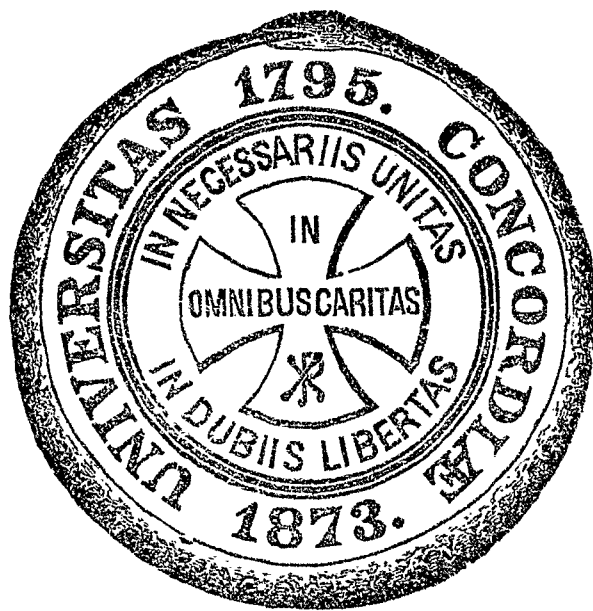


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MISS HOFFMAN WILL SING AT SHAKESPEARE CONCERT

Metropolitan Opera Co. Feature of Tercen-
tenary Celebration.

BISPHAM TO APPEAR.

Will Impersonate "Mid-Summer Night's
Dream"—Opera Co. to Sing Men-
delssohn's Music of Play.

Some weeks ago Mayor Mitchel of New York City appointed a committee of prominent and influential citizens, such as Otto Kahn, Cleaveland H. Dodge, George W. Perkins and Mrs. Edward Harriman to prepare a fitting celebration of the Shakespeare tercentenary. The committee now reports that it has secured the orchestra of the Metropolitan Opera Co. to give Mendelssohn's music of the "Mid-Summer Night's Dream" and the celebrated artist, David Bispham, to impersonate the play.

After ten concerts in Greater New York, the company, at the suggestion of the Governor, will tour the state. Two concerts will be given in Albany and two in Troy. Then the company will come to Schenectady where it will appear under the auspices of the college in the new gymnasium, assisted by Miss Grace Hoffman, soprano, Monday evening, May 1st. Miss Hoffman is the soloist at

the Strand Theater in New York, where, according to the New York Times, the average daily attendance for the past year has been over twelve thousand five hundred persons.

This will be a subscription concert. The prices of the seats are \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00. As long as the tickets hold out any person can secure seats by sending a postal to Prof. F. S. Hoffman, Union College, stating the number wanted and the price desired.

IDOL CLUB DANCE IS BRILLIANT SUCCESS

New Sophomore Society Makes Notable
Social Debut.

The Idol Club, the new sophomore society, made its social debut Saturday night in the form of a most delightful dance. About forty couples journeyed out to the Locomotive Club and danced to the super-music by O'Neil's orchestra. The patronesses were Mrs. D. W. Weed of Ballston and Mrs. E. R. Cullings of this city. Many out-of-town girls were present besides a large number of girls from Schenectady. The affair was vote a huge success and the club intends to hold another dance during the baseball season. The committee in charge consisted of Towne, Beckett, Brown, Dorlon and Hulsizer.

**NEW PATRIOTIC SPIRIT
EVIDENT IN WASHINGTON
SAYS DR. RICHMOND**

**Finds War Danger is Raising a New
Patriotism.**

CAPITOL ALUMNI ACTIVE.

**Keenly Interested in and Well Informed of
Union As She is Today.**

We were all glad to have Dr. Richmond back again after a trip which took him as far south as Washington, and we were all glad to hear what he had to tell us of it last Monday after chapel. He spoke first of the enthusiastic meeting of about forty Union men which was held in the national capital. Seven years ago these gatherings were small and not especially encouraging, but now they are interesting and show that our Washington alumni keep in touch with us. Among other prominent men present was Senator Ransdell '82 who, during his student days here, revived an organization resembling Congress and who as the Senator from Louisiana proposed a bill to dam a certain river at its source. His hope was fulfilled, for he went to Congress and, as his first bill, actually proposed that the same river be dammed.

Patriotism, however, was the keynote of Dr. Richmond's short talk. He said that on this trip he saw many important men, among them Justice Hughes, and that they all felt that there must be a revival of respect for the flag, which means a responsibility of service and a willingness to render service at all times. Some of the speeches at the convention of the Navy League showed that our state of preparedness is not as high as is commonly supposed from such reports as those on naval gunnery averages.

We should develop,—and this should be done especially among young men,—a feeling of patriotism which will operate in our private thought and activities.

Speaking editorially of the Challenge, the new intercollegiate magazine, The New York Times says in part:

They are not "radical," they say. Of course they are not. Students, collectively, are conservatives, children, savages, in their compliance with college tradition, ritual, taboo. And there can be nothing "radical" in opinions that have no root, that are but the echo of woman's clubs and "forums" and ferryboat wisdom and the intellectual diversions of commuters waiting for a train. As yet no gift of paradox or brilliancy of style has been revealed by the Morningside magazinists. The Times wishes prosperity and good taste to their venture, which does at least the service of showing that the college is just as commonplace in its attempts to escape the commonplace as the unsheep-skinned outside.

**NEW OFFICERS ARE ELECTED
AT CHEMICAL SOCIETY MEETING.**

Monday evening, April 17, the Union College Chemical Society elected officers for the year as follows: President, Frank Russell Elmore; vice-president, Kenneth Elwood Baird; secretary, Homer Lucifer Stevens; treasurer, Earl Myron Hyatt; librarian, Louis Mann.

There are but five more weeks before finals—four weeks before senior finals, which commence on May 22. The exams for the remainder of the college begin on Wednesday, May 31. Tuesday, May 30, will be Memorial Day recess. Commencement will fall on the second Wednesday in June, the 14th.

**"FORWARD MARCH TO
PLATTSBURGH"**
by Ned Moore, Psi U House

It seems a great pity if the Training Camp movement which is now so well started should be practically stopped after this year. I certainly hope it will not, but the present indications in Congress point toward establishing the Navy as the first and only line of defence; and under any circumstances the future of the Training Camp is uncertain. So this year is the time to grasp one's opportunity and go. Note the objects of these camps:

"To help equip properly qualified men to fill the great deficiency in commissioned officers that would immediately arise in case of national emergency, by giving them four or five weeks of intensive military instruction in the field under officers, and with troops, of the Regular Army.

"To foster a patriotic spirit and spread among the citizens of the country some knowledge of military history, military policy, and military needs.

"To instil in four or five weeks of healthy outdoor life the habits of obedience, discipline, command and self-control that are the prerequisites of efficiency in every business or profession, and to send men back from the camps better prepared to take care of themselves and of others."

And from General Wood's communication:

"You will note, first, that applicants are desired principally from those who have had college, university, high school (or corresponding school) education. * * * The training given at these camps is very extensive, covering in a period of four weeks as much as possible of the fundamental education of an officer. This calls for a well-trained mind. In the second place, past experience has shown that this class of young men is the first to join the colors in time of war and

many of them regardless of their skill in military matters receive commissions. This has been the procedure in times past. It is right and necessary that these young men should be fully informed as to the tremendous responsibility which will come to them with the command of men and the irreparable loss which may be caused by unskilled leadership.

"Attendance at the camp will not increase either the legal or moral obligation of those who attend. The intention is merely to equip those taking the course of training to fulfil with more efficiency and usefulness obligations which are already laid upon them as citizens of the United States."

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If you like to shoot; if you like to live out of doors; if you like to be mixed up in a common purpose with a lot of men, a variety of interests in private life; if you're fond of exercise and "team work;" if you like to swim—Plattsburg is the place to go this summer.

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Is there anything more pleasant than to lie sprawled out on your back in the open after a good day's work is over, and watch the golden sun slip behind the horizon while the silvery notes of the bugles float through the same air that wafts the savor from the cook tents to your inner consciousness? "Hay, Eddie," you say; yet if you are capable of such experiences, go up to Plattsburg and see if I'm not right.

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How do you like the old camp-fire yarns after an hour or so of close-harmany agonizing? Does it sound good to you? If not, does the prospect of a lively "twitch" over a g'assy ballroom floor appeal? They're both there, in the evening, if you don't want to go to bed.

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This week's column is the Bull Number—it's good stuff, though, and all truthful and based on fact. Next week there'll be a few facts about this year's attendants.

VARSITY NINE LEAVES TONIGHT FOR 3-GAME TRIP TO NEW YORK.

**Crescent A. C., Columbia and Princeton Will
Be Met.**

SQUAD IN GOOD SHAPE.

**Though Inclement Weather Has Hindered,
Pre-Season Practice Bore Good Fruit.**

At last the real baseball season has begun, for today the team starts on a trip which will include a game with the Crescent Athletic Club on Saturday, April 22, with Columbia on Monday, and with Princeton on Wednesday. Whatever the team does, our hearts are with them. We have not seen the boys play, except in a few short practice games but, whatever their opponents prove to be, we know that this Union team, as our teams have ever done, will represent us well.

The weather has been so inclement that, when the Concordiensis went to print, the varsity nine had not yet been selected. Not only was it late before the squad could get out doors, but, also, the practice even then was on the rough, irregular Nott Street diamond. Although undoubtedly there are other good men who have not yet been able, on account of the small number of practices, to show themselves to be of varsity calibre, the following have proved themselves such:

Pitchers—Hummer (Captain), Jenkins, Goff, Goodman, Knight.

Catchers—Roof, Greene, Beyerl.

First base—Steele, Galbraith.

Second base—Rosekranz, Friday.

Short Stop—Hathaway, May.

Third base—Moynihan, Collison.

Fielders—Zimmer, Travis, Powell, Greene, (also catcher), Roof (also catcher).

"Jenks" has had a great deal of trouble with his ears and, therefore, was not able to report for several days, but last Monday he was out again. With all probability he

will make the trip and do the star pitching which characterizes his games. If not, Captain Hummer and some of the other pitchers will pull things through in the way "Gene" has done so often.

The team is to leave here at about eight o'clock tonight for Albany. From there they will take the boat to New York where they will stay at the Crescent Athletic Club. Friday will be a day of rest and light practice in preparation for the game with the Crescent Athletic Club on Saturday. Monday they play Columbia and, after a light practice on Tuesday, they will go on Wednesday to Princeton. About midnight on Wednesday the team will reach Schenectady, we hope, joyful and victorious.

FACULTY MEMBERS ARE CO-AUTHORS OF TEXT-BOOK.

**Dr. Ernst J. Berg and Prof. W. L. Upson
Complete First of Two-Volume Set.**

Dr. Ernst J. Berg and Professor Walter L. Upson of the faculty of Union College have recently written a text book on Electrical Engineering, which went on sale about two weeks ago. This is the first of a set of two volumes and is intended for the use of juniors and seniors in engineering courses. The second volume, which is an advanced course, is about ready to go to press.

The books are based on the lecture courses which have been given to students for the past eight years. The authors declare that the books are intended as a means of directing the student's effort towards comprehension. The books, they say, should be so constructed and used that they shall be an additional aid to the student in creating his own expression of the ideas with which he is brought into contact in the lecture, the recitation, and the laboratory. In the present volume, the purpose of the authors has been to maintain a harmonious interrelationship between the book and the class room.

THREE STANDARDS IN LIFE, SAYS DR. WEBSTER IN VESPERS.

Evangelist Speaks Before Small Number in
Chapel.

NOW AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

"We Must Believe That Man Is God's
Highest Creation."

At the vesper service Sunday afternoon Dr. Webster, who is now conducting evangelistic services at the First Baptist Church in this city, was the speaker. Dr. Webster started his talk by stating that in England to-day, if one should inquire as to the number of cubic inches in a gallon, he would find out that there are 231 cubic inches in a popular standard gallon, 224 cubic inches in an official standard gallon, and 277 cubic inches in an imperial standard gallon. Likewise, says Dr. Webster, there are three different standards in life, the popular, the official, and the imperial. The popular standard of life is the opinion of what a man's life ought to be. This varies greatly. A man or an institution who conforms to the popular standard is the popular man or the popular institution. So we have people and institutions who cater to popularity. As with the standard of gallons, the official standard of life is lower than the popular. For it is by having a popular standard that is higher than an official standard that we get our rise in life. The imperial standard is higher than either the other two. It is God's will. It is life at its best. To attain this standard, we must have a belief in God, a belief in a standard authority, and a belief in the fact that man is God's highest creation. We know that God has a plan in every man's life, and that He intends that these plans should be carried out. We should ask ourselves if we are successful in life. What is real success? We find that real success is

reached only when we have found God's plan and have fulfilled it. This does not necessarily have to be a big duty, but may be only a small matter, but if we do it, we will be successful. If we are to make life's voyage a success, we must get our compass trained on Jesus, and in the end we will be rewarded by hearing God's words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Dr. Webster spoke in the place of the Rev. R. C. Penney, who was to give the talk at this service. He is conducting evangelistic services at the Rev. Mr. Penney's Church, so Mr. Penney brought him to talk to us in his place. There were only about twenty-five present but all declared the talk to be interesting and worth-while.

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* H. ESMOND AND PLATTSBURG. *
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We see ourselves next September walking across the campus and spying a familiar figure. The following conversation ensues (with due apologies to page 68 of the Everyman edition of **H. Esmond**):

"How are you, Spike, old top? Have a good time at Plattsburgh?"

"My name is Hale, sir," says the soldier. "I may be Spike for my friends, but I don't name gentlemen of your cloth amongst them."

"Well then, Hale."

"Mr. Hale, sir, if you please. When you address a gentleman of His Excellency President Wilson's Plattsburg Guards, be pleased not to be so familiar."

"I didn't know, sir."

"How should you? I take it you are not accustomed to meet with gentlemen."

There will be no issue of The Concordy next week.

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Editorials

The faculty has made a plea to the trustees of the college for a universal increase in salary. We do not feel that it is any of our business to offer opinion one way or the other as to how much our instructors are worth in dollars and cents, though we do in a round-about way pay a portion of their salaries. It is entirely up to the trustees to weigh out the gold. Without encroaching, however, we feel that it is pertinently our right to be candid in expressing our opinion of how well they are doing their work and in airing our ideas of how we believe they could do it better. If one could measure out knowledge in a pail, certainly Union could hold her head high when the World's Almanac, for instance, should come out with a comparative table of the amounts which flew from faculties to students in the different American colleges during the preceding year. We can

see something vastly more important than cosines and French verbs which should come to the student in four years at college—the formation of character—and here, too, the World's Almanac would say that Union doled out as many and as brimming pailsful as anyone else. The credit would be the faculty's, for, we believe, the real teacher is also the builder of character. Yes, our teachers would fair very well in the Test of the Pails; in the pennant race, they would be a first division club, but why be content with that—why not crowd in a few pounds more steam than the other clubs are using and boost Union well up above everyone? There's a grand, good way of doing it. To the members of the faculty it means that they must stir up a little more interest in their jobs, and take it upon themselves to do a little extra work after the five o'clock whistle blows—a little work which the boss did not tell them to do. Such conduct, in the business world, brings increase in salary. The extra work might be called "personal contact."

As far as the actual act of teaching goes, the professor's work ends five days out of six when the chapel bell rings and he tells the last class to go away; on the other day it ends when, among other business in faculty meeting, a handful of students have been talked about pro and con and a half dozen committeemen instructed to go a trifle farther towards drawing together the personal gap between student and teacher. That the welfare of an individual student is discussed in faculty meeting is good; it is a step towards lessening the gap. But even this slight demonstration that the faculty is watching individuals must beat around Robin Hood's barn if it ever gets to the ears of these individuals at all. And in beating around the barn, all the "pro" discussions are lost in the bushes. In the class-room, there in an awesome personal gulf separating the freshman from his instructor; the gulf withers away as the class advances in college until a half-hearted speaking acquaintance is reached in senior year with perhaps a dozen warm friendships scattered here and there. And the professors who boast these real friendships can do more to earn their salaries in twenty minutes behind pipes

than they could in three hours behind desks. We are not, mind you, weeping because our faculty does not do as much for us as the faculties of other colleges do for their proteges—and proteges is apt—but asking that they do a little more than that—that they do a trifle more, perhaps than they believe their jobs call for. Such conduct, in the business world, brings increase in salary.

If there be such a thing as a college millenium we would feel that it was rushing down upon us in seven league boots should we be standing at our window some day and, instead of seeing a professor in one of our courses walk by with simply a nod of recognition, have him come in and sit down with, "Well, how's the work coming—getting along pretty well?" We would be a strange person indeed if we did not meet him more than half way—with a nod towards the tobacco jar and a, "Well, yes, guess I'm coming along all right, but say, here's something that came up the other day that I didn't quite—." And when he had smoothed over the rough spot with the dispatch with which he could do it, there would be other things to fill what would to us, at least, be a pleasant half hour. He might possibly be interested in the ball game of the day before or what's-his-name's lecture or the revival of dramatics or the last bill at Proctor's. And the next time we saw him in class room, he would somehow seem changed; he would be a good fellow as well as a good teacher, and we would call him in the next time he went by the window, whether it was a cry for help on the lesson of the day or on the chosing between two jobs for the summer or the pleasant passing of twenty minutes before class. And it's perfectly possible that, at some time, he might steer our course in some doings or other in a way that we would find permanently to our good in later life.

Of course, you of the faculty will read this with a 'Humph! That's all too good to be true. I'd be glad to drop in on some of them now and then, but they don't expect it and wouldn't want it.' That is not so. Oh, we wouldn't relish, of course, finding a bundle of calling cards thrust under our door every time we came back from

down-town and having our room bulging out every other hour with a crowd of faculty members who were out making the rounds, but we **would** relish occasional visits, unexpected or not, from some of the professors whose interest, scholastically or otherwise, run in somewhat the same channels as our own. We would not think it necessary that the professor should aim towards personal friendship with each student in college, nor even all that are in his courses, but rather with a limited number which he believes personal contact with would be helpful and which would respond to his advances—and he would find that there were few that would not.

When one speaks of Yale men, one naturally think of them as having possession in their character a plentiful measure of bull-dog stick-to-it-iveness—a trait which has been ground into their system by Yale as a college. Though not quite a parallel case, perhaps, would it not be a fine thing if Union were to stand some day for the development of noble character above all else through the close relationship between student and teacher? It all dips a little more towards the ideal than towards the practical but, if taken up more or less conservatively as we suggest, it cannot meet with rebuff and would without a doubt do a world of good. We are absolutely certain that the students would more than meet the faculty half way in this thing.

In our last issue, we plead editorially for communications from student and alumnus on the proposed change in form and issue of THE CONCORDY. Is their interest in CONCORDY to be measured directly or indirectly in variance to their response?

THE FORUM.

* This column does not necessarily express *
* the sentiments of the editors of THE CON- *
* CORDIENSIS. We heartily welcome com- *
* munications from alumni and undergrad- *
* uates but, in doing so, reserve the right of *
* selection and deletion. *

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

Editor Concordy:

At the Concordiensis banquet, a few weeks ago, Dr. Berg gave an address on "Concentration" and remarked that "attention to lectures" was a fine practice on "concentration."

If "attention to lectures" will do us the good outlined by Dr. Berg, why not have something on the following plan. In the English class, let the instructor read an article or part of a theme of some kind or other, require the students to take notes, and to write say half a page or so from their notes, to deliver to the instructor at the next English class.

In this manner, Dr. Berg's idea of "concentration" could easily be carried out, and practice afforded in "paying attention" and "note-taking."

G. D. R '19.

THE ENGLISH OF IT.

(From The Spectator of March 18, 1916.)

"All are invited to attend these Quiet Hours of Prayer and Meditation in the midst of war's anxieties and turmoil, and afterwards to take a cup of tea at 5 o'clock with the Church Army Staff at the headquarters close by."

TWO HATES WITH BUT A SINGLE—

* (The Authors Forget to Apologize to *
* The Conning Tower.) *

That brook that bounds through Union's grounds,

I love it,

With gently, gushing, gurgling sounds

I love it.

In summer, trickling, almost dry,

In spring, mad, rushing, foaming high,

It's better than anything cash can buy,

I love it.

* * * * *

The freshman hat I have to wear,

I hate it.

It draws attention everywhere,

I hate it.

It's hideous, flaming red and green,

Puts vivid colors on my bean,

It's the worst darn hat I've ever seen,

I hate it.

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That "stick" exam for bone-head studes,

I loathe it.

It fear and melancholy broods

I loathe it.

It worries me both night and day,

In thought and dream it still holds sway,

With all my heart, je repetais

I loathe it.

There are 974 students in Union University. The college claims 494 of this total; there are 143 medics, 231 in the Law School and 106 in the College of Pharmacy.

The jewel of the program, which stamped Miss Case as a true artiste, was: "Thy Hidden Germs are Rich Beyond All Measure."—The Dayton (O.) Journal.

Love and Blindness

We think it safe to say that love has always been linked with blindness. We say always because, at the present day, the memory of man runeth not to the contrary and we choose to accept the memory of man as our datum plane back to which we will refer the impressions which we have gathered concerning this particular subject.

Whenever, for some unknown reason, a strikingly handsome specimen of manhood gives his heart to some lady who is pronounced homely by almost all who look upon her, or when the opposite and less common event takes place, we invariably hear the word whispered about, "Love is blind." On a certain occasion which sticks fast in our memory this thought was expressed to us. Of course we had heard it many times before but in this particular case we were most vitally interested and saw fit to question, within our own mind, the truth of this statement, "Love is blind."

Our first question was, "What is blindness?" and the corresponding answer, "A failure to be able to perceive beauty or the lack of it in any object or individual." But what do we mean by **beauty**? Beauty means degree of perfection. The nearer a thing approaches the **perfect idea** which the Creator had when making it, the more **beautiful** is that thing. Hence, we repeat, **beauty** means **degree of perfection**. The more perfect a person or thing is, the more beautiful is that person or thing. Taking beauty in this sense we will quickly reason that a casual glance at anyone is not enough to warrant our rendering a final report upon this particular individual's beauty or degree of perfection. It takes a careful study of any object, most of all an animate being, to warrant our passing upon its beauty or lack of beauty.

Sometimes we see a man who is tall and strong but whose countenance, at first glance does not impress us as having any perceptible degree of beauty. But let us

look at this individual more closely. We meet him face to face, converse with him, our eyes meet, he smiles and then we notice a spark deep down in the dull gray which awakens us and we remark to ourselves, "This man is strangely handsome!" We find an inexplicable beauty deeply hidden beneath an outward roughness and the longer we study our subject the more we feel inclined to regard him as a truly handsome man. It is a sort of beauty which we cannot explain in words because of the strange path by which it finds its way through the organs of our perception. This makes it all the dearer, however, for does not Emerson truly say, "A beauty not explicable is dearer than a beauty which we can see to the bottom of?"

Suppose we consider a woman now—a certain one with whom we are very well acquainted. She is small, has medium, brown hair, which is not extremely abundant, small blue eyes, a nicely curved little mouth, a nose rather too stubby to be called beautiful, a few freckles on a rather light skin which has a most pleasing tint, cheek bones a little too high and a chin not quite as long as the average beauty would like to claim. The description does not bring before you a beautiful woman but that is because you have never seen her short brown hair dancing in the wind; you have never seen her small blue eyes twinkle with mischief; you have never seen that nice mouth in a delicate pout (in which position it most closely matches the little pug nose); you have never seen the light tinted skin flushed with excitement—you have never seen any of these things and so, from my description, you are far from prone to accept the verdict of the many friends who pronounce her a beautiful woman. She has a beauty which we must study in order to see, a high degree of perfection which is seldom noticed by one not well acquainted with her and a hidden loveliness which captivates the heart of everyone who takes an

interest in her. Would you say that every-one falls in love with her because all who meet her go blind or would it not sound more plausible if we say that, after knowing her, one's eyes are opened to that which is truly beautiful and, after seeing this clearly and unmistakably, love inevitably follows? In other words, it is sight which leads love not blindness!

So far we have dealt only with physical traits. Let us go deeper; let us find the soul and study its perfection—it's beauty. Let us assume that a certain young lady is just out of her teens. Let us assume that she is not one of the kind with whom unthinking men fall in love at first sight. Suppose we know her well and often chat with her. We find her ideals high, her motives lofty, her heart sympathetic, her will strong, her soul true, her manner of conversing most charming. We find her full of life, full of spirit, full of hope, full of defiance, full of courage! Do we find her full of beauty? Certainly we do! We find her much more beautiful than we find the wax-doll creature whose likeness might well adorn an art gallery but who sadly lacks the mental development which is the foundation of ambition, of spirit, of kindness, of truth, of hope and of courage. Is it not so? We cannot deny it!

Hence, let us always think twice before we comment upon the blindness of a man who has chosen or is about to choose a so-called homely mate. It is not blindness in nine cases out of ten—it is depth of perception, clearness of insight; it is the very opposite of blindness and, when we reason it out, we will usually say, "What a master mind he must have to be able to seek out for himself the traits of beauty which lie hidden from the ordinary man and are revealed only to those who are blessed with the keenest sight." Of course, dear reader, some people are blind and some have eyes and see not, but let us not blame love for

this. For, to truly love we must perceive perfection—we must see beauty, and in order to do this we must have anything except blindness; we must see most clearly, we must perceive with the greatest degree of accuracy.

TRY-OUTS FOR SOPHOMORE ORATORICAL CONTEST HELD.

Eddy, Heatly, Leong and Poersch Chosen.
Carey Alternate.

The try-outs for the Sophomore Oratorical Contest, held Monday afternoon in the chapel, resulted in the selection of Eddy, Heatly, Leong and Poersch with Carey as alternate. The committee for selection was Dr. Chase, Dr. Fobbes, and Professor Upson.

This year the four places on the stage were more eagerly sought for than ever before, as is shown by the fact that eighteen men tried out. The contest, therefore, gives every promise of being most successful.

CLIPPED FROM "THE CONNING TOWER."

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Starting with a joint concert with the Union College clubs at Schenectady, the men visited Peekskill, N. Y., Erasmus Hall, Brooklyn, Tome School, Port Deposit, Md., Washington, Philadelphia, Sing Sing Prison, and finally Brooklyn. At every concert the clubs performed before large and enthusiastic audiences, containing many alumni.

The woman, pointing to a man who stood near, declared he had spoken to her and then had seized her by the arm. The Terre Haute (Ind.) Star.

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 * THE RIME OF THE ANCIENT *
 * REGULAR. *
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I

It is an ancient Regular
 That stoppeth one of three,
 "By thy long grey beard and feverish eye,
 Now wherefor stopp'st thou me?"

He holds him with his glittering eye—
 The wedding guest stood still,
 And listens like a three years' child;
 The Regular hath his will.

With drum and band the Rio Grande
 Merrily did we ford,
 And held review, a merry crew
 Upon the Mexican bord.

II.

The sun came up upon the left,
 Round as the colonel's weskit,
 And shone full bright, and on the right
 Went down into the mesquit.

Higher and higher every day,
 Distinctly Fehrenheit—
 We were pursuing Villa
 As day doth follow night.

Without regard to Mercury,
 And snippish with Hygeiea,
 Day after day, day after day,
 We stuck, still chasing Villa.

And ever more inadequate
 Grew food and sanitation—
 "Get Villa," all the colonel's roar,
 "And settle up the ancient score,"
 Waxing sore and yet more sore
 In fell exasperation.

Villa, Villa, everywhere,
 And not a chance to find him;
 Villa, Villa, everywhere—
 We fifty miles behind him!

III.

The days and weeks grew into months,
 For years we had no ease,
 The years grew into decades,
 And then to centuries!

The drummers grew to be old men,
 Haggard and without levity—
 The majors died of sunstroke
 And the colonels of longevity.

But still we hurried on as long
 As horse and man could stand it,
 Trailing ever through the brush
 That most elusive bandit.

IV.

At last, grey-haired and tottering
 I alone could pursue—
 With sunken cheeks and listless air,
 A straddled on an ancient mare
 That was almost bent in two.

Then one day, cantering, I beheld
 A Portent drawing near,
 With whiskers weeping to the ground—
 It was Francisco Villa!!

With throat unslaked, with black lips baked,
 I, the last Regular, flew—
 When Villa with a glassy stare
 Shouted "I'm sick of this wear and tear!"
 Pursued me with a pleading air,
 And, catching me by the snaky hair,
 Surrendered to me then and there
 Whereat with hallelujahs rare
 The last millenum blew!

M. G.

GARNET OF 1917**TO APPEAR MAY 1.****Volume Will Have Many New Features.****COLOR PLATES AND INSERTS.****Special Illustrated Section Devoted to
Campus Scenes From 1880 to Present.**

The Garnet of 1917 has gone to press and will appear on May first strictly on schedule time. The number of extra copies this year has been limited to thirty. They will be placed on sale immediately on issue of the book and, owing to the restricted supply, it is of special import that would-be purchasers make their reservations at once. Mail orders are being received now by Business Manager Mandeville.

An abundance of new features in this year's Garnet will perhaps make it one of the best of recent issue. The book will be of three hundred pages, not including special inserts which will number, among others, sepias of Professor March and Eliphalet Nott. New ideas in illustrative vein will assume the form of large fraternity group pictures and an extensive section given over to individual snap-shots of members of the 1917 class caught in every-day surroundings. The notable feature of the athletics section will be feature pages devoted to the season's formidable football team, including exhaustive write-ups and individual photographs of many members of the squad.

The department of art will keep abreast of the other sections in their progressiveness by introducing color plates done on Japanese paper, a new process which has, as yet been taken up by only the most advanced printing houses in the country. This is an entirely new departure for Union year books, and is commendable. The literary section will mirror the real ability of Union writers better, probably, than any publication has

previously done, an unwonted abundance of work having been submitted to the editors. There will be stories, poems and humorous what-nots, all of which smack of college life in general and Union life in particular.

Perhaps The Garnet's most interesting feature this year will be a photographic section devoted to the campus as it appeared in about the year 1880, and in different periods subsequent to that time. Among other views will appear a panorama of the campus before any of the fraternity houses had been erected.

The volume will be dressed in a heavy Garnet leather cover and will sell at \$2.50.

PROF. EVERETT S. LEE**SPEAKS BEFORE CHEMISTS****Gives Interesting Talk on "Electric Arcs"****THREE TYPES OF ARCS.****Incandescent, Flame Arc, and Metallic
Lamps Described.**

Prof. E. S. Lee of the Electrical Engineering Department gave a delightful talk on "Electric Arcs" before the members of the Chemical Society and invited guests. Mr. Lee illustrated his lecture by experiments and graphs. An arc light will not burn when connected across the terminals of a generator—there must be additional resistance in the circuit; this is shown clearly by the current-voltage curve. Our Schenectady lights are connected in series and we do not need ballast resistance as is the case with lamps connected in parallel. The Cathode seems to supply conducting material to form the arc.

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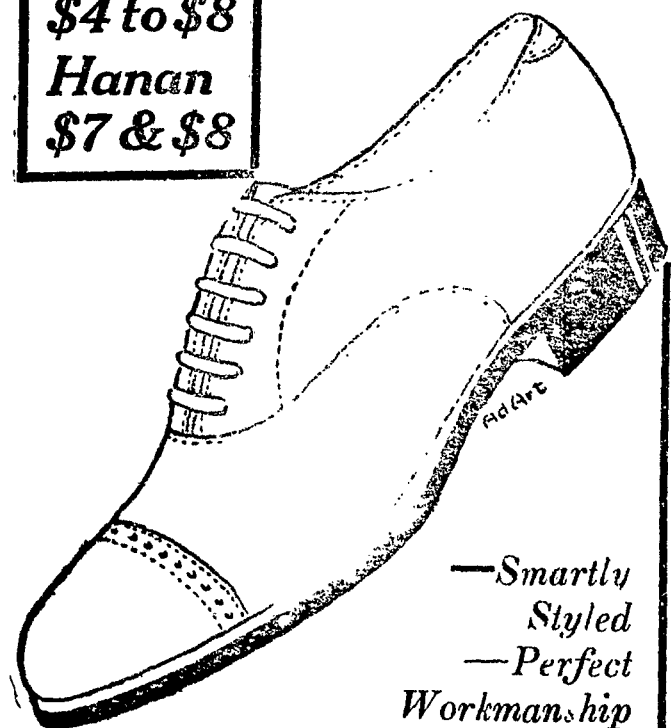
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hot. An illustration is the old-time carbon lamp. This is very inefficient—only about five per cent of the energy is converted into light. Most of the energy here is converted into heat, and carbons had to be supplied each night on street lamps. Second type of arc is the “flame arc lamp.” A central core in the anode is impregnated with calcium salts which make the arc luminescent. Electrodes are carbon, of course. In large units this lamp is very efficient in decorative lighting, in department stores, etc. (2) The third type is a metallic lamp. The cathode is made of a material that is luminous when heated. This is the magnetic arc lamp. Oxides of iron and titanium are used. The anode is a block of copper. There are two types of this arc in town—the Great White Way 6.6 ampere and the 4.0 ampere cross street lamps. There are 1,034 arc lights in Schenectady on 14 circuits. Total lamp voltage is 92. This means that for 80 lamps in one circuit there are 7,000 volts direct current. Mercury arc rectifier is commonly used to change alternating current to direct in lighting engineering.

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 A Call for Volunteers.

Page 77, of the college catalogue, states that “Religious life among the students is cared for through the agency of the Union College Christian Association.” If the Association effectually cares for the religious life of the college, it must be up and doing. A prayer meeting now and then will not be enough. The Association, to do its work,

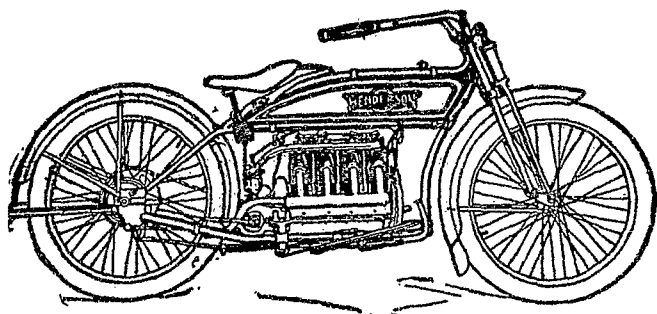
must first be made up of strong men and plenty of them. It needs the best of the college, for it is an important factor of college life. It links the college with the city Y. M. C. A.—with the churches of the city, and unquestionably with the interest of many good people, here and elsewhere. It also joins us with all other colleges, whose Associations are members of the International Y. M. C. A. movement.

It is the wish of the officers and cabinet-elect to make next year a live one for the Association. We wish to get acquainted with the 1920 class, immediately, and to make them feel our influence. We want to conduct classes of freshmen, taking up textbooks dealing with the problems of student-life. We expect to co-operate with the city Y. M. C. A. in their work with the boys of the city. We desire to take up a kind of work which offers unlimited opportunities—the work with foreigners—forming classes with those who want to learn English. We would like to make vespers a bigger part of the life of the college, by securing speakers of talent and experience—men whom the student-body can’t afford to miss.

But these activities and many others take men. Four or five men can’t handle it all. Therefore we send out a call for volunteers. We want at least fifty men to form a reserve force—a body of minute men, upon whom we can call, when we have need of them. If you can’t teach classes of freshmen or boys at the city Y. M. C. A. you can be useful in some other way. If you are interested in the future efficiency of our Association, let us have your names. We will find something for you to do. Hugh J. Williams, or any member of the cabinet will be glad to have your name.

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