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President Finleys' Inauguration.



HE new year will mark the inauguration of Dr. Finley as Commissioner of Education and the first President of the University of the State of New York. On Friday January 2 the Board of Regents and Officials of the State will gather in Albany to honor the advent of Dr. Finley into their select number. A large gathering of notables is expected and the Department of Education of the State of New York is preparing to make the function a

memorable one.

An invitation to attend the inauguration has been extended to the students and faculty of the college. The faculty intends to have a large representation; the matter of students attending has been left in the hands of the Student Council.

At the last meeting of the Council, Paul M. Hahn '14 was appointed a committee of one to make arrangements for the transportation and attendance of those students who desire to make the trip to Albany. The journey is comparatively inexpensive and the necessity of having a student delegation is obvious. The inauguration takes place during the Christmas vacation, a time very convenient to all. Any students who intend to go, should see Hahn at once, so that he may know, as soon as possible, the number the college can count upon.

Library Committee Holds Meeting.

A special meeting of the Class Secretaries Association and of those interested in the raising of funds for our prospective library was called by the Library Committee of the Associate Alumni last Friday night in the General

Webb Room. The committee of which Mr. Lee Kohns, alumnus and trustee of the college, is chairman reported that \$48,500 has been procured already from various alumni. Many promises have been made and the necessary \$150,000 will soon be obtained. It was suggested that the secretaries of the classes reach as many alumni possible and get the promised contributions in. As soon as the \$150,000 mark is reached, the City will improve the block to the north of the college on Convent Avenue and work can be commenced on the building of our Alumni Memorial Library.

Faculty Meeting.

At the meeting of the faculty last week, it was decided that the hour from 12 M. to 1 P. M. on Thursday afternoon be kept open, as in the past, for student functions and activities. The seemingly improper employment of this hour caused considerable doubt in the minds of some members of the faculty as to the advisability of having it continue as an off hour.

The faculty voted, at the request of the graduating class that all Upper Seniors be excused from recitations during the week beginning Jan 5. It has been the custom to grant the Upper Seniors the last week of the term in which to prepare for final examinations. As the examinations of the Board of Education are to take place the week commencing Jan. 5, and as many Seniors expect to take them the faculty consented to give them that week off. However they are obliged to take classes from Jan. 12 to Jan. 17. It was also passed that the final examinations of the semester begin Monday, Jan. 19. Commencement Day will be Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday, the same as it was last year. This date enables a goodly number of students and friends to attend the graduation exercises.

Visitors' Book.

The old Visitors' Book, started in 1860 and lost in 1901 was rediscovered last week by Professor Werner. The book contains the signatures and remarks of many famous men who visited the college during those years. It is Professor Werner's intention of continuing the old custom and is only waiting until President Finley pays the college his first visit, so that he may be the first of the new generation to sign his name.

T. H. H. Alumni Association.

A committee has been elected from the Freshman Class to organize a Townsend Harris Hall Alumni Association. It is a rather peculiar fact that our academic department has not been able to form an organization which shall keep its alumni together, and it is to be hoped that a large number of graduates will signify their willingness to become members of such a body. T. H. H. graduates who are now attending college can aid the originators of the organization by signifying their intent to aid the cause.

Senior Activities.

February '14 met last week and elected its honorary members. Dr. Finley and Professors Baskerville, Overstreet, Woolston and Klapper are to be the "old boys" of the class. It was decided to hold the Numeral Lights Exercises on January 14 and the Class banquet on the evening of Commencement Day, February 12.

Freshman Feed.

Everybody who is going to the Freshman Feed has been notified to present a physical exam card. The committee is working very hard to make the affair a success. All the money has been paid up and the night of the affair is not far off as the alcoves have already been stripped of all decorations.

Boys' High Reunion.

There will be a "grand getting together" reunion at the Boy's High School on December 24th, and graduates who are now in college are urged to be present, meet old friends, talk over old times and see their former teachers again.

An elaborate program has been arranged, including music by the orchestra and Glee Club, a sketch by the Dramatic Society, and an entertainment in the gymnasium.

Mr. Bartlett the Y. M. C. A. Secretary has commenced a systematic campaign among the whole student body. A committee of eight men, one from each class, has been appointed and it is their duty to point out and explain to those of their class the particular advantage of membership in the Y. M. C. A.

FACULTY NEWS.

History Notes.

Professor Schuyler recently lectured at the Waldorf-Astoria to the Southland Club on "The Part Played by the Southern Colonies at the Beginning of the Revolutionary War.

On December 10th Professor Johnston delivered his annual lecture before Professor Schuyler's class in American History in the Evening Session. The subject of his talk was "The Battle of Harlem Heights."

Research Club.

At the meeting of the Research Club held last Thursday, Professor Cohen read a paper on "Mechanism and Causality in Physics. The reading was followed by an unusually lively and interesting discussion in which most of those present participated.

During the Christmas holidays Professor Mott, head of the English Department will attend a meeting of the Modern Language Association at Harvard University. He was formerly president of this organization.

Last Tuesday night at a meeting of the New York University Philosophical Society at Washington Square Professor M. R. Cohen of the Department of Philosophy delivered a lecture on "Mechanism and Causality in Modern Physics."

Dr. Voelkel of the German Department has presented to the Department of Natural History, four valuable volumes, printed in German. To the advocates of the Universal Brotherhood of Man, this gift assumes great proportions. What may we not hope when a language department exhibits such friendship to a science division?

From the Evening Session.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 10, regular sessions were suspended for a period of twenty minutes when a general mass-meeting was held in Room 126 at 9.15 P.M. The entire student body convened. The purpose of the meeting was to arouse enthusiasm and interest in college activities.

Last Monday at the Hotel Astor Dr. Ludwig Fulda, the famous poet delivered some readings of his poems before the Germanistic Society. Many students of our German Department were present.

ATHLETICS.

St. Lawrence Wins in Last Second.

The opening of the basket-ball season on Saturday night found a great crowd of fans and fanettes gathered in the gym. There was more and better cheering than has ever been heard in our gym before. From the minute the two almost evenly matched teams started to play excitement rose to a high pitch. After a few minutes of play every one was holding his breath and his seat. Clemons drew first blood by shooting a field goal for St. Lawrence. Not to be out done Southwick caged one for C. C. N. Y. Roundy shot a foul and Southwick shot another field goal. Roundy evened things up with another goal from the foul line. Several shots from the foul line were missed by both teams. This ended the first half. Score 4-4. Both teams came back refreshed and went at it with renewed vigor. The play was fiercer and faster than in the first half. Shulberg shot a foul. Canfield caged a wonderful one-hand goal for the other side. Shulberg and Southwick each added two to our score; Canfield scored for St. Lawrence. Feldman shot a field goal, Griswold scored one for St. Lawrence, Shulberg shot a foul and Canfield scored two making the score 12-12 and 40 seconds to play. Nothing happened until St. Lawrence got the ball in their territory and the remaining seconds seemed like hours. Then just as everybody thought the time must be up Roundy, St. Lawrence's right forward tried a shot. With perfect aim he threw the ball to the basket. It went in, and St. Lawrence was two points ahead. Then the whistle blew.

In spite of this bad stroke of luck it looks as if we are to have a successful season. Every one of our boys certainly did play Saturday night and as we shall probably not meet a faster team than St. Lawrence this year, we can look for many victories.

The line-up:—

St. Lawrence.	Position	C. C. N. Y.
Roundy	R. F.	Southwick
Wheeler	L. F.	Manne
Clemons	C.	Feldman

Griswold
Canfield

L. G.
R. G.

Shulberg
Weinfeld

Goals from field: St. Lawrence, Canfield 2, Clemons, Griswold, Roundy. C. C. N. Y. Southwick 3, Shulberg, Feldman.

Goals from foul: St. Lawrence, Roundy 2, Canfield 2. C. C. N. Y. Shulberg 2.

Score: St. Lawrence 14, C. C. N. Y. 12. Umpires—J. Deering-Manhattan, J. F. Williams-Oberlin.

C. C. N. Y. 7 Overwhelms Mt. Vernon.

The Freshmen opened their basket ball season very propitiously in a game with the Mount Vernon High School last Saturday night. Our future varsity men outplayed the suburbanites at every point of the game and were never in danger of defeat. Braunstein starred for the Freshmen, Schwartz and Simons were also very fast and played a fine game. At the end of the first half 1917 was six points ahead, a lead which they doubled before the end of the game. The final score was 32 to 19. The line up:—

Mount Vernon	Position	C. C. N. Y. 1917
Kirscher	L. F.	Godnick
Gilroy	R. F.	Braunstein (Topper)
Robinson	C.	Tanz (Smythe-Redler)
Wilson	L. G.	Simons
Stickles	R. G.	Schwartz

Timekeeper—Isaacson, N. Y. U.

Scorer—Saltman, 1914.

Score—Mount Vernon 19, C. C. N. Y. 1917—32.

U. of P. Victorious.

The Quakers came to town last Friday night, and handed us a defeat. The meet was a hummer from start to finish. Opening up with the relay, at first it looked like a C. C. N. Y. victory, for Riemer and Shauer kept a lead of several yards. Then the lead was cut down by Masten of Penn. and Ouerbacher came in ahead of McGrath. The fancy diving contest was a walkover for our captain, Gus Berman. In the fifty-yard swim, we had to be content with third place, Mel Shauer scoring the point. The long was a swim-away for Riemer. Here Riemer showed his class, beating his nearest opponent by ten yards. "Bill" Jones represented us in the plunge, scoring second place. The hundred resulted in a third place for us, scored by McGrath.

The water polo team furnished the crowd with some real interest. The new rules makes the game far more interesting than it was last year, and our team, considering its light weight, put up a corking good article of water-polo. Captain Nussbaum, as usual, starred, for he was to be seen everywhere. Closely pressing him for individual honors were Hartman, Feinberg and Babor. Frey and Goldberg also showed upon well.

The meet, considering it all in all, was a great success. Some real cheering was heard, and the rooters were a truly representative crowd.

The results of the meet were as follows:

800 ft. Relay: Won by Pennsylvania (Hudson, Maul, Masten, Ouerbacher): for C. C. N. Y. (Riemer, Shaner, Duncan, McGrath). Time 2 min. 41½ sec.

Fancy Dive: Won by Berman, C.C.N.Y., 235 points: 2nd., Evans, Pennsylvania, 213 points: 3rd., Coons, Pennsylvania, 211½ points.

50 yd. Swim: Won by Ouerbacher, Pennsylvania: 2nd., Masten, Pennsylvania: 3rd., Shaner, C. C. N. Y. Time: 26¾ sec.

220 yd. Swim: Won by Riemer, C. C. N. Y.: 2nd., Hughes, Pennsylvania. Time: 2 min. 49¾ sec.

Plunge: Won by Blotz, Pennsylvania (61 ft. 2 in.): 2nd., Jones, C. C. N. Y. (57 ft. 6 in.): 3rd., Borden, Pennsylvania (55 ft.)

100 yd. Swim: Won by Ouerbacher, Pennsylvania: 2nd., Masten, Pennsylvania: 3rd., McGrath, C. C. N. Y. Time: 62 sec.

The water polo teams lined up as follows:

Pennsylvania

Shryock
Swan
Swrenck
Gordon
Ratner
Marcy, Capt.

C.
R. G.
L. F.
R. G.
L. G.
G.

C. C. N. Y.

Rosenblum
Babor
Feinberg
Nussbaum, Capt.
Rudinsky
Hartman

Final score: Pennsylvania, 43: C. C. N. Y., 6.

The officials of the meet were Judges: J. A. Ruddy, N. Y. A. C., F. J. Johnson, Brookline Swimming Club. P. C. Gallagher, N. Y. A. C.

Starter: T. F. McCarthy, N. Y. A. C. Timekeepers: M. Kistler, Pennsylvania; M. McCormick, C. C. N. Y. Announcer: I. Gilbert, Ornstein, 1916.

WATER-POLO.

Referee: T. Hannley, N. Y. A. C. Umpires: J. Richards, Yale; R. Trubenbach, Columbia.

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Professor Compton Passes Away.

After being seized with a severe attack of pneumonia and remaining unconscious for almost a day, Professor Alfred G. Compton passed away last Friday afternoon. It was with much dread that the report of his illness was given out, because his health had been failing steadily for a year or more. He did not have the reserve strength to resist the disease.

The funeral services were held last Sunday at St. Andrews Church, 127th Street and Fifth Avenue, where Professor Compton worshipped. The faculty attended in a body and many of the students were among the mourners. Professor Werner was a pall-bearer.

Professor Compton was born in England in 1835 and came to this country at the age of seven. He entered the college with the first class and graduated in 1853. After receiving his baccalaureate degree he began his teaching career in the college, which did not end until after fifty-eight years of continuous service. He was Acting President of the College during the months which intervened between General Webb's retirement and the inauguration of President Finley. In December 1911 he

was retired as Professor Emeritus of Physics and a grand celebration of the whole student body, faculty and friends was held in his honor.

When the Assembly and Senate were considering the expansion of the college and the construction of larger buildings, Professor Compton was one of the most active in working for the plan and convinced the legislators of the wonderful opportunities a change would offer. We are indebted to him, more than to anyone else for the very desirable site and buildings which the college now possess. In the death of Professor Compton, C.C.N.Y. loses its most valiant fighter and most honoured and beloved teacher and alumnus.

John Hardy '53 Dies.

John Hardy '53, valedictorian of the first class that graduated from C. C. N. Y., then known as The Free Academy, died last Tuesday at his home, 430 West 43d Street at the age of 79 years. Mr. Hardy was one of the best students of his class, carrying off most of the medals in '50, '51 and '52. After graduation he served as tutor in Latin in the college until April 1857, when he resigned. During President Buchanan's administration he served as Navy Agent. Later he became a lawyer and was successively a member of the Board of Alderman, of the Assembly and of Congress.

In conjunction with Mr. Holt and Professor Compton he originated the Students' Aid Fund and was Treasurer from 1857 to 1907. He was a member of Sigma Psi, a local fraternity founded by the class of '53 and confined to students of '53 and '54, with a few members from the first ten classes that graduated from college. From the very beginning of the City College Club he was one of the active members.

The funeral was held last Friday at his home. Many of the older alumni attended to bereave the loss of one of Alma Mater's most treasured sons.

SOCIETY NEWS.

The Chemical Society Reorganized.

The C. C. N. Y. Chemical Society, which has not met for over six months, has been completely reorganized with Joseph K. Marcus, Feb. '14, as President, and holds its first regular meeting to-morrow afternoon, at 5 P. M sharp.

Many new features mark the reorganization of the society. Eligibility for membership has been restricted to only those who intend following the profession of chemistry, or some allied field. In order to knit a closer bond than ordinarily exists between the members of the average college society, social intercourse is to be encouraged—the encouragement taking the very substantial form of C. P. refreshments. The first meeting, to-morrow, is expected to have a goodly attendance from the faculty.

The program is as follows:

"Recent Advances in Physical Chemistry."
by Professor R. Stevenson.

"A New System for the Separation of the Cu and Sn groups."
by Joseph K. Marcus, '14.

"Utilization of Waste Materials."
by Max Mosher, 14.

"Electrolytic Synthesis of Formaldehyde."
by Nathan Gussow, '14.

The Jewish Problem.

Professor Richard Gottheil of Columbia University spoke before the Menorah Society last Wednesday on "Jewish Problems in Various Portions of the World." He discussed the problems of the Jews in the Balkans, Salonica, Northern Africa, Abyssinia and in our own country. Professor Gottheil's arguments were made particularly effective by the introduction of letters of prominent men in different parts of the world, which dealt with this question.

Last Thursday, Professor Overstreet led a most interesting symposium in the Menorah Society alcove on "Universalism." Many and widely differing views were presented during the three hours of the discussion. The Jewish problem was discussed from many different angles, and under the guidance of Professor Overstreet, the vital ethical principles connected with the problem were brought out.

Scientific Feeding.

The Biological Society will hold a banquet in the Faculty Lunch Room on Saturday, Jan. 10. The Arrangement Committee is sparing no effort to make the affair a success, and those who attend are assured a very pleasant evening. The subscription fee is one dollar, and an invitation is extended to all students doing work in the Natural History Department.

Several medals, the gift of an anonymous friend, will be awarded to the winners.

The members of the Society made a trip along the banks of the Hudson last Sunday; under the leadership of Dr. Brown.

Eastern Club.

At the last meeting of the Eastern Club the following officers were elected: Ralph Wechster, President; Peter Z. Fidler, Vice-president; Harry S. Bikoff, Secretary; and Alexander Manne, Treasurer. The members decided to meet on every other Tuesday. Messrs. Fidler, Manne and Shapiro were appointed to constitute a committee to welcome the Easternites who will visit the college on High School Day and to show them around the buildings.

The Erasmus Club.

The Erasmus Club will hold a smoker in the General Webb Room, this Friday Evening. The club is planning to have a Ladies' Night during the Christmas vacation. Mr. G. Harrigan, '17, has charge of the arrangements for the evening's entertainment.

Another Smoker.

The Newman Club, keeping up with the other societies, is to hold its annual smoker on Dec. 27. The honorary members of the organization have been invited and many graduates expect to attend.

The second lecture of its present series will be given on Friday night, December 19, in Room 105. The speaker will be the Rt. Rev. Mons. D. J. McMahon, D. D. and his topic will be "Catholic Charities in New York." The club extends a cordial invitation to all to be present.

Le Cercle Jussevand.

M. Fuié of France was the guest of Le Cercle Jussevand, on December 5th. He entertained the members with his first impressions of New York, a talk on the system of study in France and French student life.

Dr. Butler has a botanical exhibit in the Museum of Pittsfield, Mass. The exhibit shows the various stages in the evolution of plants. He is also engaged in a work on rubber plants.

Alexander H. Kaminsky, '99, leader of the "Jewish Big-Brother Movement" in New York City, will lecture at twelve to-morrow in Room 126. Mr. Kaminsky comes in response to an invitation from the Menorah Society, which cordially invites all students to attend.

The Germanistic Society of America bought up all the tickets for Ibsen's "Sturzes der Gessellschaft," given at the Irving Place Theatre last Saturday. All the students of German in the college received tickets for the performance.

The Menorah Society of Normal College has extended an invitation to its brother society in our college to a Sociable which will be held on December 21, at the Temple Bethel.



The Red Cross Movement.

Just before Christmas the Red Cross Movement for the prevention of Tuberculosis becomes very active in the collection of funds, which go for the advancement of the cause. This year, as customary, stamps are being sold at a cent a piece and it has been decided to hold campaigns in all the large colleges of the United States. Messrs. Southwick, Obstfeld, Rosowsky and Kraus, all of the Senior Class, have charge of the collection of funds in C. C. N. Y. Last week they were quite successful in Townsend Harris Hall and to-morrow they expect to make a whirlwind tour of all the classrooms and lecture halls during the third hour. The movement is very important and the Red Cross Society has done good work in checking the White Plague. It is hoped that students and instructors will respond to this call for help, because of the social significance of the cause.

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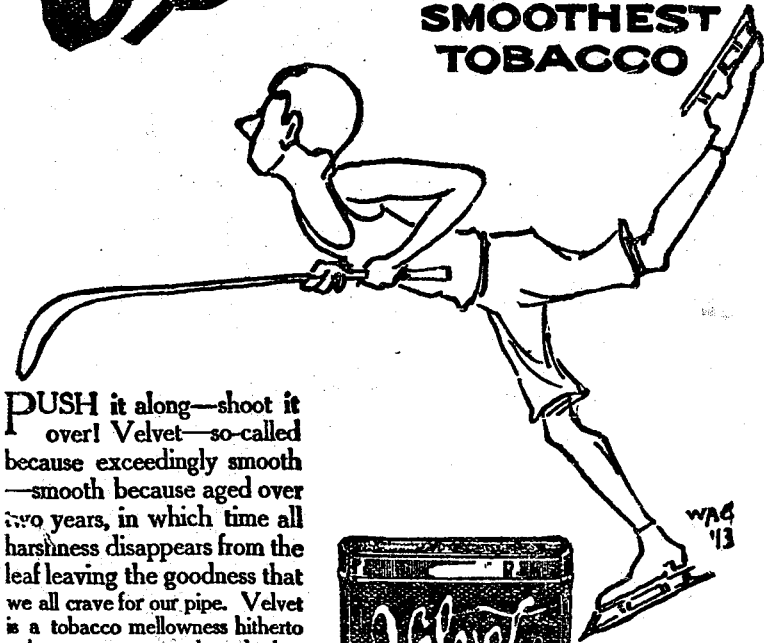


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