dr. Taaffe coaching from the side lines, progress should be rapid and success assured.

Still Growing.

At the request of many teachers of commercial subjects in the elementary and high schools of the city, a course in "Methods of Teaching Stenography" has been added to the list of Extension courses. The purpose of the new course is to meet the increased requirements of the Board of Examiners for teaching in the city schools. The requirements are now 120 hours in Education courses, of which at least thirty hours must have been devoted to methods of teaching stenography.

The attention of our students should be called to the fact that splendid opportunities are open to them for securing teaching positions in commercial subjects. The Board of Examiners is very anxious to have college graduates. Thus far the Board has not been successful. Many lucrative positions are offered; it behooves the men to consider this suggestion.

An Error.

The announcement in last week's *CAMPUS* that the date of the Senior dance was December 27 must have raised false hopes in the hearts of many Seniors who are delaying from day to day to hand their deposits to the committee. We wish distinctly to correct this erroneous impression. The date of the dance is November 27, Thanksgiving eve. Attendance at the dance will be a cause for thanksgiving the next day and forever after, for memories of an occasion such as this are not ones to fade soon.

ATHLETICS.

1915 Comes Back.

Who said anything about a yellow streak? Who says they never comes back? 1915 has run off with the inter-class swimming meet despite the loss of Rogers and Davis. Their relay, composed of Riemer, O'Connell, Valverde and Kilpatrick won their race, Reimer added five points to their score in the 220 while Brown, a newcomer to the tank, and O'Connell, one of the "three twins," contributed their share in the plunge and the dive. The times of all the races were especially good and encouraged our belief that we are going to have a corking good swimming team. Straley, who took first place in the fancy dive, Hartman and Brown, who came close behind Kautsky '13 in the plunge, and Kipatrick look like good material.

The results:

800 Foot Relay—first. 1915, with Riemer, O'Connell, Valverde and Kilpatrick; 1914, second; 1916, third. Time—3.06.

Plunge for Distance—Kautsky '13, first with 49 feet; Hartmann '14, second with 43 feet and Brown '15, third with 42½ feet.

220 Yard Swim—Riemer '15 first; Nussbaum '14 second; Feinberg '16, third. Time—2.49½.

Fancy Dive—Straley '16 first; O'Connell '15, second and Valverde '15, third.

The 50 and 100 and will be swum this week and 1915 is determined not to let these events go by the board without their winning them.

Our New Basketball Manager.

Our baseball team has had managers off and on—for the last two weeks it was "off." The time that the A. A. board took in picking Sydney G. Soons, '13, was well justified by their choice. Soons has managed the finances of June 1913 for several semesters and all who know him feel confident that he will make good in his new position.

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The Mission of the College.



O BETTER expression of the mission of the City College could have been made than that by President Finley when he opened the Conference on Mental Hygiene on Friday evening.

"Several have asked, and doubtless many more have wondered, why we should have here, in this place for the training of boys and young men, this exhibit and conference. Why should these halls, filled with most hopeful, ambitious and exuberant life, be invaded by these sombre charts and depressing pictures that tell of derangement, disease and degeneracy? The ancestors within me, who gave me a natal abhorrence of the insane as of unnatural creatures possessed of evil spirits and to be avoided, protested against such an exhibition as this. Moreover, a certain violence is done to our literary inheritance. The witches of Macbeth, Ophelia in her madness and Caliban become mere pathogenic cases, and not literary characters.

"But is it, after all, not the most fit and wise thing in the world that this place, which is primarily a place for the discipline of the mind, should give roof and light to those who are trying to strengthen and conserve the physical basis of all mind training ?

"I caught this from one of your bulletins : "Our conduct in thought depends upon the capacity of our nervous system. The brain is the individual. By it man lives, moves and has his being. Education is the process of training the brain and the nervous system by study and discipline. The aim of education should be to develop the capacity of these organs to the utmost." Certainly then, we should welcome here, in this house of the mind, this "citadel of truth," as Doctor Van Dyke has called it in his hymn, those whose concern is to give to those who have the task of education, sounder material with which to work.

"But I find another reason for this hospitality. Is it not for the university and the college in the city, and particularly those institutions which grow out of the people's desire, is it not for them to make a "stupendous and supreme summing up of all the sciences and all the arts" and, in expressing the ideals of the people, seek to "work the amelioration of the human soul"? And that amelioration of soul is to come only, as your charts have intimated, through the enlargement of the capacity of the human mind for thought. This meeting is prophetic, I wish to believe, of a larger service which this College, nourished by the City, is to give back to those who, by their labors, are making possible for young men the companionships which are intimated in this wonderful painting by Mr. Blashfield which adorns this Hall.

"I was saying the other night that I hoped he or some other great artist would some day come and make a great painting at the other end of the Hall, representing this same youth, though of more years, engaged in his varied tasks down in the City below, carrying this same light before him, not that he may himself be seen, or advertised, but holding it so that others may find their way, that the verges of darkness may reach further back and that he, himself, may not stumble or grope at his work".

Society Notes.

Though both Clionia and Phrenocosmia are busy devising schemes to win over each other in their semi-annual debate, they will have a joint meeting shortly which will be in the nature of the proverbial calm before the storm. Clionia is preparing to hold a social to celebrate its anticipated victory. Phrenocosmians, like the ant, are making preparations now for the debate to come. O Clionia, be ye not like unto the grasshopper who danced all summer long and in the winter—.

Those members who attended the last meeting of the Adelpian were induced to slumber through the hypnotic efforts of Cohen and Goldstein who led (and monopolized) a discussion on hypnotism.

A live model was used to illustrate some special phases of art at the first meeting of the Sketch Club. Judging from the attendance and the enthusiasm displayed, live models are in high favor.

The 1916 Thespians have commenced their activities by instituting weekly rehearsals of a one-act farce which they hope will secure a prominent place in the interest of the students.

Dr. Enelow, of Kentucky, addressed the Menorah Society last Friday and Dr. Richard Gottheil, of Columbia University, opened discussion in the Jewish Forum on Monday.

The Y. M. C. A. is conducting an admirable project in the organization of many groups of about six or eight fellows for the purpose of discussing various problems of practical ethics. These groups will give Mr. Bartlett an opportunity to become better acquainted with the fellows who want to obtain positions through the Employment Bureau.

Several Bronxites, who are sollicitous about the expenditure of the taxes which arises from the passage of the Bronx County act, have posted circulars asking students who live in the new county to cooperate in their attempt to keep the \$193,000 salary out of the hands of politicians.

Portrait of Professor Johnston.

President Finley accepted officially, last Saturday evening at the Hotel Martinique, the portrait of Professor Henry Phelps Johnston, of the History department, which was presented to the College by the alumni in appreciation of the professor's splendid work during his many years of service in the College. The portrait was painted by Mr. Edwin B. Child and was presented by the chairman of the alumni committee, Mr. William K. Alcott '85.

"The Tattler."

Over in Townsend Harris Hall some fellows with the journalistic bee in their bonnet are following in the footsteps of their big brothers in college by getting out *The Tattler*—A Weekly Chronicle of Harris Events. The purpose of the paper, as expressed in its first editorial, is "to awaken within the students of Townsend Harris a feeling of school-spirit which is at present strangely lacking. Our intention is to give the student body all the news while it is fresh and current." The first issue of the paper, which is modelled in almost every aspect on THE CAMPUS, appeared on sale last Wednesday. It is full of snap and interest and deserving of whole-hearted support by Townsend Harris. The editor-in-chief is Roger M. Gregory. THE CAMPUS wishes *The Tattler* a prosperous career.

Biological Seminar.

The instructors in the Natural History Department held their regular seminar yesterday at the home of Professor Winslow. Two papers were read, one by Dr. Goldfarb and the other by Mr. Scott.

In collaboration with E. Frankel, '12, and H. Dubin, '12, Dr. Curtman contributed to the November issue of the *Journal of the American Chemical Society* two articles entitled "A Method for the Systematic Qualitative Detection of Barium and Strontium" and "The Influence of Non-Volatile Organic Matter and Certain Acids on the Precipitation of the Ammonium Sulphide Group of Metals."

Professor Overstreet.

Professor Overstreet addressed the New York University Philosophical Society at their regular monthly meeting on Monday on "The Democratic Conception of God."

Serving Notice to Chess Men.

The Freshmen are not only usurping track events and swimming meets and flug rushes; they have entered boldly the checkered field of chess and demand a place all their own. The veterans, ever since they were dispossessed of their old room on Newspaper Row and been quartered with the Y. M. C. A., have declined very appreciably in interest. They must now look to their preservation of their ancient honors for 1916 has issued a warning that the Freshmen are about to have a tournament to decide who shall be on the varsity. Well! Well! These youngsters *are* rambunctious!

In Honor of Guilmant.

Professor Baldwin will devote the last four numbers of next Sundays' organ recital to the works of the late Felix Alexandre Guilmant who died last year. It is a tribute of one great organist to another. Guilmant was organist at La Trinité and professor at the Paris Conservatory. As composer, virtuoso and teacher, he has had great influence on organ playing. The numbers which Professor Baldwin will play are "Invocation in B flat major," "March Funebre et Chant Seraphique," his most famous organ work, "Berceuse and Prayer," an exquisite little lullaby and "Sonata No. 5, in C minor."

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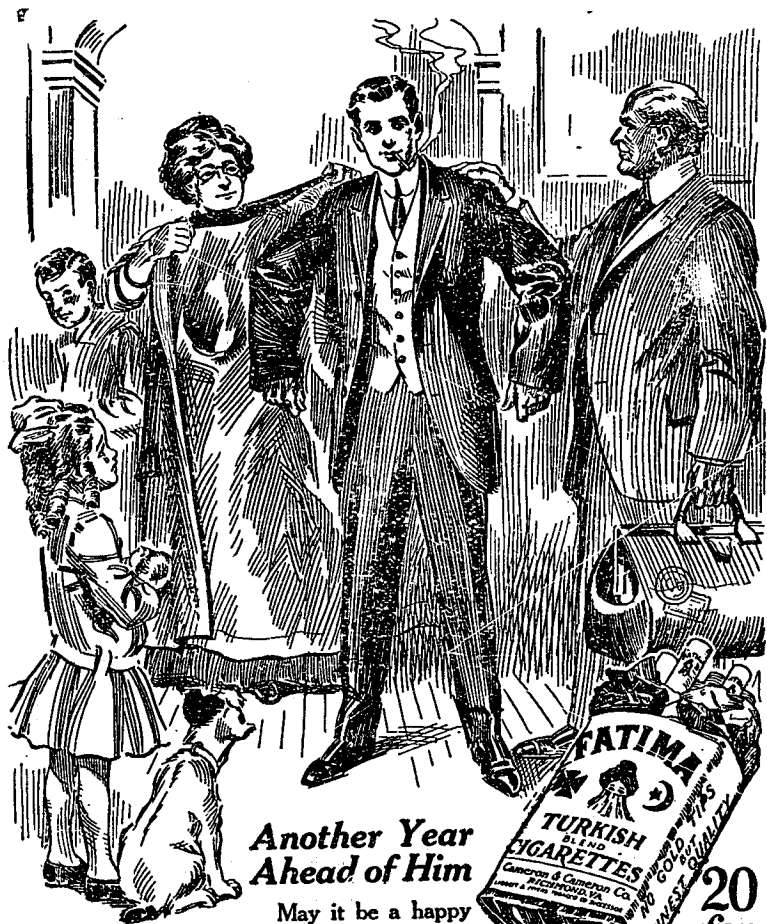
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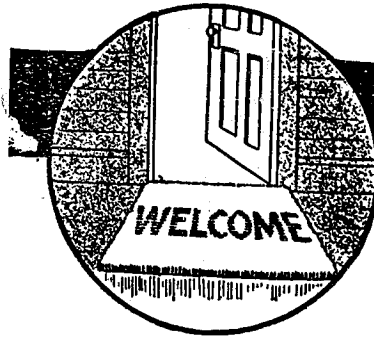
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