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Athletics Seventy Years Ago.

Athletics as a distinguishing feature of college life has arrived, and is here to stay. Its roots are imbedded so deeply, and its hold upon popular favor so manifest, that it admits of divers doubts if its opponents of the older generations ever succeed in removing it from its soil. There are still many who adhere to the "birch and rod" system, and they feign would have us believe that these days of spirited athletic contests are wholly a product of the declining years of the century. For the benefit of those who are strong in its defense, and especially for those who clamor loudest for the suppression of the so-called "innovation," I invite your indulgence while I relate a story. The following incident actually occurred at Canajoharie, in the month of August, 1824: While the story has passed largely into tradition, yet I doubt not of its authenticity, and that there are still a few gray heads to be found in the villages along the Mohawk, who, when boys, were witnesses of the feat I relate.

David Spraker of Palatine, and Joseph White of Cherry Valley, were classmates in Union College—members of the class of 1822. They were young men from the best families in the community. Both possessed marked physical strength, and if we are to believe tradition, both exemplified it frequently while in college. It was customary in those days for the boys, by way of recreation, to test their powers in a foot race with their fellow students, it being considered somewhat of an honor to be the fastest man in college.

The distance was usually short, often not exceeding fifty or sixty yards. Spraker at the time of graduation had succeeded in winning from all his adversaries, and was looked upon as by far the best runner in college. White could outdistance all the other students, but his

trial of strength with Spraker, was always beaten. Both boys being from neighboring communities, White was particularly desirous of exulting over his successful competitor. The two graduated together, neither one probably ever imagining they would meet again to try conclusions in a race.

At that time the construction of the Erie Canal was in rapid progress, and had reached completion as far as the vicinity of Canajoharie. The newly made tow path, smooth and hard, afforded an excellent opportunity for the young men of the neighborhood to try their speed, not only among themselves, but also with strangers engaged upon the canal. The pastime became exceedingly popular, and each favorite son took pride in his ability to perform his part in the race, and to receive the applause of his backers.

Joseph White, then across the mountains at his home in Cherry Valley, thought this a favorable opportunity to challenge and defeat his opponent of college days. After training himself for the effort, he sent a challenge to Sprakers for one more trial of speed before they settled down to life's coming cares. Spraker at first was ill disposed to favor the race, but the solicitation of his friends, and pride in his own ability were too strong inducements and he sent his acceptance, the race to come off two weeks from the time of accepting. It conveys an idea of the extravagant interest in the forthcoming event, when we recall that one thousand dollars comprised the stakes, and in case of either party failing to enter he was to pay a forfeit of two hundred and fifty dollars.

There lived at the then hamlet of Sharon a schoolmaster, who was somewhat of a professional sportsman for that early time, and knew something of the method of training for a race. Spraker engaged the schoolmaster, whom tradition calls a Mr. Deill, to train him for the occasion. So intense was the interest of the

people over his race, that the master readily gained the consent of the community to close the school, in order that he might give all his time to Spraker.

On the appointed day for the event, a pleasant one, a large crowd, a thousand or more people assembled to witness it. Many from Cherry Valley were there anxious for the success of their contestant. The course of 55 yards or 165 feet, had been previously marked off on Montgomery street, and running westward. The runners were ready and the judges were to give the signal by counting one, two, three, which meant go. At the word go, Spraker who had been carefully trained by the wily schoolmaster, made a tremendous leap, gaining much on his opponent. White however, being in much better physical condition gained rapidly and was fast closing up the gap when the tape was breasted and Spraker was in the lead by three feet. The judges rendered their decision, and the stakes were turned over to Spraker. Thus ended by far the most interesting foot race ever witnessed between white men in that locality, and the contestants were chums in Union college.

Spraker became a well known lawyer and died at Canajoharie, the scene of his foot race, in 1863, full of days and honor, and is undoubtedly remembered by many of my readers. White also became a lawyer and died at Westfield, N. Y., in the year 1840. But whether from grief over the loss of the race is not known.

G. V. S. '94.

New Officers of the Athletic Board.

At a meeting of the Athletic Board, Thursday evening, June 11, officers were elected for the coming year. Mr. R. J. Landon was re-elected as president and Mr. A. J. Dillingham as treasurer. The executive committee will consist of Dr. J. L. Patterson, chairman, Mr. E. C. Angle and Birch '97.

The Freshman class had their pictures taken last Wednesday by Photographer Wheaton.

Commencement Week.

All arrangements have been completed for the exercises of commencement week and everything points to a most enjoyable occasion. The past two years there have been the special features of the President's Inauguration and the Centennial which have turned aside the regular course of events. But this year there is only to be the regular commencement, but as it is the first of the new century it ought to attract a good deal of interest. All alumni are urged to be back if possible. The classes of '36, '46, '56, '66, '76, '86 and '93 will hold reunions. Alumni will be sure to register as soon as they arrive, for the college keeps a record of all visitors at that time. The procession that has been formed for the past two years on commencement morning will be continued; it will form at the college chapel at 9.30 and march to the church. It is desired to make this procession as large as possible so all alumni and undergraduates are specially urged to be ready to march promptly.

The program of the week is republished this issue, together with the names of the graduating class and their degrees.

Sunday, June 21—7:30 P. M. Baccalaureate Sermon by President Raymond.

Monday, June 22—3 P. M. Grove Exercises by the graduating class, under the Old Elm Tree in Jackson's Garden.

7:30 P. M. — Alexander Extemporaneous Prize Debate, and Junior and Sophomore Prize Oratory.

Tuesday, June 23—9 A. M. Meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi Societies.

10 A. M.—Meeting of the Board of Trustees and the annual meeting of the General Alumni Association.

12 M.—Balloting for a Trustee to succeed the Hon. Stephen K. Williams, whose term of office expires.

1:15 P. M.—Alumni Dinner in Memorial Hall.

3:30 P. M.—Class day Exercises of the Class of '96.

8 P. M.—Concert in the Van Curler Opera House by the College Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs.

Wednesday, June 24—10 A. M. Commencement Exercises and Chancellor's Address by the Honorable George R. Peck, of Chicago.

8 P. M.—President's Reception.

10 P. M.—Senior Class Reception in Memorial Hall.

Unless otherwise stated all exercises will be held in the State Street Methodist Church.

The members of the graduating class are as follows :

For the degree of A. B. T. V. W. Anthony, Newburgh ; R. B. Beattie, Middletown ; J. G. Beckwith, Litchfield, Conn. ; C. W. Clowe, Hudson ; D. H. Craver, Albany ; G. J. Dann, Walton ; J. H. Dunham, Coila ; E. P. Foley, Schenectady ; Roscoe Guernsey, East Cobleskill ; J. G. Hilton, Luzerne ; Jeremiah Wood, Mayfield ; Howard Mallery, Middleburgh ; M. H. Strong, Schenectady ; C. T. Taylor, Mulberry, Kan. ; A. B. Vossler, St. Johnsville ; D. M. Westfall, Jr., Cambridge.

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For the degree of Ph. B. J. B. Anderson, Cambridge ; A. S. Derby, Sandy Hill ; Wm. H. Hall, Kalamazoo, Mich. ; W. L. Huggins, Salamanca ; R. B. Rowe, Clarksville ; A. B. Van Vranken, Brooklyn.

For the degree of B. E. C. E. Cleaver, Unadilla ; James Herring, Walton ; C. H. Vosburgh, Palatine Bridge ; G. L. Van Dusen, Argyle ; H. M. West, Glens Falls.

Hon. Wallace T. Foote, Jr., '85, of Port Henry, has been repominated by the Republicans of his district for Congressman. Mr. Foote so outclassed his only opponent in the field that he withdrew in the Essex county convention, and he was renominated unanimously at the district convention. Mr. Foote has served one term in Congress and has the record of being the handsomest man there. He is the youngest trustee of the college.

Mohawk in June.

In dreamy peace old Dorp doth lie
Beneath her dome of silver sky ;
And save the ever-mournful strain
Of dying winds, and sweet refrain,—
A mandolin's soft quiver,—
Of brooding night, the silken thrall
Doth wield dominion over all
Along the Mohawk river.

As softer sinks the whispered note
Of lipping stream to languid boat ;
Then o'er my spirit, lightly steal
The charms that pagan spirits feel
When freed from Stygian shiver ;—
For ne'er more true did Lethe roll
To cheer a sorrow laden soul,
Than does the Mohawk river.—P. P. S. '98.

Musical Association.

The musical clubs are holding rehearsals daily in order that they may be in prime condition for the concert to be given Tuesday evening of Commencement week.

A concert at this busy time in the college year is a decided innovation, and everything points to a grand success, for the management is assured of a large patronage by the alumni and the friends of the graduates, besides the usual attendance from the city.

An advance sale of tickets is being made by the students, and the chart for the engagement of reserved seats will be opened at the Van Curler, Monday morning, June 22.

At a recent meeting of the association the following officers were elected for the coming year : President, S. Elmer Slocum ; vice-president, Charles C. Ballard ; manager, H. C. Todd ; assistant manager, Roger D. Sinclair. At this meeting it was decided to adopt some insignia that will denote membership in the musical association, in order that an additional stimulus may be offered to men trying for positions on the clubs, and so that the successful candidates may be designated by an emblem distinctive of their positions.

Changes in the Athletic Board.

At a meeting of the Athletic Board held Tuesday evening, June 2, and at a college meeting Friday morning, June 5, alterations were made and ratified in the constitution and by-laws of the board. The paragraphs under section II of the constitution which were amended, read as follows:

The board shall be composed of twelve members, namely; the president of Union College, ex-officio, three members of the Faculty, four Alumni not members of the Faculty, and the managers, respectively of the Football, Baseball and Track Athletic Associations and a fourth under-graduate, who is not a member of any athletic team.

The three Faculty members shall be elected annually by the Faculty.

The Alumni association, at each annual meeting, shall elect one member to serve three years; except that at their annual meeting in June, '96 they shall elect one member to serve two years and one member to serve three years.

The undergraduates shall annually elect, from the Sophomore class an assistant manager of the Football association at their second regular meeting in May.

The undergraduates shall annually elect, from the Junior class before February first, an assistant manager of the Baseball association by ballot of Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores.

The undergraduates shall annually elect, from the Junior class before the first Wednesday in October an assistant manager of the Track Athletic association by ballot of Seniors Juniors and Sophomores.

The undergraduates shall annually elect from the Junior class at the last regular meeting in May, a fourth undergraduate who shall act as secretary of the Athletic Board and as a member of the Executive committee of said board.

The paragraphs under the by-laws which were altered read as follows:

The treasurer shall pay out monies for general purposes only upon the written order of the Executive committee; he shall pay out money for the expenses of a single association only

upon the written order of the manager of that association and the chairman of the Executive committee; all of his accounts shall be kept in a book prepared for the purpose, which book shall be open for inspection at any time to the members of the board.

Seven members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business provided one Faculty member, one Alumni member, and one undergraduate member be present.

Immediately after the ratification of the above amendments at the college meeting, Turner '98 was elected assistant Football manager, Mr. A. J. Dillingham was re-elected as one of the representatives of the Alumni, and Birch '97 was elected as the fourth undergraduate representative.

The Musical Association Dance.

On Friday evening last, Yates' Boat House was the scene of a very pretty dance given under the auspices of the Musical Association. This is the second year that the Musical Association has held a dance, and judging from the success attained it promises to become a social function of the spring term for years to come.

About seventy devotees of terpsichore were in attendance, and danced to Gioscia's music until an early morning hour. Those from out of the city were:

Mrs. Belden and Miss Starr of Gloversville, Miss Humphrey of New York. From the city were: Mrs. R. J. Landon, the Misses Grace Watkins, Charlotte Barker, Madge Campbell, Marcia Johnson, Eleanor Miller, Dora Yates, Susan Yates, Rachel Yates, Grace Horstman, Emeline Westinghouse, Grace Walker, Jessie Horstman, Hortense Cooney, Gertrude Clute, Leah Frame, Mary Landon and Beulah Shirland.

Dr. Raymond delivered the address at the commencement exercises of the Emma Willard school at Troy on Wednesday last.

Class of '96.--Where They Will go After Graduating.

Commencement time is always one of parting and scattering; hardly two of the class go in the same direction. Each starts in his own way in life and follows the path leading toward the special profession or business he has chosen. As far as could be learned at present the class of '96 will go as follows:

Derby will spend the summer abroad.

Rowe is to be at his home in Clarksville.

Strong is to remain in the city probably.

Terry will teach during the coming year.

Van Vrankin expects to study medicine.

Herring will engage in engineering work.

Foley goes to the Albany Medical next year.

Beckwith will enter the Harvard Law School.

Cleaver will follow his profession of engineer.

Clowe studies law at his home in Hudson, N. Y.

West expects to accept an engineering position.

Westfall will study law in his father's office at Cambridge.

Twiford is to be at Temple Grove, Saratoga for the summer.

Anthony is going abroad for the purpose of studying German.

Van Dusen will probably take a position in the Edison Works.

Sommer is to study law with Patten & Vrooman at Tonawanda.

Young goes to Constantinople as an instructor in Robert college.

Wemple has been appointed assistant city engineer of Schenectady.

Taylor will study law at the Missouri State University, Columbia, Mo.

Huggins has accepted the position of night clerk in a hotel at Seabright, N. J.

Guernsey will remain at home this summer but will teach at York, Pa., next year.

Dann has been appointed assistant principal of the Delaware Academy at Delhi, N. Y.

Vosburg will recuperate at his home during the summer and will do engineering work next year.

Myers says he will remain at home and rest for the summer months preparatory to teaching next fall.

Mallery will be home at Middleburgh for the summer and in the fall has accepted a position of teacher.

Dunham expects to stay at home for the summer and enter Auburn Theological Seminary in September.

Pechham spends most of the summer at Lake George and goes to a medical college in Philadelphia this fall.

Pollock says he will sport till August when he sails for Constantinople to instruct in mathematics in Robert college.

Craver is uncertain where he will be during the summer but expects to enter Auburn Theological Seminary in the fall.

Hilton has thought little as to where he will spend the summer but may remain in Albany. He goes to Auburn in the fall.

Vossler has accepted a position as professor in a preparatory school in Denver, Col. and left for that place Tuesday, June 9.

Anderson will spend the vacation at his home in Cambridge and will enter the Albany School of Pharmacy in the Fall.

Beattie is undecided where he will be during the summer months but will spend the next three years in the Auburn Theological Seminary.

Hall will visit his home Kalamazoo, Mich., for a few weeks and then leaves for a Beirut, Syria where he will teach in the American college of that place.

Adelphic Election.

The meeting of the Adelphics held Friday, June 12, for the election of officers resulted in the following ticket being elected. A. M. Blodgett, '97, president; J. G. Putnam, vice-president; C. Lord, '99, secretary; and F. Schmitter, '99, treasurer.

The society will soon come into possession of a valuable catalogue of the members of the society, published in 1830, through the kindness of Mr. Sweezy, of Jackson, Mich.

Where the Faculty Will Spend the Vacation.

Our faculty will be widely separated during the approaching vacation. While some will tour abroad others will represent "Old Union" in many of the brightest spots of the Eastern summer resorts of our own country. Still others of our faculty will conduct the classes of the proposed summer school in Saratoga, or quietly look after the interests of the college upon the hill.

The proposed summer school at Saratoga has materially affected the definite plans of most of the faculty, but there will be many a quiet jaunt enjoyed before it opens, and several weeks of well earned rest after its close.

Professor Whitehorne will spend the summer upon the hill.

Prof. Winans will continue his law practice at Gloversville.

Prof. Stoller expects to teach his particular studies at the Summer School.

Dr. Linhart will spend a portion of his vacation at Mrs. Linhart's home in Bolton Hills, Ct.

Prof. Hoffman expects to spend two months of the summer at Oxford and the remainder of the year in study at Berlin.

Professors Patterson, Hale and Mosher will divide their time between Schenectady and the Summer School at Saratoga.

Prof. Pepper expects to be at Saratoga teaching at the Summer School. If he should not be required there he will run over to Paris.

Prof. Cummings will probably go West on engineering work. Prof. Lamoreaux will remain quietly at home except for a short outing.

Dean Ripton has arranged to leave for Europe on July 1. He will go to England and thence to the Continent, including France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland in his travels.

Prof. Edwards believes that "To feel the delight of living, and to plow the salt-blown acres of the shoreless deep," is the best means of spending the hot summer months. While not engaged at Saratoga he expects to be boating about Long Island.

Professor Truax, after a most successful collegiate year in the English Department, that has embraced ten different courses in Literature, will recuperate at Atlantic City and the White Mountains. If the summer school is opened he will however remain at his post as head of the Department of the English Language and Literature, during its session.

The busiest one of the Faculty will be Professor Prosser. He will be for a time engaged in the service of the fifteenth annual report of the State Geological Survey, describing the Devonian rocks of Eastern New York. In July he will spend his time in field work and in August will conduct a Geological excursion through the Genesee Valley.

As Dean Ripton will go to Europe this year, President Raymond will spend most of the summer upon the hill, attending to college interests. College duties will continuously demand his attention during the summer months and he will only be able to make a brief trip to Europe in the late summer and return with Mrs. Raymond and family during the first week of September.

Y. M. C. A. Hand Book.

Among the publications of the college, one of the neatest is the Hand Book issued each spring by the Y. M. C. A. This little book comes very tastily bound in leather, printed on fine paper and containing half tone cuts of the grounds, together with a write up of the college organizations and a list of all the fraternities, clubs and associations. It has much valuable information for students both new and old. The little map showing the principal part of Schenectady including the college grounds with all the most important buildings of city and college indicated, is indeed very convenient. There is also given a list of suggestions to new students that is exceedingly good. The work reflects great credit upon the committee in charge which consists of A. M. Blodgett, '97, W. H. Hall, '96 and M. G. Thomas, '98.

In Leafy June.

The lazy urchin on his way to school,

With body out of tune,

Questions: "To be or not to be a fool?

A wiseacre or loon?"

The birds call loudly from the leafy trees,

There is no other answer to his pleas;

What need of Vergil on such days as these?

In June, in leafy June.

'Tis first the inclination, then the will

About the hour of noon,

With some fair maid, to climb the distant hill,

Or by the river's dune,

To loiter happily; to sing; to play;

To dream, perhaps, how great we grow one day,

With *Tempus Fugit* as a rounddelay,

In June, in leafy June.

Alas, the clangor of the noisy bell

Awakes me all too soon;

And yet I cannot rid me of the spell—

Perhaps it is the moon;

I saw her late last night, and she was full,

The round June moon—let me together pull

Myself—I know my wits are gathering wool

In June, in leafy June.

Why should this month run riot with our wits?

Oh what a thankful boon

If the "exams" that give us all June fits

Should come in May! What swoon

Of ecstasy our tutor then would feel!

How proud our record! Then we would reveal

The knowledge that we can't express, but feel

In June, in leafy June.

C. W. CRANNELL.

Y. M. C. A. Work For '96 and '97.

When the present graduating class entered college there was no such organization as a Young Men's Christian Association. A few of the students came together and held weekly prayer meetings, but it was not until two years ago that the present organization was established. The benefits arising from such an organization have already been manifest. That consciousness of being a part of a world-wide movement has broadened our sympathies and incited in us a deeper interest in the general

work. At the same time we have been able to profit much by the varied experience of other associations which are working for the same end as we.

Since we have been established, the work has gradually increased in all departments of the association. The membership has increased, it being about sixty during the past year, and the average attendance at the meetings has been about twenty. Next year the Bible Study Department will receive especial attention. We believe that there cannot be too much emphasis laid on regular systematic Bible Study, and in accordance with this idea the Bible Study committee has arranged a course that is to be taken up by classes, the Seniors studying the Old Testament, Juniors the Epistles, Sophomores The Book of Acts, with especial reference to the life of Paul, and Freshmen, the life of Christ. There will also be regular work in the Missionary Department.

The association is interested in every man in college, and one of the ways that that interest is manifested is in the work done for new students. Next September this work will be carried on along the same lines as last but with the aid of past experience it is hoped to make it still more efficient.

There will be men at the train to meet new men, and at the association rooms there will be a bureau of information where information concerning board, rooms, etc. may be obtained. The Students Hand Book will soon be out, and copies will be sent as far as possible to those men who intend to enter next fall. Shortly after college opens there will be a reception at President Raymond's house, at which all students are requested to be present.

The association as a college organization and does much to bring the college before the college world, and is a great factor in making intercollegiate relations closer, and as such is we believe, deserving of the interest and hearty support of the student body.

C. A. Hunt, ex-'96, recently spent a few days at the college. Mr. Hunt is working on the canal survey and is located.

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LET everyone plan to go to the concert given by the Musical Association Tuesday evening of commencement week. It is going to be one of the most pleasing features of the week and will well repay everyone who attends. All were delighted with the concert given before; this promises to be even better.

FROM the *Detroit Legal News* we learn that Hon. J. Newton Fiero, Dean of the Albany Law School, was the guest of the Michigan State Bar Association at its annual meeting. Mr. Fiero read a paper on "The Reform Procedure—Its Advantages and its Limitations." At the conclusion of the address, Mr. Fiero was elected an honorary member of the Association and a vote of thanks was extended to him.

ALL students should make their plans to stay for the commencement exercises. There is no week in all of the college year when so much of

real college life is to be found as in this. The class reunions, the alumni meetings, the exercises themselves, and all the visitors of the season combine to make it a solid week of enjoyment. Then it is that the undergraduate has opportunity to learn how one's college days are never forgotten by seeing the joy with which alumni return. At that time, with the work of the year completed, nothing can afford so much satisfaction for the year's labor as to be free to go in and out and enjoy all the festivities of the occasion. Underclassmen delight to go home for their preparatory school graduation exercises, but they will find those of the college doubly interesting. Every undergraduate should make up his mind to attend as many commencements as possible. The alumni get half their pleasure in seeing the students; so for the sake of the college if not for their own enjoyment let the students stay. Let the fellows try it once and they will never miss another if it is possible for them to be present.

THE Senior class will soon have left old Dorp, but many of us leave behind fond recollections of our home for the past four years. True, all have had disappointments, but there have been more than enough joys to overbalance them. The college has been good to us all, and now on the eve of our departure, as we look back on our record of the past four years, we can think only of the opportunities that have been so freely offered us. There are but few men in the class who are not glad to be through their course and to be put upon their own responsibility, but there is not one but feels that he is leaving behind him many fond friends and associations. In after years, when we return to our alma mater, our friends may have disappeared, but the associations of the college can never. True Union sons can never forget her associations, and that is what we all are—true blue sons of Old Union. As we pass from out her portals and enter upon a new life our one principal thought should be, what can I do for the college that has done so much for me?

The attention of those finding a blue mark upon this paragraph is once more called to the fact that their subscription still remains unpaid. As this is the last number under the direction of the present board it is necessary that these be paid at once so that all accounts may be settled at the close of the college year. We trust all such will give this their immediate attention and thus enable us to leave our offices to our successors without any incumbrances.

THE Ninety-six Board of Editors of the CONCORDIENSIS bid farewell to the public with this number. Just one year they have presided over the paper and whether it has been in a satisfactory manner or not is for the readers to decide. The Board has tried to edit a first class college journal, one that would stand well with any of the college papers. A few new features have been introduced and have been received with favor. The paper has tried to deal with fairness in all questions arising, and the very few complaints that have been heard are proof that no great partiality has been shown. The work of the Board has certainly been very pleasant and it wishes to express its gratitude to all who have in any way assisted; friends have been exceedingly kind and have helped greatly; enemies, if there were any, have been very quiet in their criticism, and to all the Board expresses its thanks. For the new Editors the same support and hearty sympathy is asked and a splendid paper is sure be the result. To the '97 Editors the '96 Editors would extend a hand of welcome and at the same time would lay down the burden of the year and would bid adieu to the college world.

Honorary Societies.

The Phi Beta Kappa society have elected to membership the following men from the Senior class: Roscoe Guernsey, East Cobleskill; Geo. J. Dann, Walton; D. Howard Craver, Albany; D. M. Westfall, Jr., Cambridge.

The Sigma Xi society have elected Gardiner L. Van Dusen, Argyle; Charles Cleaver, Unadilla; R. Burton Rowe, Clarksville; George E. Pollock, North Argyle.

The meetings of these societies at this time is merely for the election of members; the annual meeting for election of officers and transaction of other business came at commencement time.

The commencement number will be sent to student subscribers at the addresses given in the catalogue unless otherwise ordered. Please hand all changes to E. E. Draper, Assistant Business Manager.

It has been decided to postpone the list of delinquent subscribers until the last number so that every student, who intends to do so, can pay up. Promises are of no use unless accompanied by the amount due and the list of all in arrears at that time will be published as previously announced.

The Commencement of the Union Classical Institute.

The prize speaking and graduating exercises of the Union Classical Institute will be held at the Van Curler Opera House, Thursday evening June 18 at 7:30. The contestants for the De Remer prize are Miss Helena Kriegesman, Mae DeGraff, Mable Ostrom, and Lueva Vrooman; for the Vedder prize, Chas. W. Shannon, St. Elmo Goetz, Harry R. Cooper, and Frank McPartlon. The speakers on the honor stage are Evan R. Cullings, salutatorian; Joseph S. Patterson; Douglass W. Paige; Geo. W. Featherstonhaugh; Chas. E. Palmer, jr. E. Martin Dings; the Misses Goetz; Kruesi; Cary; Kreuger; Behan and Vrooman, valedictorian.

The Class Day Exercises will be held Friday evening at the First Reformed church. The committee in charge consists of H. Reginald Cooper, Arthur R. Howgate, Evan R. Cullings. The officers of the class are George W. Featherstonhaugh, president; Jeanette Veeder, vice-president; Paul J. Kruesi, secretary; Mable Ostrom, treasurer; H. R. Cooper, orator; Emily M. Kruesi, essayist; Chas. E. Palmer, historian; Lillian Goetz, assistant historian; St. Elmo Goetz, prophet; Mable Horstman, prophetess; Douglass W. Paige, poet; Helena M. Butler, poetess; Howard P. Dunham, grand marshal.

The commencement ball will be held at the State Armory, Friday evening at 10 o'clock. Revit's orchestra will furnish the music. The ball committee consists of P. J. Kruesi, W. B. Larkin, R. F. Yates.

The Alpha Zeta fraternity held their banquet in their rooms, Tuesday evening June 16.

The annual convention of the Pi Phi fraternity will be held in this city June 18, 20. The sixteenth annual banquet of Beta Chapter and annual banquet of Gamma Chapter will be held at Hotel Edison, June 18 at 10 P. M.

The Law School Commencement.

The forty-fifth annual commencement of the Albany Law School was held in Odd Fellows' Hall, Thursday evening, June 4. The large auditorium was crowded with friends and relatives of the graduates.

The exercises were opened with a prayer by Rev. N. W. W. Battershall. Then followed the salutatory by Arthur J. Hammond. His subject was. "The Possibility of Better Government."

The second oration was delivered by Albert J. Danaher on the subject. "The Right of One Nation to Intervene in the Affairs of Another."

William G. Brown, Union '95, the next speaker with an easy and fluent delivery of his oration, "The Supreme Court of the United States," captured his audience and won the prize for the best delivered oration.

Edwin C. Brown's topic was "Our Policy of Arbitration." He was followed by the valedictorian, Charles I. Oliver, whose theme was "The Problem of Municipal Government."

The graduates were addressed by Hon. Danforth E. Ainsworth and conferred with diplomas by President Raymond.

Those who secured the much coveted sheepskins were: Arthur H. Abbott, Gouverneur; Fletcher W. Battershall, William G. Brown, Albany; Edwin S. Brown, Howard; William J. Burke, Middletown; George K. Corrigan, Pawtucket, R. I. William H. Daigneault, Albany; Albert J. Danaher, West Troy; Frank H. Deal, Green Island; John C. Donnelly, Troy; Patrick F. Driscoll, Albany, George L. Gibbs, Oneonta; Arthur J. Hammond, Geneva, Charles V. R. Johnston, Geneva; Herman L. Kelly, Sodus; Peter R. Kilgallen, Schenectady; John P. Lee, Dobbs Ferry; David A. McMaster, Cherry Valley; James McPhillips, Friends Lake; Henry D. McPhillips, Friend's Lake; Henry D. Merchant, Nassau; Harry J. Mosher, Bainbridge; Charles Irving Oliver, Albany; Louis F. O'Neill, East Greenbush; J. Arthur Perkins, Arcade; John H. Sawyer, Auburn; Scott W. Skinner, LeRoy; John B. Taylor, Troy; William H. Toohey, West Troy,

Hon. Amasa J. Parker, president of the board of trustees, presented the several prizes as follows:

The Edwin Thompson Company prize. American and English Encyclopaedia of Law, valued at \$185, for the graduate who reached the highest standing in the performance of his studies and in deportment, to Arthur J. Hammond, of Geneva.

The Amasa J. Parker prize of fifty dollars in cash to the graduate who passed the best examination during the course, to Charles Irving Oliver, of Albany.

The Frederick W. Cameron prize of twenty-five dollars, to the graduate making the best presentation of his case at moot court during the year, to Fletcher W. Battershall, of Albany.

The Boston Book Company prize, a full set of "Green Bag," valued at thirty-five dollars, to the student who delivered the best oration at commencement, to William G. Brown, of Albany.

Union vs. General Electrics.

The college team was defeated on the campus last Saturday afternoon by the General Electrics of this city. Considering the fact that the college men had scarcely seen their suits for almost two months, the game came hardly as a disappointment. Kelly's throwing and Hayes' work behind the bat were the main features of the game for Union, while the out-fielding of the General Electrics was unusually clean and sharp.

Following is the score:

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Batteries—Moran and Kelly; Parsons, Sullivan and Hayes. Umpire, Meade, '99.

At an early hour Monday morning, June 8, a large white flag in the center of which was 99, in large garnet letters, was seen floating gently in the breeze from the top of Nott Memorial Hall. It did not remain there long.

Local and Personal.

Dr. Raymond was in Albany June 5.

Sommer, '96, was in Amsterdam last week.

A meeting of the Democratic club was held last Monday.

Hild, '98, won first place in the bicycle race Saturday, June 6.

Kilpatrick, '98, will enter the Junior class at Princeton next fall.

Breeze, '99, expects to accept a position in this city for the summer.

Steinert, '99, is going to enter the Albany Medical College next fall.

Haggart, '99, spent Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7, on the hill.

Greenman, ex-'96, was in town last Thursday, visiting friends on the hill.

Beattie, '96, is spending the Senior vacation at his home in Middletown.

Barry, '99, won the two mile bicycle race at Syracuse, Saturday, June 6.

De Yoe, '98, and Andrews, '98, were in Waterford, Saturday, June 6.

Ham, '99, spent Sunday visiting Merchant, ex-'97, at his home in Nassau.

Van Wormer, '99 has been at his home in Dunnsville for several days past.

Kilpatrick, '98, attended the inter-scholastic meet at Albany, Saturday, June 6.

Wm. H. Hall, '96, addressed the Y. M. C. A. at Amsterdam, Sunday, June 7.

The Mandolin club will play at the class day exercises of the U. C. I. on June 19.

Wingate, '97, will act as toastmaster at the Pi Phi convention banquet this week.

Scott W. Skinner, '95, has been appointed clerk to the canal collector at Waterford.

Rev. John Gray, D. D., of Kalamazoo, Mich., was the guest of Hall, '96, a few days ago.

Hall, '96, spent Sunday, June 7, with Wingate, '97, at the latter's home in Princetown.

Sinclair, '98, left for Chicago, June 6, to accept a position on one of the Chicago papers.

Breeze, '99, who was called to Auburn by the death of his sister has returned to college.

Clarke Winslow Crannell, '95, of the New York *Mail and Express* was in town May 30.

Theodore F. Bayles, '95, is going to fill the pulpit of Prospect Hill chapel during the summer.

Beardsley, '99, left for Kalamazoo, Mich., Friday, June 12, on account of the illness of his mother.

P. Nelson, '98 was appointed on the executive committee of the N. Y. I. C. Oratorical League.

A number of the engineers will spend the summer vacation working for the General Electric Company.

Breeze, '99, French, '99, Sherwood, '99, are candidates for assistant business manager of the CONCORDIENSIS.

Dean Ripton was honored at the commencement exercises of Syracuse University with the degree of LL. D.

The Freshman French classes are reading "La Prise de la Bastille" in lieu of taking a final examination.

Hall, '96, left last Friday for a visit of a few days with Dunham, '96, at the latter's home in Cambridge, N. Y.

Fuller, '97, Eames, '99 and Fox, '99 were among those at the closing reception of the Albany Female Academy.

The tickets are out for the concert to be given by the Musical association at the Van Curler during commencement week.

M. A. Twiford, '96, spent his Senior vacation at Sandy Hill, Lake George, Ticonderoga and Comstocks, visiting college friends.

The name of James Herring of Walton, N. Y., was accidentally omitted when we gave the list of stage appointments a short time ago.

About fifteen members of the freshman and Sophomore electrical engineering divisions are going to work at the Edison works during the summer vacation.

Professor Edwards will lecture on "Nero" at a literary entertainment to be given by Mr. Darling's Sunday school class at the First Presbyterian church on June 16.

The Mandolin club are learning several new pieces, among which are the "Yale March" and also a medley "Good Night" arranged by Mr. O'Neil the conductor of the club.

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The members of the Chi Psi fraternity gave a whist party at their rooms in Myers Block, Friday, June 5. The following guests were entertained: Mrs. Wm. Vrooman, Mrs. Strain, Misses Kingsbury, Ostrom, Truax, Campbell, Kruesi, Halsey, Strain, Schoolcraft, Brown, the Misses Bates, Curtis, Veeder and Horstmann.

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Among the Magazines.

The June *Atlantic* begins with another installment of the letters of Dante Gabriel Rossetti edited by George Birkbeck Hill. Striking features in this issue are an article upon The Politician and the Public School by Mr. G. L. Jones, Superintendent of Schools, Cleveland, Ohio, and Restriction of Immigration by President Francis A. Walker.

Other readable articles which give this number a varied interest are The Oubliette, one of Mrs. Catherwood's sketches of French Provincial Life; The Bird of the Musical Wing, by Mrs. Olive Thorne Miller; Orestes Brownson, the Catholic American, a striking biographical study, by George Parsons Lathrop; The Opera before the Court of Reason, by W. F. Biddle; Lord Howe's Commission to Pacify the Colonies, an important

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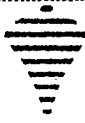
The Mandolin club played at the State Armory the 9th, at an entertainment given in honor of the County Superintendents of the Poor, who were holding a convention in this city.



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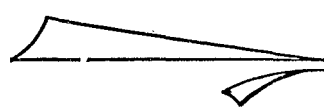
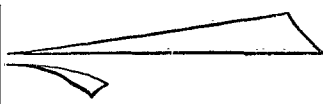


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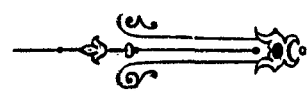
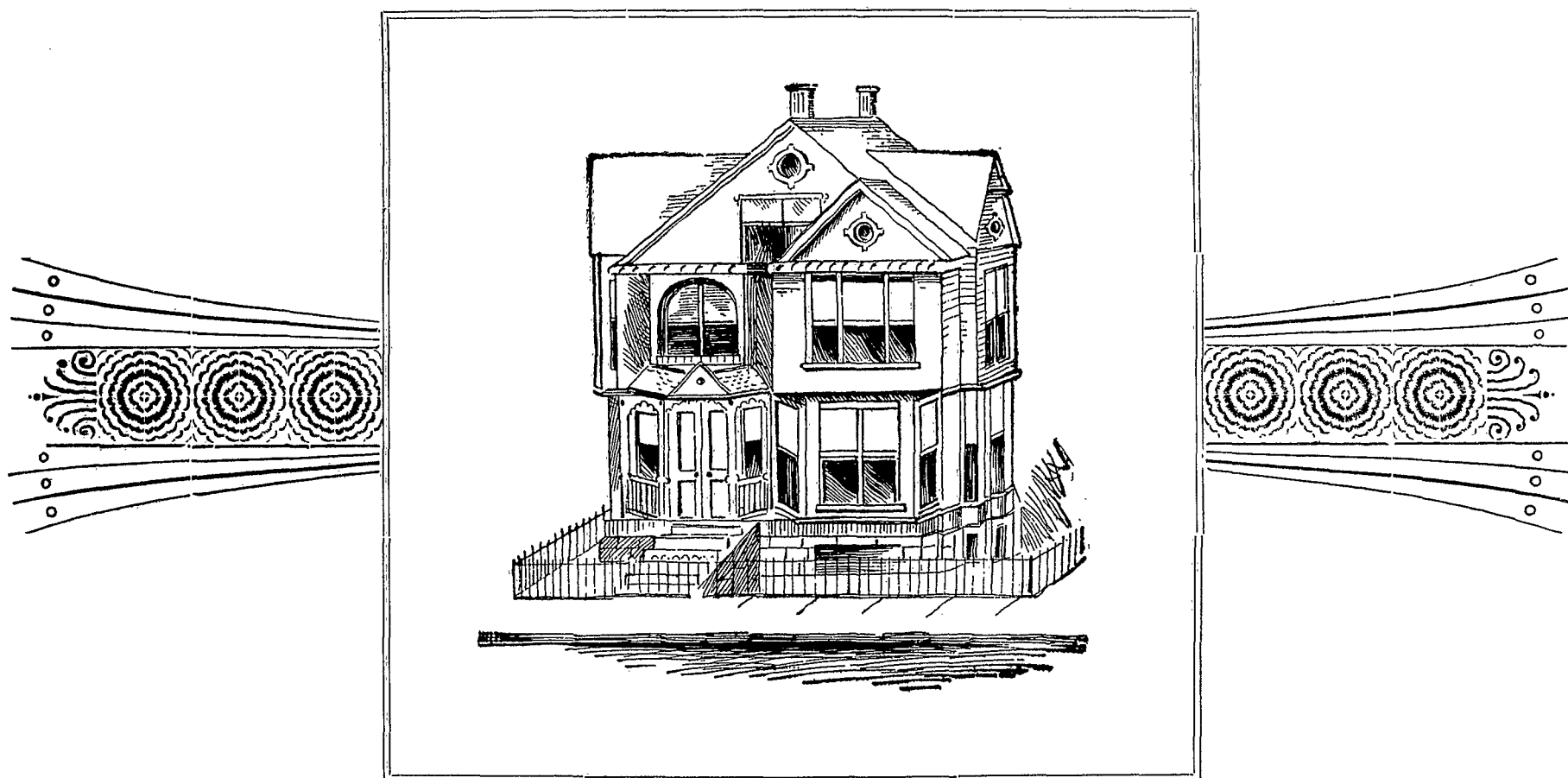
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