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At Lunch Time.



**T**HIS afternoon at 1:20, after you have finished your lunch and feel like having some exercise, come up to the Great Hall. There will be held an assembly wholly given up to the singing of college songs by the entire student body. Professor Baldwin at the organ will accompany the chorus in "Urbs Coronata," "C. C. N. Y." (a song by Dr. Coleman of the English department) and other songs as they suggest themselves. The Student Council is taking charge of the assembly. The occasion will be the second of the regular weekly assemblies which will be devoted to various purposes in the interests of the students and, incidentally, the second one under the auspices of the Student Council.

Vote To-morrow.

Between 12 and 1 o'clock to-morrow the committee of the Civic Club will supply every student in the College with a ballot on which he will note his choice for President of the United States and for Governor of New York. Taft, Roosevelt, Wilson, Debs and Chafin will have their fates decided on this ballot. Then, too, Hedges, Straus, Sulzer and Russell will fight out their battle for the governorship. There are about twelve hundred students in college; but there are so many political parties represented among them, that we expect they will cut each other's political throats and let the Prohibitionists win out in the end. At any rate, this straw vote will be quite representative of what will happen next Tuesday. Prophecy is in season at present, but we do not dare indulge in that pleasant form of amusement for fear of being besieged by brickbats.

### Freshman Reception.

All those students who have been admitted to the College this year, whether from Townsend Harris or from other schools, assembled last Friday afternoon in the gymnasium and were accorded a pleasant welcome by President and Mrs. Finley and a number of the Faculty. The class massed in the center of the floor to hear the president's invigorating address. He told the Freshmen that theirs was the best Freshman class that has entered the College for many years. He wished he could greet each one of them personally and administer to his ailments. Raymond Farrell, president of the class, upon the invitation of Dr. Finley, made a short but pointed address, in which he pledged the "will to do," that is so characteristic of his class, to the College. After this came a general presentation of names and greetings. When this ceremony was over, refreshment was served. Later the president called for cheers of every high school represented in the gathering, and at the end Townsend Harris cheered for the other high schools. Songs and cries of Clinton, Morris, Boys' High, Stuyvesant and others were vociferously rendered in rapid succession. Then the procession marched out of the gymnasium and dispersed. The president hopes soon to receive the upper Freshmen.

### Prize Speaking Contest.

The elimination trials for the prize speaking contest have resulted in the choice of the following men: David E. Grant, '13; Samuel Davis, '13; Meyer Cohn, '14; David Kraus, '14; Joseph B. Strauss, '14, and Harry J. Klein, '14. These men will deliver original orations for the prizes given by the Board of Trustees and Mr. Drummond, '88. There are two prizes offered—one for the best delivery and one for the best composition. On the same occasion James Donoghue, '14, Ernest Knapp, '14, and Theodore Goodman '15 will deliver poetical recitations in competition for the Roemer prize. The contests will take place on Friday evening, November 8th, in the Great Hall. The success of the former contests should prove attractive enough to secure a large audience for this one.

### Another High School Day.

December 21st will be a day of fun, frolic and freedom for those high school men who intend to enter the College in February. There will be a swimming meet in the afternoon in which four men from each high school will participate. After refreshments the fellows will witness a varsity basketball game on the gym floor.

Professor Winslow, who is chairman of the High School Committee, is devoting much time and effort to make the affair a brilliant one.

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### Illustrated French Lecture.

On Thursday, October 31, at eleven o'clock in Professor Dielman's lecture room, M. Louis Hourticq, Professor of the History of Art at the University of Paris, will deliver a lecture, illustrated with many fine views, on the "Cathedrals of France." We have to thank the Fédération de l'Alliance Française for this rare privilege. Professors Dielman and Downer take pleasure in inviting the students, teachers and friends of the college to attend this lecture. M. Hourticq is the author of an excellent little volume on the history of French art, published last year in English by Scribners.

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### Senior Dance.

The Seniors should begin to take notice of the fact that the Senior Dance is less than a month off. The great event will take place Wednesday evening, November 27th. Many members of the Faculty will be present to promote the spirit of sociability. Subscriptions are two dollars per couple. The Seniors are advised to bestir themselves, since there is not too much time.

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### Keep This Dark!

It is reported to us by a mysterious individual who fears to see his name in print that the dread secrets of the coming senior class play were revealed to him while in a trance. The third degree methods did not suffice to make him reveal all, but on the proper application of the methods in the Criminology course we draw from him Sphinx-like hints concerning the clash of a professor and a student over the love of a mysterious maiden. Our unknown informant promises to have more trances shortly.

### Exceptional Children.

At the second session of the Third Annual Conference on the "Exceptional Child Problem," which will take place to-morrow afternoon, Dr. Samuel B. Heckman of the Education department will read a paper on the "Exceptional Child and the Grade Teacher." At the sixth session, on Friday evening, Professor Duggan will speak on "The Need of a Pedagogical Clinic in New York." This will be the last session of the conference.

Appleton & Company announce a book by Dr. Paul Klapper on "Principles of Educational Practice." The book studies the basic principles underlying sound and progressive pedagogy.

### Peace.

The plans for the annual competitive peace oration contests have been perfected. For the best oration on "International Arbitration" delivered in each college, the Peace Association offers a prize of twenty dollars. This contest will take place on January 10th. The winners of the individual college contests will then compete in the New York State Intercollegiate Peace Contest on March 14th for a prize of two hundred dollars. Again, those who are successful in the State contests will meet in the Interstate competition for a prize of one hundred dollars. All devoted followers of the cause of peace will do well to interest themselves in the coming contests.

The final enrollment figures of the Freshman class are very gratifying in their indication of the growing popularity of the college. The percentage of students from schools other than Townsend Harris exceeds that of any previous class. One hundred and seventy-nine high school men and one hundred and fifty from Townsend Harris form the largest class on record.

### The Return of 1912.

Ghosts in the form of members of June 1912 haunted the college last Saturday evening and made merry with song, smoke and story. All the grads were there to show that 1912 has not been downed in the struggle for existence. Familiar forms and faces beamed everywhere and made the evening a happy visitation.

## ATHLETICS.

### C. C. N. Y. N. Y. C. C. C. Champs.

No, gentle reader, the linotyper made no mistake; nor was the type-setter's hand palsied from the setting up of those C's and N's and Y's in such seeming confusion. We may soon be able to interpret this abracadabra as C. C. N. Y., the New York City Cross-Country Champions. We know that this is a great time for prophecies, —every person you meet is ready to tell you what the country will do next Tuesday. We will hazard a guess that the showing our boys make on Saturday will be a big surprise to their rooters. The contestants will be C. C. N. Y., Columbia, New York University, Fordham, and some Brooklyn institutions of learning. Siebern, Donroy, Frye, Butlerworth, McNiell and Donovan ought to be able to show their heels to more than one of our dear neighbors. The meet starts at three from South-Field, Columbia, and will finish there. So all out for South Field next Saturday afternoon at three.

### Soph-Fresh Inactivities.

What did take place at the protested Fresh-Soph meet last Tuesday gave the lower class the big end of the score of thirty-four points to one. The hundred yard dash was won by Cohen '16 Tabor '16 and James '15 followed. The first three to cross the tape in the 440 were Kullman, Taylor and Schulman, all '16. Butterworth '16 and Scarlata '16 finished ahead of the others in the two-mile run. The other results look like a conspiracy of sixteens. The failure of the Sophs to show up prominently may be due to the fact that only one of them was entered in the meet. The protest is a serious one and should be considered as such.

### Basketball.

Our night practise is a great success. Last Monday, the varsity succeed in defeating the St. Christopher five in a hard fought contest on our court.

Manager Isaacson yields with reluctance the information that Loyola, a fresh water college team, has been added to our growing list of prospective victims, who at present include Yale, Rochester, Oswego and St. Lawrence.

### As Usual

The interclass baseball series has been called off owing to the lateness of the season. In this way all unpleasantness coming from protests will be avoided.

Last Friday, Sommer said that the interclass track meet would be run off again on Tuesday and Thursday of this week. Manager Lieberman said that it would not be repeated at all. Now let's watch the fur fly!

The office of baseball manager is open to members of the June 1913 class. Grant has resigned. The assistant manager will come from the 1914 class. Get your nominations in either this week or next.

The 1916 soccer team is coming along well. Watch it grow. Their first game is with Townsend Harris Hall to-morrow afternoon.

With lots of practice the cross-country team will be the best that Mac has ever turned out. Last Friday, a few of us saw Frye break the record. His time was 30 min. 32 sec. More than a half a minute better than the 31 min. 6 sec. made by Groggins in 1910. Good Work, Ed!

In response to last week's call, a few men reported to Coach Mackenzie for regular practice. But these few are not sufficient and Mac warns the others to watch out. Last year's showing outshines this year's and the men are to be rebuked.

Kohn has been appointed acting manager of the Freshman soccer team.

### Recreation School Teaching.

Every year about twenty or thirty fellows come to Mr. Palmer over in the gym and ask his advice about the exams for teaching in vacation playgrounds and in evening recreation centres. They come too late—a day or two before the exams—for Mr. Palmer to be of any assistance. The exams come in December, and if those fellows who wish to take them will enroll with Mr. Palmer any afternoon in the gym he will be good enough to give them his personal help in whatever way he can. This offer should bring out a great many fellows.

### Notable News.

With our veterans, Nussbaum, Steinhoff, Kohn, Summerfield and Havender, re-enforced by our new material, which includes Salzman, Scheidman, Hartman, Scarlata, Gross and Burrowes, our water polo team ought to make considerable splash in the fight for the title. The team practices on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at four o'clock. More men should report for practice. Experience not necessary.

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A 220-yard swim was held in the pool last Wednesday. Riemer, '15, won his heat, followed closely by Nussbaum, '14, and McGrath, '14. Freilich, Kahn and Burrowes did good work in their heats.

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Swimming starts in earnest this afternoon and will be continued every Wednesday until the end of the meet. The regular A. A. U. events will be the order of the day. There will be 50-yard, 100-yard and 220-yard swims, fancy diving and an 800-foot relay. Class managers are urged to get men to go out for swimming.

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All members of the swimming squad who do not know when they are to practice should see Mac and have the matter straightened.

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### Save Your Money!

The I—C.—4 A's, in other words, the Inter-Collegiate Amateur Athletic Association of America, holds its annual meet at Cornell on November 23. The College *must* be represented. There are fine prospects of our having a good squad and if we are not represented, our membership in the Association will lapse. This is cause enough for worry about our entering some men at Ithaca. Manager Lieberman has a plan for a popular subscription to send our track men there. Details will be forth coming later; in the meantime, put all your spare change behind the kitchen clock.

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## Our Younger Brethren.

EARLIER in the history of the United States a certain mushroom political party sprang into existence and adopted as a battle-cry, "Americans for Americans!" Whereupon it was frowned down as distinctly un-American. We feel somewhat "un-American" in the stand we are taking in a matter which concerns the student body intimately, but the justice of the attitude will doubtless be recognized.

For a long time our neighbors from across the campus have been roaming about the plaza unreservedly during college hours and interfering, unwittingly perhaps, with the traditional rights of the men in the College. Their running about and playing ball around the flag-pole, the heritage of the seniors; or their eating of lunch on the stone seats which are dedicated to the other classes, seems to us to be a disregard of college tradition which should not be looked upon with indifference.



Undoubtedly it is not entirely the fault of the youngsters that this state of affairs exists. The fault lies in the laxness of the College classes in not exercising their campus privileges. Our fellows do not congregate sufficiently often or in numbers large enough to be appreciated by the youngsters. The plaza is certainly pleasant enough a place to spend one's off hours—surely more pleasant than the library or the concourse. The campus should be a great factor in the making or strengthening of friendships and in making firmer the bonds of class spirit. The Student Council has preserved and made official the campus privileges of the classes by incorporating them in the Customs Book.

To those of us who may feel sensitive about "depriving" the Townsend Harris students of the privileges of the campus, it will be comforting to know that the campus was not at all meant to be the recreation ground of Townsend Harris Hall, nor is the campus the only place where the youngsters can stretch their legs. There is an entire unoccupied block on the south side of the Townsend Harris building and a large field south of this. It is not necessary for the College men to use other than moral suasion to preserve their privileges. The Harris men will realize the justice of the situation from being told.

The measure is in no sense aggressive, in no sense "un-American"—merely defensive. Distinctly, we should favor the formation of a party, consisting of every student in College, whose "battle-cry" should be, "The Campus for College Men."

### The Other Youngsters.

The students are unreservedly to be congratulated on the very gentlemanly way in which they have been treating the little fellows who have come up from Twenty-third Street and who recite in some of the rooms of the main building. In order to interfere as little as possible with the older men, the knickerbockered tots have been directed to enter the building only from the side door which is near the Terrace. The students have done their part and it is now only just that the Twenty-third Street boys should appreciate the fact and make as little disturbance as possible when they do come in. The classes reciting in the Education rooms on the ground floor are often interrupted by the babel of noises in the corridor.

### In the Society World.

The last meeting of Phrenocosmia was distinguished by the presence of Professor Palmer, who spoke most interestingly to the members.

After many delays, Le Cercle Jusserand has at last elected its officers for the present term: *President*, I. Schwartz '13; *Vice-President*, Vincent Parisi '16; *Secretary*, E. Cross '13; *Treasurer*, M. Meras '16; *Chairman of Program Committee*, I. Isler '13.

The Civic Club is faithfully carrying out its projected program of work and is creating much interest in the college by virtue of its coming straw vote.

The Dramatic Society, at its initial meeting last week, entrusted Harold Cox, '15, with the office of business manager as successor to Sydney W. Caulfield, '13, resigned.

Truly, the Menorah Society is zealous. Last week, Dr. Stephen S. Wise lectured on "Social Ideals of Hebrew Prophets." On Monday at lunch hour, Professor Overstreet opened discussion in the Jewish Forum, and this evening, Dr. M. Harris will speak on "Reform Judaism" and L. Cohen on the "Jews of Russia."

The Society for the Study of Socialism is arranging to have a lecture shortly. The society is increasing its membership with students of all politics. It shows a liberal attitude in so doing.

Under the auspices of the Newman Club, Dr. William F. Byrne lectured last Friday evening on "The Poetry of Francis Thompson." The selections which he read were enthusiastically received by an unusually large audience.

The classes who attend lectures under Professors Dielman and Overstreet have their art and philosophy diluted with announcements by various enterprising members of our society world. We recollect distinctly, that at one lecture, there were announcements of the Civic Club, Cercle Jusserand, Menorah Society, Bull Moose organization, the Philosophical Society, the Class Play Committee and the Social Science Club. Perhaps the ambitious press agents can prevail upon the professors to forego their lectures in the face of these more weighty affairs of state.

### Bio Bits.

As results of the splendid training that the Natural History department gives to men who are willing to work, some of our recent graduates have received fine positions. F. Abramson, '12, has been appointed private assistant to Professor E. B. Phelps of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Halperin, '11, received a position as bacteriologist of the Chicago Health department at a salary of \$1,600 per year.

At last Thursday's meeting of Bio, Mr. Edwards spoke on "Some Dangers of Self-Treatment," and Selig Hecht, '13, spoke on "Methods of Marine Fishing."

Professor Friedburg of Chemistry fame has been invited by the Pittsfield section of the American Chemical Society to deliver a lecture on "Color Photography" before it.

### Physics Fantasies

The Physics Department was presented with an interesting collection of synthetic gems. They can be distinguished from natural ones only by an expert. The donor is Mr. Samuel Heller of the International Oxygen Company and head of the firm of L. Heller and Sons.

Through the efforts of Professor Friedburg, the General Electric Company gave to the Department a 2,200 volt transformer and choke coil. The apparatus in Dr. Goldsmith's laboratory is nearing perfection.

A regular meeting of the New York Electrical Society was held on Tuesday evening in the Doremus Lecture Theatre. Professor Baskerville lectured on "Tungsten." After the address, the members sojourned to the Physics laboratory where they inspected the new wireless apparatus. Men walking about the campus with receivers on their ears could hear distinctly the voices through the wireless telephone.

### A Correction.

THE CAMPUS has been misinformed concerning the action of the Student Council and the Employmen Bureau. The bureau, it seems, has no official connection with the Y. M. C. A.

## Lost !!

The students seem to have lost sight of the fact that there is still in existence the Lost and Found Bureau of the Student Council. It is ready to serve—now and forever. Co-operation on the part of the students is not only desired but is indispensable to the very existence of the bureau. If only the men manifested a very live interest in its work, the committee in charge would be encouraged to plan more efficient methods. Don't neglect this appeal!

## Fair Words.

The Strauss souvenir theatre program, to which Caroline I. Hibbard contributes interviews of people in the public eye, recently contained an article by her on President Finley. She says of the City College students, "Brimming with enthusiasm, patterning their ideals in their leader's mold, these lads, whose characters are building day by day must be a constant joy in a constructive career crowded with hopes harvested of deeds dreamed in ploughing time."

## We Wonder!

*Mercury* is becoming decidedly jocular in its pages. We notice that at least one and a half pages have been devoted to thefts of humor from other college periodicals. Can it be that this imbibing of good spirits has caused our esteemed (as it were) contemporary to lose a little of its intellectual balance?

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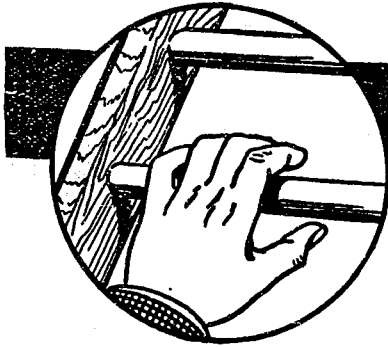
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