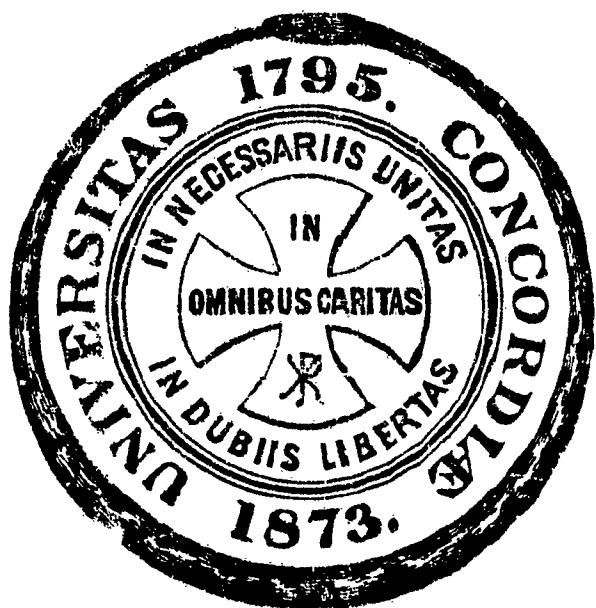


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## Alumni Dinner and Talk of "Old Union."

The Alumni association of North-eastern New York, held its annual banquet at the Kenmore, Albany, last Friday night, and the affair was enjoyable to a high degree. The speakers were at their best and the spirit of "Old Union" was in every heart. Plans for various improvements in the college buildings were inaugurated and heartily received. Of decided interest to under-classmen is the proposition to fit up the dormitories with modern improvements in the near future.

A business meeting preceded the banquet and matters concerning the general welfare of the college were brought up for discussion. The following officers were then elected: President, William P. Rudd, '73; vice-president, Seymour Van Santvoord, '78; secretary and treasurer, Charles F. Bridge, '87.

President Rudd, as toastmaster, maintained his reputation for wit and eloquence, officiating in happiest fashion. The toast list was well chosen and the responses were of more than ordinary excellence. They were as follows:

"The Modern College and Its Students," President Raymond, '75; "The Dutch Influence in New York," Justice A. T. Clearwater; "The Best Gift from Alma Mater," Seymour Van Santvoord, '78; "The Law Schools as Legal Educators," Joseph A. Lawson; "The New York Alumni Association," William B. Rankin, '77; "The Relation of the College and the University," Prof. Hale; "The Alumni of the Medical Department of Union University," Dr. Albert Vander Veer; "The Greater Schenectady," William H. McElroy, '60; "Union in the South and the South in Union," Prof. Jones; "The Old and the New," O. D. Robinson.

Among those seated at the table were: Prof. Opdyke, Howard Pemberton, Jr., Joseph Sher-

man, Warner R. Borst, J. Newton Fiero, M. W. Vosburgh, Prof. Hoffman, Joseph D. Craig, John E. Sherwood, Prof. Hale, Albert M. Bankey, Philip S. Dorlon, G. M. Ingalsbe, Charles H. Mills, C. E. Patterson, Henry J. Martin, Chas. H. Peck, Prof. C. E. Franklin, C. C. Van Kirk, Ed. M. Cameron, F. R. Cameron, Prof. Jones, Amasa J. Parker, E. D. Ronan, J. A. Lawson, A. J. Ray, Charles F. Bridge, Wm. P. Rudd, L. H. Rockwell, W. M. Loucks, E. A. Corbin, Wm. J. Kline, A. J. Thomson, Prof. Wells, Prof. Ashmore, Dean Ripton, L. A. Serviss, John J. O'Hara, A. McD. Shoemaker, Seymour Van Santvoord, O. D. Robinson and Dr. Albert Vander Veer.

A highly enjoyable feature of the occasion was the music furnished by a quartet comprising, John Gutmann, '98, and R. M. Eames, Harold J. Hinman and Fred. Green of '99, accompanied on the banjo by Clarence D. Stewart, 1900.

## Mr. Gailey Talks of Missions.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, Robert R. Gailey, formerly of Princeton, and now traveling secretary of the Students' Volunteer Movement, was the guest of the college Y. M. C. A. Mr. Gailey is well known as a member of the victorious Princeton team of '96, and has become even better known in the last year as a worker among students in the interests of missions.

On Tuesday evening, after the regular service, there was an informal discussion about Y. M. C. A. work in general. On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Gailey addressed a large audience of students in the chapel, taking the Volunteer Movement as his theme; and the fact that he expected to start for China in three week's time gave an added interest to all he said.

Of his interesting and stirring appeal we can give but few extracts. He compared the beginnings of the nation as symbolized by the Washington elm at Cambridge, to the beginning of foreign missions in America as symbolized in the noted "Haystack Monument" at Williamstown, on the spot where five men gathered in 1806 and consecrated themselves to work in foreign lands. Missions were then unpopular, but the spirit of those students, "We can do it if we will," was the spirit that has always characterized the overcoming of difficulty, the accomplishment of resolution. These men faced heathendom in a blackness that was awful; their work was the beginning. With others at Andover they formed a society; such was its unpopularity that they were forced to make it secret. For years the work among students went slowly. In 1876 occurred the famous revival at Princeton. This was the beginning of the student Y. M. C. A. The Volunteer movement originated in Mr. Moody's request for a college conference. At this conference a hundred men consecrated themselves to foreign mission work. This was in 1886, and since then the work has progressed steadily until the World's Federation of Student Y. M. C. A.'s was formed in Sweden and Mr. John R. Nott made his tour of the world.

These events are of recent date. The spirit of Christ is becoming the spirit of college men, and is raising up more of them who are determined to have a direct part in the "evangelization of the world within the present generation," which is the motto of student volunteers.

### The Shakespeare Club.

At the first regular meeting of the Shakespeare club held last week, the following officers were elected; President, Walter M. Swann, '98; vice-president, Harrison K. Wright, '99; secretary, Chris. A. Hartnagel, '98; treasurer, John H. Gutmann, '98; executive committee, Willis E. Merriman, '98, Peter Nelson, '98, John C. Merchant, '98, Harrison K. Wright, '99. The executive committee was given full power to arrange the program for the term.

### Phi Delta Theta Dance.

The members of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity gave a very enjoyable reception at their house on Union street on Friday evening, Jan. 28. Music was furnished by Revitt, and dancing continued until an early hour Saturday morning.

The guests from out of town were: Mrs. Beebe, Miss Beebe, Miss Sutton, Albany; Mrs. Falls, Mrs. Wheeler, and the Misses Liddle, Amsterdam. Besides the active chapter of the fraternity were present from this city Prof. and Mrs. Marvin, Prof. and Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Miss Swits, Miss Clute, Miss Fagan, Miss Putnam and Rev. W. H. Waygood, B. F. Bain, A. D. Ingram, Walter Lawton and William Fagan.

### After the Bolters.

Since the adoption of the rule in regard to college meetings, there have been a number of men in college who have been making a practice of bolting chapel Monday mornings and staying away from regular college meetings, giving the hour instead to sleep or study. The matter has been broached editorially in the Concordiensis several times but the first active steps toward rectifying it were taken at the college meeting on Monday morning, when it was decided by an unanimous vote that the president of the senior class appoint a committee to confer with the faculty and inform them of the sentiment of the meeting and that the faculty be asked to pass a resolution making one bolt from chapel on Monday morning equivalent to three ordinary bolts. President Bradford appointed as such committee Messrs. Crichton, Cox and Swann.

### Kil Loses to Tincler.

The second and last race, for a stake of \$250, between Charles Kilpatrick and George Tincler of Ireland, took place Saturday, Jan. 29, at Blackburn, Lancashire. The distance was three-quarters of a mile. Tincler won the toss. He got away first and led throughout, winning by five yards in 3 minutes 13 2-5 seconds.

### New Books for the Library.

The example of the senior class, in accord with the suggestion of Dr. Jones, in purchasing works of reference on sociology for the library, instead of text books, is receiving high commendation. It has been suggested that the precedent be followed not only by all succeeding classes in sociology but by all succeeding classes in all departments wherever the method is feasible. Standard works on psychology and moral science are sadly needed and might be placed on the shelves in this way. By this means some degree of symmetry could be soon established in the working parts of the library.

Books received from the senior class thus far, are as follows: "Anthropology," Edward B. Tylor; "Physics and Politics," Walter Bagehot; "The Theory of the State," J. K. Bluntschli; "Sociology," John Bascom; "Dynamic Sociology," 2 vols., Lester F. Ward; "Races and Peoples," Daniel G. Brinton; "The Village Community," George L. Gomme; "The Ancient City," Willard Small; "The Social Contract," Jean Jacques Rousseau; "Religions of Primitive Peoples," Daniel G. Brinton.

The following additional books have been received: "The Defense of Guenevere and other Poems," William Morris; "In the South Seas," Robert Louis Stevenson; "Charlotte Bronte and Her Circle," Clement K. Shorter; "Joan of Arc," Francis C. Lowell; "Morocco As It Is," Stephen Bonsal; "Recollections of Childhood," Sonya Kovalersky; "Life of John Livingston Nevins," Helen S. C. Nevins; "The Master," I. Zangwill; "Books and Culture," Hamilton W. Mabie; "My Study Fire" and "My Study Fire (Second Series)," Hamilton W. Mabie; "Adventures in Criticism," A. T. Quiller-Couch; "Great Masters of Russian Literature," Ernest Dupuy; "Theodor the Goth," ("Heroes of the Nations" Series), Thomas Hodgkin; "Mentone, Cairo and Corfu," Constance F. Woolson; "The Color of Life," Alice Meynall; "A Singular Life," Elizabeth Stuart Phelps; "The Child, the Wise Man, and the Devil," Coulson Kernahan; "The Flower of England's Face," Julia

C. R. Dorr; "The Days of Lamb and Coleridge," Alice E. Lord; "The Life of an Artist," Jules Brenton; "Reality versus Romance in South Central Africa," James Johnson; "Four and Five," Edward Everett Hale; "Demon Possession and Allied Themes," John L. Nevins; "Journal of Martha Pintard Bayard;" "Letters of Edward Fitzgerald to Fanny Kemble;" "Eugenie Grandet," Honore de Balzac; "Poor Folk," F. Dostoievsky; "Literary Landmarks of Edinburgh," Lawrence Hutton; "Madame Therese," Emile Erckman and A. Chatrian.

### Neerology.

The Rev. Abishai Schofield, '32, died Wednesday, January 26, at his home in Spencerport, aged 92 years.

Mr. Schofield was born in the town of Greenville, N. Y., in 1805; was educated in Union college and in Auburn seminary, commencing his labors as a minister of the gospel at the Presbyterian church at Petersborough, Madison county, when he was 30 years old. Mr. Schofield was an advanced thinker, especially on the subject of slavery and became so pronounced in his views on the subject of abolition that he was compelled, a few years later, by the Presbytery, to sever his connection with the Presbyterian church. He immediately accepted a call to preach in the Congregational church at Hamilton, N. Y.

George Calhoun Westcott, a former member of the class of '95, died from consumption at Summerville, S. C., where he had been residing for his health. He was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity, but left college on account of sickness before he completed his course.

William A. Johnston, '97, of Palatine Bridge, spent last Friday and Saturday with friends in this city.



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THERE hasn't been much said about it, perhaps, but the man who thinks that the open paths about the college grounds are not appreciated, deserves an n. s. The campus, just now, seems more than ever a place of magnificent distances; the wind is keener, the snow driftier, the mercury more dejected, than anywhere else in the county. And yet, those paths have been kept as wide open as a—as a Raines-law hotel. The labor entailed suggests a dustless Klondike.

STUDENTS of Union will be interested to hear of the recent running of Charles H. Kilpatrick against George B. Tincler, the well-known English professional in the mile. Kilpatrick defeated Tincler in the half-mile in 1 min. 57 2-5 sec., and was defeated by the same runner in a three-quarters mile in 3 min. 13 2-5 sec. As the American is hardly at home in the latter distance, his defeat is easily explainable, especially in view of the Englishman's unusually good figures.

WE believe it to be of far reaching importance that the faculty concur with the active portion of the student body in suppressing as far as possible the growing habit of bolting college meetings. Though student interests and faculty interests have not always appeared to be in absolute harmony, this has been owing solely to diverse opinions as to the best route to the common goal, old Union's weal. If the undergraduate has at times appeared a trifle jubilant when the classroom proved too cold for recitation purposes, he has expressed betimes no doubt, the covert joy of an overworked professor. Nor do the students forget that the professorial pocket on more than one occasion has been ravished of book-money to meet that irrepressible athletic deficit. It is with this very thing in mind that the student committee now appear before the faculty in behalf of a measure for the common good. The regular Monday morning procession of dormice, that ambles languidly up the hill any old time after nine o'clock, to use a colloquialism, augurs no good for college spirit or college finances, either now or hereafter.

MUCH has been said in this and other colleges concerning the decadence and revival of the college debating societies. In the January Parthenon Professor Opdyke's interesting and suggestive article discovers fully the high motives that should actuate their continuance; and the writer calls attention to the fact that the debating society is on the verge of a new era of importance and prosperity.

At present however, the local literary societies display but little of their pristine vigor and influence. The class-room, the fraternity, the gymnasium, and the multiple demands of other almost countless undergraduate organizations, have well-nigh absorbed the time and energy that formerly went to enhance the Philomathean or the Adelpheic. That this time and energy, or at least a good share of it, could be used to no better advantage than in the study and debate of live subjects, the article above referred to leaves no ground for doubt. And the gain that would accrue from a

concentration of the now widely scattered interests seems equally patent.

But to deflect the attention of the students from less profitable channels of recreation and pastime, to the real and superior advantages of a good debating society, other attractions than the weekly debate must at first be offered. In former days members of the faculty frequently lectured on popular subjects before the societies in joint session. We are confident they would as willingly render similar service today. Particular pains were taken to make the literary programs elegant and instructive. Often an alumnus of eminence would deliver a lecture under the auspices of the societies. Joint debates were held oftener than once a year. All these things, while incidental to the real purpose of the societies, were instrumental in making them, what they should and can be made today, a means of culture and intellectual breadth, open to any and every man in college.

### Second Junior Hop.

The Juniors gave another successful hop at Yates' boat house last Friday evening. The attendance was not as large as at the first hop, but this served to make the affair none the less enjoyable. Gioscia furnished the music, and during the evening refreshments were served by caterer Dobermann.

The guests from out of town were: Miss Calvert, Baltimore; Miss Murdock, Pittsburg; Miss Kline, Amsterdam, and William A. Johnston, '97, of Palatine Bridge. Those present from the city were the Misses Curtis, Strain, Brown, Grace Horstman, Mable Horstman, Ray Yates, Susan Yates, Johnson, Ostrom, Williams, Lewis, Beattie, Walker, Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Carey, and Messrs. Summerhayes, Carey, Wilson, Parsons, W. C. Yates, P. B. Yates, Homer Strong, E. W. Strong, Turner, Vander Veer, Miles, Nevins, Medbery, Van Vlack, Huntley, L. T. Bradford, Bender, P. L. Merriman, Foote, R. F. Paige, and Prof Pollard. The patronesses were Mrs. Strain, Mrs. Featherstonhaugh and Mrs. Price.

### Minor Topics.

Mr. Pollard did not meet his classes the first of the week, having been confined to his room with a severe cold.

Mr. Lynes spent Saturday and Sunday in Boston, as the guest of Mr. Charles Browning White (Harvard, '96).

Captain-elect W. J. Smith, '99, of next year's 'Varsity eleven, has been chosen captain of the baseball team. The candidates met in the gymnasium this week and commenced active practice.

The following senior class committees have been announced: Cap and gown—Perry, Swann and Putnam; class book—Mallery, Guy Vrooman and McKeefe; class song—Hild, Sheehan and Gutmann.

The faculty has granted the petition of the latin scientific division of the junior class to have their work reduced two hours per week. Zoology which has previously been a required study was made elective.

George C. Hazelton, Jr., son of the Hon. Geo. C. Hazelton, '58, has just written an interesting volume on "The National Capitol, Its History, Art and Architecture." Both father and son are well known in this vicinity.

The annual banquet of the Chi Psi Alumni association of Northeastern New York is to be held at the Kenmore hotel, Albany, this (Friday) evening. It is expected that over fifty Chi Psi's will be present, including the entire chapter at Union and delegates from Amherst, Williams, Cornell and Hamilton.

Prof. Hale has announced the following subjects for the first sophomore essays due Feb. 14. The essays are to be descriptive and of not less than 800 words: "Chaucer as a Scholar," "Langland as a Representative of Popular Feeling," "England in the time of Chaucer," "The Witches in Macbeth," "The Character of Macbeth," "The Present Situation in China."

J. Storrs Cotton, '97, was the guest of friends on the hill Tuesday.

### Alumni Notes.

Rev. Alden J. Bennett of Chicago, visited his brother, Professor Bennett, during the past week.

The New York Tribune of January 23, devoted nearly a page to the Alpha Delta Phi club of New York. Robert C. Alexander, '80, is second vice-president, and Col. Charles E. Sprague, '60, is treasurer.

General Daniel Butterfield, '49, the newly elected commander of Lafayette Post No. 140, G. A. R., officiated lately at the mustering of five candidates, one of whom had come from Africa for the occasion. He was assisted by Generals Howard and Sickles.

Ex-Senator Warner Miller, '60, was one of the speakers at a great public meeting held in New York last week to protest against the proposed reduction in the post office appropriation. He was also chairman of the National Convention of Manufacturers, which met in New York last week.

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The annual handball tournament of Cornell was held last week.

Yale has established the degree of Master of Science in the Sheffield Scientific school.

Prof. Hitchcock of Amherst has been granted a six months' leave of absence, which he will spend in France.

The triennial convention of the Student Volunteer Movement will take place at Cleveland, Ohio, February 23-7.

Harvard, Columbia, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Lehigh, and possibly Princeton and Yale will have lacrosse teams this spring.

Pardee Hall, at Lafayette, which was recently burned, will be butressed up until spring when it will be rebuilt on its former plan.

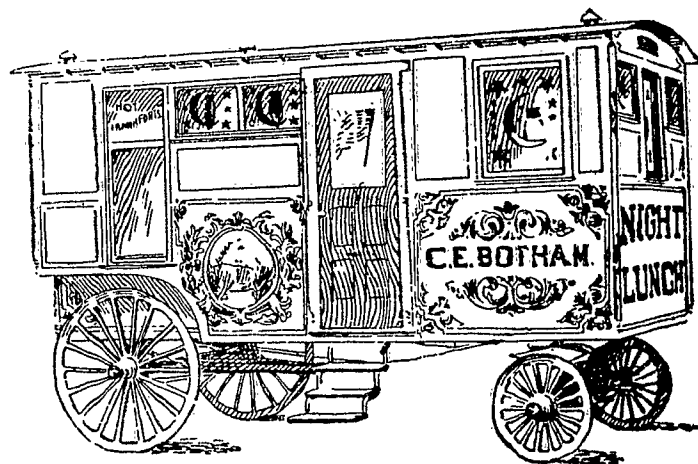
The Yale Junior Prom., the great social event of the year, with its attendant class Germans and teas, took place last week and was one of the most brilliant of recent years.

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