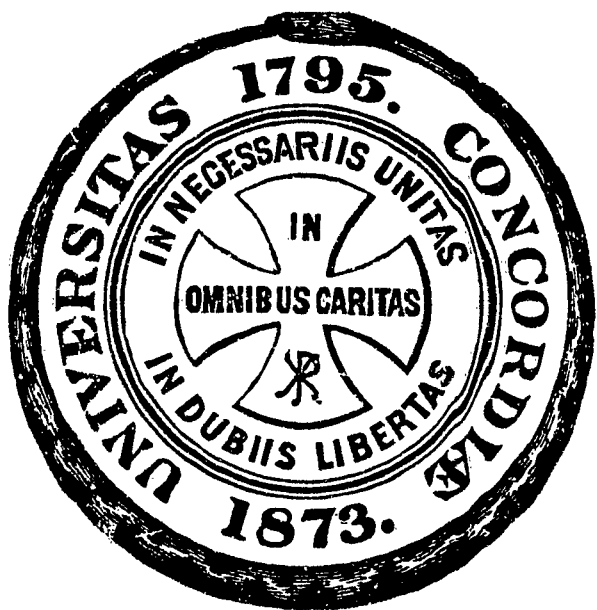


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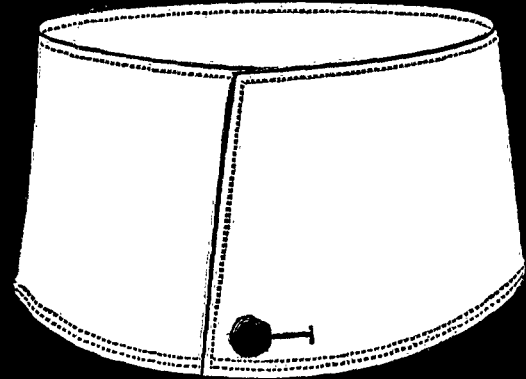
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Gen. Tremain Speaks on the Sinews of War

General Henry E. Tremain delivered the twenty-ninth lecture in the Butterfield course, in the college chapel, Friday afternoon, April 22, to a large and appreciative audience of students, alumni and friends of the college.

President Raymond introduced General Daniel Butterfield, the founder of the lecture course, who accompanied the lecturer. The president said it was significant that on this day, when the first shot had been fired against Spain, Union college should be honored by the presence of two generals of the civil war.

After announcing the prizes offered in connection with the lectures, General Butterfield introduced the speaker, by relating how he had become acquainted with General Tremain, during a severe engagement on the battlefield, when Tremain, then a young soldier, had approached him and offered his services.

The subject of the lecture was "A Talk on Money." In opening Gen. Tremain said that this was not a talk for money or to money, but to brains anticipating money. Speaking of private and public finance he said that silence about one's own affairs was commendable, and that public finance is a dull, unprofitable study, unless its rudiments are analyzed. Unless we are prepared to differentiate the elements of financial success, it is sure to terminate in failure. The element of chance must be eliminated as much as possible, this the speaker regarding as the philosophy of the age. He would not attempt to define money, for its terms depend on the way they are used as well as upon the man who uses them. He said that he would pay little attention to terms and depend upon facts. Francis Bacon was right when he said that you must possess all the facts. They may be hard to get but they remain.

The speaker then treated his subject from a

historical point of view, and showed that the history of money and the history of civilization are intertwined. He said that it is difficult for us to realize the value of wampum and sheep, measured by one or more articles for which they could be exchanged. To custom was due the use of sheep, cattle and shekels of gold as mediums of exchange. When gold became a medium, other articles fell into disuse, because gold was more convenient to handle. Exchange by this method was called barter. Barter is the rudiment of commerce. It was not practiced on the principle of something for nothing. Articles were exchanged for something else of equivalent value. In the absence of any credit the precious metals gave the best means of exchange; the more precious the metal the more convenient, the more compact the better liked. Metals to be used for money must be current. Uniformity also is necessary. And currency without credit is not money. All depends upon confidence and convertibility into something of value. A currency of coin sometimes meets with disaster, and nations have frequently in times past, had to alter their coinage laws, and impose penalties for counterfeiting and mutilating coins. In the reign of Henry VIII., the government stamp was looked upon as the mark of the coins value, and many private individuals found the temptation to counterfeit too alluring. In Venice coins were pared and clipped. Milled and hammered coins, difficult to counterfeit were then made. These soon became current. But the best money went abroad, the bad money remained in circulation, clipping and counterfeiting went on regardless of laws, and the currency, commerce and agriculture became deranged. The government began to reject bad money in payment of taxes and misery followed. The speaker said that the high price of gold is only a symptom and not a cause, and quoted Jefferson's statement,

that the ratio of gold to silver is a mercantile problem altogether. The speaker held that the laws of commerce regulate credit between nations.

Speaking of paper money, he said that it entails distress and suffering unless it is convertible into coin, that credit is based upon uniform confidence. He cited the case of France during the French revolution, when distress became the lot of the most thrifty, and confusion reigned, because of our issue of inconvertible paper money, which steadily decreased in value. He also traced the history of paper money in our own country, and said that prior to the adoption of the constitution political ills were no comparison to those arising from financial conditions. Every state had tried its own money scheme. There was no reliable source of public or private money. Whiskey and tobacco did service for money in Virginia, and tobacco was made legal tender for everything from taxes to wives shipped from England. There were so many kinds of money that no merchant could set a price on anything. The paper money craze in Massachusetts and Rhode Island brought about a state of anarchy. They thought the value rested solely in the government stamp. This state of affairs eventually led up to Shay's rebellion. Discussing the power which money exerted, the speaker said that the control of a loan meant the control of an empire, and the control and discharge of a loan meant the control of two empires. Public loans should be in just proportion to the public revenue, but when credit money is a loan, then it is a dangerous resource. Only a man of wealth can live without money. In conclusion, the speaker said that there is always politics in money. And if we wish sound money, we must promote sound politics.

GEN. BUTTERFIELD'S OFFER.

At the conclusion of the lecture, General Butterfield arose and said that he and his associates in New York city were enrolling volunteers for the war, and when the organization was completed, he would offer their services to the president. He then made the entirely unexpected offer to equip a battalion of Union college students, and call upon the Union alumni to fill out the battalion. He then asked those to rise who were ready to volunteer. About half of all present signified their desire. The General said that preparations need not interfere with our term's work, for he had been told by ex-Secretary Sherman that all the volunteers would not be ready for about three months. He hoped that Union college might be among the first to offer her services to the

government, and said that if the battalion was organized he would ask General Tremain to take command. The proposition was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

Ninety-eight Class Song.

[Written by W. C. YATES.]

Join now ye class-mates all in song,
Of praise to ninety-eight,
And raise your voices loud and long
Her triumphs to relate;
Old Union boasts no fairer page
In all her ancient lore,
Than that which tells how ninety-eight,
Her truest honor bore.

CHORUS.

Then class-mates join in song
Of praise to ninety-eight,
And raise your voices loud and long
In praise to ninety-eight.

With earnest efforts striving e'er
Our best selves to express,
Our alma mater's tender care
Has urged us to success;
Though some have faltered in their zeal
Their highest aims to gain,
Their mourned for loss has served to steel
The true hearts that remain.—[CHO.]

United strife alone has brought
The prize within our grasp,
And comrades who together fought
Part now with tearful clasp;
And though in sorrow, we regret
Our comradeship is o'er,
It's memory will aid us yet
To win what lies before.—[CHO.]

Charles E. Smith, Postmaster-General.

The addition of one more name to the number of Union's sons who have served their country in the cabinet, has sent a thrill of pleasure through us all. Charles Emory Smith, '61, has been appointed Postmaster-General to succeed James A. Gray, resigned. Mr. Smith's career is so well known that it need not be given here, but we might say that he is a Regent of the University of the State of New York, and editor of the Philadelphia Press. He was Minister to Russia from 1890 to 1892.

Union Defeats West Point.

With many misgivings as to the propriety of the trip, the baseball team left for West Point last Saturday morning in the midst of a heavy rain storm. Upon arriving at their destination, however, they were much surprised to find the fairest kind of weather and the parade grounds in excellent condition. Captain Smith and his followers were not disappointed, for they bore in mind a long list of defeats in baseball and football for the garnet at the hands of the cadets. Union has never triumphed over the Cadets on the gridiron and, not since 1894 on the diamond.

It was with a determination to blot out former defeats that the nine began the game. The game was a pretty struggle from start to finish and every man on Union's team did himself proud. In the individual work Thatcher easily took the lead. Only six hits were made off his delivery and that he proved a puzzle to the cadets is shown by the eight men he struck out. He gave no bases on balls, and made five assists. Thatcher was well supported by the team and especially by Parshall behind the bat, whose work even outshone that of the heretofore invincible "Del." In this game the fellows played together better than in any of the season's contests, the team-work being a marked feature.

In the first inning neither side scored. In the second Union found Craig's curves and before he could pull himself together four men had crossed the plate. Brown succeeded Craig in the third and held Union down to one run. In the next, West Point with some clean hitting sent two men across the rubber and followed in the fifth with two more. Union scored one in the sixth, and the cadets another in the seventh, but in the eighth the wearers of the garnet put an end to any doubt as to the outcome by scoring three runs.

The story of the game in detail is as follows:

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	A.B.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
French, 3b.....	5	1	0	1	1	2
Robinson, l. f.....	5	0	2	1	0	2
Parshall, c.....	2	1	1	8	0	0
Thatcher, p.....	4	1	0	1	5	0
Smith, c. f.....	5	2	1	2	0	0
Vrooman, 2b.....	5	1	2	1	1	0
Wiley, 1b.....	4	1	0	12	0	0
Stewart, r. f.....	4	1	0	1	0	0
Cook, s. s.....	4	1	1	0	4	0
	38	9	7	27	10	4

WEST POINT.

	A.B.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Cowan, 3b.....	5	1	3	1	2	0
Lann, s. s.....	4	1	0	1	3	2
Brown, p. }	4	1	1	2	4	0
Craig, p. }						
Brown, c. }	4	1	1	3	2	0
Ennis, c. }						
Clark, l. f.....	4	0	0	2	1	1
Perkins, c. f.....	4	0	0	1	0	0
Mumma, r. f. }	4	0	1	0	0	0
Humphrey, r. f. }						
Craig, 1b. }	4	0	1	10	0	2
Burnett, 1b. }						
Sterling, 2b.....	4	1	0	2	1	0
	37	5	6	24	13	5

West Point.....	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0—5
Union	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	3	*—9

Summary:—Earned runs, Union, 5; West Point, 3. Three base hits, Cowan. Two base hits, Cowan, Brown, Humphrey, Ennis. Stolen bases, Smith, Vrooman (3), Stewart (2). Double plays, Cowan, Burnett. Base on balls: Off Craig 3, Brown 2, Thatcher 0. Hit by pitcher, Brown. Struck out, by Brown 3, by Thatcher 8. Time of game, 1:45. Umpire, Mr. Church.

Musical Matters.

The matter of most importance in regard to the Musical Clubs this week is the changing of managers. As all of the long trips have now been made and there are only a few concerts still to be given and those in neighboring towns, Manager Sinclair yielded his position to his assistant, Mr. Vander Veer.

The manager is at present trying to make a date for a concert at Cohoes on Tuesday, May 17, and one for Troy, on Friday, May 20. Then it is also his intention to give concerts at Canajoharie, Ballston, Saratoga or Johnstown before June. It will be easy for the clubs to give these concerts without interfering with the regular college work.

As is customary the final concert of the year will be given at Schenectady. This always closes the season very fittingly as the college shows its appreciation of the clubs' work by the large crowd of students and alumni who attend it. The music is exceptionally good as the pieces are prepared especially for this concert. The final concert will probably take place this year Tuesday, June 21, but the date has not been definitely decided upon.

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ONLY work that is very excellent can attract comment from the faculty in this college nowadays. A vast amount of such work should balance not a little in the other pan of the scales. If the class of '98 be as true to the interests of their alma mater in after years as it has been in the past four, Union may be congratulated after next June on the accession to her alumni rolls.

IN A private conversation at the White House last week President McKinley said that the two newspapers in the United States whose support he valued most highly and upon which he principally relied in the impending crisis, were the Philadelphia Press and the New York Mail and Express. Both are edited and conducted by Union men, the

former by Postmaster-General Charles Emory Smith, '61, and the latter by Robert C. Alexander, '80.

A FEATURE of the spring term that is missed this year with more than passing regret are the chapel lectures on current history by Doctor Wells. These lectures have always been, since their establishment, as highly interesting as highly educational. They constitute perhaps a solitary instance where a "Prof. was elected" by the students whether hours counted or not. Dr. Wells at the undergraduate banquet proved amply that as a speaker he has lost neither charm nor interest, and it is hoped a lecture, or two, or more, will be forthcoming yet.

IF WE were to win not another game in the present baseball season, last Saturday's victory at West Point would go a long way toward making the season a happy one. If reports be true, our men played a well-nigh faultless game. What was possible last Saturday is possible this Saturday and, barring accidents, every other Saturday. To be sure, charley-horse loveth a shining mark. But there is a good antidote for charley-horse and every other baseball ill—that's resolution.

It is a well known fact that the various departments of athletics are mutually sympathetic—that good baseball helps toward good track work and football. And the prospects that football and track work will get a considerable boost in this fashion from now on are bright. In athletics and in every other department of college activity at present there is room and reason for nothing but optimism.

Minor Topics.

The American flag floats over Memorial Hall. Mereness, 1901, has been spending a few days in Ithaca.

Mr. Pollard has excused all track and baseball candidates from gymnasium work.

Through an error in the account of the Union-Syracuse game in last week's Concordiensis Thatcher, pitcher, and Mallery, right fielder, read, Thatcher, left fielder, and Mallery, pitcher.

Medical College Commencement.

The sixty-seventh annual commencement exercises of the Medical college were held in Harmanus Bleecker hall Wednesday of last week. The graduating class numbered fifty-seven men, of whom J. A. Barnes, C. S., Prest, A. H. Traver, C. G. McMullen, F. I. Jansen and F. M. Johnston, are all old Union college men.

The essayist, Emmott Howd, read an able retrospect of medicine, and the degrees were conferred by President Raymond. The address of the day was given by Hon. James A. Roberts, State Comptroller. "If the human family be divided into two classes," he said "those who practice medicine and those who are practiced upon, it is the latter and greater class who should congratulate themselves on such an occasion as this that their ills and accidents are to receive treatment by modern methods rather than by those of the past."

The speaker then gave a review of the history of medicine, and spoke of the necessity of purity and holiness and personal cleanliness, courtesy and kindness in the practice of medicine.

"The competition in professional life in our country," he continued, "is sharp and intense. The genius of this world is largely work and the man of modern abilities by systematic, patient work can attain eminence.

"The physician more than any other man or woman in the community, can exercise great influence for good. The possible power which this gives him should be extended for the welfare of humanity. It should be a part of his duty to teach healthful ways of living, to impart a moral precept, to utter a word of warning or of censure.

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wealth of personal friendship and eloquent testimonials of affectionate gratitude."

The address was followed by an eloquent valedictory from Otis Z. Bouton, which completed the exercises of the day.

These Buds Entertained.

The Theta Sigma sorosis of the Union Classical institute gave a very delightful dance at Arcade Hall, on Thursday evening, April 21. The dance was preceded by an exceptionally well rendered farce, called "Psyche, M. D." A large number from the hill were present and all expressed themselves as well pleased with the young ladies entertainment. The dancing, music for which was furnished by Gioscia, continued until the wee sma' hours.

The following students were present: Griffith, Deyoe, Turner, Foote, Gambee, Hinman, Medbery, F. T. Wright, Hoyt, Lawton MacCulloch, Paige, Palmer, Nevins, W. E. Merriman, Bonesteele, Wilson, H. J. Brown, Nellis, Eames, Vrooman, Closs, R. E. Bradford, Strong, Sawyer, Vander Veer, Dunham, Kirby, P. L. Merriman, J. S. Stewart, Pike, Cullen, Lawrence, Featherstonhaugh, Weed, N. G. Medbery, W. C. Yates, Loucks, H. Strong.

Track Men Busy.

Track team work is now going on in earnest under the supervision of Captain Price and Mr. Pollard. Every afternoon at four o'clock a number of candidates may be seen at hard work. Cross-country runs are an especial feature. There is now but a short time remaining before the spring meet, and it is necessary for any remaining men to commence active training at once. A rubber will soon be engaged. Among the candidates are the following: Price, Deyoe, Hild, Sylvester, Kirby, Merriman, Hartnagel, Davis, Weed, Wright, Turner, Mattice, Vrooman, Hodgson, Tummonds, Crichton, Closs, French, Gutmann, Hegeman.

Where's Our Republican Club?

The American Republican College league has issued an official call for a National convention of the league to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., May 19-20. All colleges granting the degree of A. B., B. S., LL. B., or any other degree of equal rank are entitled to have their Republican clubs enter the league. The league is divided into thirteen departments, of which the State of New York with its twenty-two eligible colleges and universities constitutes the third department. It is the hope of the officers of the league that all colleges having duly organized Republican clubs will take steps to send delegates to the convention, and that colleges not having clubs will immediately organize them. A plan is on foot to hold a convention of clubs composing the Third Department at some date prior to the National convention. Mr. J. Roger Lewis of Cornell University, is chairman of the Third Department, and communications concerning the league, the department or matters in general pertaining to organization and delegates may be addressed to him.

Concerning Dr. Hitchcock.

To the Editor of The Concordiensis:

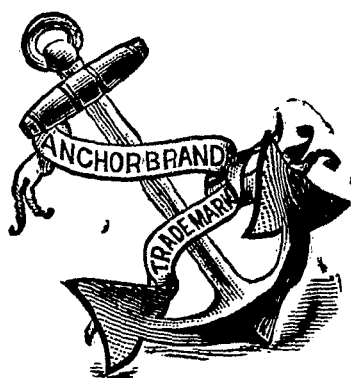
I notice in a recent Concordiensis an account of Rev. O. B. Hitchcock, of the class of '52. I was a member of '53, and knew Mr. Hitchcock quite well. There are one or two slight errors in the account, which are perhaps hardly worth noticing. It should have spoken of him as living for a time at "Amenia," not America, Dutchess Co., N. Y. Moreover, the Delhi Academy was not "broken up" by the "anti-rent troubles," but merely somewhat disturbed by them for a brief period.

The class of '52 was considered the ablest one that had graduated at Union for several years. And among its large number of able minds, Mr. Hitchcock's was regarded as the foremost. Ill health and a certain lack of practical power to use his fine gifts to the best advantage, prevented his achieving the results that were anticipated for him when he was in college. He combined great reasoning powers and metaphysical ability, with a strong and vivid imagination, so that he was not only a subtle and profound writer on questions of mental philosophy, but also, as Hon. David Murray says, "a poet of no mean powers."

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Alumni Notes.

Prof. Franklin H. Giddings, '77, reviews "Aristocracy and Evolution," by W. H. Mallock, in the April Book Reviews.

The Rev. Charles S. Vedder, '55, read a history of the original South Carolina Huguenots at the recent annual meeting of the Huguenot society in New York.

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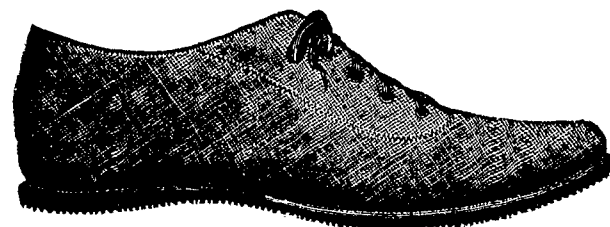
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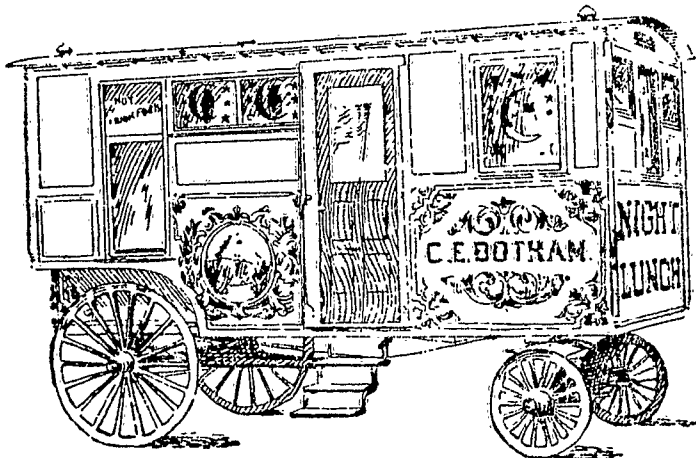
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