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### THE WISDOM OF DR. NOTT.

#### *Chips from the Lecture Book of the Great Educator.*

There is nothing the grey-headed graduates of Union so love to descant upon as the excellence of their training under President Eliphalet Nott, and his celebrated lectures to the students, the memory of which stirs their enthusiasm and gratitude even after a half-century has passed. I always used to wonder what those lectures were really like, and what was his peculiar system of instruction. I had read Dr. Nott's wonderful eulogy upon Alexander Hamilton, and many of his sermons and public addresses. I had read everything obtainable printed by him or about him, including the prolonged investigations of his financial transactions by the legislature, and I had formed my own opinion of his virtues and his character, but of the exact nature of his instruction, and the secret of his marvelous influence over his pupils, I knew only by tradition from the *laudatores temporis acti*.

Two or three years ago I happened to be in a literary junk-shop in Park Row, New York. Looking about I discovered a paste-board box labeled "Union College." Of course I lost no time in getting at its contents. They consisted of old catalogues, commencement programmes, commencement orations and addresses, and other relics, most of which I secured. One was the commencement programme of 1860, containing the names as commencement orators of Warner Miller, Charles E. Sprague, Samuel R. Thayer, now United States Minister to the Netherlands; Weston Flint, of the Department of the Interior, and other names now known to fame. It had evidently been the programme of some critical listener, for it bore in pencil

the comments and criticisms of an interested spectator. I remember there was scheduled a poem by Wm. H. McElroy, now editor of the New York *Tribune*, and the penciled criticism was, "well-written but faint spoken." It is gratifying to note that in the delivery of that splendid national ode at the opening of the World's Fair in Chicago, the Doctor had completely outgrown the oratorical defect which detracted from the success of his senioric poetry of 32 years before.

At the bottom of the box of curios, was an old, board-covered blank book, originally ruled for an account book, full of quite legible writing. The carefully engrossed title page was as follows:

"Notes of the opinions of Dr. Eliphalet Nott, D. D., LL. D., President. Instructions delivered to the Senior Class in Union College, Schenectady, in 1828-9. Copied from full notes taken by Wm. Soul and Henry Baldwin, Jr., members of said class, *Nescis, mi fili, quam parva sapientia mundus regitur*. Chas XI. to Chas. XII."

Here I had it at last, the authentic and tangible substance of Dr. Nott's class lectures! My cupidity was aroused at once and I longed to possess the precious volume. But could I afford it? How many days and weeks, perhaps, must I work to get together enough to buy it, and then, most like, some more fortunate relic hunter would have secured it before me. "How much for this old book?" I faltered, vainly endeavoring to conceal my eagerness by pretended indifference. "Oh, 'bout twenty-five cents," replied the junk-dealer. I was shocked. I didn't know whether to be overjoyed or insulted. Think of it, the lectures of Dr. Nott, of Union College, for twenty-five cents! But my economy got the better of my resentment, and remembering the Sybilline books, without a protest

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I produced the quarter and carried off my prize. I read the book through, and then donated it to the college library, where it now reposes.

Curious to know something of these two reporters and of the probable accuracy of their notes. I made inquiry of some of their college-mates, Hon. Theodotus Burwell, '30, recently deceased; Samuel W. Judson, '29, of New York, and Prof. Hugh S. Banks, '29, also recently deceased. He returned to the college at his 60th anniversary in 1889, and made a speech, and has also attended the banquets of the New York Alumni Association.

Of Souls, or Soule, as he was sometimes called, Mr. Burwell wrote, "He came to college from Fairfield, Herkimer Co. He was quite advanced in years to begin life as a student, and very deficient in his elementary education. He was dull as a student, awkward in manner and was entirely dependent on his own resources, having worked at a trade before entering college.

I am not sure that I recall Baldwin, but I think he was an Englishman who roomed in the extreme end of the wing of North College and officiated as bell-ringer, for which he received his tuition free. He was very strict in the performance of his religious duties, and was thus a model for his fellow students. He was careful and accurate in everything he undertook. He seldom looked one in the face when meeting, but bent his eyes always on the ground as if in deep thought."

✓ Prof. Banks said, "As I remember Soul, he was rather a moderate, quiet student, of common abilities, a faithful attendant upon recitations, and had a fair standing in his class. Baldwin was a Scotch Canadian, and of a metaphysical turn of mind, and though not a better scholar than many others, yet he always had something to reply to Dr. Nott, when asked a question, and many a quizzical question to propound, which sometimes troubled the good Doctor to answer. Their

colloquies were often amusing. I never heard of Baldwin after I left college, and not much of Soul, except that he was practicing law in New York."

Of Dr. Nott's methods, Prof. Banks wrote, "The President heard the senior class five times a week regularly. He used as a text book Kame's 'Elements of Criticism,' but for that matter Webster's Almanac would have done just as well, for every conceivable subject of mental and moral philosophy, metaphysics, psychology, ethics and religion was brought up and discussed. The student would be requested to recite something from the lesson prescribed, and then would be questioned by the Doctor whether he believed the sentiment true, to which the general reply of the student would be that he thought so. 'Well, what are your reasons for its being true, or otherwise?' These reasons would then be scrutinized and examined by the Doctor in various discussions, principally conducted by himself, but the student was at full liberty to reply in any respectful manner, and to either agree or disagree with the President. After going through the discussion, which frequently occupied the rest of the hour, we would be asked what use we were to make of this that we had learned, when we went out in the world, as our learning was of no use except as we should make use of it in our after years.

I cannot recollect the particulars of many of these discussions. One of them, I remember, was the question whether self-love was not the only motive for our every action, which, however, was not settled to the conviction of us all. I regret that I did not, like Baldwin, who was very methodical and painstaking in everything, keep some record of the instruction received."

I have thought that some of the older graduates, all of whom are, I hope, subscribers to the old college paper I helped to start 15 years ago, and perhaps the younger alumni and students as well, might be interested in a

few extracts from the Doctor's quaint talks and discussions, as reported by these careful students of over sixty years ago. I will therefore reproduce a few selections for their entertainment.

The opening sentence of the first lecture seems to me, so far as I have become acquainted with Dr. Nott, to contain the whole secret of his great influence over his pupils, and of the whole tendency of his training. He says:

"It has been my endeavor during these twenty years, since I have had the care of young men, to make successful men, rather than great scholars."

Here is an exhortation to manliness and right living:

"Young gentlemen, you are now approaching that period when you must enter upon your life-work in the great world. If you are ever going to be men, you must learn to be so now. There are many acts which may be overlooked in a Junior or Sophomore, (of which, in fact, we think nothing) which would be disgraceful in a Senior. As you pass this year, you will probably pass your lives. If you take a proper stand, assume the dignified sentiments and deportment which become you, search your own minds, and shape out for yourselves a laudable course of conduct, you will probably go through life with the same dignity, achieve success, and exercise an influence over your fellow-men. But if you spend this year in indolence, or stoop to low, mean and dirty conduct, it is probable you will continue dirty, mean and low while you live. The class which last graduated from this college was remarkable for the dignity and excellent character which its members maintained through their college course. Although they were in no wise remarkable for their talents, yet men have gone out into the world from that class who will be great and successful and renowned, and exert no small influence upon their fellows, and this in consequence of the manner in which they spent their Senior year at Union College."

Among the members of that class of 1828, of which Dr. Nott uttered this compliment and prediction, were Hon. Horace Dresser,

LL. D.; Judge Elijah Ford and Judge David H. Little, of the New York Supreme Court; Rev. Dr. Wm. G. Jackson, Hon. John C. Watrous, U. S. District Judge of Texas; Rev. Dr. Wm. Wilson, President of the College of Cincinnati; Daniel D. Tompkins, Ward Hunt, Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, and Gen. "Bob" Toombs, Senator from Georgia, and Secretary of State of the Confederacy, who once declared that he would one day call the roll of his slaves at the foot of the Bunker Hill monument.

Among the President's listeners who were thus exhorted to emulate the class of 1828, were Dr. Joseph Alden, long president of the Albany Normal School; Senator Philip B. Bradley, of Iowa; President George W. Eaton, of Madison University; Philip H. Echols, Member of Congress, and Attorney General of Georgia; Sidney T. Fairchild, Prof. Daniel D. T. Leech, of the Smithsonian Institution; Gen. Charles N. Rowley, of the Confederate Army; Rev. Dr. John Leighton Williams, Gershom M. Williams, and Rev. Alexander Proudfit, who still survives.

In one of his early lectures of the term the President gives his boys some good advice as to how to read:

"The one grand object of all reading is to make men think. And this is best accomplished by going frequently over the same work. It is better to choose some favorite author, to keep in your study constantly, and read him over and over again. Whether you choose Homer or Virgil or Demosthenes, or some English author, it matters not. Read him fifty, or if you please, a thousand times. By this means you become imbued with his sentiments and know his every thought. If a man read any one good book, and understands it thoroughly, he has acquired, in many respects, a liberal education."

"The artificial way of learning to read is absurd. On the blackboard, when we use algebraic signs, we may invent any we please, and give them any desired significance, but when we come to the language or sentiment, that is, of thought prompted by passion, we cannot fix the sign. Nature alone prompts



them, and in her promptings there is no mistake or misunderstanding.

"In reading history your object should be to learn principles, and accustom yourselves to reason how such a nation came to such and such an estate, and what causes led to such and such events. But dates, names, &c., you need not remember. History is to teach, not mere facts and dates, but principles and men."

Here is something which the good doctor, let us hope unconsciously, seems to have cribbed from "Eli Perkins'" lecture on "Wit." Eli had graduated from under Dr. Nott eight years before, and was at that time delivering his lecture in the then territories of Wisconsin and Michigan. Possibly Dr. Nott had read Perkins' lecture, and by a process of mental absorption had accepted the sentiments and adopted them as his own. Certainly Dr. Nott would never stoop to downright plagiarism :

"Wit and judgment are seldom united in the same individual. Wit consists in joining things by distant and fanciful relations. The theatre of wit is in conversation, and there it is agreeable. But in any public discourse, it is, in general, improper. Sometimes, though seldom, it may be used, by one who has a talent for it, at the bar. But even there it is generally used to disadvantage. The Irish, Scotch and Yankees are the most witty ; on the other hand the English are remarkable for judgment. The Hollanders, too, have generally sound judgment, but a Dutchman never jokes, nor will he take a joke."

The following would indicate a lack of confidence in Union College students as rational beings. We have been looking carefully forward to the day when Union would have a thousand students ; and be able to take care of a thousand, but if such an aggregation is to be devoid of reason, we prefer 250 :

"Man seldom acts from reason. You might enumerate in a minute all the acts you have done from reason in a year. If you proceed to deal with men on the supposition that they are governed by reason, you will assuredly fail. You may find one student here and there who is reasonable, but very few indeed. Go into a man's room and converse

with him, coolly, and you find him rational. But group him with his fellows, and let some little excitement arise, and where is his reason? Gone. In numbers, feeling and emotions rule all. In a small class, a few students might be very rational, but where the class is large, there is less reason. In the whole college, there is to-day very little reason. And if there were a thousand here, there would be no reason at all."

Here in the same connection, is one of the Doctor's striking epigrams :

"Man, in infancy, is governed by instinct, in childhood by instinct and passion, in his prime most by reason, in old age, by habit."

Fifty years before the building of a gymnasium and the institution of anything like the systematic physical training, Dr. Linhart is now inaugurating, Dr. Nott thus directed the minds of his pupils to the necessity of proper physical exercise :

"Much as I desire you to pay all possible attention to the improvement of the mind, yet of late, I have seen such ruin of health by intense application to study, that I wish to direct your attention to healthy preservation. None of you who study well take sufficient exercise. If you design to be healthy men, or successful men, you must seize every opportunity of exercising your muscular activity. You must by diet and frequent exercise adept your habits to a sedentary life."

ROBERT C. ALEXANDER, '80.

#### THE JUNIOR HOP.

The third of the series of dances given by the junior class, and the last before the Lenten season, was held in the gymnasium Friday evening, January 13. Gioscia, of Albany, furnished the music.

Among those present from this city were Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Watkins, Miss Davis, Miss Jackson, Miss Van Voast, Miss Yates, Miss Hettie Yates and Miss Ellis.

Those from out of town included the following : Miss Graveline, Mrs. Graveline, Miss Herrick, Miss Walsh, Miss Hoag, Miss McEwan, Miss Lansing, of Albany : Miss Potter, of Rochester ; Miss Phillips, of Troy ; Miss Barnes, of Cohoes ; Misses Kellenny, of Saratoga : Miss Ayrault, of Tonawada, N. Y.

## THE BUTTERFIELD COURSE.

**Dr. Raymond's Lecture—A Meeting of Mayors—The Schedule for the Remainder of the Year.**

The sixth lecture in the Butterfield course was delivered by Dr. Rossiter W. Raymond, Friday, January 6, and was one of the most interesting in the course. The subject was "Industrial Education." Rev. Dr. A. V. V. Raymond, of Albany, introduced the speaker and told of Dr. R. W. Raymond's father, who was a Union graduate, class of '26.

In his introductory remarks Dr. R. W. Raymond said that he considered himself a grandson of Union, which sentiment was heartily applauded by the students. The lecturer's own education was gained abroad. Dr. Raymond treated of modern conditions of labor and industry. He corrected the general impression that the modern division of labor in making specialists made it more difficult for a man to change his occupation. He impressed upon the students the wisdom of not beginning to specialize too soon but to lay broad foundations of general knowledge and let the specialization come later.

He said that according to his theory, the manual training school should not endeavor to imitate the conditions of real trade so closely that varied instruction could not be given. "Do not waste time in learning what life itself will teach" is Dr. Raymond's position. He recommended industrial education for the professional man as well as the mechanic.

The lecture was so interesting and the audience so delighted that President Webster requested Dr. Raymond to give ten minutes more on the relations of capital and labor. He acceded to the request and his views on this subject were as clear and delightfully expressed as on the main topic.

The General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of New York city give the special prize of \$25 for the best essay on this lecture. This society was founded in 1785 with twenty-two members and now its income is nearly \$40,000; has a library of nearly eighty thousand

and volumes; it conducts evening schools of free-hand drawing, mechanical and architectural draughting, modeling, designing from objects of art, type-writing and stenography. Its assets are said to be nearly three-quarters of a million dollars.

The next lecture will be by Hon. Seth Low, President of Columbia college and ex-mayor of Brooklyn on "Municipal Government." General Butterfield has invited to attend this lecture the mayors of cities throughout the country. The New York *Morning Advertiser* comments on this proposition as follows:

"If the faculty of Union college carries out the request of General Butterfield, inviting the mayors of cities to attend and hear President Seth Low, of Columbia, lecture there on 'Municipal Government,' what fun there will be! But imagine the Tiger Gilroy alongside of Pat Gleason and Sanford from Long Island City! As but one seat would probably be allowed for a city, Sanford would sit in Pat Gleason's lap and look over at the healthy Hoboken mayor, Stanton. The mayors of Albany and Troy would wink at each other when the mayors of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Schenectady, Poughkeepsie and Newburg looked awry as ex-Mayor Low's lecture proceeded. Of course, the mayor of Brooklyn wouldn't go. General Butterfield always had a little fun in his eye, but this show would beat all yet thought of. May we be there to see."

The lectures during the remainder of the term will be as given below. The dates are understood as not to be absolutely fixed but only approximate. The schedule is, as follows:

Feb. 15.—Thomas F. Bayard, ex-secretary of state. "Politics in the United States." Special prize of \$25 given by Bradley Martin, '63.

March 3.—General Horace Porter. "The West Point Military Academy." Special

prize of \$25 given by trustee John H. Starin.

March 24.—General Daniel Sickles. "The Politics and Diplomacy of President Lincoln's Administration." Special prize of \$25 given by His Royal Highness the Count of Paris.

April 14.—Hon. J. B. Manderson, U. S. Senator from Nebraska. "The Development of the West and South." Special prize of \$25 given by the Albany Alumni Association.

May 5.—Hon. Bourke Cochran, M. C. "The Massing of Population." Special prize of \$25 given by John Cochrane, '31.

May 26.—Wm. H. McElroy, of the New York *Tribune*. "Journalism and the Press." Special prize of \$25 given by R. C. Alexander, '80.

#### THE SIGMA PHI CONVENTION.

The sixty-sixth annual convention of the Sigma Phi Fraternity was held on January 4th, at Delmonico's, in New York city.

The business of the fraternity was disposed of in a few hours by the undergraduates and the active workers in the fraternity. Eight chapters were represented, and there were also present members of the chapters which once flourished at Princeton before the days of Dr. McCosh, and at the University of the City of New York. The eight active chapters represented and their accredited delegates were: Union, Douglas Campbell, Jr.; Hamilton, M. G. Buckner; Williams, Howard Opdyke; University of Vermont, J. B. Allen; Hobart, C. C. Boswell; University of Michigan, E. C. Peters; Lehigh, G. C. Hutchison, and Cornell, T. C. Cosby. There was present a large number also of undergraduate and alumni members of the fraternity. Wilhelmus Mynderse presided at the convention and Dr. Alexander Duane, Union, was the secretary. The veil of secrecy was drawn over the proceedings and beneath its ample folds the reports of committees were heard; delegates told of the flourishing condition of the chapters they represented, and the presiding officer made an address in which he con-

gratulated the members upon the progress of the fraternity during the past year.

At 6 P. M. the convention adjourned and at 8 P. M. the fraternity men met at dinner. One hundred and twenty-five guests gathered around the tables and many a good story was told, and many memories of college days were recalled. Charles E. Fitch, of Rochester, was the toastmaster.

Those who made speeches and spoke the praises of Sigma Phi, were: General Daniel Butterfield, Union; the Rev. Dr. Oren Root, Hamilton; H. H. Anderson, Williams; Jeremiah Baker, University of the City of New York; H. A. Prince, Hobart; Robert D. Benedict, University of Vermont; S. G. Prout, University of Michigan; E. M. McIlvaine, Lehigh; George R. Williams, Cornell.

Some of the many prominent men present were: the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Stoddard, Edwin Einstein, George B. Abbott, Elihu Root, Thomas Nelson, Frank Loomis, attorney for the New York Central; William R. Marvin, of Boston; Robert P. Lindeman, John F. Mott, of Oswego; Pay Inspector Albert Kerney, U. S. N.; Captain Joshua A. Fessenden U. S. N.; Hamilton B. Tompkins and J. K. Pangborn.

On Thursday evening General Butterfield gave a reception for the members of the fraternity at his home, No. 616 Fifth avenue. The reception was intended to introduce the Cornell Chapter to the members of the fraternity. The chapter at Cornell, which was instituted in the winter of 1890-91, is now in a flourishing condition, and only a few months ago moved into a most handsome and comfortable home. The convention, it should be stated, was held under the auspices of the Cornell Chapter. The reception given by General Butterfield was more than a success and was greatly enjoyed by every one present. The evening was devoted to social recreation and the singing of fraternity songs.

There were nearly 150 members of the fraternity present at the reception.



Taken all in all, the sixty-sixth convention of the Sigma Phi was the largest and most successful in the history of the fraternity. A summer convention will be held at Chicago during the month of September, under the auspices of the "Sigs" of the Northwest.

The Union Chapter was represented at the convention by Campbell, McFarlin, Veeder, '94. Yelverton, Ward and Jackson, '96.

#### DR. RAYMOND'S PROWESS.

Editor CONCORDIENSIS:

While we old fellows rejoice no less than the younger generation over the athletic victories of "Old Union," we do not like the assumption that athletic supremacy is entirely a thing of the immediate past on Union's campus. There were giants in former days as well as in this. Now how many of you young fellows know that the longest bat ever made on Union's diamond was made nearly twenty years ago, and that, so far as I have heard, it has never been equalled to this day? That phenomenal strike was recounted from class to class, and it would not have been believed had there not been so many eye witnesses to prove it.

It was in the fall of 1874, and a close and exciting match game was in progress on the campus. On the Union nine were such crack players as Adsit, Whitlock, Marsh, Washburne and "Andy" Raymond, now known as the Rev. Dr. Raymond, of Albany. Raymond was a splendid baseman, a good base-runner, and the finest batsman on the nine. It came to the last inning, and the score was tied. Three Union men were on bases when Raymond stepped to the plate. The crowd of Union men were breathless with excitement. He waited calmly while several balls went by him, until the one came that he wanted. Then he struck, and what a strike was there! Up and out went the ball, far over the heads of the fielders, who were purposely playing far back towards South college, and when it struck the ground, it was after a

rebound from the south colonade, just beside Prof. Perkins' back door. When you reflect that the home plate was then exactly where it is to-day, and measure this distance with your eye, you may say the thing is impossible, but that it was done, there are many to attest. Of course the four runs were scored, and the game was won. Raymond could have made the round of bases a second time, had he desired, before the ball was back within the diamond.

The Doctor has lost none of his enthusiasm for base ball, and little of his skill at the game, as was evidenced on the campus two years ago when he captained the alumni nine in a closely contested match with the college nine, but his efficiency as a base runner is somewhat impeded with the avoirdupois which he has acquired, with his many honors, since the college days. '76.

#### A CLASS IN PHYSICAL TRAINING.

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Dr. Linhart will soon organize a class in physical training for those who expect to take up teaching as a profession after leaving college. This has been adopted at Yale and Harvard, and found to be a success. It will probably be held three times a week, and in the afternoon, so as not to conflict with other recitations. The drill will include the elements of anatomy and physiology as much as appertain to physical training. The general course will be as practical as possible, and will be as complete as time will permit in gymnastics and general athletics.

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One speaker at the last college meeting struck the key note when he said that no matter who was elected foot ball manager the whole college must support him when once elected. After election he is the representative of the whole college, not of any faction. Only by the aid of the whole college can a base ball manager or a foot ball director hope to succeed. We are confident that the defeated candidates for both these positions will heartily support their successful opponents. A man whose only motive in running for office is the success and honor of his college cannot consistently do otherwise. Their friends whose only motive in voting for them was victory for the college can not consistently do otherwise. Before election a difference of opinion is necessary and legitimate; afterwards none.

His Royal Highness, the Count of Paris, gives one of the essay prizes in the lecture course. Royalty vies with democracy to honor General Butterfield and his alma mater.

The Aqueduct is a dangerous place for underclassmen to visit, in view of recent events.

Only hypodermic injections will infuse college spirit into some people. Do you belong to that class?

It is a foolish custom that confines debate in our college meetings to juniors and seniors. Let the under-classmen express their opinions.

One of our reporters, although he diligently inquired, was unable to ascertain what the new yell the freshman have adopted really was.

Let the class nines get ready to win the three games in the championship series in the spring. Show our trustee that his gift is appreciated.

We would advise the old maids of Schenectady to look well after their pet cats, as the class in practical anatomy is on the war path. Let the pussies beware.

Dr. Whitehorne's class in senior Elective Greek has been largely increased this term. More thorough instruction in Greek can be obtained at no college.

Has it come to this? A class adopts a new yell and a majority of its own members and all of the rest of the college don't know what it is! O tempora! O mores!

Cornell, struggling in poverty, asks aid from the treasury of the Empire State. Governor Flower endorses the humble request in his annual message. He says he is an ex-officio trustee of Cornell. Has the governor ever seen a list of the trustees of Union? If not, we hope the faculty will take under consideration the advisability of sending a copy of Union's catalogue to his excellency.

The physical culture department of the college is keeping up with the advance in other directions. Not only do the students avail themselves of the privilege of Dr. Linhart's instruction but there is a professors' class and the latest feature is a class for those who wish to become instructors in this line.

We make an exception to the rule, which THE CONCORDIENSIS in common with all other well conducted newspapers observes, to pay no attention to anonymous communications, in favor of that remarkable story with which "'76" has favored us and which we print elsewhere. Our respect for Dr. Raymond is an increasing quantity and any wonders that he may have done, is doing or will do, do not astonish us. We think, however, that in the present case it is just as well that the Brooklynite—the postmark was Brooklyn—who signs himself "'76," did not favor us with his name and address, as his life would be made miserable for him by requests to attend every banquet and re-union where the powers of a good story-teller were in demand.

We heartily approve of the recommendation of the Athletic Advisory board that they be empowered to nominate to the college candidates for the offices of base ball and foot ball managers. In this way better men will be chosen than at present, when too often the successful man has no other qualification than that he belongs to a certain faction. Under our republican form of government the majority rule, but even here the generals in the army are not elected. A base ball or foot ball manager occupies something between a civil and a war office. Therefore it seems to us that the best method would be for the Advisory board to nominate two men to the college for each office and between these two the college should decide. This matter ought to be thoroughly discussed and we should be pleased to hear from the alumni as well as the undergraduates what in their opinion is the best method.

### Local and Personal.

The new catalogue will be out soon.

The freshman class has adopted a new yell.

The Butterfield literary society has disbanded.

Wescott, '95, spent the vacation at Charleston, S. C.

Bowrs, '93, has again made an appearance on the hill.

Harby, '95, was in New York city during the holidays.

Professor S. J. Ashmore spent the vacation in New York.

The last junior hop before Lent was held Friday evening.

Two-thirds of the senior class are taking gymnasium work.

Twenty-eight men handed in essays on General Michie's lecture.

M. S. Wood, of Herkimer, N. Y., has entered the freshman class.

An examination in senior psychology was held Tuesday, January 10th.

Invitations are out for a "smoker" at the Psi Upsilon house January 20th.

Farbeck, '92, and J. L. Van Valkenburgh, ex-'93, were on the hill lately.

The Schofield brothers, of the freshman class, have returned to college.

Professor F. S. Hoffman is a member of the society for Psychical Research.

C. D. Hulburt, '95, has gone to Florida where he will spend the winter.

Dr. Webster was confined to his house by illness for a few days last week.

The *Garnet* editors are hard at work on '94's volume of the college annual.

Wilson, '96, who has been seriously ill at Ogdensburgh, is slowly improving.

Professor Mosher's class in French read "The Three Musketeers" this term.

J. R. Morey, '93, is chairman of the executive committee of the Shakespeare club.

Registration for all commencement prizes must be made on Monday, February 6.

H. Pemberton, 2nd, '95, and Harry T. Warnick, '95, spent last Sunday on the hill.

Chapel exercises on Tuesday morning, January 3, were the first of the winter term.

Parsons, '96, has been compelled to return to his home at Plattsburgh on account of sickness.

A photograph of the New York alumni banquet last month may be seen at the college office.

The extreme cold weather brought several "bolts" to those classes reciting in Washburne hall.

Whipple, '96, has left college. He intends to return after preparing himself for the classical course.

Ryttenberg, '95, who has been ill for several days past is much better but still unable to leave his room.

Dean Whitehorne was unable to meet his classes for the first few days of the term on account of illness.

Base ball manager Cooper has received a communication from Columbia with respect to arranging a game.

Miss Algie Perkins and Miss Perkins, of New Haven, Conn., have been visiting Miss Rose Perkins recently.

Miss Rose Perkins was the first purchaser of a full set of Columbian stamps at the Schenectady post-office.

Mrs. Miles Ayrault and daughter, Miss Helen, of Tonawanda, have been the guests of Ayrault, '95, recently.

Professors Brown and Stoller have been making important bacteriological investigations during the vacation.

The Philomathean literary society will debate the question of governmental control of railroads, Saturday morning.

Professor F. S. Hoffman spoke before the Philomathean Society January 7 on "Essentials to Success in Oratory."

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Professor James R. Truax addressed the Adelphic literary society on "The Conduct of Debates" Saturday morning.

Gartland, of Albany, will furnish the music for the sophomore soiree, January 27. Clarke Day is chairman of the committee.

The gymnasium class for seniors and juniors comes at 9:15 A. M. on Thursdays and Fridays. The work is voluntary.

The conversational French class, under Prof. Mosher, will now meet but three nights in the week instead of five as formerly.

The college polo team won from the Schenectady city team on Monday by a score of 3 to 2. The game was played on the river.

The next debate of the Adelphic will be on the question: Resolved, That individuality in politics is preferable to party loyalty.

Professor Hoffman took charge of chapel exercises a few times in the absence of both President Webster and Dean Whitehorne.

Ayrault, '95, was at Poughkeepsie Wednesday and Thursday of last week attending the wedding of his brother, John Ayrault.

Katherine B. McEwan, of Albany, and Mary L. Thomas, of Saratoga Springs, were the guests of McEwan, '95, on Friday last.

Among the guests at the reception and dance given by the Misses Vassar, of Ballston Wednesday, the 11th, was R. R. McFarlin, '94.

The base ball management has already received communications from Williams, Colgate and Middleburgh relative to arranging games.

McAlpine, '93, has been appointed one of the officials whose duty it is to weigh the mails at the depot for sixty days beginning January 16.

The class of '95 have voted to present a gold medal to the member of their class who wins the most events in the mid-winter athletic meet.



Professor Maurice Perkins has returned from Mexico where he spent the latter half of last term in the interests of the national board of health.

The sophomore orations were due to Professor Cole, Monday. The subject is optional with the orator, and they will be delivered before the class.

A gun club has been organized with the following officers: President, D. N. Tallman; vice-president, L. C. Baker; secretary, G. H. Miller; treasurer, C. W. Field.

President Webster attended the convention of academic principals at Syracuse during the vacation and made an address on "The Curriculum of Preparatory Schools."

George T. Bradt, '93, won first prize for fast skating at a carnival at Brandywine park last Thursday evening. The prize was a pair of Barney and Barry's best skates.

H. W. Fox, a former member of the class of '93, has returned to Union and will graduate with the senior class. He spent last term at the University of Michigan.

The Butterfield literary society at their last meeting appointed a committee to use all money remaining in the treasury for the purchase of books for the college library.

Professor J. H. Stoller gave an interesting address before the Schenectady technical association Tuesday evening, January 3. His subject was "Microscopic Life in Water."

Senior orations are due at noon, January 26, at the English room and essays are due at same place and hour February 8. The subject for the essay is "National vs. State Quarantine."

The Syracuse banjo, guitar and glee club passed through Schenectady, Tuesday, January 11th. Several stopped off to visit Union under the supervision of G. M. Bowns, '93. They included Professor Stoller's class in anatomy in their tour of inspection. Their immediate destination was Mechanicville.

Special attention is called to the fact that General Horace Porter will lecture on March 3d and not on April 14 as posted in the college office; while Gen. C. F. Manderson will take the date assigned General Porter, April 14.

The Alumni Association, of Northeastern New York, will hold their annual banquet at the Delavan, in Albany, on the 24th inst. J. Newton Fiero is president and C. F. Bridge secretary of the association. A famous time is expected.

An entertainment committee composed of Lines, '93, Cooper, '93, Cooke, '94, and Crannell, '95, Beattie, '96, has been appointed by President Wright to arrange for some entertainment this winter in the interests of the athletic fund.

The following are the candidates for positions on the nine: Tallman, Blessing, Hilton, Clowe, '96, Beattie, Terry, Parsons, Enders, Renwick, Sigsby, Tillapaugh, Melius, Sullivan, Auchampaugh, Foley, Ward, Smith Bannister, Myers.

Third-baseman Davis, of the Cleveland National League team, who is spending the winter at his home in Cohoes, is under consideration by the base ball management as a coach for the 'varsity nine. He was in Schenectady Tuesday, January 10.

The sophomore formal essay on "The Idea of Taste as shown in Chaucer's 'Knight's Tale' and Shakespeare's 'Macbeth,'" is due February 27. The junior essay is due January 30 on the question: "Resolved, That the state inheritance tax should be largely increased."

In accordance with a motion made and carried at the last college meeting President Wright has appointed the following committee to make all arrangements for a winter in door "gym" meet: F. W. Allen, J. R. Morey, S. T. Braman, C. R. Smith, Clarke Day, A. E. Barnes, L. Melius, Z. L. R. Myers.

## Alumni Allusions.

'34.

✓ Lysander H. Brown died Dec. 6, 1892 at his home in Ogdensburgh, N. Y. He was born at Brownville, Jefferson county, December 20, 1808. The early part of his life was spent upon a farm, attending, during the winter, the district school. In 1828 or 1829 he entered Union Academy at Delleville, where he remained two years. While attending this school, he was a pupil in elocution, of the eloquent evangelist, Jedediah Burchard, and here he laid the foundation of that lively and winning oratory for which he was afterwards so distinguished. He entered Union in 1831 and was graduated with the highest honors in July, 1834, being a Phi Beta Kappa man. In 1838 he went to Watertown. He was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court in October, 1839. He took an active part in politics, and was a Democrat of the Silas Wright stamp. He made his first political speeches in a congressional election in 1838, and in 1840 he was in the political field in support of Martin Van Buren. In 1842 he was appointed to the office of superintendent of the common schools of Jefferson county. He held the office three years. In 1844 occurred the campaign between James K. Polk, the Democratic nominee, and Henry Clay, the Whig candidate, in which Mr. Brown took an active part. He was nominated for the assembly. The ablest political speeches he ever made were during this campaign for the election of the Democratic candidate for President. He spoke during this campaign from the same platform with John A. Dix, as he afterwards did in company with such men as John Van Buren, Horatio Seymour, Daniel S. Dickinson and others of equal celebrity. Even as late as the Cleveland and Blaine campaign he spoke with Lieutenant Governor Dorsheimer to an audience of over 3,000 at the armory in Watertown, and his speech was considered on all sides the event of the occasion. He was elected to the assembly and took his seat Jan. 1st, 1845. It was universally conceded that he was the best speaker in the house. In 1847 he was elected surrogate of Jefferson county, the first under the constitution of 1846. He held the office until 1852. He continued prominent in politics down to 1884.

'49.

✓ General Daniel Butterfield has been elected President of the Albany and Troy Steamboat company.

'52.

✓ J. Hiram Champion is a Methodist pastor at Ridgebury, N. Y.

'56.

J. B. Weston is president of the Beatrice National bank of Beatrice, Neb.

'62.

✓ C. P. Sanders has been elected attorney for the Schenectady branch of the United States Mutual Loan Accumulating Fund.

'67.

✓ Rev. A. R. Olney, D. D., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Jermain Memorial church at West Troy, N. Y. He preached his farewell sermon at Ballston Spa, N. Y., January 1, 1893.

'68.

Dr. W. L. Pearson has returned from an extended tour in the west.

'73.

✓ Dr. W. T. Clute, has been re-elected county physician for Schenectady county for 1893.

'75.

The recent sermon of Rev. Dr. A. V. V. Raymond on "Heresy Trials in General and the Briggs Case in Particular," is attracting great attention in the theological world.

'89.

✓ Norman D. Fish has left Saratoga for Tonawanda, where he becomes a member of the law firm of Patton, Vrooman & Fish.

'91.

✓ Married, November 24, 1892, at Gloversville, N. Y., Miss Minerva Steele and Charles Fiske, Jr.

'92.

✓ Married, November 24, 1892, at Gloversville, N. Y., Miss Florence H. Burr and Frank Whipple. Mr. and Mrs. Whipple reside in Binghamton, N. Y.

### HERE IT IS!

At a meeting of the freshman class on Friday the yell was changed to "Rah, Rah, Rah! Rah, Rah, Rah! Union '96! Sis, Boom, Ah!" After the meeting the old "Hickety Hix" was cremated with due ceremony.

[This item arrived too late for editorial comment.—ED.]

### THE ELECTIONS.

At the college meeting held Friday morning the base ball scorer, who will be manager in 1894, and the foot ball manager for next fall, were elected. The candidates for the former position were J. N. White and E. L. Auchampaugh. Ninety-six votes were cast for White and 94 for Auchampaugh, electing the former.

The vote on the two candidates for foot ball manager, Cooke and Daley, was a tie, each receiving 95 votes, and President Wright declared H. L. Cooke elected.

**ELI PERKINS COMING.**

Eli Perkins will lecture February 13th, for the benefit of the glee club.

**THE LECTURE POSTPONED.**

As we go to press it is announced that the lecture of Hon. Seth Low is indefinitely postponed on account of the death of Mr. Low's father.

**THE SENIOR COMMITTEES.**

President Wright of the senior class has announced the following appointments: Ball committee, E. D. Lines, H. H. Esselstyn, Tallman; invitation committee, Webster, Hughes, Conde; music committee, Merchant, Glen, Gillespie.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

The Adelphic literary society made the following election of officers January 7: President, G. H. Hoxie, '93; vice-president, H. W. Fox, '93; secretary, A. E. Barnes, '95; treasurer, Harby, '95; curator, Beckwith, '96. The executive committee is composed of Burke, '93, Baggerly, '94, and Potter, '95. The time of the meeting has been changed from 7 P. M. to 10 A. M., every Saturday.

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3d. To more closely unite the students as a body.

**ARTICLE III.**

The officers thereof shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the first meeting after the beginning of each collegiate year, and who shall hold office for the term of one year, or until their successors are elected.

**ARTICLE IV.**

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at every business meeting of the Association; to appoint an Executive Committee, to be hereinafter mentioned, to co-operate with this Executive Committee in the appointment of the Lookout Committee; to call all business meetings of the Association, and to perform such other duties as is customary for such officers to perform.

**ARTICLE V.**

It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the President whenever the latter is absent or incapacitated from acting.

**ARTICLE VI.**

The Secretary and Treasurer shall perform the duties usually falling to their respective positions.

**ARTICLE VII.**

In addition to the above mentioned officers there shall be an Executive Committee, of three members, appointed by the President, one from each of the three upper classes, and who shall hold their offices for one collegiate term.

**ARTICLE VIII.**

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to appoint the leaders for the weekly prayer meetings; to co-operate with the President in the appointment of the Lookout Committee, and to do such other business as may be entrusted to them at any business meeting of the Association.

**ARTICLE IX.**

The Lookout Committee shall be appointed by the President and Executive Committee, and shall consist of seven members, one from each section of the two colleges and one from outside the college grounds.

**ARTICLE X.**

It shall be the duty of each member of the Lookout Committee to cordially invite all students in his section to attend the public prayer meetings, and to strive to enroll as many new members as possible.

**ARTICLE XI.**

Vacancies in any office shall be filled temporarily by the President, whose appointee shall hold office until the next business meeting of the Association, when such vacancy shall be filled by the vote of the members present.



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#### DEATH OF C. L. WEEKS.

For the first time since the fall of 1889, a death has occurred in the ranks of the students. C. L. Weeks of the sophomore class, died at his home in Newark, N. Y., during the Christmas vacation. The death has cast a shadow over the entire sophomore class. The following resolutions have been adopted by his classmates:

WHEREAS, Divine Providence hath seen fit to remove from us, our beloved friend and classmate, Charles L. Weeks, be it

*Resolved*, That while we sincerely regret the loss we have sustained, we do respectfully submit to the Divine Will.

*Resolved*, That we extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the sorrowing family, and that they be published in the college periodicals, THE CONCORDIENSIS and Garnet, and in the Arcadian Weekly Gazette.

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JAMES M. CASS. } Committee.

The Adelphic adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all wise and all powerful Father to remove from our number brother Charles L. Weeks, one whom we all respected and loved, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we, members of the Adelphic society have lost a dear friend and valuable member.

*Resolved*, That we extend our heartfelt sympathies to his family in their sad bereavement.

*Resolved*, That we have these resolutions published in our college paper.

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The boys are already in training for the contests; and Dr. Linhart says there is some *very* good material in college. Two months of good solid training may bring out some great surprises. The chances are exceedingly good for a fine inter-collegiate team in the spring. The interest in athletics is increasing. The gymnasium is full every afternoon; and sometimes *too* full for convenience. There has been such an increase in numbers in the work that it has been necessary to get some new apparatus. There has been added, therefore, four pairs of chest weights, one quarter-circle, one pair low parallel bars, two medicine balls, three new mats, one jumping mat, and several pairs of Indian clubs. This apparatus is all new, and as good as is manufactured.

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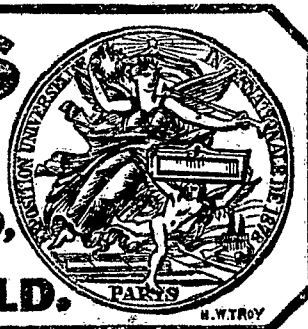
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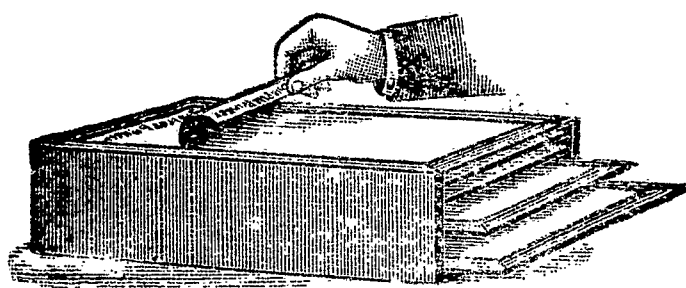
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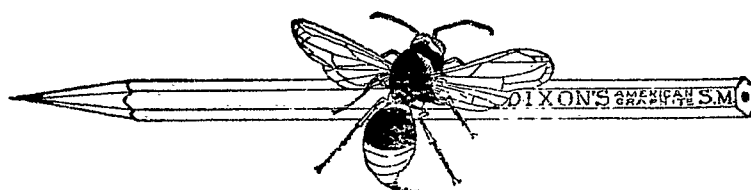
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