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## Literary.

### THE WISDOM OF DR. NOTT.

#### Chips from the Lecture Book of the Great Educator.

Here are a few instances of Dr. Nott's Socratic method:

Dr. Nott asked one, "Is the eternal world real or ideal? What evidence have you that it exists?"

Ans. The evidence of my senses.

Dr. N.: What evidence do these senses give you? What, in the first place is matter?

Ans. Matter is that which has length, breadth and thickness, and occupies space, so that no two material substances can be at the same time in the same space.

Dr. N.: But why can't two material substances be in the same place at the same time?

Ans. Because they are solid.

Dr. N.: But how do you know they are solid, i. e., that one cannot penetrate the other and both be in the same space at one time?

Ans. Because when I strike my hand, for example, against a board, I find it solid, that is, my fist cannot either penetrate or pass through it.

Dr. N.: Then it is solid *quoad* fist. But suppose the board is of glass, and instead of your fist, a beam of light. The board would then be solid *quoad* fist, but not *quoad* light. Again, suppose you run against a brazen door, you could not pass through it, but suppose your body were electricity, it would not be stopped by the door, so that the door is solid *quoad* flesh and blood, but not *quoad* electricity, at least so far as we know anything about this invisible agent.

Again, what is matter? You see this book. Describe it. It is six inches long, four inches broad and one inch thick. It is of a buff color. But six inches long is not a book,

nor is four inches broad a book, nor is a buff color a book, nor are they all taken together a book. There is something you have not described, and cannot see. What is it?

Ans. The essence of the book.

Dr. N.: True. And what is "essence?"

Ans. I don't know.

Dr. Nott asked one: "What is a cause?"

Ans. The word is used in different senses.

Dr. N.: True. How many kinds of causes are there?

Ans. Three. The efficient cause, the final cause and the physical cause.

Dr. N.: What is the physical cause?

Ans. The natural cause.

Dr. N.: Suppose you strike a ball with a club. The ball rebounds. What is the cause of this?

Ans. The blow of the club.

Dr. N.: What sort of a cause is this?

Ans. I don't know.

Dr. N.: True, you don't. You have seen experiments tried with elastic balls. When they strike each other, they rebound. Why is this?

Ans. I don't know.

Dr. N.: Then all you know is that it is the law of these bodies to move thus under such circumstances. You call the force exerted by the club on the ball natural or physical force. Now, you see this knife leaning against my hand. If my hand be withdrawn, it falls, what cause makes it fall?

Ans. Gravity.

Dr. N.: True, but what is gravity?

Ans. I don't know.

Dr. Nott. To what is Rhyme suited?

Ans. To slight subjects.

Dr. N.: To what is it not suited as well as blank verse?

Ans. To solemn and important subjects.

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Dr. N. : Is it suited to love ?

Ans. Yes, to the first stages.

Dr. N. : What is most suited to the higher stages of love ?

Ans. Simple prose.

Dr. N. : In the last and highest stages, what language is needed ?

Ans. None.

Dr. N. : Right. In the highest stages all passions are mute.

Here is a warning to Methodist preachers, and a sound recommendation for promoting longevity :

"The final cause of laughter is health. Methodists live not so long as other denominations. There are perhaps two reasons, one is excessive preaching, the other, they do not laugh enough. So with Presbyterians. Old Scotch ministers laugh more than American."

Here is perhaps the germ of Dr. Holmes' "Elsie Venner."

In Connecticut I heard of a boy who had mud-turtle arms. On inquiring into the matter I found that the mother, in going over a bridge had accidentally trodden on a mud-turtle. The turtle put out its front feet and frightened the woman. The boy, born shortly afterward, had arms of this description.

Particles always have their meaning. Take the sentence "Echols went from Schenectady through Niskayuna to Albany," i. e. Echols, went beginning at Schenectady, passing Niskayuna, ending at Albany.

This was the Echols who was afterwards Member of Congress and Georgia's Attorney General

Eloquence in former days had a vast influence. Now it has but little. Men don't think nowadays of carrying their measures by eloquence. They carry their point by underhand and sidelong means. I have had some experience in influencing legislative bodies and am not unacquainted with their practices. A man who should dream of carrying his policy by a speech in the Assembly would be laughed at. Men are not actuated by noble and generous motives, but by a mean and selfish policy."

No one who has read the history of the Union college lotteries, and of Dr. Nott's

tremendous influence with the legislature will question his modest admission as to his experience in "influencing legislative bodies." No more shrewd or skillful lobbyist ever plied the legislature than the reverend promoter from Schenectady. He often needed legislation, and he never sought it in vain. A remarkable instance of his political skill, and of his magnanimity, as well, was his course in securing for Union the great lottery which was the foundation of its success.

In the Legislative session of 1814 there were a half dozen or more educational or charitable institutions which were vigorously urging their claims for State bounty. The three colleges of the State, Columbia, Union and Hamilton, the latter then just organized were all in financial straits. The College of Physicians and Surgeons, the New York Historical Society and other institutions had each before one house or the other its separate bill for financial relief. Union, which nine years before had been granted a lottery of \$80,000, was now asking for another one of \$200,000. Columbia college asked no lottery, but simply asked the grant by the State of the Hosack Botanical Garden in New York, comprising the 20 acres in the heart of New York city, bounded now by 5th and 6th avenues, 47th and 51st streets.

Recognizing the value of Dr. Nott's experienced leadership, Hamilton college, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Asbury church of New York and the Historical Society pooled their issues, withdrew their several private bills, and urged Dr. Nott to incorporate their claims in the Union Lottery bill. To this the president assented, and he broadened his lottery scheme so as to give Hamilton \$40,000, the College of Physicians \$30,000. This huge gambling device the reverend lobbyist pushed forward so zealously that it was soon advanced to the third reading on the Assembly calendar, and was certain to go through.

All this time the Columbia college bill

slumbered peacefully in committee. It was treated with scant courtesy by the members of the Legislature, especially those from the country districts. They were willing to authorize the drawing of lotteries, which conferred benefits upon literary institutions without any draft on the State Treasury, and at the same time gave their constituents the pleasurable excitement of buying chances in the gambling enterprise; but to grant out and out a valuable property worth at least \$100,000 in cash was quite a different matter. The session was drawing near its close. In their extremity the Columbia managers swallowed their pride, sought out President Nott, and besought him to take up their desperate cause. He hesitated not a moment, but declared that whatever was for the good of higher education would receive his hearty cooperation. Although realizing that it would imperil the success of his own measure, he consented to attach the absolute grant of the Botanical Garden to Columbia as a "rider" to his bill to establish a lottery. The bill had to go back to the committee for amendment, and there, with all the generosity of his nature and all the eloquence for which he was so famed, the eulogist of Hamilton pleaded for Hamilton's alma mater in the same breath with the college to which his own life had been devoted. And he carried his point. The amended bill was piloted safely through both houses, signed by the Governor, and then, for the first time during the legislative session, Dr. Nott went back to resume his college duties at Schenectady.

So general was the conviction that to Dr. Nott alone was due the passage of the amended Lottery bill, that at the close of the printed act, in the Session laws of 1814, appears this remarkable note: "No bill before the Legislature excited greater interest and attention than this act. Especial credit is due to the unwearied exertions of the able and eloquent president of Union college in promoting its passage." It is the only instance

in the history of the State legislation in which such an unofficial annotation occurs in the official volume of the Session laws.

As if to suggest a graceful recognition of the services of Union college in securing for a rival institution so magnificent an endowment, the Legislature voluntarily inserted in the bill another section, which provided that within one year from the date of the act, "at least one healthy exotic flower, shrub or plant of each kind in duplicate, with the jar containing the same," should be sent to Union college. The records of Union, however, do not show that Columbia ever made even this simple acknowledgment.

Thus the Hosack Garden became the property of Columbia college. The proceeds of Union's \$200,000 lottery were not received for a dozen years thereafter, and were spent in new buildings before they were realized, but Columbia's grant is to-day worth millions of dollars, and is its principal source of revenue. The Hosack Botanical Garden is to-day the centre of the wealth and fashion of the metropolis. The magnificent residences upon it are built upon leases for a long period, and still greater revenue will be derived by the college when these leases expire. Under the act of 1814 the grant was made on condition that the college should be removed to the premises within twelve years. But by an act passed February 19, 1819, this condition was released, and the grant was left without limitation.

It is safe to say that but for the magnanimity and broadmindedness of Dr. Nott and the skill in manipulating legislative committees and assemblies, Columbia might to-day be a struggling institution without a following, and without adequate endowment.

ROBERT C. ALEXANDER, '80.

Members of the faculty who do literary or scientific work outside of their immediate college duties are the ones who enhance the reputation of the college.



## AMERICAN POLITICS.

**The Seventh Butterfield Lecture by Thomas F. Bayard.**

Unusual interest was manifested in the seventh lecture of the Butterfield course, February 1, by ex-Secretary of State, Thos. F. Bayard, both on account of the prominence of the lecturer and because of his possible connection with the next administration. Senator Bayard and General Butterfield were entertained by President Webster until the hour for the lecture.

The college chapel was well-filled at 2 P. M., when General Butterfield arose to introduce the lecturer. The general told of an incident where the endorsement of a note spoiled it, and said he feared that anything he might say in introducing Mr. Bayard would operate in the same way. General Butterfield referred to the fact that while the ex-secretary, himself, was not a Union man, his father, uncle and brother were all Union graduates.

Secretary Bayard prefaced his lecture by remarking that if the endorsement of such a distinguished statesman and soldier as General Butterfield availed nothing, he feared that we should all go to protest. The lecturer spoke on "Politics in the United States."

He said he would speak as an American to Americans on the meaning of their government, and in no sectional or partisan way. "The United States constitution contains but few definitions, but one word it does define, a citizen. He is one borne under or become subject to her jurisdiction. The declaration of independence was an act of all the colonies, and no one colony is mentioned in that document."

Personal rights, according to Secretary Bayard, were the basis of the declaration of independence, and the free individual was the great unit of our government. Pure morality and positive authority he declared to be the two distinct departments, and the latter only was a matter of government. "Yet politics is a branch of ethics. There can be no such

thing in the United States as low politics. Cold-blooded and conscienceless dealings with the people for private and public ends have nothing to do with American politics, and some other word must be used to express this as well as other criminal acts. We should discuss politics in the United States from the lofty position of patriotism."

The speaker paid a rhetorical tribute to Washington, Alexander Hamilton and John Marshall. He said no country in this or any other age could produce a more honorable correspondence than that of Washington.

"There is now a great question in American politics, whose importance is not circumscribed by the interests of any class or section, but is equally important to every American, regardless of politics, which is to be decided by the American people. It is fraught with the possibility of disaster even to property itself. It is the proposed departure from the fixed standard of values in our monetary system."

Senator Bayard fully discussed the importance of the silver question and deplored the fact that so many senators and representatives in the United States congress showed an inclination to deal with the problem with cunning and desire for party advancement, even for personal pecuniary gain, rather than for the best interests of the country.

He entered upon a discussion as to the effect of the machine in politics, saying that the most celebrated French machine for executing criminals, the guillotine, was not more ruthless in cutting off men's heads than the modern political machine which is in operation in some of our most populous and wealthy states.

Secretary Bayard said the great demand was for character in politics. He instanced the case of the late Justice Lamar, who refused to vote for silver coinage, as instructed to by the Mississippi legislature. In this connection he exalted and defended the mugwumps. "They are," said he, "actuated by

higher motives than official patronage; they are not office-beggars, and it cannot be denied that they are an elevating force in politics." Mr. Bayard closed his lecture with a series of compliments to Union college and her alumni.

The ex-secretary left on the 3:34 P. M. train for Niagara Falls.

General Butterfield gave a dinner in New York the evening before the lecture, to ex-Secretary Bayard. It was an assembling of the lecturers in the Butterfield course, and prominent Union alumni. Among those present were, besides Mr. Bayard, Gen. Horace Porter, Charles A. Dana, Frederick W. Seward, Gen. D. E. Sickles, Congressman W. C. P. Breckenridge, of Kentucky; Erastus Wiman, ex-Gov. A. H. Rice, of Massachusetts; Collis P. Huntington, Richard A. McCurdy, Thos. L. James, William H. McElroy, Warner Miller, Montgomery Schuyler, Rossiter W. Raymond, Gen. P. S. Michie and Gen. Clous, of West Point; Gen. C. W. Greene, Judge J. S. Landon, of Schenectady; Rev. Dr. George Alexander, Silas B. Brownell, Robert C. Alexander, Rev. Dr. A. V. V. Raymond, of Albany; Commodore Van Santvoord and Captain Albers, of the Fuerst Bismark, on which General and Mrs. Butterfield sailed for the Mediterranean and the Orient, Saturday, February 4th. The table in the magnificent dining room was a mass of roses, which approximated as nearly as possible the college color, garnet.

#### CLARKSON AS COACH.

Manager Cooper has secured the services of the celebrated professional pitcher, John G. Clarkson, to coach the nine for a week beginning the 20th. Mr. Clarkson leaves March 1st, to keep an engagement with Yale. He is now connected with the Cleveland national league nine. Another Cleveland man, third-baseman Davis, will come after Clarkson leaves. The management have done well in securing such good men.

#### THE COMMENCEMENT PRIZES.

##### What They Are and Who Will Compete.

The registration for Commencement prizes was made on Monday, Feb. 6, to the senior professor in English. The number of competitors for each of the prizes offered is unusually large this year and will no doubt result in the selection of those who will do honor to themselves and their college.

Interest naturally centres about the awarding the Blatchford oratorical medals, founded by the Hon. Richard M. Blatchford, LL.D., of New York city, and of the value of forty and thirty dollars respectively. Appointment to the Commencement stage, which rests with the faculty and is conditioned on the relative standing of the senior class, includes the privilege of competition for these prizes.

The Warner prize, founded by the Hon. Horatio G. Warner, LL.D., of Rochester, N. Y., consists of silver plate to the value of \$50 and is presented to that senior of the classical course who shall reach the highest standing in the performance of collegiate duties, and also sustain the best character for moral rectitude and deportment without regard to religious practice or profession. Award is made by the faculty.

The Ingham prize, founded by the Hon. Albert C. Ingham, LL.D., of Meridian, N. Y., consists of the interest on \$1,000 in plate or money, as preferred, and is awarded to the senior presenting the best essay of between 4,000 and 4,500 words, on one of two assigned subjects in English literature or history. The subjects this year are: "Tennyson, the Theory of Life and Art Exhibited in 'In Memoriam,' 'Idylls of the King,' and 'Locksley Hall,' or 'An Investigation Into the Influence of Holland on the Foundation of the American Republic as Set Forth in Douglass Campbell's 'The Puritan in Holland, England and America.'" The competitors registered are: H. D. Merchant, Allen Wright, H. W. Fox, H. H. Esselstyn, G. T. Hughes, R. G. Perkins,

Alvah Fairlee, J. R. Morey, G. H. Hoxie, C. W. Clowe, C. A. Burbank and B. Van Zandt.

The Allen prizes, founded by the Hon. Wm. F. Allen, LL.D., of Oswego, N. Y., are offered for the best three essays of from 2,500 to 3,000 words on any subject, submitted by members of the senior class. The prizes are \$25, \$20 and \$15 respectively. Those in competition for this prize are: Frank Cooper, H. D. Merchant, C. A. Burbank, Allen Wright, C. W. Clowe, H. W. Fox, G. H. Hoxie, H. H. Es-selstyn, G. T. Hughes, R. G. Perkins, Alvah Fairlee, J. R. Morey and B. Van Zandt.

The Veeder prize, founded by Dr. Andrew T. Veeder, of Schenectady, N. Y., consists of \$50 in cash, to be awarded to that member of college who shall deliver the best extemporaneous speech at a public competition held during Commencement week. The award is made by a committee appointed by the donor and is based on the following considerations: (1) The appropriateness and correctness of the subject matter; (2) The logical force of the argument; (3) The excellence of the style; (4) The effectiveness of the delivery. The number of competitors is limited to ten, who are chosen from the candidates on the basis of their standing in the English department. The general subject for reading is "Municipal Reform," and the competitors are: Seniors—Frank Cooper, Henry D. Merchant, Charles A. Burbank. Juniors—Ashley J. Braman, Sidney T. Braman, Emmet Sloat. Sophomores—James M. Cass, John Y. Lavery, John Van Schaick, Jr., Sanford L. Vossler. Freshman—Robert B. Beattie, Josiah G. Beckwith, Hubert F. Briggs, Charles W. Clowe, David H. Craver, Charles L. Enders, William H. Hall, Howard Mallery, Ray Morris, Edward K. Nicholson, Alva L. Peckham, R. Burton Rowe, Homer Strong, Arthur B. Vossler, Henry P. Ward, Norman E. Webster, Jr.

The Clark prizes, consisting of books, are offered for the best two essays on assigned subjects in English literature, submitted by members of the junior class. The essays are

to be between 2,500 and 3,000 words in length. The subjects this year are "George William Curtis as an Author," and "Whittier as the Poet of Freedom." The contestants are: H. L. Cooke, R. G. Perkins, A. J. Braman, S. T. Braman, H. S. Kline, R. A. Lansing, Emmet Sloat and Richard Van Busekom, Jr. All essays are due June 1.

The junior oratorical prizes, which have been doubled by the class of '80 through R. C. Alexander and now consist of \$30 and \$20, are presented to the two juniors who deliver the best orations on the occasion of the prize speaking in Commencement week. Four juniors are allowed to compete. Those registered for competition are: H. S. Kline, R. A. Lansing, H. E. Furman, S. T. Braman, Richard Van Busekom, Jr., Emmet Sloat and H. L. Baggerly.

The sophomore oratorical prizes are similar to the junior prizes and are offered for the best two orations delivered during Commencement week by members of the sophomore class. The competitors are limited to four, who will be chosen from among those registered by a committee of the faculty. Those registered are: Howard Pemberton, 2d, Frederick Kline, J. A. Collins, William Allen, J. N. V. Vedder, Clarke Day, J. M. Cass, Sanford L. Vossler, John Van Schaick, Jr., F. M. Eames, L. C. Guernsey, J. F. Crawford, J. Y. Lavery and R. H. Potter.

#### THE JUNIOR HOP.

The fourth of the series of junior hops was held in the gymnasium on Friday evening, February 10th. The attendance was not as large as at the previous ones due doubtless to the many counter attractions of the evening. It is to be hoped that the attendance will be much greater at the hops which are to be held shortly after the close of the Lenten season. Among those present were: Miss Graveline and Miss Gould, Albany, and Mrs. Langton, Sanders, and Misses Jackson, Campbell, Kosboth, Ellis, Young, Yates, Carley, Perkins, and Van Voast, of this city.



## ELI INITIATED.

**"Eli Perkins" Lectures in the College Chapel—He is Initiated Into the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity—The Banquet at The Edison.**

Melville D. Landon, or "Eli Perkins," as he is more generally known, lectured in the college chapel last evening under the auspices of the Union College Glee Club. Mr. Landon, who as has already been stated in these columns, is a graduate of Union, class of '61, was introduced to the audience by Professor Hoffman, after music by the Glee Club. "Eli" talked in his usual happy way, his subject being "The Philosophy of Wit." While all wit is hardly philosophical, there is no doubt about the wit of "Eli Perkins'" philosophy. He kept his audience in a merry humor and more and more pleased with Union's brilliant son.

The Glee Club are to be congratulated on securing this lecturer and likewise for the manner in which they helped to make the evening enjoyable. Their rendition of "A. B. C.," "Bumble Bees," and a "Serenade," was very pleasing and elicited hearty applause. The occasion was successful in every way.

After the lecture by "Eli Perkins" last evening Mr. Landon was taken in charge by the members of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Before coming to Union College Mr. Landon was at Colgate. While there he was a member of the Adelpian society, which society was later absorbed by Beta Theta Pi, carrying into the new relationship its alumni members as well as those of the active chapter. This entitled Landon to initiation, but no suitable occasion presented itself for the ceremony

until last evening. Beta Theta Pi takes no honorary members but as "Eli Perkins" was entitled to membership, the local chapter very gladly took advantage of the opportunity to do honor to itself and guest. This was done last evening, every detail being very nicely carried out.

After the initiation at the society's hall, the fraternity repaired to The Edison, and partook of a choice banquet. Dr. Greene of Hamilton, N. Y., and of Colgate, '62, acted as toast-master. The responses were by the guest of the evening, Melville D. Landon; Frank Lewis, Amsterdam, N. Y., Union, '88; Hon. Charles Van Kerk, Greenwich, N. Y., Colgate, '84; Dan. Vrooman, Tonawanda, N. Y., '87; Hon. Geo. W. Van Vranken, Union, '85; Rev. Charles Alden, Colgate; Prof. Philip H. Cole, Union, '88; A. F. Erdman, Colgate, '93, and John C. McAlpine, Union, '93.

Besides these already mentioned there were in attendance Howard Murphy, Colgate, '92; E. C. Britcher, Syracuse, '92; Rev. Edward Alden, Rutgers, '88; Frederick Clark, U. P., '87; H. B. Ball, U. P., '87, and A. H. Dougherty, '80; W. B. Landreth, '81; John J. Henning, '81; Kelton C. Radcliffe, '87; A. E. Crane, '84; A. J. Dillingham, '88; W. O. Lay, '91; J. W. Ferguson, '91; J. V. Wemple, '92; Stephen G. Doig, '92; all of Union, and the members of the active chapters.

Altogether a most enjoyable time was had and Mr. Landon's initiation into fraternity life was a most auspicious one.

—The chess and checker club will hold a meeting in the Adelpic rooms on Friday the 17th.

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The time approaches when the voice of the  
orator will be heard in chapel.

There is yet time for a public debate be-  
tween the two literary societies.

What part is Union taking in the great  
university extension movement?

We have the foot ball pennant. The base  
ball and athletic victories are coming next.

The last junior hop is reported to be the  
most successful of the season. This is high  
praise.

The man who does not pay his foot ball  
subscription is worse than the one who never  
subscribes at all.

Registration for commencement essay  
prizes should not take the place of the com-  
petition for the Butterfield prizes. The latter  
are open to all classes.

The contemplated chess and checker club  
ought to materialize soon. It will not be so  
easy to start in the spring term.

Let the seniors wear caps and gowns by all  
means. No more suitable costume for the  
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himself with the college emblem.

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Bishop Henry C. Potter represented Union  
at the annual dinner of the New York alumni  
association, of Trinity college, February 8.

Make the Christian association entertain-  
ment on Washington's birthday a success by  
coming yourself and by bringing your friends.

The extracts from Dr. Nott's lectures, which  
we have been publishing, are concluded in  
this issue. They have attracted much atten-  
tion and interest among our readers.

What has become of the class suppers?  
They don't seem to flourish. Would not a  
rousing undergraduate banquet similar to that  
of a few years ago be a success? The matter  
ought to be agitated.

The base ball management is to be highly  
commended for the display of enterprise  
shown in obtaining the services of Mr. Clark-  
son as a coacher for the batteries. The cele-  
brated pitcher can stay at Union but a few  
days on account of his engagement by Yale,  
but the best use will be made of the time.

We commiserate our sister colleges whose periodicals devote long editorials to bewailing the lack of college spirit. Union needs no such exhortations. There is plenty of college spirit and of the right kind here.

The Veeder prize men will be glad to hear that President Low's lecture on "Municipal Government" will be given next term, although the date is not yet fixed. They will obtain many points from the ex-mayor of Brooklyn.

Is your class nine organized? Now is the time to think about it, if your class is to win the Starin cup. The 'varsity cannot be relied upon either, as by the terms of the gift, the captain only, of the class nine, can be a regularly appointed member of the 'varsity.

Hard work is the only secret of success in journalism as in some other things. Freshmen trying for positions on THE CONCORDIENSIS will do well to bear this in mind. This periodical is not looking for an editor-in-chief who can give a *brilliant* issue once a term but one who will give a *good* paper every time.

"I have not resigned and I don't intend to resign until I see more reason for it than at present" says President Webster. And right glad we are of it. It will be many years before Union college can afford to speak of any other president than Harrison E. Webster. The two upper classes, especially the seniors, realize what Dr. Webster has done for Union.

The Maryville college correspondent of the *Mail and Express*, thus speaks of Rev. Elmer B. Waller, '82: "Mr. Waller is a teacher of experience and remarkable capacity, and under him the mathematical department of Maryville college ought to become the most thorough and successful in the South." The class of '82 always was a great success in producing professors.

The glee club unanimously declared that they had a most pleasant time in Troy last week. The following extract from a Troy daily explains it:

"The young ladies' band of Woodside Presbyterian church will entertain the Union college glee club at the chapel Thursday afternoon, preceding an entertainment in the evening."

In a letter to Professor Truax, General Michie, the first Butterfield lecturer, expressed himself as greatly pleased by the warm welcome he received at Union. There is every reason for believing that arrangements for athletic contests between Union and West Point will be greatly facilitated by the friendliness of General Michie for Union college.

Whether one believes in prize contests or not as long as the college makes provision for them it is not only the privilege but the duty for every college man, who has any talent in the particular line that any one contest calls for, to register for that contest. We are glad to see a goodly number of freshmen are trying for positions on the Veeder extemporaneous stage.

#### THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE FRESHMAN CLASS IN THE SPRING GAMES.

From the showing the freshman class has made in the gymnasium this winter, much may be expected of them in our spring games. There is much material in the class, and all it needs is development. All the class are taking regular work and a great many are training for the different events. Dr. Linhart is taking great pains to train the men properly and it is hoped that he will be rewarded by excellent results. Below is a list of those who will probably do the best work:

In the sprints, Myers and Van Duzer show good material. Besides these are Sprague, Scofield, Derby, Dann, M. H. Strong and Hall. In the one-quarter mile run, Myers, Westfall, A. G. Somner, Pildain and Sayles. In the one-half mile run, Young, E. A. Som-

ner, Rowe, McKeefe, Ames, Greenman, Hunt and Geurnsey. In the hurdles, Twiford and M. H. Strong. In the running high jump, Twiford, Anderson and Myers are among the first in college. Beckwith and Scofield may develop into good jumpers. In the running broad jump, Fillapaugh, Twiford Anthony and Beckwith. In the pole vault, Haviland, Twiford, Myers, Geurnsey. This event has never been practiced much here, so good material may be developed. In the shot-put, Myers will crowd the whole college in the future if not this year. He is an exceptionally good man in this event. Levey, Beckwith, Paris, Terry and Cleaver are also very good at this. In the mile walk, Pollock is developing remarkable endurance for the time he has been training, although he has not the style quite as good as he ought to have. He will without doubt be the best man in college in this event by spring. Besides him, Kelley and Glazier may be mentioned. In the mile run, Young, Wemple, McKeefe and Geurnsey are doing good work. With so many men to pick from, the freshman class ought to be able to win a good many events in the spring contests. If they will only do a little hard work from now onward, by the time the class graduates we ought to have some exceptionally good athletes in it. This is the only way the college can ever expect to be successful in track athletics. It takes time and lots of hard work, but in the end this work will show itself not only in being the winner of the race, but also by having a good sound body and excellent health. Let every man do his best for *his* class and *his* college.

#### THE HONORARY CHANCELLOR.

Hon. Pliny T. Sexton, of Palmyra, N. Y., has been invited to become Union's honorary chancellor for 1893. He is a member of the Board of Regents of the State University, and chairman of its University Extension Committee. He is a lawyer by profession, but a banker by practice, being president of the First National Bank of Palmyra.

#### THE GLEE CLUB AT TROY.

The glee club, assisted by Scott W. Skinner, '95, violinist, took part in a concert given by the Y. L. B., of the Woodside Presbyterian church of Troy, at that city February 9. Refreshments were served by the young ladies and a very enjoyable time is reported. Professor Rost acted as director. The following programme was rendered:

##### PART FIRST.

1. A. B. C ..... *Zoellner*  
Union College Glee Club.
2. Blue Bells of Scotland (var.)..... *Weeks*  
Mr. Scott W. Skinner.
3. Hearts Delight..... *Gilchrist*  
Miss Sara J. Dickson.
4. College Songs..... *Selected*  
Union College Glee Club.
5. The Last Watch..... *Pinsute*  
Mr. Edward Gillespie.
6. { *a.* Unfortunate Serenade..... *Pfeil*  
      *b.* Buzzing Bumble Bees..... *Truhn*  
Union College Glee Club.

##### PART SECOND.

1. { *a.* Serenade..... *Tourtellot*  
      *b.* Wouldn't You?..... *Shepard*  
Mr. R. B. Beattie.
2. There's a Home for the Wanderer.... *Fose*  
Mr. Gillespie and Glee Club.
3. { *a.* 'Twas April..... *Nevin*  
      *b.* Marguerite..... *Lynce*  
Miss Dickson.
4. King Arthur's Plum Pudding..... *Zoellner*  
Union College Glee Club.
5. { *a.* Melodie..... *Rubenstein*  
      *b.* Scherzo..... *David*  
Mr. Skinner.
6. Song to Old Union..... *Ludlow*  
Union College Glee Club.

—The \$25 prize for the best essay on ex-Secretary Bayard's lecture is given by Bradley Martin, '63. The next lecture in the Butterfield course is that of March 3 by General Horace Porter on "The West Point Military Academy."



**THE MID-WINTER MEET.**

The committee in charge of the mid-winter meet of the Athletic association, Captain Allen chairman, held a meeting in the gymnasium last Wednesday afternoon, at which it was decided to hold the meet on Friday, March 17. If the armory can be procured the meet will be there and a small admission charged to defray expenses.

The events decided upon are as follows: Running high jump, standing high jump, standing broad jump, hop, step and jump, hitch and kick, shot put, fence vault, rope climb (18 feet), boxing, wrestling, fencing, Indian clubs, parallel bars, horizontal bars, 10-yard dash, one-mile walk, horse.

The list of events will be placed on the bulletin in the gymnasium and those who wish to enter any of the events may register there.

A preliminary match for boxing and wrestling will be held in the "gym." March 10, at which date all entries for the meet will be closed.

Ribbon prizes will be given for first, second and third places. Programs of the events will be printed. The best all-around man, as decided by the judges, will be known as the college athlete.

This mid-winter meet is merely an experiment and it ought to be made a success in every sense of the word. Let each one enter for at least one of the events and do his best for first place. If this meet is made a success it helps put Union where she belongs in the athletic world.

**A COLLEGE DEMOREST CONTEST.**

A Demorest silver medal contest was held at the Schenectady Y. M. C. A. rooms, Saturday evening, at which all the contestants were college men. The following participated: C. W. Clowe, '93; William Allen, '94; J. A. Collins, '95; F. M. Eames, '95; G. L. Van Deusen, '96; H. M. Pollock, '95, and W. T. Sanderson, '95. The judges awarded the prize to William Allen.

**Personal.**

Van Schaick, '95, spent Sunday, February 12th, at his home in Cobleskill.

Prof. T. W. Wright has been confined to his house for a few days by illness.

Joseph Wright, Syracuse, '92, was lately the guest of the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Rev. J. H. Enders, of Albany, was on the hill Thursday last, the guest of Frazee, '96.

Roy Landon, '96, who left college on account of illness, is recovering and will return shortly.

J. Howard Hanson, '89, and wife, of Amsterdam, have been visiting friends in Schenectady.

Professor Truax has a very interesting article on General Michie's lecture in a recent issue of the *Army and Navy Journal*.

Dr. Linhart has a good article on "Systematic Physical Training" in the January number of the *University Magazine*.

Cass, '95, has been elected financial secretary, and Pollock, '95, corresponding secretary of the Schenectady county Prohibition league.

Dr. W. T. Clute, '73, was a delegate from Schenectady county to the convention of the State Medical Society held in Albany, last week.

Harry S. Estcourt, '87, chief clerk of the World's Fair commission for the Fourth judicial district of New York State, was in town last Wednesday.

Professor Brown gave an interesting and instructive talk on "Mars," February 4th, before the ladies of the "Society to Promote Useful Reading."

S. G. Parent, '93, preached last Sunday at the English Lutheran church of this city, in the morning, and at the Bellevue Reformed church mission in the evening.

McMillan & Co., the English publishers, announce three forthcoming works by Professor Sidney G. Ashmore. Among them are editions of "The Adelphoe of Terrence" and "The Invasion of Britain."

## Alumni Allusions.

'21.

Judge Philo T. Ruggles, the oldest living graduate of Union, is still hale and vigorous. He is generally at his office in New York every day, coming over from Staten Island. To-day he sold at auction as referee the valuable property on the northeast corner of Broadway and Fulton streets, in New Ybrk city.

'39.

✓ John Van Santvoord, one of the best known patent law lawyers in New York city, died suddenly at his home No. 5 North Eighth ave., Mount Vernon, on Friday afternoon, Jan. 13, from pleuro-pneumonia. He was born in 1819, in Schenectady, his father being a wealthy shoe manufacturer. He received a home education and was graduated at Union in 1839. He was appointed District Attorney in Cohoes in 1851, and retained the office until 1853, when he was appointed one of the examiners in the Patent Office in Washington, and remained there till 1864. He then first went to New York and worked in the office of *The Scientific American* for two years. It was while employed there that he met William Hauff, and in 1866 the two formed a partnership as patent law lawyers and opened an office in the *Times* building. The firm has never been dissolved. He deeply interested himself with any improvements proposed for Mount Vernon, and at the time of his death was vice president of the Mount Vernon Bank. He was active in church affairs and was a member of the Reformed Church, but was a willing giver to every denomination.

Mr. Van Santvoord left a wife and two grandchildren, a boy and a girl. The former was a Miss Coolidge, of Poughkeepie, while the latter are the children of his daughter, who married Jesse Lantz, the cashier of the Bank of Mount Vernon.

'44.

✓ News has been received of the death of Joseph Yates at Beloit, Wis. Mr. Yates studied law after graduation and was admitted to the bar, but never practiced his profession to any great extent. He was for some time engaged in the hardware business in Schenectady, and at the time of his death was connected with large manufacturing interests at Beloit.

'52.

✓ Rev. Job H. Champion, of Dunham, Greene county, whose death occurred Saturday, January 28, in a hospital at Binghamton, was born in Clifton Park in 1828, and went with his parents to Ballston Spa, where he resided for several years. Graduating from Union in 1852, he entered the Methodist ministry, remaining a minister of that denomination until his death. Mr. Champion was a prominent Mason and a poet of considerable ability. He served in the Union army and had a horse shot under him in the battle of

Fair Oaks, receiving in the battle a severe sabre wound. Mr. Champion married Miss Maria Grace of Ballston Spa, who, with four daughters, survive. The deceased was a grandson of Rev. Job Champion, a pioneer clergyman in Saratoga county. He was a Phi Beta Kappa man.

'87.

Rev. E. T. Root will be married on the 21st of February to Miss Georgiana Merrill, of New Haven, Conn.

## THE PRESS CLUB ELECTION.

The press club has elected the following officers: President, George T. Hughes; vice president, James W. Veeder; secretary, C. W. Crannell; treasurer, R. Lavery. McAlpine, '93; Briggs, '96; Webster, '96, and Professor P. H. Cole were elected members. The new president announced the following executive committee: Cooper, '93, chairman; Veeder, '94; Van Schaick, '95; Briggs, '96.

## Brevities.

-- Washington's birthday is the next holiday.

-- The Octogan club hold their annual "swing" this week.

-- Prof. T. W. Wright gave all his classes a "bolt" Jan. 31, owing to trouble with his eyes.

-- Both literary societies, the Adelphic and Philomathean, debated Saturday morning the Hawaiian question.

-- Prof. Winans could not get back Friday owing to a block on the road, consequently all his classes got a "bolt."

-- The Central publishing house of which H. N. Pollock, '95, is secretary, are engaging book agents for the summer.

-- The gun club held their third shoot February 2, back of the tennis courts. Miller won first place, killing 20 birds; Tallman, second, and Roy, third.

-- Though closed on all other evenings in the week the library reading room is kept open Friday evening from seven to nine by one of the library assistants.

—The money left over from the foot ball celebration will be turned over to the committee on the winter athletic meet to be used in purchasing suitable prizes.

—Manager Cooper of the base ball nine has made arrangements for a game with the Cuban Giants May 8 and with Columbia June 7, both at Schenectady.

—Professor Hoffman has resumed his Monday evening discussions for the benefit of the seniors. "The Existence of Free Will" was the topic at the last two meetings.

—The juniors will not deliver orations before the college this term as has been customary heretofore. The increased size of the classes renders it more difficult to find the necessary time each year.

—The mandolin and guitar club are making very good progress under the direction of O'Neil and Garby. There are now about a dozen men practicing and the outlook is very favorable for a good organization by the spring vacation.

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### PRESIDENT WEBSTER.

#### Action of the Trustees.

Most of the students have known for some time that the health of President Webster has not been good, but nearly all were surprised to hear of his request to the board of trustees, for a temporary release from duty. At the meeting of the trustees, held in New York, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That in response to the communication received from the president of the college, the trustees desire to assure him of their deep sympathy in the trials and sufferings that have come to him. They appreciate the ability, fidelity and tireless devotion which he has shown in the administration of his office. They gratefully recognize the success which has attended his efforts—the new impulse which he has given to the life of the college and the interest in its welfare which he has awakened, not only among the alumni and friends of the institution, but in the mind of the public at large.

"In view of his ill-health, as stated in his communication, they cheerfully comply with his request and grant him leave of absence for the remainder of the academic year, with an allowance of \$1,000, to meet the expense that may be incurred in the effort to regain his health."

A committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Geo. Alexander, of New York; Hon. John A. De Remer, of Schenectady, and Charles S. Lester, of Saratoga, was appointed to take charge of the educational interests of the college during the President's absence, to keep in communication with him and to assemble the board should further action be required before the commencement meeting.

The first official notification of the action of trustees was after Secretary Bayard's lecture, February 1st, when President Webster called a general college meeting. He spoke of the necessity of leaving the college but denied that he had resigned or contemplated resigning, as had been published in some local papers. He announced that Dean Whitehorn had full authority in his absence.

Dr. Webster left for the South on February 3rd. He is at present at Beaufort, N. C., but nothing can be said of his plans for spending the remainder of his vacation. Mrs. Webster left last week to join her husband.





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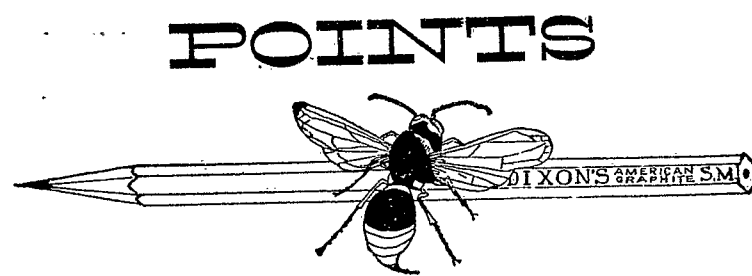
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