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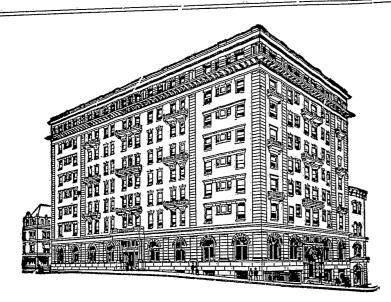
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FITZ HUGH LUDLOW, '56.

"Song to Old Union."

Original Manuscript Secured.

Some time ago DeWitt Clinton, college librarian, began a search for items of interest and of good authority concerning Fitz Hugh Ludlow, a graduate of the class of 1856. To secure such information he wrote to several of Ludlow's college mates and also to his sister, Miss Helen W. Lud-

is a teacher at Hampton Institute, Va. In one of her replies to Mr. Clinton she stated that she had the original of the "Song to Old Union," and intended to give it to the college at her death. Immediately Mr. Clinton began writing her with a view to having her give the manuscript to the college at once, so that it might be exhibition at Commencement. She finally consented to do so and it is at present in the possession of the librarian, who is having a frame made for it, so as to preserve the copy.

The accompanying photograph was taken from an old daguerreotype, which was taken some time during Ludlow's early college days. His sister says: "It is a very good likeness, I think." The name is a copy of his hand writing as he used it on his cards, being 'engraved from his own autograph, written for the purpose."

Writing in regard to Fitz Hugh Ludlow, Retired Rear Admiral J. R. Tryon, class of 1858, says he

"was conspicuous for his uniform good nature, affectionate disposition, brilliant talent, unbounded enthusiasm, marked generosity, congenial companionship, keen sense of humor, simplicity and courage." Also, "My associations with him as roommate for a term in college, and afterwards in New York city, two years after his graduation, are the choicest memories of my life. His individuality made an impression upon me I have never forgotten, and a thought of him now is a renewal of

youth and sacred memories."

Mr. Frank W. Little, a teacher in Rochester, N. Y., and of the class of 1858, also wrote a letter containing college recollections of Ludlow. Hewrote: "Fitz Hugh Ludlow, when in college, was intensely homely, with a very large mouth and he wore spectacles, which was an unusual thing at that time. He was one of the brightest men I ever knew, a remarkable conversationalist, full of wit and humor, with a wonderful flow of language.

It was our habit to sit on the terrace in front of the college and sing after supper. He wrote the 'Terrace Song,' which was very popular. He also wrote a 'Song to Old Union,' which was sung on Commencement day when he was graduated, and I think it has been sung at each Commencement since." In regard to his writings Mr. Little wrote: "The sheets were sent to his printer with hardly an erasure or a correction." He said further: "He



Titz Trugh Luellow

was genial and generous, but had no sense of 'moum and tuum.' He did not hesitate to appropriate anyone's clothes, yet he would have willingly loaned his own clothes, but he never had any to loan. He was modest, yet self-confident and with his buoyant temperament and brilliant wit made many friends and, I think, no enemies."

This gives us a very good idea of the man as he appeared to his fellows and of his remarkable genius and wit.

The following is an exact copy of the song as it appears on the original in Ludlow's handwriting: "Union College Song written to be sung at the Commencement of My Class, 1856.

Air, "Sparkling and Bright."

"Let the Grecian dream of his sacred stream,
And sing of the bronze adorning
That Phoebus weaves from his laurel leaves,
At the golden gates of morning;

But the brook that bounds through Union's grounds

Gleams bright as the Delphic water, And a prize as fair as a god may wear Is a 'dip' from our Alma Mater.

Chorus-

Then here's to thee, the brave and free,
Old Union smiling o'er us;

And for many a day as thy walls grow gray, May they ring with thy children's chorus.

Could our praises throng on the waves of song, Like an Orient fleet gem-bringing,

We would bear to thee the argosy,
And crown thee with pearls of singing.

But thy smile beams down beneath a crown, Whose glory asks no other;

We gather it not from the green sea-grot, 'Tis the love we bear our mother.

Chorus—

Let the joy that falls from thy dear old walls

Unchanged brave time's on-darting;

And our only tear fall once a year

On hands that clasp ere parting;

And when other throngs shall sing thy songs,

And we hear their mirth hereafter,
Our withered hours shall revive their flowers,
At the sound of remembered laughter."

Chorus-

The music to which this was set was an old temperance song, and one very well known at that time. In the song as sung now there are several differences from the original; they are as follows: Stanze I, line 5, the word "old" does not appear in the original; line 7, reads "as a god may wear," instead of "as the gods;" line 8, the word dip is in quotation marks. Chorus, line 1, reads, "Then here's to thee, the brave and free," not "thou brave." Stanza II, line 5, the word "from" is not in the original. Stanza III, line 5, "our" should be changed to "thy;" also the last three lines were changed by him from the way they are above to read as they are sung at present, excepting in line 6, where the word "has" should be "hath."

Miss Helen W. Ludlow has a book containing practically all of her brother's verse and at her death she promises these to go to the college which pertains to Old Union his Alma-Mater.

It is hoped that this copy of the "Song to Old Union" will be ready to be seen this Saturday, when it will be shown in the library. If not ready by that time, it will be put on exhibition as soon as possible.

A LETTER.

The following letter was recently received by Librarian Clinton from Frank W. Little of the class of '59. Mr. Little has been a teacher and at present resides in Rochester. We hope that many of the "old men" will be present at Commencement time. It may be well to mention here that Commencement occurs June 9th.

15 Meigs Street, Rochester, N. Y., April 29. DeWitt Clinton, Schenectady, N. Y.:

Dear Sir:—Will you please inform me as to date of Commencement exercises at Union. As it will be the fiftieth anniversary of my graduation, I hope to be present. Yours truly,

F. W. LITTLE.

ROCHESTER, 7; UNION, 3.

On Thursday afternoon Rochester defeated Union on the campus by the score of 7 to 3. While the batting honors were almost even, Rochester's men were far superior in the field, their infield being very good.

Rochester started things right away, getting two runs in the first, while Union was shut out in that inning.

Rochester could do nothing in the second. Ladue led off for Union in that inning, was advanced by King, and slid home on Shaw's bunt.

In the third and fourth, neither side scored.

Union was temporarily "in the air" in the fifth, when Rochester, with three hits and several errors, got five runs. Union came back in their half, however, when, after Shaw was out, Dunn hit safely, Mackey followed, and both came home on Perry's single.

Stewart was sent into the box for Dunn in the sixth, and, although hit frequently, with good fielding and steady work at critical points, he prevented further scoring.

Harrington was perfectly cool throughout the game, and Rochester backed him up well.

A regrettable incident of the game occurred in the second inning, when Grant was sliding to first on a bunt. Cassidy was receiving the throw, and was spiked just below the knee. Play was resumed after about ten minutes.

Ladue and Cassidy shared in the batting honors.

The score follows:

Rochester.

	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O	. A.	E.
Hepburn, cf	. 3	1	0	3	0	0
Grant, ss	. 5	2	1	2	2	1
Cassidy, 1b	. 5	2	4	11	0	3
Harrington, p	. 5	1	2	1	2	0
B. Ramaker 2b	. 4	1	1	3	2	0
G. Ramaker, lf	. 4	0	0	0	0	0
Morrison, c	. 3	0	0 .	4	2	1
Clancy, rf	. 4	0	0	0	0	0
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Bergan, c 3	0	0	8	1	0
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Grant, 1f 4	0	1	1	0	0
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INTER-CLASS TRACK MEET.

At the first half of the inter-class track meet held last Tuesday, the Freshman and Sophomores came off with equal honors, each class winning twenty points. The Juniors were next with sixteen points and the Seniors last with only the ten, which Rankin won in the weight events. The last half of the meet took place on Friday and the final victory undoubtedly lies between the Juniors and Freshmen as in the events which did not take place Tuesday the Sophomores have but few men entered.

The pennant won by us in baseball last season made its first appearance on the campus Thursday afternoon, when we played Rochester. It seemed to act as a "Blufunk" rather than a "Billiken."

Ferguson, '10, was elected leader of the Glee Club for the coming year.

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The last intercollegiate debate of the year was held with Colgate and DEBATING. ended in a decided victory for our team. This is a record of which the 100 team and the college should be proud, as it means a straight run of victories for the past two years and these, too, against teams which were considered strong. This speaks well for the men themselves, for they have spent a considerable amount of time in preparing for the debates, and it also shows that good work is being done by our academic course, which is of very material help in such activities. Such victories show the efficient training which the men are receiving in the rhetorical qualities of debating and in the properties of good logical reasoning as well. So we would commend the men on their ability in this line, which means much to the college and also the men who have the charge of training those who have represented us so well.

The first track meet of the season resulted in a defeat, but one which is no disgrace to the team. The men on our TRACK. team have been training faithfully the entire year and the showing which they have made is very creditable indeed. The old men have developed and the squad has been strengthened materially by men from the freshman class. Several of the new men showed up very well in the meet Saturday and give promise of good We have still two more work in the future. meets this year which need the support of all the men in college with track ability, and further the student body should lend its aid by being present at these meets in as large numbers as possible. This helps the team very much with its work.

There has recently been some talk about the campus of changing the position IDOL. of the Idol, and we think that the scheme is a very good one, indeed. The Idol is something that is peculiarly distinctive of Union College and which attracts a great many visitors during the year. The place where the Idol stands

at present was once a very pretty spot and a suitable situation for the Freshman God, but since the advent of certain "improvements" in that region it can hardly be called a worthy place for such a distinguished character. So it appears well to consider the question of moving the Idol. There are several places where it might be placed so that it would be in a conspicuous situation. Perhaps one is particularly good, that is on the west side of the librar, about half way between the road and the terrace, leaving about twenty-five feet of space between the library and Idol. This would place the Idol where it could easily be seen and it would there be in a suitable place. Besides the mere fact of moving the Idol, we think it a very good idea to do that sometime before Commencement week, when a great many people, graduates and others, will visit the grounds. This would be a matter of interest to all and would be the means of bringing a large number of visitors to the campus.

WEEKLY CALENDAR.

Sunday, May 16.

5 p. m.—Y. M. C. A vesper service. Speaker, Mr. F. C. Downs, Director of City Y. M. C. A. Monday, May 17.

5 p. m.—Concordy Board meeting in Silliman man Hall.

Tuesday, May 18.

7:00 p. m.—Y. M. C. A. prayer meeting. Speaker, Arthur E. Welles, ex 1910, now student in Medical Department.

7:30 p. m.—Mission Study Class. Leader, Dr. Hale.

Wednesday, May 19.

7:00 p. m.—Press Club meeting.

Thursday, May 20.

3:30 p. m.—Tennis meet with Michigan at Schenectady.

4:30 p. m.—Faculty meeting.

Friday, May 21.

4:30 p. m.—Baseball game with Hobart at Geneva.

4:30 p. m.—Y. M. C. A. cabinet meeting. Saturday, May 22.

2:30 p. m.—Track meet at Utica between Union, Rochester, Colgate, Hamilton, Hobart and St. Lawrence.

3.00 p. m.—Tennis meet with Trinity at Schenectady.

3:30 p. m.—Baseball game with Rochester at Rochester.

1909 CLASS SONG.

The following is the song which the senior class has for its class song and which will be sung this morning in chapel.

I.

When our glance first rested on these old gray walls,

When our step first entered these time-honored halls,

When we made our prayer first at the Idol's shrine:

We sowed the seeds of loyalty for Union and Nineteen-nine.

II.

The passing years have rendered strong the bonds of love,

Bonds of true devotion, time shall ne'er remove.

Many are the joys and sorrows that shall e'er incline

To sanctify the memories of Union and Mineteennine.

III.

And in the years before us, years of care and strife;

In the great world-struggle, mid the storms of life We'll lay the hard-won laurels at Alma Mater's shrine

As a token of our legalty to Union and Nipoteennine.

IV:

Union, our Alma Mater, as we say farewell,

As we leave the path-ways of this ancient Hill;

We will fill our glasses high with sparkling wine

And pledge eternal loyalty to Union and Nineteennine.

—C. L. M., '09.

UNION, 5; COLGATE, 4.

On Friday, May 7, the team left for Clinton to play Hamilton. The game there, however, had to be postponed on account of rain. The game will probably be played off at the same date as the other game with Hamilton, thus making a double-header here, on the campus, on May 31.

The team then went to Hamilton to meet Colgate, and certainly did meet them to the tune of 5 to 4.

Union showed their batting abilities in this game by knocking Chapman out of the box, the same pitcher who allowed us only two hits in one game last year. They then won the game from Buck, who replaced Chapman in the sixth.

Colgate started the scoring in the first inning by getting one run. Union caught up in the second, however, tying the score.

Colgate got another in the third, taking the lead.

Union did quick work on the bases in the fourth, King and Shaw hitting safely and coming home on an error by Switzer.

Colgate bunched hits in their half, obtaining two runs, thus regaining the lead.

Neither side scored in the fifth, although Union hit heavily.

After two were out in the sixth, Mackey walked, Dunn singled, and both crossed the plate on a pair of errors, thus winning the game, for neither side scored thereafter.

Union's hits were very evenly distributed, every one getting one except Mackey. Coster, Colgate's shortstop, got three of their five hits, two of them two-baggers.

Dunn struck out three, while Buck struck out five.

Score by innings:

R. H. E.

Batteries—Dunn and Bergan; Chapman, Buck and Leonard.

The tennis tournament will probably be played off next week.

WORCESTER DEFEATS UNION IN TRACK MEET.

Although in the track meet last Saturday Worcester won by 10 points, the Garnet representatives made a good showing, and had our weight men done as good work in the meet as they had formerly done in practice, Union would undoubtedly have gained the victory.

For one person Kennedy, a Tech man, made the greatest number of points by winning three firsts in the dashes. Case was next with 14 points, winning first place in the high hurdles and high jump, second in the low hurdles and third in the 320-yard dash. In winning the low hurdles Dennis shaved a fifth of a second from the college record, making the record 26 4-5 seconds. Rankin, who threw the hammer 120 feet, would also have established a new record had he not unfortunately stepped a few inches out of the circle.

At our next intercollegiate track meet, which is to be held at Utica next Saturday, all the colleges belonging to the Interstate League, viz.: Colgate, Hamilton, Rochester, Hobart, St. Lawrence and Union will participate. Although many of the other colleges, especially Colgate, have strong track teams, Captain Rankin expects that the Garnet will win a high place.

BRIEFS.

The examinations for the R. C. Alexander scholarship will be held during the week of May 24-29.

All students planning to go to Northfield should see Walser, '10, for particulars.

The Freshman baseball team has been very active of late. Last Friday they defeated Troy High School by the score of 7 to 6, with West in the box. On Saturday they went to Cohoes, trimming the High School there 10 to 9.

A. G. Clark, '09, is attending the annual national convention of Psi Upsilon being held at Chicago May 13-15.

Due to a petition of the Senior Class, there will be no class exercises held to-day, but the time will be given over to moving-up day and sub-freshman day exercises. Chapel will be at 8:30.

COLLEGE MEETING.

Last Monday morning a very enthusiastic college meeting was held.

Bergan, speaking in regard to the Colgate game, said it was probably the best we have played in a long time. He said that the fellows are now getting together better than ever and that with this spirit we should win other games and also the pennant. He commended the cheering of the college as a whole and also spoke of the schedule of the Freshman class.

Dr. Mac gave a short account of the W. P. I. meet, saying that the team did very well, and he spoke in particular of the work of several men. He mentioned the meet on Saturday and asked that the men see to it that they keep out of the enclosure of the oval so as to help the management and the results of the events. He announced the meet to be held in Utica May 20, under the auspices of the League and the Utica Club. He mentioned the fact that efforts will undoubtedly be made to get as many men from each college as possible and urged that all go to this meet who can. He further announced the triangular meet to be held with Trinity and Hamilton here on May 29th.

Mould said a few words in regard to the successful debate with Colgate the previous Friday night.

At this point Lewis gave over the direct charge of the student body to the Junior Class and as president of the class, in taking the chair, gave the Seniors full credit for the good they have rendered the college during their course.

Corbin announced a meeting of the Glee Club on Monday night to elect a leader.

Schaupp announced a meeting of the Mandolin Club to be held Wednesday night, when a leader was to be elected.

Brunet spoke of the baseball team and said that the baseball management was to erect a flag-pole at its own expense during the week.

Meeting adjourned.

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1899—Announcement was made at a luncheon last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. R. Davis, Elmer and Eastern Avenues, of the engagement of Miss Anna Bradshaw Hubbs of this city and Robert M. Eames of Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Eames was graduated from Union College with the class of '99.

1905—M. J. McQuirk, '05, is now filling a position on the barge canal work.

1906—Dudley T. Hill, '06, at present a student at the Albany Law Department, was last week elected grand president of the Pi Phi fraternity at a convention held in Washington, Conn.

This Saturday the college mumeum will be opened to the general public for the first time. Thereafter for the remainder of the year it will be open on Wednesdays from 2-4 and on Saturdays from 11-1.

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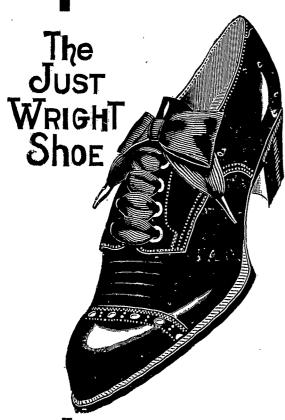
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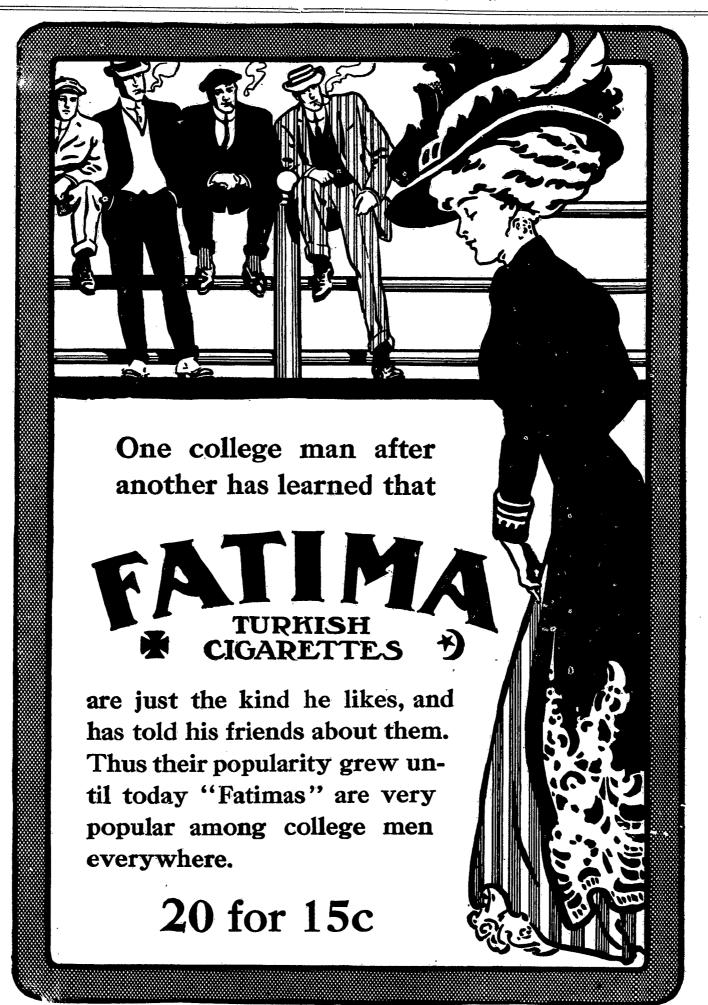
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