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German Library Presented.



IN CONNECTION with the German Day exercises, which were held at the College last Thursday, Mr. Adolph Lewisohn presented to the German department a library of German literature which consists of 1,500 volumes. Among these is a valuable set of the Weimar edition of Goethe.

The German Day exercises were celebrated in honor of the German Ambassador, Count Johann von Bernstorff. Among the other guests were Adolph Lewisohn, Andrew Carnegie, Seth Low, Comptroller Prendergast, Professor Eucken, M. J. Drummond, Karl Bunz, Baron von Helmholtz and Professor Learned of the University of Pennsylvania.

President Finley opened the assembly by welcoming the Ambassador as the representative of the German Emperor. Professor Eucken spoke, in a beautiful German, on his national literature and its high place in American appreciation. Comptroller Prendergast welcomed the Ambassador in the name of the English, German, French, Scotch and Irish of the city, speaking of the inspiration which the city and America had obtained from Germany. Seth Low, the next speaker, said it was a great privilege to see the representative of the Kaiser in a hall of learning, because Germany was teaching the world two important educational lessons: that, in her universities, she allowed the professors to teach the truth as they saw it, without regard to accepted beliefs, and that continuation schools were necessary for greater national efficiency. Mr. Carnegie, in a short talk on the brotherhood of man, spoke jestingly of the kings he had stood before and so often behind.

After reading a letter from Andrew D. White expressing his regret at not being able to be present, President Finley introduced the Count von Bernstorff. He said:

"I was very pleased to see that the students loved the study of German, which I saw by the enthusiasm with which you greeted your professor of German, and I also wish to thank you for the beautiful songs I heard to-day which came to me as a breath of air from my own country.

"I have heard that the Prince of Orange after the siege of the City of Leyden offered to give some return for the citizens' sufferings, and offered either to remit their taxes or to give them a university. The people of the city showed their fine valor and discretion in asking for a university. This sentiment is the same in the United States, as they have endowed with great liberality the universities and colleges. This seems to me especially important, because education is not unrelated to the belief in popular government.

"This institution is one of the melting pots of the United States, where the sons of citizens of other countries are educated to know that it is education that gives the man his position in life. Education has freedom in its train."

Mr. Francis P. Rogers, an excellent barytone, and Madame Matfeld of the Metropolitan Opera Company rendered several songs in German and English.

At the exercises in the library Professor Werner described the gift in detail and Mr. Lewisohn formally presented the key to President Finley. In the evening Count von Bernstorff was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Mr. Lewisohn in the ballroom at Sherry's.

Spotless Town Campaign.

It is expected that Dr. Lederle, of the Board of Health and founder of the "Spotless Town Clean-up" movement, will be at the college to address the students and urge their co-operation. The campaign will begin in the middle of April and New York City hopes to spend a more comfortable summer as a result of it.

Civil War Memorial Here.

The memorial erected in honor of the City College men who fought and died in the Civil War has been removed from its old habitat in the Twenty-third Street building and has been set up here in the Lincoln Corridor at the left hand side of the entrance to the Library. The tablet, which stands about eight feet high, has, inscribed on it, the names of those in whose memory it was erected. It is the president's intention to have the memorial rededicated at the assembly one week from to-morrow. The idea is to bring to the new generation a sense of what the college did in the war for the preservation of the Union. The Lincoln Corridor is an especially appropriate place for the memorial.

Congress of French Alliances.

The Federation of the French Alliances in the United States and Canada will convene in the college to-morrow and Friday. The convention will bring together the best-known professors of French in the country. Ambassador Jusserand, who is an honorary member, and Mr. Leroy White, the President of the Federation, will take a prominent part in the proceedings. Professor Delamarre, Secrétaire-General, of the organization, is arranging for the congress with the help of a committee consisting of Professors Downer, Adolphe Cohn of Columbia and Sanderson of Yale.

President Finley and Mr. White will make addresses of welcome.

Luncheon to Professor Herberman.

President Finley will tender a luncheon, on Monday next, to Professor Herberman and a few of his friends to celebrate the completion of the monumental Catholic Encyclopedia, of which Professor Herberman was the editor-in-chief.

Prexy will go to Buffalo in a few days to make an address before the local Phi Beta Kappa chapter. Mr. Howland, president of the organization, is a graduate of the College.

The New Idealism for America.

"America is the country that must take up the fight for the new idealism," said Professor Eucken in his lecture last Wednesday afternoon. "America is young and vigorous and unhampered, and to this country falls the task of bearing the new idealism to a triumphal achievement." Germany, he claimed, was too bound down by its ancient conservative traditions to be the foster mother of a radical movement in philosophy such as he proposed.

The lecturer traced the origins and growth of realism and idealism during the past century, showing that nineteenth century realism tended to value success more than individuality. A man's work was more important than the man himself. This idea of self-suppression, continued the professor, brought on a reaction in the extremely individualistic philosophy of Nietzsche, who laid emphasis on the theory that each individual should strive to satisfy his own craving for power, for unrestricted individuality. This view, Dr. Eucken claimed, is unhealthy because it was an anti-social view, and it has been proved unhealthy for society and the individual to live such a life. The new idealism needs a robust spirit for its propagation, for it presents the view that the individual needs spiritual strength for the more efficient accomplishment of his work in society. Until he finds a source of spiritual strength elsewhere, man will turn to religion to secure it.

After his lecture the professor spoke a little while in German and shook hands with many of the students.

NATURAL HISTORY NOTES.

The Prudential Life Insurance Company presented the Department of Natural History with a valuable series of charts on "Vital Statistics."

President Finley had the pictures of the following donors to the library of the Department of Natural History framed: Messrs. Gerhardt, Felix Warburg, James Steers, '53, and the zoologists, Professors Brooks and Bashford Dean.

Mr. G. G. Scott delivered a lecture on March 10 at the New York Academy of Sciences, entitled "Osmotic and Other Relations of Aquatic Animals."

On Friday he will lecture at the People's Institute of Montclair on "Uncle Sam's Fish Farms."

ATHLETICS.

The Nine Loses.

Our diamond experts began the season in the accustomed fashion on Saturday by going up to the Bronx and being trimmed by the Fordhamites. Our team crossed the plate five times, while Fordham—well, they squared our score.

Bennett was knocked out of the box in the first inning, and then Coach Holton sent in Donaldson, the tall center of the Freshman five, who did fairly well.

Hanley, another Freshman, was the star for C. C. N. Y. His work at second was excellent, and he seems assured of his position. The whole infield, for that matter, was of first-class calibre, but the outfield is weak, much weaker, than that of last year's team.

The fifth inning was by far the most pleasant for C. C. N. Y. With the bases full, O'Connell hit a good two-bagger that cleaned the bases, and Hanley's single drove Nick in.

Well, better luck to-day in the game with Columbia on South Field. It seems a pity that we have to meet our strongest rivals when our team is weakest. If it is the only time we can get a game, might not the day be better spent in practise for the games with teams of equal strength. The line-up:

C. C. N. Y.—5.

Lease (3b.)
 Weirich (1b.)
 N. O'Connell (c.)
 Hanley (2b.), Wright
 Matthews (l. f.)
 Kaplan (s.s.)
 Manz (c. f.), Gavin
 Bennett (p.), Donaldson
 Millman (r. f.), Mullen

Fordham—25.

Kane (3. b.)
 Sharkey (2b.)
 Carroll (c. f.), Viviano
 Kehoe (l. f.)
 Flanagan (l. b.)
 McAlleen (s.s.)
 Dooling (r. f.)
 Elliffe (c.)
 Wilkenson (p.), Walsh.

Fordham	11	2	6	2	2	0	3	0—25
C. C. N. Y.	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0—5

That Silver Cup!

We hear that the CAMPUS cup has incited some of our musicians and poets to tremendous activity. There remain only three weeks before the smoker is held and that is no more time than is absolutely necessary for the men to get out their rhyming dictionaries and whatever corresponds to those in the song-writer's domain. It is hardly necessary to repeat that songs of vigor are desired.

Have you your ticket for the smoker yet? Remember the time and place—Saturday, April 11, at the College Inn on West 125th Street. The features will be the prize songs, some members of the faculty and a cabaret-entertainment. We are discreet enough not to mention the smokes and eats and dr—, for fear you might all rise up in your eagerness and harass the members of the committee for tickets of admission which, by the way, are fifty cents. It is an investment which will pay big dividends in the form of a jolly good time.

A Match Race.

Those who are fortunate enough to be in the gym this Friday afternoon will witness a race that will be worth while seeing. Due to some misunderstanding of the judges, the record-breaking times made at our recent meet will not be registered. In order to see whether the runners are capable of making such time, a match race will be held between Frey, Schaffer and Siebern. Scarlata will run the mile with the aforesaid and then continue on to two miles in an attempt to equal or better his previous time. All those who can should come to see this race.

Notes Here and There.

Donovan, '16, made a good showing in the broad jump at our recent meet, his actual jump being 20 feet. He was also one of the record-breaking relay men. Continue your good work, Donovan!

Tennis practise is going along racketty well. So far the most promising candidates are Levisohn, Wizenberg, Coldman, Schaffer, Rausch and Berman. Plenty of room for more candidates.

Charges of Incompetency.

The third section of the letter of criticism from an alumnus relates to the manner of voting by our representative at the Intercollegiate Association:

At the recent meeting of the Intercollegiate Association of Athletes in this city, several important amendments were passed upon. One of these proposed to debar Freshmen from intercollegiate competition, and, much to everybody's surprise, the City College delegate voted with Yale, Princeton and the other big "guns" for the prohibition, while Columbia, New York University and Fordham, among others, saw fit to go down on record against it. The City College vote was in this case a very important one, as the final count on the proposition was 9 to 9, and the College might have been instrumental in having the amendment passed.

No one should have known better than that delegate that City College needs all its Freshman athletes, and some more. Several newspapers remarked upon the College's stand as if asking a reason. It is not believed that the City College representative came to the meeting with a proper realization of what the amendments meant and with instructions as to how to vote. Copies of the proposed changes were sent to the Athletic Associations a month before the meeting, and other delegates came there fully aware of the desires of their colleges on all points. In addition many of the institutions in and around this city sent Faculty members along with their voting representatives to guide them. City College also voted for a cross-country rule that affects it vitally and which should have called forth its protest rather than its approbation. But the delegate was meek and he peeped a recurrent "Yes."

(To be Continued.)

Our Reserves were scheduled for a game with Harris last Saturday morning, but the youngsters failed to show up.

Last week in the Inter-Fraternity Basketball Tournament, Alpha Delta Phi "came back" strong and routed Theta Delta Chi.

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Locker Outrages.



DAILY there come reports to the authorities and letters to THE CAMPUS complaining of many thefts which are committed both from the gymnasium lockers and from the concourse lockers. We had hoped to keep the matter quiet and to discover the guilty ones without publicity; but the audacities have increased to such an extent, both in number and magnitude, that it is imperative for everybody to be on guard all the time. Men have been stationed for that purpose all the time—in fact the whole janitorial force has been instructed to act as detectives—and yet the outrages have not diminished. Many attribute this deplorable condition to the new padlock system which was installed last fall, saying that the top of the locker door can be forced away and articles from the locker can be taken out with ease. Restoring the old system of combination locks is one remedy suggested.

We append a letter from one of the victims of these outrages. His language is somewhat picturesque, but

what he says is to the point and illustrative of the general feeling of the students:

To the Editor of The Campus:

I wish to register a complaint about the lockers.

At the beginning of the fall term I was forced, like every other student, to put padlocks on my two lockers. As a result I have lost, to date, the following: A pair of baseball shoes, a pair of basketball shoes, a knee bandage, an ankle bandage, a varsity basketball shirt, a pair of black rubber shoes, a baseball glove, a white sweater (red border) and an old gray sweater.

The climax came a few days ago. I went out for the baseball team, and, owing to the evaporation of my glove, bought a new one. I used it three days. Each night I carefully removed it beyond reach of possible pilferers in the gym. by putting it underneath a book in my concourse locker. At 6.15 p. m. on Wednesday I tucked it in for the night. At 8.15 a. m. on Thursday I found an "aching void" where had reposed my glove. Had I caught that pussy-footed youth, neither Prexy nor M. C. Bonny's corps nor Philosophy 4 would have prevented me from doing him some physical damage.

It is up to the College authorities entirely. The College invites us to place our stuff in these lockers. We are forced to use them. We can't do without them. The College is to blame if any predatory amateur can turn a handle, bend back a door and lift out any small article. No matter what kind of a lock is put on, it can be done. Put back the combinations. It required some skill and tools to open them. In the interim, where do we come in?

Complaintfully,

Clarence L. Weirich, 1913.

Mr. McCombs Remains Trustee.

Until last Saturday morning it was uncertain whether Mr. McCombs, of the Board of Trustees, would resign from his position in that body and accept the post of ambassador from the United States to France. However, he has definitely declined President Wilson's offer and will continue to serve as a trustee of the college. Mr. McCombs is a man of remarkable ability and the college is fortunate in being able to retain his services. The next meeting of the Board will take place in about a week and the matter of the curriculum revision will be taken up at that time.

Society Gossip.

The spring elections of the Deutscher Verein resulted in practically the same body of representatives as that of last term. President, A. Albrecht '15; Vice-President, P. Licht '17; Secretary, T. Wolf '16; Marshal, I. Baber '17. The Verein is making extensive arrangements in anticipation of a "kommers," which is a sort of student smoker, when a number of scholars from German universities will visit the college upon the invitation of the German Department.

Il Circolo Alighieri Dante is contemplating the production of an Italian play (scenario) similar to the one given last season which proved so popular.

Hop and Smoker.

The senior class is already launched upon its preparations for the final social events of its undergraduate career. The date of the 1913 smoker has been set for Saturday, April 18, and will be held in the Webb room. The senior hop will take place in the gymnasium on May 2. The cap and gown committee has already received orders from the majority of the class and it is expected that the remainder of the seniors will see the committee this week in order that, at the next assembly, the entire class may file into the Great Hall with cap and gown. The class play is nearly all written and a call for try outs will be issued by the middle of April. Owing to the elaborateness of the production, the committee expects to give three performances. A trained chorus, both of males and male-females, will be one of the features of the play and another innovation will be fancy dancing specialties by two members of the class who are working up some original ideas.

In the February number of the *American Chemical Journal* appeared a lengthy paper by Dr. Feinberg entitled "A Quantitative Study of Some Aldehyde Reactions."

EVENING SESSION NOTES.

Nathan Barasch, Correspondent.

New representatives for the Student Council have recently been elected to fill several existing vacancies. The Council now consists of about thirty representatives one from each class. At a recent meeting, elections for secretary and treasurer were held and the following men were chosen: Louis Popkin, treasurer and Lincoln Dodge Whyte, Jr., secretary. The members of the council are showing great activity this term and the results are encouraging. At the last meeting, Edward M. Wickes, Alexander Seclow and Lewis Mumford were appointed editorial representatives from the Evening Session to the 1914 Microcosm. Their task will consist in getting up the entire Evening Session department of the book. They have all done editorial work before and have proved themselves capable.

To-morrow night is the time of that smoker you are hearing so much about. Many surprises are in store for those who will be present. Singing, fun, eatables, drinkables and smokeables will be served up promiscuously. Come on in! The water's fine! Dr. Camera, Dr. Coffin and Mr. Coffin have signified their intention to come.

Although there are two sections in English literature, Dr. Palmer is compelled to close the door at 7.30 because many students come straggling in from everywhere to hear him lecture on Wordsworth, Byron and Shelley.

Congratulations!

THE CAMPUS takes the opportunity to congratulate Captain Southwick upon his re-election as captain for the coming year, and also congratulates the team on its excellent choice. The election was held at a banquet tendered the squad by the captain, and Southwick was the unanimous choice. Those present were Southwick, Shulberg, Silverstein, Schaffer, Saltman, Apfel, Weirich, Feldman, and our manager, "Bunny" Thomas. Coach Palmer and ex-Manager Isaacson were regretfully absent. Best wishes for a most successful season!

Gymnastics.

Several candidates reported last week for the gymnastic team and elected "Chick" Saltman, our little forward, captain. Perhaps the men in the college do not realize the wonderful facilities our college has for the development of a fine team. The gymnasium itself is one of the best equipped in the country. Its corps of instructors consists of some of the best gymnasts in these parts. Besides the list of exports mentioned here last week, Dr. Woll, an expert club-swinger, has offered his services. With these opportunities on hand its up to you men to come out for the best of them without delay. No experience is necessary. Be willing and the coaches will do the rest.

Wrestling.

The wrestling team is untiring in its efforts to become recognized as an established college sport. Its next venture will be an exhibition dual meet with the Boys' Club at the Boys' Club building on Saturday, March 29th, at 9 p. m. Admission will be free. The exhibition promises to be a hummer, for, under the careful direction and tutelage of Mr. Hansen, the team is now in the pink of condition. The bouts will vary from the 115-pound class to the 158-pound class. A large crowd is expected to cheer the team's first outside attempt. Don't forget! Saturday, March 29th.

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A. A. Assembly To-morrow.

Were you up to the A. A. Assembly two weeks ago? If you were, this paragraph is not for you, the mere announcement will bring you there.

For the so-called enthusiast who comes to a game once in a while and cheers when the college is winning, for the poor being who does not even go to basketball games, for the gown and who cannot delay his mid-day repast sixty minutes—to-morrow's meeting would act as an electric shock,—if they came to it.

The Profs interested in athletics will take to us and the winners in the Interclass Track Meet will receive their medals. There will be other features.—And say, Mister A. A. President, while we are praying for a real song, cannot we try "Stand Up and Cheer?" And why not some cheers too?

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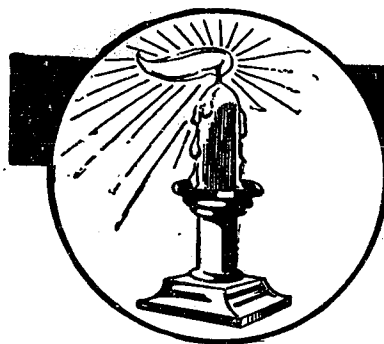
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