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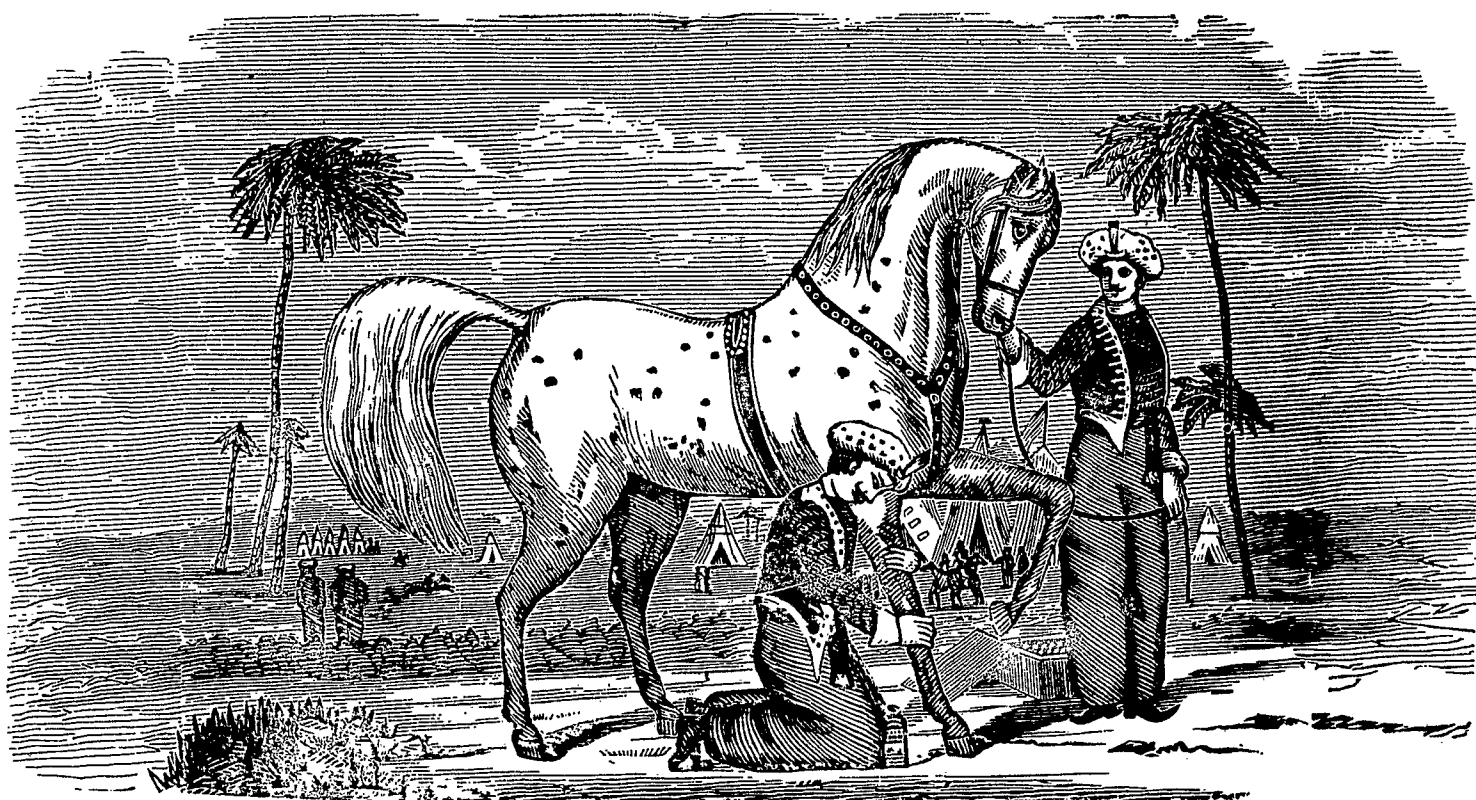


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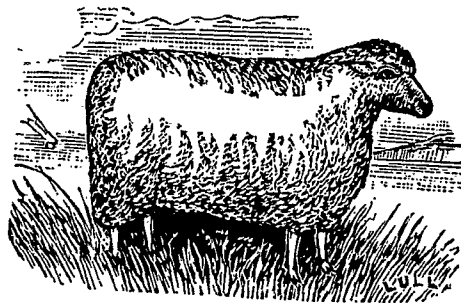
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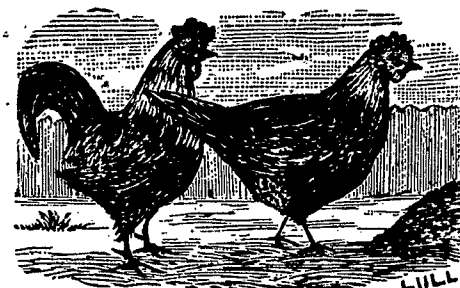
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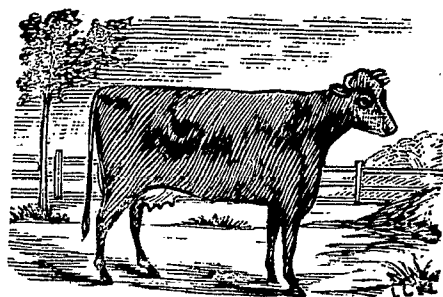


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## Slightly Mistaken.

"O woman, in our hours of ease,  
Uncertain, coy and hard to please,"—  
The Junior with a smile the book away  
From him did cast, as idly still he lay  
Upon a bank beneath the proud pine trees  
Which seemed to whisper with the passing breeze,  
While all around him peaceful, calm there lay,  
All faint in the soft haze of summer day  
The fair green fields and cool and spicy grove,  
Where he with fellow students loved to rove,  
Oft as beneath the stars his way he took,  
Free from his college duties and his book,  
With that soft, loving pressure on his arm  
Of her, whose presence lent a heightened charm  
To all that lovely scene and starlit night.  
For May doth give us mortals her moonlight  
For love, as old Dan Chaucer sings aright.

From off the campus came to him the call  
Of classmates at their tennis and their ball.  
While far beyond them all he could survey  
Where Mohawk's silver in the distance lay.  
Off to the left their rugged heads upraise  
The Helderbergs, all wavy in the heat.  
Whose utmost tops the fleecy clouds did graze  
As though they loved their craggy mountain seat.

While thus he lay, his musing from him broke  
And thus communing with himself he spoke—  
"O woman, in our hours of ease,  
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please,"—  
I have not found *her* so; she seemed to yield  
The moment that I came upon the field.  
Her brown eyes seemed to brighten when I came,  
Her smile to others never seemed the same.  
She is completely gone, without a doubt.  
But surely I must for myself look out.  
I wish to leave no college widow here;  
And then—for that—she's much too sweet and dear."

As thus he mused his reverie was broken,  
He raised his head to hear a sentence spoken  
In a familiar voice and,—*"Hateful sight!*  
It cannot be. My eyes don't see aright.  
'Tis she! But who is he that by her side  
With stately air and Senior's stride  
Doth stalk? And what doth glisten on her breast?  
Ye Gods! His pin, or else may I be—blest.  
While she attentive, with that self-same smile  
Doth listen to his senseless talk and praise  
Of Union. Ever and anon, the while,  
Those dark brown eyes so shyly bright she'll raise  
Whose beauty would an anchorite beguile  
To sing the lovely languor in their gaze.

L'ENVOI.

"All that glitters is not gold"  
And sometimes e'en a Junior's sold

M. C. H.

## Whittier.

In the old county of Essex, Mass., dotted  
Over with its sunny villages and shady  
farm houses, is the village of Haverhill.  
Through it the Merrimac passes on its way  
to the sea, shaded in summer by the wooded  
hills, and in autumn reflecting the ruby glow  
of the grand old trees. In this pleasant old  
New England town, was born in 1808, the  
poet, Whittier, with whose ballads we are all  
familiar. The poet's early home was at East  
Haverhill, in an ample old farm house, de-  
scribed in his poem entitled "Snow Bound."  
He was sent to school when quite a boy.  
He had few books of poetry, but nature was  
to him a continual poem; the blue sky of  
summer, the changing splendors of fall, and  
the white shroud of winter, all had their  
charms for him. He was but a mere lad  
when he began to express his feelings in  
verse. One day he ventured to send a poem  
to a paper called the *Free Press*. The editor  
was about to throw the manuscript aside,  
but concluded to read it; and discovered in  
the lines, signs of a true poet. The poem  
was published. Other poems from the same  
source found their way into the office and  
were so favorably received by the editor that  
he made inquiries of the postman whence  
they came. He thought to pay the young  
poet a visit and to encourage so promising a  
writer. Arriving at Haverhill, he found him  
at work on his father's farm. He acknowl-  
edged the authorship of the poem, and from  
that time on began to send regular contribu-  
tions, encouraged by the kind words and re-  
muneration of the editor.

Mr. Whittier began active life as a teacher. He came to Boston when about 21 years of age and received regular employment as editor of the *New England Weekly*. Returning to Haverhill he was elected to the Legislature. He afterwards went to Philadelphia as editor of the *Freeman*. But his love of quiet life led him again to the Merrimac and he settled in the rural town of Amesbury, where he wrote most of his rural and pastoral poems. His home was a plain neat house in the quietest part of the town, and is described thus: "Not far behind rolls the Merrimac through hill slopes variegated with glossy birches, billowy oaks and dark clusters of laurel and pines, and wooded hills, which enclose the homestead like a park, and roll away in the distance to the busy river that runs to the sea."

The scenes of his poems are mostly found in the country in which he lived. They are among the treasures of nearly every intelligent family wherever the English language is spoken. They are recited in every school and quoted from pulpit and platform. They have a wide influence and always for good.

### Memorial Hall.

In 1812 Memorial Hall was projected, and the engravings of the building with its imposing circular form and lofty dome promised for many years a striking architectural attraction. But it was not until many years later that any active measures were taken in its building, and the authorities proceeded no farther than the collection at the place of construction, of material which remained unused until 1858. At that time—nearly half a century after the building was proposed—a second stride was made toward its completion, the ground was broken and the foundation walls rose to the height of a couple of feet above the level of the ground. In this

condition it remained another term of years, causing trouble to the authorities and furnishing amusement for the students. During this period it was familiarly known as "Fort Gillespie", and was the butt of ridicule for the students and all visitors at the College. The foundation was carefully boarded up every season to protect it from the elements, and as often the boards furnished fuel for a bonfire for the students. Such, indeed, was the delay that the students, once, in utter disgust, decided to bury the Trustees of the College for their seeming neglect. So the day being appointed, an elaborate program was made out, resembling in every particular the funeral of some worthy and renowned person. An imposing procession was formed and an extensive order of exercises carried out. Whatever might have been the object of this ceremony, it certainly seemed to have awakened the Trustees, inasmuch as, active operation shortly after again began, and this time the work was carried nearly to a successful completion.

It had originally been intended that the money necessary to accomplish the work should be contributed by popular subscriptions from the Alumni, but the necessary amount being slow in coming in, it was found necessary to borrow, and the brothers of President Potter furnished \$50,000. With this amount work progressed for several years until other sums were appropriated.

The whole history of Memorial Hall building is replete with delays, both from the need of the necessary funds and from other causes. In 1872 Mr. Steimers, the engineer in charge of the work, died suddenly. The erection of the marble drum and of the spire according to the architect's plan had to be suspended. All work was stopped and a settlement was reached, by which the contractors received part land, part cash, and gave to the College

for free scholarships ten thousand dollars of their total claim.

The dome had been finished and the completion of the interior was indefinitely postponed, when a lady of New York, having visited the building, gave fifteen thousand dollars towards completing the interior. She also selected and presented the flooring, the tile for which came from the Jackfield tile works in England; and later the same lady added the Art galleries, the fire-proof stairs and the bookcases. By means of another gift of \$15,000 the interior was finished and the building put into immediate use.

The building is eighty-four feet in diameter and fifty in height to the top of the wall; the dome, which is of iron, rises one hundred and twenty feet above the floor. The whole building is made fire-proof.

An attempt was made to use the Memorial Hall as a library building, but on account of the shape of the structure, it was found to be impossible; the heat in winter rising to the dome, leaving the building proper, cold and uncomfortable. The library was then removed to the Washburn Memorial Hall, and only the casts of statuary occupy the building, which is used during Commencement week for the Alumni dinner, and during the year as an object of interest to visitors.

#### ICI L'ON PARLE FRANCAIS.

Mr. Mould: Let the trunk remain here and I'll come back for it!

Chef de Gare: Je n'comprends pas, M'sieur!

Mrs. Mould: Try him in Latin, my love.

Mr. Mould: All right. Look here, Mossoo—Requiescat in pace, resurgam!

Chef de Gare: Ah! parfaitement? Que ca reste ici, et puis, vous reviendrez!—*London Punch.*

### A Fable for Sophomores.

A young Frog lay  
One summer's day,  
On a muddy pool's soft bank;  
Anon he began  
His legs to scan,  
And his "lucky stars" to thank.

Careless content  
His features lent  
A truly benignant smile,  
With conscious pride  
He swelled each side  
And soliloquized thus, the while:—

"I'm a perfect frog:  
That a polliwog  
I could ever have been, I doubt;  
Though I cant explain,  
I shall still maintain  
That I've always hopped about."

"I cannot but shrink  
Whenever I think  
Of the life that I must have led:  
My cheek grows pale  
At the thought of a tail,  
And a scarcely perceptible head."

"It's only a dream,  
Although it may seem  
As real as anything else—  
Psychologists say  
We seldom may  
Believe what our senses tell us."

A plump Polliwog  
Riggled out from a log  
And thus raised his clear voice on high—  
"I happen to know  
That a week ago  
You were just such an one as I."

"You seem to forget  
That even yet  
In your new gotten legs you are lame;  
Though now on the land  
You may proudly stand  
You were a polliwog just the same."

Ere he ceased to speak  
The young Frog's cheek  
Was suffused with blushes red;  
From a frantic leap  
He fell all in a heap  
And caved in his "massive forehead."

"RECITATION hours at Yale have been changed to favor the foot ball players. The faculty thinks of going to Europe for the season.—*Tid Bits.*

PROFESSOR IN LOGIC.—"What is the universal negative?"

Junior (arousing himself) "I am not prepared."



## LIBRARY NOTES.

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1st. Any separate book.

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By this plan every specialist has his own special library and all books on any given subject are found standing together, e. g., all the books on Logic will be found under 160 with the correlative subjects as metaphysics, ethics, &c., surrounding them.

The Society Libraries will be kept separate, as required by the conditions of their loan, but will be arranged in like manner. The work of arranging them is being carried on as rapidly as possible and they will be ready for circulation in a short time.

## AN INDIGNITY.

Some student looking up "Hamlet and Richard III," which is the essay subject for the Senior class, has committed a despicable act which is hard to be credited to a College man and especially to a Senior. The most valuable references to this subject in the library were in the *Westminster Review*, 41: 1-37 and *Blackwood's Magazine* 63: 192-197. These have been *torn out bodily* thus spoiling a valuable set of the above serials and also depriving all other men of the equal right of reference. These volumes can not be replaced without great expense and trouble, *if at all*, and it is difficult to imagine how anyone, calling himself a student and a gentleman, could descend to so mean and cowardly an act.

A single repetition of such an act will lead to a withdrawal of the privilege of freely consulting the books at the shelves which is now granted to all. And it is hoped, if there be any honor left in the person or persons concerned, that the missing pages will be returned by mail that they may be bound in place again if possible.

## REFERENCE LISTS.

The following constitute a list of the best references in the library on the essay subjects to be handed in Dec. 6th. Other less direct references may be obtained by consulting the catalogue and indexes:

*The character of Macbeth as contrasted to that of Richard Third.*

Hazlitt's Elizabeth, pgs. 40-148.

Macbeth, Character of. Am. Whig. Rev., 41:1.

Macbeth, Westminster Rev., 41:1.

— Blackwoods Mag. 63:293.

*Republicanism in Europe.*

Mackenzie, H: The Nineteenth Century.

Republicanism in Europe, Nation, 13:412, 381.

Republicanism in England, Galaxy, 12:30.

*The Genius of Edmund Burke as exhibited in his speeches.*

Burke, E. Complete works of.

— Prior's Life of.

— Qualities as an Orator, Christian Spectator, 2:294.

Burke, E. Nation, 19:253.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

EDITOR LIBRARY NOTES: Why is it that, having a library that equals that of Williams in numbers and far excels it in excellence of selection and arrangement, and eclipses Rutgers, Hamilton, Rochester, Hobart, Syracuse and many others in both of the above particulars, we are allowed to draw no books from it? To be sure if only extracts and points are to be taken it would

be easier to take them in the library where the excellent arrangement of cross references is at hand, but in many other cases and especially if the books are to be carefully read through for either instruction or pleasure, how much easier it is if the books are already at hand. A very few of the men who would avail themselves of the opportunity of drawing books if such were offered, now go to the library to spend hours alone in reading. I have only opened this subject and hope to hear from others through your columns on this subject.

Also why could not the students establish a reading room association as has been done previously? A room could be easily obtained, and a small tax upon each member would provide an abundance of reading matter. This scheme would not only provide a quiet place to read but would be of great convenience to students rooming down town who, especially during the winter term remain on the hill and inflict themselves upon some of their friends in their rooms. If such a room were provided it would be a pleasant place of resort between recitations for "polling." Let some enterprising mortal work up this scheme and make himself immortal at Union College.

STUDENT.

UNION COLLEGE, Nov. 8, 1886.

EDITOR LIBRARY NOTES: Under the Library Notes in last number of *Concordiensis* opinions and suggestions were desired. Having occasion to use the library a good deal it seems to me that many improvements might be made in regard to convenience to readers. Under the present system, the students are required to do all of their reading at the library and are not allowed to draw books, but little reading will be done unless some arrangements are made, whereby it will be convenient for them to do so. If one wishes to consult any of the books at the shelves he

is obliged to stand while reading them, or at least this would be the case if many were there at a time. If chairs could be placed near the shelves and possibly small desks for books to be placed upon while reading, it would be a great improvement and would induce many to read more than they do now. If a reading room could be fitted up in connection with the library it seems to me there are many who would take a regular course of reading and arrangements could be made for them to hold a book until finished. It is certain that many more would avail themselves of the library if steps were taken to make it more convenient for them and it is to be hoped that something will be done in this direction. \* \*

In this connection it should be said that Prof. Truax has, courteously allowed the students to use a portion of his rooms, whenever such use has not conflicted with the regular work of the English Department, and that the matter of providing a suitable reading room is under the consideration of the Library Committee. Paper for notes, etc., can be obtained at the Library and anyone wishing to take a regular course of reading can gain many advantages by stating the fact to the librarian.—[Ed]

### Book Reviews.

THE REFRACTION AND ACCOMMODATION OF THE EYE. E. Landolt, M. D. Translated by C. M. Culver, M. A., M. D., formerly clinical assistant to the author. Edinburgh: Young J. Pentland. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co.

This is a work which is destined to become a classic in ophthalmological literature. Dr. Landolt has no pet theories to advocate, and in this book he puts into our hands simply a well-digested resume of all that is best known

of the subjects under consideration.

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Dr. Landolt is conservative in his methods, and many of his ideas in respect to treatment will be criticized by some American practitioners, at least. He tells us, for instance, that glasses should not be given unless rendered necessary by the subjective symptoms of the patient; that atropia is rarely found necessary in his hands for the determination of astigmatism. He also speaks encouragingly of methods for the cure of strabismus without resort to surgical measures.

The work, on the whole is a valuable contribution to the literature of our profession, and is one of the many indications that medicine is now nearly approaching a scientific basis.

The translator has done his work well, and has succeeded in producing a medical book in idiomatic English. On taking up a well-known medical book—a translation—one is astounded to find that the ophthalmoscope was *discovered*. Such blemishes cannot be found in the work under consideration. It is worthy of remark that this English edition is not a mere translation of the French, but that much has been prepared by the author specially for this edition.

The paper, typography, chromo-lithographs, engravings, and freedom from typographical errors, are models for the book-maker. Both Dr. Landolt and Dr. Culver are to be congratulated as well upon the subject-matter of the book as upon its beautiful appearance.—*Albany Medical Annals*.

THE SEPARATE SYSTEM OF SEWERAGE. ITS THEORY AND CONSTRUCTION. By Cady Staley, President Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, O., and Geo. S. Pierson, C. E.

This book has a place in the literature of

Sanitary Engineering, if for no other reason, because it gives a full, free and unbiased discussion of the separate system from the practical standpoint. The arguments for the necessity of sewerage systems, and for the advantages of the separate system of house drainage, are well stated and not too strongly put. But the strong point of the book is its eminently practical treatment of the subject. The authors have had considerable experience, in designing and constructing systems of sewerage for small cities and large towns, and the results of that experience are here given with clearness and in sufficient detail to make the book an excellent text book for the education of city authorities to the necessities of the case in their respective cities.

The idea of the specifications presented is good, and the set is probably a copy of one prepared for actual construction. One might wish some statements as to the practicability of holding contractors to the strict terms of the specifications, which sometimes seem to be a little more strict than could actually be enforced. But the error, if any, is on the right side.

The detailed statements of cost of the separate system as constructed in various cities, and the comparisons with other systems are timely, and of much use in presenting the subject to doubting City Fathers.

The hints on house drainage and plumbing find their proper place in the book. They might well have been more extended, for a system of drainage which is good so far as its public portion is concerned may be entirely spoiled by faulty design or construction in parts which are private property.

The appearance of the book is all that could be wished—beautiful paper, press-work, type, plates, arrangement. There is but one inconvenience, the plates are not

numbered, and consequently one cannot turn very readily to the plate desired.—*Van Nostrand's Engineering Magazine.*

### Communication.

*Editor Concordiensis:* On behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association of New York I would request that you insert in your paper the following or some equivalent notice with whatever commendation you may deem proper.

"All under-graduates of Union College who hereafter may make their residence in New York are cordially invited to visit the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association (23d Street, Corner 4th Avenue) at any time.

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Very respectfully,

W. K. GILCHRIST, '83.

PROFESSOR OF BOTANY.—"Mention some of our common trees?"

Student—"Ash, Maple, Elm, Locust and Horse—" (pausing to take breath).

P. of B.—(prompting) "Chestnut."

Student.—"All right, Professor, if you've heard 'em before, I'll stop."



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### EDITORIAL.

It is with the sincerest sorrow that we chronicle, in this issue, the sudden and sad death of one who had been with us but two short months, but yet had made himself a delightful companion and good friend to all of his associates. To his brother we extend, in the name of all the students, sincere condolence; and to the class of '90 deep sympathy.

THE Freshman class have, in their action upon the death of their classmate, established a most excellent precedent, in the wearing of a badge of mourning. The usual expressions of grief in the shape of "Resolutions," the usual expressions of respect in

the attendance upon the last rites and in the floral emblem at the funeral, are very well in their way; but the wearing of a badge of mourning shows a more deep seated feeling of grief and a greater respect by its constant reminder of the sad event. Heretofore the expressions have been formal and seemingly transient, but this method of showing respect and grief is one which must commend itself as of a more sincere nature and of a more lasting feeling.

Now that the subject of an entertainment for the benefit of our Athletic organizations is being agitated, it may not be amiss to discuss the subject in these columns. Last year we received most kind assistance from the ladies of the city, and our successful fair was due to their efforts. If they consent to aid us again this year it should be our duty as well as privilege to be of more help to ourselves and them than last year. It is one of our failings to formulate a plan, put it in the hands of a committee and then stand by and watch their efforts and speculate upon their success or failure. We are of the opinion that it is their business to shoulder the whole responsibility, to carry out all plans, to offer and try all suggestions; in fact, to perform the whole work, and if successful we take it for granted that it is our success, if a failure it was their fault. Now let us take part of the duty, let our singers offer their services to the Glee Club, let our dramatically-inclined men offer to perform, let us ease the burden and be of help when needed and let any success be due to *our* efforts or any failure be shared alike by all. We benefit by those entertainments, we certainly ought to be interested enough in their success to share, and share alike, in the labor necessary for such success.

THE remarks of the Professor of Chemistry after his visit to Harvard College must be gratifying to every student of Union, and more so because of the evident truth and sincerity of the statements made by him. We have seen a great deal in the papers of the immense number of courses open to students, the large number of men entering and forming the classes, and the freedom of choice in the studies pursued at Harvard; and perhaps have envied the student of that institution in the advantages they enjoyed. But when looked at coolly it can not be denied that the advantages thus extended are questionable. This is indeed an age of liberal ideas and advance, but there is danger of too great scope being given to those ideas and the advances over-stepping the bounds of prudence. At Union the policy has always been to advance, but to advance slowly; to meet the needs of the times but to make all change within the bounds of reason. The courses which are open to students at Union, are the courses by which a man may pursue his study fitting him for his work in any profession which he may choose, but the work in those courses does not confine him wholly to a single aim. Again, the necessity of the student keeping up a certain standing, and pursuing certain studies in order to obtain his degree, is beneficial as cultivating a power, in the man, of concentrating his mental faculties upon any given duty, be it ever so disagreeable to him. It would be well if the students would give thought to the remarks of the Professor and profit by them.

WE publish in another part of this issue the first of a series of articles, descriptive and historical, relating to subjects connected with the college.

Although similar articles have appeared from time to time in the college magazine,

and although the subjects treated may be those familiar to every student of Union, yet we are confident that these very considerations will add to the interest which the proposed series of articles will have for all those connected with the college.

When an institution of learning has attained the age reached by Union, every object connected with it becomes invested with a wealth of incident and anecdote, and is of interest not only to the antiquarian, but to the enthusiastic student as well.

There will also appear sketches of the lives or college experiences of some of Union's more famous alumni; the sketches to be written, when it is practicable, by some classmate of these alumni. The object of these articles is not only to acquaint the students with some interesting facts of the college history and with some of the more famous alumni, but if possible to aid in awakening among the students that college enthusiasm which formerly characterized Union men. That this enthusiasm and college loyalty has to a great extent died out, we think any candid observer will admit, that there has been some occasion for it, none will deny, but now with the improved condition of the college this spirit should revive and every student by making the most of his advantages and by an unselfish loyalty to the college should strive to recover for Union her former place in the first rank of American colleges. Self interest, apart from any other consideration, would urge us to such a course. Our claim to scholarship so far as our degrees are concerned will be admitted or denied according to the standing of the college from which these degrees are taken. It then behooves each one of us to do what we may to not only maintain but raise the standard of our college; as our own standing in intelligent society must be mate-

rially affected thereby. The prosperity of any college depends not so much upon its faculty or students but in the support it receives from its alumni, and it is safe to predict of any man who has no college pride or loyalty when in college, that he will take no interest in his Alma Mater after he has gotten out. If there is one consideration which should be more potent than any other in tending to awaken this college pride and enthusiasm among the students, it is the fact that so many men have gone out from the institution, whose advantages we are now enjoying, and have held and are now holding positions of honor and trust in all departments of life. And if there is any power in associations, the thought that we are receiving instructions in the very halls in which they were fitted for the careers which have distinguished them should come to us as an inspiration to urge us to render ourselves worthy to be identified with them as alumni of the same institution.

CORNELL has abolished the custom of conferring honorary degrees. Now when a person can say "I received my degree from Cornell," people will know that that means something. Of late years one of the greatest farces in College methods is the scattering broadcast, and seemingly without any particular reason, a certain number of honorary degrees at each commencement or anniversary celebration. When every Governor of a State or high official must *ex-officio* be made a LL. D. because by the vote of the people or the shrewd use of money he has been put in office, it is very little honor to any scholar to bear that degree. And it is the same with all degrees. We come to College and go through four years of training to gain a degree. Men have failed to obtain their degree in College, but because they

were in high office, or for some reason utterly foreign to the case, they receive the reward, which those who worked hard received. In none of the many cases, in which the President of the United States has shown his good sense, has he shown better judgment than when he declined a LL. D. from Harvard. A new phase has been added, of late, to the question. At the Harvard 250th anniversary, LL. D.'s and D.D.'s etc., were liberally dealt out to representatives of Colleges, governments, professions *et al*; but in the distribution no representative of Princeton College drew a prize; whereat, the Reverend President of that institution packed up his satchel and returned to his own, refusing utterly to sit at meat with those who had so signally slighted his co-laborers at Princeton.

From this it would seem that the conferring of an honorary degree is a matter of etiquette. Why not do away with the matter altogether? Why not let men who wish a degree earn it by proper study and preparation? Cornell leads the way and the example is worth Union's imitation.

### Can It Be Done?

(Contributed)

The move in the direction of making the library more useful and accessible to the College is a good one. Yet is not the *only permanent* arrangement the *heating of the main room*? Any substitute will be but a temporary matter and will have to give place to the increasing demand upon the rooms adjoining the library, thus causing change after change until the main room is heated when the ultimatum will be reached.

It will be found that, going from a heated reading-room into the icy temperature of the main room, will be conducive of many colds and a great discomfort. It will be difficult to preserve the order in a limited reading-

room that could be had without effort in the more spacious main room, and the books will be more generally used than when students are obliged to call for each separate book wanted. It has been the experience of all Colleges that a heated main library room is the best arrangement where access to the shelves is allowed, and it is believed that Union will be no exception. It is thought that there is at present enough boiler capacity to heat the room mentioned and all that is necessary is its proper connection and radiators. Should this be done the usefulness of the library will be beyond question.

### LOCAL.

Hel—d!

U. C. F. B. A!!

Down on that ball!!!

November 25 is Thanksgiving.

Geological—"The Psychozoic age, the age of Psychology."

Professor Perkins was the representative of Union at the Harvard celebration.

Last month's *Concordiensis* was a very useful number, at least it was to one class.

If you want aid in your essay writing consult the "Library Notes" in this number.

The review of Prof. Staley's book, in another part of this issue, is by Prof. Brown.

The Freshman are to finish Algebra this term. This will bring "Cremation" at a bad time.

Donald McMartin has resigned the position of Registrar. Mrs. M. L. Peissner is now Registrar *ad interim*.

The editors of the "Garnet" have given the contract for publishing that annual to W. J. Kline, '72, of Amsterdam.

Three enthusiastic alumni, members of the class of '86, gave their class yell at the Union-Medical foot ball game.

A Sophomore when addressing a letter to his mother, astonished the postoffice officials by attaching Esq., to her name.

The building formerly used as a chapter house, by the Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi, is now used as a private school house.

The "dictionary raffle" held by the editors of the last "Garnet" resulted in the lot and the dictionary falling to Ransdell, '87.

It is said that one student, who went home to do his duty as an American citizen, had his vote challenged when he reached the polls.

A game of foot ball between R. P. I. and Union, which was advertised for November 13, was not played. The weather would not permit.

"Coming events cast their shadows before." Thus, when a bachelor professor is seen fitting up a house with great care, one suspects a change of state.

President Staley, of Case School of Applied Science, was in town for a few days, lately. Many of the students had the pleasure of a short chat with him.

The Cadet Corps received an invitation from the Sons of Veterans, of this city, to parade at their fair. The invitation was declined for unavoidable reasons.

Dorlon, '89, wrenched his knee in a practice game of foot ball, and was obliged to leave college for some time. He has joined his class again, but is lame still.

Rumor has it that Union College has received notice that Mrs. James Oswald, of Troy, has bequeathed to the College \$5,000, to be known as the William L. Oswald scholarship fund.



Two members of the class of '81 ran for the same office in this district. The prize was the District Attorneyship, and A. M. Vedder, Republican, got it; Lomasney, Democrat, was the other candidate.

The following were elected officers of the U. C. F. B. A.: Marvin, '86, Manager; Culver, '89, Treasurer. Marvin, '87, and Bates, '88, were elected Assistant Base Ball Director and Base Ball Treasurer, respectively.

Prof. Perkins delivered a lecture in the State Street Methodist Church, on "Water", on Thursday evening, Nov. 11. The Professor finished part of the subject and will conclude it in a lecture to be delivered in about a fortnight.

Prof. Ripton has been compelled to give up his classes for a short time on account of sickness. His symptoms were those of typhoid, though he only suffered from a mild type of that disease. It is expected that he will soon be able to return to his classes.

J. M. Forman and W. S. Wilder, of Princeton, who are members of a committee appointed by the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. to visit the various Colleges in the interest of the missionary work, made a visit to the Union College, Y. M. C. A. on November 12.

On Saturday Nov. 6, the 'Varsity foot ball team played an exciting game throughout with the Albany Medical College. Both sides failed to score in the first half the ball being exactly in the centre of the field when time was called. In the second half the "Medics" lead from the time that game was called and secured two touchdowns by the strategy of Lewis. As this was the first game played this season the mistakes made on our part were excusable. The game was won by strength and weight and by one of our half

backs loosing his head repeatedly. Score 8 to 0 in favor of the "Medics." It is proposed to form a university team composed of men from both of the teams that played the 6th, this would make a team that could hold its own with almost any team now in the field.

### Personal.

'35—Dr. John Foster has just returned from a southern trip.

'38—Rev. John Newman, D. D., formerly Latin Professor, at Union, is now settled at Omaha, Neb.

'61—Melville Landon, better known as Eli Perkins, is on a lecturing tour. His lecture is on the "Philosophy of Wit and Humor."

'63—Amasa J. Parker, Jr., has been elected Brigadier General of the 3rd. Brigade, N. G. S. N. Y.

'65—Cady Staley, President Case School of Applied Science, by the fire, which lately destroyed that institution, lost "his collection of lectures, papers, scientific works, and many of his household goods, which were temporarily in the building."

—Daniel N. Lockwood, was appointed by President Cleveland, U. S. Attorney for Northern New York.

'66—Bacon was elected to Congress from the Orange Co. District.

'78—The book on Refraction and Accommodation of the Eye, a review of which is published elsewhere, was translated by C. M. Culver '78.

'80—J. V. L. Pruyn, has a law office in Albany.

'82—MARRIED—At S. George's Church, Schenectady, Oct. 27, 1886, by the Rev. J. Philip P. Pendleton, DeLancey Walton Watkins; '82, to Belle Mitchell, daughter of Mr. Joseph Carley.

- ✓ '83—McElwain has opened a law office at Cohoes.
- ✓ '84—Stoller, after having travelled through Scotland, England, Belgium and Germany; has settled at Munich, where he is studying Biology. His studies will probably keep him at Munich all winter.
- ✓ '85—Sweetland, was elected School Commissioner in the Second District of Tompkins Co., on the Democratic ticket. He ran more than five hundred votes ahead of his ticket.
- ✓ '86—Randall is studying law in Batavia, in the office of W. C. Watson.
- ✓ '87—Brown, is Professor of Starkey College, Eddington, N. Y.
- ✓ —Gulick is pastor of a church at Rexford Flats.
- ✓ '88—Towne was elected a corporal in the Washington Continentals, of this city, Nov. 8.
- ✓ '89—Hunsicker and Voorhees have joined the Washington Continentals.

### Necrology.

- ✓ '39—George Thompson, lawyer, died at Brooklyn, N. Y. Nov. 8, 1886.
- ✓ '48—General Chester A. Arthur, lawyer, died at New York city Nov. 18, 1886. General Arthur held many offices of trust and honor and was President of the United States from 1881 to 1885.
- ✓ '90—James E. Davis, Jr., died at Schenectady, N. Y., Nov. 3, 1886.

### In Memoriam.

Scarcely had the class of '90 entered upon the duties and pleasures of a College life, when they are called upon to bear the loss of a classmate, loved by all. James E. Davis, Jr., was born March 4, 1869, at the old

Davis' Homestead, at Ballston. He received his earlier education in the schools of Schenectady and prepared for College at the Union Classical Institute, from which he graduated, having a high standing in his class and receiving honorable mention on the prize stage. He was a member of the Alpha Zeta Fraternity, and was a very popular man in both his society and the school. He entered Union in September and was a promising scholar, and delightful companion. On the morning of November 3d, he passed away, ending a short but promising career, and leaving behind a wealth of pleasant memories.

### Resolutions of Respect.

WHEREAS, All subduing Death has borne from among us our beloved, talented and noble classmate, James E. Davis, Jr., it is

*Resolved*, That by his death the Freshman class is bereft of one of its most esteemed members and the rising generation of one of its most promising youths.

*Resolved*, That the members of the Freshman class of Union College attend the funeral in a body and wear a suitable badge of mourning for thirty days hereafter.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the afflicted family, a copy be printed in the daily papers, and a copy printed in the Union College *Concordiensis*, each as a mark of heartfelt sympathy and sorrow.

JOHN I. BENNETT, Jr.,

FRED. L. CARROLL,

GEORGE H. CLUTE,

Committee.

UNION COLLEGE, Nov. 5th, 1886.

### Exchanges.

*Outing* for November comes to us, as interesting as ever. To one interested in people and customs, the articles of Thomas Stevens, who is circling the globe on a bicycle, must be interesting and to all they may be of profit. Taken all in all this number is quite up to the standard of the paper, which is, without doubt, the best sporting magazine published.

The *University Herald* is a very newsy paper. The following item may be meant seriously, though we think it contains much

humor: "At Union College a committee of students has been appointed to co-operate with the Faculty in the government of the College".

For a newsy paper and a loyal College organ we refer all to the *Notre Dame Scholastic*. And we wish that the pseudo-sarcastic editor of the *Niagara Index* would take pattern after the editors of that paper, and learn better manners than to insult a lady in his asinine joking.

The last to appear in the field of College Journalism, is the *Miami Journal*. It is very small and its matter is good excepting only the "Chatter," which contains little news and a superfluity of "gags."

The *Stylus* of Boston College, has grown and presents itself in a new costume. Nevertheless we recognize the same old paper with the results of good work, but devoid of interest to an outsider.

The *Sibyl* is a very creditable number, and unlike the *Vassar Miscellany*, it abounds in poetry. Still it has other and interesting matter, and is welcome to our table.

We acknowledge the receipt of *The Pansy*, a bright and pretty paper for children. [Any member of that class may borrow the paper of the Business Manager.]

### The College World.

"Now she dwelt in Jerusalem, in the College." Kings: 21, 14. This is the first instance on record of co-education; if the word is rightly translated." *Rev. James Freeman Clarke*.

Cornell is custodian of Jumbo's heart.—Cornell has a University dairy. [So has Union].—The son of Mayor-elect Hewitt of New York, is a student at Princeton.—Swarthmore College is having new athletic grounds laid out. One of the features is a

quarter mile cinder track, enclosing a base ball diamond and a foot ball field.—A silver cup was presented to the Freshman winning the most prizes, at the fall Athletic sports at LaFayette College. It was won by a Freshman who took two first prizes—W. B. Paige, of the University of Pennsylvania broke the College record in the high jump, clearing 6 ft.  $\frac{3}{4}$  in.—Harkins, of Holy Cross College threw the base ball 387 ft. 8 in., making the best College record in this event.—Harmer, '90, of Yale, has the best college record in the two mile run, he having covered that distance in 10 min. 40 4-5 sec.—Only twelve of the twenty-two Presidents of the United States, were College-bred men.—A colored man was refused entrance to Dickinson College.—Five Professors of Andover Theological Seminary are being tried on a charge of heresy.—Princeton was the first to beat Harvard at foot ball this year.—Prof. A. C. Merriman, Professor of Greek at Columbia, has been selected as director of the School of Athens, for the year 1887.—E. H. Garrison, of Dickinson College, was killed in a foot ball match with Swarthmore College. He was thrown heavily to the ground and ruptured a blood-vessel at the base of the brain.—The Faculty of Adelbert College offered the use of some of its buildings to the Faculty of Case Institute of Applied Science, after the fire which destroyed the latter's buildings. The offer was accepted.—Prof. Perry, of Williams College, is coming into notice as an advocate of a Free Trade Party.—At the last convention of the Delta Upsilon fraternity, a charter was granted to Tuft's College.—The cane rush at Williams, was decided in favor of the Freshmen, but upon the appeal of the Sophomores, the judges reversed their decision.—The cornerstone of a new gymnasium has just been laid at Trinity.

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WE have received of Moses King, of Cambridge Mass., a copy of *Students Songs*. The book has proved a wonderful success. No student should be without one.



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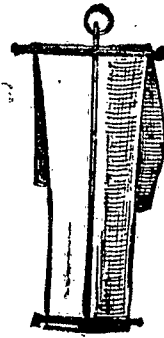
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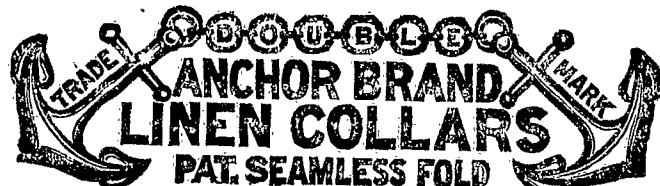
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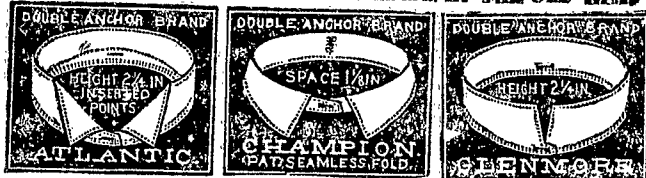
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