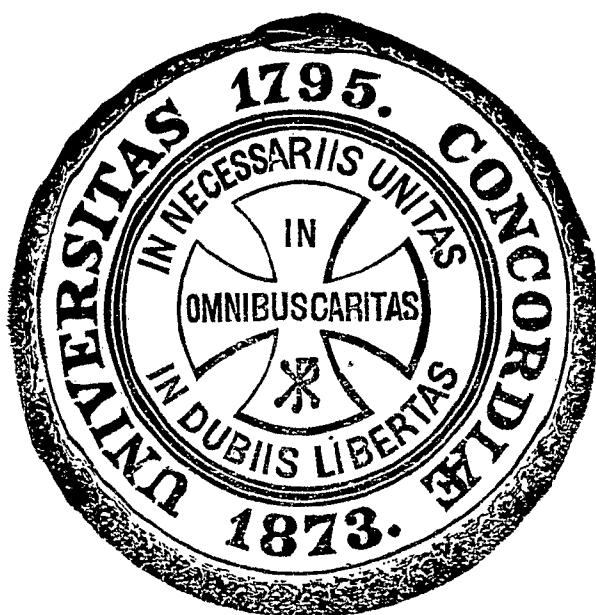


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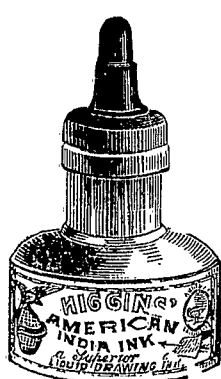
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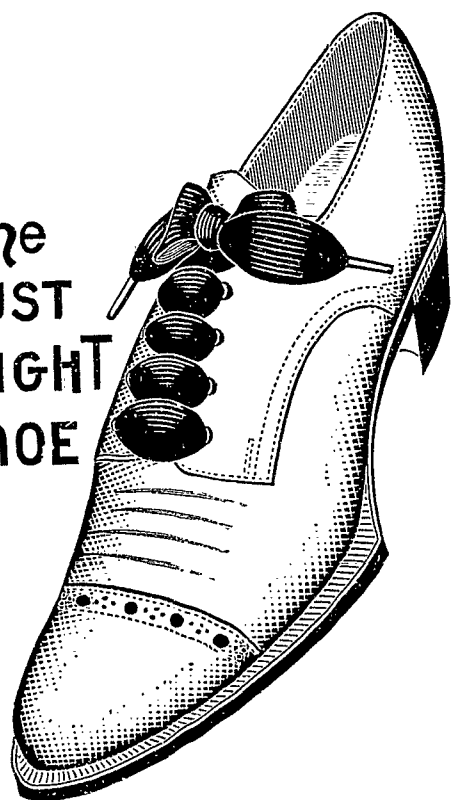
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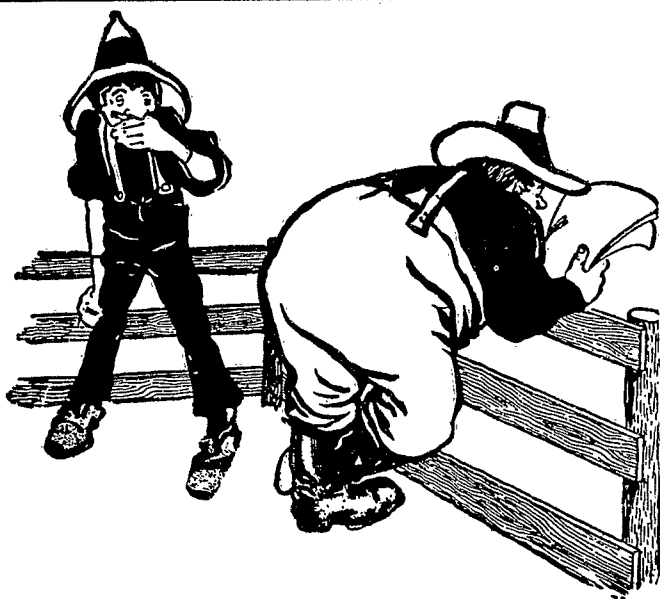
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SHOULD UNION HAVE A CREW?

This question has been discussed quite widely on the hill since the announcement that Schenectady was to have a boat club which would own a shell. It seems, on the first consideration of the question, that to support a crew here would be all but impossible, but considering all the advantages accruing from it to the college, the impossibility slowly is lost sight of.

Of course the rowing machines and other apparatus incident to the training would cost quite a sum of money and besides, the support of the crew would cost even more than some of our other branches of athletics. The training table would count as the most important item, but how is it that Union has put her best football teams in the field when no such thing as a training table had even been considered here. The apparatus could be gradually acquired and the expense account kept within reasonable bounds by a little judicious management. We would most assuredly need a coach, but the fellows are not found wanting when asked to subscribe for anything that is advantageous to their own and the college's welfare.

We are considering this matter from the standpoint that the college will be able to get the use of the new shell and boathouse in so far as the crew is concerned, and surely the club will take great interest in such a thing. The advantages to the college would be numerous. In addition to increasing the renown of our already famous institution, fellows who are desirous of attending a small college would be influenced to come to that place where they have something out of the ordinary, something that other similar institutions are unable to offer and which is one of the most popular sports in the world. Nothing need be said as to the physical and psychical advantages that are attendant upon rowing.

Not only could the college enter inter-collegiate boat races but class crews organized in time and after the first experiment, if successful, we

need not doubt but that with the aid of our alumni there would appear on the banks of the Mohawk a college boathouse with all modern fixtures. We are surely well fitted to undertake this by our situation on the Mohawk. The river is well fitted to train on and when such things as flotillas are undertaken we have Saratoga Lake quite handy where, in June, the fellows and their friends might betake themselves to watch an annual aquatic carnival.

The argument may be advanced that we have too many sports as it is. Our past basketball season was not very successful and we could do no better than the larger colleges in dropping that sport and at least attempting to put a successful crew into operation. We should not get our hopes raised for a speedy success, for rowing is a sport that must develop and, too, rather slowly. On the whole, it seems best to give this idea a trial whether successful or not as it can do no harm and possibly may overcome many of our present disadvantages.—'09.

THE SENIOR BALL.

Chairman Shelley of the Senior Ball Committee has finally gained permission of the trustees to hold the Senior Ball in the library building. For several seasons past this privilege has been refused and this step indicates that those in power realize that at least one dance should be given in some college building as a wholly college dance.

Certain conditions are attached but which will give distinction to the function rather than detract from it. The fraternities and neutral organizations must have each a booth. These booths will be in the recesses between the bookcases and will give a delightful effect to the whole scheme. Besides the honorary patronesses each fraternity will be represented by four patronesses. In all probability, the dance will be one of the most successful of its kind ever given here. The committee in charge is Shelley, chairman; Parsons and Fullerton.

OBITUARY.

Judge Samuel W. Jackson, aged 87 years, the oldest member of the Schenectady County Bar, and one of the best known men in the city, died at his residence, 27 Washington Avenue, Friday morning at 11 o'clock, after an illness of over three months. His condition was not considered serious until about ten days ago, when he was confined to his bed.

Mr. Jackson was born in the town of Palatine, Montgomery county, June 28, 1821. His father, Allan H. Jackson, a native of the same county, was graduated from West Point, and was by profession a civil engineer, having at one time been chief of the corps of engineers of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and subsequently of the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

After he had received his academic education, Samuel W. Jackson entered the Sophomore class of Union College in 1840, and was graduated with honors in 1842.

He began his legal career in the office of Alexander Sheldon, previous to entering college, and after graduating completed his legal course in the office of Paige & Potter in Schenectady. In 1843 he was licensed as an attorney, under the old regime, and as a counsellor in 1846.

He first practiced his profession at Gilboa, Schoharie county, and continued his legal business there until 1850, when he retired because of ill health. He resumed his profession in 1856, having recovered his health, and opened an office in New York.

He returned to Schenectady in 1858, where he had since remained. He became one of the best known men in Schenectady and had been the local legal representative of the New York Central for the past forty years. In 1867 he was appointed by Governor Hoffman to fill the unexpired term of Justice Rosecrans of the Supreme Court. He was appointed a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1872.

On April 10, 1860, he was elected vestryman of St. George's Church and served in this office until April 7, 1874, when he was elected warden. He remained in that capacity until his death.

On April 23, 1862, he married Miss Louisa Potter, niece of Judge Platt Potter.

Judge Jackson is survived by his widow and five children; Mrs. H. V. N. Phillips, Mrs. Nelson W. Wait and John T. Jackson of Schenectady; Mrs. Harry W. Preston of Elmira, and Lieutenant Frank P. Jackson, U. S. A.

The funeral will be held from his late residence on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. B. W. R. Tayler will officiate. Interment will be in St. George's Cemetery.

WITH THE DEBATERS.

During the past week debating work has been at the zenith of excitement in preparation for the Allison-Foote debate which is to take place during the last part of the week beginning April 13. The final date has not been decided upon as yet.

Both societies have been holding try-out debates almost daily. The Adelphics held their final try-out on last Thursday with Dr. Hoffman and Dr. March as judges, to select the debaters who will represent their society in the annual inter-society debate. The team chosen by the judges at that time consists of Weyreuch '08, La Crosse '08, Mould '09 and Davies '08 as alternate.

The Philomatheans held their final try-out on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The judges were Dr. Hoffman and Prof. Bennett, who selected as the three men to present the case for the Philomatheans, Hanigan '08, S. M. Cavert '10 and Cohen '11.

The question for the debate as submitted by the Adelpic Society is:

Resolved, That the exclusion of the Chinese under the present system is detrimental to the best interests of the country. The Philomatheans have decided to uphold the negative side of the question.

Interest is also being aroused in the inter-collegiate debate with Rutgers to be held in New Brunswick on May 13. The Garnet team will be picked shortly after the Allison-Foote debate. Among small colleges, Rutgers puts up one of the very best debating teams in the country. She has an unparalleled record never having been beaten in recent years. However, our recent victory over Hamilton augurs well for breaking Rutgers' enviable record.

KINGS ALONG THE EUPHRATES.

On Friday afternoon Rev. G. Putnam Cady gave his last of a series of lectures on ancient history, choosing for his topic, "Kings Along the Euphrates." He gave us a vivid description of their deeds, their influence on the history of Judea and Israel and briefly related how the politics of these early nations became so closely intermingled.

A very interesting feature of Mr. Cady's lecture was his description of the power of these ancient Assyrian monarchs, telling of their conquests, tributes taken from the conquered, and placing special stress on the hideous and repulsive methods used by these monarchs in the treatment of their captives. Sargon II, however, was an exception to this rule. He scattered the conquered people over his domains and placed his own people in the territory conquered. In telling of the practices of these ancient Assyrians Mr. Cady says that ninety per cent. of these monarchs were cruel and harsh to the very extreme, life counting but little in their desire for glory.

In connection with the description of these Mr. Cady tells of their repeated attempts to conquer the Hittites, and in whom they found a foe man worthy of their steel. Little is known of the Hittites, although several tablets have been found relating to their history, but up to the present time no one has been able to decipher them.

The history of Assyria is in many ways closely connected with that of Judea and Israel. The Assyrians made repeated marches into their territory destroying and conquering, until finally in 583 B. C. Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem with all its mighty temples. That the Assyrians repeatedly sent armies into Judea and Israel can be seen by reading the Old Testament and all this has been confirmed by various tablets which have been found. They suffered terribly at the hands of these monarchs and few can imagine the joy of the people in Israel and Judea at the downfall of these kings along the Euphrates. They compared their power to that of the Cedars of Lebanon and their destruction to the destruction of the trees.

At the close of the lecture the students gave Mr. Cady a good hearty cheer in keen appreciation of his lectures.

SKULL AND SHIELD DANCE.

Last Friday evening, April 3d, the Skull and Shield Society held its regular annual dance in Yates's Boathouse. The dance was well attended by the members of the society and the following guests were present: The Misses Featherstonhaugh, E. Yates, M. Yates, Emma Louise Hoffman, Grace May Hoffman, Rosecrans, Hequembourg, Van Ostenbrugge, Stanford, Ostrom, Watkins, Fullerton, Schoolcraft, Lane, Alsters, Horstman and Duryee from Schenectady, Miss Mix from Albany, and Miss Schellenger from Auburn. The following guests also were present: Messrs. Hart, King, Hildreth, MacGill, Brown, Micks, Wright, Welles, P. Hill, Keith, Sears of Schenectady, and Mr. Brown of Ithaca. Mr. and Mrs. Buttrick also were present. The evening was delightful and all enjoyed themselves.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Last Sunday the vesper service was addressed by Rev. Mr. Clark '08 and pastor of the Unitarian Church. His subject was "Our Standard of Values." Mr. Clark brought out the importance of putting a correct value upon our own lives and living thus.

Next Sunday the meeting will be addressed by some minister, to be announced later, who will talk upon the subject of choosing a profession. He will be followed by a lawyer, doctor, teacher and business man on the succeeding Sundays. All these talks will be by prominent men in the city and the fellows ought to attend in large numbers.

Dean Ripton's Bible class will last for two more Tuesdays and will prove most interesting.

COLLEGE MEETING.

College meeting was held as usual after chapel on last Monday morning. Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously that resolutions be sent to the Director of R. P. I. and the President of the R. P. I. student body recommending that all inter-collegiate relations be cut off between Union and R. P. I. until an apology be offered by the Troy student body. Mr. Faust, president of the Christian Association, spoke after which the meeting adjourned.

Alumni Notes

1881.—Writing in a Charleston, S. C., special to the Chicago Record-Herald, William E. Curtis says of United States Senator-elect Frank B. Gary, who was a member of the class of 1881, Union College:

"Frank B. Gary, the new Senator from South Carolina, who has just been elected to complete the term of the late Mr. Latimer, which expires March 4, 1909, comes from a very large and influential family and claims descent from Robert Bruce, John Knox and John Witherspoon. Senator Gary's father was a physician in Abbeville county in the northwestern part of the State, and he is a nephew of the late General Mark Gary, a picturesque character of the secession and reconstruction periods, who was a major general of cavalry in Wade Hampton's Legion, a brilliant soldier, a reckless leader and a hard fighter. He was famous for his profanity and his ungovernable temper. There was no fiercer fire-eater in all the South, and he was mixed up in a dozen duels.

After the overthrow of the Republicans in this State and the establishment of what was known as the Hampton oligarchy, General Gary quarreled with his former commander because he did not receive the political recognition that he thought he was entitled to, and, although the family belonged to the old slave-holding aristocracy, General Gary and all his relatives joined Tillman and the "wool hats" in the overthrow of Hampton. Under General Hampton's "oligarchy" none but the aristocracy of the State and those who had distinguished themselves in the Confederate Army were recognized by appointments to office. The ordinary farmers were ignored, although they were in a very large majority. Tillman organized them through the Farmers' Alliance; he aroused them to a sense of their rights, and he swept Hampton, Butler and all the rest of the aristocrats out of power. Since then the Gary family have enjoyed unusual political prosperity, and it is declared that they have held more offices than any other family in the State.

John Gary Evans, a cousin of the new Senator, has been Tillman's first lieutenant. He has been Governor and a member of the Legislature continuously for years and is now one of the leading

candidates for the full term in the United States Senate. Two brothers of Senator Gary are on the State bench. Ernest Gary is a judge of the Supreme Court and Eugene Gary is a judge of the Superior Court and it was his vote that confirmed what is called the Tillman constitution of South Carolina. When the question was first brought before it the court decided against the constitution two to one. Judge McGowan's term expired shortly afterward and Eugene Gary was appointed to his place. By some technicality the question was revived and the court reversed itself, confirming the constitution by Gary's vote, which has earned the everlasting gratitude and support of Senator Tillman."

STUDENTS GO ON STRIKE.

The entire student body of New York University went on strike and refused to attend their recitations to voice a protest against the suspension of Alfred Young, president of the Junior Class. Young's suspension was the result of the hazing of Henry Bloch, a freshman, who was ducked in the campus fountain yesterday. Bloch has been unpopular and it is said that some of the students have asked his father to take him out of the university.—Ex.

WITH THE CHILDREN.

Last week Judge Olmstead of New York used an original method in dealing with certain disorderly college Freshmen who had acted like fools and ruffians in a public place. He consigned them to the care of the Children's Society, "along with lost babies and runaway girls and boys who haven't any parents to spank them," as the Tribune expresses it. The treatment took down the bumptious boys and may prevent a recurrence of their rowdiness.—Ex.

PHARMACY NOTES.

The final examinations began Wednesday, April 1st, and will end the 8th.

Mr. Leon Lines '08, has been quite ill for the past week.

The State Board examination will occur the 15th of April and about ten of the graduating class will try it.

THE IDOL PROFANED.

Vandals Paint Idol and Wreck Bulletin Boards.

Last Saturday night some vandals, who are as yet unknown, visited the campus, and, after giving the "Idol" a coat of paint and daubing R. P. I. on it in several places, proceeded to the college bulletin board, where they tore off all the notices and scrawled "Rensselaer" on it, broke the glass front to the Faculty bulletin board and destroyed all the notices it contained. After committing these acts of vandalism, they departed, leaving scarcely any trace of their identity, though all evidences point to students of R. P. I. as the guilty parties, especially so, as several were seen in town Saturday evening and later R. P. I. yells were heard near the college grounds.

Indeed, so deep is the feeling that R. P. I. men were concerned, that, at chapel meeting Monday morning, a motion was passed to send a resolution to R. P. I. student body demanding a thorough investigation and declaring a severance of athletic relations until the matter is satisfactorily adjusted.

It is, however, by no means certain that the outrage was not committed either by local hoodlums or by parties wishing to create a bad feeling between the two institutions, and, acting on this theory, a committee has been appointed by President Weyrauch to fully investigate the facts.

LAW SCHOOL NOTES.

June 3 has been set as the day for the fifty-eighth annual commencement.

Judge Irving J. Vann of the Court of Appeals and lecturer at Syracuse University Law School is delivering his annual course of lectures on Insurance Law.

The elusive examination on Negotiable Instruments is again a creature of the uncertain future.

A number of the Law School men attended the concert given by the Hamilton Glee and Instrumental Clubs at Centennial Hall last Tuesday evening, which was under the direction of Bennett '08, and Nellis '08, both of the class of 1906 of Hamilton. The concert was well appreciated and the program rendered was fully up to the promises of its promoters.

TRACK.

Responding to a call from Captain Parsons for men for outdoor track work, which consists now chiefly in cross-country runs, about a dozen fellows came out the first day, but they must have lost courage, for most of them "stayed in" the next few days. That is not the way to produce a good track team. To do that, work must be commenced early and practicing done continually and persistently. Everyone who has any ability at all in that way needs to come out and help along the team.

One man has registered for assistant manager of the track team—Seamans, '10.

A COLLEGE EFFUSION.

Her arms were soft and round,
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Editorial

By this time, the eyes as well as the minds of all the men *An Insult.* in college have been directed to an act which was so childish in its nature as not to excite wrath but rather feelings of contempt, not unmingled with pity, that beings of mature bodily development should be so woefully lacking in mentality as to consider such acts to be vested with any degree of humor, however slight. In the early days of collegiate existence, we admit, it was quite the proper thing for members of one institution to visit a neighboring college and vent upon its objects of student veneration their feelings of petty spite and the members of such a band of marauders were doubtless looked up to in their own little college world as heroes. Happily, with the advance of civilization and, in most institutions, with the advent of interests to occupy the attention of students outside of their study hours, these events are, in most cases, affairs of history. We can only look upon the recent ebullition as a survival of these evidences of barbarism.

While we would heartily welcome proof that the perpetrators are not students of the neighboring technical school, the presumption, based upon former expressions indicative of their envy of our possession of so distinctive a feature of our college life here at Union, coupled with the fact that they have embellished the *Idol* with the name of the institution was enrolled the name of the institution was enrolled upon the damaged bulletin board in the place of the legitimate college notices, we have no choice but to believe that the act

was the result of a well devised scheme on the part of certain students of that place of learning.

As for the acts of vandalism in destroying college property, that is purely a college matter and should be taken up by the authorities as such. We conceive that the college should request those in authority at that school to investigate the affair and apologize if basis is found for such action.

As for the acts of muckerism in defacing the *Idol*, an object sacred to every true Union man, that is a matter affecting the student body and, as such should be passed over as being too much of an exhibition of puerility for men to notice. To expect an apology for such an act, which is so clearly within the lines of the conduct of the perpetrators as we have seen it exhibited here before, is too much. Intellects of such restricted development, we imagine, could scarcely conceive the true nature of an apology. To attempt retaliation would be to put ourselves upon the same mental plane.

However, we maintain that there is one course of action by means of which we can express our disapprobation of such an act and at the same time pursue a course consistent with true dignity; in times past, in athletic contests with this institution we have seen such exhibitions of muckerism upon our campus on the part of its students as were sufficient to disgust any self-respecting college man and to cause the desire on the part of many of our undergraduates to sever all relations with the school. Accordingly, we think that we voice the sentiment of the student body, a sentiment crystallized by Saturday evening's performance, in requesting the Athletic Board to cancel any contests now scheduled with that school and to have no further relations with them.

Last spring it was rumored about the Campus that a sum of money was to be spent in placing the Terrace Wall in its original condition. On our return in the fall we all expected to see the fragments of that once noble seat of stone at least collected in one pile. But to our disappointment it was still in its deplorable condition. What would tend more to beautify our Campus than to have this widely renowned feature put in a respectable condition? Money is being spent in improving the Campus and it seems that it would be far more fitting to spend it in this manner than in constructing driveways that may never be used. Our song is a famous one in the college world but who could blame a visiting collegian if he should smile in derision when we point out to him that landmark in its present condition. We agree most heartily with our trustees that there is room for improvement all over the Campus. But first of all things the Terrace Wall should be put in a condition such that we would all be proud to say "this is the Grand Old Seat of Stone of which you have heard so much."

College spirit has been harped on so much editorially this past year that it seems as if we should be bubbling over with it. But quite the contrary seems to be the case in regard to the track work. As the fellows all know we have a hard track schedule and to make a good showing the men must do some good hard training. Rome was not built in a day, neither can a track team be made upon a moment's notice, but rather it requires weeks of good, consistent training. Captain Parsons called for candidates several days

ago, a few men came out but their ranks thinned quickly. This is no way to start our season, so let every man get out and see what he can do. Not all of us are athletes but some may have latent powers which a little training will bring out. Don't let these gray, old walls be compelled to bow to defeat when we have it in our power to put a winning team in the field.

College Briefs

The concert to be given by the Musical Association at Watervliet last Saturday evening was postponed a week.

The baseball team is getting excellent practice in the pasture and expect to make a good showing in the West Point game next Saturday.

Alton Fredick, ex-'06 of Spokane, Wash., spent a few days on the campus not long since. He will be remembered as playing halfback on the 'varsity in 1903.

The baseball diamond is rapidly being put into condition by the use of a roller. The base lines are being skinned and the whole place will be kept in excellent condition.

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Bright Stude—Professor, I would like to have my laboratory periods changed from afternoon to morning.

Professor—What are your reasons for the change?

Bright Stude—Because afternoon recitations interfere with my plans.

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The matter of a coach has been taken care of and Jim Cregan, an old alumnus is to coach the team for a while at least. We hope that he will prove satisfactory for with a good coach, Union can put an excellent team in the field.

There are several men coming over from the Law and Medic, among them a pitcher, and these men may materially strengthen the team.

We will have "Hank" Stewart in the box again, and after this month it is expected that "Hip" will also be ready to step in and help out the team. From the present outlook the team will be in better condition to meet West Point next Saturday than it has been in some years, and there is a very good chance of our being victorious in this game.

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A LETTER.

To the Editor Concordiensis, Union College:

Sir: I have pleasure in sending you this brief note about an old and distinguished alumnus of our college, who was my professor in the Forman Christian College, Lahore, India. He is acting now as the principal of the same institution. The majority of the staff are Presbyterian Americans.

Dr. Griswold was here in the 'eighties. The Union University Catalogue has the following note about him, under the heading—1885 A. B.

[c. Griswold Hervey, DeW.; P B K, clergyman. Dryden; Lahore, India. Statutory, Warren prize valedictory, A. M. Union 1899, Ph. D. Cornell 1900, Union Theological Seminary, at Oxford and Berlin, missionary and professor of philosophy; Forman Christian College, Fellow of Panajab University and Dean of Oriental faculty; author.]

Dr. Griswold is an Oriental scholar a philologist, a historian and a philosopher. I had a letter from him this Sunday, from which I will quote some sentences likely to be of interest to your readers.

"I am delighted to hear that you are at my old college. I spent four very happy years in 'Old Dorp' and took my B. A. in '85.

"Prof. Stephen B. Griswold of the Albany Law School must be a distant relative. There are a multitude of Griswolds in the United States, all descended from a common ancestor who came over from England to America in 1639 and settled in Connecticut.

"Mr. Bailey, the treasurer, is a classmate of mine.

"Two of us in India are graduates of Union College; Mr. Mattison of Fatebpur, U. P., and myself.

"When I was a student of 'Old Union, Schenectady was not such an electric city as it is to-day. In fact, it was a rather backward town in those days.

"I was a member of the PAB Fraternity.

"I shall return to America in the spring of 1909 and hope to attend Union commencement of the same year."

How far away in space, and in time how removed from his college days, yet how deep his love for his Alma Mater!

Yours, etc.,

March 30, 1908.

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PENN. RELAY RACES.

The Fourteenth Annual Relay Races given by the University of Pennsylvania will be held on the last Saturday in April. These relay races are probably the best known set of sports held annually in the world. Last year over 200 high schools and colleges made entries, the list including Yale, Cornell, Princeton, Chicago, Michigan, Dartmouth, Syracuse, etc. This year's meet promises to be the most successful to date. All the big colleges have sent assurances that they will be represented, and the meet promises to be especially attractive on account of the Olympic Sports in London. All the star athletes will be in fine shape and will be on hand at Franklin Field on April 25th.—Ex.

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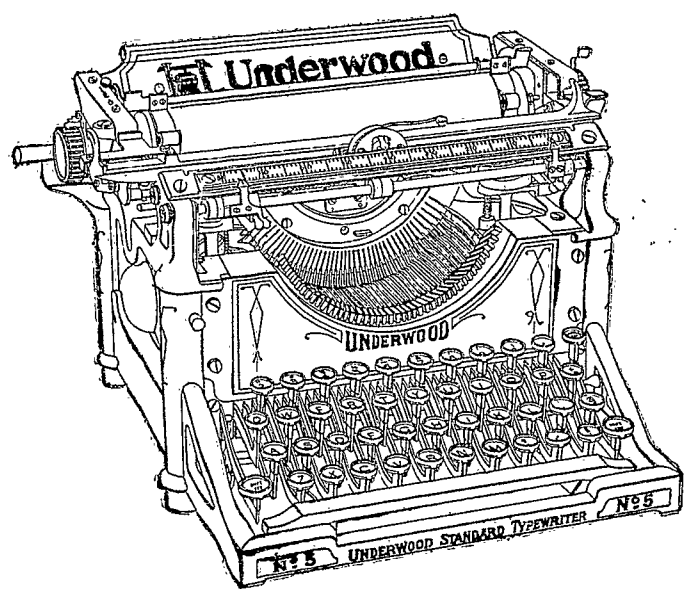
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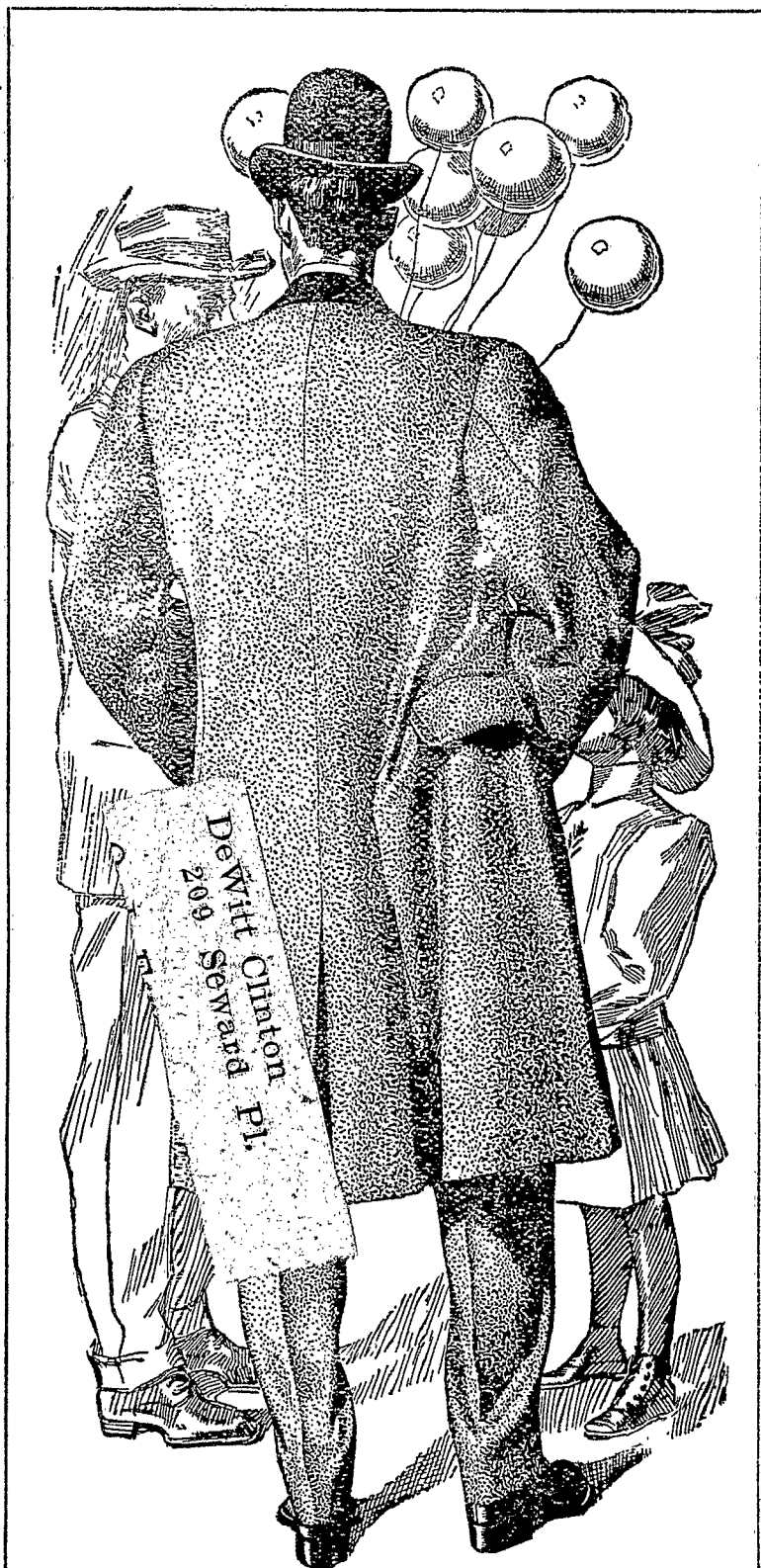
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