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A notable revival of the old-time "spelling bee" took place at Cleveland during the sessions of the National Educational Association and under the auspices of that organization. Six thousand persons witnessed the contest for the national championship between teams of eighth grade students from the schools of Cleveland, Pittsburg, New Orleans and Erie, Pa. The Cleveland team won, scoring only 23 out of 100 words. Pittsburg was second, with 41 misses. New Orleans third, with 65, and Erie fourth, with 85.

The victory was a personal triumph for a little dusky maiden, Marie C. Bolden, 13 years old, daughter of a negro mail carrier of Cleveland, who spelled every word correctly, both in oral and the written tests. The convention was swept with a storm of applause at her demonstration, the result of which was made known far down the line of announcements on the big blackboard, and at a time when her score meant a victory for Cleveland, the earlier announcements having put Pittsburg and New Orleans in the lead.

The little girl was congratulated by hundreds, even members of the New Orleans spelling team shaking her hand when President Francis H. Haserot of the Cleveland Board of Education pinned to her dress the gold medal which denotes the championship of American public school spellers.

"I did not enter the spelling contest," she said as she stepped from the Hippodrome platform, "for personal glory, but to try to help bring honor to my teacher and my school. I studied spelling all I could, and believe I have learned to spell from reading the newspapers. There are very few words in every-day use that do not appear continually in the papers."

While the New Orleans team stood only third in the total of correctly spelled words, it numbered more individual star performers than any of the others. Some of the little ones, who, through stage fright, had not done their best, cried bitterly as they filed from the platform, and could not be comforted. They buried their heads in the cushions of the rest room and cried until their eyes were red.

Mae Thursty of Pittsburg, who also submitted a perfect paper, was given a medal by the Pittsburg Board of Education. For winning third place, Superintendent Warren Easton of the New Orleans schools announced that he would give his pupil a trip to Mammoth Cave as well as to Niagara Falls.

NEW YORK OLD CITY COLLEGE.

Rush of Students Gives it a New Lease of Life.

Graduates of the College of the City of New York of the older classes have been hearing good news in the last week or two. The old building at Twenty-third street and Lexington avenue, which sheltered all but this year's graduates during their college career, is not going to be torn down at once.

It was supposed that the completion of the new buildings on Washington Heights, which were dedicated a few months ago, would mean the immediate abandonment and demolition of the old pile, but the rush of students to the college has already swamped the new structures. So many new pupils have been admitted to the academic department of the college this year that the old building is needed to accommodate them.

It is a choice between that and hiring some other premises. It is now believed that at least five years must elapse before the old building can be dispensed with, and the alumni feel that a sentimental tragedy in their lives has been postponed just that long.

The city authorities are not so well pleased. They are afraid of getting the site for some other purpose on its cash value. One of the projects for the use of the property is to turn it into a high school and Mayor McClellan visited the building recently and went over to see if it could be adapted for this purpose.

It is not fireproof, however, and is in bad repair. Besides the valuable ground space is not fully utilized. It is believed that the building could not be converted economically to school uses. Anyway, the whole subject is now relegated to the future.

It has been a hope of the alumni that the attention of some wealthy man would be attracted to the building and that it would be bought and presented to the city for a museum or a public library. The idea of raising a subscription for this purpose has never been mooted, but the sun needed is so large as to be discouraging.

The attitude of the alumni is not based merely on their own veneration for their alma mater. The building has accumulated a tradition, as they put it, in the more than fifty years of its existence.

It is a link between the great New York of today and the city of bygone days. Begun in 1847 and opened in 1850, it was built literally in the open fields. There were no houses between it and the present Gramercy Park. From the site vessels could be seen sailing on the East River. North of it along the general line of Lexington avenue, there was a settlement of villa houses known as Rose Hill.

The site cost \$35,000. To this a few years later was added a plot on Twenty-second street, on which the academic department, now an annex to the Washington building, was built. This piece of land cost \$200,000, making a total of \$235,000. The whole site is now appraised at more than \$1,000,000.

The building cost \$25,000, the appropriation was \$50,000. The cost is figured out at 9 cents a cubic foot, and it is said to have been the most economically built public edifice ever put up in New York.

Christian College, Columbia, Mo.

The new catalogue of Christian college is now being distributed to those who apply for it. It was delayed a little while by the printers. It is really a work of art, and contains a vast amount of information for those who are seeking a college for the coming session. The frontispiece presents a panoramic view of the college buildings, and a part of the campus, and is without doubt, one of the most striking pictures of its kind produced in literature.

Dr. Moore has gone to Pentwater, Mich., where he will remain some weeks. A few weeks later Mrs. W. T. Moore, the president of the college, will join her husband and remain at the lake side as long as she can be spared from her college work. Mrs. J. C. Prentiss, vice president, has returned from Joplin, where she has been visiting her daughter. A. J. Will as a part of the remaining portion of the summer in work in preparation for the opening of the college in September.

The Hon. Morton H. Pemberton, who is also secretary of the college, has been appointed to assist in the business management of the college for the coming year. He is at present looking after his nomination. He will probably be nominated at the coming primary, and this will be an equivalent to election.

Very few changes have been made in the faculty of Christian college for the coming year, but one very important name has been added to the musical faculty, viz., Mr. Stanley Levy, late of Germany, who is a musician of international reputation. The curriculum of the college remains practically the same, viz., a four year's college preparatory course prepares for college or university courses, and a four year's full college course which leads to the A. B. degree. If a student can give only two years to the college work, this will be recognized by the B. L. degree, and for one year of college work the student will be graduated as Associate in Arts. Thus young women who cannot take the whole four year's collegiate course, but who desire a diploma for the work which they do, will be accommodated by this middle degree, between the high school graduation and the college graduation.

Tennis Courts at Brownell Hall.

The Brownell Hall girls in various parts of the west will be rejoiced to learn that the hill on the school grounds east of the building is to be leveled and sodded at once and will be ready for four full size tennis courts with plenty of space between in a few weeks' time.

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Russia's Polyglot Colleges.

Great Variety of Nationalities, Languages and Dialects.

Writing in the Student World, Eron Paul Nicolay says about Russian colleges: The Russian student world does not represent a compact homogeneous mass of Russians, but reflects the variety in different nationalities, which form 14,000,000 inhabitants of this empire and of its 100 or more languages and dialects.

This is especially apparent in the western universities, in Yoorft (Derpat), for example, where the Polish, German, Lettish, Esthonian and Russian students form distinct groups, the last comprising, besides "great" and "small" Russians, a number of Jews and of dark faced Armenians and Georgians are not on friendly terms with each other.

It is impossible before a correct census has been taken to give an exact estimate of the number of students in the Russian universities and about thirty-six high technical schools for men and in the ten or eleven higher institutions for women; but it is certain that the number has late greatly increased, having risen in St. Petersburg from 14,000 in 1905 to 29,500, including about 4,000 women. The total cannot be below 30,000. The students are concentrated in a few great centers, making access for work among them easier. All the universities and almost all of the high technical schools are nonresidential.

The distinctly Russian class of students produce on a foreigner an impression that is not prepossessing. With the exception of a few dandies in the capitals, they are mostly extremely poor and crowd into the universities without financial means, in hope of finding work or lessons to live on, and many are almost starving. A foreigner will also be struck by their unrefined, lack of enterprise and of perseverance, and the more than loose way in which they regard the very worst forms of sin. The sense of right and wrong seems to be obliterated to a terrible extent.

But much must be said in favor of these students, to make up for these dark outlooks. Russians are an emotional people, quick to feel and to act under impulse, open to the worst and the best, and highly influenced. You will hardly anywhere find more warm hearted, generous, unselfish people, once you have won their affections. They are willing to spend and be spent for a cause they have espoused. A woman student, living on 50 shillings a month, used to give 20 to her social democratic party. "What do you sacrifice?" is a usual question.

Wentworth Military Academy.

May 28 marked the close of the twenty-eighth year of this school. Many new features were added which helped to the success of the work of the cadets. In the academic work the special department for small boys improved greatly the work of the younger cadets. They are entirely removed from the older boys. The introduction of mounted artillery increased the interest in the military department to such an extent that the management has made arrangements for the introduction of cavalry the coming year. Special arrangements have also been made for giving personal attention to the more backward pupils.

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Captain Anderson of last year's faculty is spending the summer at the Young Men's Christian association camp at Lake Geneva.

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Tribe of Ben Har.

Law Wallace court No. 121 gave a program in its hall last Monday. Those participating were Miss Josephine Clark, Miss Loretta Barnett, Miss Pearl Hill, Miss Call and C. A. Erbe. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Hogan, Miss Kelly, Mr. Quinton and W. T. Schackelford. Miss Clark played a piano selection of her own composition entitled "Law Wallace Court No. 121." Monday evening a large class will be initiated and the degree team organized under Captain Rivley. Other important business will also be transacted.

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