

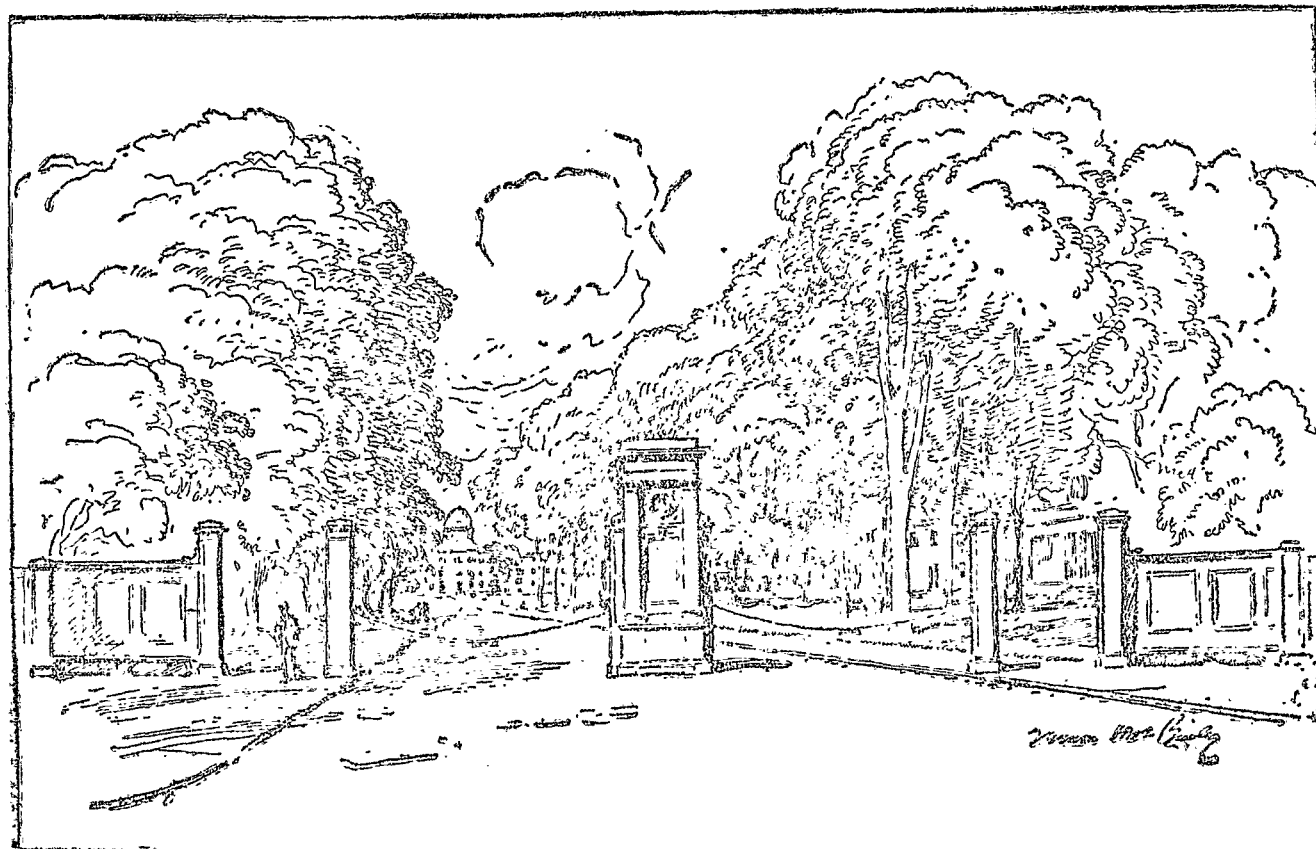
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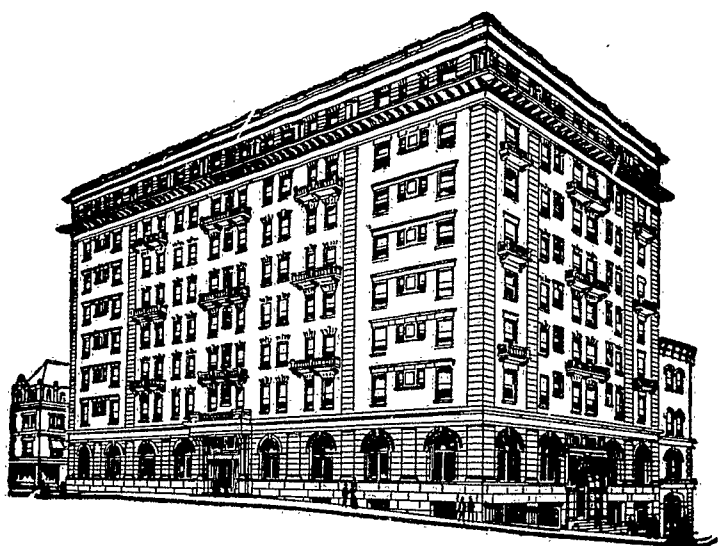
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UNION'S ONE HUNDRED-FIFTEENTH COMMENCEMENT UNEXCELLED

**In Past and Is Great Success In Spite of Inter-
mittent Rain—The Baccalau-
reate Sermon.**

In spite of four days of almost continuous rain the one hundred and fifteenth commencement of Union College was the most successful in the memory of the oldest alumnus that attended. Never before has such demonstration of spirit and enthusiasm been exhibited by the alumni. Early Monday morning the graduates began to arrive in the city and register at the alumni headquarters in the Dean's office at the west end of the south colonnade. By night there were more than a hundred on the register and Tuesday, alumni day, witnessed a continual line of the graduates registering throughout the morning and part of the afternoon.

The Baccalaureate.

The program of the week opened Sunday evening with the annual baccalaureate sermon, delivered by President Charles Alexander Richmond. The service was held in the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Fred Winslow Adams, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, delivered the invocation. Rev. A. Russell Stevenson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, offered prayer, and the Rev. B. W. R. Tayler, rector of the St. George's church, read a passage from the Bible. Rev. Clayton J. Potter, pastor of the First Reformed church of Schenectady, made an earnest appeal for a large collection, which is devoted to paying the expenses of delegates to the Northfield Student Conference. The church was crowded in spite of the threatening weather, which interrupted the service by developing into a heavy thunder-shower.

At the conclusion of the sermon, President Richmond delivered the usual charge to the Senior class. It was as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Graduating Class: I have not much to add because everything that has been said to-night has been said directly, and specifically to you, but I cannot let you go without a more intimate word spoken, as it were, in the bosom of the family. I would speak to you not at a distance, but upon the common footing of friends—for we have become friends in these two years we have been together. We have tried to do what we could for you. Few, indeed if any, will be the memories with any tinge of bitterness, but the memories of kind and helpful intercourse will be abundant. You have behaved, with rare exception, as self-respecting men should behave. You have learned each in his degree, some little—some much, but all of you have learned something, and this will soon be put to the test. The highest lesson we have tried to teach you is the worth of manhood. We have tried to help you find yourselves. I do not warn you not to think of yourselves more highly than you ought to think, the cold world will take care of that—on the contrary, I would encourage each one of you to believe in himself and to stand firmly upon his own feet. Dare to be yourself. Yield not at all to the tyranny of majorities—they are as often wrong as right. Be a voice and not an echo, and if you become wise and strong, remember always the obligations of the strong. I need not say that we all wish you well and that our earnest prayers shall follow you. I speak for all the faculty and even for that friend and counselor whose lips are silent now, but whose spirit still seems to live among us.

"Wherever you go you shall always be our boys, and when you come back here from time to time in the years to come we shall welcome you as to your own home.

"As a last word let me offer you as a guiding principle a text from the Good Book: 'And what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God.'—Micah. 6-8."

GROVE AND CLASS DAY EXERCISES POSTPONED BECAUSE OF RAIN

Fraternity Teas Make Up Only Activities During
the Day—"D. U.," "K. A.," and
"Psi U." Entertain.

Monday morning of commencement week dawned cold and stormy. It was seen from the first that it would be inadvisable to attempt having the usual grove and class day exercises in the college garden, so the program was postponed until Wednesday afternoon. Cards announcing the change in time of the exercises were posted about the campus, but not before scores of spectators had gathered at the Nott elm in the garden to witness the expected program. A student was sent to announce to the assemblage the postponement of the program.

During the afternoon three of the fraternities gave teas which resulted in a relay "tea-party" for the guests. Kappa Alpha, Psi Upsilon and Delta Upsilon fraternities were the hosts on these occasions.

The Kappa Alpha lodge was artistically decorated with green boughs, oak and maple, and white flowers. The guests were received by Mrs. S. B. Coffin of Hudson, Mrs. E. D. Simmons of Glens Falls, and Mrs. Geradus Smith. At the table Mrs. Walter Briggs, Mrs. E. T. Lawsing and Mrs. L. Garnsey served the tea and ices. Mrs. Calahan and Miss Calahan served the punch. Those who assisted in serving were the Misses Sherman, Betts, Dunning, Gray, Stein, Montignani and Dennison of Albany, and the Misses Pearson, Church, Clark, Lane and Moore of Schenectady.

The rooms in the Psi Upsilon house were attractively decorated with ferns, red roses and peonies. Those who assisted the members in receiving and entertaining the guests were: Mrs. B. F. Carmichael, Mrs. A. G. Veeder, Mrs. B. A. Burtiss, Mrs. Garrett Veeder, Mrs. D. W. Weed, Mrs. W. W. Baker, Mrs. James Parker, Miss Esther Van Slyck, and the Misses Patterson, Chamberlaine, Hillis, Hay, Moore, Hoagland, McGregor, Glen and Bradt.

In the Delta Upsilon house the fraternity colors were displayed in the table decorations, a great basket of yellow and blue flowers, and there were

white roses on the mantels and other places for decoration. Those who received, presided at the table and assisted in the serving of refreshments were: Mrs. E. C. Whitmyer, Mrs. Robert J. Landon, Mrs. Olin H. Landreth, Mrs. Edward Ellery, Mrs. E. R. Whitney, Mrs. R. E. Argersinger, Mrs. H. M. MacMaster, Mrs. W. C. Kitchin, Mrs. E. C. Lawrence, Mrs. R. Y. Hogan, Mrs. E. C. Akin, Miss Frances Paige, Miss E. C. Streibert, Miss A. Streibert, Miss Chamberlaine, Miss Ethel Glen, Miss Grace Stockwell, Miss Mary Landreth, Miss Eleanor Aiken, Miss Eleanor Landon, Miss Helen Landreth, Miss Mabel LaBarron, Miss Zaida Harrison, Miss Laureta McClyman, Miss Ruth Patterson, Miss Irene O'Neill, Miss Jessie Alexander, Miss Elise R. Drummond, Miss Angelica Olmstead.

PETERS, SHEPARD, AND HANIGAN WIN FIRST PRIZES IN ANNUAL

Extemporaneous, Junior and Sophomore Prize
Oratory Held In First Pres-
byterian Church.

Monday evening took place the annual extemporaneous prize debate and the junior and sophomore prize oratory. Again the rain man-



ROY W. PETERS
Winner of Extemporaneous
Debate.

aged to push its way through the clouds just in time to completely drench those who attended the speaking contests. The First Presbyterian church was the scene of the evening's entertainment. Although the rain kept away many who

would have otherwise been present the main part of the church was well filled, when Zita's orchestra opened the program with a musical number. The results of the evening contests were: In the extemporaneous debate, first, Roy W. Peters, '12; second, Kenneth Eastwood Walser, '12. In the sophomore prize oratorical contest, first, Theodore W. Hanigan; second, Norman A. Davis. Raymond D. Shepard won first prize in the junior contest and A. Winfield Trainor was awarded the second prize.

The general subject of the extemporaneous debate was "The Commission Form of Government." The special subject, which was announced



RAYMOND B. SHEPARD
Winner of First Prize Junior
Oratorical.

a short time before the first speaker was to be called was, "Resolved, That the Commission Form of Government According to the Des Moines Plan Would Be Advantageous If Adopted in the City of Schenectady." The affirmative was held by Walter D. Cavert, '11, and Roy W. Peters, '12. The negative by Ralph W. Streever, '12, and Kenneth E. Walser, '12.

The other speakers of the evening were: Sophomores, Don King Hutchens, Hubert Mann; juniors, Allen Mann, Arthur Mann.

The judges for the evening were: Dr. Frank D. Penney, pastor of the First Baptist church of Schenectady, Louis Oppenheim of New York, and J. A. Garrison, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Schenectady.

ALUMNI DAY MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER HELD AT COMMENCEMENT

"Spirit of '81" Pervades Entire Day—Alumni Parade a Feature—Action on Death of Professor Ashmore.

Tuesday was the big day for the alumni. Early in the morning the old graduates, and young ones also, began to assemble upon the campus. Never was there such enthusiasm shown as upon this day. Prominent at this time, as they were throughout the entire commencement week, were the members of the class of 1881. There were twenty-six of these graduates of thirty years ago and the spirit shown by every one of their number was seen throughout the week's events. The distinctive costume of this class included white caps and gowns.

Morning Program.

At 9 o'clock were held the annual meetings of the Phi Beta Kappa, the classical honorary society, and the Sigma Xi, the honorary society of the scientific departments. At 10 a. m. took place the meeting of the Board of Governors of Union University. A half hour later meetings of the General Alumni Association and at the same time of the members of the Board of Trustees were in session.

Alumni Parade.

Just before the alumni meeting occurred the first annual alumni parade. This is an innovation in commencement week, but proved to be an entire success, and so will doubtless be an important part of future commencement programs. Headed by a band of twenty pieces the reunion classes paraded the streets of the city and broke ranks on the campus, where the different classes, who were gowned in picturesque, and in some cases grotesque costumes, were photographed by the official photographer. William Graham, of the class of 1851, was grand marshal.

The Alumni Meeting.

At the alumni meeting of the General Association, which was held in the chapel, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: James R. Fairgreave, '82, president; F. W. McClellan, '83, vice-president; Charles N. Waldron, '06, secretary; C. E. Palmer, '00, treasurer.

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The Class of Nineteen-Eleven.

Again the old gray walls of Union college bid farewell to a graduating class. It is a class that averages in number, forty-nine, with other classes in recent years. Once more it is seen that the graduates in the engineering courses exceed those in the academic departments—but the difference is not as marked as in the past few years. More than thirty-two per cent of the total number is divided among the courses leading to the degrees of the bachelor of arts, bachelor of philosophy, and bachelor of science, each of which is a branch of the academic department.

It is with mingled joy and regret that the undergraduates bid farewell to the seniors; joy to know that their college-mates' goal of graduation has been reached, regret that the loss of their influence and co-operation must be sustained. Nineteen-eleven has been a class worthy of its Alma Mater. Many of its members have been active in promoting the welfare of the college and they have been the means of establishing precedents that will last forever. To each we wish future success—success such as a Union graduate seldom fails to attain. May you realize the ideals and ambitions that have doubtless originated during your college course and that have been fostered by your faculty and classmates.

Union's Commencement Week.

As at every college and university, commencement week is the greatest of occasions at Union. It is a time when a group of young men bid farewell to their four years' harbor and launch their craft of theory upon the tempestuous sea of practicalities. It is time when hundreds of mariners successful in the past, dock their time-tried craft to indulge in reminiscence of themselves in the making and to renew their pledges of loyalty to their Alma Mater.

The recent commencement has doubtless been the greatest ever held at Union. It completes another year of success under President Richmond. Improvements have been seen in the curriculum, in alumni organizations, in finances, in athletics, and in the appearance of the campus. In short, there is not a detail of the institution that has remained untouched, while advancement in all directions continues. The great success of President Richmond seems to be but in its infancy. There are doubtless unthought of developments to be made as a result of his earnest and faithful labors in behalf of Old Union.

NEW ALUMNI PUBLICATION.

The Graduate Council is about to publish an Alumni Monthly, which promises to rank with the best of the college publications. The first number will be issued in the fall. Subscription blanks were distributed at commencement and will be sent to every alumnus. Let every man subscribe and boost the college.



JAMES H. POTTER
Winner of Individual Debating Prize.



KENNETH E. WALSER
Second in Extemporaneous
Debate.



A. WINFIELD TRAINOR
Winner of Second Prize Junior
Oratorical.

MME. ALMA GLUCK GIVES CROWNING FEATURE TO DEDICATION PROGRAM

Impressive Ceremony In Which Only Living Relative of John Howard Payne Participates.

King Rain once again held sway and made his presence felt in the form of further showers just as the program of the dedication of Payne memorial gate was to begin. About the gate, which is nearing completion, had been arranged several hundred chairs in the open. A large platform had been erected in front to accommodate the speakers and the exercises were about to start. A sudden, but it cannot be said unexpected shower broke forth and made the open air program impossible. The speakers adjourned to the chapel, which was scarcely capable of ac-

commodating half of those seeking admission. Every corner and aisle was jammed. The crowd stretched far out about the entrances and those eager for admission sheltered themselves from the rain by the means of umbrellas.

Though the picturesqueness of the outdoor exercises was not present, the program as rendered in the chapel could not have been more impressive nor more appreciated under any other circumstances.

Prof. Baker's Address.

George Pierce Baker, professor of dramatic literature at Harvard university, delivered the principal address. Dr. Baker has an irresistibly attractive personality and his address, comprehensive and detailed, was one of the most interesting ever delivered before a local audience. Not for a moment did the scores of people, who were standing in all parts of the chapel, lose interest in the entertaining, instructive, and varied account of a man who has furnished a song that has brought solace to people of many tongues.

Luquer Gives Appreciation.

Thatcher T. P. Luquer, grandnephew of John Howard Payne, spoke a few words of appreciation in which he gave an interesting account of how the words of "Home, Sweet Home" came to be written. Cornelius E. Franklin, assistant superintendent of schools of New York City delivered the presentation speech, and Silas B. Brownell, president of the Board of Trustees, delivered the words of acceptance. President Richmond gave a short address upon the influence

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At this time action was taken upon the death of Professor Sidney G. Ashmore. Frederick W. Cameron, '81, president of the alumni association for the past year, spoke in the highest terms of Professor Ashmore and appointed a committee to draft resolutions upon his death as a mark of the great respect and esteem in which he was held by the entire body of alumni. Daniel H. Naylor, '84, who was at one time a member of the late professor's classes paid high tribute to him in a eulogy upon his life.

that the gate will have upon the college, its present students, and future generations.

"Home, Sweet Home" Sung.

The crowning feature of the program, the absence of which would have left an incompleteness not to be supplied otherwise, was the singing of the song, "Home, Sweet Home," by Madame Alma Gluck, the famous soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company. The exercises had lasted more than an hour and the many people who had stood through the program, both men and women, were naturally somewhat fatigued; but the introduction of Madame Gluck, who is well known to Schenectady audiences, brought forth thunderous applause. The scene that followed was the most impressive ever beheld in the college chapel. As the clear voice of the singer broke forth in the words of "Home, Sweet Home," a song dear in the hearts of every man, woman and child, and especially beloved by this audience, gathered to revere the memory of its author, there was a silence, unnatural in its intensity, that seemed to emphasize the sentiment contained in the lines. At the conclusion of the stanzas the audience remained as if hypnotized, then, moved by a sudden reaction, burst into prolonged applause that resulted in a repetition of the last stanza by Madame Gluck. Many of the audience were moved to tears and the scene is one never to be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

**ENTHUSIASM AT ALUMNI LUNCHEON
GREATEST EVER KNOWN AT UNION**

**Demonstration Never Before Seen at Annual
Feast Arouses the Alumni—Parade
About Drill Hall.**

At the conclusion of the dedication of the Payne memorial gate the alumni body marched to the State armory, where the annual alumni luncheon, which is given under the direction of Miss Mary Backus, was held. On this occasion was seen the most remarkable evidence of Union spirit among the alumni that Schenectady has ever known. More than five hundred of Union graduates and friends seated themselves before

the festive board that never presented a more attractive appearance.

The luncheon was not long in progress before Madame Gluck, accompanied by Miss Jewell, entered with Mrs. Richmond. At the sight of the singer the entire number of diners rose to their feet and broke into tremendous cheers. Old men waved their handkerchiefs and individual classes gave their respective yells for Madame Gluck. As the applause subsided President Richmond announced that, for the benefit of those who were unable to hear Madame Gluck at the dedication exercises, she would render the first stanza of the song of "Home, Sweet Home" at that time. The great assemblage remained standing, while the words, enhanced in sentiment and beauty by the expression given them by her singing and by her charming personality, floated through the vast drill hall of the armory.

Applause that called for an encore resulted. Madame Gluck repeated the first stanza while President Richmond led the audience and the entire body of men broke forth into the words.

Following the luncheon the alumni formed by classes and marched about the hall with the band in the lead. As the line passed the speakers' stand where Madame Gluck was seated, the marchers waved a salute and were rewarded by a smile of appreciation from the singer. Cornelius Waldron, of the class of 1848, erect and sturdy, with just pride held high his card reading "'48," and brought forth much applause as he passed the spectators, who filled the gallery and west side of the hall.

The luncheon concluded with the usual speeches and the entire body adjourned to the campus where, thanks to the weather conditions, the annual Alumni-Varsity baseball game was played. The result of this at the end of the fifth inning, when playing ceased, was 3 to 2 in favor of the Alumni.

The annual president's reception was held from 4 to 6 on this afternoon. It was attended by nearly all the alumni and by the members of the senior class.

In the evening the class reunions were held at the restaurants and grills about the city. The following classes held reunions: '51, '61, '71, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01, '06, and '08.

THE AWARD OF PRIZES.

- * The Warner Prize—
- * Leo A. Hanigan.
- * The Ingham Prize—
- * Leo A. Hanigan.
- * The Allen Prizes—
- * Ransom R. Micks, W. D. Cavert, Leo
- * A. Hanigan.
- * Junior Oratorical Prizes—
- * First, R. Shepard; second, A. Win-
- * field Trainor.
- * Sophomore Oratorical Prizes—
- * First, Theodore W. Hanigan; second,
- * Norman A. Davis.
- * Extemporaneous Debate—
- * First, Roy Peters; second, Kenneth E.
- * Walser.
- * Allison-Foote Prizes—
- * Won by Philomathean Debating Soci-
- * ety, and James H. Potter.
- * Blatchford Oratorical Medals—
- * First, Leo A. Hanigan; second, W. D.
- * Cavert.
- * Daggett Prize—
- * Harold W. Baker.
- * Pullman Prizes—
- * Leo A. Hanigan and Lloyd N. Rob-
- * inson.
- * Horace Silliman Scholarships—
- * Raymond Shepard and H. H. Hitch-
- * cock.
- * Spier Scholarship—
- * Harold E. Blodgett.
- * Porter Scholarships—
- * William Bray, Tristram Coffin and Ed-
- * ward J. O'Connell.
- * Special Honors—
- * In English, Harold E. Blodgett.
- * In Mathematics, Arthur L. Maxon.



LEO A. HANIGAN
Winner of Five Prizes.

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The graduating exercises of the class of 1911 were held Wednesday morning. As early as 9:30 the First Presbyterian church was well filled and at 10 o'clock, when the program began, the building was crowded to the doors. The Honorary Chancellor was Right Honorable James Bryce, British Ambassador to the United States.

The speakers for the Blatchford prizes, five in number, chose subjects of unusual interest. Ambassador Bryce in his address had occasion



WALTER D. CAVERT
Winner of Allen and Oratorical
Prizes.

to refer to several remarks made by the contestants during their orations. The speakers and their subjects were: "The Evolution of Democ-

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racy," M. William Bray; "The Challenge of Modern Social Conditions," Walter D. Cavert; "The Significance of the Unrest in the Orient," Otto A. Faust; "A Liberal Education," Arthur L. Maxon; valedictory, "A Public Conscience," Leo A. Hanigan.

The following engineers submitted theses, but as is customary, were excused from delivering them: "Operating Characteristics of a Synchronous Motor," Lloyd N. Robinson; "Design for a Sanitary Sewer System for Canastota, N. Y.," Harold W. Baker; "Design for a Reinforced Concrete Arch Bridge," Louis R. Bennett; "Design for a Sewage Disposal System for Cobleskill, N.



RANSOM R. MICKS
 Winner of First Allen Essay Prize.

Y.," Manly L. Mackey; "Design for a Plate Girder and Pratt Truss Bridge," Allen A. Patterson.

Following are the honorary degrees conferred at this commencement: Charles S. Stanton, Union '85, the degree of A. M.; Hon. Herman A. Metz, the degree of Sc. D.; Morris Loeb, the degree of Sc. D.; Rev. Jacob Fry, Union '51, the degree of L. H. D.; Rev. Charles Vedder, Union '51, the degree of L. H. D.; Chester Holcombe, Union '61, the degree of Litt. D.; Rev. Donald Mayo Brookman, the degree of D. D.; Rev. George Fairlee, Union '77, the degree of D. D.; Rev. Lee Beattie, Union '79, the degree of L. D.; William Henry Stele Demarest, the degree of

LL. D.; Hon. James Bryce, the degree of LL. D.

The degree of LL. D. was to have been conferred upon the late Dr. Joseph Price at this commencement and the record of this has been made.

GROVE AND CLASS DAY EXERCISES AND SENIOR BALL CLOSE THE WEEK

The grove and class day exercises that were postponed from Monday afternoon, were held in Jackson's garden Wednesday afternoon in spite of the threatening weather that kept many spectators away. The program for the exercises was as follows: President's address, S. Vernon Travis; class historian, Michael William Bray; pipe orator, Edward J. O'Connell; ivy orator, Manly L. Mackey; class poet, Ransom R. Micks; class prophet, Bernard A. Gray; class orator, Leo A. Hanigan.

The Senior Ball.

The closing event of commencement week was the senior ball. This was held at the Mohawk Golf Club Wednesday evening and was the most successful affair of the kind ever given. In past years the ball has been held in the Nott-Potter building on the campus, but the country club hall was tried as an experiment and proved to be such a success that it will doubtless be the home of future senior balls.

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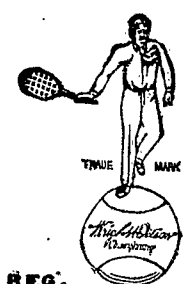
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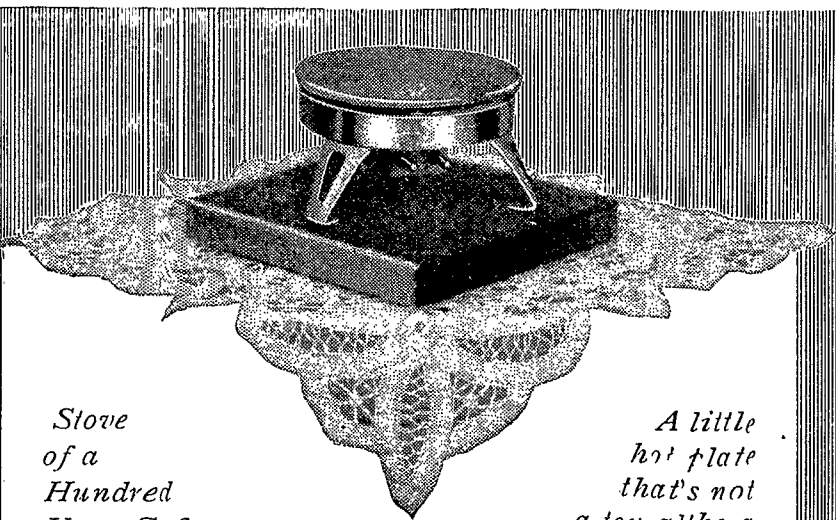
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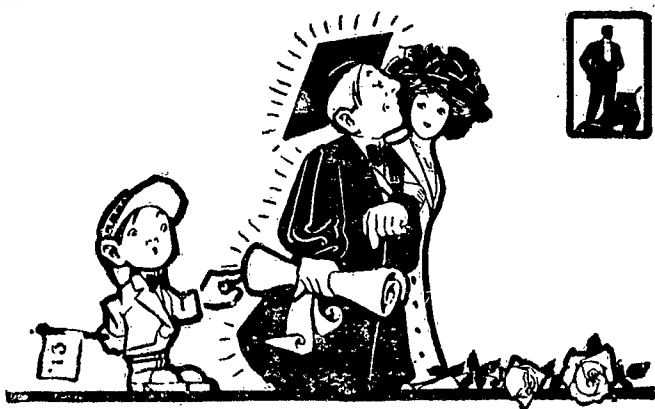
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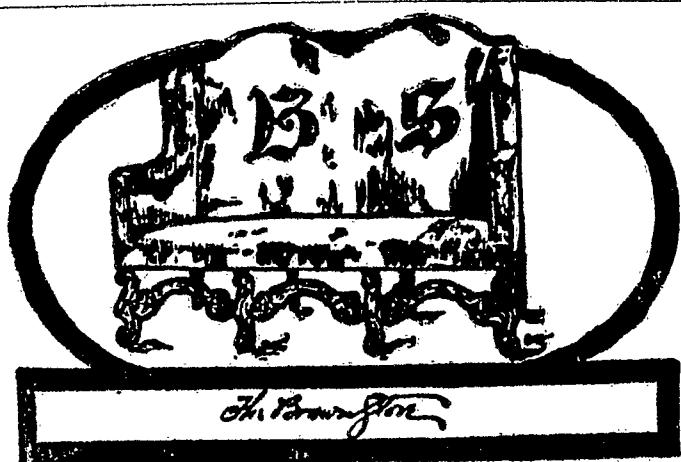
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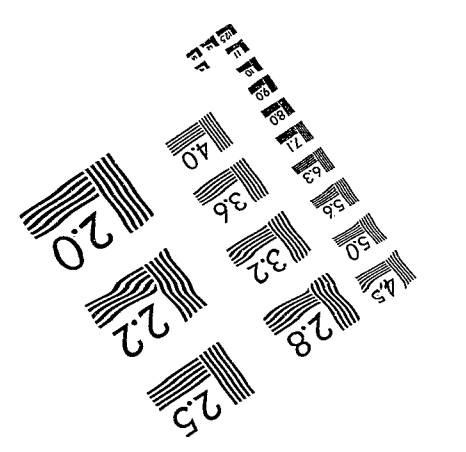
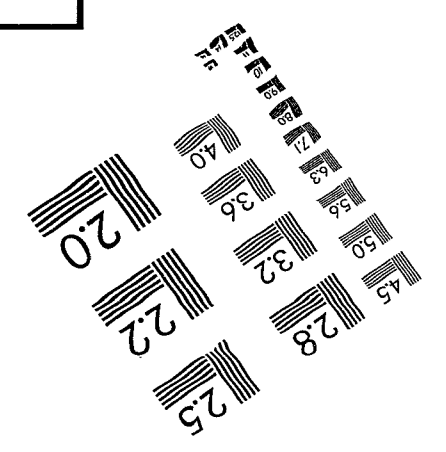
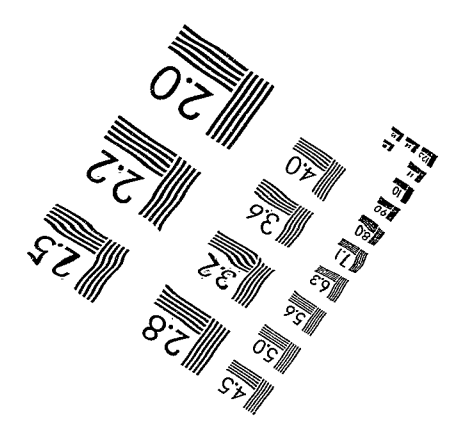
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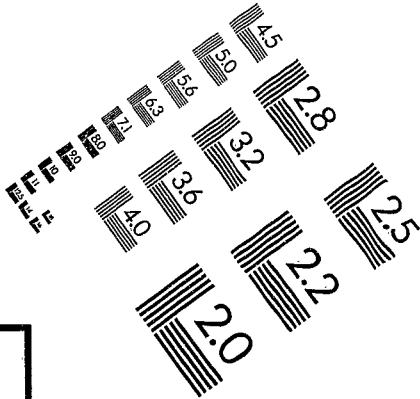
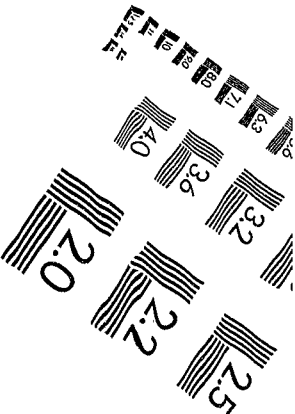


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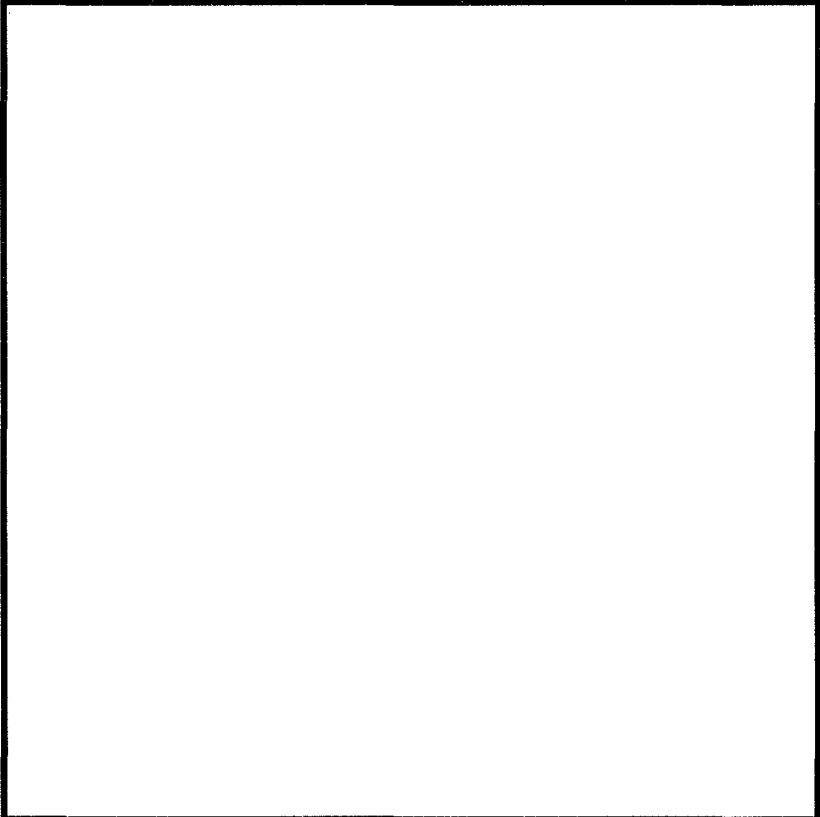
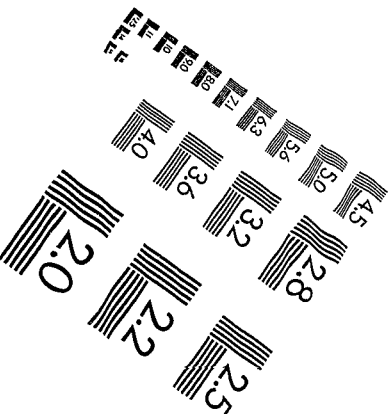
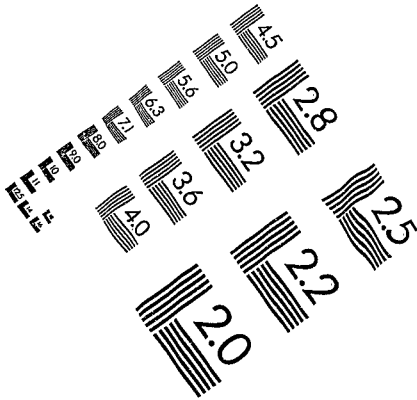
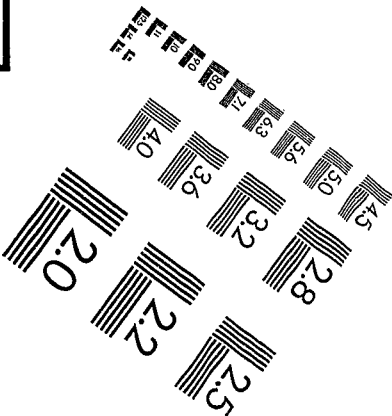
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