

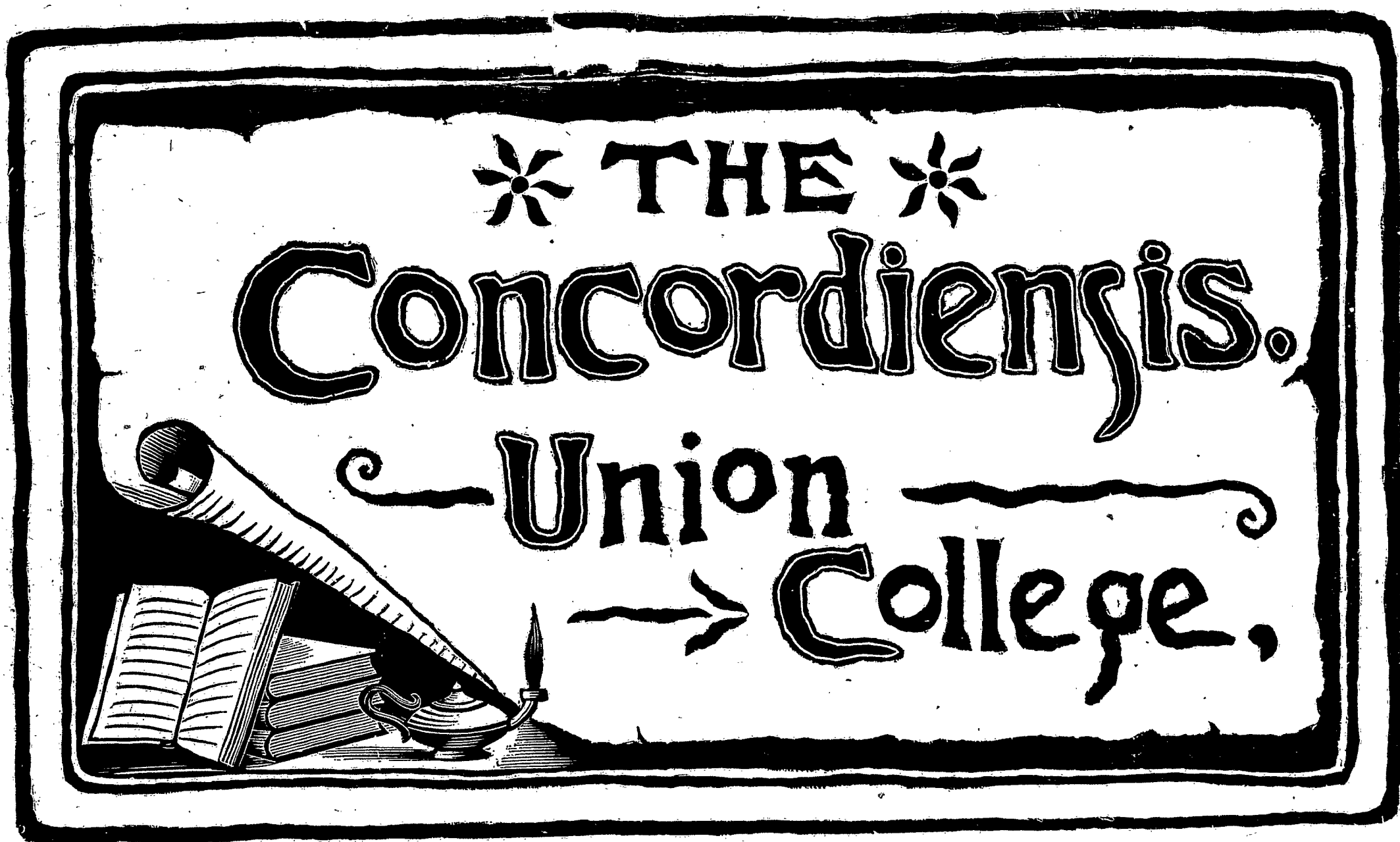
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A Page From the History of the Past.

Our lives are rivers, gliding free
To that unfathomed, boundless sea,
The silent grave.—LONGFELLOW.

But an arrow's flight from the grey-stone pillars of that historic portal, the "Old Blue Gate" of Union College lie the beautiful grounds of Vale Cemetery. There is ever a wealth of sweet interest lingering among the whispering pines, the broad avenues and the smooth grassy courts of God's Acre, and an indescribable something dwelling there which causes us to almost withdraw ourselves from the thoughts of the busy world and to walk reverently, with bowed head through this peaceful home of the dead whenever we visit its sacred precincts.

There is a stately silence dwelling there;
A calm intense within the very air;
A voice we hear from cypress depths resound
That whispers hush! for this is holy ground.

Here with nothing to show for it except the sculptured headstones and grassy mounds lies buried the local history of centuries. What hopes, loves and ambitions have stirred these hearts that long ago ceased to beat, and are now almost forgotten in the swift march of time!

It is a world by itself, for these small hillocks hold within their depths the earthly forms of those who once lived as we now live, but who have solved the inevitable problem of life and passed into that sweet unknown existence which we would fain understand but in vain.

Here may the storm tossed vessel safely ride, and in this world's sweet harbor calmly rest from the tempests of human life. It is strange to conceive why to

many minds there should be fearful associations connected with the grave. Why should we fear the quiet rest from the weariness of life? It is only the living who hear the funeral knell; no note of its tolling can reach the ears of the dead. Do we behold the wildflower shunning the grave? Does the dew forget to kiss the turf, or the moonbeam hasten by without impearling the narrow mound with its soft tender light?

No, the moonbeams ever linger there; the tender wild-flowers gently nestle on the turf, and wave their nodding plumes with every touch of the wandering breeze, while no sweeter song of bird is ever caroled than in the swaying branches of the overspreading pines.

"Oh! let not tears embalm my tomb;
None but the dews by twilight given.
Oh! let not sighs disturb the gloom;
None but the whispering winds of heaven."

Surely there is no sweeter rest than the silent depths of the grave. Here under the glorious sky, with the grim mountains holding their endless watch, where the singing streamlet hastens onward to the distant sea, where the nodding pines whisper a soft requiem in their aerial temple, they quietly lie, lapsed in the sweet oblivion of a finished life; sleeping the sleep that knows no waking; lost in the entrancing reveries of the Unseen Land.

* * * * *

And yet it is with more than an idle curiosity or passing interest that the student of Union College visits the verdant graves of Vale, since it holds in its hallowed bosom all that is left of some

who were intimately connected with the life and history of the old institution.

Come to the northern side and there where the sunlight falls on the crystal surface of the pretty little lake, its beams are reflected and strike with a flash of splendor on a clustered assembly of tombs where in their last homes some of the forefathers of the college sleep.

Here in this beautiful and secluded nook, rises a plain gray shaft with naught but this simple inscription.

ELIPHALET NOTT.
1773-1866.

PRESIDENT OF UNION COLLEGE
FROM 1804-1866.

His tomb is, as was his life, simple and plain, and yet he needs no magnificent mausoleum, for are not the temples of "Old Union" a grander tribute to his memory than any monument that could be erected?

Here, gathered around old Father Nott, we find the graves of Professors Lewis and Jackson, and of others connected with the college and their several families. But over a little toward the east is a small row of plain white slabs, and two more pretentious stones erected by the Adelpic Society of Union College to perpetuate the memory of some of its members who died during their attendance at the college in its early history, and who, on account of distance from home and the poor conveniences for transportation, were forced to be buried here, far away from home and almost within sight of the walls of Alma Mater.

The inscriptions—some in English, but mostly in Latin—tell us that here lie buried the following students:

JOSEPH F. FARRAR,

Who, with five others, also students of Union College, and members of the Adelpic Society, fell victims to typhus fever, Autumn, 1873.

NELSON A. HINMAN.

MEEKER HULL.

ALPHONSUS E. PACKARD.

JACOB A. POWELL.

DAVID BERDAN.

As the scroll on each stone informs us, all these memorials were erected by the Adelpic Literary Society, of which all were members, but although the records of the Society and the college library have been searched, nothing bearing on the death of these former members has been discovered.

There is a deep sadness in the death of a young life. It is so different from the quiet sinking to sleep of the aged. The latter is like the slow falling of the withered foliage from the tree. It has lived away a happy youth in the bud, it has burst forth in its verdant happiness to the sight of the beautiful world, passed the autumn of its life in a glorious dream and then, slowly letting go its hold on the branch has added itself to the thousands of its predecessors.

But ah! with the young it is not so. This is the annihilation of hope, of courage, of ambition and of love. It is the sinking of the ruthless axe into the shrub that is resplendent with its springtime bloom, and the destroying of all that sweet promise of a golden harvest. We can almost see the sad procession winding past the college buildings and through the old gate—a conventional appearance to the average observer, but bearing in the sombre depths of the hearse the death of a mother's hope—her son.

Thus they died and the world forgot them, as it eventually forgets all, and naught remains to tell of their existence save the simple stones which merely record the shattering of young hope and the flight of souls to the realms of the unseen.

GEORGE A. JOHNSTON, '95.

To Union College.

EDWIN R. PAYNTER, '58.

Upon the gentle eminence enthroned
 "Old Union" sits, with age and learning crowned.
 The mother dear of thousands who beyond
 Thy gates have passed, nor in the world have found
 A rival in the love they bear for thee,
 A love time strengthens in intensity.

'Tis nearly twoscore years since I, a youth
 Of tender age, thy beauty first beheld.
 A knowing Sophomore, "wise fool," forsooth,
 Who deemed his wisdom was unparalleled,
 And that old Plato and his school were not
 To be compared with us for depth of thought.

How well I recollect the whole fair scene:
 The terraced drive along the front that ran,
 The campus broad and green that lay between
 The college halls, parts of a mighty plan
 Of buildings large and grounds extensive, meet
 For noble purpose, but not then complete.

Not far away the sleepy city lay,
 "Old Dorp," an ancient, quiet, quaint Dutch town,
 Where sauerkraut and sweitzer held full sway
 And foaming lager washed the pretzel down.
 Whose honest burghers were content to quaff
 Their brimming tankards and at fortune laugh.

The lovely valley stretched far to the west
 Thro' which the Mohawk's sluggish waters flowed.
 A scene of varied beauty unsurpassed,
 But once the cruel, savage foe's abode,
 Whose murderous hand the settler sore distressed,
 As ancient tale and monument attest.

And dear old Captain Jack's famed garden, too.
 A cool retreat from Summer's fervent heat,
 Where rarest plants and fairest flowers grew,
 I ever shall remember, and the seat
 Where Nott, of venerated memory,
 Was wont to rest beneath the old elm tree.

Who that was e'er requested to repair
 Awhile within the "Doctor's study" can
 Forget the kindly counsel given there,
 The hope that he would be a gentleman,
 A grand old name, and one he wished to be
 Synonymous with Union's chivalry.

Through the retreating years again I see
 The forms of those who then instruction gave.
 Among them all there lingers only three,
 Severe "Jack" Foster, on this side the grave.
 How thy strict marks the student did appall,
 Whose lessons were half learned, or not at all.

And burly Nichols, with benignant smile,
 I see, with pencil ready to excuse
 The late at prayers who yielded for awhile
 To the temptation of another snooze,
 When all without was hid by ice and snow
 And chilling winds of winter fiercely blew.

Gillespie, nervous, sensitive and kind,
 And Pearson, Joy and Newman, all appear,
 With gallant Peissner, early doomed to find
 An honored death 'mid throes of civil war.
 And learned and patient Lewis, too, I see,
 In Greek and Hebrew high authority.

Nor must "Old Uncle Jimmie" be forgot,
 The ancient carrier of the College mail;
 The rains or sunshine to him mattered not,
 In promptness he was never known to fail,
 And to the student's heart brought joy or woe,
 According as remittance came or no.

All hail to thee, "Old Union!" may the time
 Ne'er come when thy prosperity shall wane.
 And may thy children's prayers in every clime
 Unceasingly arise and not in vain;
 May thine a glorious future be, I pray,
 And Heaven's blessing on thee rest alway.

GEORGETOWN, DEL., February, 1895.

Alfred Tennyson--Poet.

On Friday the 15th, Union students
 were treated to a most instructive and
 interesting lecture upon Tennyson. Prof.
 Riggs of Plattsburgh, N. Y., was the
 speaker, and he told of his recent visit
 to the late home of Tennyson, and many
 reminiscences of the deceased poet. Prof.
 Riggs quoted several verses from "In
 Memoriam" and others of Tennyson's
 poems. He said, the works of Tennyson
 will continue to have great influence over
 the nations of the world. Tennyson
 breathed on dead bodies and brought
 them to life. He was not a copyist but
 was ever in touch with the passing events.
 He knew of the affairs of the people, and
 by the purity of his divine power placed
 music in everything. Side by side with
 his contemporaries, the body of the poet
 laureate lies in Westminster Abbey with
 the simple inscription, "Alfred Tenny-
 son."

Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association.

The annual meeting of the I. C. A. A. was held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, Saturday afternoon. Capt. Twiford and L. C. Baker represented Union, the latter being on the executive committee which met the evening before at the same place.

At roll call the following colleges responded: Brown, Cornell, Fordham, Georgetown, Harvard, Lafayette, C. C. N. Y., University C. N. Y., University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, Rutgers, Stevens, Swarthmore, Trinity, Union, Wesleyan and Yale. Amherst, Lehigh and Williams had no representatives.

The treasurer's report was read and showed a balance of \$1,260.31 on hand. The following colleges were then admitted to membership of the association: University of California, Dartmouth, University of Iowa and Syracuse University. Hobart College and University of Vermont were expelled for non-payment of dues. The amendment offered by Georgetown to change the one-mile walk to the three-mile run was lost. Swarthmore's amendment, barring (for a period of one year) any man who since entering college had been trained by an athletic club, was thrown out as unconstitutional.

The last amendment to come up was that concerning the order of events and was offered by Yale. It proposed to change the one-mile event from number three to number eleven and the half-mile event from number eleven to number three. Pennsylvania made a hard fight against this, for she knew this would give the half-mile men a chance to rest before running the one-mile, and it might cause her to lose points. However, after

much discussion and confusion, it was finally passed.

The advisability of sending a team abroad to meet Oxford and Cambridge was discussed. Yale opposed the scheme. All the colleges voted in the affirmative with the exception of Yale, Princeton and Columbia, Harvard not voting at all. The executive committee was empowered to settle the details of the trip.

Lastly came the election of officers as follows: President, S. M. Krudrich, of Pennsylvania; vice-president, F. M. Goddard, of Trinity; treasurer, H. J. Curtis, of C. C. N. Y.; secretary, Russell Van Armsdale, of Rutgers; executive committee, G. R. Swain, Princeton; G. R. Compton, Harvard; G. S. Kirby, Columbia; J. E. Walschird, N. Y. University.

The University of Pennsylvania carried everything her own way. She not only carried through her amendments, and a resolution to send a team abroad, but also succeeded in putting in her man as president. She and Yale had some hot discussions, and were at times personal, and the only point that Yale scored against her was by passing the amendment changing the order of events. This amendment is also one of vital importance to Union. As the old order was, it would be impossible for Kilpatrick to run in both races, but as it has been changed, he will be able to run a good half-mile and then have a long rest before he starts in the one-mile, which will give him a good winning show. Pennsylvania saw this point at once, and Kilpatrick's name was brought up in the discussion. This will also aid us in the other events, for it will give Sands a better show in the 220-yard dash after the quarter-mile run.

The only other business which was of

much importance to Union was the project of sending the winners and seconds of the Intercollegiate meet abroad. If this is carried out successfully, Union will surely have two members of the team. More in comparison to her size than any other college in the association. It would be impossible for the scheme to go through without Union's two men, for they far out-class any others who will compete in the games this spring. It may be possible that Yale and Harvard will not permit their men to go, but if they do not, it will affect the team but little, as they will not have many winners this year from the present outlook.

The Cooperstown Meet.

Arrangements have been perfected by which a team of five athletes will be sent to Cooperstown on March 8th, to compete with the athletic club there in an all-around contest consisting of the five following events: running high jump, standing high jump, putting 12 pound shot, fence vault and running high kick.

The contest will be for a banner, and it is very likely that the Cooperstown team will come to Union a little later to try the same events again. A percentage system will be used, and the team securing the greatest number of points will be declared the winner. Every man will do his best in each of the events.

The preliminary contest to pick the men who will represent Union on the 8th was held in the gymnasium Friday afternoon. Those who were selected are: B. O. Burgin, '95; F. E. Holleran, '95; Z. L. Myers, '96; G. M. Scofield, '96; M. A. Twiford, '96, and E. W. Sylvester '97.

E. Lee Auchampaugh, '94, was the guest of friends on the hill last Thursday.

The Oratorical League.

On Saturday, February 16, the preliminary trial of candidates to represent Union in the State Oratorical League was held in the chapel before a large audience of students, and the committee of the faculty, consisting of Dr. Truax and Profs. Cole and Stoller. The number of candidates had dwindled down from a half dozen or more to three, Messrs. Crannell, '95, Potter '95 and Dugan, '98. These gentlemen spoke in the order named and after the committee had been in consultation for some time they reported that Messrs. Crannell and Potter had tied and that the tie would have to be spoken off at a later date. The date set for the next trial is Saturday, March 2, at 10 A. M., in the chapel. All members of the college are invited to be present. The final league contest will take place in the State St. Methodist church on Friday evening, March 8th. In any event Union will be creditably represented, and will make a strong fight to carry off the honors.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

The following resolutions were adopted by the members of the class of '95 of the Albany Law School, February 25, 1895, relative to the death of the mother of Horace F. Palmer:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom, to remove the mother of our esteemed classmate, Horace F. Palmer; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, as representatives of the class, hereby extend to him our heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement; and, be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be drafted and sent to him, and that a copy of the same be inserted in THE CONCORDIENSIS of Union College.

EDWARD T. NEWCOMB.

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Undergraduate Banquet.

It is time some action was taken relative to our undergraduate banquet. The social season is over for a time, and ample opportunity will be given next month for a rousing "feast of reason and flow of soul." The matter should be discussed at the next college meeting, and a committee appointed. There ought to be at least one hundred men in college who will pledge themselves to attend.

Support the Team.

In a few days Manager Allen will call upon every member of the college for a subscription for the base ball team. Every man in college should consider it his duty to contribute something toward the support of the team. Every indication points to our placing a winning team in the field. We have some excellent material, and with hard and faithful work upon the part of the candidates, should have the pleasure of backing a team worthy of our money and pride. Let the candidates continue as they have started in and every man in college will have to go down in his pocket.

The Musical Association.

The College Musical Association which includes the Glee, Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Clubs held a meeting last week and decided upon reorganization. W. G. Brown, '95, ex-captain of the foot-ball team was nominated for manager, and was elected at the last college meeting. The association has decided to place its business in the hands of the student body in the hope that a more general interest can be aroused upon the part of the students. The unanimous support of all Union men will be called for, and this means a greater expenditure of their time and money in behalf of this most important feature of college life.

A Century Complete.

We are open to congratulations. On the 25th day of this month Old Union was one hundred years old. It was upon the 25th day of February, 1795, that a charter for a college was granted, and that was a gala day in "Old Dorp." Bells were rung, flags were waved, bonfires were kindled, and a general jollification was held in honor of the event. Nor did the honest Dutchmen celebrate without reason; the event marked the establishment of the first college north of New York city and west of the Hudson river; a college destined to give to the State and Nation some of their most prominent and influential citizens, men who were to figure in the history of the Nation as were the sons of no other American college.

And now we have completed the first century of our prosperous career. In this land where centuries are of recent growth, this means a ripe old age; and yet we feel the buoyancy of youth. We have heard with Emerson,

Olympian bards who sung divine ideas below,
Which always finds us young, and always keeps
us so.

For while our campus has echoed to the resounding tread of feet now motionless or faltering; while the laughter of the Sophomore that awakened the terror of the Freshman an hundred years ago, has long passed into oblivion; while our walls have been painted grey by the hand of Time, still we repeat to-day what our fathers did in the years long past, and life leaps up within the veins of our time-honored college with all the pulsing hope and gladness of its primeval days.

Cicero says that he approves of the youth that has something of the old man in him, and that he is no less pleased with the old man that has something of the youth. We feel that Cicero would most heartily approve of us for the same reason. We have the solidity and strength, the self-assurance, born of knowledge and combat, combined with the unquestioning belief in our ability to accomplish born oftentimes of ignorance. We have the prudence of old age and the rashness of youth. We have the wisdom begotten of long years of experience, and the confidence and unbounded hope of inexperience. We have the reverence that age begets, and the love that youth inspires. No wonder that we are to be congratulated.

On Thursday last a peculiar accident happened in the gymnasium to Lynn Scofield, '96. A number of the boys were seated on the parallel bars watching the athletic practice, when one of the bars suddenly fell out of place. Scofield fell with the crowd, but having the misfortune of being underneath, his left arm was fractured at the elbow. Dr. Brownell reset the joint.

Small vs. large Colleges.

There has been much discussion lately relative to the comparative advantages of large and small colleges. The arguments that have been advanced have been largely in favor of the small college, the most important reason given being that the small colleges educate while the large institutions instruct.

There is very much more that may be advanced in favor of the small college. Every student is known, and an intimate knowledge of his requirements and of the work he is best fitted for, is a matter of consideration by the faculty. In a small college every man is called upon almost daily, in his classes; in large colleges it happens often that a student is not called upon oftener than once in two or three weeks. The instructors in a large college are mostly graduates of a few years standing, and with but little experience; in a small college the student immediately comes into personal contact with the permanent officers and professors, who hold their positions on account of their personal attainments. The absorption of ideas that follows, almost unconsciously to the student, is one of the best of educators, particularly when the professor is a man of unquestionable moral character, which is one of the requirements of a small college. The parent reads the word discipline, attached to the college statutes, with most implicit faith that it means what is conveyed to them by the word; yet what oversight or restraint can the faculty have over two or three thousand students, most of them lodging outside of the college?

This idea of the advantage of small bodies of students over large ones is coming to be recognized by the large universities. Harvard has been seriously con-

sidering the advisability of dividing itself into four colleges, much after the plan of the English universities, where the average number of students in each hall or college of Oxford is 115; the largest number being in "Christ Church House," the college of the nobility, where there are enrolled 295; and the smallest number in "All Soul's," where the undergraduates number only 6. In Cambridge the largest number is in Trinity—614; and the smallest in Sidney, Sussex, where there are 58, while the number of professors, fellows and tutors, together with lecturers and other instructors, is something that the average American mind can scarcely conceive of.

In conclusion we wish to consider briefly one important factor in the education of a student in a small college, which is the intimate relationship of the student body as a whole, which cannot be realized in a community so large that it absorbs or extinguishes the individual. One of the first things a student should learn, and which he can only learn in a small college, is to keep and assert his individuality.

Inter-Society Debate.

The Adelpic and Philomathean Literary Societies have fixed March 16th as the date of the inter-society debate for the Foote-Allison prize of \$100. The subject for debate will be,

Resolved, That the national government should control the railway system of the United States.

The committee of judges is composed of three members of the Faculty, Prof. Hoffman acting as chairman. The debate will take place at 10 A. M. in the chapel.

The Freshmen wrote their essays on Monday afternoon.

Here and There.

A LITTLE REPARTEE.

It was in the President's office. The President sat at his desk running over the morning's mail. Suddenly the door opened and the Dean of the Faculty entered. His beaming countenance was struggling to control the excitement which evidently possessed him. He smiled. It was that characteristic smile which carries terror to the heart of the shirking Sophomore. The President, glancing up, remarked: "Good morning, Dean; you look happy this morning." "Exactly so," said the Dean, "I am happy." "And, pray, what is the cause of your happiness," asked the President. "Ah!" said the Dean, "I dreamed a dream." "A dream," said the President; "And what did you dream?" "I dreamed that I was in heaven," came the ready reply. "Ah, yes," said the President, "it *was* a dream!"

THE PARADA.

The parade has gone by. There is no use sighing and longing. It has turned the corner and is beyond the range of vision. I stand and look, like the small boy who, with hand in trousers pockets, and with open mouth gazes in the direction of the last wagon in the circus train. For two whole weeks I looked with wonderment at the large placards labelled P-A-R-A-D-A and tried in vain to conjecture what new form of dissipation was hidden in those harmless letters. And when at last, with much blowing of horns and beating of drums, the show was ushered in with all its dazzling lights and sparkling tinsel, I could not help wondering what new name the old elephant will bear when he makes his appearance again next year. Last year they called him "Kirmis," this year "Parada"; perhaps next year he will be "Legshorada." However, its all the same. Charity is a great cause, and as long as there's a trim ankle left in Schenectady I suppose it will be shown annually for charity's sake; and as long as athletics are a department of student life at Union I suppose there will be an annual startling exposé of male calves to fill the pockets of the foot-ball manager and keep him quiet.

ADVICE TO A SENIOR.

One of our Seniors, whose popularity with the fair sex is an established fact wherever his beaming countenance is known, is carrying on an interesting correspondence with one of the "fairest of the sex," as he says, over in Smith College. If my knowledge of Smith girls is correct,—and I believe it is,—she is undoubtedly of the fairest, and, I should judge, *fin de siècle*. It seems that our Senior has been trying to hang a huge bluff, and

pass himself off upon his fair friend as a man of massive brain and subtle wit, but she is (to use a slang expression) "onto him." This fact, however, does not seem to ruffle his always even temper; he has been "got onto" before, and has smiled and been a villain still.

In her last letter, to our Senior, the Smith girl enclosed the following original verses, which, if not poetical are certainly to the point. In her first stanza she says:

Your logic is obscure, dear boy,
Your brain is like a noisy toy
That once wound up, it runs pell-mell,
Without a helm, not sure nor well.

That's what comes from drinking *creme de menthe* and smoking cigarettes.

In her next stanza she accuses him of "talking through his hat," as it were:

For lack of sense, in words you strive
To hide the loss, as on you drive,
Trying to prove that woman's wit
Can't cope with man's a little bit.

In her third stanza she gets right down to business. I can almost hear the nails scratch and see the hair fly. She certainly knows how to enforce home rule with the broom handle:

My dear boy, logic you will find
Is pastime for a woman's mind;
Take my advice, avoid the strain
You'll meet when tackling her strong brain.

But her eloquence seeks its zenith in the fourth and last stanza. Her final threat to our already much-abused Senior to "beware," is supposed to squelch him. But it doesn't seem to; the only effect that I can see is that he has doubled his number of cigarettes per day:

'Tis always better to confess
Dear youth, so own your foolishness;
Just one word more: if once you dare
Say "Woman's logic's weak"—Beware!

A cup has been offered to be contested for yearly by Mr. Gardner C. Leonard, a Williams alumnus, and Mr. William P. Rudd, a Union man, both of Albany, and it is very likely this will be accepted. If it should be, it would make a permanent organization of the dual league. The above news will be received gladly by Union men, and it will give the athletic team a fresh stimulus for which to train. All arrangements will be perfected as soon as possible, and there seems no doubt at present but that this meet will materialize.

President Raymond's Trip.

President Raymond left college on the afternoon of Feb. 11th, for an extended trip through the west. Dr. Raymond went directly to Lincoln, Neb. where he delivered an address on the following Friday, at the University of Nebraska. From Lincoln he went to St. Paul, Minn., to attend the banquet of the Union College Alumni Association of the Northwest. From here he will go to Chicago to meet Union men living there. He will then visit Iowa and deliver addresses and meet the Alumni of Union in Des Moines, Dubuque, Waterloo and Charles City. On the return trip Dr. Raymond will visit Cleveland, Cincinnati and other cities that contain Union Alumni.

His object is to carry the reviving interests of Old Union to the hearts of our western alumni, and to make the centennial of Alma Mater and the commencement of the class of '95 the greatest event in the history of our college.

The Williams--Union Dual Games.

Manager Barnes has received a communication from Manager Jeffries of the Williams track athletic team stating that it is the sentiment of Williams to hold a dual meet with Union on the Ridgfield grounds in Albany early in May, but that nothing definite can be determined upon at present. He also names as dates either May 8 or May 11.

It is the very strong sentiment of Union that these games be held, but the management thinks a later date would be more acceptable, and this can very likely be arranged.

W. A. Johnston, ex-'95, was on the hill a short time ago.

The Mid--Winter Meet.

The committee in charge of the mid-winter meet have decided to hold it on March 15th, in the State Armory. Thirteen events have been decided upon and it is likely that some more will be added to the list. Those on the list at present are: 20-yard dash, 440-yard run, one-mile run, one-mile walk, 20-yard hurdle (3 ft. hurdles,) running high jump, standing high jump, three standing broad jumps, running high kick, putting 12-pound shot, pole vault, indian club swinging, fencing and rope climbing.

A percentage system which has been arranged by Dr. Linhart will be used as a method of reckoning the number of points each man and each class wins. The minimum limit in each event will be very low, and it is possible for everybody to win at least a few points for his class. For instance the minimum in the running high jump is 4 ft., in the standing high jump, 3 ft., in the 12-pound shot put, 25 ft., in the running high kick, 6 ft., in the mile run, 6 min. 30 sec., in the quarter mile run, 70 sec. Of course the better a man does the more points he will win, but almost anyone could win some points on the above plan. In order to fix it so that too many will not contest in each event the number of men from each class in each event will be limited to five. If there are more than this, class preliminaries will be held to pick the five who will enter.

It is the intention to give first and second prizes in each event, and the points won by each class will go on their account for the inter-class banner.

The executive committee having the meet in charge consists of Manager Barnes, '95; John Y. Lavery, '95; Z. L. Myers, '96; H. C. Todd, '97 and H. F. Barbour, '98.

Local and Personal.

Oscar Best, '98, has been ill recently.

Whose was the homeliest mug in the Bowery?

Sophomores are studying "Macbeth" with Dr. Truax.

Seniors took an examination on History of Philosophy last week.

The Juniors contemplate giving a promenade in the Van Curler on the 19th of April.

Prof. Hoffman held the second examination in Logic with the Sophomore Class last week.

Dr. Truax has been delivering a series of University Extension lectures in Saratoga recently.

James C. Kelly, '96, entertained, on Tuesday the 19th, some of his fair friends from Niagara Falls.

Lipes, '98, was visited by his parents last Tuesday and Wednesday on their way to Florida.

Orman West, '95, will preach at Greenville Center for a few weeks, supplying the Rev. Mr. Barry's pulpit.

Andrews, '98, was at his home in Knowlesville a few days ago, attending the marriage of his brother.

A. Quinlan, '97, of the Albany Medical School, has been competing for the position of catcher on the 'Varsity.

Literary society meetings for Saturday, the 16th, were cancelled on account of the preliminary oratorical contest.

The Fencing Club met in the gym last week and was instructed in the noble craft of the sword by Dr. Linhart.

Sophomores will write their expository essay upon "The Phases of Friendship Exhibited in Shakespeare's Sonnets." This essay is to be handed to Mr. Edwards on or before March 4th.

Five questions of the times:—When does the term end? Where is the Garnet, Catalogue, Song Book, Soirée Committee?

R. H. Potter, '95, occupied the pulpit of Rev. W. G. Thrall, English Lutheran Church, on Sunday morning and evening two weeks ago.

Edwin R. Payne, '95, was notified by telegram last week of the death of his young sister. He at once left for his home at Bangall, N. Y.

James M. Cass, '95, was invited to Scotia again on Sunday, the 17th inst., to fill the place of the pastor of the Baptist Church, Rev. J. C. Williams.

The Junior class in German were given a bolt last week to attend the Food Exhibition in Albany. They are very much dissatisfied with Schenectady hash.

Dr. Truax conducted the programme of the monthly meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Union, held in the chapel of the Second Reformed Church last Tuesday.

E. R. Sweetland, '98, has been compelled to remain home for several days, having an inflammation of the eyes that prevents him from continuing his work.

The Freshman committee on class canes has been appointed, as follows: C. J. Vrooman, Dexter Hunter and Raynor. A class cut has been ordered for the '96 *Garnet*.

The final term examinations begin on March 26th. The present term closes March 29th. A recess of ten days follows, the Spring term opening on Tuesday, April 9th.

James Korl, the deputy sheriff on duty on the college grounds, and who will be more readily recognized if we call him "copper," had a fall on the slippery walk a few days ago, resulting in a broken collar bone.

The following are Union delegates to the State Y. M. C. A. Convention, in session at Syracuse Feb. 21st to 24th:—Bayles, Collins and Sanderson, '95; Pollock and Young, '96; Buck and Pershing, '97; Hover, '98.

The committee on the joint debate between the Philomathean and Adelpic Literary Societies consists of Potter, '95, Dann, '96, and Birch, '97, from the Adelpic; Bayles, '95, Pollock, '96, and J. A. Merchant, '97, from the Philomathean.

A very pleasant dance was given on the 14th at the palatial residence of Mr. N. Irving Schermerhorn ex. '95, on North Church St. A number of College men were in attendance including G. A. Johnston, G. L. Streeter, W. E. Walker and C. W. Crannell, all of '95.

The *Pennsylvanian* was slightly in error when it stated in a recent issue that Orton ran a dead heat with Kilpatrick the crack long distance runner of Amherst at the Boston A. C. games. Wait until we go to Mott Haven. Perhaps Pennsylvania will learn there where Kilpatrick is from.

The committee of arrangements in charge of Union's centennial celebration are fast completing all preliminary arrangements for that interesting event. Excellent speakers are being secured, and other matters of importance settled. Later THE CONCORDIENSIS will publish full reports.

As a result of the inter-collegiate games of the Boston Athletic Association, our champion, Charles Kilpatrick, has returned to Union with the loving cup. Kilpatrick ran a dead heat with Orton, of the University of Pennsylvania, and won the cup on a toss. He is now at present detained at his home in Albany on account of the illness of his mother.

Mr. J. I. Bennett, Jr., Union, '90, who has recently been teaching Latin and Geology in the Hyde Park High School, Chicago, Ill., has left that institution and has entered Harvard College, where he will take a post-graduate course in Latin and Greek, preparatory to assuming the duties of an instructor at Union next year. The pupils of his room as a token of regard, presented him with a handsome dress suit case, and he in turn gave them a fine picture of Napoleon nicely framed. This in future will adorn the walls of their room. It was almost impossible for Mr. Bennett to leave the building, so crowded were the corridors with his friends.

The following essay work is due to Prof. Cole this term. Senior argumentative essay of 700 words, on either of the following themes: (a) "Should the cost of protecting the corporations in labor strikes be borne by the state or by the corporation?" (b) "Are non-partisan boards in the government of cities preferable to bi-partisan boards?" Engineering Seniors write on a special theme assigned to them by Prof. Landreth, and the essay when thus written is to be delivered to Prof. Landreth. Junior argumentative essay of 700 words, on the theme, "Resolved, that poverty furnishes better conditions for the student than does wealth." A carefully prepared analysis to show the outline of the argument must be presented with every manuscript. All manuscripts must be left at the English room not later than noon on the 4th of March.

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Obituary.

'39. Rev. Dr. F. A. Olmsted, '39, Rector of the Church of the Messiah (Episcopal), died on Feb. 6. He was a graduate of Union College and Union Theological Seminary, New York, and was given the degree of D. D. by Union in '79. He was born in Hartford, Conn., August 23, 1818, and served fifty-one consecutive years in the ministry.

'83. Daniel B. Peoli died suddenly in Brooklyn on Saturday, February 9, of pneumonia. He and his brother, John J. Peoli, '82, were engaged in sugar planting in Cuba, of which island both were natives. "Dan" Peoli, as he was almost universally known among his many friends, will be greatly mourned. He was engaged to be married to a beautiful girl in Brooklyn, and it was at her father's house that he was seized with pneumonia and died.

'44. Dr. Samuel Spencer Stafford, head of the S. S. Stafford ink manufacturing firm, in New York, died at his home, No. 13 West Seventy-third street, Feb. 15. He was born in Albany on November 13, 1825, and was a graduate of Union College, 1844, and also of the Albany Medical College. After receiving his medical diploma in 1849, when the gold fever was at its height, Dr. Stafford went to San Francisco, where he remained until 1853. In that year he returned to New York and four years later established the firm. One of Dr. Stafford's ancestors was Thomas Stafford, who landed in Rhode Island in 1640 and established the town of Warwick. He was a member of the New York Club and was connected with several charitable institutions.



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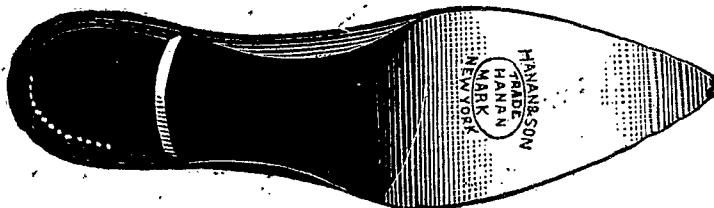
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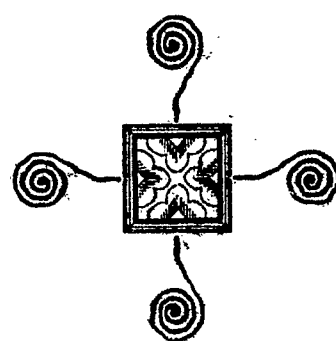
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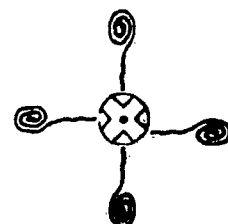
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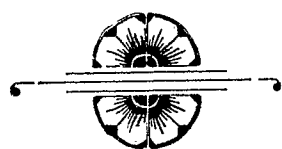
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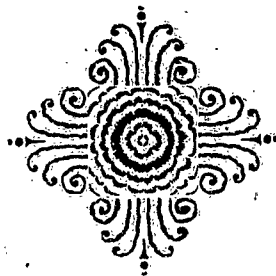
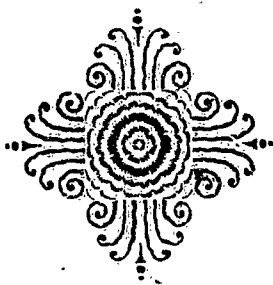
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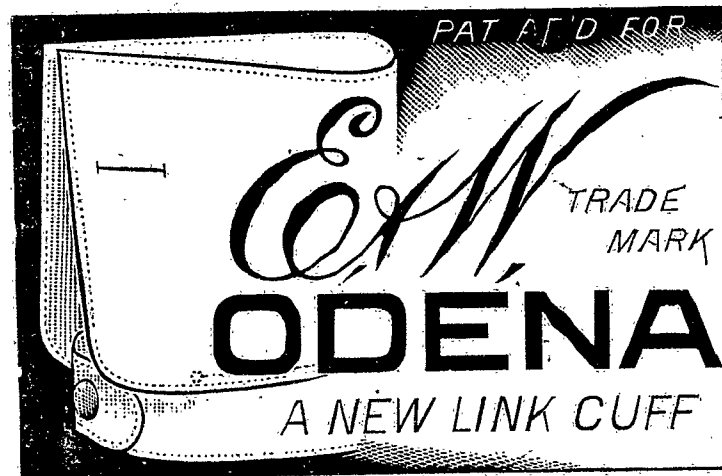
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