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TIME and again we have spoken this year about the want of music in our chapel exercises. Why can not last year's plan be carried out now? Was the singing disagreeable to the students at large? On the contrary, we think we can truly say that there never was a time when more order and general attention to the services prevailed than last year. Can not we do something to prevent the inattention which so many show now? Why, a stranger entering our chapel during service would have strong reason to think that many of the students had come there ostensibly for the purpose of lounging on the benches, or of making a general studying-room out of a sacred place. Certainly he would infer that the especial duty of every one was sadly neglected by nearly all. Only ten minutes a day set apart to the service of God, and those minutes spent in a listless negligence of that service. We would not speak of this matter if our paper did not try to be truly a student's paper. An evil which so stares every one in the face should, we think, deserve the consideration of every college man. This is why we ask for music, because it would help to relieve this evil. All who were present at the service on Prayer Day remember how well the singing sounded. Let the men, then, who formed the choir

on that day exert themselves and start this very much needed addition to our daily service. Let us have some life in our college; let there be more outward signs of personal energy. We had an editorial in our last paper touching somewhat on this matter, and we hope that it will now receive immediate attention.

THE hour spent by either the Juniors or Seniors, every Monday afternoon, in No. 4, certainly should be made one of the most useful of the week. But is it thus made? Now this is a subject which concerns every college man. One of the greatest advantages in a college course, and one which serves a man well when out in the world, is the training obtained from literary culture. It matters not whether Theology, Law, Medicine, Engineering or Business is to be the life work, an ability to address bodies of men always at some time comes in play. Now, if any proficiency is obtained in this art, it must be acquired by labor. We believe that the majority of students do put that labor on their orations. Now, why did we ask the question, "Is this hour made thus useful?" Because we do not think that some students behave themselves during this hour as becomes dignified and thoughtful men. Do we wish to make child's play of this all-

important study? Should not consideration be shown for the speaker whose oration has, or ought to have, occupied his all-important time? Put yourself in his place, standing up before a *giggling* crowd, and see if you can then obtain the standard for that oration which the former labor has deserved. We decry this practice in behalf of those who are trying for excellence in this work, and we hope not to be disregarded.

THE lecture in the chapel, on Wednesday, the 31st of January, was listened to by every one with intense interest. The earnest manner of the speaker, the clear and practical points which he brought forward, together with his rich, full voice, drew the full attention of his audience. The subject, "Manliness," he applied particularly to college men and to their relation as future citizens of a country which he thinks is destined to be the grandest in the world's history. Although an Englishman, Mr. Graham has identified himself with this country, and is now engaged in the noble work of temperance reform. Coming to us with many years' experience of lecturing among all classes of English people, he is well qualified to fulfil his intended mission.

WOULD it not be admissable for the Seniors to make some move in secur-

ing a photographer, as was done last year. It seems to us that the plan then adopted was a most efficient one, as it was more convenient than any other. Mr. Pach seemed to have given general satisfaction to '82, and we see no reason why he should not be engaged again. Beside this, he has many negatives of college scenery, taken last spring, and if he was settled here, those views could be obtained at a much more reasonable rate.

Now that we are settled in the new recitation rooms and as they are too warm for one to remain during the hour with an over-coat on, would it be too much that hooks should be placed in the different rooms for coats and hats? Both these articles at present have to be piled promiscuously on a long bench, not always to the advantage of a nice coat or a stiff hat.

DURING the long winter term when college men are necessarily confined a good deal to their rooms, in what more useful manner can they spend leisure hours than in reading the works of the best authors. After a man leaves college and enters upon life's work, there is not much time for such reading and so the golden moments should now be cultivated. We know that the regular course at Union, takes up the better portion of our time, but every man who has

no extra work can with proper economy of hours spend at least one day in literary culture. Perhaps many useful moments are wasted by loafing in other rooms.

THE Inter-Collegiate Press Association, which has of late been the subject of so much comment among college papers is now fully organized and seems so far to be a success. A meeting was held on Dec. 27th, at Hamilton Hall, Columbia and was attended by about seventy-five delegates, only ten of whom signed the constitution. Those were the *Athenæum*, *Argo*, *Amherst Student*, *Brunonian*, *Harvard Herald*, *Columbia*, *University Magazine* and *Vassar Miscellany* and the *Argonaut* and *Chronicle* of Michigan University. All these papers are representatives of thriving institutions and we hope will be able to carry out the plans of the Associations. Many of the leading papers are still standing off undecided whether to join or not. One of the good effects of the Association is to be seen in the "general college notes" in the *Argo*.

WE again ask for a larger support from the men of the college. We are striving hard now to put our paper upon a higher level and to do so two things are essential—namely, financial support and literary contributions. Gentlemen if you wish your college paper to be a represen-

tative of old Union, come forward *now* and give us your hearty co-operation.

WE wish to return thanks to those who have kindly informed us how to conduct this paper. We have been surprised at the number of Greeleys, Raymonds and Weeds, to be found in our midst. Why these gifted individuals remain in the back ground and only show their talents when, an edition having been issued, they approach the editors and inform them of various sins of omission and commission, we do not understand. We are mortal (we are sorry to confess it) and make many blunders, but why do not these gentlemen who know all about the correct way step to the front? The sundry elegant and pointed remarks made by some men if the paper is a few days late would seem to betoken an intense interest to procure a few copies. Most of them take *one* copy and have it charged, so the editor can have the pleasure of collecting it; others read their neighbor's copy. We do not desire to find fault but we respectfully suggest there are two ways of looking at everything and we would like all to try both,

## THE BIRTH OF WASHINGTON.

A dimpled babe was born one wintry day,  
 'Mid February's inauspicious cold.  
 Who thought, as softly cradled then he lay,  
 He would be called a nation's sire, when old?  
 That ages hence his story would be told?  
 Or dreamed, then gazing on that heavenly sight,  
 That he would lead with spirit dauntless bold,  
 The legions of the free, the hosts of right,  
 To happy liberty, or glorious death?  
 Pillowed in smiles, he draws his gentle breath,  
 Or tastes the dreamless sleep of babyhood;  
 Whilst all the gods do weave th' immortal  
 wreath,  
 To crown him chief of all the "great and good,"  
 The grand exemplar of heroic faith.

A. B. B., '85.

## AN HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE ENGLISH STAGE.

People of all classes and ages have been fond of seeing the deeds of men and gods represented on the stage. The perfection of the play has been in many instances contemporaneous with the progress of civilization and culture. It is difficult for us, in this reading age, to properly estimate the effect of the theater upon the minds of a people unacquainted with books. It was the popular vehicle of intelligence in Greece, whose example succeeding nations have followed.

It is, however, with the English drama with which we shall interest ourselves, since the stage of the "English in their three homes" is a type of that of all theater-going peoples of the present day.

The English drama has gone through many curious and interest-

ing phases. The Britons anciently were wholly occupied with wars, and were little given to the cultivation of literature or intellectual amusements. As soon as the nation procured a little leisure, the people, naturally dramatic, were accustomed to congregate in the courts of their inns to witness various theatrical performances,

Previous to the fifteenth century, the spirit of the age found expression in "Miracle" plays, or representations of Scripture incidents, such as the "Resurrection" and the "Deluge." These were often enacted without any regard to the probabilities of time or place. The Virgin Mary was likely to appear in the latest French styles, and Pontius Pilate would stride about with high boots and spurs. So little attention was paid to chronology that, in the play of the "Deluge," Noah's wife swears that she will not take passage on the ark, until, finally, Noah persuades her to embark, after a sound cudgeling with a stick whose calibre the patriarch limits to the "thickness of her husband's thumb."

Old manuscripts have been found which, with ludicrous system, state some of the expenses incurred at these extensive spectacular exhibitions.

The following items we of to-day would say indicated the "gross ma-



terialism of the age: "Payd to players, *imprimis*, to God, 11s.; for keeping fyre at hell's mouth, 111 s."

In the play of the "Mysteries," the Creator was represented as a person of very extravagant ideas of dress. Here are some entries: "Payd for gilding God's coat; payd for a pair of gloves for God; payd for the trimmynges of the Father of Heaven."

The "Passion Play," which a few managers are trying to inflict upon the American public, is essentially similar to the Miracle play, and our magistrates are wise in suppressing what was the result of ignorance and superstition in the fifteenth century, but what would be blasphemy in this.

About the middle of the sixteenth century, the "Moral" play came into vogue. It employed human actors as the allegorical representation of attributes and characteristics. Some of the subjects were, "Virtue," "Hypocrasie," and "Good Counsel." As before the Miracle play was the result of the power of the mysterious and supernatural over the people's minds, so the moral play was the manifestation of the tendencies of the Reformation.

The "Real" place which vividly reproduced the scenes of real life, touching the springs of human passion, gradually displaced the moral

play and finally reached the climax of its perfection with Shakspeare.

The drama of that day recognized and supplied the needs of advanced civilization and with little alteration from its original conception has for over two centuries contributed to men a vast wealth of enjoyment.

In this liberal and enlightened age we often wonder where the excessive religious prejudice against the stage originated.

Very early in its history the stage met serious opposition and the dislike of certain kinds of plays finally gave place to a fierce prejudice against everything attaching to the stage. However, the first aggressive opposition to the play sprang from Puritans, the absence of all humor and mirth from whose lives rendered them at variance with all worldly pleasures, from dancing and play-going to the eating of a Christmas mince pie. Nevertheless in the Puritan days the stage had greatly degenerated from what it was under the fostering care of the literary Elizabethan era. The grossness, cruelty, wantonness, profanity and immorality, which had crept into the drama, was due to the influence of Italian and Spanish literature from which plots and scenes of horrors and lust were borrowed.

Hence it is not strange that the Puritans whose life was passed in

what Milton called "a dim religious light," should have hated the stage as an "abomination of the devil."

It was one of the peculiarities of the time that in the performance, boys took the parts of women to which may perhaps be attributed the impure language and the careless jests which were put into the mouths of women.

The salutary influence of the Puritans upon the objectional features of the stage, has transmitted the drama to later times, chaste, refined and elevated, but the prejudice begotten two centuries ago unfortunately is not yet extinct.

The stage throughout its entire history, it will be observed, is the reflection of the religious, moral or immoral tendencies of the age. In the drama, can be read the thoughts, feelings and pursuits of the people of its day. Man loves to see his own life reproduced amid artistic surrounding. Theaters are the necessary accompaniment of literature, science and art and if instead of decrying them, some of our hypocritical, super-suspicious, shut-me-from-the-world clergymen would devote a part of their energy to the elevation and purification of the stage, they would be rendering important service to the cause of the harmless amusements of our active and over-worked American people. The stage has given

rise to a numerous profession whose claims to notice as a factor in society are as well based as those of the legal, medical or clerical professions.

And while its leading members, both personally and through their dramatic journals, are exerting all their power to maintain the dignity and the respectability of their profession, they should meet the approbation and aid, instead of the sneers and opposition of all thinking men.

D. B.

THE SONG OF THE LAHDYDADA,  
THE TWIN BROTHER OF HIAWATHA.  
A POEM. [\*Note at end of poem].

BY JESSE JAMES HOWLS, JR.

*Prologue.*

Come, O Muse, from out thy corners;  
Help me sing this painful ditty;  
And the muse came out and helped me—  
Better she had never come.

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When the red heat of the summer  
Had clothed Dame Nature with brightest verdure;  
When the apple, the harvest apple,  
Bloomed upon the swaying tree boughs;  
When the rabbit, with tail uplifted,  
Skipped across the fragrant meadow;  
When the squirrel, with merry chattering,  
Danced aloft among the branches,  
And the little birdlings flittered  
From tree to tree with sweetest warbling  
Then the lithesome Lahdydada  
Gladdenod was within his "bussom,"  
He, the twin of Hiawatha,  
He, shyest of that noble family,  
Noticed that the juicy melon  
Grew so quietly in Jones's garden;  
And these sights, some how or other,  
Made him smile a ghastly smole.  
Much the twinier of the twinlets,



For, not like his older brother,  
 Did he roam the mighty forests ;  
 Chased he not the red deer panting  
 'Till it died from sheer exhaustion ;  
 Nor did the squirrel sing out to him  
 Not to point his "shooter" thither.  
 Totally unlike his brother 'Watha  
 Was this shyest of shy hunters.  
 He did not chase the tired game,  
 Killing where e'er the chance was offered.  
 Dealt he gently with the captured.  
 Softly did he fill his game-bag,  
 Which was not of coarsest leather,  
 Like that of fiercer Hiawatha;  
 But was made of finer texture,  
 Of the cloth known as bagging,  
 Was this bag of Lahdydada.

It was not in broadest daylight,  
 Not when sunshine kissed the flowers,  
 Did this twin of Hiawatha  
 Wander forth in quest of 'venture;  
 But when night obscured the landscape,  
 When the air was hushed in silence,  
 Save the barkings of the bull-dog,  
 When the neighbors their beds had taken,  
 And had lost their wits in slumber,  
 Went he forth in search of fodder,  
 Such as melons, apples, peaches;  
 Even the delicious pears  
 Fell victim to his love of plunder.  
 Such in brief is what I learned  
 From the hedges by the wayside,  
 From the barbs of wire fences  
 Where entangled might be seen  
 Remnants of a tattered garment,  
 From the mouths of various neighbors,  
 From the growls of several watch-dogs.

Often had this wary hunter  
 Come nightly near to getting nabbed;  
 Often had he 'scaped the clutches  
 Of the infuriated watchman,  
 Oftener had his hinder-mostest  
 Felt the hot breath of the purpling,  
 But never yet had he been worsted.  
 Fleet of foot and eelish slippery,  
 He was like the little grasshopper,  
 So hard was he to lay his hands on.  
 But as all things must have an end,  
 Likewise, too, must Lahdydada,  
 Likewise, too, this painful ditty.

It was on one August evening  
 That he ventured forth for melons,  
 With his bag of baggy bagging,  
 Skimmed he one and all the fences,  
 Like unto the buoyant swallow,  
 Till he came to Jones' garden,  
 Enclosed by fence some ten feet high.  
 Cleared was this like all the others;  
 But he reckoned not his hostess.  
 There amid the pile of melons  
 Crouched the fierce and bloody bull-dog.  
 Lahdydada saw his mistake,  
 Now too late to make amendments,  
 For at once the purpling grabbed him,  
 Grabbed him by the "hinder-mostest,"  
 Tendereft part of Lahdydada;  
 Chirped the cricket, croaked the bull-frog.  
 Forth went one yell of bitter sorrow  
 From the lips of Lahdydada.  
 Then he ran for all his worth  
 With the purpling hanging to him.  
 Over hedge and fence they bounded  
 Till they disappeared from vision,  
 Ne'er to re-appear again.  
 Gone forever was the hunter,  
 Never more beheld by mortal.

Still the rabbit sniffs the soft wind;  
 Still the squirrel cracks the beechnut;  
 Still the birds their ditties murmur,  
 Yet they marvel where is vanished  
 Lahdydada, the timid hunter.  
 None save the owl can tell the story;  
 There he sits upon the tree top,  
 Hooting forth the painful ditty  
 Of the twin of Hiawatha.

\*NOTE—The author has written the above poem in order to show the negligence of the poet Longfellow in not even mentioning the twin brother of Hiawatha in his beautiful poem of that name.

It is impossible to account for Longfellow's action in the matter, for any one who will compare the two poems will see that Lahdydada was the greater hero of the two.

### THE PARABLE OF THE LOST DOG.

Once there happened unto Union  
 a Freshman and he had not abided  
 long before he marveled much at the  
 sights he saw. Now it came to pass

that as he strolled one afternoon in the suburbs of Schenectady with his dog, a butcher's dog appeared upon the scene and did kidnap that dog. And Freshie was rent with grief and exclaimed "it shall be found." And for two and twenty days he neither ate nor drank, but sought it far and near. One day after this fast, as he was eating hash at his boarding house, lo! he ran across the buckle of his dog's collar and holding the dish of hash before him, he spake "rejoice and be exceeding glad for this is my dog which was lost but is found again." And they wept and verily there was no more hash eaten on that day.

#### FRESHIE'S VALENTINE.

It was St. Valentines eve. The midnight oil in Freshie's lamp burned low, as he sat, pen in hand, before his desk, puzzling over a suspicious looking manuscript, while his Soph. chum lay snoring in arms of old Morpheus.

The beads of sweat upon his brow, the occasional clutching of his hair with his unoccupied hand and the play of emotion about his mouth bore evidence that it was very hard work for Freshie. For some time past this gay and festive youth had been enamored of a certain girl in the town and as St. Valentine's day drew near he had been on the lookout for a suitable token of love to send her,

but nowhere could he find one pleasing, at once, to his artistic eye and purse.

Now about a week before the day which above all others is most delightfully looked forward to by our young ladies, it suddenly struck him that something original in the poetic line would do more to make him chivalrous in her eyes than all the fancy fixings that money could buy.

Thus we find him on St. Valentine's eve trying to bring to a close the poem, which had cost him so many nights of toil.

At length he dropped his pen and with an air of relief leaned back in his chair—The Valentine was finished. Shortly he consigned it to an envelope, putting off directing it until morning. Freshie neglected to read his Bible that night, so sleepy was he and no sooner had he touched the sheets than sleep relieved his troubled brain of all earthly cares. Now arose the Soph and going to his trunk, took therefrom an envelope exactly resembling the one which contained Freshie's poem and a comic Valentine. Then holding the latter to the stove light for one last look, he beheld a very slim young female, in dishabille standing before her toilet bureau. Her false teeth and hair lay upon the marble top directly in front of the glass, while calfs, hips, bustles and padding mixed

with other debris, were strewn around her.

Below all this was a verse in bold type, not especially calculated to enhance the beautiful sentiment revealed in the picture.

A broad grin spread over Soph's features as he slipped it in the envelope, sealed it, and substituted it for the one Freshie had laid upon the table.

Back to bed he now went and slept the sleep of the innocent for the remainder of the night. The next morning Freshie mailed his valentine. "Ah," thought he, as he dropped it in the letter-receiver, "what a surprise this will be to her, my own little Birdie," and it was a surprise. That evening he sauntered down to see his Birdie and at eight o'clock prompt rung the door bell on her pa's front stoop. The old woman answered his ring, but no sooner did she discover who her visitor was, than she flew into a violent passion, and hurled the umbrella-stand square at his head, then a barometer and cuspidor followed in rapid succession, sandwiched by the occasional grip of a yellow dog at his pants-leg. The brother now came upon the scene and went at him tooth and nail.

In vain he attempted to explain,—every word he uttered only increased the number and fierceness of the enemy's assaults.

Next the old man appeared and uttering a growl of rage, straightway went for the old army musket which lay behind his overalls in the closet.

About this time Freshie began to think that his darling's family had some slight prejudice against him, but nevertheless he held his own, determined not to quit the field of action until he had seen his Birdie. The onslaughts of the enemy still continued. It seemed to him that the whole inside of the house had been hurled at his person. Meanwhile he heard the old man upstairs ramming home a load of buckshot, and somehow or other he began to feel a little home sick. Then came the click of the hammer, as a cap was fitted on. He had only one resort left now and that was to summon Birdie upon the scene. Accordingly, he called, "Birdie," not softly and sweetly as he had been wont to do when the weather permitted his under-the-window serenades, but with a good, full, healthy yell of mingled pain and sorrow. His call was answered. At the window directly above him she appeared and for a moment he saw that sweet face resplendent in the fair moonlight, but only for a moment did the beautiful vision linger and then a churn full of slops descended and moistened the physical aspects of Freshie and the yellow dog. "And thou too Birdie!" he sadly said, and heaving

a parting shot at the brother with the door mat he retreated to the gate and with one last glance at the scene of carnage, leaked out for more peaceful climes.

A cry of "Frosh" from a neighboring window did not tend materially to lessen his discomfiture as he sped along and vanished into the night.

The next day Freshie made a curious remark to his chum that it was strange how some people were affected by poetry, and Soph snickered quietly in his sleeve and agreed with him.

JUNIOR.

#### PRAYER DAY EXERCISES.

Thursday, January 25th, was Prayer Day for the colleges. The day was observed by proper services held in the chapel and by suspension of regular college duties. At eleven o'clock the chapel was well filled with students and many persons from the city.

The exercises began with the hymn, "It is well with my soul," by the Glee Club. Dr. Potter then read the lesson, and made a most appropriate prayer. Then was sung the hymn, "Have you any room for Jesus?" After this a sermon was preached by Rev. Wm. A. V. V. Mabon, of New Brunswick, N. J.

The text was, "And the Lord  
*Simon - chosen?*

called Samuel the third time," I. Samuel III., 8. The life, character and achievements of Samuel were held up as an example after which to pattern, and thus reach success. The discourse was divided into two parts: first, the sources of character; and, secondly, the elements of great character. The speaker considered the mother, family and the school as the great sources of character. He drew illustrations from the lives of Samuel, St. Augustine, Wesley and Washington. The success of these men, he said, was due to the influence of virtuous womanhood. Then were considered the elements of great character. The first element was a distinct personality, together with intelligence and will. A man must have an Ego, not an Echo.

The second element was, an inflexible purpose. A man must have definite ends in view. He must have clear ideas and certain knowledge. The third element was an apprehension of the moral above the material. A man must contend for principles and ideas. Revelation should be the guide. Then he spoke of the justice of such a life, and of the satisfaction one would feel if they influenced others for good, and made themselves a light unto other men.

He then closed by saying that already the Lord has called every stu-

dent twice, at home and in early youth, and now he came to deliver a third call to all, to live a life like Samuel. He plead for all to heed this third call.

This was followed by a very earnest prayer from the preacher, after which the hymn, "Hiding in Thee" was sung. Then came the Benediction.

This service was very impressive, and the sermon being such a plain, common sense one, all understood it and undoubtedly were influenced.

#### AN EPISODE.

How sweet he did look, the other afternoon, as he strolled down College Hill, with that purple tie which he got Christmas, and the dizzy plush cap poised gracefully on the top of his head. The cause of so much effort to look picturesque was coming up on the opposite side of the street. His eyes now took to themselves a sort of beautiful, wistful look, while the natural, graceful swing of his body was materially aided by the angular movements of his arms at his side.

But how suddenly misfortune overtakes its victims, especially when they think themselves secure from the most adverse fates.

The whirr—the whizz of a descending bob was all he heard, and that sunny picture of manly grace

was no more. Presently he emerged from a snow-bank, collarless and hatless, and shed a silent tear of regret over his calamity.

Who, even among the most total of abstainers, will blame that sorely tried youth, when they learn that, in eleven whisky sours, he straightway strove to drown his misery.

EYE-WITNESS.

#### Local.

—There is a dearth of locals.

—The dancing schools of the city are well patronized by students.

—College Fair—second week of next term.

—Hobbs '85, recently made us a short call.

—Is J. J. Drowne going to assist at the college fair?

—Prof. Staley has had a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

—The present Junior German class is the largest one for some years.

—How is it that the Juniors are not taking physical culture this term?

—Rev. W. R. Woodbridge assisted in the exercises at chapel on February 1st.

—A Soph. translates *plauastro equoque viventes*—"Living in a wagon drawn by horses."

—The Juniors commenced their work under Prof. Foster, on Monday, the 5th inst.

—Much to the disappointment (?) of the under classes, drill ceased, for a while last month.

—The students ought to make an effort to patronize those who advertise in THE CONCORDIENSIS.

—The Seniors had an examination in Butler's Analogy on Thursday the 8th.

—Judging by the boast of the Soph's, cremation at the close of this term will be accompanied by gore.

—We received a very pleasant call from James R. Fairgrieve '82 a few days ago. Jim reports prosperity.

—A Senior was not long since heard to speak about the argument by St. George on Political Economy.

—A man who hasn't taken in a hop lately wishes to know if the *rick-rack* is danced much.

—This is the time when more Hellos are said backwards than during any other time of the year.

—In place of lectures by Prof. Perkins in Chemistry this term, a text book has been substituted simply to keep an interest.

—The committees on arrangements for class suppers, have searched the neighboring cities and are unable to report a fifty cent place.

—Many of the students have been unable to attend recitation on account of colds. They are not the common, ordinary, eight-day colds, but appear to be contagious.

—It takes a pretty lively sheep to strike a two-forty gait and jump over its own *baas*.

—Coats a la soup—A Senior was asked recently if he intended to graduate in *ox-tail coat*.

—Some of the students are studying short-hand, which no doubt will prove very useful to them.

—The Senior Engineers were entertained by Prof. Staley, at his house, on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst.

—Maj. McMurray has commenced his drill again. He is very busy now with the History, which he expects to publish soon.

—There is a comparative dearth of smokers since the beginning of Lent. Would that it were Lent all the time, says Soph. P—.

—The class in Stereotomy is doing some very good and interesting work. We are glad it has been introduced into the course.

—The weather has been so cold that some of the Juniors thought it desirable to begin their study of heat at the beginning of the term.

—Templeton, '84, recently made us a call. We were glad to see him looking so well and hope he will keep improving.

—The college orchestra received an invitation to play at a church sociable but owing to the promiscuous state of affairs they declined.

—The Juniors have completed their work in Mechanics, under Prof. Price, who performed various experiments at the close.



—Dr. Potter has been in New York making negotiations for the sale of some College property, valued at \$150,000.

—The members of the class of '81 who reside in Albany and vicinity recently had a supper in memory of their college days.

—Prof. Price has been making some interesting experiments in Hydrostatic and Hydronamics, for the retiring class in Mechanics.

—We hope to be favored, as of yore, by a day set apart for field sports. All are interested and hope to see Unions record second to none.

—Men trying for a position on the nine are soon to take regular work in the gymnasium under the direction of the captain, McElwain, '83.

—North College has a shooting gallery attached. Some are becoming quite excellent marksmen. But how about your target?

—All seem to miss the use of the encyclopedias. We are waiting for the time when we will have free access to them.

—We see by the bulletin-board that Prof. Lamaroux now has his room in the Washburne building. We are glad to see that the rooms are so rapidly being occupied.

—The Freshies must go to bed early, if they call 4 P. M. night. A notice was posted lately saying there would be a meeting of the Freshman class "to-night at 4 P. M."

—Dr. Wortman, one of the Trustees visited the college the latter part of January. He listened to the wisdom of the Seniors in Butler's Analogy.

Rumor has it that in a recent communication from A. S. Anable, '85, he expressed a desire to return to Union and also said that he might possibly do so.

—Prof. in Astronomy—"Mr. —, will you describe this instrument?"

Student—"Well, sir; I think—my idea is—er—"

Prof.—"Ah, then, you have an idea. Let us hear it."

Student—"Well, sir; it—er—er."

Prof.—"That'll do."

Student sits down.

—Not long ago some Freshies were seen going about with downcast faces, asking if it was so that the Faculty were going to pass a resolution not to let the students go off the hill any time but Friday night. Evidently some designing or joking person had been imposing on the Freshies' fears and credulity.

—The old stone walk, from Blue Gate to South College, remains as slippery as ever, and daily numerous students are seen rubbing their bruised limbs, and looking mournfully at the ground with which they have been in contact. Can not such an intolerable nuisance be removed? A great mistake was made last Hallow E'en night.

—Class suppers have been the all-absorbing subject in the recent class meetings. The Seniors have yet made no move at all for a supper. The Juniors are yet undecided, but the more energetic under class-men have made full arrangements for a grand time far away from "Old Dorp's" quiet surroundings. The Sophs, having elected W. L. Mills as toastmaster, will hold their supper at the American House, in Troy, on Thursday, the 15th of February. The Freshmen, with H. L. Judson as

toastmaster, will have theirs on February 23d, probably at the Mansion House, in Troy.

—The following are some bright effusions drawn from the English class:

Soph. M. maintained that the Saxon chronicle derived its subject matter from the Gospels. " " "

Soph. A. mentioned Winkenstein as one of the Saxon invaders. He knows.

Soph. P. made some remarks about the female Queen Boadicea.

—Rather ambiguous. "By the way, Tom what do you think of my new shoes, 'eh old boy?" and Tom as he took in their magnificent dimensions, murmured: "Simply immense."

—We acknowledge the receipt of a sample card of Gillott's fine pens. Everybody is so well acquainted with the merits of this make that it is needless to add our tribute.

—Through a mistake, the advertisement of Duryee's Drug Store was omitted in our last issue. We regret the omission and hope that the students will see that it is no loss.

—A "townie" was speaking about some students he had met recently and on being asked what class they belonged to he artlessly replied: "Oh! first class—they were well dressed."

—The new catalogue, with its most truthful statements, has again made its appearance. It seems to us that the course of study could be made to coincide more nearly with the course pursued. We might call attention to the fact that Newcomb's algebra is studied now.

—CULINARY.—Many a young wife on settling down to house-keeping learns to her sorrow that after all she has mashed "pretty small potatoes" and that "her goose is cooked."

—To Shakespeare's question, "What's in a name?" we would answer, everything is sometimes. If he were at our boarding house he would find that all the difference between tea, coffee and hot water is in the name.

—Professor in Physiology, "Mr. H., what is the covering around the heart called?" Mr. H. reflecting for some time, Professor attempts to prompt him, "Isn't it the peri—?" Mr. H., "Oh yes, the peritonitis."

—The Seniors begun their work in Hebrew, under Mr. Maxon, on the 31st of last month. The embryo-preachers only are taking it so far. They have three recitations a week.

—Arrangements have at last been completed for another joint-debate between the Adelphic and Philomathean Societies. The question agreed upon is, "Resolved that a Limited Monarchy is the best form of Government for France." The Adelphic speakers, Adriance, '83, Hutchinson, '84, and Neagle, '84, will maintain the affirmative and the Philomathean speakers, Benedict, '84, Allison, '84, and Phelps, '85, the negative. These debates have always proved interesting, not only to the students but to their friends in the city, and we hope that the present champions will keep up the former interest. Preparation for the debates requires time and labor, but to no better purpose can time and labor be given than to a well-conducted argument. Those who have taken part in the previous joint-de-

bates acknowledge fully the truth of his statement. The judges this time are Judge Landon, Prof. Staley and Prof. Alexander.

—Prof. Whitehorne has been a little unwell with colds, but is now much better.

—We will state for the benefit of the inmates of North College, that it is not yet the "Glorious Fourth," though the periodical fire-cracker has made its appearance.

—The Sophs have decided to print programmes of their class supper, whether it be held or not. Some persons are evidently very anxious to see their names in print.

—We think that the Latin course should be amended so that some Latin drama should be read—Plautus, Terence, or Seneca. The present Juniors and Sophomores have as yet read no Latin play. We hope next year to see a change.

—At a meeting of the Freshman class, Frosh L. became very much "enthused" in the discussion relative to the date appointed for the class supper and ejaculated that it must not be held on the fourteenth as that was Washington's birthday.

—We regret very much to announce the loss of Dr. Pierson as college physician. The Dr. was prompt and reliable and was well liked by the students.

—The Spur, a literary club in this city, which has existed for some years, and has accomplished only the highest social and intellectual attainments for its members, held a meeting the 27th of January at the Second Reformed church. Prof Alex-

ander kindly consented to be present and lecture. He first read a review of five years work of the Society, drawn up by Mrs. Dr. Foster, after which he lectured on the subject, "Woman's work at the present time." The address was very instructive and interesting and was highly appreciated by those present.

—Mr. Robert Graham, the great temperance worker, recently addressed the students at College chapel on his most familiar subject, Temperance. Mr. Graham has labored many years in this cause and coming from his larger fields of work—England and New York city—his lecture could not fail to produce the desired effect. It was largely attended by students and friends of the college who report an instructive and able effort.

—Some of the Alumni of the college would be surprised to know that the sub-faculty, Elizabeth, Aumie and Colonel Pickett, are yet treading the path of duty.

—Who could walk from North college to his boarding-house on Sunday morning the 4th of February, without having thoughts unworthy of the day? One could have very well imagined himself a castaway on a floating ice-field. Bruised knees and wet cuffs, were the order of the day.

—Tom Adams, '84, was in town a few days last week. He has been in Texas ever since he left Union, trying his luck on a ranche. Tom looks as if an out-door life and sunshine have done its work with him. He thinks Texas a driving state and a good place for any of Union's boys to try their fortune.

—The enthusiasm and activity displayed by the students to elevate the

moral standard and to promote Christian influence in the college, ought to be supported by all as its good results are inevitable. The college prayer meetings are largely attended by students and by their efforts new song books have been purchased. Meetings are held once a week and all are invited to attend.

—At a recent meeting of the Junior class in Physiology, under Prof. Webster, the Prof. explained in a forcible manner, the causes of the evil results of cigarette smoking in this climate as compared with other climates. The members present have purchased clay pipes and a package of Warnick & Brown's Spanish mixed.

—At last, the students who worked so hard to destroy the ancient benches in the French room have reaped the fruits of their labors. New and comfortable seats have now been placed in both Profs. Wells' and Whitehorne's rooms. It was, indeed, the loss of old friends not to see those uncomfortable old benches in their places.

—The new chairs in Prof. Ashmore's room attest the fact that some persons are very anxious to have their names where they will be seen. If the rule of \$1 per name were enforced, perhaps fewer men would try their skill in carving. The very old saying, "Fools' names," &c., would well apply here.

—Many abuses are inflicted on the reading-room, one of which is taking magazines, and a not very speedy return of them. There is one rule of the committee who have charge of the room which we think should be respected, namely, that no daily papers shall stay in the reading-room for more than twenty-four hours.

—The time is not far distant, we hope, when the reading-room will be moved from its cramped quarters to the light and roomy apartment in the new building.

—The following are the subjects for essays on February 26th:

Senior—"Benefits and Evils of Co-Education."

Junior—"Benefits and Evils of Property Qualification."

Sophomore—"Should Clergymen Engage in Politics?"

—Coasting is one of the recreations which engage the attention of the non-studious student at present. Many can be seen almost every night enjoying themselves with the most careless glee.

—The cry of fire can be heard at almost any time of night. There is being some contest as to who shall have the privilege and pleasure of first rousing his neighbor.

—Mr. F. M. Serverson, '85, recently had his over-coat stolen from the hall of Mrs. Dayton on Union street, where he was boarding. The weather was severe and the coat a very desirable one. Mr. S. may now console himself with the fact that his coat is protecting some shattered frame which otherwise would have collapsed. "Be not weary in well doing."

—In order that they might gain a better knowledge of the heart, some enthusiastic students in Physiology lately decided to make the practical experiment of dissecting animals of the genus "purp." Lots were drawn to see who should furnish the beast, and behold, the lot fell upon two dignified Juniors. Now the gentlemen declared that, for the love of science, they would risk the damages

of "purp" hunting; and so, well accoutered, they started upon the perilous journey. Now, though they "were diligent in and out of alleys," yet they "wandered up and down the town," even through many hours. Late that evening, these Juniors might have been seen wending their way to the hill, and instead of a college song, they listlessly hummed:

"The kennel's empty;  
Towzer's gone."

Was great preparation made? Yes, very great preparation was made. Was the cry of fire raised? No, the cry of fire was not raised. Did the rope break? Yes, the rope broke. Did the fun come? No, the fun did not come. Did the "rising bell" ring? No, the "rising bell" did not ring.

—The entertainment given at the Court House, on Thursday evening, February 1st, for the benefit of the "Spur," was a great success. Mrs. Jarley, with her collection of wax-figures, kept the audience in a continued state of laughter. Prof. Ashmore and Addison, '83, as "Tom and Jerry," have come to the conclusion that figures of "real flesh and bones" are not near so portable as wax ones. The students who took part, spent a very pleasant evening.

—Prof. Perkins attended the Medical Convention which was held in Albany recently. The Seniors wish that Medical Conventions would come oftener.

## Personal.

✓—'18. Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, one of the oldest clergymen of the Reformed Church, died recently at his residence in Fishkill.

The late Bishop Potter, of Pennsylvania, was one of his classmates. After his graduation at Rutgers Theological Seminary, in 1822, he became pastor of a church in Bloomingburg, and subsequently in Fort Plain, in this State.

✓'24. Alonzo Crittenden, President of Packer College Institute, Brooklyn, died in that city February 10th, 1882, at the extreme age of eighty years. The deceased was for many years a member of the faculty of the Albany Female Academy.

✓30. Rev. Mark Carpenter died Nov., 1882.

✓—'34. The city of Hudson, N. Y., has been saddened by the death of Stephen L. Magoun, one of the oldest and most esteemed members of the Columbia county bar.

Mr. Magoun was a native of New Hampshire, and after graduation at Union College, entered the law office of Page & Potter, of this city. He then removed to Hudson, where he completed his studies, and in 1841, was admitted to the Columbia county bar, where he practiced law until his death.

In the performance of his extensive legal duties he was ever active and earnest, possessed a kind heart, and always desired to promote the enjoyment and happiness of his friends and associates.

His cotemporaries in the legal arena vie with each other in their tributes of respect to one whom they all had reason to respect, both as a



citizen of a genial disposition and as a careful and conscientious lawyer. As to his popularity in the profession, he stood among the foremost of the members of the Columbia county bar. He was agent for the various Livingstons and landlords of Columbia county.

May we ever emulate the virtues of one who, amid the duties of his legal life, was ever prepared for the great hereafter, and when his summons came, laid down his earthly cares and burdens and received, as we hope, that perfect rest and peace which he deserved.)

✓ —'40. Rev. Wm. A. V. V. Mabon, who preached here on Prayer Day, is now a professor in the Theological Seminary of the Dutch Reformed Church in New Brunswick, N. J. He received the degree of LL.D. from Union College last June.

✓ —'47. Albert C. Ingham died recently at the age of fifty-three.

—'66. Hon. Edward Wemple, our newly elected Congressman for the Thirteenth district, recently made "Old Union" a visit.

(Mr. Wemple seems to have arisen to his present position by his own true merit.) After his graduation, he turned his attention to foundry business, and became a member of the firm of Wemple Bros., proprietors of the Fultonville foundry and machine shops.

By his affability and genial disposition, he gradually won the confidence of the people, who first favoring him with their most responsible town offices, sent him, in 1877 and 1878, as a member of the Assembly from Montgomery county. He was five times before the people of his native town, and each time elected with an increasing majority. As

Assemblyman, by his sense of duty and sagacity, he became a most competent organ to represent the wishes of his people.

(We consider our people have made a wise selection in choosing an active and enterprising man, in preference to one who apparently wanted the office more for the sake of having it than because he wanted to improve our laws or properly represent the people. Among his classmates was Grenville A. Tremaine, who lately died.)

✓ —'77. The entire city of Cohoes was painfully shocked when the news spread that Robert Johnston, Jr., was dead. Mr. Johnston was the son of D. J. Johnston, and grandson of Robert Johnston, general manager of the Harmony Mills.

Having received the foundation of his education in Cohoes, he entered Union College, where he graduated with highest honors. In 1877, he was one of the founders of the Cohoes Iron Foundry and Machine Company, and became its treasurer, which position he held until his death. (Cohoes can not well afford to lose such an active and enterprising business man as Mr. Johnston proved himself to be.

With such bright promises of future success and usefulness, and with so many friends, which he won by his frank, genial nature, it is, indeed, sad to think that his connection with earth are forever severed.

Seldom, if ever, has there been a funeral in Cohoes in which such deep-felt interest was manifested. In his coffin of rich purple velvet, enveloped with flowers, all unconscious of the tears and sobs, and of the despair of his frail young wife; unconscious of the blasted pride and hope built up upon it by a fond father and grandfather; unconscious that, in the sunshine of a beautiful



winter afternoon, he is being borne from that home always so dear to him, and that the silent, beautiful form of Robert Johnston, leaves never to return. With sadness, he is carried through the scenes of his romping boyhood and of his later business activity to his grave. Now about his coffin are placed silken cords, symbols of the lighter and purer cords which bound him to us, and he is lowered into a pit of roses by his brothers in Alpha Delta Phi. Robert Johnston, the scholar and model business man, now inhabits the city of the dead. As students of one common *Alma Mater*, we feel the loss of our brother and sympathize with the much afflicted young wife and friends in the hour of their bereavement.)

✓—'81. P. E. Carhart, who graduated in the Civil Engineering class of '81, has been detailed to this section of the West Shore Railroad, and will be located at Amsterdam, where his wife will soon join him.

✓—'81. Richard T. Lomasny is now studying law with S. W. Jackson, of this city.

✓ —'81. H. G. Glen and R. J. Landon are studying law in Albany.

✓ —'81. Rev. R. S. Winans, poet for '81, and to whom THE CONCORDIENSIS has been much indebted for his generous assistance, is filling a charge in Poultney, Vermont.

✓—'81. Franklin E. Abbot was in Schenectady February 1st. He has just returned from the West, where he has been employed in civil engineering. He was on his way to Albany, expecting to participate in the pleasures of '81's banquet, which took place that evening.)

—81. John M. Harvey, who lately acted as local editor for the Schenectady *Union*, is now taking an eclectic course in college.

✓—'81. J. W. Wiswall, who has been studying law since his graduation, was recently admitted to the bar.

—'82. E. E. Ford is a candidate for the "nine" at Princeton. He is the only candidate from the Seminary, and the 19th on the list.

✓'79. W. F. Lansing has given up his law office in New York City and is now in Colorado.

✓'81. E. T. E. Lansing is in Little Falls and is engineering on a narrow gauge railroad construction.

✓'81. G. G. Tullidge, has stopped the study of Medicine and is now trying peach farming, near Dover, Delaware.

✓'81. R. S. Lyon is in Brookings Dakota. (He writes that his health is much improved) He is at present dealing in real estate.

✓'82. G. A. P. Codwise is studying law at the Boston Law school.

✓'82. W. A. Waddell is engaged on the State survey.

✓'83. Chas. D. Gibson is in the State Agricultural Department in Dover, Delaware.

'84. L. C. Tally is in Columbia, S. C., having a good time generally.

'84. Theodore Irwin has just been married and is with his bride at his home, Gswego.

'84. It gives us much pleasure to again witness the genial counten-

nance of T. E. Adams. His business duties do not seem to worry him as he apparently could paralyze a cane rush or a rope pull.

✓'85. J. A. Yates is employed in a phosphate company near Charleston, S. C.

✓'85. J. L. Countermine is at Hamilton.

### Collegensia.

#### WILLIAMS.

—Pach has sold about \$1,400 worth of pictures here this year.

—Mr. James B. Jermain, of Albany, N. Y., has just given to the college \$50,000, to endow a chair of Natural Theology, as a memorial of his son, Barclay Jermain, of the class of '74. As the chair is at present occupied by the President, this money will be used in increasing the educational advantages of the institution.

—The "nine" have been ordered to the gymnasium.

—Prof. Perry lectured on "Free Trade" recently, in New York.

—The first of a course of Scientific lectures, by prominent men, was given January 24th.

#### PRINCETON.

—The 'gym.' is very lively.

—What about the arbitrary and unjust law in regard to selling oom?

—The dates of the Harvard and Princeton base-ball games at Princeton are May 18th and 19th.

—The necessary apparatus for systematic measuring of men upon entering and leaving has been secured.

—The number of absences at the beginning of the term are doubled, as an incentive to punctuality.

—At a mass meeting the college decided to raise a crew. They will probably row at Lake George and Philadelphia.

—Candidates for Freshman ball "nine" must begin training now.

—Report of base-ball :

Receipts.....	\$4,200 42
Expenses.....	3,641 90

Balance.....	\$ 658 52
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#### WESLEYAN.

—The custom of building fires in the halls is being thoroughly discussed.

—The *Argus* has been fifteen years in existence.

The *Olla Podrida* is sharply criticised by the *Argus* as "execrable in parts," and as "wantonly wounding the feelings of others when no worthy purpose is served."

#### AMHERST.

—The plans for the new gymnasium are nearly complete. It will be 120 feet by 80 feet, and contain a running gallery.

—The *Olio* is out, and receives favorable comment from the *Student*. There were 1,200 printed and sold.

—The Freshmen have a whist tournament organized.

—Class day and Commencement appointments have been filled by election.

#### GENERAL.

—Richard Boaz, of Reading, Pa., a student in Williams College, is likely to gain considerable distinction, because of his alleged discovery of a new method of finding square numbers. By this method he simplifies the usual way in shortening the process. At a late exhibition before Prof. Dodd, Mr. Boaz was given a number of thirteen digits, and he produced the square in less than one minute.

—Bates College, at Lewiston, Me., has commenced suit for \$100,000, promised by Benjamin E. Bates, deceased.

—The Vassar College Faculty have changed the weekly holiday from Saturday to Monday.—*University Magazine*.

When was the change made?

—Since 1868, when Dr. McCosh became its President, Princeton College has received \$2,500,000 in donations of various kinds.—*Harvard Herald*.

—Prof. Wells is about to finish his water color of a male head. It is the portrait of Joseph Seymour, Sr., and will soon be on exhibition in the window at Hendrick's.—*University Herald*.

—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.—The Library has received a gift of 750 volumes of Shakesperean literature.

—The English, Cambridge and Oxford Universities have an income

of \$1,000,000 each, and each student's expense for the six months of the academic year amount to from six hundred to one thousand dollars.—*Vidette Reporter*.

—The required class rhetorical work at Yale is one essay in rhetoric in the Freshman year, eight essays in the Sophomore year, four or five written debates in the Junior year, and four or five written exercises and off-hand speeches in the Senior year.—*Oberlin Review*.

—Among the most prominent benefactors of education was John Hopkins, who bequeathed \$3,000,000 to found the John Hopkins University at Baltimore. Asa Packer gave \$3,700,000 to Lehigh University and \$3,000 to Muhlenberg College. J. C. Greene presented Princeton with \$750,000. The gifts of Ezra Cornell and H. W. Gale to Cornell University aggregate more than \$1,000,000. Ario Pardee has given more than \$500,000 to Lafayette College since 1874.—*Ex*.

—There are 215 professors at the Berlin University.—*Ex*.

—There are 7,000 American students in German institutions.—*Ex*.

—Over 50 per cent. of our Congressmen are college men.—*Ex*

—"Josh Billings" was a '37 man at Hamilton College.

#### Extranea.

—The *Courier-Journal* rhymes "Gebhardt" with leopard—on the principle of bad subject, bad rhymes we suppose.—*Folio*.

A school girl refused to multiply 1,000,000 by 1,000,000, because it was "to naughty."

—A Yale man calls his sweetheart Oleo Margarine, because he would not have any but her.

—"Sun, moon and stars forgot," quoted a Junior, after flunking in Astronomy.—*Williams Athenaeum*.

This is from one of our Theological seminaries. Prof. in Systematic Theology: "Where is the lesson to-day, gentlemen?" Student: "It begins at Good Angels and goes to the Devil."

#### IN THE JEWISH CEMETERY.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN BY "SPECIAL STUDENT."

Once I asked a graveyard-keeper  
Why the Jews, both old and young,  
On a grave, with mournful murmurs,  
Brightly-colored pebbles flung?

Then the keeper gave me answer:  
"'Tis in honor of the dead;  
Flowers they brought to him while living,  
Stones upon his grave are spread."

Long ago such heathen customs  
From our Christian lives have fled;  
For, the men we stoned while living  
Are bestrewed with flowers when dead

—A stranger called at forty-eight different houses in Cleveland, and asked: "Is the boss home?" There was no man home in any one instance and yet forty-seven of the women promptly replied, "Yes, sir; what do you want?"

—A Boston preacher commenced a prayer thus: "Paradoxical as it may seem to Thee, O Lord, it is nevertheless true," &c.—*Burr*.

—At a fashionable wedding in Philadelphia recently, the organist played, "Empty is the Cradle." He was retired on half pay.—*Clip*.

#### Exchanges.

—We are glad that the *Academica* has at last out-grown the long garments of infancy and now decks itself in fashionable attire. It is condensed by the most approved method and prides itself on quality rather than quantity.

We would not lose its careful and judicious criticisms; spicy without bitterness; critical but not cynical. It is refreshing to turn them from viewing the self-erected models that one meets at every turn.

—The *Scholastic* has a good article on the value of the Exchange department, which is slighted or neglected by its Eastern brothers. There certainly is need of a restraining influence on many of the tendencies of college paper. If there could be a friendly interchange of opinions many imperfections may be pruned away as they are budding. Then one object of a college paper should be to publish what transpires at other colleges and especially with what sister publications are dealing.

The University of North Carolina, publishes a monthly, that is scarcely after the the manner of Northern papers but merits praise for the amount of matter and the care with which it is prepared. There are essays on "Dante" and Bacon as a man and philosopher which show that time and thought have been given to preparation.

—The *Era* expresses the sorrow that all courteous students must feel at the "round of abuse" which the *Acta* has hurled at the *Era*. It all springs from athletics of course, but we trust no dangerous weapons will be used.

—The *Yale News* and *Princetonian* are not agreed as to the result of a game of foot ball. The affairs of 1879 are raked up and furnish amusement to the reader and matter for the Board. Thus the large colleges have the advantage, in that athletics are active during the winter. But when the genial spring doth come the corner will be ended and, even small colleges may debate the fairness of umpires and those interesting questions that now we cannot.

—The Inter-collegiate Press Association has assumed form, with a roll of nine papers, representing seven colleges. Article I, states the object of the Association shall be to build a social and *quasi* professional friendship among its members and to elevate the standard of college journalism, having due regard to local demands and differences The

Association is to be represented at each college by a corresponding Secretary. The Constitution also provides for an annual meeting, but beyond these the plans are not explained. Probably the machinery that will raise the standard of journalism is under the platform; at all events it does not appear.

—The following verses are much in the style, in fact just the thing to *take*. They first appeared, we think in the *Brunonian*.

#### THE MAIDEN'S ANSWER.

We were gliding with the skaters  
Out at Roger Williams' Park.  
And although my feet were chilly,  
In my bosom glowed a spark.

For I loved the lovely maiden,  
More than houses, wealth and land;  
And I ask in tender accents,  
"Will you let me have your hand?"

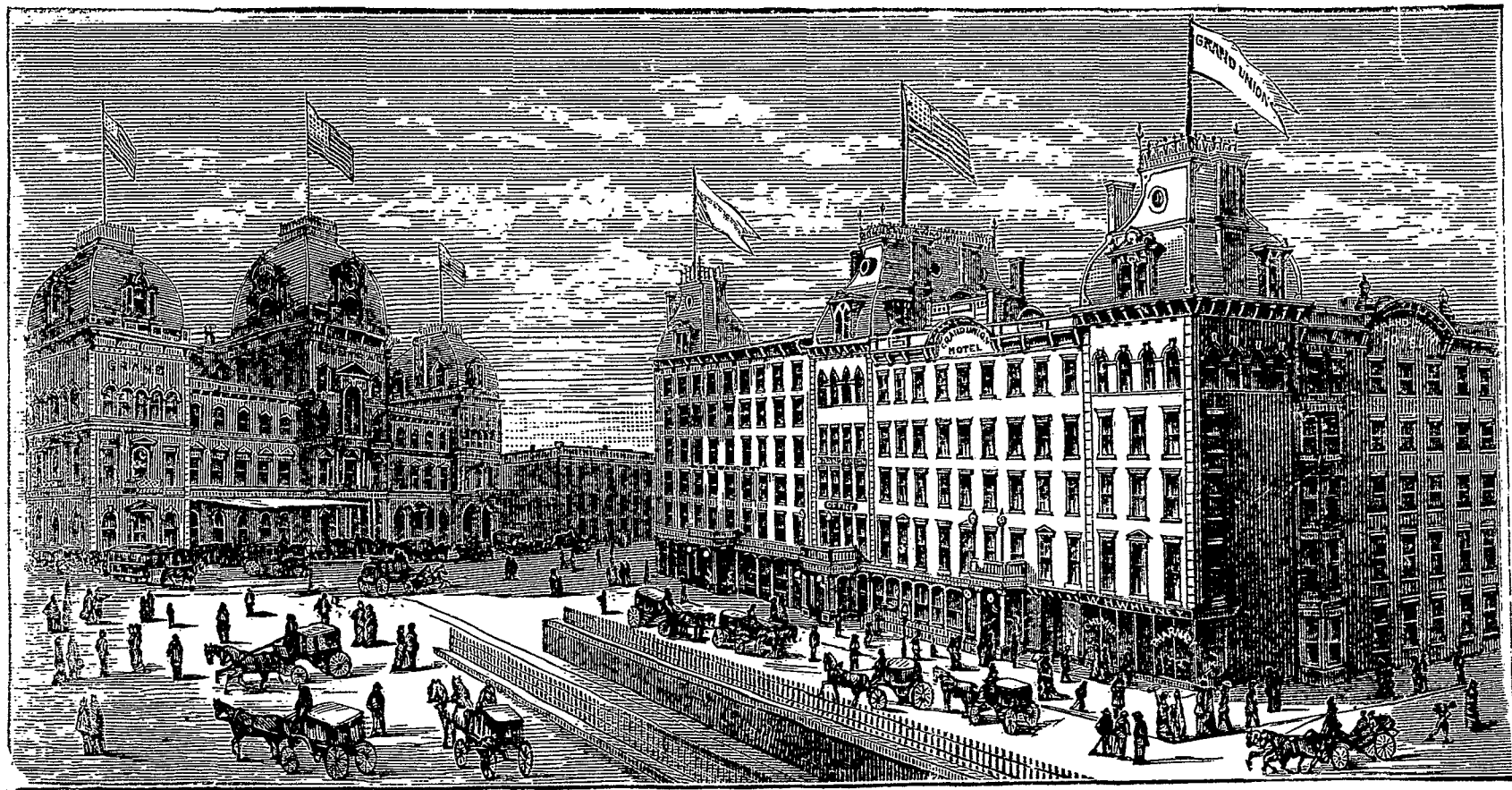
Then the maiden answered slyly,  
Purring softly like a kitten,  
"Its too cold to give my hand, sir,  
But I'll let you have my mitten!"

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—I leaned back in delicious languor,  
Her head was pillowed on my breast;  
Her fine mouth raised in sport or anger—  
No matter, you can guess the rest.

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Since when on earth love first began;  
For Fanny was my favorite setter,  
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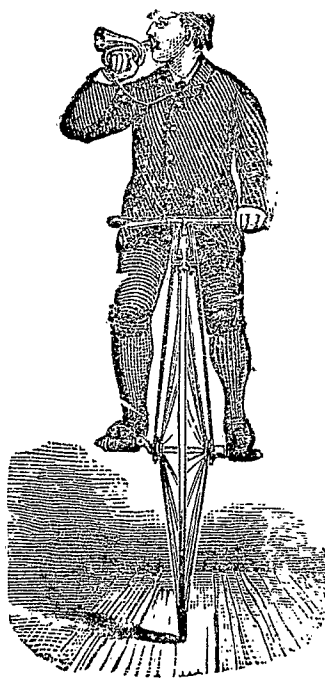
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