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THE RATIONAL ENDS OF THE STATE.

The student of political science must distinguish carefully between the state and the government. He must remember that the true conception of the state is that of a particular portion of mankind viewed as an organized unit, while the government is an organ of the state for expressing and executing its will. The state is the whole body-politic, occupying a common territory and possessing the same government. As such, it is all-comprehensive, embracing every person within its organization. But its chief and most essential attribute is its sovereignty, by virtue of which it possesses original, absolute and universal power over all its subjects.

With this conception of the state in mind, it becomes possible to deduce its rational ends. Viewed from the historic standpoint, the first end which the state aims to accomplish is the formation of government. This, the first step out of barbarism, is the means for the enlightenment of the people as to what the welfare of the state requires, and at the same time the instrument through which the state is defended against attack or disorder. But it must not be supposed that the chief function of government is protection; it is rather the instruction of the citizen upon the needs of the brotherhood, and as his relations become more complex, with the growth of civilization, the greater is his need of that enlightenment which is afforded by government.

Having, by the establishment of its sovereignty through government, secured the reign of peace

and of law, and having attained among its subjects a disposition to observe order, the state must next establish a system of individual liberty. This sphere of personal autonomy, at first necessarily narrow, is ever widened as civilization advances, that each individual may have the greatest opportunity for the use and development of all his powers. It is a grave error to suppose that liberty is an inalienable natural right, and that the state only imposes necessary restraints. On the contrary, the only solid foundation and safe-guard of individual rights are found in the sovereignty of the state. True liberty can never exist upon this earth outside of state organization. Unless the state defines the limits of individual action, and repels encroachment upon those limits, liberty is inevitably displaced by anarchy. The freedom of barbarism produces discord, slavery and stagnation; but freedom that emanates from the state brings peace, liberty and progress.

After the state has founded government and secured individual liberty, it has yet attained only its proximate ends. But these are a step toward the accomplishment of a higher purpose. The grand and chief design which the state must ultimately accomplish is clearly the perfection of humanity, by the formation of a world-state. But before mankind can be politically organized as a whole, the individual brotherhoods must first be perfected. Before the universal state can appear, the national state must be everywhere developed. Therefore, the secondary purpose of the state is the perfecting of its nationality, the development of its national genius. To secure this end, it must bring its citizens to the possession of a common language and customs and common ideas of government and law. And not only in these respects must the state aim to render its population homogeneous, but it is also bound to protect its nationality against the deteriorating in-

fluences of immigration. When this ceases to contribute to the existence and healthful growth of the state, and endangers its national language, customs and institutions, the time has come for the state to close its gateways until it educates these foreigners into harmony with its fundamental principles. By no other means can the national state be preserved, strengthened and perfected.

The state develops its nationality, however, not as an end in itself, but in order that it may the better attain its ultimate end—the civilization of the world. As the chief aim of an individual is the perfection of all his powers, so the fundamental purpose of humanity is the complete development and enlightenment of the universal brotherhood. The logical consequences of this doctrine are evident. It involves the duty of the prosperous state to aid the unfortunate, and of the enlightened to uplift the uncivilized. It gives to the state a universal human purpose, it causes it to stand for the interests of the race, it aims at the perfect development of human reason.

With such ends as these to accomplish, the true state is the grandest of all earthly institutions, for it recognizes humanity as a brotherhood, secures men their rights and creates their liberties, increases individual opportunity, and augments human prosperity. When this conception of the state is fully realized among men, and when these ends are completely attained, enlightenment and peace will fill the earth, and the state will have performed its true mission.

ROSCOE GUERNSEY, '96.

Valedictory Address.

As it becomes our lot to bid a lasting farewell to the beloved institution which has fostered us, and to our instructors and comrades for the past four years, we experience feelings that lie too deep for words. Yet our valedictorian, though filled with the sadness of parting, is pervaded with the courage of hope. I would have my words carry not only a farewell, but also strength for the future.

Most worthy president:—After passing only the last two years of our course under your administration, we must bid you farewell. We shall ever treasure the memory of our relations with you, for we have experienced with profit the moulding influence of your high character and of your untiring efforts to inculcate ideals of manliness and of righteousness. We have hailed with pleasure your endeavors to add greater prominence to intellectual training, the primary function of a college. Congratulating you upon the advance which has resulted in the educational standard of our Alma Mater, and wishing you greater success in your future labors, we bid you God speed.

Gentlemen of the Board of Trustees:—Although to us, in our undergraduate days, the details of your work have seldom been apparent, yet we are aware that our profitable course has been possible only through the wisdom of your management. Your able and intelligent control of Union College, promoting her life and progress, has proven your loyal devotion to our common Alma Mater. The men who graduate from this institution to-day desire to acknowledge their obligation to you as their silent benefactors. May God bless your efforts.

Gentlemen of the Faculty:—With you our relations have been most intimate. You have been our faithful instructors, our constant advisers, our true friends. To you we owe no small part of our intellectual attainment and discipline. Your scholarship, your earnest qualifications, your character as men, have left upon our lives indelible impressions. We have found you able teachers of the text book, and trusty co-workers in the classroom. But more than this, by your precepts and examples, by the lofty ideals which you have held before us, you have aimed to implant within us those sterling qualities which are intended pre-eminently to inspire us with nobler aspirations, and to fit us for our stations in life as intellectual, upright citizens, and as men. Gentlemen of the Faculty, we appreciate your worth and bid you a reluctant farewell.

Comrades of the Class of 1896:—For four years we have been companions in the same field of work, laboring for the same worthy end.

During this period of college life, have been formed ties of union growing into kinship of heart and mind—bonds that it seems a misfortune to sever. As classmates we have been strengthened and benefitted by the subtle influences of each other's lives. Although we shall soon be widely separated, yet the results of our long association together, and that fellowship which has been developed for one another will ever remain. To-day as we graduate from the college of our choice and affection we are standing on the threshold of a new and broader life. Many of us will now cease our preparation and enter at once into the activities of the world. But this can be to us nought else than a hopeful thought. For amply trained in the discipline afforded by the opportunities of our Alma Mater, and fully grounded in the fundamental essentials of a successful life, believe me, we should give no heed to pessimistic prophesies of failure. In our future years we can do no better than to rear upon the enduring foundation which we have laid in Union College, a corresponding superstructure of rounded manhood. If this be our aim, I can truly predict in the words of our motto, "Onward we will find a way for ourselves." Classmates, comrades, valeté! farewell! Be strong. God be with you.

ROSCOE GUERNSEY, '96.

COMMENCEMENT.

The Baccalaureate.

SUNDAY EVENING.

The one hundred and first Commencement of Union College opened Sunday evening, June 21st, with the Baccalaureate Sermon, by Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., LL. D., president of Union University. The State Street Methodist Church, where all the exercises were held, was crowded at an early hour, with those interested in "Old Union." On the platform were seated President Raymond, Rev. Albert C. Sewall, D. D., Rev. A. Russell Stevenson and Rev. Henry Graham, D. D. Dr. Graham invoked the divine blessing and then the audience joined in

singing a hymn. Rev. Mr. Stevenson read a portion of the sixth chapter of Matthew and Dr. Sewall offered prayer.

After an anthem by the church choir, came President Raymond's sermon to the class of '96. The text was "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."—Matthew VI:33.

Dr. Raymond said in part: We call this the Sermon on the Mount, and yet judged according to our modern conventional standards there is little of the sermonic about it; Christ's one aim was to serve men, to give them truth that would make them free. There is a suggestiveness about the popular theme 'Sermon on the Mount' as though the speaker stood above the plane of our common life.

The question Christ saw on the faces of his audience was the ever recurring question of humanity 'What shall we eat, what shall we drink, and wherewithal shall we be clothed?' He sought the development of mankind, the unfolding of the possibilities of his nature, to direct him in his attempts to realize the promise of his own capacities. In seeking to release men from bondage, he struck at the most repressive, most narrowing, most galling influence in the world viz: Anxiety about food and clothing.

But Christ made no direct effort to abolish poverty for that was not the real curse. He himself was as poor as the poorest. He taught communism of a certain sort, but to the rich, not to the poor.

The principle which Christ sought to impress upon all is this, 'Blessedness is measured by the unfolding of a man's noblest powers.' He would have put stress upon money making as the sure road to heaven, but he knew, as we know, that more money does not mean liberty of soul. What Christ sought was to make men great—great as men created in the image of God. He knew that the greatest obstacle to the making of men, to the development of the noblest power and capacities of human nature, was supreme interest in the food and clothing problem.

All the sin of the world comes from putting the body first. Christ knew this human frailty and went at once to the root of the matter. He sought to abolish both sin and wretchedness by removing the cause. He did not say that the care of the body was wicked. He only said it was sinful to make it the first question. Righteousness never means idleness. Work is the primary condition of righteousness. The man who will not work is the least, the smallest of man. Kind of work is not important so long as it is honest and useful. The foundation of all stable prosperity lies in righteousness. Idleness is always demoralizing whether in the son of a millionaire or in the tramp.

But the crowning principle in the progressive revelation of scripture is the law of service—the service of sacrifice. The profoundest truth ever revealed to man is the truth that centres in Calvary. It has been the great redemptive force in the world for 1900 years, and the truth of Calvary is the truth of gain through sacrifice.

Before closing President Raymond made a short address to the graduating class. The remarks were interesting and will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on the class. The services closed with a hymn and the pronouncing of the benediction by Dr. Raymond.

MONDAY.

The Ivy Exercises.

Of all the Commencement gayeties none appeal more strongly to the imagination than the Ivy Exercises. This year they were held as usual, Monday afternoon, under "Dr. Nott's Elm" in the garden. The black robed graduates placidly smoking their pipes, the bright faces and gayly colored dresses of the pretty girls, for whom Union students have always a strong penchant; and around and behind and above all the entrancing fairness of the June day with its beautiful foliage made a picture long to be remembered.

After music by "Gioscia" the Pipe Oration was delivered by Jeremiah Wood. "Jerry," as he is commonly called, spoke with his accustomed

ease of the dusky Indian, pale faced Faculty, and the braves of '96.

The Ivy Poem was omitted on account of the necessary absence of A. B. Vossler, the Ivy Poet, and after more music the Ivy was planted by G. L. Van Deusen. He then ascended the platform and delivered the Ivy Oration, speaking affectionately of the college life about to be left behind. Here an innovation was introduced. President Dann presented Wm. H. Hall, who produced a little wooden horse and called on R. B. Beattie to make some appropriate remarks. Mr. Beattie responded feelingly and told of the services which the much ridden horse had rendered to '96. He then proposed to cremate not only the horse but all the horses still in their possession. Blue books, compends, scrolls and note books were all contributed to the blaze.

The exercises were interspersed with smoking, singing and yelling, varied by orchestral selections. After the cremation the class adjourned to the terrace where they sang Union songs.

Prize Speaking.

The annual contests in Sophomore and Junior oratory and for the Alexander prize for extemporaneous speaking were held Monday evening in the State Street Methodist Church. A large audience was present and great interest manifested in the speaking which was of a high order of merit. Professor Hale presided. At intervals delightful music was furnished by Gioscia's orchestra. The Sophomore orators and their subjects were as follows: "Our Foreign Element," Harry E. Barbour; "Our Country Toward Venezuela," Francis E. Cullen; "National Reputation," Willis E. Merri-man, Jr.; "International Arbitration," Chester H. Utter. At this point the announcement was made of the special question for the extemporaneous contest which was: "Resolved, that the Government of Great Britain is more Democratic than that of the United States."

The four Juniors then delivered their orations as follows: "Moral Aspect of the Eastern Question," A. M. Blodgett; "The Pole Star of

Nations," Elory G. Bowers; "The Relation of Church and State," James C. Cooper; "The Mission of the Iconoclast," Orlando B. Pershing.

The Alexander prize contest followed with nine participants: Roscoe Guernsey, '96, Herbert H. Brown, '97, Walter M. Swann, '98, Chas. H. Mattison, '98, Perley P. Sheehan, '98; Peter Nelson, '98, Wm. D. Reed, '98, George B. Young, '96, D. Howard Craver, '96. All the contestants except Swann, '98, took the negative side of the question.

The committee to decide the contests was composed of Wm. J. Kline, '72, Robert J. Landon, '80, and Frederick W. Cameron, '81. They awarded the first and second Sophomore prizes respectively to Francis E. Cullen and Chester H. Utter; the first and second Junior prizes to Elory G. Bowers and A. M. Blodgett, and the Alexander prize, fifty dollars in gold, to D. Howard Craver, '96, with honorable mention of Wm. D. Reed, '98.

TUESDAY.

Annual Meeting of Phi Beta Kappa.

The annual meeting of Phi Beta Kappa was held Monday morning of Commencement week, in the English room. At this meeting Marvin H. Strong of Schenectady was elected to membership and initiated. The following men were elected to membership and initiated at a special meeting held June 9th: Roscoe C. Guernsey, East Cobleskill; George J. Dann, Walton; D. Howard Craver, Albany; Daniel M. Westfall, Cambridge.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Dean B. H. Ripton; vice-president, D. W. L. Pearson; recording secretary, Prof. K. McKenzie; corresponding secretary, Prof. J. I. Bennett; treasurer, R. J. Landon.

A resolution was adopted to give the sum of \$100.00 to be expended for books for the college library. It was also decided to communicate with each member of the society who has written any books and secure copies of his works.

Annual Meeting of Sigma Xi.

The Sigma Xi society convened in annual session in the Engineering rooms in North Colonnade, Monday at 9 o'clock, A. M.

This society bestowed its keys upon five men of the graduating class as follows:

Gardiner L. Van Dusen, Argyle; Charles Cleaver, Unadilla; R. Burton Rowe, Clarks-ville; George E. Pollock, North Argyle. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Prof. A. H. Pepper; vice-president, Prof. Howard Opdyke; treasurer, Prof. J. H. Stoller; secretary, Prof. Elton D. Walker; corresponding secretary, Prof. J. H. Patterson.

The Alumni Meeting.

Amasa J. Parker, president of the Alumni Association called that body to order for its annual business session in the college chapel, Tuesday morning at 9:45 o'clock. The meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. Henry Graham, after which the president delivered his annual address.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and approved, Dr. W. T. Clute addressed the meeting at length upon the needs of the college, and read an urgent appeal for funds to supply their needs. Money was especially requested for the following purposes and the approximate cost of providing them was also given:

1. An additional income to cover current expenses and the endowment of additional professorships in honor of Union's great teachers. An endowment of \$50,000 for each professorship would be required.
2. An equipment for the new department of electrical engineering at an estimated cost of \$10,000.
3. An engineering building with professorships. With proper equipment this want should be supplied for \$100,000.

4. A chemical laboratory with appropriate furnishing at an estimated cost of \$25,000.

5. A natural science building for the use of the departments of geology, botany, biology and physiology, at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

6. A new dormitory to accomodate 60 students at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

7. Professors' houses at a cost of \$50,000.

8. An endowment for the library.

The appeal is signed by President A. V. V. Raymond, Judson S. Landon and John A. DeRemer, the two latter constituting the local committee of the board of trustees.

At the conclusion of the reading of the appeal, on motion of Dr. P. R. Furbeck, '54, of Gloversville, the following committee on nominations was appointed: Dr. C. W. Anable, '46, J. Keyes Paige, '65, Geo. H. Buell, '87.

The treasurer of the association read his annual report, which showed a balance on hand of \$349.50.

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting to obtain subscriptions to the amount of \$2000 for the purpose of purchasing the library of the late Dr. Taylor Lewis was asked to report. None of the committee were present and as there was no evidence that any work had been done a new committee was appointed as follows: Lewis E. Gurley, Harmon V. Mynderse, A. J. Thompson, W. J. Hillis and J. K. Harroun.

The nominating committee presented the following report which was unanimously adopted: President, Rufus K. Tryon, Vice-President, Frank Bailey, Secretary, W. T. Clute; Treasurer, Allen Jackson; Executive Committee, A. J. Thompson, James Heatly, B. C. Sloan, J. B. T. Warner; Member of Athletic Board, for two years, R. J. Landon; for three years, C. E. Franklin.

Lewis E. Gurley was appointed chairman of a committee to act with the trustees in the matter of constructing a house to replace Dr. Foster's, which was destroyed by fire in March of this year. He was empowered to choose two other alumni to act as his associates on this committee.

The floor was then taken by Alexander J.

Thompson, who spoke at length upon the ignorance of the general body of the college alumni in regard to the condition of the college and to the actions and policy of the board of trustees. In conclusion he embodied the above idea in a resolution. No action was taken on this resolution, but the following resolution introduced by A. S. Wright was adopted:

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed by the Alumni Association of Union College, whose duty it shall be to send out annually two bulletins, one in the fall giving the transactions of the preceeding annual meeting and other matters of general interest to the alumni; one in the spring informing the alumni of matters to be considered at the alumni meeting.

Prof. A. S. Wright, the Rev. L. L. Bennett and Andrew McFarlane were appointed as the committee.

Prof. A. S. Wright and the Rev. L. L. Bennett were made tellers for the election of a trustee to succeed the Hon. Stephen K. Williams of Newark whose time had expired.

Geo. W. Featherstonhaugh nominated David E. Sprague, '79, to the office and he was unanimously elected.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Alumni Dinner.

The alumni dinner was served in Nott Memorial Hall, Tuesday at 1:30 P. M.

The interior of the hall presented a very attractive appearance with the long tables decked in white and here and there beautified by potted plants and vases of wild flowers. The alumni were seated according to their classes, and the Glee club was placed near the centre of the hall so that their voices might be heard by all.

Caterer Owen laid covers for about 250, and served that number with a very acceptable repast.

Previous to the serving of the dinner, grace was said by Rev. Dr. Graham of this city. After the last course the Glee Club sang the "Drinking Song" in a very creditable manner and then order was called by the toastmaster,

Hon. Amasa J. Parker, '63. He first called upon Dr. Wells, who gave notice of several things of interest to the alumni.

By this time the first gallery was well filled by ladies and gentlemen anxious to hear the after dinner speeches, by Union's famous alumni.

General Parker called for responses from all the classes that held their reunion this year and all were heard from with the exception of '76 and '86.

The class of '46 was well represented and speeches were made by W. S. Vrooman, Dr. James Rankin and Dr. John Wade Nott, all members of that illustrious class.

The Rev. Dr. George Alexander responded for the class of '66 in a speech that told of many of the achievements of that class when in college.

The call for the oldest alumni was responded to by Judge G. F. Danforth, '40.

The classes of '41 and '51 were represented respectively by S. D. Luce and L. E. Gurley. Both of these gentlemen displayed great college spirit and made eloquent appeals for a more active interest in the college by the alumni at large.

After the Glee Club sang "If you want to go to Union," Dr. Raymond responded for the class of '75. His remarks were brief, but decidedly to the point. He spoke of the difficulties that stood in the way of the advancement of Union College and assured the alumni that these difficulties could be easily overcome if only material aid could be obtained in the form of endowments such as those appealed for at the meeting of the alumni that morning.

The Glee Club sang again and in a short time the hall was quiet after the two hours of speech making.

The Class Day Exercises.

The Class Day Exercises of the class of '96 were held Tuesday afternoon, in the State Street Methodist Church. The building was comfortably filled and the audience at all times showed themselves much interested in the exercises.

Promptly at 3:30 the graduating class entered

to the music of an inspiring march and seated themselves near the front.

The President, Geo. J. Dann, spoke of the past and future of Union, and thanked the people of Schenectady for their kindness. Robert B. Beattie then read the class poem which was replete with humorous comments on the members of the class.

After an orchestral selection the oration was delivered by George E. Pollock, who said that it is our duty to press our way forward with the motto "We will find a way or make one." There is nothing more pleasant than success, and the possibility of success lies in ourselves. Ambition, perseverance and selfreliance, are all essential characteristics, but there is something higher toward which we must strive, a realization of the Divine Ideal.

The class history was then read by Wm. H. Hall, and much laughter was caused by the reminiscences of the career of the class.

A selection by the orchestra followed, and then Chas. H. Vosburgh gave the address to the class. He denied that greatness is a necessary result of labor and paid a high tribute to genius. The prophecy was next read by Edward P. Foley, who created much amusement by the startling futures marked out for his classmates.

The exercises were then closed by the singing of the Class Song.

Musical Association's Concert.

The concert given by the college musical organizations, at the Van Curler, Tuesday evening, was a success from every point of view, and inaugurates a precedent that should be followed for years to come.

Every number on the programme elicited hearty applause from the large and select audience in attendance.

The success of this concert is a great encouragement to the management for the coming year, as the income from it nearly clears up all the debts of the association, and brightens the prospects for a successful season next year.

The following programme was rendered:

PART I.

1. YALE MARCH, *Van Baar*
MANDOLIN CLUB.
2. UNION BESIDE THE MOHAWK VALE, *C. E. Franklin, '83*
GLEE CLUB.
3. MELODY IN F, *Rubinstein*
MR. BALLARD AND STRING QUARTETTE.
4. FRESHMAN QUARTETTE—"THE FATHERS' LULLABY,"
MESSRS. GREEN, HINMAN, MACMAHON, EAMES.
5. FLEMISH DANCE, *Bonheur*
BANJO CLUB.
6. BA-A BA-A BLACK SHEEP, *Wische*
GLEE CLUB.

PART II.

1. CREOLE LOVE SONG, *Smith*
GLEE CLUB.
2. CRADLE SONG, *Hauser*
MANDOLIN CLUB.
3. FRESHMAN QUARTETTE—"FAIRLY CAUGHT."
MESSRS. GREEN, HINMAN, MACMAHON, EAMES.
ROMEO AND JULIETTE—(By special request.)
MESSRS. BEATTIE, MACMAHON AND HEINZ.
4. DARKIES PATROL, *Lansing*
BANJO CLUB.
5. (a) TERRACE SONG, *Fitz Hugh Ludlow, '56*
(b) DRINKING SONG,
(c) SONG TO OLD UNION, *Fitz Hugh Ludlow, '56*
GLEE CLUB.
6. MEDLEY—"GOOD NIGHT," *Arr. by O'Neill, '97*
MANDOLIN CLUB.

WEDNESDAY.

Commencement Exercises.

The commencement this year, as in former years, was held on the fourth Wednesday in June. The occasion, taking place in the State Street Methodist church, was as usual intensely impressive. Shortly after 10:30 A. M., Gioscia's orchestra in the gallery, assisted by John Keyes Paige at the organ, struck up the stirring strains of the "Centennial March," composed especially for last year's celebration by John T. Mygatt, '58. Mr. Mygatt personally conducted the orchestra. Gioscia's introductory was then rendered, after which the entire audience joined in singing the 117th psalm. The Rev. David Sprague of Amherst offered prayer, after which the honor speakers were introduced by President Raymond.

The speakers and their subjects were as follows:

"The Synthetic Value of National Spirit,"
D. Howard Craver of Albany.

"The Power of Imagination," George S. Dann of Walton.

"Militarism in Civilization," Archibald S. Derby of Sandy Hill.

"Supernatural Testimony," George E. Pollock of North Argyle.

"The Rise of Political Freedom," Marvin H. Strong of Schenectady.

"The Climax of Character," Howard M. Westfall, Jr., of Cambridge.

Engineers (excused from reading):

"A System for Heating Nott Memorial Hall,"
James Herring of Walton.

"Asphalt as a Lining for Reservoir Dams,"
George L. Van Dusen of Argyle.

"Tests of Portland Cement," Howard M. West of Glens Falls.

The Valedictorian, Roscoe Guernsey of East Cobleskill, was then announced, and greeted with applause. He spoke on "The Rational Ends of the State." At the conclusion of his oration Mr. Guernsey bade a touching farewell to President Raymond, the faculty, the trustees, and to his comrades in the class of '96. The orchestra then rendered a selection, and the Chancellor's Address by Hon. Geo. R. Peck of Chicago, followed.

The address, the theme of which was "The Ethical Basis of American Patriotism," was a splendid one, holding the enrapt attention of the audience from beginning to end. It was one of those fine appeals to that which is truest and best in all young men, and it left a deep impression.

"The patriotism that benefits an American scholar," Mr. Peck concluded, "is a moral force; strengthened by faith and inspired by a generous and courageous sense of duty. Such a patriotism alone can withstand the temptations that will come to you, not once, but a thousand times, as they come to all. Some soft voice will whisper that this is not an age of heroism and self-denial, and will bid you drift with the current of ease and custom. You remember—do you not?—the entrancing story of that island home, where Calypso sweetly sang as she threw the golden shuttle. But the souls of men will always be more deeply stirred as they read how,

out on the stormy main, gazing with fixed eye upon the Pleiades. the great Ulysses clung to the raft that bore him bravely on."

GRADUATE DEGREES.

President Raymond then conferred the following degrees upon the graduates:

Bachelors of Art—Theodore Van Wyck Anthony, Robert Brewster Beattie, Josiah Gael Beckwith, Jr., Charles Waldron Clowe, David Howard Craver, George Joseph Dann, James Harvey Dunham, Paul Foley, Roscoe Guernsey, John G. Hilton, Howard Mallery, Marvin Howard Strong, Arthur Burdette Vossler, Daniel Miller Westfall, Jr., Jeremiah Wood.

Bachelors of Philosophy—John Bullions Anderson, Archibald Steuart Derby, William Herman Hall, Walter Leslie Huggins, Richard Burton Rowe, Albert Benson Van Vranken.

Bachelors of Science—Burt H. Boorn, Zedekiah Le Roy Myers, Alva Lawrence Peckham, George E. Pollock, Alfred George Sommer, Walter Lancelot Terry, Major Allen Twiford, Andrew T. Gifford Wemple, George B. Young.

Bachelors of Engineering—Charles E. Cleaver, James Herring, Gardner L. Van Dusen, Charles Herbert Vosburgh, Howard M. West.

Dr. Raymond then addressed the graduates with a few brief words of inspiration and advice, after which the diplomas were presented.

HONORARY DEGREES.

The following honorary degrees were then announced:

A. M., in course.—Frederic H. D. Crane, '93; George H. Hoxie, '93; David Van Horne, '64; Truman Weed, '75.

LL. D.—George R. Peck of Chicago.

D. D.—The Rev. George F. Genung, '70, Amherst; the Rev. C. D. F. Steinfuehrer, '64, Astoria; the Rev. George Gamble, Plattsburg; the Rev. J. Philip B. Pendleton, Schenectady.

A. B.—William H. Albro, '65, Middleburg.

When this portion of the exercises had been concluded, "The Song to Old Union" was sung with splendid enthusiasm, after which came the

AWARD OF PRIZES.

Warner prize to the Senior of highest standing in the performance of collegiate duties and in moral deportment, awarded to Roscoe Guernsey.

Ingham prize to the Senior of at least two years attendance who presents the best essay on an assigned subject in English literature or history, awarded to D. Howard Craver.

Allen prizes (three) for the best essays on any subject from Seniors. Third prize, George Joseph Dann; second prize, Roscoe Guernsey; first prize, D. Howard Craver.

Clark prizes for the best two essays by members of the Junior class, on assigned subjects in English literature. First prize to Howard R. Furbeck, second prize to S. Elmer Slocum.

Prizes (four) for the best Junior and Sophomore orations. Juniors—First, E. G. Bowers; second, Abba M. Blodgett. Sophomores—Francis E. Cullen; second, Chester H. Utter.

Engineering prize for the best thesis by a member of the graduating class in the engineering course, awarded to Charles H. Vosburg.

The Allison-Foote prizes (two)—One for the literary society, one for the best individual debater regardless of society relation. Awarded to the Adelpic society, and to Herrick C. Allen of that society.

Gilbert K. Harroun prize for the best thesis in Sociology. Committee appointed by the donor. Awarded to Walter E. Huggins.

Prize offered by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for the best essay on a given subject. Awarded to Paul Canfield, '97.

Blatchford Oratorical Medals for the best two orations by Seniors. First prize was awarded to Roscoe Guernsey; second prize to D. Howard Craver. Honorable mention was made of Geo. J. Dann.

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WITH the present issue of THE CONCORDIENSIS, Vol. XIX is completed. The Board of Editors for the coming year, according to precedent long ago established, take charge of the publication of this issue. They assume the responsibilities of office and enter upon their work with pleasure. The retiring Board of Editors owing to the earnest and well directed efforts of Messrs. Twiford and Hall, greatly improved the literary department of the paper. Mr. Huggins as business manager has also improved upon past management and placed THE CONCORDIENSIS upon a good financial basis.

The work of the incoming board has therefore been made comparatively easy. They have but to carry on the work of the past year to receive the plaudits of both student body and alumni. They, however, do not propose to stagnate, but intend to press on and, if possible, raise the standard of THE CONCORDIENSIS still higher. Promises however are often but vain boasts, so we will not now say what we will do, but will wait and see what we can do.

A CIRCULAR has been addressed to the Union College Alumni in which is noted the failure of the project to remove the College to Albany and the urgent needs of the institution at the present time. We regret that lack of space will prevent us from printing in full such an important document. It is an appeal to sentiment which should stir the heart and open the purse of every loyal alumnus. To quote from the circular—"the sentiment that is nothing more than an affectionate memory that lives in the past and manifests no practical interest in the present and future, the sentiment that asks only that it shall not be disturbed in its occasional delightful reveries while it raises no hand to help, is not the sentiment that builds up a college or demands the serious consideration of those who are charged with the welfare of the college."

The vital question is this: Will the alumni of Union College respond to the appeal? Will they support the institution which gave them their education as heartily and loyally as they should? If they will, the future prosperity of the college is assured.

CONSIDERABLE trouble has of late been caused the library committee from the violation of the library rules by the students of the college. It is the opinion of the CONCORDIENSIS that the fault lies primarily, not with the students, but with the system which has been in operation for some time past. Many books have doubtless been intentionally stolen, but we are inclined to think that by far the greater number of those now missing were taken by the students with the intention of returning them as soon as they were through with their use. The fact that they have not been returned is no indication that they have been stolen. In many instances thoughtlessness or lack of favorable opportunity has been the reason why they were not returned. Many of them will probably be found in the dormitories during the summer.

There is but one way to avoid this difficulty and that is, to allow the free circulation of the books among the students of the college, after the system adopted in circulating libraries. Under the present system the library is of but little practical service to the students.

The first thing which should be done however, and one which is of prime importance, is the re-cataloging of the library after some modern scientific method. At present it is impossible to find a book without an outright search for it.

THE class of '96 has bid a final farewell to "Old Union." During their four years life in Schenectady they not only became warmly attached to their college, the faculty and their brother students, but to quaint old "Dorp" as well. Many of them most heartily regret that the onward march of time compels them to leave the surroundings which have grown almost as familiar to them as those of their native town. The resident friends they leave behind have grown as dear to them, if not dearer, than the friends of any other clime. To their Schenectady friends they all bid farewell—No, truth compels us to state that there is already an exception.

THE CONCORDIENSIS takes great pleasure in recording the marriage of Mr. Charles E. Cleaver, '96, to Miss May A. Dayton of Schenectady, on Wednesday, June 24, at 5 o'clock. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Cleaver congratulations, and hope that the exception which they so early instituted may prove to be the rule with '96.

Hancock Neagle Dead.

A clipping from a Seattle Newspaper informs us as follows of the death of Hancock Neagle of the class of '81.

"Hancock Neagle, formerly of this city, died early yesterday morning in Pomona, Cal. He was a native of North Carolina. After coming to Seattle he was selected justice of the peace, and served in that capacity in 1891 and 1892. He possessed considerable literary taste, and only last fall a poem appeared in the Post-Intelligencer from his pen. He was never robust, and had been in bad health for several years. More than a year ago he went to California, but apparently the climate there failed to benefit him, and last night the Post-Intelligencer received a telegram from his father, John L. Neagle, announcing his death."

The Death of Dr. Thomas Hun of Albany.

It is with regret that we must announce the death of Thomas Hun, M. D., LL. D., of Albany, who graduated from Union College in the class of '26 and who has been the oldest living graduate of Union for several years. From 1839 Dr. Hun was officially identified with the

Albany Medical College of Union University. For 57 years he has been distinguished as a practitioner, teacher and writer.

Union respectfully tenders her sympathy to his kindred and to his medical brethren on the loss sustained by his death.

DR. THOMAS HUN.

At a special meeting of the faculty of the Albany Medical College, held June 23, 1896, to take action on the death of Dr. Thomas Hun, a biographical sketch was read by Dr. Vander Veer; remarks were made by Drs. Ward, Hailes and other members of the faculty, and the following memorial minute was ordered entered upon the minutes, transmitted to his sons, and published in the daily papers.

"The members of the faculty of the Albany Medical College assembled in special meeting, June 23, 1896, on the occasion of the death of Dr. Thomas Hun, Dean of the college, Emeritus Professor of the Institutes of Medicine, and one of the earliest members of its faculty, desire permanently to record upon their minutes the sense of loss which they experience, and the sorrow which they feel, in the death of their honored associate and friend. When they review the history of his long and useful life, memorable for professional researches, wise counsels and beneficent deeds no less than for successful labors in behalf of this school during the greater part of its existence, and for distinguished services rendered to the profession of which he was so conspicuous and illustrious a representative, they realize that in the death of their eminent and honored associate their loss is great, and that they have been bereft of a wise counselor and a steadfast friend. But the memory of his long life, full of good works and kindly deeds remains and will be ever cherished, serving both as an example and as an encouragement to them and to those who shall succeed them. They therefore order that this minute be entered in full upon the faculty records, and that, as his death is not only a personal loss to them, but one in which the citizens of Albany have equal interest and common regret, it be published in the daily papers; that the faculty attend his funeral in a body; that the college be draped for thirty days, and that a copy of this minute be transmitted to his sons as an expression of their sympathy with them in the bereavement which they have sustained."

A. VANDER VEER, M. D., Chairman.
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The President's Reception.

From eight until eleven o'clock on Tuesday evening, Dr. Raymond's house was thronged with students and others who had gladly availed themselves of the opportunity to meet the president and bid him farewell, some probably for many years and others until college reconvened in the fall.

Beside the president, the following ladies received -

Mrs. Judson S. Landon, Mrs. Ripton, Mrs. Patterson.

Refreshments were served by caterer Owen, during the evening. All report an enjoyable time.

The Senior Ball.

There is no event in the college year which is so much talked about and planned for as the senior ball. It is the crowning feature of commencement week. Every one wants to go. Nearly every body does go. And those who stay at home regret it afterwards.

The Senior Ball of the class of '96 was no exception to this rule. It certainly was the finest commencement ball ever held under the dome of Nott Memorial Hall. It could not well have been otherwise. The class of '96 had to follow precedent and make their ball better than any preceeding one ever held at Old Union. It is needless to say that they succeeded, as every one who went knows it and those who did not go have already been told so by their more fortunate friends.

Everything was in harmony with the occasion. When the sun sank to rest that evening a gentle zephyr sprang up from the north bringing with it a delightful coolness. Did the committee send for that cooling breeze? They must have, because there was nothing which could have added to the comfort of the dancers or enhanced the beauty of the ball which they did not provide.

The decorations, the lights, the beautiful gowns and more beautiful faces, the music, the floor, everything which might please the eye or gladden the heart was found at the ball of '96. Gioscia and his orchestra never played better. Little Joe always makes his violin speak but on this night he made it sing.

Nearly every one danced the entire pro-

gramme. If any did not, it was because they had entered more fully into the sentiment of the occasion; because they had sought—and not alone—some secluded nook where the mutual sympathies of four years intimate acquaintance found expression—if in nothing more—in the unison of their heart beats.

Reunion of Some of The Early Classes During Commencement.

The deep and life-long interest which Union's alumni often manifest for their alma mater is at no time better illustrated than in the attendance during commencement week.

Many who graduated from Old Union during the first half of the century were here and the average attendance of some of the early classes was remarkable. The old and distinguished white haired men chatted over the scenes of their collegiate life with as much interest as though they had occurred but yesterday.

The class of 1846, distinguished for their "good looks" as Dr. Anable expressed it, was the oldest class to hold a reunion. On the afternoon of Alumni day, the surviving members of the class of '46 met in Washburn Hall and in an informal way, talked over the events which occurred between the years of 1842 and 1846. The members present were: Rev. James Rankine, D. D., at one time a tutor at Union, Assistant Professor at Trinity College, President of Hobart College and at the head of DeLancey Divinity School; Rev. John Wade Nott, a cousin of President Nott, William H. Vrooman of Geneva, N. Y.; Rev. C. W. Anable, D. D., New Brighton, Staten Island; John M. Carroll, Johnstown, N. Y.; J. L. Leavitt, Schenectady, N. Y.; Richard Osborn, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; S. M. Ingalls, Springfield, N. Y.

The oldest graduate who visited Union during commencement week was Charles M. Jenkins, '29, Albany, N. Y.

Among the representatives of other classes prior to 1850 were Stephen K. Williams, '37, S. D. Luce, '41, S. W. Jackson, '42, W. H. H. Moore, '44, Judge Robert Earl, LL. D., '45, C. B. Warring, '45, C. A. Waldron, '48, Alex. J. Thompson, '48.

No reunions were held by the classes of '76 and '86.

The class of '96 have elected D. M. Westfall, Jr., permanent secretary.

Templeton's Reunion.

Templeton, '80, walked slowly across the campus. The birds were singing sweetly, flowers and grass were throwing off their soft aroma, and the tops of the high old elms were nodding gently in the breeze. It was a perfect day of early summer, such as many another fourth Wednesday in June since time immemorial. There was something in the very atmosphere that made Templeton, "The Honorable," if you please, throw out his chest, puffed proudly at his big Havana, and yet laughed softly to himself. "Oh! what a rascal I was," he mused, "and still if I had it all to do over again—by jove there'd be one less college wid—." But just then some one interrupted "Mr. Templeton—Bob!" The ex-Assemblyman turned with more speed than grace. "Why, Miss Falconer," he cried, gallantly doffing his hat, "a most unexpected pleasure," "yes!" she said, with a glance that made him recall more than ever the days of his youth. They turned and continued their way together—he the boy of thirty-eight—she the maiden of—but that would be indelicate. "Don't join that old procession," she had said as he mentioned his intention of marching to the church with the faculty and alumni, so it happened that at half-past ten they had entered the church together, full of fervor for Old Union, and reminiscence of old times. The church was already fairly crowded, but still Templeton is not to be excused for swearing softly to himself when the usher seated him several pews to the rear of Miss Falconer, and then shortly after, somebody '45 or '50, who had been seated at that young lady's side arose and left the church, and before Templeton could move, somebody '75 or '80 came and took the vacated seat. The back of the head and shoulders looked familiar to the ex-Assemblyman; especially when he leaned over and spoke pleasantly to the one at his side. They know each other mighty well; Templeton remarked to himself with an incipient sense of jealousy.

He and Miss Falconer had been sweethearts in days of yore. The gossips of Dorp had had

them engaged. And as he sat there in the church with the graceful head and shoulders of his old love occupying his entire range of vision, he let his mind stray back to the scenes of long ago. He remembered it all distinctly from the first act of the little drama at a hop in the "gym," to a sad closing at a dance down town—when one Martindale, '91, had gone for a walk with Miss Falconer, and she had not returned for the dances promised. Templeton felt himself getting warm, even mad, when he thought of it. Since then he had attended "Columbia Law," been on the other side and even gone into politics a little, but still he had not quite forgotten that night when he left with resolves never to return. He had never forgotten either, quite, a very sweet girlish note that came a few days after the dance, full of tender little sentiments and translucent hidden meanings. He answered it in what he then thought a "cold, curt, professional style." He called it assinine now, and gloried in his judgment.

The crowd was leaving the church.

"Mr. Templeton, you haven't forgotten Mr. Martindale? He says he remembers you quite well."

"Ah, Martindale, glad to see you; back for commencement?"

"Yes, and to renew old friendships," said that worthy glancing at Miss Falconer. She looked at the ground and poked a fallen rose with her parasol. Templeton pretended not to notice. "You see," said Martindale resuming, Miss Falconer has promised to go with me to the ball to-night. As I was saying in the church, it's been many a long year since we've danced together,—Why I believe you were at that dance Templeton,—sneaked out with the boys and made the girls mad—don't you remember?"

"Guess I do," said the honorable sententially. And then they changed the subject.

It was with a variety of emotions that Templeton arrayed himself for the ball that night, but above all he felt the satisfaction of a grim and unrelenting determination, a determination sufficient unto itself,—whose source or object he did not stop to question. Nor had that de-

termination weakened when a few hours later, while the orchestra was rendering "Rastus on Parade" with intoxicating verve, he strode up to where Martindale '80 and Miss Falconer were seated. "How handsome he looks," quoth one of the chaperones with a little sigh. "Oh here comes Mr. Templeton" cooed a wall flower. "Umph" grunted Martindale. "Will you have me, Miss Falconer?" said the Honorable.

"With pleasure," and they disappeared amid the dancers.

Martindale waited. "I'll ask her to-night," he repeated to himself for the thirty-third time. The music ceased, and across the crowded floor he saw the object of his cogitations leave the building with her escort. "I'll ask her to-night, its now or never." He arose and sauntered toward the punch bowl. He was not in a hurry. He had a delicate hesitancy about precipitating matters. The fact of it is, correspondence is always unsatisfactory anyway, perhaps he had not interpreted those letters exactly right after all. But she had given him her picture; and Ruth Ashmore says—but this is digression.

Away from the glare of electric lights, Templeton, '80, was promenading the shadowy realms of Washburne hall. Some one was with him, who clung to his arm and agreed with all he said; and with something he didn't say when he bowed his head very low.

And the funniest part of the whole thing was that Martindale, who had made his thirty-third resolve, the fifty-third by this time, was the first to hear the announcement. P. P. S., '98.

Union College Summer School.

The Union College Summer School opens at Saratoga Springs, Monday, July 6th. The session will continue until August 15th. The following professors will constitute the faculty.

Prof. James R. Truax, Prof. Olin H. Landreth, Prof. Albert H. Pepper, Prof. Howard T. Mosher, Prof. Edward Everett Hale, Jr., Prof. James H. Stoller, Prof. George V. Edwards, Prof. John Ira Bennett, Jr., Prof. C. P. Linhart.

Regular college work will be offered in most of the departments.

The Summer Girl.

How long shall we prate of her,
Idly debate of her
Manifold virtues, her wisdom
And all;
Tell of her follies, her
Drag-net of Chollies,
Sapient fellows her wiles will
Enthrall?

She will exist for aye, her
You will e'er espy, she
Is a part of the season
I ween.
She gladdens the summer, she's
Just a forerunner of
Sunshine and all that has laughter's
Bright sheen.

On mountain she'll dally, she'll
Glide through the valley,
Making a rout of youth, callow
Of heart.
O'er every park and pale,
By every wood and dale,
She will come blithely and gaily
Depart.

The sea-shore she'll capture, e'en
Neptune in rapture, must
Put down his trident and join her
Gay throng.
Like a true Lorelei, men who
Are passing by, fall
In her meshes, and worship
Her song.

Like the brook in the song, she
Just chatters along, and
Her course nothing mortal
Can sever.
Men may yet come and go,
She will still onward flow
Laughing and chatting and smiling
Forever.

W. A. JOHNSTON, '97.

The following have been appointed as delegates to Northfield: Birch, '97, Hewitt, '97, Wood, '97, Hoxie, '98, Rogers, '98, Strong, '99, Ketchum, '99, Post, '99 and Bradford, '99.

Where Fame Lurks.

Far beyond the bounds of reason,
Lies a weird phantasmal sea;
Where the wind sings on forever
In a low prophetic key.

Where from languid waves distilling,
Wafts a mystic vague perfume—
Half inspiring, half dispelling,
In the soul a subtle gloom.

Mariners who course this ocean,
Drifting there, may oft' behold
Gallies, which are spirit haunted,
Freight with Fame's ephemeral gold.

But have care, ye who would journey,
Where the perfumed waters flow,
With seductive fascination
And the siren breezes blow.

For at times the music murmurs
Of a mist enshrouded shoal,
Where deliriumed hordes of shipwrecks
Curse this sea of melanchole.

P. P. S.- '98.

Athletics.

The history of Union college athletics for the past year has been a record of events which in part has added to the good reputation of the institution and we regret to say in part has detracted from it.

The earnest and untiring efforts of the Foot-Ball team last fall received the hearty commendation of students and alumni. We may not have won many games, but that was because we were unlucky, or perhaps over ambitious. It certainly was not the fault of the Foot-Ball men themselves. With the end of the Foot-Ball season, the faculty, following in the foot-steps of other institutions and desiring to help the individual athlete in the all important question of his college work, revised the rules and regulations governing the various athletic interests of the college. It is not necessary to review the events which followed, as every student is thoroughly conversant with them. All are now thoroughly convinced of the good intentions of the faculty in placing such restrictions upon the students as would spur them on to greater effort in their regular class room work.

The action in the undergraduate body in abolishing athletics during the spring term was hasty and uncalled for. It was the result of a misunderstanding which might have been avoided had both faculty and students worked more in harmony with each other. The student body however realized their mistake and have undertaken the re-establishment of athletics in accordance with the new regulations. They have been met half way by the faculty and all that is necessary to again place Union's athletes before the college world in such a manner as to

gain credit and glory for the college is the revival of that spirit of enthusiasm which is essential to promotion of the athletic interests of any institution.

FOOT-BALL PROSPECTS.

The Foot-Ball prospect for next fall while not as encouraging as in former years, is certainly not at all disheartening. There are many men in college capable of playing a good game of Foot-Ball who have never tried to make the team heretofore. On these men rests the success or failure of next season's Foot-Ball team.

Manager Campfield has already scheduled many games, and in so doing has carefully selected those institutions with whom Union has always been identified, and against whom there is a fair probability of successful combat on the gridiron.

It is to be regretted that the meeting of the 'varsity Foot-Ball team held last Friday afternoon resulted in no election of 'varsity captain for next fall. The dispute was over the question of admitting proxy ballots. The Athletic Board had however at a previous meeting decided that all 'varsity men who were regular students throughout the last year were entitled to a vote. No understanding could be arrived at so the meeting was adjourned by Captain Beckwith.

We understand that a portion of the 'varsity team, seven men in all, held a meeting after the adjournment, and elected a captain. Such action however, was invalid as there was not a quorum present. Captain Beckwith therefoer reported no election to the advisory board. Another election will probably be called for early in the fall.

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Local and Personal.

At the 75th Commencement Anniversary of Amherst College the degree of Ph. D. was conferred upon Frank Sargent Hoffmann, A. M., in recognition of his recent work on "The Sphere of the State".

Dr. Hoffmann expects to complete his new book "The Sphere of Science" before going abroad. He has been greatly gratified with the success of the "Sphere of the State" but owing to the more scholastic nature of his present undertaking does not expect it to meet with such hearty public approval.

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A communication informs us of the present good health and prosperity of Tracy H. Robertson, '91. Mr. Robertson has recently organized a fishing and trading company which is to carry on operations in the vicinity of Seattle, Wash. The *Seattle Telegraph* mentions him editorially as follows:

"The public will very much regret that Mr. Robertson found it necessary to resign his position as secretary of the chamber of commerce. Mr. Robertson has, by his uniform courtesy and tireless energy in the discharge of the duties of the office, made a host of friends."

One of the features of the electrical engineering course is that the students taking it spend eight weeks of the summer vacation doing practical work at the works of the General Electric Company. The members of '99 who are to work there this summer are: Beardsley, Cotton, Brown, Hegeman, Hornsby, Huntley, Lockwood, Lord, Medberry, Miles, Pruyn, Rogers, Smith, Wilson and Weston.

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Dr. Vander Veer of Albany gave a reception last Thursday evening, June 25, to the Convocation of the Regents of the State of New York which had for several days been in session at the capitol. Invitations were extended to the faculty of Union College and others, many of whom accepted. Gioscia and Gartland's combined orchestras furnished music throughout the evening. Refreshments were served by one of Albany's caterers. The following representatives of the Union College faculty attended: Dr. Hoffmann, Dr. Hale, Jr. and Prof. Bennett.



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