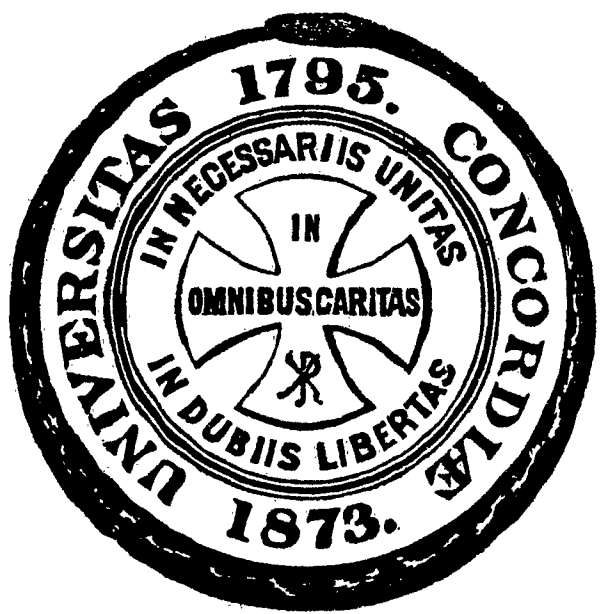


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Dr. Raymond's Chapel Sermon.

Dr. Raymond used as his subject Sunday afternoon, "The Will," the reference being found in John 5, 40.

He said, knowledge opens the way but does not save, for the will is the citadel upon which all our actions wait and there is no possible action without it. We may have the ability and knowledge but we cannot obey until we *will*. Each one as a free moral agent has a moral responsibility and the choice is always individual.

Free agency is a gift of God which differs in extent with different individuals. Where is the great difference? Inheritance is a potent factor but not so highly important as the use or disuse of will power. This is one of the most important departments of education. Necessity and poverty have a strong influence in teaching men to will and choose, while others who are better educated but have less will power will fall beside them.

Sometimes children exhibit strong wills and we seek to break them. It is a fatal mistake for there is no virtue in compulsory action. In the same way higher education is a training in power of volition. In college work the faculty are our teachers but we are the choosers. If we are not, it is because we have spoiled our will-power earlier in life.

Our wills are controlled by desire, and desire acts through the mind while the mind is actuated by longing. Hence the first prospect of virtue is virtuous thoughts. Decision clears the mind as the wind clears away a fog. A decisive will exercises the mind in the right direction and is a preventative of insanity, while irresolution acts in exactly the opposite direction.

Professor Prosser's Geological Exhibit.

At the fourth annual reception and exhibit of recent progress in science, held in the American Museum of Natural History, of New York on April 5th and 6th, Professor Prosser exhibited a portion of his collection of rocks and fossils collected by him while in Kansas and Nebraska.

His exhibit appears in the catalogue as follows:

4. PERMIAN AND CARBONIFEROUS ROCKS AND FOSSILS FROM KANSAS AND NEBRASKA.

Exhibited by Prof. Charles S. Prosser, Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.

a. A set of the Permian rocks of Kansas accompanied by some of their characteristic fossils.

The Upper Coal Measures and fossiliferous Permian formations of Kansas, which have recently been named and described by Prof. Prosser, consist of the following formations arranged in ascending order: Wabaunsee, Cottonwood, Neosho, Chase and Marion.

b. Carboniferous Rocks and Fossils of Nebraska. A partial representation of the Carboniferous rocks and fossils of southeastern Nebraska.

The rocks of southeastern Nebraska have been referred to both the Carboniferous and Permian systems; but in a recent paper Prof. Prosser correlates them with the Wabaunsee and Cottonwood formations of the Kansas Upper Coal Measures. See *Journ. Geol.*, V, Jan.-Feb. No., p. 1, and Feb.-Mar. No., p. 148.

c. Fossils from various New York formations.

See especially Hamilton flagstone with worm-tracks from Otsego county, and fish scales and bones from the base of Chemung group of Otsego county.

A competitive examination for house surgeon was held at the Ellis Hospital, Tuesday evening. Dr. Latcher, of Saratoga, a graduate of the Albany Medical College, '97, was the successful competitor and will fill the position during the coming year.

The Library Improvements.

The library was re-opened last Monday morning and is to be conducted on a new system. Several modifications and improvements have been made. Cards have been placed at intervals over the alcoves calling attention to the fact that silence must be maintained, and tips have been put on the chairs to lessen the noise. The tables have been removed from the alcoves and placed in the center of the room, for two reasons: First, to give students an opportunity to look at the titles of books without hindrance, and second, to allow the librarian free access to the shelves. These tables are for the general use of the students. Small tables will be placed in the alcoves for the use of those who wish to look up special subjects which require reference to a number of volumes. Screen doors have been put before the shelves to keep the books from being misplaced, while the library is being re-catalogued.

Hereafter books can only be withdrawn from the shelves as follows: A card must be filled out by the student, stating the number of volumes desired, with their titles and authors. This card is presented to the librarian who will find the books, and when the student is through with them, they must be brought to the librarian's desk, when the application card will be returned.

Officers and students may withdraw for their own use, out side the library, any library book except reference and rare books, subject to the following restrictions.

(a) No student may have more than two books out at the same time.

(b) No student may keep a book out more than seven days, but a withdrawal may be renewed by the librarian for an additional seven days.

(c) Students must become responsible for the safe and prompt return of books, and will be charged 5 cents per day for each day a book is kept out beyond its time limit.

(d) Students desiring the privilege of withdrawing books must make a deposit of five dollars with the registrar to cover fines or damages to books.

Direct access is given to the reference books; all other books may be used in the library only by making application by card to the librarian. A fee or deposit is not required for the withdrawal of books to be used in the library.

Pencils, and not pen and ink must be used in making notes. Marking or mutilating library books is prohibited, and its occurrence will result in the withdrawal of the library privileges from the person offending. Absolute quiet in all parts of the library at all times must be maintained, and to this end the library cannot be used as a study hall.

The library will be open from 8 to 12 A. M.; from 2 to 6 P. M. and from 7 to 9 P. M. Books may be withdrawn from 10 to 12 A. M.; from 2 to 5 P. M. and from 7 to 9 P. M., at which hours the librarian will be on duty.

Mr. G. Briggs Lynes has been appointed first assistant librarian for the spring term and will divide the duties of the library with Prof. Lamaroux.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. meeting on Tuesday evening was of especial interest as the president, Hoxie, '98, made a report of the convention which has just been held at Boston and to which he was the delegate of Union. The convention was of the college Y. M. C. A. presidents of New York and New England, with the addition of University of Pennsylvania, Rutgers and Princeton, and was the best ever held by the association, fifty-five colleges being represented.

Similar organizations have been started in the universities of England, Germany, Norway and Sweden, India, China, Japan, Australia and South Africa, and reports showed that these were in fully as prosperous condition as the great movement here in the United States.

Rev. J. V. V. Wemple, '92, was in the city several days last week.

College Notes.

On April 7th, the *Cornell Daily Sun* was changed from a four page to a six page paper.

An agreement for two years has been made between Cornell and Lafayette in base ball and foot ball.

The Yale-Princeton and Harvard-Pennsylvania foot ball games are both scheduled for the same day next fall.

By a recent decision of the Supreme Court, the property of Brown University has been exempted from taxation.

Those members of the Senior class at Brown University whose class standing has been sufficiently high will be exempt from final examinations.

The authorities of Brown University have decided that the students must either give up the use of tobacco or leave college. The faculty of Boston University has passed a like rule.

The Pennsylvania state legislature has been asked to appropriate \$1,000,000 to enable the University of Pennsylvania to improve its several departments of study.

The United States is not the only place where football wars occur. There is a lively discussion going on between the International Rugby Board and Wales, and it is all about that same old question, "What is an amateur, what is a professional?"

The annual eight-oared race between the crews of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge was rowed Saturday over the Thames championship course of 4 1-4 miles from Putney to Mortlake, and won by Oxford. Time 19 min. 11 4-5 sec. —*Brown Herald*.

The entire Harvard nine of last year is back, and all will try for the team, besides there are about fifty freshmen at work in the cage. Harvard will have a second 'Varsity this year with a schedule almost as long as that of the first team.

The Columbia College Law School, in order to eliminate the large class of half-educated special students, now requires that special students must possess the same qualifications for admission as candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

President Stryker, of Hamilton College announces that a friend of the institution has donated \$25,000 to be devoted to the erection of a hall of languages, for which plans are now being prepared. Fifty thousand dollars was recently given to Hamilton to found a professorship in history, and the latest phase of the Fayerweather will case is favorable to Hamilton's securing the \$140,000 bequeathed it by the will.

Union College Concert Co.

The Union College Concert Co. gave entertainments at the Reformed Church, Castleton, N. Y., on April 7, and at St. Luke's Church, Albany, on April 12. The clubs were assisted by Mr. Philip Conklin, violinist, and J. H. Cook, 1900, as reader.

At Castleton they were well received. The selections by the quartette, "Gib me dat Water-million" and "On the Levee," and the violin solo by Mr. Conklin were especially well rendered.

The company were greeted by a very large and appreciative audience at Albany and were frequently encored. The work of Mr. Cook was exceptionally fine.

Amusements at the Van Curler.

April 21.—"The Electrician."

April 23.—"Pudd'n Head Wilson."

Centre Street Opera House.

April 27.—An exhibition of Prof. Lyman H. Howe's Animotoscope, under the auspices of the Knights of the Maccabees. Tickets 25 and 35 cents, which can be had at Moir's book store or of members.

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It is the duty of every student in college to purchase a ticket to the Eli Perkins lecture which is to be delivered in the chapel next Monday evening. Mr. Landon kindly volunteered to deliver this lecture for the purpose of helping along the athletic-field project. Every student should show his appreciation of the efforts that are being made in this direction by contributing the price of at least one ticket. The lecture will be interesting and no one should miss hearing it.

EVERY student in college knows that the base ball team needs encouragement, yet there are but few who show anything like a proper enthusiasm. The game Wednesday afternoon indicates the potential ability of the men who are working for the interest of the college team. A large number of enthusiastic "rooters" would enliven the afternoon practice and would also tend to induce others to try to make the team.

There is only one way for the students to get a base ball team and that is to make it themselves.

If we produce a team which plays creditably and wins games, it reflects honor on the student body as a whole; if their playing is mediocre the shame lies not with them but with the student body who failed to encourage the efforts of the faithful.

WE UNDERSTAND that there is some misunderstanding among the students regarding the competition for positions on the college publications. We therefore reiterate in part what was stated in the last issue of THE CONCORDIENSIS regarding this competition.

The students who have entered the competition for the position of managing editor must qualify by submitting matter for both publications. This applies to Sophomores and Freshmen already appointed.

All students who desire to qualify for the position of literary editor of THE PARTHENON to be held during their Senior year must qualify by submitting matter for publication in that magazine. This is open to all the students except Seniors. Matter intended for publication in the April PARTHENON must be submitted immediately.

ON WEDNESDAY the library was re-opened and the new rules and regulations which have been adopted by the library committee were put in active operation. An extended account of the new system appears in another column of this issue. We consider the plan of operation a good one and are confident that it will prove an efficient remedy for the abuses which have existed in the past.

The managing force of the library has been augmented so that there will be no difficulty or delay in procuring books for reference or for general reading.

THE CONCORDIENSIS wishes to impress upon the minds of all students the fact that the new regulations have been adopted so as to enable them to more fully enjoy the advantages which a well equipped and well administered library affords. And furthermore these changes have been made with scarcely any interruption in the regular library privileges at a time when abuses existed which would have warranted the college authorities in closing the doors to the students until other more efficient rules could have been instituted.

The successful operation of the new system depends not alone upon the librarian and his assistants. Every student has his part to perform and upon his honesty and care depend in a large part the success of the new regulations.

Alumni Notes.

'80.—Mr. Robert Carter Alexander, editor, and Mr. R. E. A. Dorr, publisher, have become proprietors of the New York *Mail and Express*, which they have already made one of the ablest and most influential of the great newspapers of the land. It is an exponent of the best Republicanism; board minded, patriotic, charitable, clean, fearless. Its editorial page is conducted with an ability that is scarcely surpassed by the great Dana himself. Mr. Alexander is a man of individuality. He was graduated from Union College in the class of '80 and is only about 38 years of age. He has reached his present position by no freak of fortune, but by force of ability and industry. A trained and experienced lawyer, he has been connected with many important enterprises outside of journalism. He was the chief promoter and organizer of the Adirondack League Club, (with its 110,000 acres of forest preserve) of which he is now the president. His versatility, culture and scholarship are equalled only by his tireless energy. Imbued with unyielding Scotch honesty, he is a foe to political trickery and sensational journalism, and will make his paper reflect his own integrity and high character. Keep your eye on the *Mail and Express* and its young editor, for they are going to be a power for good. Long life and prosperity to them both!—*Ogdensburg Journal*.

'85.—Representative Foote, of New York, has had the reputation among many of his admirers of being the handsomest man in the House, but there is another representative from Tennessee, Mr. J. Wesley Gaines, who aspires to pluck the laurels from the New Yorker's brow. Mr. Gaines is one of the new members. His ambition to displace Mr. Foote was illustrated the other day when he entered a well-known gallery on the avenue, where photographs of members of both houses are kept, and asked to see Mr. Foote's picture.

It was shown him, and Mr. Gaines looked at the likeness for a long time, taking it to a mirror and carefully arranging his hair so that it would

look more like the picture. This necessitated the parting of his locks in the middle, as Mr. Foote does, instead of on the left side, and required some time. After the task was completed, Mr. Gaines purchased one of the photos, and passed out, saying: "Folks say I look like him."—*From the Washington Post*.

Local and Personal.

Wood, '96, visited friends on the hill Monday. Babcock, '93, was about college Friday, April 9.

Utter, '98, has returned from Denver and is now at his home in Albany.

W. J. Kline, '73, of Amsterdam, returned Wednesday from Florida where he has been spending the winter.

The Freshman class canes have arrived. They are of congo wood, with the figures U 1900 in silver on the handles.

Green, '99, is conducting the rehearsals of the Glee club during the illness of Mr. Frank MacMahon, the musical director.

The base ball management has engaged William Roberts, who caught for the Amsterdam team last year, to coach the team for two weeks.

At a meeting of the Schenectady County Board of Supervisor held last Tuesday, Frank MacMillan, '98, was unanimously elected clerk of the board for the ensuing year.

The Union College quartette sang at the Presbyterian church, Lansingburgh, last Tuesday evening in connection with a lecture by Col. Griffith on "The City of Washington."

There will be an interesting Animotscope Exhibition Concert in the Centre Street Opera House on Monday evening, April 26. Lyman H. Horn, sole owner and manager, will conduct the concert.

The 36th and 37th Separate companies leave for New York on the 26th to be present at the unveiling of Grant's monument. A number of students will accompany their respective companies. The 36th and 37th together with the 31st of Herkimer and 46th of Amsterdam form the 15th battallion, of which Austin A. Yates, '54, is commanding officer.

Track Athletics.

The athletic outlook is a pleasing one. The class cross country clubs and the college athletic team are now taking daily cross country runs. As a stimulus to this new and fresh activity in track athletics a cross country race is being arranged. Each class in college is to enter a team of ten men, the winner to receive forty points, second, thirty-nine points, etc., according to place and number of men entered. This race is to be held long enough before the spring meet to benefit all the track athletes without hindering their training for special events.

The Utica meet will follow the spring meet, and Union may well look forward to a successful contest against the other colleges of central New York.

Turner, '98, spent Sunday with Loucks, 1900, at his home in Albany. On Saturday evening he gave a dinner in honor of his fraternity men.

An Addition to the Faculty.

Professor Hilliard, a graduate of Lehigh University, and recently engaged upon the Mississippi river commission at St. Louis, Mo., has assumed his duties as assistant in the general engineering department. Professor Hilliard will hold classes in Descriptive Geometry with the Sophomores, and Hydraulics and Natural Perspective with the Juniors. He will also have charge of one division in field work.

This addition to the engineering department will enable Prof. Landreth to take up special work with the Juniors in the electrical engineering department.

At a meeting of the Adelpic Literary Society held April 9th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Hotelling, '97; vice-president, Cullen, '98; secretary, Schmitter, '99; treasurer, MacMahon, '99; curator, Tinning, 1900.

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He was born in Philadelphia, July 28th, 1840, was educated at Westtown Academy, and at the University of Pennsylvania, then began the study of Comparative Anatomy in the Academy of Natural Sciences, continuing his work in the Smithsonian Institute during 1859, and in Europe during 1863 and 1864. He then became professor of Natural Sciences, at Haverford College, but was forced by failing health to resign this position in 1867. Later he became paleontologist to the United States Geographical Survey, serving first on the survey of the territories, and then on the survey west of the 100th

meridian. His work in this connection resulted in his discovery of nearly two thousand new species of extinct and living vertebrata. For many years he was secretary and curator of the Academy of Natural Sciences, and chief of the Department of Organic Material of the permanent exhibition in this city.

Among his larger works may be mentioned "Systematic Arrangement of the Lacertilio and Ophidia.

His name as a paleontologist is associated with those of Baron Cuvier, of France, Sir Richard Owen, Professor Marsh, of Yale, and Dr. Joseph Leidy, lately of this city. — *The Pennsylvanian*.

Irving W. Ketchum, '99, occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church of Schenectady, Sunday morning, April 11, and in the evening he preached in the East Avenue Presbyterian church.

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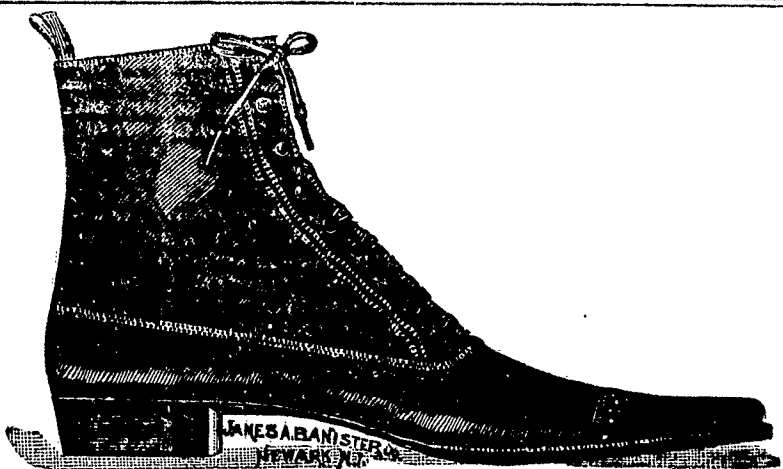
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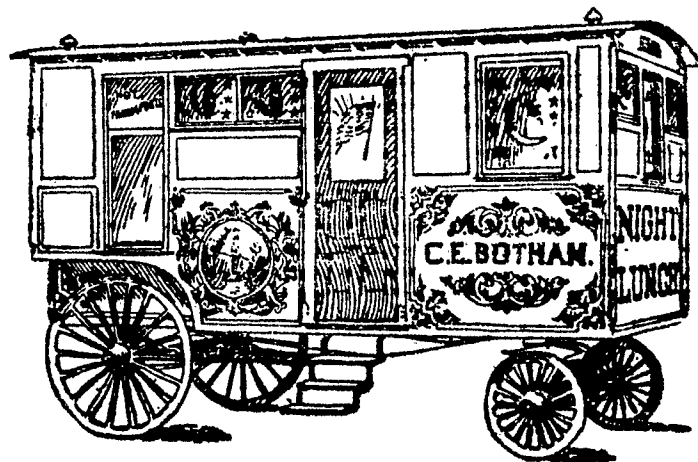
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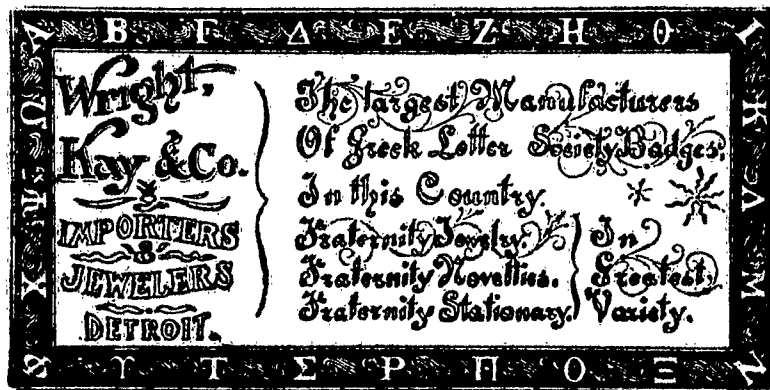
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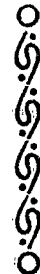
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