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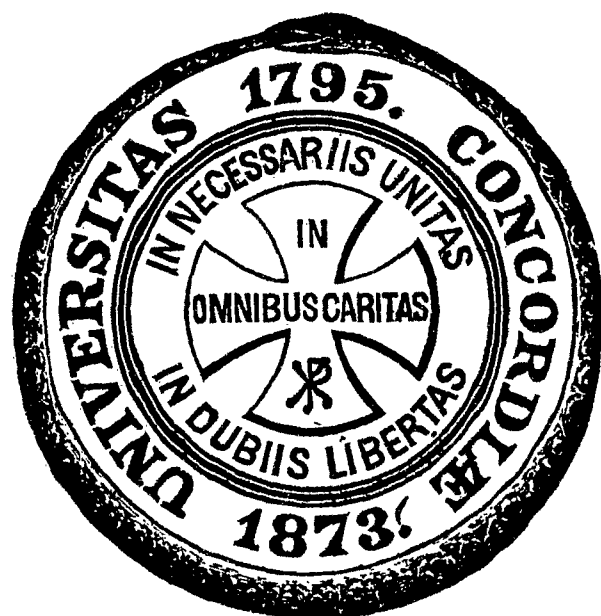
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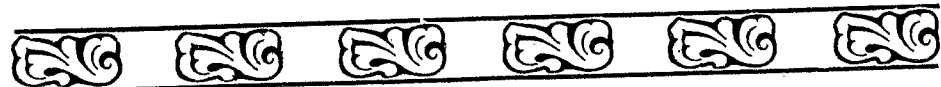
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CAPITOL FIRE OF INTEREST TO UNION COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Capitol fire of last week proved to be a spectacle interesting to many Schenectadians, including practically the entire studentbody at Union. The first news of the blaze that was received on the campus was brought by "Beefy" Leon, who was an eye witness of the start of the fire. He arrived on the Hill early in the morning and gave the information. Scarcely had the first word been heard before the campus began to be vacated by the students. During the day almost every fellow on the Hill found time to spend at least a few hours on the scene of excitement.

Albany was alive with Union men. On every corner could be seen groups of undergraduates gathered in interested conversation. As a member of one of the Albany departments of Union put it, one would think that the dream of the Albanians had come true and that Union college was at last located in Albany. As the day drew to a close, however, the fellows began to wander back all glad to find a night's rest in Old Dorp.

ALUMNI OF EASTERN NEW YORK BANQUET ON BEEFSTEAK.

The annual reunion of the Union College Alumni of Eastern New York was held Tuesday evening at the Hampton Hotel in Albany. About forty-five members were present, but although small in numbers their enthusiasm was not lacking. A beefsteak dinner was served, during which many college songs were sung.

Charles H. Mills, '72, presided. Among the chief speakers were Charles H. Peck, '59; W. P. Judd, '73, and President Richmond, who reviewed the work of the college in 1833 as compared with the present. Charles N. Waldron, '06, secretary of the graduate council, spoke of the work of the various alumni associations.

PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFUL INTERSCHOLASTIC DAY BRIGHT.

The prospects for Interscholastic Day to be held May 20 appear very bright. Answers to the invitations to compete have been received by Manager Cavert from nearly all of the last year's teams, and in addition to these, Corinth, Utica and Buffalo high schools will be strongly represented. As the 20th conflicts with the respective dates of the Troy and Cambridge high schools meets, these teams will be unable to compete.

The plan is being discussed of giving the sub-freshmen visitor's buttons instead of ribbons as has been done in the past. A button is a souvenir which would be kept by the students while a ribbon is usually lost before the day is over, thus making it impossible for the track and baseball managers to distinguish the sub-freshmen. A neat two-page program will be printed and given free, not only to the sub-freshmen, but to everyone else as well.

SOCCER FOOTBALL TO BE PLAYED FOR SPRING PRACTICE.

A new step for the advancement of athletics at Union is the spring football practice. This will probably begin about May 10th; lasting two weeks. There will be punting and passwork, and an important department is soccer football which will be played. The main point of the spring practice will be the attention to past injuries such as weak ankles, sprained wrists, etc., and also to the class standing of the team candidates. Coach Kuolt is also desirous of instituting a new style of pass which will greatly strengthen team work. It is hoped that the spring practice will prove as successful here as it has in other colleges.

The big chimney on the rear of Washburn Hall was torn down last week. It had caused much anxiety of late because of the high winds and it was thought safer to have it out of the way.

A NEW DEPARTMENT.

The following correspondence explains itself. The Concordiensis is to try this new department much as an experiment. We feel confident that it will prove satisfactory and interesting. After the first installment has appeared we shall be glad to hear from our readers just how the innovation is received.—Editor's note.

Mr. Editor:—Several weeks ago I was so fortunate as to happen upon an issue of your esteemed paper, The Concordiensis. On reading it through I noticed that no space at all was devoted to criticism. My interest being aroused, I took the pains to read several other copies and in not one was I able to find an article of this sort. I, Mr. Editor, am a critic. My business is to go from college to college and whenever I see anything that does not seem just right I knock. Sometimes I knock hard and then again I give but a gentle tap. It is my firm belief that the only way to better conditions in our American college is to find fault. Praise flatters and causes slackness; criticism cuts and incites betterment. And, Mr. Editor, my proposition is this. For two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) I will agree to remain at Union college for a period of ten (10) weeks. In other words if you will pay me twenty-five dollars (\$25) per week for ten consecutive weeks I will take up my residence amongst the students of Union. It will be my duty in fulfilling my part of the contract to criticise whatever I may believe is deserving of criticism. I also agree to write little essays in various topics of my own selection and now and then I shall write humorous happenings that come to my attention. Knowing some few students at Union college I feel that I cannot help to cause some fun. May I hear from you in the near future and know what you think of my proposition. I am, sir

Your obedient servant,
WOOD B. ADDISON.

My dear Mr. Addison:—Your letter of February 30th is at hand. Your idea is indeed a new one and if it is all you say I cannot help but believe it is an excellent one. I have talked your proposition over with my staff and we have

decided that we will sign a contract with you upon the following conditions:

- (1) You must furnish credentials and references as to past experience.
- (2) You must agree to take all blame and stand responsible for all censure that may follow your writings.
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Under these conditions we shall be pleased to have you with us for a period of ten weeks.

Very truly yours,

Editor of Concordiensis.

My dear Mr. Editor:—Your letter received and as per your contract I am furnishing the things required. You perhaps will notice that I have been employed by many of the leading colleges of the country and have some very flattering recommendations. I was to spend some time at Hamilton college, but I fear the Hamilton boys are a little hard pressed for money—perhaps because of social responsibilities at "Ut." or because they feel that an attempt at criticism would be useless. Any way the contract was cancelled. To complete the contract and to get a better idea of my work I shall come to Schenectady on Saturday. I remain, sir

Your obedient servant,
WOOD B. ADDISON.

UNFAVORABLE WEATHER HINDERS
EARLY BASEBALL PRACTICE.

The baseball team will open its season with New York University at New York next Saturday. As this is the fourth game for the New York team and as the Garnet men have been kept from practice by bad weather, this will be a hard initial struggle. However, with a large percent of last year's team back and several freshman players to strengthen the team, it is not too much to expect success.

Coach Bergan has had the men out for light practice only, such as batting and fielding. This week, however, it is expected that an infield will be laid out on the site of the old skating rink where practice will be held until the regular diamond is ready for use.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION CABINET APPOINTED FOR ENSUING YEAR.

The Concordiensis is glad to be able at this time to make the first announcement of the men who have been appointed by President-elect James H. Potter to act as chairmen of committees and to comprise the association cabinet for the ensuing year. So far as appointed, they are as follows:

Bible Study—Horace N. Trumbull, '12.
Missionary—R. D. Shepard, '12.
Industrial Service—W. H. MacMillan, '12.
Northfield Conference—K. E. Walser, '12.
Membership—R. F. LaBarron, '13.
Social—H. G. Dewey, '13.
Religious Meetings—D. R. Finley, '13.
Handbook—M. J. Folensbee, '14.

There are one or two committees still to be filled. These will probably be announced within a few days.

GYMNASIUM FUND GROWING.

A total of \$39,670 has now been either paid in or promised towards the new gymnasium. Of this sum \$13,675 have been subscribed by undergraduates. But 400 of Union's 3,000 alumni have been heard from in answer to appeal from subscriptions. However, promises and actual subscriptions are being received at frequent intervals.

The first set of plans for the new building that were submitted by the architects, George Posts & Sons, have been returned and are now undergoing minor changes.

LITERARY BOARD ELECTIONS.

At a meeting of the Literary Board of Union college, March 17th, the board of The Concordiensis for the ensuing year was elected as follows:

Editor-in-Chief—H. A. Schermerhorn, '12.
Assistant Editor-in-Chief—W. A. Hardenberg, '12.
Associate Editors—A. G. Duane, '13; F. S. Harris, '13; V. R. Tremper, '13; M. G. Wend, '13.
Reporters—E. L. Baker, '14; H. H. Hitchcock, '14; J. Kruesi, '14; A. S. McCormick, '14.

TRACK AND TENNIS SCHEDULES.

At a meeting of the Athletic Board last evening, the following schedules were ratified and adopted:

Track—May 13—Rochester at Sch'dy.
May 20—Interscholastic Day at Sch'dy.
May 24—Hamilton at Sch'dy.
May 30—N. Y. S. I. A. U. at Rome.
Tennis—Apr. 21—Trinity at Sch'dy.
Apr. 28—Amherst A. C. at Sch'dy.
Apr. 29—Rutgers at New Brunswick.
May 8—Syracuse at Syracuse.
May 15—Michigan at Sch'dy.
May 20—Open.
May 29—Wesleyan at Sch'dy.
June 3—Rutgers at Sch'dy.

LITERARY BOARD OFFICERS ELECTED.

At the recent meeting of the Literary Board, the following officers were elected, for the remainder of the college year:

President—Otto A. Faust, '11.
Treasurer—William A. Hardenberg, '12.
Secretary—Charles L. Hequembourg, '12.

MUSICAL CLUB WATCH FOBS.

A motion to award senior members of the Musical clubs who have been in the clubs at least three years' gold watch fobs in recognition of their services will be voted upon at the next college meeting.

PRESIDENT AT WILLIAMSTOWN.

President Richmond delivered a sermon at Williams college Sunday last and was the speaker at vespers at the college.

Muddlum—Wonder what makes the telegraph lines hum?

De Broke—I've wired dad for dough, and I guess he's talking back.—Intercollegiate.

First Student—The professor gave me a zero today.

Second Student—That's nothing.—Intercollegiate.

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WHO'S WHO AT UNION.

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Track.....	{ S. V. Travis '11.....Captain W. D. Cavert, '11.....Manager
Baseball.....	{ T. G. Dunn, '11.....Captain S. K. Hyde, '12.....Manager
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Honor Court..	{ C. F. Duchscherer, '11.....President W. D. Cavert, '11.....Secretary
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THE NEW BOARD. With this issue of the Concor-
diensis the newly elected editorial
board for the season of 1911-1912
assumes direction of the publication for the first
time. The retiring head of the board has worked
unceasingly to raise the standard of the paper,
and in spite of duties along many other lines of
student activities and innumerable difficulties in
connection with publishing the weekly the results
of his efforts have been seen in a more attractive
and interesting weekly. As each succeeding
board carefully lays its plans to improve the
paper during its short term of office so the
present board intends to direct its effort. How-
ever, we shall make no promises as to the future
issues. New conditions require readjustments
and as each member of the board is now filling
an entirely new position in relation to the paper
some little time must necessarily elapse before
the best results are forthcoming.

OUR POLICY. It is the intention of the present
board of editors to adopt a distinct
policy, or perhaps it might better be
called a definite aim, that is, the Concordiensis
will endeavor to make steady progress towards
the betterment of certain undesirable conditions,
which, as in other colleges, exist here. Just
what this policy will be has not yet been de-
cided and it is probable that it will not be an-
nounced until the first issue of the fall term. We
do not wish to appear infected with the "radical
reform" germ, although several college publica-
tions have shown symptoms of being so afflicted,
but it does seem probable that by concentrating
its efforts towards the accomplishment of a par-
ticular end a student paper might be the means
of making its presence felt in a profitable man-
ner. Several plans are already under considera-
tion, but it will take some little time to select
the most feasible.

OUR READERS. Upon our readers, particularly our
undergraduate readers, falls a great
responsibility in the publication of
The Concordiensis. It lies with you in a great
measure whether or not the paper is alive and
breezy—and even a weekly may have both of
these qualities. A far better publication would
result from the co-operation of the student body.

By "co-operation" we do not mean simply a year's subscription and an occasional perusal. We mean a personal interest in the matter which fills our columns. Even the most efficient reporter staff is not capable of gathering all the news so there is much of interest that never reaches the paper. This could be remedied to a great extent by the occasional contribution by members of the student-body and other readers. Personals, original stories, classroom jokes, etc., would be most acceptable and would add much to the appearance and success of the paper. Hand such material to any members of the board, or mail to The Editor of The Concordiensis, Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The name and address of contributors to this column must accompany all communications, but they will not be published if so requested. The board assumes no responsibility for opinions expressed in this department.

PAYNE MEMORIAL GATE.

Seattle, Wash., March 13, 1911.

The Editor of The Concordiensis:

Don't you think the enclosed clipping could be put to good use in helping along the Payne Memorial Fund? You might put it in The Concordiensis for one thing and the fund committee might absorb it in their circulars when petitioning the alumni.

Yours truly,

M. T. RAYMOND.

From the New York Sun:

The Titan of Texarkana Sings "Home, Sweet Home."

(The Hon. Morris Sheppard of Texas in the Congressional Record of March 4.)

I know that Apollo swept such harmony from the lyre that the listening gods were charmed and the world acclaimed him deity of song. I know that Orpheus with magic strain led rocks and trees and beasts to follow him and so enthralled the underworld that angels gazed thereon

with envy. I know that Timotheus with wondrous melody subdued the riotous Alexander, awoke within his haughty soul emotions high as heaven and instincts low as hell, and with a skillful change of chord displaced upon the monarch's lips a sigh of pity with a curse of hate. I know that David drew from his entrancing harp a concord that dispelled the gloom about the brow of Saul and flooded Israel's palaces with the laughter of music and the joy of song. I know that when Cecelia sang angels were fascinated and men enraptured. I know that Eleanor's troubadours at Antioch bewitched the Syrian air with the ballads of the south and lightened the horrors of the second crusade. I know that Palestrina, Handel, Mozart, Beethoven and the rest have vastly elevated man with symphonies sublime. But I know that all of these, combined by a master greater than those who as yet have lived into one gorgeous rhapsody, can equal not the touching cadence and the simple majesty of "Home, Sweet Home." (Prolonged applause.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR "THE CONCORDY."

Schenectady, N. Y., March 29, 1911.

Editor of "The Concordiensis."

If a mere freshman would be allowed to put in a word in regard to the policy of the "Concordy," I would suggest that it strive to fill the office and perform the duties of a student's weekly and not of a daily newspaper. In my opinion, it would be better to give very briefly the college news of the week, which was already published in the daily papers; and give rather fully news of interest to students that we can't expect from the local papers or such news that they have failed to give us.

In my opinion, the "Concordy" should be of the character of the "Cornell Widow" and not of the "Cornell Daily Sun." In our case, 'tis better to be the head of the fly than the tail of the lion. It ought to be more of a literary and comic weekly than a news weekly. Our splendid "Garnets" give ample proof of proficiency and many poem and prose writers and pen sketchers; and if the "Concordy" urged and frequently asked students for contributions I think there would be big results.

I earnestly hope that the "Optic" will be re-

instated I would also like to see a "Roasting" department in the "Concordy." In such a department the faculty and students are good-naturedly "roasted," that is, this department points out the beauties or blemishes of an individual each week in an exaggerated fashion in poem, lyric or prose. This will create a live spirit among the students. They will anxiously await the next issue to see "who is next." So thinks the student. "Perhaps I will be given a sound drenching and hung up to dry in the next issue. I guess I'd better get the paper every week and find out."

Please remember that I am not trying "to show you how" but merely state my wild ideas. Wishing you success in your huge undertaking, I remain,

Your best wisher,

— — — — —, '14

COLLEGE BASEBALL.

Following is a list of colleges and universities with the number of baseball games on their respective schedules:

	No. of Games.
Manhattan College	37
Pennsylvania	35
Princeton	30
Dartmouth	29
Yale	28
Brown	27
Cornell	27
Fordham	26
Tufts	26
Harvard	24
Holy Cross	24
West Point	23
Amherst	23
Georgetown	23
Columbia	22
Syracuse	21

Under fifteen games scheduled: Union, Lehigh, Williams and Colgate.

PROGRESS ON PAYNE GATE.

Ground will be broken for the erection of the Payne Memorial Gate during the early part of April. The plans have been completed by the college architects, George Post & Son, and the

work is to be rushed along as quickly as possible. The estimated cost is between four and five thousand dollars. It is President Richmond's plan to give, not only the alumni, but the people of Schenectady the opportunity to join this movement. Among the recent subscriptions is one hundred feet of fence, the gift of Mr. J. J. Albright of Buffalo.

INTERCOLLEGIATE NEWS.

Wesleyan completed the basketball season with \$114.00 assets.

Ten football games are to be played by Princeton next fall, eight of which are home games.

The Cosmopolitan Club of Chicago recently gave an entertainment consisting of Norwegian, Japanese and Chinese members.

Williams has fourteen games on its baseball schedule, seven of which are to be played at Williamstown.

Freshmen at University of Wisconsin are not allowed to walk on the campus. They are compelled to run from building to building with their caps in their hand.

The Laurentian, the student publication of St. Lawrence University, contained in its last issue an account of Union's honor system. St. Lawrence is considering adopting a similar system.

The Wesleyan Argus devoted a column to a report on a lecture on "Mark Twain," which Dr. Adams recently gave at a college smoker at this university. This is the same lecture that Dr. Adams delivered at the Christian Association several weeks ago.

In a recent issue of "The Dramatic Mirror" is an editorial on the theatrical preferences of college men. It states that in a vote taken on such preferences in a western university, but six out nine hundred and forty-eight ballots were cast for Shakespeare.

The following sentence is said to have been read to a senior class in rhetoric at Harvard University, not a member of which spelled every word correctly:

"It was with agreeable ecstasy and unparalleled embarrassment that a harassed peddler attempted to gauge the symmetry of a peeled pear, which a sibyl had stabbed regardless of the innuendoes of the lilies of chameleon hue."

Alumni News.

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THE PRESIDENT'S WESTERN TRIP.

On March 13th, the President was present at a dinner of the Alumni Association of Elmira, which gathered together a number of alumni from the southern tier of counties. The president made an address which gave an idea of what the college had done in the last few years, and of the plans in mind for the future. He spoke especially of the Payne Memorial Gate. On the 16th, he was in Cleveland as a guest of President Thwing of Western Reserve University. Here a number of graduates gave him an informal dinner at the University club. He went on to Chicago where on Friday he spoke to a meeting of the alumni of the city and neighborhood. In the course of his address, Dr. Richmond commented on conditions of education today, especially at the smaller colleges. He spoke appreciatively of the influence of social surroundings on the culture one gets in college life. The trip was a very successful one, and gave the president and the alumni in various places a better idea of each other. Both sides appear to have been pleased.

NOTES.

1901. **Gardiner Kline** of Amsterdam, N. Y., won the cup at the Antlers Gun Club shoot, held last week.

1897. **James Wingate** is resident correspondent of the Farmers' Institute and played a prominent part in their recent meeting held at Schenectady.

1881. **Samuel G. Gaillard** is with the Mack Mfg. Co., at New Cumberland, W. Va. **Horatio G. Glen** is a lawyer with offices in the Parker Bldg., Schenectady.

1902. **Henry C. Hoyt** is to be married to Miss Florence Remington Veeder of Schenectady on April 6th. After June 1st, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt will be at home in Boise, Idaho.

1895. **Dr. Rockwell Harmon Potter** is pastor of the First Church of Christ, Hartford, Conn.

Though still a young man Dr. Potter is recognized as one of the strongest preachers in New England.

1866. **Dr. George Alexander** has completed twenty-seven years as pastor of the University Place Presbyterian church of New York. Last year his congregation contributed \$60,670.11 to foreign missions. The church has 2,813 members and there are 2,337 children in the Sunday school.

1906. **C. O. von Donnenberg** has been in Schenectady several times of late, inspecting machines that the General Electric Co. is making for the J. G. White Co. "Vonnies" is as active as ever and can hustle work along with the speed that made him so valuable on Union's track and football teams.

1887. **John C. Van Voast** has returned from a trip to Egypt where he visited the scenes of Mr. Hichen's successful novel, "Garden of Allah." Mr. Van Voast was much impressed by the truthfulness of the local color given in this book. The original of Mr. Hichen's "Garden" is owned by a French nobleman, Count Loudons.

1898. **F. W. Hild** has recently accepted the position of general manager of the Portland Railway Light & Power Co., of Portland, Ore. This position is one of great responsibility as this company operates 230 miles of electric railway and includes a power plant that lights the city of Portland and many smaller towns in the vicinity. Since 1907 Mr. Hild has been connected with the Havana Electric Railway Co.

1873. On March 24th, the Rensselaer County Bar Association tended a reception to **Judge William P. Rudd** of the Supreme Court of New York State. The reception was held in the court room at Troy, and a supper was served in the rooms of the Board of Supervisors.

Professor Ellery addressed the College Women's club last Wednesday afternoon. His subject, "Color Photography," was treated in a very interesting and instructive manner.

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1857. Leander B. Reynolds died in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Thursday, February 2nd, 1911. After leaving college Mr. Reynolds studied law and was admitted to the bar in Syracuse, N. Y., two years later. In 1863 he moved to Galesburg, Ill., and lived there for many years. At the time of his death, Mr. Reynolds made his home with his son, Lee, who holds a good position in Grand Rapids. In writing of his father's death, Mr. Lee Reynolds says: "Father has often spoken of his school days, to me, and he was proud of having been a graduate from your college."

The following alumni have died during the past year, as we learn from the answers to the letters sent out by the gymnasium committee:

1862. Peter S. Holloway, on January 12th, 1911, in Christian county, Ky.

1885. Rev. H. H. Phelps, on January 9th, 1911, at Weldon, N. C.

1901. John A. Laing of Boston, Mass.

It will be a cause for sorrow among the graduates between 1886-1889 to learn of the death of **Major Henry Hill Benham**. During these three years Major Benham was instructor of military science at Union and in 1889 received the honorary degree of A. B. After leaving Union he took up his regular duties as an army officer and was placed on the retired list in 1908. On Tuesday, February 21st, Major Benham died suddenly at his home at 209 West Ninety-Seventh street, New York City.

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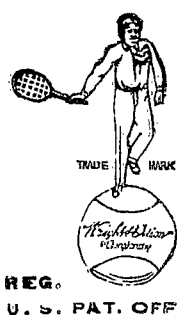
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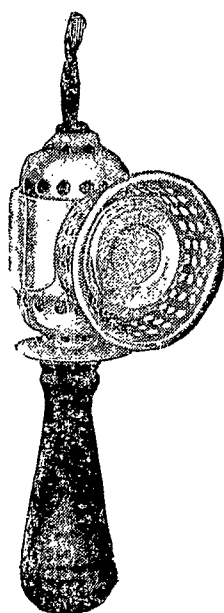
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