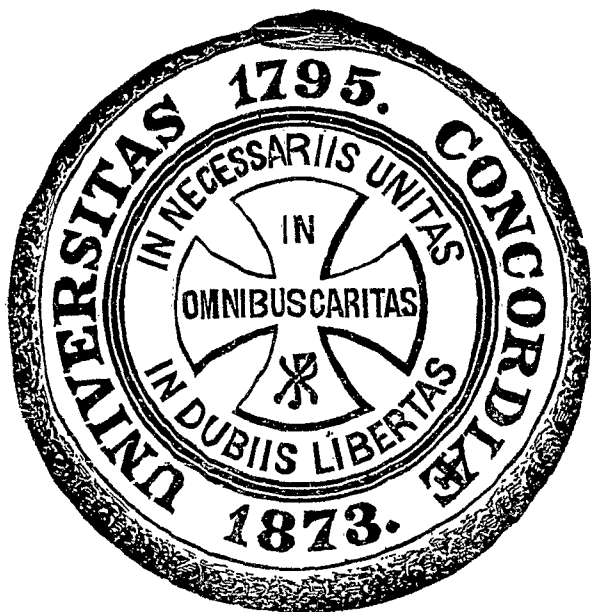


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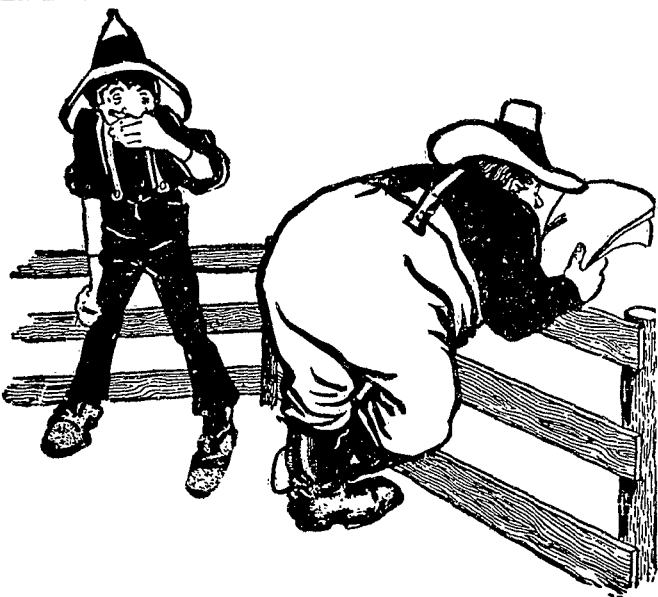
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## COMMENCEMENT DAY.

The 112th commencement exercises of Union College were held in the First Reformed Church Wednesday morning, when another large class was added to the large number that have left Old Union in the past.

The auditorium of the church was packed to the doors, while the chapel room and the galleries were filled and many sat on the stairs or stood in the rear.

The exercises were opened by singing the 117th Psalm, after which former President Dr. A. V. V. Raymond led in prayer.

President Alexander then introduced the first of the Senior orators, Arthur Edgar Davies, of Schenectady, who spoke on "Conscience in Politics." He brought forward the question, "Does conscience hold its rightful place in politics," and said that the United States was facing through political dishonesty one of the most serious problems in her history. He declared that we must purify our body politics and make conscience a dominant issue for the sake of our democratic institutions.

Thomas E. Hanigan, of Schenectady, then spoke on "The Nature and Mission of the State," declaring that the ultimate end of the State is to perfect the brotherhood of man and to bring about the highest degree of civilization in the world, of which it is capable. He said that problems which the State must solve are its relations to criminals, the poor, the church, and to other States.

Arthur B. King, of Troy, was the next speaker, taking for his theme "John Locke and the French Revolution." He regarded the French Revolution as one of the greatest epoch marking events in history. The attempt to deprive the people of their rational rights, the speaker declared, was the real cause of the revolution. He spoke of John Locke as the real leader of the revolution and showed how his ideas were the ideas of the masses of the French nation.

Edwin L. La Crosse, of Schenectady, was excused from the delivery of his oration, "Centralization in the United States."

The next speaker was Herman L. Meyer, of Green Island, on the subject "The Actual Self." He stated that there were two views of self; the view of the German philosophers and the view of Christ, and that there are two kinds of self: The selfish self and the actual self, which is acquired only by self abnegation and self suppression for the purpose of self realization.

Mark S. Watson of Plattsburgh took up the subject "The Problem of the Mob." He declared that anarchy is essentially of foreign origin, but is easily transplanted and has taken deep root here, growing rapidly in extent and in intensity. He said that the leaders in commerce and finance are not awake to the danger, but are in ignorance of the evil. He then declared that every dishonest politician, every bit of watered stock and every evil in corporations aid anarchy more than a whole mob of shouting anarchists.

Martin H. Weyrauch, of Liberty, then spoke on "Our Country and the World Problem," declaring that the reaction against social conditions which is sweeping over the world is the greatest that has ever existed and is engulfing our country. He agreed with Senator La Follette that the trouble is that instead of being represented we are misrepresented.

Leland Silas Hoffman then delivered the valedictory, being excused from his oration, "Lord Kelvin; His Life and Work."

During a selection by the orchestra Governor Hughes, the honorary chancellor, entered and was greeted with a burst of applause. He was then introduced by President Alexander. Governor Hughes said in part:

"I come bringing words of good cheer and encouragement. Despite the evils we deplore and with due regard to regrettable exhibitions of meanness and greed we may still say that the natural resources of our country and our democratic institutions have been preserved."

"We are not likely to suffer from lack of attention to education. It is true that our population is being enlarged by the ignorant, but also true that all or almost all who breathe American air seem to have a desire to know and to become effective for some purpose. The average American young man is determined to make an instrument of himself for doing something well. But how soon is it learned that he who is rich only in information is poor indeed. We may be effective along particular lines, but we must be men enriched by cultivation of the best thought of all time and we must form a true perspective, living as in the twentieth century and not in the thirteenth or fourteenth."

Continuing, he said: "There never was a time when the American people more prized character than they do to-day. But there is something more. The university does not turn out men to take their places as so many isolated units. We must have men who can be trusted, but we must also have men of social sympathy and of intense love for our democratic institutions."

"Nothing is more contemptible than intellectual snobbishness. You have had a great opportunity, but not the only one. The great school of life is an opportunity. The man who goes forth exceptionally well provided must render exceptional service, and he cannot do it unless he looks upon his fellow men as men to whom he owes a special duty."

"This message is for all. A man, particularly an educated man, can never go forth carrying the sign 'For Sale.' Too many men filled with ambition, have gone forth, but for what? To conquer? Would that it were always to conquer instead of to sell."

"In all these matters it must be understood that if educated men really love our democratic institutions they can dominate public opinion."

The diplomas were then awarded by Dr. Raymond and the following degrees conferred: Master of Electrical Engineering, John T. Appleton; Master of Arts, Rev. Harvey Clements, '95, and Meade La Fayette Zimmer, '06; L. L. D., to J. Franklin Fort, Governor of New Jersey; Doctor of Commercial Science to Joseph E. Johnson; Doctor of Science to Charles G. Peck, '59; Doctor of Arts to Frank Bailey, '85; D. D. to Rev. Putnam Cady; Bachelor of Science to Edward B. Mc-

Keefe, '98; D. D. to James Cantine, '83; L. L. D. to Simon W. Rosendale; L. H. D. to Dr. A. V. V. Raymond, and L. L. D. to Governor Charles E. Hughes

The prizes were then awarded as follows:

Warner Prize—Mark S. Watson.

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Allen Essay Prizes—Martin H. Weyrauch,

Thomas E. Hanigan, Arthur E. Davies.

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Junior Oratorical Prizes—John W. Faust, James B. Welles.

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The audience then arose and the exercises were closed by singing "Alma Mater."

#### GLEE CLUB GAVE FINAL CONCERT.

The storm last Tuesday evening prevented many who otherwise would have been present from attending the commencement concert given by the College Musical Clubs at the Emmanuel Baptist Church. But there was a fairly large audience and the excellent work of the clubs was greeted with enthusiasm. The men sang and played their best, which is very well indeed. The selections given were chosen from the prettiest and funniest of their repertoire. They seemed to enjoy the singing and playing together and an added touch of enthusiasm was given the performances by the fact that it was their last concert together. The Glee Club, Mandolin Club Orchestra and quartet all did splendid work. The soloists, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Bell, gave several very beautiful numbers.

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## CLASS DAY EXERCISES ARE INTERESTING.

The class day exercises were held Tuesday morning in the First Reformed Church. An entertaining program was listened to by the members of the senior class and many of their friends. Class President M. H. Weyrauch presided and introduced the speakers.

The class history was given by Thomas E. Hanigan, who spoke in a humorous way of events connected with class' college career. The class was 100 strong entering. Hits on members of the class were brought in and the history, as a whole was very clever.

The class poem was read by Andrew V. V. Raymond, Jr., of Buffalo. The poem was partly humorous and partly prettily expressed sentiment.

Arthur E. Davies, the class prophet, told the members of the senior class what they would be doing fifteen years from their commencement time. One was to be a physical trainer for "King Taft." Two of the members of the class were going to construct an elevator from Schenectady to China, the only stop being Hades, where two others would be found shoveling ashes. The prophet described a funny scene in which several members of the class who had gained control of national politics were holding a nomination convention. But nobody was nominated because each one of the group would vote for nobody but himself.

Henry W. Bell was then introduced. He gave a very able oration on "The True Aim of a College Education." He discussed the popular idea of a college education as a training in books and scholarship, and proposed instead of this the ideal character development. He said the college should make of youth, men; of men good citizens, and of good citizens servants of the best interests of the State.

McGill recently inaugurated a military course, which has been approved by the British War Office, and the McGill University Corps is now on the list of those to which commissions in the British army are allotted. Graduates are eligible for rank in any branch of the service except in the artillery, which requires special training. This privilege is accorded to only one other educational institution in Canada, the Royal Military College at Kingston.

## BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

Last Sunday evening began Union's 112th commencement, when Dr. Alexander, our president ad interim, delivered the baccalaureate sermon in the First Reformed Church.

Dr. George R. Lunn presided at the service, and he first called upon Dr. B. W. R. Tayler to read the Scripture lesson of the evening. Following this the mixed quartet of the Reformed Church rendered "The Earth Is the Lord's and the Fullness Thereof."

Dr. Fred Winslow Adams of the First Methodist Church led in prayer. Dr. Lunn then made an earnest appeal to the members of the congregation to contribute generously for the purpose of sending a number of delegates from the college student body to the Northfield Conference this summer.

Mrs. Boardman sang a soprano solo as an offertory. Dr. Lunn then introduced Dr. Alexander to the congregation as "a man so well known to all of us in this city that he needs no introduction."

Dr. Alexander took as his text Luke x:23-24. "And he turned him unto his disciples and said privately 'Blessed are the eyes that see the things that ye see. For I tell ye that many things which ye see, and have not seen and to hear those things which ye hear and have not heard.'"

He said, in part:

"The value of a life depends in no slight measure upon when and where it is laid.

"Life is measured by opportunity and opportunity largely depends on being born at the right time and place. It has been said that the best education is to live in stirring times. To get the benefit of that education a man must have his eyes and ears open. As we look back nineteen centuries to the time of Christ it is perfectly evident that a new era in the history of mankind had dawned, but the people of the times did not think so. There was little to inspire earnest thought or endeavor. Peasants and fisher folk around

Galilee were seeing things that stirred their souls. They were receiving a spiritual education that made them the teachers and guides of Christendom."

In speaking of wider Christian philanthropy, Dr. Alexander also said: "Looking back upon these days when they walked with Jesus one of the disciples said, 'The Life was manifest and we have seen it.' It is one of the things to rejoice in that all men are getting back to the primal and simple theology, to acknowledge that Jesus Christ is living here, now. Never was He in His majesty and beauty depicted so clearly to the children of men since the days of those who walked with Him in Galilee.

"We cannot keep away the thought that when Jesus uttered these words He was thinking of the opportunities open to His disciples. If it was a blessed thing to live in such a time, what shall we say of those to-day whose ears and eyes are open and are willing to serve? The choicest of our youth have been going into far lands to plant what Secretary Taft called the other day 'the nuclei of civilization.' Some of them have come out of Union. The Lord is standing to-day pointing to these lands and saying 'Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see.'"

Speaking to the graduates Dr. Alexander then said, among other things:

"You have reached a point in your personal experience when the great work-a-day world calls you. You stand between the calm of the time of gaining knowledge and the stressful time for application of knowledge in your life work. You should be like those men of Israel of whom it was said 'They saw the signs of the times and knew what Israel ought to do.'

"I congratulate you upon coming into your own at a time of such great opportunity. It is said that there never was a time when it was so difficult to live right. Long ago it was written, 'Your young men shall see visions.' You will stumble and fall unless you keep your ears and eyes open unto the things of Jesus Christ. Unto His companionship and leadership I commend you."

## ALUMNI DINNER.

It was perhaps a record-breaking attendance at the alumni dinner held in the State Armory Tuesday afternoon, and some of the alumni dated their graduation back as far as '48. Young and old were grouped about tables in the big drill shed, and together they sang the songs of Union and gave the college yells.

The women who supplied the dinner occupied seats in the balcony and to the rear of the speakers' table.

Rev. John R. Harding, D. D., president of the General Alumni Association, was toastmaster and first introduced Rev. George Alexander, D. D., president ad interim of the college. Dr. Alexander delivered a short address in which he spoke of the progress being made by the college and the bright future ahead of it. He did not say anything about the presidency, but paid a high compliment to Dean Benjamin H. Ripton. He was greeted by the alumni with a college yell. He was followed by Dr. Raymond.

"I am in a position where I can say just what I want to now," said Dr. Raymond, his eyes twinkling, "and I am going to tell you what I think Union College needs the most. It is an athletic field and gymnasium. I don't think that there is anything which could work more good for the college, financially, morally or intellectually. I would like to have made this statement last commencement, in 1906, '05 or '03 for that matter, but I wasn't in a position to do so then."

Dr. Raymond then spoke briefly of his thirteen years as the head of Union College. "But now I'm one of the boys," he said, "and I can do as I please. I can stand around with a group of the alumni and criticize and tell how I think the college ought to be run. I wouldn't be surprised if I knew a lot more about how things ought to be done now than I did when I was president."

Frank Bailey, treasurer of the college, spoke of the finances of the college, asserting that they are in better condition than in many years. "If we can raise the \$100,000 which will enable us to secure the \$100,000 from the General Education Fund," he said, "the financial condition will be better than ever before."

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Judge Charles C. Nott of Princeton, N. J., a member of the class of '48, was the next speaker. Judge Nott has attended fifty-eight of the sixty commencements which have occurred since he was graduated. He spoke of the times when, he said, "Union was a quiet little college, and Schenectady a quiet little town."

The other speakers who represented their classes, follow: Rev. John K. McLean, D. D., Richmond, Va., '58; Hon. Frederick P. Bellamy, Brooklyn, '68; Charles M. Culver, M. D., Albany, '78; Conde Hamlin, St. Paul, Minn., '83; Rev. P. H. Cole, D. D., Rome, '88; Mayor Horace S. Voast, Schenectady, '93; Francis E. Cullen, Oswego, '98; M. H. Weyrauch, Liberty, '08.

There was plenty of enthusiasm shown at the

dinner, but the raising of funds was not taken up at the time.

There were perhaps a hundred guests present at the dinner, including prominent business and professional men, officials of the big industries, and city and county officials.

### ORATORICAL CONTESTS.

The Sophomore and junior oratorical contests in connection with the extemporaneous speaking were held on Monday evening at the First Reformed Church.

Professor H. G. McKean presided, making the announcements and introducing the speakers. During the evening several selections of music were rendered by Zita's orchestra. The Sophomore speaking was first on the program, the order of the speakers appearance having been chosen by lot.

The first speaker was Samuel M. Cavert, of Charlton. The subject of his oration was "Union College; a Retrospect." He told something of Union's past history, of its different presidents and of its future possibilities.

Harry G. Coplon, of Troy, spoke on "Child Labor, a National Menace." He showed how little the government had done to check the progress of this evil, and what the results would be unless effective measures were not taken to stop its growth.

"Patrick Henry" was the subject of Howard C. Macomber's oration. The speaker showed the influence which Patrick Henry exerted upon the public affairs of his time.

The last speaker of the sophomores was Arthur R. Chaffee, of Morristown. He spoke on "International Peace." He said that never before has there been so strong a sentiment in favor of international peace, and then showed the conditions producing this result.

Professor McKean then announced the subject for the extemporaneous speaking, and the program was continued by the juniors.

The first speaker, John W. Faust, of Schenectady, took for his subject "A Plea for Reform in Vivisection." He told of the cruelty of many forms of vivisection, but said that great good resulted from vivisection when carried on in the proper manner.

James B. Welles, of Geneseo, gave "An Appreciation of Governor Hughes." The speaker traced the political career of Governor Hughes and spoke of his reform work both before and after his election as Governor.

The closing oration was delivered by Ralph J. Ury, of Schenectady. His subject was "Union's Grand Old Man." He briefly described Dr. Nott's life prior to his election as president of the college and showed the immeasurable good which he did for the college during his presidency.

The general subject for the extemporaneous speaking as was announced some time ago was, "The Present Situation in National Politics," and the specific subject as given out at the close of the Sophomore contest was, "Resolved. That the election of Mr. Taft will best serve the interests of our country."

Elmer W. K. Mould, of Schenectady, was the first speaker. He upheld the affirmative side of the question and gave a convincing argument in favor of Mr. Taft.

Joseph T. Wright, who was the next speaker, took up the negative side. He said that for its own good the Republican party ought to be defeated.

Arthur E. Davies then endeavored to show that Mr. Taft would not promote the best interests of the country because Mr. Hughes was a more acceptable candidate.

Arthur B. King, the last speaker, said that judging from what Mr. Taft has been and has done, it would be advantageous to the country to elect Mr. Taft.

The judges, Edward Towne, of Duluth, Minn., class of '88; L. R. Pratt, of Buffalo, '86, and Edward McKeefe, of Albany, '98, then retired and soon brought in a unanimous decision, giving the awards as follows:

Sophomore Oratoricals—Arthur R. Chaffee, first; Harry G. Coplon, second.

Junior Oratoricals—John W. Faust, first; James B. Welles, second.

Extemporaneous—Elmer W. K. Mould.

## THE GROVE EXERCISES.

Among the pleasant events of commencement week there have been none prettier than the Ivy Exercises which were held under the great Nott elm, in Jackson's Garden, on Monday afternoon.

Here the class of 1908 assembled, smoked their class pipe, drank their punch and made the echoes of the beautiful old garden ring with their class song.

Zitas's orchestra was in attendance and their renderings added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

A large number of students and their friends had gathered on the sloping bank which surrounds the Nott Elm, when the seniors in cap and gown, singing their class song marched through the garden and took their places under "the Elm."

Martin H. Weyrauch, president of the class spoke a few words of welcome and introduced the speakers.

Mr. Ross Tiffany was introduced as the ivy orator. The subject of Mr. Tiffany's oration was "The Man of the Future," which he showed must be a man of spiritual and intellectual power. He pointed out that these were in most cases college educated men.

The class poem was then read by Mark S. Watson, the class poet, whose efforts gave promise of the fulfillment of the predictions of his friends that he would stand among the future great poets.

After the reading of the poem the seniors arose and sung their class song after which Arthur B. King was introduced as the pipe orator. Mr. King reviewed the history of the class through their underclassman days showing how loyal a friend each had had in his old pipe. In closing he urged his classmates to remain always true to their Alma Mater until their sons and grandsons should take their places within her old grav walls.

The Seniors then arose and sang Alma Mater, after which they marched to the library, where they concluded the exercises for the afternoon with the planting of the ivy.

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## TRUSTEES' MEETING.

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The trustees decided to bring to the college a collection of minerals which Dr. Alexander has secured and which have been pronounced of considerable value.

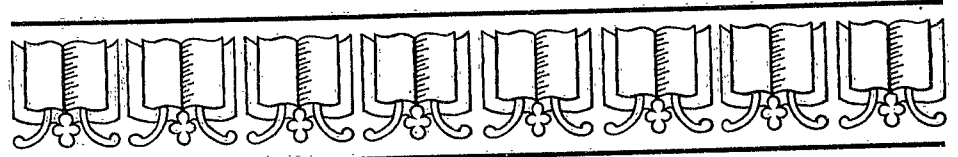
It was announced that Prof. Olin H. Landreth will return to his native college duties with the beginning of the next college year and that Prof. Edward Ellery will be given four weeks' leave of absence next spring, in order that he may go to Germany to study in the interests of the college.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors, S. W. Rosendale presided and J. Newton Fiero, of the Albany Law School faculty, was secretary. Governor Fort of New Jersey was granted the degree of LL. D.


The General Alumni Association elected the following officers: President, E. P. White, '79, Buffalo; vice-president, A. V. V. S. Wallace, '78; secretary, A. T. Blessing, '97; treasurer, M. H. Strong, '96; executive committee, Putnam Cady, '85, W. S. McEwan, '95, C. C. Lester, '70, Senator W. W. Wemple, '86, and H. S. Bahler, '01.

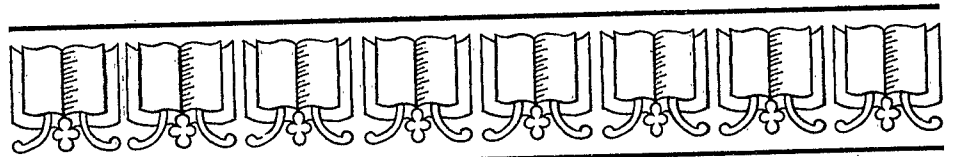
## THE SENIOR BALL.

The Senior ball which was held in the Round Building on Wednesday evening was all that one of Union's dances is, a beautifully decorated hall, a large number of guests and a fine time. The alcoves where the Fraternities had their booths were decorated with garnet bunting while around the sides beautiful effect was gained by having trellises with vines on them. The committee certainly deserves a great deal of credit for the success of the affair.



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In two games our opponents scored no runs nor did they make any hits. The total score of our opponents was 30 and that our team 67.

The first game of the season was with West Point at West Point. This game was lost but it was not a disgrace to the team. At this time, Dunn '11, was put in the box for the first time and since has pitched six games, showing up well in all.

The Pratt game, played on the campus, was an example of what cheering on the part of the student body can do for a team. It was mainly on this account that we won the game, making six scores in the last inning.

The next game, with Rutgers, at New Brunswick, was another victory. Here Dunn again did fine work, always striking out men at the critical moment.

The game with Colgate at Hamilton was unsatisfactory and the score goes down as a defeat for the Garnet.

The next two games, one with Hobart and one with Rochester, were cancelled on account of rain.

The game with Rochester on the campus was a very exciting one to witness. The Garnet had a few errors but easily outclassed their opponents.

The team made a trip, winning easily from Hamilton at Clinton, and also from Hobart at Geneva.

The next game on the campus was with the Edison Club, which had some very good players, but they were not equal to the 'varsity.

The game with Middlebury was a very easy victory for the Garnet.

The only thing that kept up the interest in the Hamilton game on the campus was the thought that perhaps the Buff and Blue might get a hit.

It was the same with the Rutgers game on the campus. This was the second game in which our opponents scored no runs and also the second in which Hildreth, with excellent fielding support, prevented any hits.

The game with Colgate was the most important one, as on the result of the game hung our chance of getting the pennant. But the team was equal to it and closed the season with a victory, thereby winning the N. Y. S. I. A. U. pennant.

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Ladue .....	.243	.765
Dunn .....	.238	1.000
Tobin .....	.231	1.000
Kins .....	.215	.952
Bergan .....	.212	.905
Chadwick .....	.148	.889
Hayward .....	.132	.684
Hoffman .....	.128	.905
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Wednesday afternoon Delta Upsilon held a tea in honor of Governor Hughes, our Honorary Chancellor.

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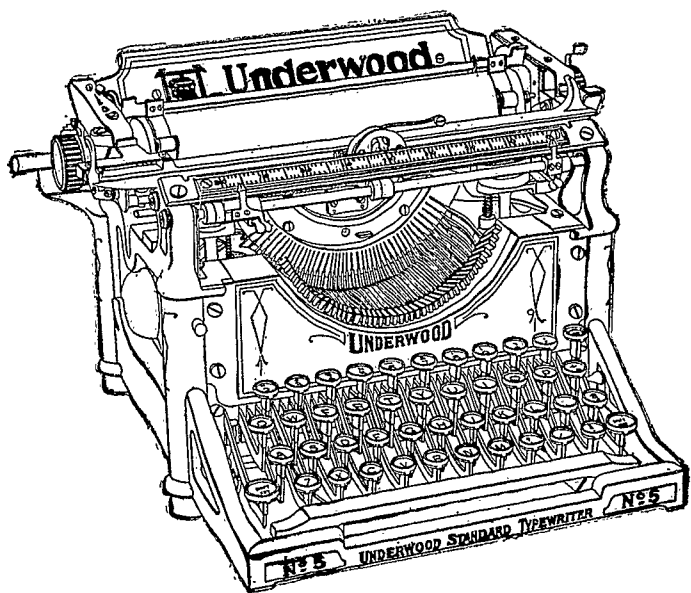
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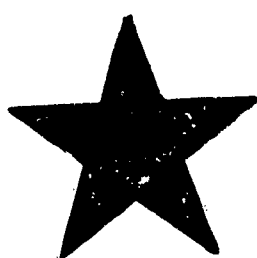
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