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## Professor Bergson Our Guest.



PROFESSOR Henri Bergson, of the College de Paris, perhaps the most remarkable and most talked of philosopher of the present time, will be tendered a reception at the first regularly organized assembly of the term, to-morrow at twelve o'clock. Professor Bergson is at present lecturing at Columbia University on his philosophy to audiences which tax to the utmost the capacities of the lecture halls. In all probability, President Butler, of Columbia University will also be "among those present." The reception to Professor Bergson is in line with the plan of the Faculty Committee on Assemblies to hold on alternate Thursdays, assemblies of the whole college body and to have distinguished features at each of these. The same period on the other Thursdays will be given over entirely to student affairs — mass meetings, committee, club or athletic affairs.

A preliminary assembly was held last Thursday at which were discussed the aims of the assemblies and a tentative plan for the remainder of the term. The aim, as announced by Professor Duggan, who is chairman of the committee, and by Dean Brownson, is to build up a firm and wholesome pride in the college and a feeling of unity. Here as nowhere else, a combining, a unifying factor is necessary and it is hoped the assemblies will prove to be the desired means. After the reception to Professor Bergson, there will be an assembly to honor the great German philosopher, Professor Eucken and another assembly will be devoted to a "German Day," at which the German Ambassador and other distinguished personages will be present. Each student will have a special seat reserved for him at all the assemblies.

Philip R. V. Curoe, representing the class of February 1913, handed down to the new Upper Senior class, represented by Joseph Noethen, the City flag to hold in custody.

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### Registration.

The figures for the number of students registered in the new lower Freshman classes are very encouraging, there being 143 from Townsend Harris Hall and 81 from other institutions, making a total February 1917 class of 224. This is an advance over the figures of last year at this time, being 145 from Townsend Harris Hall and 59 from other institutions, or 204 in all. This February, there are registered 39 special students, as compared with 31 of last February. Then, two, the number of students who have left in the middle of the college course has decreased more than two hundred per cent. This shows an encouraging increase of interest in and out of the college. Doubtless, the publication of the revision in the curriculum which will go into effect next fall, will be an added inducement to the enrollment of students.

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### Evening Session Notes.

The fourth annual dance of the Evening Session will be held on the evening of Friday, February 21, in the college gymnasium. This social function is the most brilliant event of the college year. The committee will spare no efforts or expense in making in the finest affair ever held under the auspices of the Student Council. The committee has engaged excellent musicians to play for the occasion and a leading caterer will serve a luxurious buffet luncheon. The dance orders will be artistic products and will serve as souvenirs. The cost of subscription is two dollars per couple,

The registration of the present term of the Evening Session exceeds that of last term by more than one hundred. Four instructors, Messrs Goldsmith, McLoughlin, Coffin and Stork, are giving courses in physics to large classes. Several city employers are taking special courses at the college.

Alvin Schalkenstein, David Hammer, Abraham Gergofsky and Max Steigman, all day students until the present term, are now entered in the Evening Session.

### Our New Alumni.

Already many men of our newly graduated students of the February 1913 class have gotten their first foothold in the world outside of college. Bert Sommer, our erstwhile Athletic Association president, is studying law at Columbia. Benjamin Elwyn is working for his Master's degree at Columbia. Max Stern is working with Dunlap and Company, the publishing house, as a systematizer. Keepnews is entered at the New York University Law School. Hecht is doing research work in a large laboratory at a very good salary. Philip R. V. Curoe, besides his work in the dean's office, is pursuing M. A. courses at Columbia. Bernard Steuer has entered the law office of his uncle, the well-know criminal lawyer, Max D. Steuer. James Englander is registered in the School of Journalism at Columbia.

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### The Chevrons.

The matter of taking the ephebic oath by the graduating class has aroused much comment among the press of the city, most of them featuring it and one publishing Curoe's picture with the chevron plainly seen on the sleeve of his gown. The ceremony has proved so successful and impressive that it will be established as a regular feature of the commencement exercises if the members of the succeeding classes are willing. Mrs. E. H. Harriman, who so generously supplied the money for the February 1913 chevrons, has offered to supply them for the next graduating class.

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### The Critic.

It was definitely decided by Dr. Taaffe to produce Richard Brinsley Sheridan's farce, "The Critic" as the varsity show at the Garden Theatre on Saturday evening, March 8. Rehearsals have commenced and the sale of tickets has begun also. The prices range from twenty-five cents to a dollar and a half.

An interesting feature of "The Critic" is that there is a play within a play. All our old favorites will be seen in new roles.

## News and Notes.

Science and Art are reconciled! Dr. Goldsmith of the Physics Department has been appointed editor-in-chief of a magazine, *Proceedings of the Institute of Radio Engineers*, and the beautiful style in which induction coils and short-circuit currents are written up in the magazine is music to the lover of art.

Dr. Felix Weill of the French department has been selected as the representative of the Alliance Israelite Universelle to the Jews of Many Lands Exposition to be held in Cincinnati next week. He will have charge of the South-Eastern Europe Division.

The vacation has certainly not caused a lull in the activities of the Natural History department. On Tuesday, February 11, the members of the Natural History, Philosophy and Education departments met at Professor Winslow's home and held an interesting symposium on "The Teaching of Biology in College."

The Bio-Club will hold its first meeting of the new term to-morrow evening. Visitors are urged to attend. The program includes: "Fist Parasites," by Norman Feinberg; and a general discussion on "Evolution."

The Café des Beaux Arts will be the scene on Friday evening dinner tendered to professor Downer by the members of the French department in honor of his having been created a chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

A regular meeting of the City College Club will be held at the club rooms, 63 West 56th Street, on Saturday evening, February 22nd, at eight-thirty o'clock.

The speaker of the evening will be Mr. Robert B. Brodie, who spent the summer of 1911 amidst the sphinxes and pyramids of Egypt. He will regale the members with his interesting travelogue, "A Trip to the Orient." The lecture will be illustrated by numerous stereopticon views.

It is desired through the medium of the Civic Club to send a delegation to Washington of about twenty men to represent the college at the inaugural parade on March 4. The round trip fare amounts to about eight dollars. Those who desire to make the trip may communicate with Hyman Schwartz '13.

## ATHLETICS.

### Rochester Beaten.

Rochester, victor over Princeton and New York University, went down to defeat at our hands on Friday night with a score of 23-19. Our fellows seem to have gotten back into their old stride and they show they can still do a thing or two against the best teams. The winning of the Yale game put heart into all of them and a desire into the mob that was present at that time to see our team wipe up Rochester the glorious. Forsooth, when the men, all numbered and their shirts most prettily decorated with orange border on a blue back ground—when they practiced, truly we marvelled at the excellence and cleanness of their shooting withal. So that we trembled. And the opening of the game, too, made us tremble. Yet our men, cheered on by the audience of fair rooters, rushed upon them with a will and most of the first half was fought under our own basket. Silverstein was everywhere at once and Southwick played his usual game (which is high praise, indeed). Apfel was steady and kept his bead at all times. Weirich caged our first few goals for us and Darky Schulberg shot fouls with a vengeance. Neary, the Rochester center, was the whole team. It's a little way that our opponents have—one man does all the work for the team. The first half ended with us on top of a score of 11-8. The half was over before we were aware of it.

The second session was a crackerjack. Fast from the very first whistle, both teams playes like demons. True, there were slips that caused moans and groans. In the thick of the scrimmage, Southwick, our star, and Neary, Rochester's star, collided, with disastrous results for both. Southwick's forehead was cut and Neary's teeth received a smashing. Both, however, pluckily went back into the game and were the leaders in the rapidly increasing speed of the later playing. The last few minutes were intensely exciting. With Rochester only two points behind, both sides rushed again and again, and little by little our men increased their lead until, one minute left

to play, they had a safe margin of seven points between. In the last few moments, the Rochester boys made up three points but the whistle announced that the time was up. The cheering that went up from our rooters was good to hear. Rochester had a powerful little cheering squad present that did much to encourage the players.

The Freshman team, in a game that was uninteresting except for the end, trounced Commerce to the tune of 16 to 12. The game opened with neither team being able to score for some time. Gradually the Freshman team plowed ahead and finished the first half with eight against six for Commerce. Donaldson's foul shooting was poor and Jeff Healy's work was slow. Sam Levine made some good passes.

The line up:

Rochester—19	Position	C. C. N. Y.—23
Schoen . . . . .	R. F. . . . .	Apfel
Foulds . . . . .	L. F. . . . .	Southwick
Neary . . . . .	C. . . . .	Weirich
Moskowitz . . . . .	R. G. . . . .	Schulberg
Hale . . . . .	L. G. . . . .	Silverstein

*Goals from field*—Schoen (2), Foulds, Neary (3), Moskowitz (2), Hale, Apfel, Southwick (3), Weirich (3). Schulberg, Silverstein.

*Goals from foul*—Schoen (1), Schulberg (5). *Referee*—Mr. Deering. *Time of halves*—twenty minutes.

### Washington and Lee Next.

On Saturday evening, George Washington will be 181 years old. The ambition of the the basketball team is to equal this number in points on the same evening against Washington and Lee University. There is no earthly why we shouldn't do this. We licked them badly last year. "We've beaten Yale" and Rochester this year. Whether we beat Washington and Lee (quite a mouthful, eh?) this year depends on the attendance of a crowd of fans as large as those at the Yale and Rochester games. Our opponents are big men and our men need all the encouragement they can get.

### City A. C. Meet.

The results of the City A. C. meet were:

*880 Foot Relay*—Won by City A. C. (S. Rogow, Gebrens, Palinsgar, Curran); City College, second, (Shauer, Valverde, Kilpatrick, Israel). Time, 2 min. 55 sec.

*Fancy Dive*—Won by Berman, C. C. N. Y. with 86 points; M. Rogow, City A. C., second with 80 points; O'Connell, C. C. N. Y., third with 73 points.

*50 Yard Swim*—Lemke, City A. C., and McGrath, C. C. N. Y., dead heat for first; second, Curran, City A. C. Time, 27½ seconds.

*220 Yard Swim*—Won by Riemer, C. C. N. Y.; Eddy, City A. C., second; Curran City A. C., third. Time, 2 min. 41 sec.

*Plunge for Distance*—Won by Iones C. C. N. Y., with 40½ft.; Palinsgar, City A. C., with 40 ft.; Feinberg, City A. C., third with 37 ft.

*100 Yard Swim*—Won by Wheatley, City A. C.; Frerichs, City A. C., second; Riemer, C. C. N. Y., third. Time, 60½ sec.

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### Bits Here and There.

The A. A. cleaned up \$111.90 on the Yale game. The returns are not all in yet.

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A track manager and an assistant basket-ball manager will be elected at the next A. A. board meeting. Men are wanted.

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Bert Sommer was awarded varsity letters, a C. C. N. Y. monogram, as A. A. president and Max Lieberman was awarded the official letters, C. C. N. Y. within a circle, as track manager.

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The new régime in the A. A. is determined on a policy of reform. Outward decency and order will be the slogan. Henceforth the typewriters are to be used no more by chance visitors and loitering athletes are requested to "hang out" somewhere else.

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## Assembly Suggestions.



NOW that we have been granted the means for satisfying a long-felt want, namely, the regular assemblies of the whole College body, the opportunity afforded for the interest in extra-curricular activity should be made the most of. To talk of the necessity for activity of this sort is superfluous. The task lies in acquainting the students at large with the very many outlets which exist in College and in appealing to them in such a manner as to induce their taking up one or more activities. Student affairs have suffered for lack of opportunity to bring all the students together at one time. The Faculty Committee offers the Student Council the opportunity. Let the Student Council act wisely and immediately. Here is a chance for the Council to become a more vital factor in college life than it has been heretofore.

As to the utilization of the assembly periods, it is suggested that a plan that was tried a few years ago be



resuscitated and adopted with modifications and elaborations. We refer to the time when representatives of the Athletic Association, the societies and the College journals made speeches in the Great Hall to the assemblages of students.

The awarding of all medals, banners and athletic honors should be carried out with due ceremony. Here the directors of the various branches of athletics might appeal for stronger support. The societies should select representative numbers on their programs and have them delivered so that students might get a first-hand knowledge of their content and method. The College journals could here, too, appear in the person of their editors and say a few words in regard to their methods and appeal for a more general interest. An interesting and entertaining feature of the assembly programs should be singing by the newly organized Glee Club. At this point we may urge that more students come out for the Orchestra and the Glee Club. True, neither has suffered for lack of members, but their quality can be improved by a greater liberty of choice. Professor Baldwin is untiring in his efforts for both these organizations. The Glee Club meets on Mondays from 1.15 to 3.15.

In all these ways, then, can the assemblies be utilized, and the Student Council, if it wishes to be a truly representative and *efficient* body, must rise to the occasion and *do* things.

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### Student Council.

The first meeting of the Student Council will be called to order on Friday promptly at 2:45 in room 206. As the first election of officers will be the first business transacted it is of the utmost importance that every newly elected member be present and on time.

All class election must be held by to-morrow at the very latest, according to the new rules of the Student Council. The chairman of the election committee should immediately give to secretary of the Council, Harry Rotkowitz, June '14, a list of the officers elected.

## Society Notes.

Clonia and Phrenocosmia will hold their first meetings of the new term on Friday evening. The newly elected presidents of both societies will make their inaugural addresses and the members will make merry. Both societies wish new blood from the present junior classes. Those who desire to become members will be cordially welcomed at the meetings. Clonia meets in 206 and Phrenocosmia in 209.

The Cercle Jusserand began activities yesterday afternoon with a meeting of the Tuesday group under the direction of Mr. Marique of the French Department. The Wednesday groups will be conducted by Mr. Lafargue, the Thursday groups by Professor Delamarre and the Friday groups by Mr. Weill. The general reunion of all four groups will take place next Thursday.

To Freshmen who have just entered college Il Circolo Dante Alighieri extends a hearty welcome. In addition to an excellent program embracing a wide scope of Italian literature, Dante's "Inferno" is discussed, chapter by chapter, every week.

Dr. Enelow of the Temple Emmanuel will deliver an address before the Jewish Forum on next Tuesday at lunch hour in the Menorah Alcove. The Intercollegiate Menorah Journal has appointed Meyer Cohn '14 as its local editor, and M. Lichter '15 as assistant.

The first meeting of the Menorah Society will take place next Thursday, and will be devoted to a discussion on Jewish social work as it is carried on to-day.

The Engineering Society will hold its election of officers to-day at a meeting, during the course of which Lester L. Israel '13 will talk on "Electric Protection Devices." Alfred S. Kuhn '13 will open a discussion on "The Direct Current Generator."

Professor Guthrie is scheduled to lecture before the members of the Washington Heights Y. M. C. A. on Sunday on "Arnold Toynbee and Social Settlement Work." Professor Guthrie has already delivered a series of lectures for the past few weeks before this society on topics of social reform work.

## THE OPTIMISTIC ORACLE.

[With this issue, our friend, the Optimistic Oracle, makes his initial bow before the CAMPUS readers. Modesty (or discretion) has kept him hitherto from the limelight of our pages.—Editor's Note.]

The following is the first attempt on record for the prizes for poetry on our gates:

We've got four gates, they're all bonanzas,  
They're full of art and noble grace.  
When I hand in these rhymeful stanzas  
You bet your boots they'll get first place.

Gentlemen, the problem before us this morning is the old, old story, "e pluribus unum" — out of many, one. And even the faculty stopped writing zeros for a moment, looked up and appointed a committee to investigate the matter. The committee gave its public report last week at a not-as-well-it-ought-to-have-been-attended assembly. Professor Duggan's idea that bi-weekly assemblies would foster the college spirit we need meets with the optimistic approval of the Oracle. When we can feel ourselves one body, the Oracle can see no reason why we should not be the City's crown. At any rate, it is Prexy's own idea, and the day when the entire student body assemblies in the Great Hall will be the happiest moment of his life.

*The Oracle.*

### News from the Outside.

Professor Overstreet spoke at a meeting of the Young Women's Hebrew Association last Sunday on "The Girl of To-day." There were about 450 people in the audience. Professor Guthrie spoke before an equally large audience on Wednesday at the Young Men's Hebrew Association, at South Ninth Avenue and Third Street, Brooklyn, on Abraham Lincoln.

Abraham L. Glassenberg, February '13, has been superintendent of the Y. M. H. A. for the past three months.

Ricca is eligible for basket-ball, and may in some measure take the place of Sappoe, who has left college.

### The Organ Recital.

Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel Roosevelt attended Professor Baldwin's organ recital last Sunday and were much pleased. The program consisted of Mozart's "Fantasia in F Minor, Hollins' "Intermezzo," Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in D Major," Debussy's "Prelude to La Demoiselle Elue," Lemare's Symphony in D Minor," Schulbert's "Serenade" and Thiele's "Concert Piece in C Minor."

### Dr. Klapper's Book.

The classes in Methods of Education are using as a text-book Dr. Paul Klapper's book, "The Principles of Educational Practice," which was published late last and has been recognized everywhere as a work of considerable merit. The dedication of the book is "To My Alma Mater, the College of the City of New York, the Exponent of Equality of Opportunity and Democracy in Education."

### Mr. Weinberg.

Mr. Louis Weinberg, of the Art department, has been engaged to talk on "A Child of the Dykes; the Story of a Dutch Boy." This is a repetition of a similar talk on the Masters of Holland, given at the Metropolitan Museum of Art last fall. Under the auspices of the School of Art League, Mr. Weinberg will talk on "The Painter's New York: Seeing the City through Artists' Eyes." The talk will be illustrated by slides and a group of pictures.

### 1914 Microcosm Inducement.

The editors of the 1914 Microcosm have already commenced work on the year book and, in order to stimulate a greater demand for it, have reduced the price to one dollar to those who subscribe before the first of March. After that, the price will be one dollar and a half. Several changes and innovations are promised, chief of which is that the book will really be issued before the end of the term. Bon voyage!

President Finley.

President Finley spoke last Saturday at an alumni dinner at the Astor of the Stevens Institute of Technology, tendered to President Humphreys of the Institute in honor of his tenth anniversary as president. Last night, prexy spoke at a dinner at the Men's Club of the Central Presbyterian Church.

Baseball is getting a better start this year than it has had in the past five. A schedule of eleven games has been arranged, four of which will be played on Jasper Oval. The first game will be played on March 22 and the season ends on May 14. Already there are twenty-two men out and indoor practise will soon begin.

The assistant manager has a schedule of eight games with high schools for the reserve team.

Columbia Meet.

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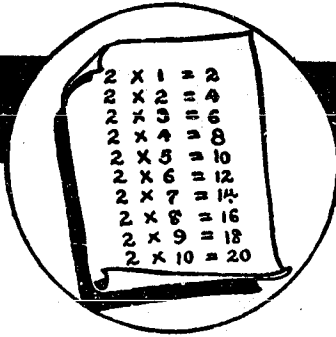
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