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Inter-Collegiate Athletic League.

A conference of college representatives was held at Bagg's hotel, Utica, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 28. Union, Colgate, Hamilton, Syracuse, Rochester and Hobart were represented, each by a member of the faculty, an alumnus and an under-graduate. Prof. James L. Patterson, C. E. Franklin, '83, of Albany, and Paul Canfield, '97, represented Union.

The conference was the result of a meeting of faculty representatives, which was held in October. At that meeting it was decided that no student could compete in inter-collegiate contests unless he recites at least fifteen hours per week. Syracuse objected to this rule so a meeting of the faculty representatives was held previous to the conference on Saturday at which the hours were reduced to twelve and in addition it was decided that no one can compete who has more than two conditions.

Professor Durfee of Hobart, called the conference to order, and reported the action of the Faculty representatives. C. E. Franklin of Union, was made chairman, and J. M. Glass, '97, of Hamilton, secretary.

William Briggs of Rochester presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the work of this convention shall be to declare who shall be eligible members of athletic teams representing the colleges named, in all intercollegiate contests; to provide in every possible way for fair, sportsman-like contests, and formulate plans for the enforcement of its rules.

Resolved, That existing state associations be requested, and the delegates present pledge themselves to see that present rules governing such associations be changed, as far as is necessary to conform to the agreement entered into by this convention.

Resolved, That all the colleges and universities of the state be requested to subscribe to the rules laid down by this convention, and to join the association here to be formed.

A lengthy discussion ensued in the midst of which Syracuse requested that the hours of recitations be further reduced to ten. The request was lost by a vote of nine to eight, and the original resolution was then adopted.

The matter of conditions then came up and it was decided after a prolonged debate that no student shall be eligible to compete in athletics if he has more than two conditions, unless the faculty of his institution certifies that he is a proper person to compete; in which case the question would be decided by the advisory board of the league.

Dr. Patterson made an excellent argument upon the relation of athletics and scholarship in general. He said that faculty representatives had adopted the resolution after careful consideration and that it was lenient rather than severe in comparison with similar rules of other institutions. At Amherst, Lehigh and Pennsylvania the limit is one condition. "What we need in our colleges today," Dr. Patterson said, "is men who make athletics subserve the interests of education; not men who make college residence an opportunity for indulging in athletics."

The Mott Haven rule defining professionalism was then adopted with the understanding that it should not apply to the past actions of students. This will debar students from playing on summer base ball teams for compensation.

The conference decided that a league should be formed to be governed by an advisory board, consisting of a member of the faculty, an alumnus, and an under-graduate from each institution.

The action of the conference will be reported to the colleges by their representatives and each institution will then appoint a delegate to be one of a committee of six which will meet within a month to draw up a constitution and by-laws embodying the points decided by the conference.

The Junior Promenade.

On the evening of Friday, Nov. 20th, the Junior class held their annual promenade. There is but little to be said concerning this dance which has not already been written concerning some one of these large dances, which for years have been held under the auspices of the various classes of this college.

The Junior promenade of the class of '98 was a decided success. We regret to say that it was not so financially. It was more thoroughly a college affair than has been any dance given here for several years. While we are glad to record that a greater number of students patronized this dance than those held heretofore, yet at the same time we feel that the townspeople might have been more generous in their patronage. We are well aware that the people of Schenectady, particularly the young men connected with the General Electric Co. are not to be blamed for their lack of interest in college dances. The custom of making out cards before the dance, has become a most dangerous precedent. The large majority of young ladies who attend these dances acquiesce to the wishes of the students, and sign away their dances notwithstanding the fact that there may be many men present who depend upon them in part for their pleasure during the evening. The result of this custom was strikingly shown at this dance. The outside patronage, which is necessary to the success of such a large dance, was wanting.

As a social event nothing was wanting to make it a grand success. Gioscia and his orchestra played beautifully. The floor which heretofore has been very bad, was much improved. It is far from perfect, however, and unless something is done to remedy the defect at the edge of the stage, future dances in the Van Curler are sure to be financial failures. The following is the programme rendered:

1. Waltz,	-	-	-	-	Symposia
2. Two-step,	-	-	-	-	Belle of the Season
3. Waltz,	-	-	-	-	Ange D'Amour
4. Two-step,	-	-	-	-	"Shandon Bells"
5. Waltz,	-	-	-	-	- Dolores
6. Two-step,	-	-	-	-	- El Capitan
7. Waltz,	-	-	-	-	- Espanita
8. Two-step,	-	-	-	-	- Narcissus

9. Waltz,	-	-	-	-	- Obispah
10. Two-step,	-	-	-	-	Oriental Echoes
11. Waltz,	-	-	-	-	Wizard of the Nile
12. Two-step,	-	-	-	-	De New Bully

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13. Waltz,	-	-	-	-	American Minister
14. Two-step,	-	-	-	-	Creole Love Song
15. Waltz,	-	-	-	-	- Naila
16. Two-step,	-	-	-	-	- Finicoli
17. Waltz,	-	-	-	-	- Don't be Cross
18. Two-step,	-	-	-	-	- Arrah, go on
19. Waltz,	-	-	-	-	- Ben Bolt
20. Two-step,	-	-	-	-	- In Gay New York
21. Waltz,	-	-	-	-	- Loves' Dream
22. Two-step,	-	-	-	-	- Black America
23. Waltz,	-	-	-	-	- Birds' Voices
24. Two-step,	-	-	-	-	- Medley
25. Waltz,	-	-	-	-	- Au-Revoir

Election of Football Captain.

Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 24, Thomas A. Crichton, '98, was unanimously elected captain of the Union College foot ball team for the season of '97. No better choice could have been made. His efficient work at end last year followed by his excellent work at half-back this fall demonstrated his ability as a foot-ball player and made him the logical captain of next season's team.

Memorial of the Class of '46.

The class of '46 has published a Memorial record of their class. It is illustrated with views of the college grounds, and a portrait of President Eliphalet Nott. A brief biographical sketch is given of fifty members of the class out of the 126 who were enrolled.

The names of the faculty in 1846 are given, also the proceedings of the class re-union in 1886 and the records of the semi-centennial re-union held in this city on June 23, 1896. Twenty-nine members of the class are still living.

Ames, '97, preached in St. Paul's Zion African Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening, Nov. 22.

Dr. Raymond delivered the opening lecture in the Y. M. C. A. course, at the First Presbyterian church, Tuesday evening, Nov. 24.

Obituary.

Frederick B. Boss died at his home in Schenectady, early Tuesday morning, Nov. 17. The deceased was twenty-one years of age and for the past year had been gradually sinking with the dread disease consumption, which caused his death. He graduated with high honors at the Union Classical Institute in 1893 and entered the class of '97 at Union, but was forced to withdraw from study during his Sophomore year on account of his health. He was a fine musician and had been organist at the Congregational church in this city for some years.

The deceased was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and an associate editor of THE CONCORDIENSIS.

The class of '97 have adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in His divine providence has deemed it best to remove from our midst our beloved friend and fellow-classmate, Frederick B. Boss, and,

WHEREAS, We deeply mourn the loss of one so respected, we resign ourselves to the will and wisdom of the Almighty, and,

WHEREAS, We, the fellow members of the class of '97, shall also hold dear the memory of one so kind and cheerful, be it therefore

Resolved, That we, in this time of sorrow, extend to his bereaved family our sincere sympathy, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased.

FRANK P. CADY,
RICHARD PEARSE,
JOHN A. GILES.

John Trumbull Backus Gilmour died at his home in Schenectady on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 18, of heart failure, superinduced by consumption. He was born in this city in 1864 and has lived here all his life. He was distinctively a Union man, having graduated from the Union Classical Institute in 1883 and entered the class of '87 at Union. He was forced to leave college before the expiration of his course on account of illness, but, however, graduated from the Albany

College of Pharmacy in the spring of '91. He was manager of Horstman's pharmacy in the Edison Hotel block until April 1 last, when he opened a store of his own at 267 State street.

Mr. Gilmour was a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity.

Phi Gamma Delta Reception.

The Phi Gamma Delta fraternity gave a dance at their house Wednesday evening, Nov. 25. During the early part of the evening a very enjoyable literary and musical entertainment was given.

Among those present were Miss Emily Ballard, Miss Florence Ballard, Miss Winne Ballard, Miss Elizabeth Chambers, Miss Sarah Deane, Miss Fannie Durler, Miss Hedwig Durler, Miss Anna Hubbs, Miss Gertrude Neahr, Miss Ruth Reynolds, Miss Winona Turnbull and Mrs. Landreth, of Schenectady; Miss Florence Cochrane, Miss Maud Griffin, Miss Effie H. Keays, Miss Sophie S. Ross, Miss Catherine Waterhouse, Miss Effie F. Watson and Mrs. M. E. Eames of Albany; Miss Charlotte S. Steele of Washington, D. C.

Albany College of Pharmacy.

The Senior class of the Albany College of Pharmacy has elected the following officers: President, Arthur Decker, Monticello, N. Y.; vice president, George S. Wheeler, Mt. Upton, N. Y.; secretary, R. B. Channell, Malone, N. Y.; treasurer, Perley D. Kinney, Poultney, Vt.; valedictorian, Clarence W. Briggs, Malone, N. Y.

Amusements at the Van Curler.

Dec. 2, Evangeline.
Dec. 3, The Last Stroke.
Dec. 5, Liliputians, (matinee and evening).
Dec. 7, Wang.
Dec. 9, Sunshine of Paradise Alley.

Freshmen class pins are expected soon.

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THE CONCORDIENSIS was not published last week on account of the Thanksgiving recess. We are thus enabled to place it before our readers a few days earlier than usual.

THE election is past. The great financial question which has so thoroughly engrossed the minds of the people has been definitely settled. In the opinion of many the country has been saved from almost certain ruin. As it has been in former times, when this nation has been threatened with disaster, the sons of Old Union have entered the fight and taken a prominent part in the political affairs of the country. We have recently received a copy of Melvin D. Landon's (Eli Perkins) financial pamphlet entitled Money. We call the attention of all Union men to the efficient work which a right, loyal, son has done for his country in the recent political controversy. Many of us have long ago perused this pamphlet which so ably presents a true and intelligent discussion of the finances of this country,

ON various occasions our attention has been called to the insufficiency of the college bulletin boards. Not long ago a notice was picked up from the walk near the chapel, which was of considerable importance to the students. It evidently had been accidentally disturbed or the wind had torn it from its fastenings. The present boards are large enough and sufficiently well protected for notices which are placed there by students or boarding house keepers. It appears to THE CONCORDIENSIS, however, that a bulletin board for the exclusive use of the faculty would be of great advantage to all concerned. It would obviate the misunderstandings which frequently arise regarding class-room work on account of the disappearance of notices which have been placed on the board by various members of the faculty.

THE following communication suggests the renewal of the old press club which a few years ago existed at Union. Such an organization, if properly conducted, would undoubtedly be of great benefit to the college. However, in the past our press clubs have existed only in name:

Editor of The Concordiensis:—

Your editorial in the last issue of THE CONCORDIENSIS concerning the the attitude of the newspapers in this vicinity toward the athletic interests of the college, prompts me to ask space in which to present another phase of the matter, and one which seems to me to warrant the belief that the Schenectady newspapers especially are unjustly criticised.

I have no desire to excuse a certain Albany newspaper, though there are the strongest reasons for believing that the tenor of the articles which have of late appeared in that paper concerning athletic teams of Union, is not due to any policy of the paper, but to the youth, ignorance, conceit, and possibly malice, of the athletic reporter.

But is not the following the true reason for the apparent attitude of the Schenectady papers towards the foot ball teams of the college. The games which have been most severely criticised have been those played out of the city and especially in Albany. The Schenectady papers, most of them, had no representatives at those games, and as no report of the games, save the last one, was furnished them, owing to the inertia of the press correspondents in college, if there are any, they were of dire necessity compelled to get their accounts from the Albany papers, and generally from the offending one.

If the press club were in existence and under the management of an officer or officers of some executive attainments, I have no hesitation in saying that there would have been no occasion to adversely criticise the Schenectady papers. And possibly the interests of the college would be better served in the various newspapers and school periodicals which print college news.

Schenectady, N. Y., Nov. 29, 1896.

'93.

THE report of the Junior promenade which appears elsewhere in this paper, is but a repetition of the same old story, financial failure. An individual in any business venture would quickly learn from experience the folly of attempting that which is almost certain to be unsuccessful. It is not so, however, with a body of students, none of whom ever feels a personal responsibility, in the social ventures which are made by his class. This lack of responsibility has in times past brought the student body into great disfavor with the business houses of Schenectady and the neighboring cities. It has not only affected them as a body, but it affects them individually; and, in the long run, may materially hurt the college.

If when a venture, such as the last promenade, has proved unsuccessful, an earnest effort, were made to liquidate all indebtedness, the result would not be so grievous. In the past, however, such an effort has not been made. At the present time there are numerous unpaid bills outstanding, which were contracted in connection with other classes, but which cannot be collected.

The large dances have proved unsuccessful in many other ways. They are not representative college dances for the simple reason that they are too expensive. It is nearly impossible for a student to go to one of these dances and get out of it for less than twelve dollars. Here are the items which usually accompany such a dance: Ticket, \$3.50; Carriage, \$3.00; Flowers \$2.00; Box Assessment, Incidentals, \$1.00; Total, \$11.50

To say that a dance is a social success when there is a deficit of one hundred dollars or more, is a poor way of patching up a bad job. To say that such a dance as the recent promenade was a representative college dance when there were not more than fifty students present is a hollow mockery, a fraud pure and simple.

There is but one thing to do and that is to pull up the lines and slow down. We have been going at a too rapid pace.

Personals.

At the Teachers' Institute held in the city last week President Raymond lectured on "Education," Prof. Patterson "Mathematics," and Prof. Hale on "Rhetoric."

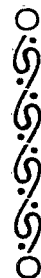
The tenth annual convention of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland, will be held at the University of Pennsylvania Nov. 27 and 28. The main discussion at the convention is to be "College Entrance Requirements." President Raymond will be one of the speakers.

The Union alumni of New York city will hold their annual alumni dinner at Hotel Savoy on Dec. 10.

Mr. Robert Bridges, one of the editors of *Scribner's Magazine*, will lecture on "The Novel of Today," in the chapel, Dec. 4.

Horatio G. Glen, '81, Daniel Naylor, '84, Edwin C. Angle, '85, Allen H. Jackson, '86, and Frank Cooper, '93, have been appointed a committee to take charge of the movement toward constructing a new athletic field for Union college. Everett Smith, '78, has been appointed general treasurer of the committee.

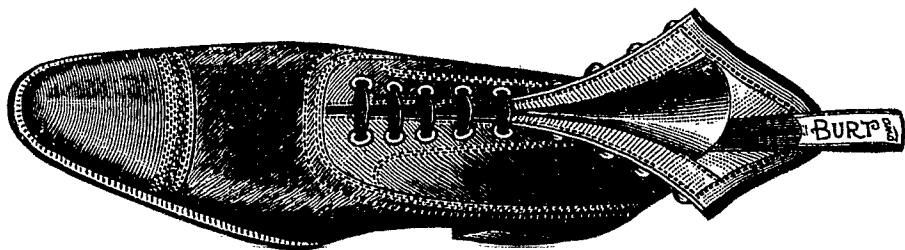
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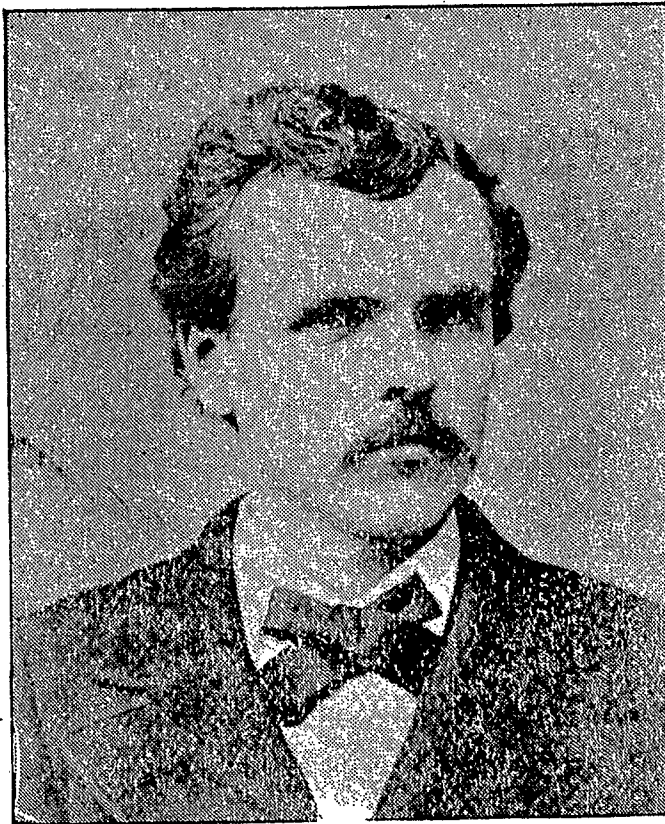
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