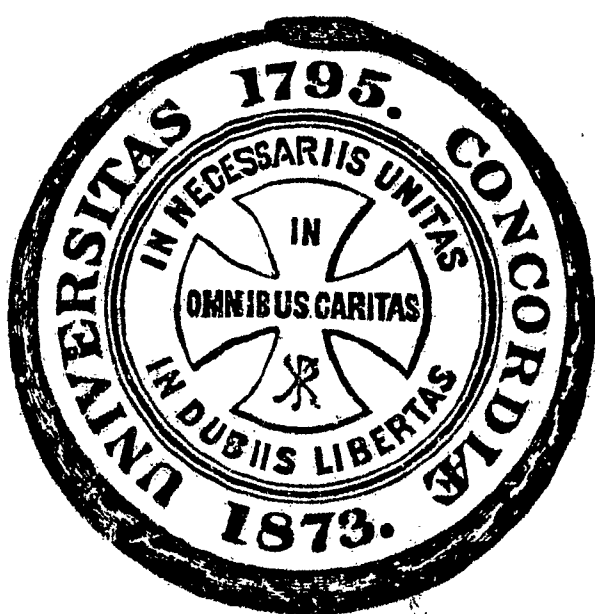


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Eli Perkins' Lecture.

Melville D. Landon, '61, "Eli Perkins," one of the most loyal and illustrious of Union's sons and one of the greatest American humorists, delivered his comic and logical lecture on "The Philosophy of Wit and Humor," at the college chapel on Monday evening, Feb. 19, for the benefit of the new athletic field. The speaker kept his large audience in laughter for nearly two hours, and it is doubtful if ever before a more interesting lecture was delivered within the old gray walls of our alma mater.

Frank Cooper, '93, introduced the distinguished speaker with a few appropriate remarks. Mr. Landon commenced by drawing the dividing and defining line between wit and humor with perfect exactness. Humor is truth while wit is deformed truth, falsehood or hyperbole. We do not laugh at regularities or anything exact; we laugh at deformities or those things which differ from the ordinary.

The humorist is able to produce laughter by simply relating some common incident of every day life just as it happened, and then closing with a slight exaggeration. Sarcasm is used to magnify a fault. It calls attention to that fault and is the great weapon of the newspapers. Ridicule, another form of humor, is used principally to condemn truth and is often and successfully practiced in law courts, where it overcomes pathos.

Every argument was plainly illustrated by numerous comic stories and anecdotes.

Mr. Landon has several times traveled around the world and has lectured in many countries. He once spoke before a crowded house in St. James Hall, London. He has so many phases of humor that he is appreciated by every nation no matter how stern.

"Eli Perkins" is famous as an ardent republican and an able diplomatist. He has served

as secretary of the United States embassy to Russia. President McKinley has offered him the appointment of consul to Japan and it is probable that he will accept.

Mr. Landon is on a ten days' lecturing trip through this state and spoke to the convicts at Auburn the next afternoon. While in this city he was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond.

At the close of the lecture the speaker was escorted to the Edison Hotel, where an elaborate banquet was given in his honor by the Beta Theta Phi fraternity of which he has been a member for forty years. Allen J. Dillingham, '88, presided as toastmaster and it was at an early hour the next morning when the festivities ended.

The Concert at Cohoes.

The musical clubs gave a very successful concert at Cohoes on Tuesday evening. The concert was held in the National Bank building and was well attended, all the numbers being enthusiastically received. The clubs were up to their usual high standard, notwithstanding the fact that two of the leaders were absent. In place of MacMahon, Greene, '99, acted as director of the glee club; and Baker, '98, took the place of O'Neill as director of the mandolin club.

After the concert, the clubs were entertained by the ladies of the city at the Reformed Church.

Great credit is due Hubbard, 1900, whose efforts were untiring to make the concert a success.

The commencement exercises of the class of '97 of the Albany Medical College were held last Tuesday night, in Odd Fellows Hall, at 8 P. M. The address was delivered by Rt. Rev. W. C. Doane, D. D., of Albany.

Y. M. C. A.

The college Y. M. C. A., which was organized here in '94, has now developed into one of the most important factors of the college. The membership has increased to 70 men. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in their rooms, in the middle section of south college, under the leadership of one of its active members, and Sunday afternoons in the chapel the fellows are given a short talk by Dr. Raymond, or a minister from the city.

The different classes have engaged in Bible study, meeting once a week.

For next year's work many new plans have been adopted. President Hoxie who was present at the Convention of Y. M. C. A. Presidents at Boston, last week, has brought back a detailed report of how Y. M. C. A. work is conducted in the various colleges of the east and of New York state. In presenting his report Tuesday evening, he gave interesting statistics of how Y. M. C. A. work was developing all over the globe. "Twenty years ago there were less than 30 Christian organizations of students in the colleges of the United States while now the thirty has increased to 550 and the membership is now 33,000. Five thousand men have been influenced to become ministers of the gospel, and more than 10,000 students are connected with Bible study study classes."

The committee for getting out the hand book has been appointed, and these will be sent to the students who intend to enter Union this fall. In addition to this the preparatory schools will be visited by delegates representing Y. M. C. A. work.

This branch of college life needs the co-operation of every student.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Alumni association of the Albany Medical College was held Tuesday night. The address of welcome was delivered by Prof. James P. Boyd, M. D. Reports were made by the historians of the classes of '47, '57, '67, '77 and '87.

The Musical Clubs' Trip.

The musical association made a successful beginning to their series of concerts, in Hudson on Wednesday evening. A large and very select audience greeted the clubs, and under the inspiration of such lovers of music, the fellows did their best. Although Mr. McMahon was absent, under Mr. Greene's leadership the glee club sang exceptionally well. All were much pleased with the mandolin and guitar clubs, but the most taking part of the programme were the negro melodies by the quartette.

Mr. Cook always attracts, and Wednesday evening was no exception.

But few receptions have been given to the clubs which have passed off more pleasantly than the one tendered by the young ladies of Hudson, and all present expressed their appreciation for the efforts of Mr. Clowe, the manager of the association last year, and the ladies.

After some ridiculous experiences on ferry boat and stage, Saugerties was reached early on the afternoon of Thursday.

Rivalry ran high when the ferry landed.

Two rival stage drivers were at hand to carry us to the hotel, and amid the pushing and hauling, a reasonable price was determined upon and a great triumph scored for competition.

Saugerties also appreciated the worth of the association and the concert was entirely successful.

The whole association greatly appreciate the efforts of Mr. Clowe in arranging the Hudson concert, and also express their gratitude to Mr. Moulton for his management of the Saugerties concert.

Co-education and History.

The *Revue des Deux Mondes* publishes the opinions of 100 leading German professors on the question of admission of women to university education. The verdict is distinctly adverse. The professors of history almost unanimously declare that *the study of history requires qualifications which no woman can possess.* —Ex.

Local and Personal.

J. M. Cass, '95, was about college during the week.

Cox, '95, visited friends in the city during the week.

H. H. Brown, '97, spent Easter at Canandaigua.

D. L. Wood, '97, preached at Scotia Sunday, April 18.

Canfield, '97, spent a part of last week in New York City.

Dr. and Mrs. Wells have returned from a trip to the Bahamas.

The Sophomore orations for this term are due Monday, April 26.

Horatio Pollock, '95, was the guest of friends on the hill last Tuesday.

Prof. Edwards was unable to hear his classes April 19, owing to sickness.

Prof. Prosser's class in Geology made a trip to Hoffmanns last Saturday.

The Rev. Francis B. Hall, '52, of Plattsburgh, was in town over Easter.

Glazier, '97, delivered a missionary lecture at Scotia Sunday evening, April 18.

Prof. Sidney G. Ashmore has been appointed vestryman of Christ Church, Schenectady.

Van Bensekom, '94, is valedictorian of the class of '97 at the Albany Medical College.

Tinning, 1900, has been appointed college correspondent for the Schenectady *Daily Union*.

Daley, '97, and Johnston, '97, attended a dance in Amsterdam last Wednesday evening.

Charles A. Sullivan, formerly catcher on the base ball team, was in town the first of the week.

The Rev. Philip H. Cole, '88, has been elected vice-president of the Schenectady county classis.

Prof. Truax delivered a short address at the State Street Methodist Church last Sunday evening.

Dr. Raymond spoke at the meeting of the Montgomery county classis, Monday evening, April 19.

T. B. Brown, has resigned his position at West Superior, Mich., and is now at his home in Schenectady.

In the March number of *Short Stories* appears a Gaelic dialect story, entitled "Maisie," by Douglas Campbell, '94.

The death of the Hon. Solomon Graves, '42, leaves the Hon. S. W. Jackson, of Schenectady, the only member now living of the class of 1842.

Invitations are out for the annual Theta Sigma dance, to be held on the evening of April 30. A large number of men from the hill will be present.

Prof. Cady Staley, formerly dean of the college, is the guest of friends in the city. He is now president of the Case Scientific School at Cleveland, Ohio.

Many of the students took advantage of the opportunity presented them this week to hear some of the notable speakers at the Methodist conference convened in this city.

The base ball game which was to have been played on the campus, Monday afternoon, between the Varsity and Neptune hose company, a local team, was postponed on account of the inclement weather.

R. Harmon Potter, '95, of the Union Theological Seminary, New York, who has been spending the Easter vacation at his home in Glenville, was the guest of friends on the hill last Friday and Saturday.

The Adelphic society has elected the following officers for the spring term: President, Ira Hotaling, '97; vice-president, Frances E. Cullen, '98; secretary, Schmitter, '99; treasurer, Raymond D. MacMahon, '99; curator, Louis F. Tinning, 1900.

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Now that a good sound nucleus for an athletic field fund has been established through the generous action of Eli Perkins, it is to be hoped that interest will not flag until the project is completed.

WHILE the questions of reform are being agitated, why not begin on Nott Memorial Hall? Those wooden window-patches would be only half-bad, were they painted some sober, inconspicuous shade.

IF the students who can write passable English would take as much interest in THE PARTHENON as they do during the present contest for literary editorship, it would be a great blessing all around. We regret to say that we as yet have been unable to evolve any permanent scheme of inspiration.

THE degree of college spirit that led to such an enthusiastic display at the station last Thursday morning should not be lessened by any amount of defeat. Such spirit should not be a fluctuating

quantity to be affected by every wave of fortune or misfortune any more than should a man's patriotism. The team did its best, and even the most pessimistic will grant that that best is rapidly growing better.

THOSE undergraduates who are now seeking earnestly to institute reforms in the student body are not confined to any one class, nor should any one class undertake a monopoly of such reforms. But the fact that the Senior class had taken the initiative and proceeded with no selfish interest to the development of a plan for a permanent honor system, should have met with the hearty accord of everyone. But if the other classes take such an interest in the plan, as to wish to make it a college affair, so much the better. This will, no doubt, give the Seniors the very opportunity they desire, by which they may prove that reform, not vainglory, is what they are seeking.

Union Loses to Hamilton.

Union was defeated by Hamilton in baseball last Thursday afternoon on the campus of the latter college by a score of 16 to 12. Union seemed to have had the game won on several occasions, but a final relapse on her part, resulted in the above score. Sweet for Union pitched a good game, but his support was very weak. The majority of errors fell to the lot of the infield. The day would have been perfect for the game, but for a high wind that made accurate throwing impossible. The line up was as follows:

UNION.	HAMILTON.
French, 3b.	Baker, 2b.
Smith, c. f.	Robinson, s. s.
Thacher, l. f.	Lee, p.
Delehanty, c.	Rose, 3b.
Parsons, 2b.	Rogers, c.
Purchase, s. s.	Millham, l. f.
Hegeman, r. f.	Holbrook, c. f.
Edwards, 1b.	Chrestendon, 1b.
Sweet, p.	Heyl, r. f.

The Freshman base ball team has received challenges from several of the preparatory schools, including U. C. I., Albany High School and others.

College Notes.

The University of Wisconsin has a 'Varsity Girls Bicycling Club.

Cornell has challenged the University of Wisconsin to a boat race.

It has been estimated that the contemplated American University at Washington will need \$10,000,000 to erect the buildings.

The University of California is so overcrowded that to accomodate the numbers two tents have been erected on the campus.

Ernest J. Corrin, '98, Williams' most promising candidate for pitcher and one of the brightest men in his class, died at Williamstown last week.

E. R. Sweetland, Cornell, who played for two years at right tackle on the 'Varsity foot ball team is now a candidate for the 'Varsity crew at Cornell.

The Princeton faculty has refused to allow the proposed wrestling match between Yale and Princeton. The contest had been entirely arranged for and the date set.

President McKinley has nominated James B. Angell, the president of Michigan University, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Turkey.

Harvard has a new Professor in Psychology, Professor Munsterberg, who is perhaps the leading experimental psychologist of Germany. He was professor at Cambridge University for three years, returning then to Freiberg, where he has devoted himself to the writing on ethics.

Haverford College has recently come into possession of an estate aggregating \$900,000, through the death of the widow of Jacob P. Jones, of Philadelphia. This amount, added to the present endowment of \$400,000, places Haverford in the front rank in the matter of resources.

Yale and Harvard have appointed a committee to supervise all athletic differences that may arise between captains and managers in the

future. Walter Camp is Yale's representative and Ex-Capt. James J. Storrow, of the crew, Harvard's. In case they disagree, a third member will be appointed.

HONORED BY CAMBRIDGE AND OXFORD.

The intrepid Arctic explorer Dr. Nansen was recently given the honorary degree of Doctor of Science by Cambridge University. Two days later Oxford gave him the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law.

LANGUAGES MORE POPULAR THAN SCIENCE.

It appears from the report for 1896 of the New York Examination Department of the University of the State of New York, on about 400,000 papers submitted by academic students, that the increase in the subjects taken is greater in languages than in science. Not only do English and modern languages show an increase, but also Greek and Latin, whereas six of the eleven branches of science show a decrease.

A POSSIBLE SYRACUSE CREW.

It is said that there is a strong sentiment growing at Syracuse University in favor of having a crew next year. The situation of the university, not far from Onondaga Lake, makes the idea a feasible one, providing enough funds can be raised for the support of such an undertaking. If Syracuse makes a good showing this year on the diamond and on the track it is thought that enough money will be subscribed to make a Syracuse crew a possibility.

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has given a decision inimical to the interests of Williams College, in the case of the assessors against the college, thus reversing the decision of the Supreme Court. The suit was brought to test the legality of the collection of taxes on property belonging to the college, consisting of three professors' houses and the athletic field. The case, with the decision, is an important one as it may establish a precedent which will be followed by other courts in similar cases. Yale is now defendant in a case very similar. The decision seems to threaten the immunity from taxes of dormitories and recitation halls.

PALEONTOLOGICAL EXPLORING TRIP—
ITINERARY.

The naphtha launch, recently purchased by Professor Harris for the use of the paleontological department, will leave Ithaca with a portion of the party of six about June 20. It will proceed up Cayuga lake, dredging along the way, to the Erie canal. Turning east the passage will be to the Hudson river, and then down that stream to Poughkeepsie where the party on board will wait over to see the crews cover themselves with glory. After thus contenting themselves they will pass on through New York harbor, thence to Jersey City, and through Raritan canal striking the Delaware a little above Philadelphia. Here Mr. G. C. Martin, '98, will be taken on, after which Chesapeake canal will be followed to the tributaries of Chesapeake bay, in which region the work of exploration will begin.

The great object, among various minor ones, is to gather large collections of fossil specimens of the Myocene period, and also to fill in the Virginia gap of the Eocene collection of the university, which collection, by the way, is one of the best in the country. The return trip will

be begun the latter part of August, and will be over practically the same route as that going. Ithaca will be reached about September 3, soon after which date, another party will board the boat and proceed on a trip of exploration in the lake region of central New York.

The persons already decided upon for the southern trip are, besides Professor Harris, C. G. Brown, a graduate student in paleontology, G. C. Martin, '98, C. W. Johnson, a friend of Professor Harris, and Mr. Kane of the Ithaca High school, who will enter the university next fall.—*Cornell Daily Sun.*

Old English Club.

Several members of the Junior class have organized a club for the purpose of studying the lives and writings of the old Anglo-Saxon authors. The organization is called "The Old English Club," and will specialize along the lines indicated in connection with classroom work, throughout the present term and next year. Walter M. Swann is president of the club, and Peter Nelson has been chosen as secretary.

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Congressman Seth L. Miliken, who died at Washington Sunday night, was a graduate of Union College in the class of 1856. He spoke in this city last fall in the interest of the Republican party and his address commanded the respect of everyone as the best exposition of his party's principles heard in this locality during the campaign.

Mr. Miliken was born in Montville, Waldo county, Maine. He was a lawyer by profession and was a member of the Maine legislature during two terms. His congressional career began with the forty-eighth congress and he had served continuously since.

The death of Mr. Miliken marks the first break in the Maine delegation that has occurred for a long time and removes a striking figure from the house. During the recent Republican congresses, Mr. Miliken has been the chairman

of the committee on public buildings and grounds and his work on that committee brought him in contact with persons from many of the important cities of the country.

Speaker Reed has designated ten members of the House as a committee to accompany the body of Congressman Seth L. Miliken to Maine, and to represent the House at the funeral. The committee consisted of Representatives Boutelle, of Maine; Hilborn, of California; Bankhead, of Alabama; Tate, of Georgia; Hicks, of Pennsylvania; Shannon, of New York; Skinner, of North Carolina; Stevens, of Minnesota; Vandiver, of Missouri, and Weymouth, of Massachusetts.

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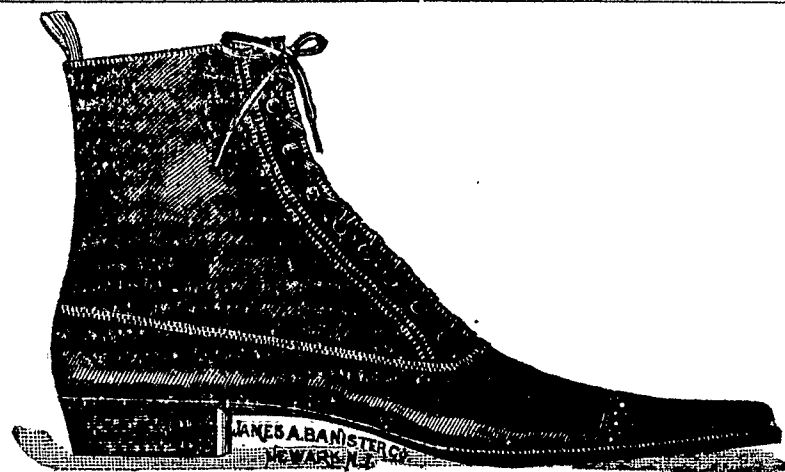
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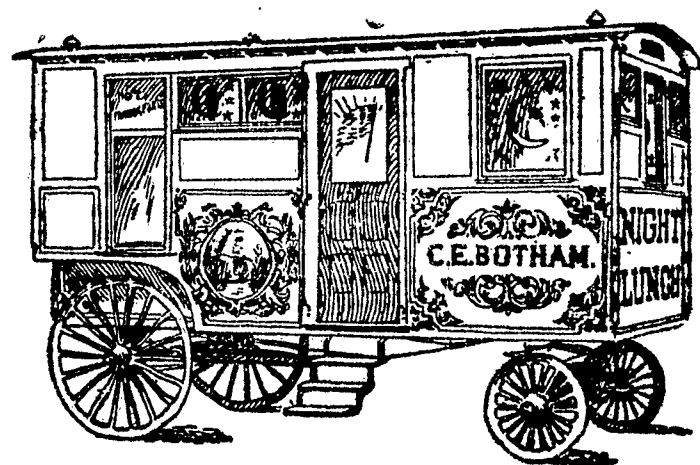
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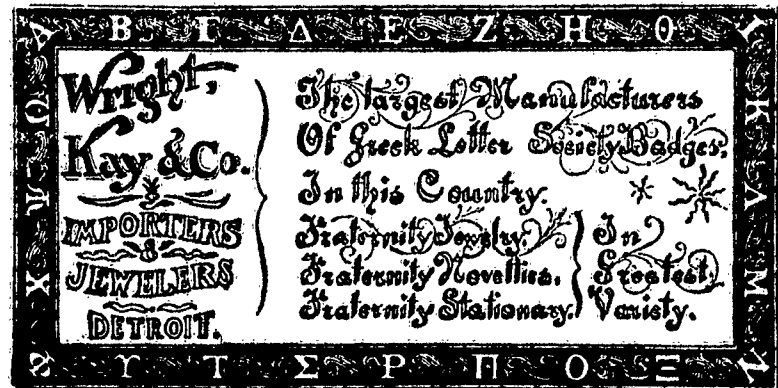
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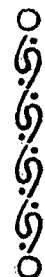
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