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Our College Grounds.

One of the most noteworthy things about Union College is the place itself. The curious old buildings, the pleasant campus, the college garden and the college woods, the view to the westward across to the Helderbergs and the Gap,—all these things are, to a stranger, immediately striking. Doubtless they are not to all immediately attractive, but to many of those who live in their influence they come to have an extraordinary and enduring charm. In the minds of such, no weather has power to make them ugly. Some times and some seasons, doubtless, are better than others; the delicate evenings of early summer, the bracing mornings of autumn, or the moonlit winter's nights, these give the hill especial beauty; but even in bad weather, in dull damp uncomfortable weather, the hill has its own characteristics, and for not a few its own charm.

Probably there are a good many men who go through their four years at Union without any real appreciation of these things. But that is a pity, that is losing an opportunity, that is missing something that is really worth while. For one of the important things about a university or a college, perhaps especially about a college, is its situation.

Cardinal Newman, who is almost always acute and penetrating, began his informal papers on the history of universities by speaking of just this thing. He spoke particularly of Athens, he gave a fine description of the beautiful land of Attica, and of the city lying between the Acropolis and the sea. "The stranger," said he, "from a remote province, from Britain or from Mauritania * * * learned at once what a real university must be by coming to understand the sort of country which was its beautiful home." Later in history the University of Paris had a noble site, the left bank of the river,

the colleges clustering about on the hill of St. Genevieve, and down below, "the pleasant Pratum where the students for centuries took their recreation," while their fellows elsewhere were too often cooped up in the crowded medieval towns.

It is true that there are great universities which are not beautiful. Oxford and Cambridge are beautiful; one need waste no words on them; everyone knows how lovely they are. The German universities, on the other hand, as a rule are not beautiful. They consist of a number of buildings, often very large but usually rather ugly or at least commonplace, all scattered about here or there or anywhere in the city. And the German *Musenstadt* is rarely a very attractive town; there are no universities at Nuremburg or Hildesheim. They are too often in very prosaic places like Halle. The consequence is, at least one consequence is, that the German student's life is influenced not by lovely surroundings but by other things. When he is not at work he is in the *bier-lokale*, or the cafe, or the theatre, or at the *mensur*, and these give the local color to his life. Now and then in the summer he escapes from the stuffy town and finds the beauty which is there lacking, in the attractive country round. But there is nothing beautiful about the universities of Berlin, Leipzig, Göttingen; Heidelberg happens to have the castle close at hand, and from Jena and Freiburg one can easily reach lovely country. But there is no beauty in the university sites.

In America some universities have beautiful situations,—Cornell and Wisconsin have situations which have proved themselves able to overcome anything the hand of man can devise. But some of our universities are not so fortunate. Harvard and Yale in the midst of good sized towns have some curious old building of no very attractive type intrinsically, and some beautiful new buildings which are very like

other new buildings. The "Yard" and the "Old Brick Row" are fine places more for their associations than for really characteristic qualities.

Now here at Union, if we have not college grounds and buildings that are everywhere beautiful, we have in them something perfectly characteristic and individual in quality. The old colleges are singular in their appearance, it is true, but wholly harmonious whether the campus and country be white with snow or fresh in new spring green. The Garden is particularly beautiful in garden-times, but almost always does it offer some charm, perhaps in its faint coloring in the early morning, perhaps in its vigorous contrasts between leafless trees and snow, perhaps something else. Then the woods,—even now in winter they have their sombre beauty, on some of these winter mornings they are more beautiful than even in full summer. And there are a hundred minor bits, an angle of vine-clad wall, the western front on an autumn afternoon, some of the smaller gardens in spring, the many different aspects of the western hills changing sometimes from hour to hour.

These things are—let us not insist on the word beautiful, though beautiful they often are—these things are characteristic to the last degree. Put a bit of Union into the grounds of any other college and you would know it at once. It has a tone, a temper of its own, which every Union man ought to appreciate. Union is in some respects like other colleges and in some respects different. And one of the things that she has wholly to herself, not of the first importance perhaps, but still not to be neglected, is her situation, her surroundings. We should be sorry to lose them. But some of us do lose them every day, just so far as we do not notice and enjoy them.

Some people will have it that man is a very mimetic animal, that like the chameleon he takes color from his surroundings. It may be so. But I do not think that one would become quaint by living in our old buildings, nor beautiful by going through the garden to chapel. Still the influence of surroundings is something,—something worth counting on. And it is a good thing, too, to acquire the habit of getting the

whole good out of what is around one, of avoiding a dull impassiveness, and cultivating a continual vividness or vivacity of appreciation.

EDWARD E. HALE, JR.

Y. M. C. A. State Convention.

The thirteenth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association was held in Newburgh February 20-23. A very interesting programme had been prepared for the meeting; it was practical in all of its details and was just what the delegates wanted in order to inspire them in the work for the coming year. The time was given up entirely to speeches and talks by men of wide experience in the work and in conference presided over by these same men. No one left the convention without feeling himself immensely bettered for having been there, and with a greater insight into the needs of the work and the manner in which to accomplish it.

The department given to schools and colleges was this year larger than ever before. This branch of the work is rapidly increasing and is coming to be one of the main features. No one, after listening to the stirring speeches at the college meeting on Friday evening could doubt that a man with a brain, and full of all the enthusiasm of college life, is better fitted to influence the world than any of his "bottle-shouldered, long faced critics."

On Friday evening from five to seven "Parlor conferences" for college delegates were held and the following subjects discussed: "Need of trained leaders in the college work, and how to get them," H. W. Georgi, Secretary, International Committee; "The Development of a higher spiritual life among college students," W. H. Sallmon, Yale University; Opportunities for college men in association work in foreign lands," David McConaughy, Secretary for India. Later in the evening addresses were delivered by Dr. A. V. V. Raymond on "Essential elements in a successful college association," and by Chancellor Day, of Syracuse University, on "Power and possibilities of organized christian work by and for students." Both addresses were full of interesting points.

Dr. Raymond said that his topic suggested two questions at the outset. What is a successful college association? and are the elements of success in a college association different from those of any other association? He regarded that the measure of success of a college association was determined by the degree with which the spirit of Christ was imbued by every student, and that college association was a complete success where the spirit of Christ was the dominating influence of the college. It was true that college men were unlike others, but the speaker stenuously denied that they were worse, and said that for honesty, for susceptibility to good, for frankness, for courage, for honor and for pure manliness they are better, superior to those outside. Those who doubt this do not know them, and are not familiar with their life, with their friendships, their discussions, their studies and their ambitions. The college is a world in itself, often misjudged.

There is no place where a false note is more quickly discovered than in a college. Pious phraseology does not go and cant is despised; the man who is not sincere makes no impression on the student, who quickly sees that he is acting a part. On the other hand there is no place where the truth finds more ready attention, where honesty counts for more.

The essential element for the success of a college association is that there should be honesty and earnestness. Every moral question must be met fairly. The speaker said that the moral distinction must be clear and absolute, and that the artificial code which had been originated was useless. He called attention to the fact that things were not inherently bad, because they had been devoted to ungodly means.

Let us work against gambling, not against card playing, against licentiousness and deceit. Let us give up defensive warfare. Let us amass money and use it for the glory of God. Let us take the world's pleasures and sanctify them. Everything that is not essentially bad can be made into an instrument of God. The Y. M. C. A. members with college interests, enjoy the social life without degradation, indulge in the

athletics and in the enthusiasm, and Christian men ought to follow this course. If this is done there will be popular respect for Christianity, and all Christians will be natural. The Associations will never be successful until Christianity is respected. There will be a deep, abiding love for Christ. A love such as the disciples had and which Christ taught them to have.

Union's representatives at the convention were D. L. Wood, E. H. Rogen and G. C. Perry.

Mid-Winter Meet.

The annual mid-winter meet of the Union College Track Athletic Association will be held Friday, March 13, at the Centre Street Opera House. The opera house has far better facilities for a meet than the armory, in which these affairs have hitherto taken place, and the track is longer, there being 21 laps to the mile instead of 26 as at the armory. There are to be eleven events, as follows: Mile run, half-mile run, 440-yards run, 25-yards dash, pole-vault, 12-pound shot, mile walk, running high jump, 220-yards hurdle, fencing and club swinging. There will be an intense competition between the different classes, for each point made scores one toward the supremacy of one's class and the placing of its name on the banner. Prizes will also be furnished, silver medals for winners, silk badges for seconds and thirds. There will be no long, tedious waits that are usually features of meets, for each event is scheduled, from 8 to 11:15 o'clock, and an endeavor will be made to finish promptly. An orchestra of seven pieces, probably Zita's, will furnish music, and after the events have been concluded a reception will be held and the floor be cleared for dancing.

Most of the old athletes have registered for different events, and an unusually large number of Freshmen have signified their intention to enter. A number of prominent citizens have agreed to act as officials, and a large attendance is expected. The principal men entered in each event is as follows: Mile run—Kilpatrick, '98, Multer, '97, Bradt, '99, Cregan, '99, Wright,

'99; 880-yards run—Kilpatrick, '98, Sands, '98, O'Neill, '97, Cregan, '99, A. G. Sommer, '96, Wright, '99; 440-yards run—O'Neill, '97, Kilpatrick, '98, Sands, '98, Allen, '98, Gutman, '98, Hinman, '99, Cregan, '99; 25-yards dash—Taylor, '96, Myers, '96, Twiford, '96; Mallery, '96; O'Neill, '97, Sands, '98, Fisher, '98, Crothers, '98, Allen, '98, French, '99, Hinman, '99; running high jump—Twiford, '96, Myers, '96, Campbell, '96, Pildain, '96, Fisher, '98, Deyo, '98, Hinman, '99; 220-yards hurdle—Twiford, '96, Myers, '96, Pearse, '97, O'Neill, '97, Crothers, '98, Vroman, '98; mile walk—Pollock, '96, Cotton, '97, Todd, '97, Turner, '96; pole-vault—Dann, '96, Campbell, '96, Pildain, '96, Deyo, '98, W. C. Yates, '98; Hinman, '99; 12-pound shot put—Myers, '96, Clowe, '96, Beckwith, '96, Mallery, '96, McMillan, '98, Vrooman, '98, Crothers, '98, Taylor, '96, Sweetland, '97; fencing—Anthony, '96, Beckwith, '96, Canfield, '97, O'Neill, '97, H. H. Brown, '97, Westfall, '96; Indian club—Pershing, '97, Cumings, '97, Pearse, '97, Fisher, '98, Mabon, '98.

The Sophomore Soiree a Grand Success.

Many brilliant assemblages have been held at the Van Curler Opera House, but it never before contained such a handsome and refined one as gathered there on Friday evening, February 14, the occasion being the annual soiree which is given by the Sophomore class. Its success eclipsed that of any other soiree ever given at Union.

From nine o'clock until five the following morning the whole theatre was a picture of beauty and loveliness. Every pretty girl in Old Dorp was there and the more gallant college men did not forget to bring their sisters, and some who were not sisters, to enjoy the greatest social event of the winter season at Union, for the Sophomore soiree has become that. It was surely a grand sight and the handsome faces, blending with the gorgeous and comely gowns of the fair ones, made one forget all cares and troubles and think only of the dream that was

floating before him. No one could look upon that scene and remain untouched by its sublimity. Old and young alike gave up thoughts of everything but the present as they glided slowly to the low strains of the dreamy waltz or gayly to the lively music of the two-step. Its memory will linger long in the minds of those who were there and it was a valentine that the girl who was fortunate enough to receive will never forget, for such a valentine comes only once in seven years.

The Van Curler never presented a prettier appearance. Its gold and white finishings glittered as if they, too, had caught up the spirit of the assemblage. A flooring had been laid over the seats in the pit on a level with the stage and this, with the stage itself, formed ample space for dancing. The decorations were plain but very neat, and strips of bunting hung in loose folds concealing the flies. At the back of the stage was the palace setting of the theatre, directly in front of which was a bank of gorgeous palms. Behind these palms was stationed Gioscia and Gartland's consolidated orchestra of eight pieces led by the peerless Gioscia, and they were at their best. The Van Curler has heard music, but none ever to compare with that. It was grand—everybody said so. The boxes were the property of the different fraternities of the college. Sigma Phi, Alpha Delta Phi, Chi Psi and Psi Upsilon occupied the four lower ones, while Delta Phi and Delta Upsilon had the upper ones.

At half after nine the orchestra played an overture and the dance was on. Directly following the overture came the first waltz, "Ange D'Amour," and from then until the whole twenty-five regular numbers with the additional extras, incidentals and don't counts were finished, the floor presented an appearance not soon to be forgotten.

The soiree was well attended by people from outside the city, this applying especially to the gentler sex. Among those present from other places were Mrs. Hasbrouck and Miss Hasbrouck, of Syracuse; Mrs. J. S. Stuart and Miss Possons, of Glens Falls; Miss Waite, of Sandy Hill; Miss Merriman, of Scranton, Pa.; Miss

McClelland, of Cambridge; Miss Greenlief, of Newburyport, Mass.; Miss Perkins, of Lyme, Mass.; Miss Gibson, of Flushing; Miss Kirkpatrick, of Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Taylor, of Amsterdam; Miss Lehman and Miss Ketchum, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Collier, of Clinton; Miss Mason, of Baltimore; Miss Flagg, of Portland, Maine; Miss Sweet, Miss Taylor and Miss Avery, of Gloversville; Miss Wood, of Haverstraw; Miss Smith, of Tompkin Cove; Miss Phinney, Vassar College; Miss Baker, Miss Norton, Miss Clexton, Miss Consalus and Miss Edna Consalus, of Troy; Miss Staley, Miss Kimball and Mrs. Draper, of Lansingburgh; Miss Anna Adams, Miss Hazwell, Miss Lintner, Miss Hull, Miss McKane, Miss Hungerford, Miss Graves and Miss Lillian Graves, of Albany; Miss Closs, of Rose, and Miss Holly, of Germantown, Pa.

Among those present from the city were Miss Walker, Miss Carrie Davis, Miss Beattie, Miss Isabelle Beattie, Miss Rachel Yates, Miss Madge Campbell, Miss Sykes, Miss Anna Clute, Miss Harriet Clute, Miss Horstman, Miss Grace Horstman, Miss Kosboth, Miss Aleda Ellis, Miss Dora Yates, Miss Watkins, Miss Johnston, Miss Blanche Truax, Miss Franchot, Miss Gertrude Clute, Miss Frame, Miss Conde, Miss Mynderse, Miss Hart, Miss Gertrude Hart, Miss Gertrude Brown, Miss Miller, Miss Swits, Miss Hoppman, Miss Clare, Miss Stoops, Miss Jackson, Miss Hamilton, Miss Cooney, Miss Minnie Barker, Miss McNee, Miss Neahr, Miss White, Miss Hoag, Miss Teller, Miss Bates, the Misses Levi, Miss Nott, Miss Shirland, Mrs. E. B. Raymond, Mrs. W. B. Gilmore, Mrs. James H. Delaney, Mrs. B. F. Carmichael, Mrs. D. L. Kathan, Mrs. William G. Shaible, Mrs. W. T. Hanson, Mrs. Lovejoy, Mrs. Robert J. Landon, Mrs. Clarence Wendell, Mrs. Frank V. Brownell and Mrs. William C. Vrooman.

The patronesses were Mrs. A. V. V. Raymond, Mrs. B. Walworth Arnold, Mrs. C. C. Brown, Mrs. J. A. DeRemer, Mrs. G. W. Gibson, Mrs. John Kruesi, Mrs. E. E. Hale, Jr., Mrs. B. H. Ripton, Mrs. J. W. Smitley, Mrs. J. W. Stoller, Mrs. James Strain, Mrs.

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The committee which had the soiree in charge, and which acquitted itself with such great credit, making it alike a social and financial success, was composed of Theodore B. Brown, chairman; Charles J. Vrooman, William A. Earles, Herrick C. Allen, W. J. Sommer, Royal A. Avery, Charles D. Griffith, M. Le Roy Haviland, Perley P. Sheehan, John W. Haggart and Peter B. Yates.

A Prize Medal.

Dr. Hale has announced that the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution offers a silver medal, to be awarded by the faculty on Commencement Day, for the best essay by any student of Union on the subject, "Principles fought for in the War of the American Revolution." The same offer is made to a number of other colleges. The essay winning the medal is to be submitted in a general competition with the prize essays in the other colleges. The writer of the most meritorious of these essays will be awarded a gold medal of the value of \$200. The gold medal was won last year by Mr. J. C. Coolidge, of Amherst College.

These essays are to be between 1,600 and 2,000 words in length, to be signed by an assumed name, and accompanied by an envelope enclosing the writer's real name and superscribed with his assumed name, to be handed in by noon on June 1. Those intending to compete must enter their names to Prof. Hale by March 27.

W. L. Sawyer, '95, has been nominated by the Republicans of Sandy Hill for the office of Justice of the Peace. He is opposed by R. C. Coleman, also a graduate of Union, class of '58, who is running on the Democratic ticket.

Senior Banquet.

Probably for the last time in its course the class of '96 met together in the banquet hall to feast itself on food and thought. This gathering was held at the Edison Hotel on Thursday evening, Feb. 20, and Friday morning, Feb. 21; for it is not to be supposed that such an event could be crowded into the time comprised in one evening. In as much as there was so much to be eaten, so much to be said and so many anecdotes to be related, it was thought best to begin early in the evening; so at just half past nine the class filed into the room prepared for the occasion. At the head of the table was seated the toastmaster, and at his right the president of the class. The other members were arranged according to class standing; at the end of the table opposite the head were grouped all those who are trying for keys and special honors. Later in the evening it was found that this arrangement was exceedingly well planned.

The menu and regular toasts were as follows:

MENU.

	Blue Points.	
Celery.	Lettuce.	French Rolls.
Soup, Bouillon Clear.	Baked Blue Fish.	
	Potatoes, a la Duchesse.	
Roast York State Turkey,	Cranberry Sauce.	
Mashed Potatoes.	Succotash.	
	Lobster Salad.	
Roman Punch.	Cigarettes.	
	Roast Partridge, Larded.	
Baked Sweet Potatoes.	Asparagus Tips.	
	English Plum Pudding, Hard Sauce.	
	Lemon Ice Cream.	
Sponge Cake.	Fruit Cake.	Chocolate Cake.
	Florida Oranges.	Assorted Nuts.
Apples.	Bananas.	Raisins.
	Domestic, Edam and Pineapple Cheese.	
	Water Crackers.	Coffee.

TOASTS.

TOASTMASTER,	L. M. SCOFIELD.
ALMA MATER,	GEO. DANN.
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 childrens chorus.	

WHAT THE DEVIL ARE WE? . . . M. H. STRONG.
We are a crowd of merry lads
Who's duty is to fix
An eternal, lasting mem'ry
To the class of Ninety-six.—A. AUSTIN.

WHAT THE DEVIL WILL WE BE? . . . ROSCOE GUERNSEY.
How swiftly the wind bloweth,
How smoothly the wine floweth,
How much the class oweth,
How little the Lord knoweth
What we will be.—SHAKESPEARE.

THE LIMBS ON WHICH WE HANG, . . . Z. L. MYERS.
It is our death grip now, my friend,
Pull legs as you ne'er have done;
Now let's hang on until the end,
When our college course we've run.—SOCRATES.

THE SLOW, DUTCH CITY OF SCHENECTADY, }
OR
THE SLOWER, DUTCHER CITY OF ALBANY, } J. WOOD.
Is there greater poetry in motion
Than there is in old association?—NON-EST.

THE SPARKLING DIAMOND } Game called at 2 A. M.
vs. } Feb. 21. '96,
THE DUSKY CLASSROOM, } T. VANW. ANTHONY.
Friends, Romans and Classmates
Stop up your ears and listen.—LEIBNITZ.

THE ATHLETIC BOARD, . . . R. B. BEATTIE.
They decide the fate of Athletes.—BLANK.

OUR DESERTERS, . . . C. E. GORDON.
They have left their classmates penniless,
To work for the wealthy state.—C. E.

THE MOTTO, . . . W. L. TERRY.
"CHERRY PECTORIAL."

Those who are able to drink may now drink to the health of '96 and with the assistance of kind friends wend their way hillward. Others may still remain under the table until called out at our next meeting.

COMMITTEE.

Besides the toasts above given it was thought that the list would not be complete unless something were said concerning the gentler sex. The toastmaster was particularly anxious to hear concerning them; but he thought that if one speech would be good, three would be better, and besides it was so difficult to choose which of three gentlemen was best suited to treat the theme; accordingly he called upon J. G. Hilton, Geo. E. Pollock and Geo. B. Young to relate their experience for the instruction and entertainment of the class. Another sentiment, "Kalamazoo or Anything," was responded to by the gentleman from that district, W. H. Hall. In this response the speaker nearly lost his life, for his eloquence had such power, that simultaneously, from all sides, the fruit and dishes on the table rushed toward him.

Then followed for more than an hour stories

and anecdotes and reminiscences related first by one and then another until all had participated. With songs and class and college yells the class then wended its way to the hill, taking care that all along the route and all the inhabitants of the dormitories should know of what had occurred. All pronounce the banquet a great success, and all will look back at this last one as the most enjoyable of the whole course.

Obituary--Gen. A. B. Smith, '51.

Gen. A. B. Smith, for many years a well-known resident of Poughkeepsie, attended a cottage prayer meeting at the home of Prof. McDonald on Church street, January 27. He arose to announce a hymn, and had just spoken the words, "More Love to Thee, O Christ," when he dropped dead from heart disease.

Alfred Baker Smith was born in 1825. He was of Puritan stock. His grandfather served in the French and Revolutionary wars and his father in the war of 1812. He graduated from Union College in 1851 and was employed as an instructor in mathematics by Prof. Charles Bartlett at College Hill Academy in Poughkeepsie. He studied law in the office of Judge Emmott, and after his admission to the bar formed a partnership with Matthew Hale, now of Albany.

In 1855 Gen. Smith, with twelve other men, met at Washington Hollow and formed the Republican party in Dutchess county. They were nicknamed the twelve apostles. The year after the outbreak of the war, at the suggestion of Mrs. Benson J. Lossing, wife of the historian, Smith organized the 150th Dutchess county regiment. Gov. Morgan offered him the Colonelcy, but he declined. He accepted the office of Major, and fought with his men in every engagement from Gettysburg to Bentonville, going with his corps through the Tennessee and Atlanta campaigns, thence with Sherman to the sea and through the Carolinas. He became Lieutenant-Colonel of the 150th Regiment, and afterward Colonel. After the war he was breveted Brigadier-General, and was sent for by President Johnson, who offered him the Governorship of any Southern State during the reconstruction period. He refused. President Johnson afterward appointed him Collector of Internal Revenue and Postmaster of Poughkeepsie. He held the latter office two terms. He was Recorder, and for thirty years was a member of the Board of Education. While he was President of the Board the Catholic Parochial schools were taken into the public school system on what is now widely known as the Poughkeepsie plan.

College Mail Delivery.

Last term mention was made in these columns of a committee being appointed which was to obtain, if possible, a free mail delivery to each room in college, thereby being a great convenience to all the students. The committee prepared a petition, which was signed by all the faculty and a large majority of the undergraduates, and it was forwarded to the proper authorities. The result of the petition is most satisfactory to all, as can be seen by the following letters which have been received by Dr. Raymond:

NEW YORK, Feb. 12, 1896.

Rev. A. V. V. Raymond, D. D.,
President Union College,
Schenectady, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR:—

Major Charles Lewis handed to me a petition signed by the faculty and a number of the students of the college, asking for a carrier service to accommodate the college dormitories etc., asking me if it could not be brought about.

During a recent visit to Washington I brought the matter to the attention of the Department and I was promised that the matter would receive immediate consideration, and was assured that the request would be granted. Enclosed find communications touching upon it, which I trust will be satisfactory to you as it is gratifying to me.

Very respectfully,

JOHN E. ASHE, '66.

Inspector in Chief, New York State.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8, 1896.

John E. Ashe,
P. O. Inspector,
New York, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR:—

Referring to your conversation in relation to the application for an additional carrier to serve Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., I have to inform you that after an examination of the situation, I have decided to appoint an additional temporary carrier, to begin service March 1st next.

Very respectfully,

F. H. JONES.

First Assistant Postmaster-General.

Cox, '98, spent Sunday with his brother at Wynanteskill.

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THE COMMITTEE on mail delivery deserves the thanks of the whole college. Its action was prompt and evidently one that laid great stress on the matter, for it called forth immediate action by the post-office authorities. Mr. John E. Ashe, a graduate of Union in the class of '66, was also very influential in helping the matter along, and undoubtedly did much to bring it to a point.

IT SEEMS that the date of the Allison-Foote inter-society debate has again been changed to May 29. If it was necessary to have the change, we do not see why it could not have been held at Commencement, the same as last year. It would only be a few weeks later and it would certainly add attractiveness to the '96 Commencement. If nothing more it would have been an act of courtesy to the Senior class.

THE TRIALS to choose the man who is to represent Union in the Inter-collegiate oratorical contest occurred at a date too late to allow THE CON-

CORDIENSIS to give a full account and we will reserve it until our next issue. It is needless to say, however, that the man chosen will be a good representative of Union, and the man who beats him out in the final contest will have to be a pretty good one.

THE CONCORDIENSIS would like to announce that its columns are open to communications on the matter of removing the college to Albany and would gladly receive and publish any articles, either for or against, providing they are reasonable in their discussions and are signed by the writers. We recognize that there is chance for much discussion on this matter and that various opinions are held by many of the prominent alumni of the college. The undergraduates, of course, have an opinion, but it does not count. We are in a position where we are supposed to know nothing for or against, but we would like to know how the scheme is looked upon by the alumni and those interested in the welfare of the college. It is a very grave subject and it ought to be put in a light so that all might understand it.

WE LEARNED in geology of mighty glaciers and terrible avalanches; but what is the need of reading of them in books and of traveling to foreign lands to see them when we have them in our own midst?

Other colleges may have larger museums of stuffed birds and fossil remains, but few have genuine avalanches on daily exhibition, for from the broad expanse of Union's chapel and laboratory roofs rushes down with mighty force great quantities of snow and ice, burying all in their course. Well, all of these are very instructive and are lovely to gaze upon; but they are very uncomfortable to stand under. When several bushels of heavy snow drop on your head it is very liable to spoil your new derby hat or give you a headache. A youth of tender years might even be crushed under the load; and this came near being the fate of the college messenger boy the other day. How sad every one would feel should he be stricken down in such a lamentable manner! But what has set us thinking so deeply on the subject is that we very narrowly escaped being crushed ourselves not long ago. So we have moralized and have also been led to ask if it wouldn't avoid considerable anxiety if the proper authorities would order the snow not to slide down all at once or else put up some restrictions in the shape of ice hooks or some kindred contrivance.

WE NOTE elsewhere in these columns the mid-winter meet which is to be held March 13. If the meet is to be a success, and we feel that it must, the athletes in college must begin their training at once and conscientious training at that. A few are doing regular work in the gymnasium every day, but the number ought to be three times as great. It could easily be made so if those in college who do athletic work would come out and train as they should. It seems that our athletics are on a down grade, and if they are they should be checked at once and efforts be made to put a better team in the field this year than ever before. We can do it and it rests with the fellows themselves whether that shall be the case or not.

WHAT is the reason that there is a continual complaint being heard concerning the manner of conducting our library? One defect is no sooner remedied than another is brought forward. It seems as though there must be some trouble somewhere; and if there is, it ought to be investigated. One thing surely should be settled, and that is for whose benefit is the library, for the librarian's or the students? Presumably for the latter; and yet the former arbitrarily closes the library without regard to the schedule hours and permanently withdraws from the library books which are often used by the students, and all this with no other reason than that *he* desires it so. Again, why couldn't the library be opened at the same time that recitations begin instead of an hour later? Those who do not have first hour recitations would find it a great convenience to have the use of the library at that time rather than to stand around in the cold. The library is one of the most important features of the college, and irregularity there affects the whole student body.

WE UNDERSTAND that THE CONCORDIENSIS is being severely criticised by some of the prominent Albanians who are at the head of the removal scheme for the manner in which it is treating the subject. We also understand that the Editor-in-Chief has been complimented (?) several times on the ground that being an undergraduate he should not criticise the steps taken by men who are many years his seniors. Viewed in this light we heartily agree with the Albanians, and we do not for a moment wish them to understand that our remarks have been made for that purpose. What we have said we do not consider as criticism—it has been in the interest of our college and what

we hope some day to call our *alma mater*. If we have published anything that reflects at all upon those who are concerned in the scheme, we offer our most humble apologies, but we do not think that we have.

We can understand how a man who is practically at the head of the project could look at the matter in that narrow light. Not being even a graduate of Old Union we cannot expect him to bear the love for the institution that those who have been here not quite four years are glad to acknowledge and are proud to boast of. We can understand how her traditions and her lasting memories do not reach to the bottom of his heart and there take root never to be torn up. We can understand how he can wish to remove her from the surroundings that have for a century shed their influence on every man who has ever entered her gates. And, judging from the above, we can readily understand why THE CONCORDIENSIS should be so unjustly criticised. Is it not in the fact that we love and reverence Old Union while the honored gentleman loves and reverences Albany? And since we do love and reverence Old Union, is it not just that we should demand that some action in regard to the matter be taken at once? The discussion is injuring the college, next year's class will be much smaller than otherwise owing to it, and every day the matter rests as it is will add greater injury than the previous one.

We are not quite as narrow minded as some give us credit for being. If we thought the college would receive, by removal, the impetus and advantages that are being pictured, we would not hesitate to say that it ought to go, and the sooner the better. If we thought that Albany could raise enough money to guarantee that Union University should have advantages equalled by none of the smaller universities in the country, we would say go more emphatically than before. The Albanians claim these things, but we fail to see when these claims are to be realized. When these points are proved then will it be time enough to consider the question of removal. A million and a half dollars cannot do it, and that is all they say they can possibly raise.

Latin Composition.

Boyibus kissibus sweet girlorum;
 Girlibus likibus, wanti Somorum;
 Papabus comibus midst of kissorum,
 Kickibus boyibus out of Doorum.—*Ex.*

Personal and Local.

Preston, '98, has left college.

Cook, '99, is ill at his house in Albany.

Haggart, '99, is reported as improving quite rapidly.

Failing, ex-'99, has entered Syracuse University.

Smith, '99, has left college on account of illness.

Feb. 12 was observed in celebrating Lincoln's birthday.

Professor Truax lectured at Salem February 14 and 21.

Cherry, '97, has gone to Philadelphia for a short stay.

Professor McKenzie spent Sunday at his home in Boston.

Bradford, '99, is ill at his home in Broadalbin, N. Y.

'99 handed in their third essay for this term on Friday.

Skinner, '95, was on the hill lately visiting old friends.

There was a meeting of '99 on Wednesday, February 5.

Boss, '98, has gone to Baltimore for the benefit of his health.

Haviland, '98, has been visiting his parents at Glens Falls.

C. J. Vrooman, '98, spent Saturday and Sunday in Albany.

Vosburg, '96, was called home very unexpectedly last week.

McMillan, '98, spent Sunday, February 16, at Green Island, N. Y.

G. A. Johnston, '95, has been visiting friends on the hill recently.

Dr. Reeves has been detained from his college duties by illness.

Van Vranken, '96, fell on the ice Wednesday and injured his knee.

Beattie, '96, was at his home in Middletown Sunday, February 16.

Westfall, '96, spent Sunday, February 16, at his home in Cambridge.

Bray, '99, is under the doctor's care at his room on Quackenbos St.

The students of Williams as a body have adopted the honor system.

French, '99, made a flying visit to his home in Binghamton, February 15.

The students obtained several "bolts" on account of the recent cold wave.

H. A. Frey, '97, spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in Palatine Bridge.

S. G. H. Turner, '98, made a short visit to Troy last Saturday and Sunday.

Hayes, '97, who is at the hospital with typhoid fever, is getting better fast.

J. M. E. Pruyn was confined to his room two days last week on account of illness.

Blessing, '94, was in town for a few days recently, renewing old acquaintances.

Turner, '98, has returned after having spent a few days with his parents at Elmira.

Dr. Raymond attended the state Y. M. C. A. convention at Newburgh, February 21.

Sullivan, '97, has been obliged to leave college for a few days on account of illness.

M. H. Strong, '96, attended the ball given by the Fortnightly Club, of Troy, on Feb. 15.

Dillenbeck, '99, was at his home in Palatine Bridge, Thursday and Friday, February 6 and 7.

Fox, '99, spent Saturday and Sunday with Anderson, '96, at the latter's home in Cambridge, N. Y.

Work on the '97 *Garnet* is being rushed, and the board expects to have the book out before the end of the term.

The concert by the musical association, which was to have been given on the 21st, has been indefinitely postponed.

Wood, '97, took the place of Beattie, '96, in the choir of the First Congregational Church during the absence of the latter.

Pershing, '97, went to Syracuse to represent Union at the meeting of the New York State Intercollegiate Oratorical League.

President Raymond addressed the convention to consider the subject of international arbitration at Philadelphia, February 22.

Wood, '97, Perry, '98, and Rogers, '98, went to Newburgh, N. Y., last Thursday to attend the annual convention of the New York branch of the intercollegiate Y. M. C. A.

ALBANY MEDICAL COLLEGE.

Barber, '96, who has been ill of the diphtheria, has about recovered.

Dr. Hale will quizz the Juniors on arteries, during the rest of the term.

Parsons '97, has recovered from a three week's illness and is again in college.

The class of '96 has voted not to have any caps or gowns at the graduating exercises.

Joseph A. O'Neill, '97, attended the Sophomore soiree given by the college at Schenectady on Feb. 14.

Several of the Juniors are going to New York as soon as college closes, to take post-graduate work in obstetrics.

Dr. Vander Veer, who has been ill, is delivering his lectures again. Dr. Mac Donald filled his place during his illness.

The Violet club gave its first annual social Wednesday evening. Games and dances were indulged in and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Griffith, '96, was one of the heroes of the recent fire in Troy. He aided in carrying off the unfortunate dead, and procured and administered restoratives to the injured.

C. T. King, H. L. and W. H. Wood, A. R. Fenwick, of the class of '98 are sick. C. L. Witbeck, '98, of Cohoes, who was operated on for appendicitis, by Drs. Vander Veer, Mac Donald and Dr. J. D. Bryant of New York, is reported better.

A sleigh-ride was given a few evenings ago, to a few students of the Medical college by Mr. W. Miller and Miss Maggie Wood. The following comprised the party: Messrs. Herbert Bruce, Robert Davies, J. Willard Travell, P. G. Ten Eyck, W. Miller, C. J. Slocum, Fred Ham, James De Rouville, J. J. Beard, Frank Weidman, D. J. Jenkins, Misses L. Shaffer, E. Skinner, M. Wood, E. Brooks, Bessie Brooks, Elizabeth Waterman, Rockfellers, Laura and Clara Skinner of Bath-on-Hudson.

THE ALBANY LAW SCHOOL

Mr. Burlingame began his lectures on criminal law last week.

Mr. Sawyer, who has been striving for several days to overcome threatened illness, gave up the attempt last Thursday, and left for his home in Auburn.

Mr. Burke is suffering with a severe illness at his home in Middletown.

Messrs. Perkins and Skinner were acting as guides in the Capitol one day last week.

Mr. Stumpf who has been confined to his room for several days, is again able to attend lectures.

Mr. Nye was fortunate enough to pass the bar examination in January, and is now a "full fledged" attorney and counsellor. Congratulations.

The space in the *Garnet* to be devoted to the Law School, gives promise of being utilized in such manner as to be very interesting to the class of '96.

An interesting session of Moot Court was held last Friday. McMaster demonstrated that his ability as an advocate compares favorably with his ability as Judge. Hammond and Kilgallen each covered themselves with glory, while Schoonmaker's forensic ability came to the front in its usual graceful style. In the absence of Prof. Lawson, Mr. Davidson presided. The opinion by Perkins was a very creditable effort.

Eli Perkins' Advice to the "Youserist."

When you write your merry jokes,
Cut 'em short;
People hate long anecdotes,
Cut 'em short;

Life is short and full of care,
Editors don't like to swear,
So treat your jokes just like your hair—
Cut 'em short.

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The Press Club.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Press Club was held in the college chapel on Feb. 17. It was decided to have a cut in the '97 *Garnet*, and also to try to increase the membership of the club by additions from the Freshman class. After several rousing speeches were made the following officers were elected: M. A. Twiford, '96, president; W. L. Huggins, '96, vice-president; W. H. Hall, '96, secretary; Carl Hammer, '98, treasurer.

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New England Alumni.

The New England Alumni Association held its annual banquet in Boston on February 12th, at the home of the University club in that city. The meeting was an interesting one and much enthusiasm was displayed on behalf of the alma mater. At the regular business meeting the following officers were elected: President, T. C. Hurd, '56, of Cambridge; First Vice-President, Prof. Daniel B. Hagar, '43, of Salem; Second Vice-President, Dr. Chas. A. Phelps, '41, of Boston; Secretary, Rev. D. D. Addison, '83, of Brookline; Treasurer, Dr. F. P. Rogers, '80, of Providence, R. I.; Chairman Executive Committee, Col. Frank G. Noies, '53, of Nashua, N. H.; President Raymond was among the speakers.

Hegeman, '99, has taken the agency for Hulbert Bros. & Co., of New York, dealers in all kinds of Athletic and Gymnasium goods. In his room No. 44 N. S. S. C., he has samples of sweaters, running pants and shoes, base-ball goods etc. The fellows would do well to look at his samples and get their goods from him. Now is the time to get what you will need for the mid-winter meet..

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Dr. Raymond preached in the chapel Sunday afternoon, Feb. 16. His text found in Galatians 5:16 was, "Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the blush of the flesh."



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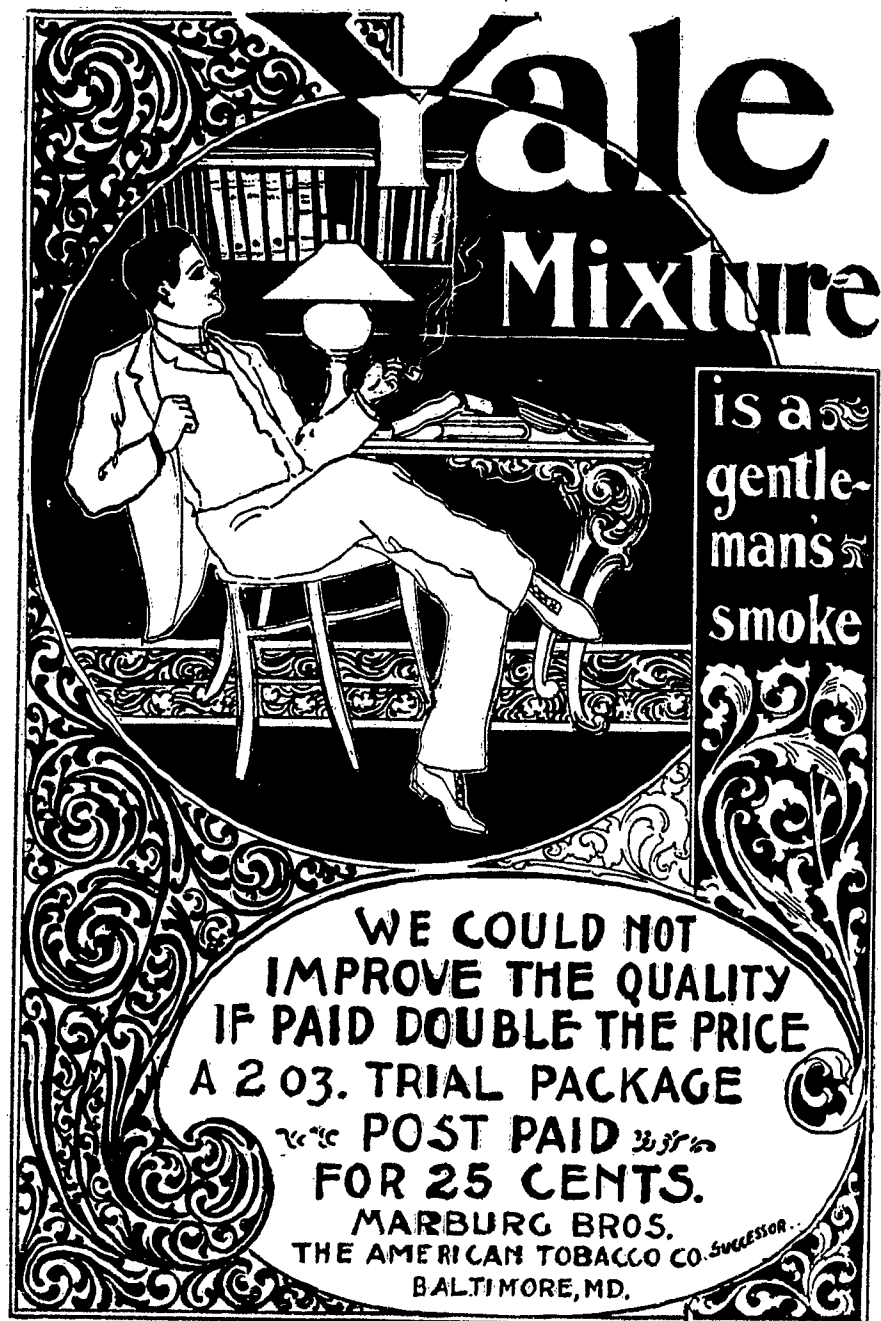


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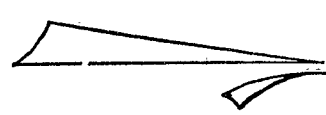
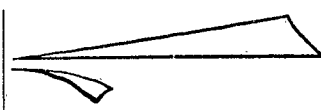


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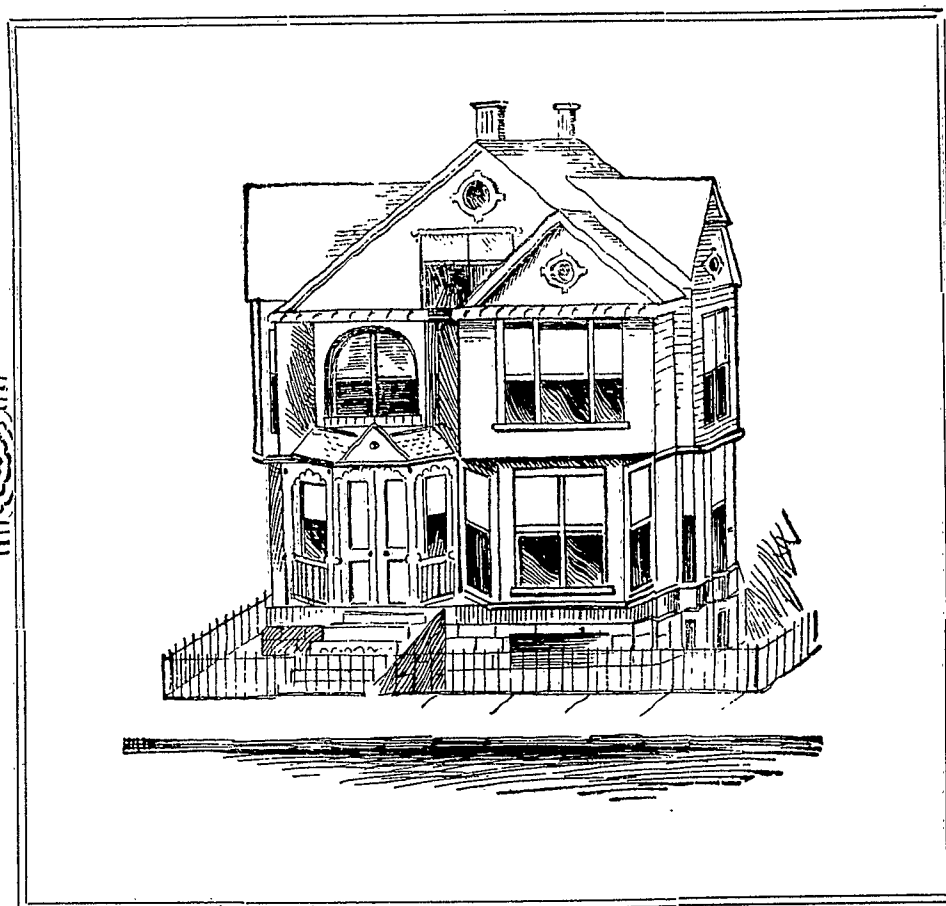
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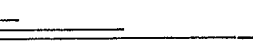
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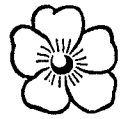
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