PRIVATE SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND ACADEMIES

Latest News From the Front Where the Fight for Education and Progress Wages Unceasingly

ARBOR DAY was observed at Heathcote School, Harrison, N. Y., with exercises of peculiar interest. At 11 o'clock the school gathered in front of the building to witness the planting of a fine specimen of the French hemlock. During these exercises appropriate selections were read by boys of the school. Of equal interest and no less in keeping with the day was the lecture by Col. Shields, president of the League of American Sportsmen. Col. Shields gave his well known lecture on "Common Birds and Wild Animals," illustrating his talk with lantern slides. The speaker dwelt particularly on the necessity of preserving our wild birds on account of their great service in destroying the common insect pests.

THE MISS BANGS AND MISS WHITON'S SCHOOL.

The annual dance at the Miss Bangs and Miss Whiton's School, Riverdale avenue, New York city, in honor of the senior class was given on Friday evening, May 8. The assembly rooms were decorated with apple and cherry blossoms.

In these days when the discussion of what dances are permissable is a vexed question, it is interesting to note that the dances were the hesitation waltz and the one step as standardized by the best dancing teachers. At the school dances the dresses worn are made with high necks, elbow sleeves and full skirts either flounced or accordian pleated.

For the commencement exercises to be held on June 3 a frock especially designed will be worn by the members of the graduating class.

THE KNICKERBOCKER SCHOOL OF SECRETARIES.

The Knickerbocker School of Secretaries, 489 Fifth avenue, New York city, gave on the 8th a dance to the class of 1914 at the Plaza. The patronesses included Mrs. Louis Borden, Mrs. William B. Smith, Mrs. James J. Kesseler, Miss Edyth Totten, Mrs. Irving Barnard, Mrs. William K Mott, Mrs. E. Jaeckel, Mrs. M. Emple, Mrs. James Blair, Mrs. Charles C. Napier and Mrs. Hazel Jaeckel. The committees were formed of students from Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Fordham, New York University and Williams, along with the director and founder, Mrs. D. McClellan Smith and her charges, the young ladies from the school. Society was well represented, also students both past and present and their friends. The affair proved a most successful social event.

MANLIUS SCHOOLS, MANLIUS, N. Y.

An exciting game of baseball was staged at Manlius recently when the St. John's team took Auburn High School into camp by a score of 10 to 6. The game was ragged and brilliant in spots, some good long distance hitting serving to enliven the encounter.

Gen. Verbeck took the whole corps for a hike to Round Lake last Sunday, where the scenery was found to be picturesque and very beautiful, with the dark of the evergreens blending with the lighter shades of budding green. At Round Lake a light lunch of sandwiches was partaken of and the corps returned to Manlius by another route, having enjoyed themselves very much indeed.

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL.

The Riverside School of 869 West End avenue, New York city, gave on May 8 its annual exhibit of the pupils' work. This exhibit was planned to show the work which the school as a whole is doing. On the walls were displayed the best work of each class in all subjects. The daily work of individual pupils was shown in portfolios on their desks. From the kindergarten through the high school this plan was carried out, thus giving a most comprehensive display of the entire course in English, mathematics, science and languages.

HOUSE IN THE PINES.

A play, "Snow White and Rose Red," was given recently by the elementary department of House in the Pines, Norton, Mass., under the supervision of Miss Huson, the head of the department. The play was adapted from the fairy tale and was dramatized by Miss Edwina Sikes. The cast was as follows:

Snow White, Martha Allen; *Rose Red*, Priscilla Warren; *Mother*, Marguerite Talbot; *Bear and Prince*, Gertrude Talbot; *Dwarf*, Marion Dodge; *Prince's brother*, Gladys Harding; *Queen of Fairies*, Florence Harding; *Fairies*, Gladys Harding, Mildred Hewins, Marguerite Talbot, Helen Pratt, Gertrude Talbot; *Sandmen*, Marion Dodge, Florence Harding, Mildred Hewins, Helen Pratt and Gladys Harding.

MARYMOUNT, TARRYTOWN, N. Y.

The students at Marymount are looking forward with joyous anticipation to the visit of the Rev. Mother Ste. Constance, superior general of the Order of the Sacred Heart of Mary, who has left France to visit her American houses. After a brief visit to the English houses of the order the superior general will sail on the Mauretania from Liverpool on June 6. The members of the Ste. Constance French Club are planning an elaborate programme for the occasion.

The commencement exercises will take place on June 10. In the absence of His Eminence Cardinal Farley, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Joseph F. Mooney, V. G., will preside at the exercises, and the Rt. Rev. Mgr. M. J. Lavelle, V. G., will deliver the address to the graduates.

COLUMBIA GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

On Monday morning, at the time when the funeral procession in honor of the soldiers and sailors who lost their lives at Vera Cruz was making its start from the City Hall, the boys and instructors of the Columbia Grammar School, 5-7-9 West Ninety-third street, New York city, gathered in the assembly room to pay their humble tribute of respect to the heroic dead. A brief memorial service was held and a short address was made by one of the headmasters, emphasizing the value of the sacrifice of the seventeen young heroes as an example to all of patriotism and fidelity in the discharge of duty.

MISS COWLES' SCHOOL.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., May 16.—The programme of the closing exercises at Miss Cowles's School, Highland Hall, Hollidaysburg, Pa., May 30 to June 9, has just been announced. It is as follows: Saturday, May 30, Field Day, basketball, field sports, swimming contest; Friday, June 5, 8:15 P. M., commencement concert, assembly hall; Saturday, June 6, 5 P. M., Laurel Day, campus; Sunday, June 7, 11 A. M., closing sermon, Rev. Alexander McCall, Presbyterian Church; 5:15 P. M., vespers, campus; Monday, June 8, 1 P. M., luncheon to classes of 1913-14; 8:30 P. M., play, "Sherwood," campus; 8:30 P. M., reception, Highland Hall; Tuesday, June 9, 11 A. M., closing address, Dr. Samuel Crothers, Presbyterian Church; 3:30 P. M., meeting of alumnae and former students.

DWIGHT SCHOOL.

A recent debate at Dwight School, 15 West Forty-third street, New York city, had for its subject "Resolved, That Immigration Be Further Restricted by Law." The affirmative speakers were H. D. Salomon, F. J. Stler, C. C. Waller. The negative speakers were H. Malkin, D. Wertheimer, N. Coren. The debate was won by the negative side, although both sides did really brilliant work. While the students had recourse to the *Congressional Records*, periodicals and other sources of information they nevertheless presented some very effective original matter.

The subject of the debate of the week before was: "Resolved, That the Railways of the United States Should Be Owned and Operated by the Government." It was won by the negative side.

BARNARD SCHOOL.

The Barnard School held exercises at Fieldston, West 244th street, New York city, Monday morning, May 11, in memory of those who had died at Vera Cruz in their country's service. The exercises were so timed that they were conducted at the same time similar exercises were being held at City Hall.

The baseball team has won games from Massee Country School, Columbia Grammar, De La Salle Institute and Horace Mann and has lost to Englewood, Hamilton Institute and St. Paul.

The Alumnæ Association of the Barnard School for Girls, 421 and 423 West 148th street, presented last night at the Waldorf "King Rene's Daughter," a lyrical drama, by Hendrik Hertz. The young ladies in the cast were as follows: *King Rene*, Edna Springhorn; *Iolanthe*, his daughter, T. Von Dehsen; *Bertrand*, *Martha*, guardians of *Iolanthe*, M. Howell, O. Steinhilber; *Sir Almerick*, R. Springhorn; *Tristan*, E. Detmold; *Geoffrey*, E. Seeman, *Ebn Jahia*, M. Boos.

MERCERSBURG ACADEMY.

The old Latin hymn Veni Creator Spiritus, which during the past seven or eight centuries has been used on many historic occasions, especially by educational institutions, is used by the Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pa.

W. A. McLaughlin, the head of the Latin department of the academy, recently made an English translation which is of interest and which shows the spiritual feeling of the hymn:

COME HOLY SPIRIT.

Come Holy Spirit, most divine,
Visit thy people's ardent souls;
Fill with heaven's eternal grace
The hearts which thou hast formed.

Grant us joy in measure full;
Grant us gifts of heavenly grace;
Loose the chains of human strife,
And tighten bonds of blessed peace.

Praised by the Father and the Son,
And Holy Comforter—three in One,
And may the Son unto us send
Love's dearest gift, the Holy Ghost.

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY.

The week before the final examinations begin at Fordham University, Fordham, New York city, has been filled with a number of interesting events. The Dramatic Society presented as their spring play "The New Tutor," an amusing comedy, which was well received by an audience that filled the entire auditorium.

A few evenings later the junior class dinner was served at the Hotel Martinique. Lester W. Patterson, the president of the class, was toastmaster. The president of the university, the Rev. Thomas J. McCluskey, S. J., was the guest of honor. He appealed to the class to keep up their college spirit and their loyalty to Fordham and presented as ideals for their imitation Fordham graduates who are now occupying the highest positions in church and state.

DE LA SALLE INSTITUTE.

The first prize at the oratory contest of the De La Salle Institute, New York city, was won by Leo J. Rogally. Second and third honors were awarded to David J. Martin and Paul V. Shea. The other speakers were J. Curtis Lyons, Edward O'Connor, John J. Malley, Vincent P. Goubeau, Arthur C. Mayer, John J. Keogh and Leo J. Crorken.

The judges were the Rev. T. E. Gilmartin, the Rev. Brother Edmund, the Rev. Brother Matthew, Dr. Thomas J. O'Mara, James Kerwin and Felix A. Donnelly. The Rev. Brother Calixtus, director of the institute, was the presiding officer and was assisted by the Rev. Brothers Joseph, Edward and Elveus.

RIVERDALE COUNTRY SCHOOL.

In commemoration of the soldiers and sailors killed at Vera Cruz the boys of Riverdale Country School on Monday morning after chapel exercises lined up by the flagpole while the flag was dipped. The headmaster read the names of those who perished and spoke of the self-sacrificing spirit of these young men. After silent prayer the whole school joined in singing "America."

BERKELEY SCHOOL.

The senior class of the Berkeley School will give a reception on Wednesday evening, May 27, at the school building, Seventy-second street and West End avenue. Graduating exercises of the school will be held on Thursday evening, May 28, in the Berkeley Lyceum, 19 West Forty-fourth street.

FRIENDS SEMINARY.

Graduating exercises of the class of 1914 of the Friends Seminary are announced to take place on Thursday evening, May 21, in Friends Meeting House, East Fifteenth street and Rutherford place. An informal reception of graduates and their friends will follow.

THE SEMPLE SCHOOL.

The commencement exercises of the Semple School, Mrs. Thomas Darrington Semple principal, 241 Central Park West, will be held at the Hotel Plaza on Wednesday evening, May 20, at 8:30 o'clock.

WALLCOURT.

Play for the tennis tournament began this week at Wallcourt, Aurora, N. Y., with matches arranged in doubles. The athletic committee in charge, Miss Sally Pettit, chairman, arranged for the finals in singles to be played off on Saturday, May 30. A tennis tea was given this week by the girls in the senior house.

THE TISNE INSTITUTE.

Mme. Henriette Tisne, principal of the Tisne Institute, 533 West End avenue, has issued invitations for commencement exercises of the institute on Friday evening, May 22.

A FEW weeks ago Swarthmore Preparatory School, Swarthmore, Pa., received notice that it had been unanimously elected a member of the Eastern Interscholastic Oratorical Association. After some consideration of the question the membership was accepted and a representative was sent to this year's annual contest, held at George School, Pa., Saturday evening, May 9. Swarthmore Preparatory School sent Charles A. Shoemaker, who had won second place at the interscholastic oratorical contest at Swarthmore College on May 2. He was awarded first place in the meet at George School, securing possession of a fine silver loving cup for a year and an individual cup permanently. The first cup is won permanently by the school first securing first place three times, two of which must be in succession. While several schools already have secured first places and Peddie Institute has had it twice in succession, Swarthmore Prep will make a strong effort to win the cup.

MORRISTOWN SCHOOL.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., May 16.—The tennis team of Morristown School will play in the interscholastic tournament at New Haven this afternoon. This evening the annual concert of the Musical Club will be given under the direction of Prof. De Vitalis.

The spring dance was held in the gymnasium on Saturday evening, May 9. The evening was clear and cool, following a rainy afternoon. The gymnasium was decorated with college banners and flags and the tables for supper were set beneath palms in the gallery. The chandeliers were covered with Japanese lanterns and crimson silk. Among the ladies present were Mrs. Otto H. Kahn, Mrs. Forbes and Mrs. Maury of Morristown; Mrs. Brucker and Mrs. Swan of Passaic, Miss Seabury of Orange, Mrs. Ripley Hitchcock and Miss Thorne of New York, Miss Anita Thomas, Miss Wiseman and Miss Morrison of Rosemary Hall, Greenwich; the Misses Kochler, Miss Alice Thorne, Miss Margery Hale, Miss Connelly, Miss Gregory, Miss Kahn, Miss Esther Thiers, Miss Frances Thompson and Miss Margaret Marshall. Besides the older boys of the school who were at the dance there were graduates of the school from Harvard, Princeton and Yale. Mrs. T. Quincy Browne, Jr., was hostess.

SUFFOLK SCHOOL.

Hamlet S. Philpot, M. A., Oxford, assistant master at the Gilman Country School, Baltimore (1902-13), and Mrs. Philpot propose to extend and develop their present school at Babylon, L. I.

The purpose of Suffolk School is to give boys and girls up to the age of 14 a sound preparation on modern lines for the best secondary schools. The regular course includes elementary English, arithmetic, geography, history, Latin, French and manual training. In addition special classes are held in music, dancing and gymnastics.

MACKENZIE SCHOOL.

Plans for the annual commencement at Mackenzie School, Monroe, N. Y., June 6, 7 and 8 are well advanced. Saturday afternoon in commencement week the alumni play the school team in baseball, in the evening takes place the contest in declamation and the operetta "Pauline" is given by the musical clubs under the direction of Prof. Tannery. The baccalaureate services occur on Sunday and the commencement address is given Monday afternoon by the Rev. Dr. Charles Carol Albertson, pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn. At the dinner of the General Alumni Association held in New York May 9 under the presidency of Sydney McCreery, '08, it was voted that another meeting of the association take place at the school on Saturday of commencement week in connection with the alumni luncheon.

BRANTWOOD HALL.

BRONXVILLE, N. Y., May 16.—On the afternoon of May 22 the entire school of Brantwood Hall in Lawrence Park enters into the field sports from the kindergarten to the post-graduates. A feature of the entertainment will be a pageant and dancing in Greek costumes on the athletic fields. This will be followed by the class prophecy, history and poem, the planting of the class tree and the singinig of the class song. In the evening the seniors stroll out in ghostly shrouds chanting dirges until they come to the funeral pyre, where they burn the books which they have most disliked during their four years course of study.

PEDDIE INSTITUTE.

Ground was broken at Peddie Institute, Hightstown, N. J., the other day for the erection of the second of a series of new fireproof dormitories, the first of which was built two years ago and named in honor of the late Henry U. Coleman. The present building is to bear the name of Trask House in memory of the late Prof. H. K. Trask, for many years principal of the South Jersey Institute at Bridgeton, N. J. This name is given to the building not only in honor of Dr. Trask, but in commemoration of the merging of the South Jersey Institute with Peddie Institute at the time when the former school was closed five years ago.

CLASON POINT ACADEMY.

The annual field day of Clason Point Military Academy, Clason Point, New York city, was held last Friday afternoon. It was an ideal day for the athletes and the guests as well. The sky was clear and the weather not too warm and the academy grounds overlooking the water had never looked more beautiful. The fathers, mothers and brothers and sisters and friends of the students were present in great numbers to watch the contests on the track and in the field.

An even more important event will take place at the academy on May 24, when the annual review, the sham battle and field manoeuvres will be given by the cadets. Gen. O'Ryan, head of the State National Guard, will be the reviewing officer.

OBERLIN COLLEGE, OBERLIN, O.

The Oberlin chapter of the Cosmopolitan Clubs of America recently held a most interesting Chinese Night in Sturges Hall. The programme was in charge of the seventeen Chinese students at present registered as undergraduates. Native songs were sung, solos were given upon the Chinese flute, followed by an address on the Chinese language. The main part of the entertainment consisted of a series of stereopticon slides illustrating the manners, customs, dress, &c., in the great centres of the new republic.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE.

ORONO, Me., May 16.—One wing of the University of Maine's new women's dormitory, Balentine Hall, is now so far completed that there is little doubt that it will be ready for occupancy next fall. The extorior is entirely finished and the rooms are now being plastered. It is expected that this dormitory will accommodate between forty and fifty women. Mrs. Harrington has been engaged as matron for the new dormitory. The present dormitory, the Mount Vernon House, of which Mrs. Kate Estabrooke is matron, will be retained, as will a house in the village, of which Miss M. F. Hopkins is matron, and it is hoped that in this way the total registration of women students can be accommodated.

CUSHING ACADEMY.

The annual debate between the Philadelphian and Polymnian literary societies of Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Mass., was held recently in Academy Hall. The question argued was, "Resolved, that labor organizations as they exist to-day are on the whole beneficial to the people of the United States." The negative speakers for the Philadelphians were David Hatch of Goffstown, N. H., George Lindsley of Philadelphia and James McMahon (captain) of Clinton, Mass. On the affirmative side were Charles Miller (captain) of New York city, Robert Judd of West Hartford, Conn., and Lester Bradbury of Bridgeport, Conn. John Emerson of Boston, Mass., was alternate for the Polymnians and George Hickey for the Philadelphians. The judges, who were E. W. Baker, I. H. Kelleher and G. R. Hudson, all lawyers from Fitchburg, gave the verdict in favor of the Philadelphians unanimously. Messrs. McMahon and Bradbury were the best speakers.

SAINT MARGARET'S SCHOOL.

The awarding of prizes was a gala occasion at Saint Margaret's School, Waterbury, Conn. The awards included the following: Excellence in English, a set of Stevenson, to Janet Shearson; character and general scholarship, a set of Eliot, to Elca Snow; best essay on historical subject, a set of Hugo, to Susannah Pierce; best essay on civil service reform, set of Hawthorne, to Mary Aplin; courtesy, set of Jane Austen, to Elizabeth Barber; the Elton prize for excellence in music, two volumes of Beethoven, to Ruth Dewsbury, a freshman; excellence in gymnastic work, a set of Kipling, to Grace Connery, and the prize for general information, a set of Trollope, to Susannah Pierce.

VERMONT ACADEMY.

SAXTON'S RIVER, Vt., May 16.—A meeting of graduates and former students of Vermont Academy was held at Hotel Vermont in Burlington yesterday to form a Champlain alumni association. James P. Taylor, former associate principal, was present and spoke. Dr. Lawson represented the academy.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS throughout the country are invited to make use of the news columns of this private school page. Address all communications to The School, College and Camp Bureau, The New York Sun, 170 Nassau street, New York.

Lure of the Summer Camp Is Appealing to Boys and Girls

By REV. RUDOLPH CARL STOLL.

SPRING is upn us and from its first faint voices comes the call of summer. Summer, with all its bright beckonings, its mystic allurements, its supernal joys, is calling to each of us. It bids us leave the busy marts of trade, the torrid heat of city streets and town and live in the glory of the open world. We all hear the call, but none are so ready to listen as the boys and girls. To them it is the call of the wild, the call of the woods, the call of the inmost soul of nature. Childhood and youth are the companions of birds and trees and brooks and flowers, and when summer comes these comrades of nature look for one another in the courts of the out of doors.

To bring together these comrades and have them live and play as the great God intended is the business of the summer camp, and the camp intelligently conducted is simply the place where boys and girls learn how to live in harmony with nature. And the interesting thing about it is that the closer they get to nature the better they are and the more amenable they are to wiser and saner thinking and doing. What a wonderful thing it is that parents are coming to realize that children are naturally good and only need to be understood and placed in environments suitable to their needs in order to grow strong in body and soul! Many of our customs make prisoners of our children and we must not be surprised if they try to escape from prison. There are those who wonder what they can do with Tom or Mary because they are so full of life and hard to manage. Some one asks why Ruth is not strong, why she is pale and lacking in robustness or why John does not grow faster and stronger. The cause underlying these conditions is the same in all cases—they are prisoners of custom and form and city life.

Now the camp removes this cause and teaches boys and girls how to play scientifically. It treats the instinct of play as one of the divine things in life and endeavors through it to teach the high art of living. Time was when people thought that all play had in it something inherently evil and that therefore it must not be too greatly encouraged. We think differently now and are learning that if we can teach children how to play and be good we have solved one of the big problems of child life. This is what the camp tries to do. Its business is to teach boys and girls how to be good by teaching them the science of correct play.

The lure of the camp is not only its appeal to the instinct of play, but its promise of freedom to the boy or girl shut up all winter in the houses and streets of city life. Our children are born for freedom—but how can they be free in the life with which we surround them? They need the woods, the open field, the mountain trail in which to move and pulsate. They need to be free to talk to birds and bees—they need to be free to listen to brooks and cooing winds. They need to skip with lambs, to chase the butterfly, to swim and walk, to sing and romp—they need to be the children of nature itself and be free to think and act.

Again it is the camp that provides the conditions that permit of freedom. The camp insists on "safety first," but it is for the most part scheduleless if it is intelligently conducted, because where rules abound freedom cannot abound.

The camp's greatest attraction to parents, however, must be its moral atmosphere. The primary purpose of the camp to succeed for long must be and is to send back to their homes and schools boys and girls equipped not only with stronger bodies but with purer minds and more robust and beautiful characters. The camp therefore attaches to its business of planning and supervising in a scientific way the boy's or girl's outing the high purpose of transmuting this life in the open into the charms of purity and strength, of grace and goodness, of beauty and character.

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