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## The Foot Ball Season of 1896.

Union's foot ball prospects at the opening of the season were discouraging. Only three of last year's varsity players returned, no coach or captain had been chosen, new faculty rules governed the selection of players, and the schedule of games was incomplete. Under these discouragements the college spirit of the student body failed to meet the emergency.

The chief requisite for a good team is plenty of practice. The student body of the college should furnish this. It is absolutely impossible for a team of new players to make a good showing against other teams of high standing without the necessary training on the home campus. Every player must learn to be active, cool, plucky, and thoroughly acquainted with the proper play at the deciding moment.

This year the varsity was forced to obtain its chief training in games with other teams. The student body failed to meet the demand for a large scrub and the first experience gained was accompanied by defeat. As the work of the team became more organized, through Captain Palmer's efforts and the coaching of "Father" Brown, our prospects brightened.

Our closing success may cause us to look forward to a new season when the harvest of this year's experience may be reaped by future wearers of the garnet.

The laurels of the first game were won by the Laureates of Troy. Individual work was a feature of Union's playing. Team work was lacking. Score—Laureate 14, Union 0.

Hobart, next, played Union on the campus. Hobart won this game through Case, captain, who made precisely the correct play at a critical moment for his team. No Union player was on hand to hinder him. If Union had kicked a goal the score would have been tied. Score—Hobart 6, Union 4.

In another week Union had developed better team work. Although the Laureates were still stronger, Union held the score down in her second game with this team. Score—Laureate 6, Union 0.

In the annual game with West Point, the team of the military academy doubled the score of last year. Score—West Point 44, Union 0.

The last Saturday in October was marked by a victory for Union over the Amsterdam team. The game belonged to Union from the time of the first kick off to the call of time in the second half. Score—Union 18, Amsterdam 6.

The final game of the season was played against Rutgers. By this time Union's team had developed good team work which was used with telling effect against the Rutgers line. From the sunny oval of Ridgefield, Union bore away the laurels of a game marked by a scarcity of errors and by cool and quick playing. Score—Union 10, Rutgers 0.

At this time it seems quite proper to say a few words concerning the men who have worked so faithfully for Union during the past season.

Too much credit cannot be given to Capt. Palmer. Probably no one except the team, really knows how hard he has worked for Union during this season. Three years' playing on the team has made him an expert and his work at left tackle in the Rutgers game was the feature of the day. But his labor was not confined to playing well. With very adverse circumstances, a discouraged team and sometimes hardly any scrub and little student support, the last part of the season he was so ill that he could hardly walk. His untiring activity and ceaseless perseverance were alone enough to make a successful season.

Beardsley and Crissie did excellent work at right tackle, and with this year's experience will

make strong players next season. If any tackling was to be done they were sure to be there.

Price and Thatcher, both new men, were efficient ends and it was not their fault if any one got by them.

Thomas, who had been a substitute for two years, made the team this time, and his great size made him a formidable opponent at left guard.

Blodgett at right guard never had much to say, but he was always in the right place when the ball was in play. A player of great ability and unbounded pluck; he will be a sore loss to the team.

"Trout" Bookhout was the heaviest man on the team and nobody got through the centre if he could prevent it, which he almost invariably did.

Smith, who was a substitute last year, deserves especial mention for his work as quarterback.

Crichton, who played both right and left half back, made more touchdowns than any other man on the team. He was unfortunate in being hurt in almost every game but he was a star player for all that.

Götz, who played three years on the U. C. I. team, Griswold, ex-captain of the A. M. C. team, and Jones, who was a substitute last year, were hard earnest players and did all they could to make the team a success.

Hoxie, at full back, was one of the best men on the team and was only too glad to kick a goal if someone would make a touchdown.

Cooper, the captain of the scrub, Mallery, Williams, Pearse, Wilson and Cotton deserve much credit for their work as substitutes.

### Amusements at the Van Curler.

Nov. 20.—Junior Promenade.

Nov. 21.—Daniel Sully.

Nov. 23.—Red Stocking.

Nov. 24.—Herrmann.

Nov. 25.—Fatal Card.

Ames, '97, occupied the pulpit of the Jay Street Congregational church Sunday evening, Nov. 15.

### Seniors Defeat the Sophomores.

The fifth class foot ball game was played on the campus Monday afternoon. The game was exciting throughout. An unusually large number of students witnessed the contest and all declared it to be the best game of the season. The victory for the Seniors was due to the weight of their line and superior team work.

At the end of the second half the Sophomores had a good opportunity to score. They were within three yards of the Seniors goal and instead of "bucking" the line the ball was passed back for a drop kick from the field. The ball passed outside the goal posts and, before another line up, time was called. O'Neill, Williams and Cooper did good work for the Seniors, while Fisk and Wilson made good gains and tackles for the Sophomores. The teams lined up as follows:

SENIORS 8.	POSITIONS.	SOPHOMORES 0.
Foote, Eames.....	left end.....	O'Neill
Nellis.....	left guard.....	Glasier
Wilson.....	left tackle.....	Multer
Hoyt.....	center.....	Blessing
Hegeman.....	right tackle.....	Wingate
Schmitter.....	right guard.....	Wood
MacMahon.....	right end.....	Fuller
Pruyn.....	quarter back.....	Cooper
Vander Veer.....	left half back.....	Pearse
Fisk.....	right half back.....	D. Wood
Wylie.....	full back.....	Williams

Touchdowns—Pearse, Williams. Umpire—Cox, '98. Referee—Crichton, '98. Time of halves, 15 minutes.

### Fourth Golf Tournament.

The fourth golf tournament between the General Electric and College teams was held on the General Electric links, Saturday, Nov. 14. It was by far the most exciting contest that has been held, the college team winning by a score of 10 to 9.

The score follows:

COLLEGE.	GEN. ELECTRIC.
Romeling, 0	Bishop, 2
Linhart, 2	Williams, 0
Daley, 8	J. Conover, 0
Hale, 0	Remington 7
10	9

Edwards and E. Conover did not finish. This match is the last to be held this season. The College team has won three and the Gen. Electrics one.

### Personals.

Jones, '98 and Crichton, '98, spent Saturday, Nov. 14, at Hudson, N. Y.

Professor Pepper was absent last week on account of the death of his father.

Mattison, '98, who has been ill for the last few weeks, is again making recitations.

Hinman, '99, is slowly recovering from a sprained knee, received in foot ball practice.

A meeting of the library committee was held in Dr. Raymond's office on Monday afternoon.

The Dean, who has been ill, is able to be out again, but will not resume work for some time.

A new text book in Algebra has been adopted by the faculty. It is the 1896 edition of "Hall and Knight's Elementary Algebra."

THE CONCORDIENSIS and PARTHENON will be represented at the annual meeting of the New York State Intercollegiate Press Association to be held in Syracuse, Nov. 20, by Hiram C. Todd, Literary Editor.

On Saturday last, the U. C. I. boys went over to Albany and held the much-vaunted Albany High School team down to four points. When the A. H. S. played U. C. I. three weeks ago they were victorious to the extent of 20 points to U. C. I.'s nothing.

G. Briggs Lynes, '94, is expected in this city today to take Dean Ripton's classes in history. Mr. Lynes has been taking a special course in history at Johns Hopkins University and will be well qualified to carry on this work during the convalescence of Dr. Ripton.

The Yale-Princeton foot ball game will be played in New York on Saturday, Nov. 21. Students who wish to see the game and spend one or two days in New York can then do so at very little expense. A round trip ticket by the Hudson River night boats is sold for \$1.00.

### Lecture by Ian Maclaren.

An intellectual treat is in store for the students of Union and residents of Schenectady and vicinity. The Rev. John Watson, D. D., better known through his books as Ian Maclaren, has been secured to lecture in Schenectady at the Van Curler, the afternoon of December 2.

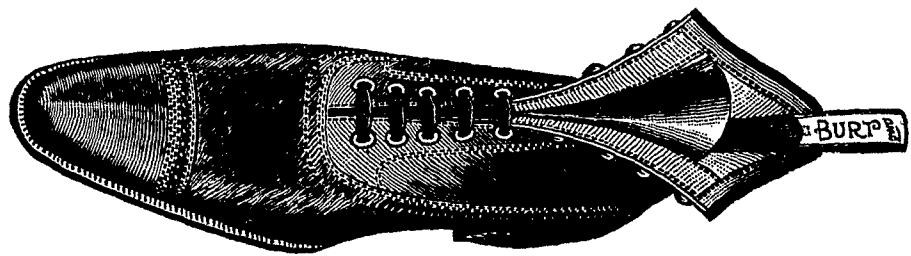
### College Meeting.

At Friday's college meeting, Paul Canfield, '97, was appointed a delegate to represent Union at the convention of the colleges of middle New York at Utica, Nov. 28th. The question of reviving the old New York State Intercollegiate Athletic Association will be discussed at this convention.

A motion was adopted voicing the hearty approval and sympathy of the college body in the action taken by the local alumni at a meeting held Friday evening, Nov. 6, for the construction of an enclosed athletic field on the college grounds with grand stand and other modern improvements.

Hiram C. Todd, '97, was appointed to confer with the editor of the Albany *Argus* in regard to several articles detrimental to the college which have been appearing lately in that paper.

The students also voted to bear any financial deficiency that may arise from the game between the second eleven of Union and Clinton Liberal Institute of Fort Plain, that will take place on the campus Saturday afternoon.



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THE annual promenade which is given under the auspices of the Junior class takes place Friday evening of this week. THE CONCORDIENSIS urges every student to attend. Your support is wanted both by your presence and your money. If you don't care to dance you may contribute by buying one of the spectator's tickets. You certainly would be well repaid as there are few more delightful scenes than that of a large college dance.

CLASS spirit is a good thing when it is well directed, as it then leads to a greater development of college spirit. College spirit is essential to the success of all the undertakings of the undergraduates. If there is no college spirit the foot ball, track, and base ball teams will gain few victories. They will be but the sickly representatives of an inanimate listless aggregation. Therefore, if you love your college, turn out with your class and enter the contests for supremacy. If you cannot enter the games yourself urge another to do so, and fail not to lend your voice in loud and lusty cheers. Just as you cheer for your class so will you cheer for your college. Who are the main stay of Union's alumni today? They are the men whose cheer for their class was only outdone by their cheer for alma mater.

THERE seems to be an impression among some of the students that the foot ball team disbanded on account of some disagreement between the management and the players. Such a report found its way into the papers and has furnished material for gossip among those who were either too lazy to verify the report or preferred to aid in its circulation. The facts of the case are, that the team disbanded because of the inability of some of the players to continue the violent exercise which the game requires, and the lack of efficient substitutes to take their places. There was but one more regular game to play and that was with the Rensselaer Polytechnic team which was to have occurred on Nov. 21. A game had been arranged with the Laureate team a few days before it was decided to disband. As two games had been played with this team, it was not important, under the circumstances, that the third engagement should be fulfilled. The best of spirit exists between the players, the management and the coach; and final action was not taken until the necessities of the case demanded it.

IT APPEARS as though Union's prospects for a new athletic field are fairly bright. A large number of the alumni have become interested and as a consequence the question has taken a definite form. We can say with a fair degree of certainty that we are going to have a new field. The question of its future location is an important one. It involves in a large degree the success or failure of the undertaking. Not alone should it be considered from a financial standpoint either regarding construction or the acquirement of future revenues. It is of primary importance that such a field should be in harmony with the general plan of the college grounds. The original design of Union College calls for a strict adherence to the idea of semetry which at present predominates. We understand that a competent authority on landscape architecture, who was called here by the college authorities, placed a prospective athletic field at the rear of the college tract in the large field on the north side of Prof. T. W. Wright's house. Such a disposition of our future athletic field was probably made in conformity to some general design and without doubt would have its advantages. As regards this matter THE CONCORDIENSIS, without any desire to criticise, suggests the consideration of the pasture which lies directly in front of the present campus as a site for such a field. Would not the pasture fulfill many if not all of the requirements for an up-to-date athletic field? Would it not be as well to transfer the cows from the lower pasture to the rear lot as the reverse plan which is at present entertained?



IT MAY not be compatible with our position in the journalistic world to remark upon the tendency which some of our contemporaries in the newspaper fraternity have for assailing Union College upon every opportunity which presents itself. We refer particularly to one of the daily papers of Albany. We have also noticed the same inclination in times past on the part of one of the Amsterdam newspapers. Even the Schenectady papers are often lax in their support.

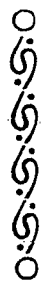
As the exponent of the undergraduates of Union College THE CONCORDIENSIS has, in the past, preserved a dignified silence, recognizing its inability to reach through its columns that class of people for which these articles were intended. It is sufficient to say that in almost every instance during the past four years, such articles, as have appeared in the papers in question have been either an untrue or a greatly exaggerated statement of the facts, and when an attempt at criticism has been made, it has always taken the form of sarcastic comment which influences nobody but rather belittles the newspaper in the eyes of all right thinking people.

We are inclined to believe that the source of these articles lies mainly with the reportorial department of these papers and not with the management

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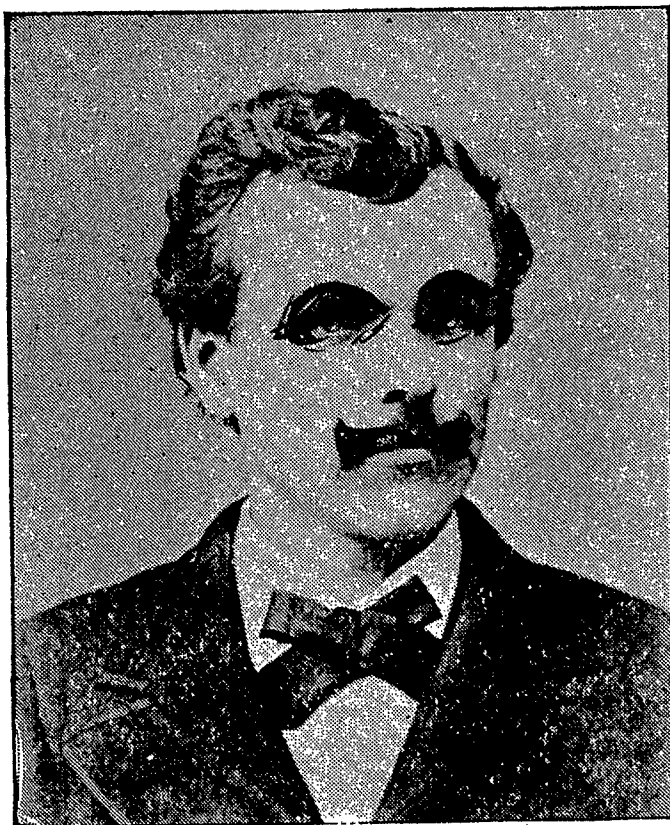
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