

WHITTAKER'S EXAMINATION.

**HOW THE COLORED CADET ACQUITTLED
HIMSELF AT WEST POINT.**

Questioned in Philosophy, the Study in which he is Supposed to be Deficient—Opinions as to Whether he will be Dropped or Not

The second class, of which Whittaker is a member, was examined in philosophy, the study in which Whittaker is supposed to be the most deficient, this morning. The questioners were Prof. Michie and Capt. Sears, and the examination occurred before the Academic Board. There were twelve cadets in Whittaker's section, and each cadet was allowed to draw his question by lot from Capt. Sears's table. Whittaker drew the following question: "Show how to construct the tables and phenomena of the sun." After receiving the ques-

ton, he advanced to the blackboard and began to elucidate his problem. This occupied some time, during which the other cadets illustrated their own problems. Finally, he laid his work on the blackboard he faced the audience and awaited his turn to be questioned.

When Whittaker's turn came he was first interrogated by Prof. Michie. Whittaker stood erect with marker in hand, and his answers to the questions were given in a clear, strong voice, without the least show of trepidation, and only now and then slight embarrassment. As the cadet detailed his ideas from his drawings on the board, he now and then expressed a misunderstanding of the questions, when he would promptly say, "I do not quite understand," and then he would repeat the question and explain to the other cadets again as they listened. He was not alone in the room, spectators in the room. After finishing the questions in reference to matters on the board, he was asked a question or two in which he did, still facing the Board, Capt. Sears then began to interrogate him, and put such questions as, "What is the coefficient of elasticity as to the surface of elasticity?" and "What is the

When Whitaker took his seat an officer who was in attendance was asked how he thought the examination was. He replied, "My own opinion is, badly," and in a second or two he added, "I know his examination was." Whitaker was recalled after his first examination and asked to explain the principles that he had been asked to explain. He remained for a long time with his face to the blackboard before he attempted to give the answers. He was asked to turn around, but was soon after stopped by Prof. Michie, who, after asking him a few questions, and after he had given the answers to the figures, pronounced the latter wrong, and requested Whitaker to take his seat, Capt. Michie then asked him to give the answers to the class.

A member of the Board was asked when the results of Whitaker's examination would be made known, and he replied that the Board will probably not discuss the matter until to-morrow. He then asked if the examination could be made public for several days.

The examination was closed at 2:30 p. m. Addresses were made by Gen. Patterson, and by the President of the Board.

President of the Board of Visitors; Gen. Sherman, the de facto Secretary of War, Mr. Ramsey, and Gen. Grant Wilson. A portion of Ramsey's address to the orator was significantly in view of the Whitaker matter. It was as follows:

It is expected of you by your country that you will at all times sustain its honor. This you cannot do unless you sustain your own. It is expected of you that you will fully appreciate and maintain the great underlying principle of our Government, that all men are created equal, rights before the law of all its citizens. It is peculiarly the duty of all officers of the Government to maintain the honor and the most sacred principles of the Government. It is the duty of all officers of the Government to maintain the honor and the most sacred principles of the Government.

the duty of the graduates and undergraduates of the Academy, who are the beneficiaries of all our people, to strive for the realization of the ideal of the equality of strength—the equality of manhood—by recognizing the right of all persons, of whatever condition, to strive for the attainment of such position as their abilities and efforts may warrant. We are not to be content with being governed by imaginary superiority over any of our less fortunate fellow citizens born of adventitious circumstances, and thence ignoble to make active exhibition of our superiority. We are to be content with the esteem bequeathed us. A true manhood dictates the extending of a helping hand to lift up the lowly, and kind words of encouragement to those who are struggling to elevate themselves. We are to be content with the esteem we have thought to these suggestions and to cultivate not only

The address was loudly applauded. The cadets were awarded Cadets Wiley, Tate, and Barnard Officer's certificates cheered by the corps when they advanced to take theirs. This was significant, because upon these cadets Whittaker had cast suspicions.

Gen. Sherman's address was more of a humorous character, and created much merriment.

Gen. Miles' address was, in the main, full of practical advice to the graduating cadets, and was more for their future guidance.

There were fifty-three in the class, Cadets Batchelor, Watson, and Tripp being found wanting, leaving fifty to graduate.

CADET WHITTAKER'S LETTER.

Resolved to "Hide the Sorrow of an Injured Heart Beneath a Smiling, Meek Face."

The Rev. Justin D. Fulton, who visited Washington on Wednesday, at the request of several colored ministers of this city, to re-

quost Mr. Hayes, John Sherman, Mr. Ramsey, and Senator Blaine to interest themselves in seeing justice done to Cadet Whittaker, has returned to Brooklyn pleased with the result of his mission. He thinks that Whittaker is guiltless of the charge of mutilating himself. He has received the following letter from Whittaker:

WEST POINT, NEW YORK, JUNE 2, 1880.

DEAR DOCTOR: I read your letter with interest and thank you for your noble, kind words. I suppose you have seen the report and opinion of the court. All is

against me, but I bear it with all the courage that belongs to a man of my kind. And while my heart feels as if it were crushed and bleeding for Joseph, I am glad that I have been able to do this. I shall not even mention the fact that I have been wrong. I shall put every moment in my power to making up to Joseph for the wrong I have done him, and for the wrong I have done to the injured heart beneath a smiling, meek face.

Pray for me, and if there is any way in which you can do me in these dark hours, feel that you help an entirely helpless man. I shall be so glad when I know I have done no wrong. Yet all this I shall do for you, even now to me, "I will never leave thee." Graciously.

WHITTAKER.

The Asot Heath Races.

LONDON, June 11.—The race for the Hardwick Stakes came off at Ascot today, and was won by Mr. C. Blanton's four-year-old chestnut colt, *Exeter*, Count F. de Lanza's four-year-old chestnut colt *Rayon d'Or*, second, and Mr. R. C. Naylor's three-year-old bay colt, *The Abbot*, third. The betting list before the race was to the effect that *Exeter* would win at 10 to 1, *Rayon d'Or* at 10 to 1, and *The Abbot* at 25 to 1, against Mr. R. C. Naylor's four-year-old bay colt, *Exeter*, which was backed by a head horse, *Rayon d'Or*, with *The Abbot* a bad third.

In the race for the Ascot High Weight Plate, for three-year-olds and upward, the mile and a quarter, which was

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Rhode Island's Boy Murderer.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 11.—In the Justice Court at Johnston today, the boy Walter Winsor was adjudged probably guilty of murdering Miss Anna Potter, and was committed to await trial. He took little interest in the proceedings. In leaving the courtroom he stepped up to a relative and muttered: "It had a chance I'd paralyze you."

The Thermometer in New York Yesterday.
At Hudson's Pharmacy at 3 A. M. 62°; 6 62°;
9, 60°; 12, 74°; 3 P. M. 80°; 6, 74°; 9, 60°; 12, 68°.

The Signal Office Prediction.

For the middle Atlantic States, stations of falling barometer, winds mostly south by west; in the cloudy weather, possible occasional heavy rains in the eastern portion; stationary or higher temperature.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The National Democratic Committee has issued the following:

"A meeting of the National Democratic Committee will be held at the Grand Hotel, Cincinnati, on Monday, June 21, at 12 o'clock P. M. The agenda is: "Pastor," "Secretary Democratic National Committee."