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The Memorial Alumni Library.



T Thursday's Assembly, President Finley announced the progress that had been made toward the prospective library. During the summer the Board of Estimate and Apportionment approved an appropriation of \$100,000 which shall be used for the improvement of the block north of the college

from 140th to 141st Street and Convent Avenue. overlooking the park. This money was appropriated with the condition that \$150,000 be raised by the alumni for the erection of a library on that property. This is assured. lames Steers '53 was the first alumnus to answer the call for funds with a donation of \$5,000. Mr. Lee Kohns, '84 has done good work in reaching all available sources. and the desired sum will be procured in short order. James M. Donald '72, Vice-President of the Hanover National Bank has consented to act as Treasurer of the fund, in place of Theodore F. Miller, deceased.

When the money is raised, the plans will have to be approved by the Board of Estimate and the Park Commissioner. The city and the college have united in securing an ideal spot which will be made available for library purposes. The building will be a hill-side library, looking out upon the city below. It will be known as The Memorial Alumni Library

College of Commerce a Certainty.

The long projected College of Commerce is at last to become a reality. At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last week the Committee on Commercial Education reported that all financial obstacles in the way of a completion of their plans had been removed by the pledging of contributions totaling some \$700,000. The original idea of the committee was simply to raise commercial scholarship fund, "to establish examinations for candidates for certificates of proficiency; to establish a free employment bureau for holders of these certificates, and to advertise broadly" the existence of both bureau and fund. During the past year, however, many educators conversant with commercial education have been consulted, among them President Finley and Professor Clark, and the consensus of opinion seems to be that New York City needs a Commercial College similar in plan to our college and with full degree conferring powers.

It was explained by the committee that \$500,000 had been pledged by one donor, but only on the condition that the \$200,000 already pledged be used to install a civic museum in the proposed college, and that New York City, "contract with the Chamber of Commerce for the permanent support of the proposed college by the city under the joint administration of the College of the City of New York and the Chamber of Commerce."

Such an institution then would be practically an extension of the College of the City of New York whose trustees are to be authorized to select a head and necessary assistants for the proposed college. Thus the bond between the two colleges will be very close indeed; they will in fact be the two heads of a single body. The entrance requirements will be pretty much the same as at City College, as will be the quantity and quality of the work done by the students. Similarly there will be no

The site of the proposed college will be that of the old City College building at Twenty-third Street and Lexington Avenue, a building just recently vacated by several hundred T. H. H. students. The details of this outlined plan will be worked out only after a most exhaustive study of commercial education here and abroad has been made, and our educators in college will doubtless be called upon to give their help.

Last Friday night at the third regular meeting of the Menorah Society, Rev. Dr. Isaac S. Moses delivered a lecture on "Reform Judaism and Assimilation." Farewell Alumni Dinner to the President.

As a token of their regret at the resignation of the President, the Associate Alumni of the College will give a farewell dinner to Dr. Finley this Saturday evening, November 15th, at the Hotel Astor.

Prof. Duggan is chairman of the dinner committee, and is personally directing the whole affair. The general committee of the alumni consists of 87 members, all men prominent in the affairs of the country.

In their invitation to the President the committee reveal the admiration which they have for him and his

unceasing work for the college:

"Recognizing that you have been not only our devoted and inspiring President, but also, for these ten years, a loyal and helpful son of this Empire City of your adoption, we desire to throw open our doors to a selected few of the friends you have now in this community. Our greater Alma Mater desires, too, a voice when we bid you good-bye, and we shall be proud to have these other sons of St. Nicholas foregather with us to join us in this testimonial of regret, esteem, affection and goodwishes."

"That the alumni wish to celebrate the years of my association with their College has given me greater gratification than could come from any other source save one, the respect of those with whom I have worked side by side through these years. What has been done in these ten years is after all but in small fraction mine. It has been, rather, my good fortune to be of their company in this wonderful decade. I do covet for myself admission, upon this my graduation from the college, into the great Democratic City brotherhood and its dedication of what these years have given me of experience and desire, to the service of the State and of the University, which includes the College. I should not have been willing to go from this college to any other, for there is none in America that has a more important work to perform; but in the incorporal University to which I have been called, I can continue to take not only a personal but an official interest in the development of this college, which is and will be dearer to me than ever it has been to any born son."

A prominent list of guests will attend the dinner. It will be a fitting farewell to the men who has worked so faithfully for us for the past ten years. Mr. Charles Murray, 75 Broad St., has charge of the tickets. The subscription price is \$5.00, and applications should be made to him.

Levine, '14, Wins Prize-Speaking Contest.

When Mr. Buttenweiser, '83, one of the judges at the Public Speaking Contest held last Friday night in the Great Hall arose to give the decision, the climax of what was perhaps the most successful Prize Speaking Night in recent years was reached. Detailing the difficulties that the judges had to confront in choosing a winner, he said that their human, not infallible conclusion was that Herman P. Levine, '14, should receive the first prize given by the Board of Trustees. And with similar humility, the judges awarded second place and the Drummond Prize to Nathan Rosenzweig, '14. Weyer Cohn, '14, received the Weinberg Prize for the best written oration.

The hall was crowded with a delightful assemblage of appreciative people. Professor Werner presided, and on the stage with him were a few of the faithful—Professors Tisdall, Downer, Mott and Palmer. Professor Baldwin entertained by giving some selections on the organ.

There were six original speeches. Klein, '14, spoke on "A Plea for Human Efficiency," Rosenzweig, '14, on "The Eternal Question," Schiffman '14 on "The Two Dragons," Feldman, '15, on a delicate subject entitled "Love," Levine '14 on "War—What For?" and Perlman '14 on "Truth on Earth."

There were three poetry declamations for the Roemer Prize. Kosloff '16 recited "Othello's Address to the Senate" by Shakespeare, Friedman declaimed Longfellow's "Sandolphin" and Mulholand '16, who won the prize gave "The Leper" by Willis.

High School Teachers' Requirements.

A conference of the authorities of local colleges was held recently, at which Professor Duggan was one of the delegates, to consider changes in the requirements for High School teachers. President Churchill of the Board of Education was present. A number of changes were decided on, which apply to those C. C. N. Y. students who contemplate teaching in the High Schools. If the Department of Education recommends a man, he may be assigned directly to a High School after graduation, to serve as a pupil teacher at \$2.00 a day. In this way he can make up his necessary 160 days of teaching experience. Another innovation applies to graduate work. At present one must have 150 hours of graduate work to teach in the High Schools. If a man takes Education 5 however, he will receive credit for sixty hours of graduate work. This means only ninety hours more after graduation or if he takes his post-graduate work at Columbia, three courses instead of five. These concessions mean much to the City College man who intends to teach. He can start in with High School work immediately, provided he has shown ability in college.

> Thursdays's Celebration Begins Work On Stadium.

Before an immense throng of faculty, students and guests Mr. McAneny, newly elected President of the Board of Alderman broke ground last Thursday afternoon for the new stadium and Mr. Lewisohn lifted the first shovelful of soil from the place where within a year shall arise one of the most imposing and best equipped stadiums ever planned. The exercises commenced with an assembly in the Great Hall at 12 M. Mr. McAneny, Mr. Lewisohn, Colonel Lydecker, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Steers were present. President Finley, when he arose to make the opening address, was heartily cheered by the students, for this was his first appearance as presider at an assembly since College resumed sessions. He remarked that the board of Estimate had voted all the appropriations that he had hoped for, to go toward paying the instructing staff. The amount will reach \$700.000 a year. He then introduced Messrs. Boarer and Mac Dougall, the recently retired teachers and the whole assemblage stood up in homage to these faithful old educational warriors.

Colonel Lydecker '71 our new Trustee was introduced next and made his premier speech to the students. He spoke feelingly on the debt of gratitude which the city owes Mr. Lewisohn and expressed the sorrow of the

alumni at President Finley's departure.

President Finley resumed his announcements after Colonel Lydecker finished. The Class of '72 gave the college a donation of \$10,000, which shall go toward the establishment of a Great Hall lectureship, the lecturers to be either men or women, from among the faculty or from without. He then gave the surprise of the day by announcing the advancement in the library project. He spoke of Mr. Lewisohn's generosity and introduced Mr. Brunner, the architect and Mr. Zimmerman, the contractor. He said that the plan would never have gone through if it hadn't been for Mr. McAneny.

Adjourning to the south side of the field, Mr. Lewisohn addressed the people and expressed the hope that the stadium would go toward making a finer kind of manhood among the students. Mr. McAneny made the concluding speech, saying that the next four years would exhibit the same spirit toward the college on the part of the Board of Estimate that the last four had. The actual breaking of the ground was simple, but impres-

sion. And at last the work is started!

Exhibition of Pictures in the College.

Beginning on Monday, Nov. 17th, and continuing until Dec. 6th the Department of the Interior will exhibit a collection of National Park pictures in the corridor. The pictures represent some of the characteristic and striking scenes in the larger National Parks. Many colored pictures will be shown. The views include scenes from Yellowstone, Glacier, Mesaverde, Yosemite, Crater Lake and Mount Rainier National Parks. This exhibition has been secured through the efforts of Dr. Finley. Professor Dielman of the Art Department will have charge of hanging the pictures.

Under the headline "Leading Articles of the Month" the Review of Reviews for November reprints a part of Dr. Shapiro's recent article on "The Drift in French

Varsity Show on Saturday Night.

Carnegie Lyceum, 57th Street and Seventh Ave. will be the scene of much rejoicing, for there, at 8.15 P. M. Saturday evening, the annual Dramatic Society play will take place. "Snowball" and "Steeplechase" will be the two offerings Both were chosen for the comical situations and witty dialogues contained therein. All the old favorites will take part, and they are admirably suited to their rôles.

Snowball." and an enormous one at that, forever rolling and growing larger as it rolls, is full of merriment. A self confident, facetious husband, a clever wife, an irate uncle, a loving pair and an ingenuous maid-servant will all exhibit their wares to the audience. "The Steeplechase" presents a side-splitting plot, full of complications,

but it all comes out right in the end.

There is every indication that the success of these productions will set a mark for future dramatics. Almost the entire theatre has been sold out to early buyers. The prices range from \$.25 to \$1.00 and seats may be bought any day in the concourse during lunch hour or at the Box office on the night of the play.

The Student Council Meeting.

The meeting of the Student Council was called to order by President Cohn last Friday at 2:45 P.M. He ruled that the nominations for Business Manager of the Microcosm be reopened until 2:45 on Wednesday and that the election of the Business Manager should take place at a special meeting of the Counsil.

Syd. Nussbaum was given a vote of thanks for the splendid way in which he took charge of the Fresh-Soph

activities.

Zimmerman 15, Chairman of the Lost and Found Committee advised that no lost and found signs be placed on the bulletins, but that the students should

appeal to the Lost and Found Bureau.

The Council decided to give the 1916 class a banner for its victories. The Employment Committee reported that the 202 men that were placed in positions by the Employment Bureau earned the sum of \$5454.00 from Sept. 1, 1912 to Sept. 1, 1913.

The Executive Committee reported that a contractor received the bid to put cross-pieces on the lockers to

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Action of Students at Thursday's Celebration Disgraceful.



HE exhibition of unmannerly conduct on the part of some students at Thursday's celebration was disgraceful. After the impressive assembly all adjourned to the field to take part in what should have been a serious ceremony, for it was a moment of supreme

importance to the college. The hillock and rest of the field are so situated that it was difficult for all of the large crowd to witness the proceedings from points of advantage. Some students in the rear who could not see conveniently began to push those in front. The result was that those who happened to be around the officials were pressed forward, so that very little room was given those who were making speeches. It went so far, when persuasive words had failed, that officers had to exert when the speeches began, an element of students gifted with a singular sense of humor began singing and speakers could hear.

Such a scene cannot be termed other than shameful. There was absolutely no excuse for it. By now we are supposed to have reached a state of passing politeness, especially where guests are concerned. If we alone were

concerned, some would pardon it by saying that the spirit of youth must come out. But when a number of prominent men honor us with their presence, it is our duty to treat them with the utmost courtesy. For us to give a display of what was almost rowdyism cannot but reflect upon the college.

The bearing and conduct of students at public functions does more to form the impression that an outsider gets from the institution than anything else. And we cannot afford to act like selfish, uncontrollable youngsters.

Campus Life at the College.

Students who attend college in a big city like New York claim that they cannot enjoy the benefits of a real campus life. It may be true that rural surroundings are necessary, but here at C. C. N. Y. we have the nearest approach to an out-of-town college campus that can be had and yet it is for the most part merely a playground for Townsend Harris Hall boys.

The peculiar aloofness that students have for the campus has often been remarked. They seem to avoid it, instead of using it as a place where firm friendships can be formed. They frequent the dark corners of the dreary alcoves, instead of coming out into the open air. The Townsend Harris Hall youngsters have the campus all to themselves and taking advantage of this make it their stamping ground, giving the college the appearance of a preparatory school or academy.

The architect who designed the plans for the campus could not have done better. The two pedestals and flagpole are admirable meeting places for the three upper classes, yet they are never the scene of student gatherings, except on state occasions, and then the showing made is often laughable, when ten or twelve fellows get together

and give a weak, lifeless cheer.

We complain of our college life and we do not even make an attempt to better it. We have infinite more advantages than the alumni who went to the college on Lexington Avenue had; yet the members of any of the older classes are more closely attached to the college by ties of fond remembrance than we are. Each succeeding class is getting farther and farther away from the true college spirit. We make an unpleasant business of coming to college, when it would be so easy to make our work here an everlasting pleasure.

Professor Bonser To Lecture.

To-morrow at 12 M. in the Physics Lecture Hall, Professor Bonser of Teachers' College will deliver an address on "The Relation between Vocational Guidance and Vocation Education." This will be the second of the series of lectures to be delivered at the meetings of the Education Club by prominent educators. This active work of the term was initiated a few weeks ago with a brilliant address by Dr. Wile, and it is evident from the list of speakers for the remainder of the year that the success of the club is assured. Students specializing in education are urged to attend these meetings.

Those Merry Rascals, the Sophs.

The '16 Class is going to hold a smoker, but where no one knows. The subscription is \$2.00. There will be handsome souvenirs and eats, smokes and drinks galore. Those who expect to be able to get home before 6 A.M. need not come at all.

And now for the mystery! A committee of Sophs is going around asking the men who are going to attend the smoker to tell the size of their hats, shoes, gloves and collars. Here is a chance for a Sherlock Holmes of the '17 Class to find out the reason for these strange proceedings.

Senior Dance on Thanksgiving Eve.

The date for the Senior Dance is only two weeks off, so if you haven't secured your tickets get them now. The examinitee is working hard to make the affair the best ever held. They are very reticent when the topic of the dance is brought up for discussion, which leads us to suspect that a surprise is awaiting us.

Dr. William B. Otis of the English Department has presented the Natural History Department with a collection of plants from the Mississippi Valley. There are 97 specimens in the gift.

John Graft, twenty-six years of age, a very popular clerk in Curator Davis' office died suddenly on Sunday, Nov. 2. He served the college for six years and was much admired by his fellowmen. His loss is a blow to all his friends.

ATHLETICS.

Intercollegiate Cross-Country.

The I. C. A. A.'s Cross-Country Run will be held at Van Cortlandt Park on Saturday, November 22. This is going to be a big event. The college has a good cross-conntry team this year, and it will be worth while going up to see our men run against the other big colleges. The fellows have been going over the course and will be able to avoid the bad spots on the day of the meet. There are in all 208 entries representing the following colleges: Yale, Colgate, Cornell, Dartmouth, M. I. T., Princeton, Pennsylvania, C. C. N. Y., Brown, Michigan, Penn. State, Syracuse, Harvard and Columbia. Each college will be allowed to choose seven of their entries to run in the meet.

Columbia To-Morrow

The dual cross-country run with Columbia is at hand. To-morrow the Blue and White will find out what a fine cross-country team we have this year. The fellows are out to win this time and we all ought to go up to Van Cortlandt Park to-morrow afternoon and see them do it. Frey took second place last year and the man who beat him is not at Columbia now; neither is the man who came in third. Figure out for yourself what this indicates and then go and see the team clean up. A victory against Columbia is something to feel proud of.

Seniors Win Interclass Baseball.

1914 is the only class that has not been beaten in interclass baseball. They are the undefeated champions of the college. Each of the other classes have lost at least one game, but the seniors have an average of 1.000. All the games have been played except that between 1915 and 1916. A date for this contest has not yet been set, but no matter what the result, 1914 will stand unbeaten.

1917 Basketball.

The Freshman basketball outlook is improving. The fellows are really working and trying hard. Conover, Carroll, Godnick, Braunstein, Nudelman and Smythe are some of the hardest workers on the squad. Practise has been changed to Tuesday and Friday afternoons at four and Thursday afternoons from two to four.

A Cheering Squad to be Formed.

For the games and meets Cheerleader Crowley intends to originate a new system of cheering. An official cheering squad will be formed, which will take care of the cheering on all such occasions, so that it may be organized. All who desire to join the squad should see Crowley. There may be a possibility of the cheering squad taking trips with the various teams.

At the N.Y. U. game a large contingent of enthusiasts is expected from our neighbors on the northern heights, and here will be a chance for the cheering squad to show its calibre. In an early issue of the CAMPUS a supplement of all the songs and cheers to be used this year will be printed, and by this means each student will get the opportunity to learn what he will be expected to display at the games.

Interclass Wrestling.

Beginning with Thursday, Nov. 13, and continuing on subsequent Thursdays, the Interclass Wrestling Matches will take place. On Nov. 13 the 120-130 lb. men will wrestle. Each week another class will be decided until all weights have been contested. The individual winners will be declared champions of the college and the class getting the most points will be the victor.

Wrestling has been recognized by the A. A. No meets have been arranged with outside colleges yet, but Manager Crowley expects to present a good schedule after the interclass contests are settled.

News From Everywhere.

On Thursday, Nov. 13th at 12.15 P.M. the Newman Club will hold a meeting for the students. At a meeting on Friday night, Nov. 21st, the Rev. Daniel Burke, D. D. of Bedford Park will lecture to the society on "Life in Rome." An invitation is extended to all.

Sindeband '15, and Parisi, '17, were elected Presidents of the Tuesday and Friday sections of the Cercle Jusserand respectively.

The College Club, consisting of C. C. N. Y. men, are holding their annual matinee dance at the Leslie Rooms on Dec. 7. All desiring tickets see Weinstein and Ornstein of the Soph class or Goodfriend and Ginsberg, Freshmen.

"Finfuhrung in die Kulturgeschichte" is the title of a book by Dr. T. B. Voelkel of the German Department. It consists of a hundred life sketches and is published by the Neuer Frankforter Verlag of Frankfort am Main.

Mr. Groesbeck of the English Department is now en gaged in editorial work for the publishing firm of O. S Hubbel of Cleveland.

Mr. George Landy, Feb. '13 presented as an annual gift to the Department of Philosophy \$10 worth of books.

The men in Dr. Palmer's English class in the Night College met and appointed a committee to organize the "English Literature Club" for social and literary purposes. The club will be under the direction of Dr. Palmer.

Large audiences are gathering every Monday Evening in the Manual Training High School of Brooklyn to hear Professor Guthrie's lectures on American History.

Professor Horne of the English Department is at present engaged in the writing of an extensive History of the World, which will appear in ten illustrated volumes early next year.

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