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Literary.

THE WISDOM OF DR. NOTT.

Chips from the Lecture Book of the Great Educator.

A lecture on oratory, in a passage inculcating concentration of object, contains an interesting illustration which indicates that the same traditional antipathy between town and gown, between the students and the "muckers," existed in 1829 as a half century later, and as probably exists to this day. It indicates also, the Doctor's willingness to take a hand in the shindy, if conducted according to the usages of civilized warfare:—

"If you have occasion to address a popular assembly, especially if they are highly excited and angry, you may be unable by addressing the whole, to move them or engage their serious attention. But if you call a single individual by name, and address yourself to him personally, his attention will be secured, you will move him, and soon the whole assembly. *Illustration.* There was, a few years ago, a serious disturbance between the students and the town people of Schenectady. A quarrel first commenced down town between two or three students and as many young men from the town. The alarm spread like wildfire through both college and town. The whole body of students, upon the first alarm, having armed themselves, rushed to the assistance of their fellows, and beat and dispersed all who had assembled. The students then returned to the college in triumph, celebrating their victory by loud cries and jeering exclamations. The citizens, enraged at what they supposed to be a violation of their rights, collected the same night in great numbers before the gate of the college ground. Nearly all the inhabitants of the city had turned out, at least there were two or three thousand persons, clamoring for revenge. I was at the gate with the students endeavoring to keep the mob at bay, but could do nothing to move them for some time, it being so dark I could not distinguish

the features of any, and the confusion and clamor being so great that I could not detect a single familiar voice. At last, after trying in vain to find out some one I knew, well knowing that this would answer my purpose, I heard some one call out "Yaup Ostrander." The name I had never heard before, but this made no difference. "Yaup Ostrander" cried I, "hear a word of reason." It is now so dark that we cannot tell friend from foe, and we are just as likely to injure one as the other. It is much better to wait till morning when we can see, and then I will call on you and see if we can't settle this matter without a fight. If not, come up here by daylight and we will fight it out, and will run no risk of hurting our friends." "Sound," said the man, "the President is right. Let's leave the matter till morning, when we will come back up here and take our revenge more surely, with less danger to ourselves. Hurrah, boys, let's go." The mob moved off, hurrahing as they went. The next day, according to promise, I called upon the man I had addressed, and found him to be a villian just escaped from prison."

Here are a few suggestions as to pulpit oratory:

"If in addressing an audience they should all fall asleep, you can easily arouse them by dropping your voice and going on in a lower key."

"The new cant way that preachers use in describing a thunderstorm or the day of judgment is truly ridiculous. So it is to sing the judgment anthem. We sinners who should look forward to the day of judgment with terror cannot feelingly sing such a psalm, though the saints on the resurrection morn might."

One of the President's discourses quaintly treats of the singing-school, and of the tendency of that Yankee institution to promote matrimony. And who will venture to say that his reasoning is not sound? The last sentence has a familiar look, and seems to be an elaboration of the old saying, older even

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became irritated, if one of you go into the town, he would, in all get his head broken, just because to Union college. If you knew you would stay on the hill a few tumult and fury had subsided."

lesson in philosophical love- which is worthy of careful heed by of the present generation. For of a wise system of "consolation" applicable now as then, and it may be able to administer it to the same objects. For the "college widow" and approximates immortality than any other human being.

ion may be generated by another change of object. Thus," said the a sick child is by its parents best. You may learn from this that if you wish to gain the affection of a lady, you should address her in distress, either real or imaginary. Under passions then more readily several young men should reside in a house with several young ladies, not very handsome, and a series of accidents should happen to them while they were there, if their hearts were broken, they would pity them. They would be glad to console them, and then they would infallibly begin to love them. Thousands of matches are made in such instances at which those unacquainted with philosophy wonder. The fair-weather courtship is when a woman is loved by a sagacious man will hit upon a plan and will always succeed."

or thus demonstrates the wisdom of a principle which he himself has practiced. It will be noticed that the Socratic method of instruction seems to be a favorite one in his lecture

should you say loved her husband a woman who married again soon after, or the one who never remar-

who never married."

"I think you are mistaken. A speedy second marriage shows that you have no love for the former husband? Now

the Bible is the only book that I never found wrong. The time of mourning mentioned in the Scripture is very short. It would appear very strange in these days. But it is perfectly in accord with philosophical principles. A woman's affections, when she is deeply grieved for the loss of her beloved husband, are easily transferred to another object without her suspecting it. But if her heart is left long in grief, it will not again be easily affected, nor will it yield easily a second time to love. A man will not, of course, outrage public opinion, but if I were asked advice, I would certainly say to a widower, especially if he had a family of children, 'If ever you intend to marry, do it immediately.' I never knew a second marriage in such cases to be unhappy. But second marriages contracted after a considerable lapse of time are often unhappy. Experience shows that those who are glad to be set free from the matrimonial tie are cautious about engaging again in courtship. They probably never will."

A story has been told of the President which, so far as is known, has never been contradicted, and illustrates both his readiness to practice the doctrines he thus preached to his boys, and also his native shrewdness, and the soundness of his methods of successful courtship. One of his sons-in-law had been recently bereft of his wife, leaving a large family of children, some of them quite young. He sought out the President and asked his advice as to the propriety of taking a new wife to be a mother to his children. Dr. Nott gave him much the same advice contained in the foregoing extract, and urged him by all means to fill the vacant place at his fireside and in his heart. "But, my son, have you cast upon any person whom you think worthy to occupy that position?" The younger man admitted that he had permitted his thoughts to linger on a most charming and accomplished lady, Miss ———, the preceptress of a young ladies' school at Utica. "Quite right, my son, quite right, I am sure you have made a wise choice. You have my hearty consent and my paternal blessing."

That evening the westward train out of

Schenectady, bore the President to Union College, and when he returned with him, as the third mistress of the presidential mansion, the Utica mansion, whose attractions had been described by his good son-in-law, he had never before heard.

"When a man undertakes to change the character good or bad, he does so well without entering into the details of such character. Sentiments of such character must continually change to suit the times, not, by thus mimicking even the character of one of his own. Experience shows that the theory, and the character of a man are usually worthless. Garrick, for example, and I knew Siddons.

The same remark may be made in an extemporaneous debate. A man who argues against one's own conviction is prevented from forming any opinion. On every occasion when a question is assigned me which I have to argue against my own conviction, I argue perfectly well when I begin on the wrong side, but before I have time to come completely convinced of the truth of my own argument. I have believed such methods of arguing, and philosophy is certainly

Thus does Dr. Nott argue in the supernatural:

"Many a man who faces the cannon's mouth and the bayonet's point. We may be brave enough against an enemy, but when we are in the presence of aerial beings, we falter and are found to have forsaken any human being is able to sustain from this belief. Nor can a departed spirit appear to us. I wonder at it is that the frequency of such appearances. The only reason I don't believe in them is my incredulity. This proves the truth of the doctrine universally, that the soul is not extinct, or never was. We never hear of a man nor could an old woman appear with the ghost of any man, nor the ghost of a man, and

of old and young, to stand erect. Let any mischievous collegians attempt their skill in this great city, and he will neither frighten the townsfolk or increase superstition by ever so many ghosts of horses, sheep or cows, or any other than the ghost of a human being. I myself think the existence of ghosts extremely probable, and I wonder how we can ever get over the evidence of so many men who have said more than I dare say about this matter."

Fifteen years ago a grandson of Dr. Nott was President of Union college, and while he had, like the rest of humanity, sundry failings and weaknesses, some inherited and some personally acquired, he had none of his grandfather's superstitious fear of ghosts. In those days, or nights rather, there was wont to stalk up and down Union street a sheeted spectral figure, which became the terror of the townsfolk, of the "red-headed cops," and, let it be confessed, of many of the students. It at first stole stealthily forth, frightening only women and freshmen, and then vanishing, but becoming gradually bolder, *viresque acquirit eundo*, it stalked fearlessly up and down as if it owned the street. Although the ghost knew nothing then of the ancestral weakness, it decided one moonlight night to "haunt" the President, which it did with sepulchral groanings and beckonings, until the President came forth, also in ghostly habiliments, and gave vigorous chase to the disembodied spirit, chasing it out of his yard, over the terrace, across the pasture, and among the trees near Park place. It was a nimble-footed spook, but the President was equally fleet-footed. Reaching out after the spirit as it lifted itself over the board fence, forgetting to pass through it, as a well-trained and properly etherialized ghost should, the President seized its white shroud, and like the tail of Tam O'Shanter's mare, it was left in his hands, while the spirit escaped and vanished. But alas, the sheet was marked in indelible ink with a name which was on the college rolls!

"When the academy in the town was con-

nected with the college, I had the care of it. I observed that, without a single exception, those boys who were smart at an early age by degrees became dull. Little girls are almost without exception smarter than little boys of their age, but as they grow up the girls by degrees grow middling and finally dull. Almost all the greatest men in the world have been dull while young. Sir Isaac Newton was considered a great blockhead, and those great geniuses who read Greek and understand mathematics at six or seven almost all die soon."

"I have never known any large number of students by name. But at one period, when I paid attention to it, I knew every man in college by his walk. If I saw him standing at a distance, I might not at first know him, but no sooner did he move, than I knew him at once. In the class-room I always knew a student by his number though there is probably not in college another professor who does."

Dr. Hickok, the successor of President Nott, is also said to have had the faculty of knowing a man "by his walk."

"Slight impediments to the gratification of desire increase desire; insurmountable ones overcome it. Many mistakes have been made by college faculties through ignorance of this principle. Frequently boys have requested some foolish thing of little consequence, and being put off with a half-hesitating 'No,' have become the more excited and sometimes wrought to perfect frenzy, over a thing which was at the outset not worth two-pence one way or the other."

"If a man brings me a boy and tells me that he is a fine lad, that he has great hopes of him, that he has a good character, I care nothing about what he says, for I know the boy has no character. But bring him to me at 25 or 30, and I will tell you something about his character. At 14 a boy has had no time to form a character. Be he ever so well-behaved on coming to college, there is no knowing but in six months he may be sent home as bad a boy as the worst."

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DR. RIGGS' DISCOURSE.

The Day of Prayer for Colleges Observed.

Last Wednesday was observed as the day of prayer for colleges by a suspension of recitations and lectures, and services in the chapel at 11 A. M. Rev. Dr. James S. Riggs, of Auburn Theological Seminary, delivered the sermon. Rev. Dr. George Alexander, of New York, assisted in the opening services and the glee club led the singing. A goodly number of the towns people were present.

Dr. Riggs took for his text, "Take, therefore, the talent from him." Matt. 25:28. He said in part: "The kingdom of heaven is 'like unto' said Christ. At once men listened with deeper interest. That word kingdom had almost magical attractiveness. The next thing to seeing it was hearing about it. Every 'like unto' was a revelation. It was truth at a new angle."

"Few teachings give the points of the parable. Let us look at them in order.

1. *The capacity implied.* To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one. In so far as the cause of this difference in amounts lay in the difference of those receiving them, we have really here to deal with five-talent, two-talent and one-talent men. But the difference is in spiritual capacity. Precisely the same variation meets us here as in the intellectual or physical realm. All men are not equally capable of religious or spiritual accomplishments any more than they are in mental. Back of the difference lies here too all that complexity of heredity, environment and training which at any stage in their progress condition men so differently."

2. *"The law involved.* It is only in actual usage that the talent can be doubled, and in so far as the talent presupposes ability, ability increased. Life in its highest conception is education, all the way through, physical, mental, spiritual. Men of sense look with disgust upon the man who spends his whole time in training his muscles; who puts

himself on the level of the race horse; is groomed and fed and trotted around that he may get strength enough to knock down another who has been hardening himself on the same horse plane of endeavor. How much better is he in the sight of heaven who takes years to sharpen his mental faculties and discipline them that he may simply get for himself power to wrest from society a success which is measurable in dollars and cents, in short-lived fame or brief, uncertain political sway."

3. *"The judgment pronounced.* Unto every one that hath shall be given and he shall have in abundance, but from him that hath not shall be taken even that which he hath. You put your arm into a sling and carry it there for months and you will lose the power to lift it. The mind that never thinks loses the ability to think. Aged ignorance is confirmed ignorance. The channels in which a life has been constantly running get too deep to be readily changed. Habits get tighter hold with the years. Strength or weakness is alike fixed by time."

4. *"The revealed issue.* Cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness. It is not the fashion to preach much about hell nowadays. It grates on sensitive ears. The expression is somewhat *ultra* they tell us. Strange! Passing strange this is when there is not a church in this city that is hardly a stone's throw from a section of it. But I call your attention to the fact that the Lord did not use the word in the conclusion of this parable. He didn't say hell, nor hades. He said more. He said outer darkness, the outer darkness where no light comes, where He is not."

ALUMNI RECORDS WANTED.

Any publications of the alumni, volumes, pamphlets or scrap books would be gladly received by the librarian. Photographs of alumni are also welcome as the librarian is endeavoring to complete as far as possible the collection now in his hands.

"FATHER ROOKER."

It seems hardly possible that the "Father Rooker," now so often alluded to as the coming secretary of the papal delegation in this country under Archbishop Satolli, is the same young man from Albany who, in the class of '84, sat in my recitation room for several terms as one of my most acceptable and faithful pupils.

He suddenly disappeared. He had gone to Rome to enter, as a pupil, the American school of the famous Propaganda. I soon heard of him as a faithful and successful worker there, and then that he had graduated with signal honor. Then came the news that he had been appointed instructor, and finally that he had risen through the various gradations to the post of vice-rector of the college.

One of my anticipated pleasures in a recent visit to Rome, was to call on my former and not forgotten pupil. I did so, but was informed at the gate by the janitor that he was away in the country on his annual vacation with a section of the college. I sent my card to the rector, Monsignore O'Connell and was received with great warmth by him when he learned that I was one of his old teachers. As he saw that I was disappointed at not finding him, he asked me what he could do for me. When I told him that I was very anxious to be present with my traveling companions and family at the great reception soon to take place at the vatican of the 20,000 French pilgrims then in Rome, he said that it would be quite difficult to procure cards of admission for any but the pilgrims themselves, but that any man that had been a teacher of Dr. Rooker had a very strong claim on him, and if possible he would procure the tickets.

But in return for this he made me promise that I would go and see Father Rooker in his summer retreat. The tickets came in due time and were greatly appreciated, and the day after the great ceremony I took the train for Frascatia, not far from the Eternal City. As I approached the station I looked out

and there was Father Rooker in his black priestly gown and great shovel hat. We met and embraced like brothers, for I had the warmest affection for him. We were soon in a carriage to go to his summer school, about three miles distant, beautifully situated nearly at the summit of the famous ridge that overlooks the great city and the broad campagna. There I found him surrounded by his pupils, all young men from various parts of our land, preparing at the fountain-head for the mission work of their church. I dined at his board in the refectory with the pupils, and we talked at a racing pace about men and things at home, and then about men and things there. He was as free and genial and as jovial as he used to be on the old college grounds, and the amount of matter that we passed over regarding Old Union in a few hours was a marvel.

I found him in a place of great influence, and evidently much esteemed. His choice as secretary of the American Delegation was a wise one, although he is so young, and he evidently has a career of influence here before him. The fact of his being a native American, perfectly acquainted with our modes and tendencies, will make him a very valuable element with the confidence of so influential a man as Archbishop Satolli, who by the way is not acquainted with our language. The lessons of religious toleration that he learned within our walls he will doubtless put into practice in his office. WILLIAM WELLS.

THE PSI U'S "SMOKER."

The "Psi U's" gave a "smoker" at their new chapter house, Friday, January 20th, Professor Mosher and Dr. Linhart of the faculty, and about thirty-five students were present, including some from each fraternity, and non-fraternity men. They amused themselves with smoking; with games, cards and billiards until two o'clock when they returned to their rooms. All report a jolly time, and seem very much pleased with the evening's recreation.

THE ALBANY ALUMNI BANQUET.

The fifth annual banquet of the Alumni Association of north-eastern New York was held Tuesday, January 24, at the hotel Delavan, in Albany. At a business meeting held before the banquet the following officers were elected: President, J. Newton Fiero; first vice-president, A. P. Strong; secretary and treasurer, Charles F. Bridge. The following were chosen as an executive committee: Fred. N. Cameron, Dr. James F. Barker, George C. Baker, E. A. Corbin, Albany; W. Scott Hunter, Schenectady; Albert Smith, Troy; James D. Featherstonhaugh, Cohoes; Edward P. White, Amsterdam; Dow Beekman, Middleburgh; Rev. L. W. Beattie, Cambridge.

The banquet itself began at 9 P. M., and it was 10:45 P. M. when President Fiero called for the toasts. The speakers were as follows: "The Faculty," Dr. William Wells; "The State of New York," Hon. William Sulzer; "Harvard," William Barnes, Jr.; "Amherst," Judge Maynard; "Old Union," Rev. George Alexander.

Dr. Alexander made the most important speech of the evening. He talked about the president of the college and the work he had done in building up the institution at the head of which he had been placed. He stated that now hard work and domestic affliction had broken down Dr. Webster's health, and he read an abstract from a communication to the trustees received from Dr. Webster that afternoon.

Rev. Lee W. Beattie offered these resolutions:

"Resolved, That the Alumni Association of north-eastern New York, in annual session assembled, January 24, 1893, has learned with sincere regret of the illness of our beloved president, Harrison E. Webster, and we do hereby express our deep sympathy and our warm love for him in this and also his recent domestic sorrow, and earnestly hope and pray that nothing may occur to prevent his continuing at the head of the college."

The resolutions were adopted unanimously and the banquet ended soon after,

SOPHOMORE SOIREE.

On Friday, January 27th, the sophomore class of the college gave the annual "sophomore soiree" in the college gymnasium. The gymnasium was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. Gartland's orchestra, of Albany, screened by a mass of evergreens, furnished music for the dancing, which was enjoyed to an early hour in the morning. The patronesses were as follows: Mrs. John DeRemer, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Maurice Perkins, Mrs. Thos. W. Wright, Mrs. Benj. H. Ripton, Mrs. Jas. R. Truax, Mrs. Chas. C. Brown, Mrs. Arthur S. Wright, Mrs. Jas. H. Stoller, Mrs. Philip H. Cole, Mrs. Thos. Yelverton, Mrs. Edward Ellis, Mrs. Edward Walker, Mrs. W. Winslow Crannell, Mrs. Geo. P. Lawton, Mrs. John K. Paige, Mrs. S. W. Jackson, Mrs. Douglass Campbell, Mrs. James E. Hague.

Among those present from the city were: Mr. and Mrs. Langton, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Yates, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Cooney; Misses Page, Campbell, Kosboth, Davis, Jackson, Yates, Hettie Yates; Mrs. Watkins; Misses Perkins, Van Voast. From Albany: Mrs. and Miss Graves, Mrs. Lintler, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ten Eyck; the Misses Freeman, Brown, Lansing, Ten Eyck, Livingston, Murphy, Graveling, Herrick, Cardise. From Troy: Mrs. Bardwell, Mrs. and Miss Dexter, Mrs. and Miss Waldon, Misses Mac Namee, Darling; Miss Webb, New York city; Miss Salter, Newark, N. J.; Miss Dole, Springfield, Mass.; Miss Bennett, Hartford, Conn.; Miss McGregory, Staten Island; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hanson, Amsterdam; Miss Carley, Pierpont; Miss Peisons, Chatham; Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Waite, '89, Sandy Hill.

The gentlemen on the committees, to whom the success of the soiree was due, are as follows: Clark Day, chairman; Miles Ayralt, Alphonso Bissell, Jno. A. Clarke, Jr., George Cooke, Sanford Vossler, Archibald McMartin, Frank Van der Bogert, Laurence C. Baker.

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The great success of the sophomore soiree
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silver, banking and similar topics might be
discussed.

The officers of the gun club have assured
the faculty that it would be perfectly safe for
classes to meet in Washburne hall even
though the gunners were killing birds back
of the tennis courts.

Professor Truax, under whose direction the
new catalogue was compiled, has greatly im-
proved that already admirable storehouse of
facts relating to Union college.

Two periodicals regularly publishing college
news, the New York *Tribune* and the *Univer-
sity Magazine*, would do well to obtain com-
petent Union college correspondents judging
from the quantity and quality of their Union
news.

We would advise the senior engineers to
compete for the prizes offered for graduating
theses by *Engineering News*. The conditions
are given in full in the issue of the *News* for
January 5, 1893. Union ought to be repre-
sented among the prize winners.

Dr. Linhart is making a great success of
his work in the gymnasium and the class of
'96, who can begin with such a man at the
head of this important department are to be
congratulated. We notice that the faculty
appreciate the advantages offered, and the
sight of a boxing match between the professor
of mental and moral philosophy and the
junior professor of modern languages is no
unusual one.

It is a widely prevalent opinion among well-informed politicians that President-elect Cleveland will promote the Union man who so ably assisted him in the work of his former administration. In other words Daniel S. Lamont will probably be a member of Mr. Cleveland's cabinet.

Everyone would be pleased if the glee club would make the feature of the last college meeting a regular part of the programme. The deliberations of the students would be aided, their animosities softened and their faculties in general strengthened by a good Union college song rendered by a good Union glee club.

The students of the University of North Carolina want all the colleges and universities of the United States to unite in a grand student demonstration in honor of "our great political teacher, Grover Cleveland." They intend to send ten delegates themselves to attend the coming inauguration and wish all other colleges to do likewise. How good it is for men to live together in party unity!

The great mystery as to the author of that wonderful story about Dr. Raymond's base ball feats published in our last issue is completely and satisfactorily cleared away by a communication printed in another column. Thanks to the great sagacity of our correspondent we shall take immediate steps to secure Dr. Raymond as a regular contributor in order that our readers may be regaled with many other marvelous accounts of deeds both ancient and modern.

Dr. Linhart's teacher's class has attracted a great deal of attention from the press and the outside world in general. Its advantages are so manifold and easily perceived that everyone approves of the plan. All young men are glad to obtain along with the needed exercise a knowledge which can readily be

converted into cash. The requirement of having each member lead the class in turn is as beneficial as novel and will greatly promote the ability to use in a practical way the knowledge of teaching gymnastics.

ELI PERKINS.

Union's great humorist, Melville D. Landon, better known to the outside world as "Eli Perkins," will lecture in the college chapel Tuesday evening, February 14th, for the benefit of the glee club. His subject will be the "Philosophy of Wit," but any other subject would do as well for it will be simply irresistibly funny.



Eli Perkins

Melville D. Landon, is a graduate of Union, class of '61. After Fort Sumter was fired upon he enlisted, and served with honor until 1864, when he resigned from the army and engaged in cotton planting. In 1867 he went abroad, traveling over Europe and Russia. In returning to America his first writing was a history of the Franco-Prussian war, followed by numerous humorous writings for the public press under the *non de plume* of "Eli Perkins."

Everyone will do himself a favor by coming to hear "Eli" and bringing all his friends. The glee club need the profit and you need the laugh.

Brevities.

—The new catalogue came out Thursday.

—The glee club were photographed recently.

—Prof. Winans gave all his classes a "bolt" on Thursday.

—The recent additions to the library have been of a technical nature mainly.

—The finance committee of the college held a meeting in New York, January 20.

—The sophomore class have finished the *Persae* of Aeschylus and taken up *Prometheus Vincit*.

—The freshman class have finished "English, Past and Present," and have taken up the study of Rhetoric.

—The freshman extemporaneous essay was written January 17, on Dicken's sketch, "The Goblins Who Stole the Sexton."

—The new library hours are from 10:15 A. M. to 12:30 P. M., and from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M. The library will be closed in the evening.

—Lemon Thompson, '50, has repeated his yearly practice of contributing \$200 toward the filling the Thompson alcove in the library.

—The Schenectady city polo team defeated the Union college team, January 26, 4 to 3. The score of games is now 2 to 1 in favor of Union.

—At a meeting of the Christian association held Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Dr. Riggs and also ministers from the city churches gave short talks.

—The manager of the glee club has made arrangements for the club to give a concert in Troy, February 9, and in Green Island about the last of February.

—At a meeting of the Adelpic society on Saturday the debate was on the question: Resolved, that independence in politics is preferable to party loyalty.

—Dr. Linhart closed the gymnasium after Tuesday of last week in order to give the

sophomores a chance to decorate it for their soiree. He passed the time out of town on business.

—The committee appointed to make arrangements for the winter meet in the gymnasium have made out a programme of events. The meet will probably be held late in the present term.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS.

F. W. Allen, '93, attended the meeting of the New York State Intercollegiate Athletic association at Syracuse, Friday, January 27. The other delegates were: Hamilton, F. W. Ralsten; Colgate, T. J. Bryan; Syracuse, W. N. Perry; Hobart, J. E. Brodhead; Rochester, John Knight. Utica was fixed upon as the place and May 30 as the date for the annual field day. There will be no tennis tournament. Colgate has the management of the meeting.

The base ball association held a meeting at the same place and time. Frank Cooper represented Union. Union and Syracuse were re-admitted to the league and the following officers elected: President, manager of Hobart team, (not yet chosen,) Hobart, '94; vice president, J. N. White, Union, '94; secretary and treasurer, F. R. Morris, Colgate, '94.

The following schedule was arranged:

Rochester at Colgate May 30, at Hamilton May 31, at Union June 1, at Syracuse June 8, at Hobart June 9.

Union at Hobart May 4, at Rochester May 5, at Syracuse May 6, at Colgate June 9, at Hamilton June 10.

Hamilton at Hobart May 11, at Rochester May 12, at Syracuse May 13, at Colgate May 6, at Union April 26.

Hobart at Hamilton May 19, at Colgate May 20, at Union May 22, at Syracuse May 31, at Rochester June 6.

Colgate at Union April 29, at Syracuse May 23, at Rochester May 24, at Hobart May 25, at Hamilton May 30. (Colgate's game with Hamilton will be played in Utica.)

Syracuse at Hamilton May 16, at Colgate May 17, at Union May 10, at Rochester June 3, at Hobart June 2.

Personal.

Frank Cooper, '93, attended the Albany alumni banquet.

Parsons, '96, who has been home sick has returned to college.

Hotaling, '96, has been absent from college for a week on account of sickness.

Dr. Linhart was a guest at the alumni banquet held at Albany, January 24.

Cooke, '94, and Cook, '95, spent Sunday, January 22, with friends at Saratoga.

Clark Brooks, of New York, one of Union's trustees, was in Schenectady, January 25.

R. I. Landon, '96, has returned to his home at Chapinville, Conn., on account of illness.

Briggs, '91, and Reddish, '92, spent Sunday, January 22, with the Phi Delta Theta boys.

Esselstyne, '93, and Clowe, '96, spent January 21 and 22 at their home in Hudson.

Conde, '93, represented the *Star* at the execution of Loth at Dannemora, January 16.

Robert Hoxie, of Granville, N. Y., has been spending a few days with his brother Hoxie, '93.

A. M. Banker, '92, manager of last years base ball nine called on old college friends January 21.

Todd, '95, who has been ill for several days with malarial fever, is convalescing but unable to leave his room as yet.

J. A. Seeberger, ex-'95, will shortly organize a class in physical culture in the Lansingburgh Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

H. L. Baggerly, '94, has been elected assistant business manager of THE CONCORDIENSIS in the place of H. L. Cooke, resigned.

Dunham, '96, was called to his home in Ogdensburgh January 24, on account of the death of his grandfather, J. H. Hillman, of Greenwich.

Harry S. Estcourt, '87, now clerk of the World's fair commission for the Fourth Judicial district, paid a visit to Schenectady, January 21.

Professor Brown has lately been making

investigations at Amsterdam with a view to ascertaining how far the traces of that city's sewerage can be found in the Mohawk below the town.

J. N. White, '94, attended a meeting of the executive council of the Delta Upsilon fraternity held in New York, January 21. Mr. White is one of the three undergraduate members of the council.

Rev. Edward Alden, of Hoosick Falls, a graduate of Colgate, and a brother of Rev. Charles Alden, of the Congregational church of this city, was on the hill Sunday, January 22, visiting the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Prof. Perkins went to Ballston Spa last week on the request of Coroner Varney, of South Glens Falls, to make a chemical analysis of the stomach of Julia Wolfe who recently poisoned herself. The operation was refused by the District Attorney on the ground that it was unnecessary expense.

THE NEW CATALOGUE.

The catalogue for the ninety-eight year was issued last week. The total number of names on the university faculty is 52 and on the college faculty 18. The total number of students in the university is 494 divided as follows: Union college, 223; Albany Medical college, 170; Albany Law school, 53; Albany College of Pharmacy, 48.

The distribution of the students in the college by classes is: Seniors, 30; juniors, 31; sophomores, 66; freshmen, 82; eclectics, 14.

The additions to the faculty and officers include Howard T. Mosher, instructor in French and Christopher P. Linhart, M. D., director of the gymnasium and instructor in physical culture and hygiene.

The Butterfield lecture course is treated at length, the lecturers and their subjects with the prizes being given in full. In the matter of prizes the junior oratorical prizes have been doubled by the class of '80. An engineering prize has also been added by the class of '89.

Alumni Allusions.

'60.

Douglas Campbell recently received a letter from Gladstone, England's great prime minister, highly praising his latest work, "The Puritan in Holland, England and America."

'76.

✓ We clip the following with regard to Rev. A. J. Thompson, who recently became rector of St. Clement's in New York city, from the *Trinity Record*, New York:

Mr. Thompson is a man of a retiring disposition, but when principle is concerned he asserts himself in unmistakable terms. A condition of acceptance was that he have unrestricted charge of the spiritualities of the parish. At this time, St. Paul's showed little signs of life, in fact, the closing of the church had been contemplated. During his two years' rectorship the church was thoroughly renovated and repaired, and a new altar and organ were placed in it. A guild-hall was built, and library established. An important mission was begun. St. Paul's registry showed from 60 to 70 baptisms the first year as against 10 or 12 in the preceding year. This reminds us that when Mr. Thompson's successor came to St. Paul's chapel, the number of baptisms were very few the first year, and that the reason assigned for it was that Mr. Thompson had baptized all the babies in the lower part of the city and so none could be found for that rite. We know that the Bishop of Rhode Island wrote to a friend that Mr. Thompson while in his diocese, had done the work of three men.

In September, 1890, Mr. Thompson became assistant at St. Clement's church, this city. Last October he accepted an assistantship at St. John's chapel. In November, the Rector of St. Clement's sent in his resignation on account of failing health. Thereupon the vestry elected Mr. Thompson rector. This position he accepted and entered upon his duties December 1st. His experience at Wickford, and the long and varied work at St. Paul's chapel, render him eminently fitted to undertake the Rectorship of St. Clement's. We wish him success in this new sphere, much happiness and a long life.

'80.

J. V. L. Pruyn, who has been spending the winter in Tennessee visited Albany recently.

'81.

The Rev. Josiah Still, is engaged to be married to Miss Mary Emeline Barnaby, daughter of Captain and Mrs. John E. Barnaby, of Masonville, Del. Co. N. Y. Mr. Still is pastor of the Presbyterian church of that place.

'84.

Lewis R. Garnsey died at his home in Schenectady, January 24. He was born February 16, 1863, being only thirty years of age at the time of his death. He came from his home in Clifton Park, Saratoga county, to attend the Union Classical Institute in Schenectady, from which he graduated, and he entered the class of 1884 in Union college, where he became a member of the Alpha Delta Phi society. He remained two

years in college, when he returned to his home in Saratoga county. After remaining there a year or more, he came to Schenectady again and entered into the business of broom manufacturing under the firm name of Van Slyck & Garnsey. This relation lasted for seven and a half years; though for the past couple of years the firm has mainly dealt in real estate. While thus engaged, an extensive tract of land near the Edison works was purchased and sold for building lots. The settlement thus created speaks well for the efforts of the firm, in which the deceased took so prominent a part. Mr. Garnsey was Mr. Van Slyck's son-in-law.

THE GUN CLUB.

The Gun Club held their first shoot January 17th, back of the tennis courts. Miller won first place, killing 17 birds; Tallman, second; and Melius, third. Their second shoot took place January 25th. Tallman won first place; Miller, second and Melius, third. With practice we ought to be able to have a good team to send to the inter-collegiate shoot.

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'77.

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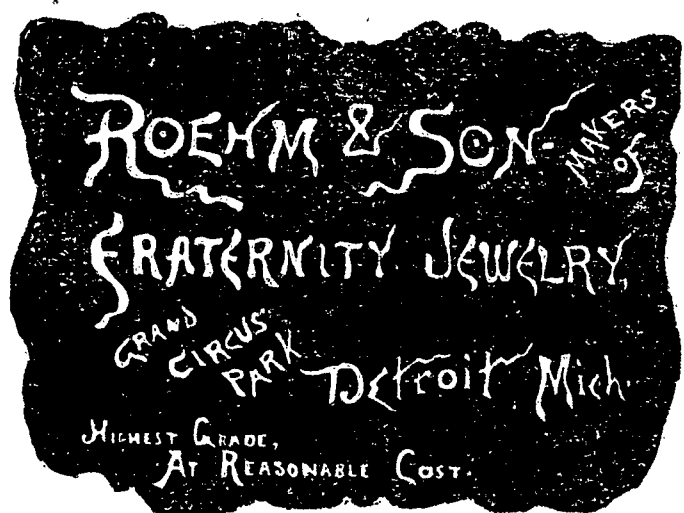
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- "Gerviness Commentaries."—*Bunnett*.
- "Shakespeare as a Dramatic Artist."—*Moulton*.

QUERIES:

1. What is the central thought?
2. State the peculiarities of the plot-structure, and show how it is unified.
3. How does the play exemplify Shakespeare's fondness for parallelism and contrast?
4. Trace the development of Lear's madness through its various stages.
5. Portray the character of Cordelia.
6. Portray the character of Edmund.
7. Exemplify the wisdom and devotion of the Fool, and explain his real function in this play.
8. How does the play teach,
 - (a). That sin and folly alike lead to suffering?
 - (b). That credulity is the cause of fearful injustice?
 - (c). That the wicked use power for their own destruction?
9. Wherein is there a reminder of Gorboduc?
10. Can the fate of Cordelia be justified?
11. Wherein does the play offend the artistic sense?
12. (a). What passions are represented?
 (b). What is their general character?
 (c). What is the climax in the emotional treatment?
13. How is relief afforded from the harrowing effect of the monstrous deeds of the play?
14. Locate and interpret the following:
 - (a). "I would unstate myself, to be in a due resolution."
 - (b). "I do profess to be no less than I seem."
 - (c). "Age is unnecessary."
 - (d). "The injuries that they themselves procure must be their schoolmasters."
 - (e). "Wisdom and goodness to the vile seem vile."
 - (f). "Plate sin with gold,
 And the strong lance of justice hurtless breaks."
 - (g). "The gods are just, and of our pleasant vices
 Make instruments to plague us."
 - (h). "I'll go to bed at noon."
 - (i). "He hates him much,
 That would upon the rack of this tough world
 Stretch him out longer."

FOR READING AT THE MEETING:

- Act I. Scene 1, ll. (25-179).
- Act I. Scene 4, ll. (50-179).
- Act I. Scene 5, ll. entire.
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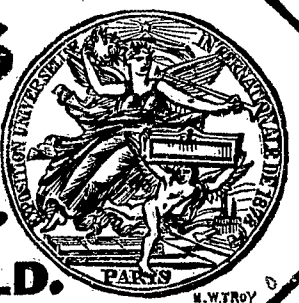


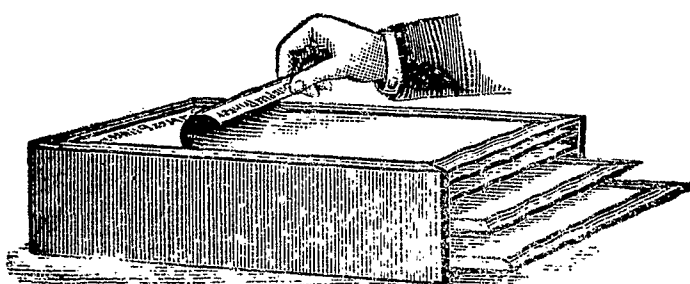
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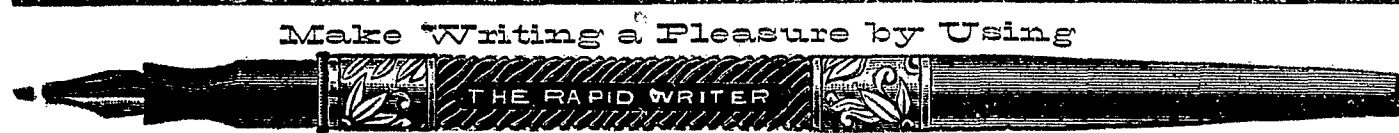




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