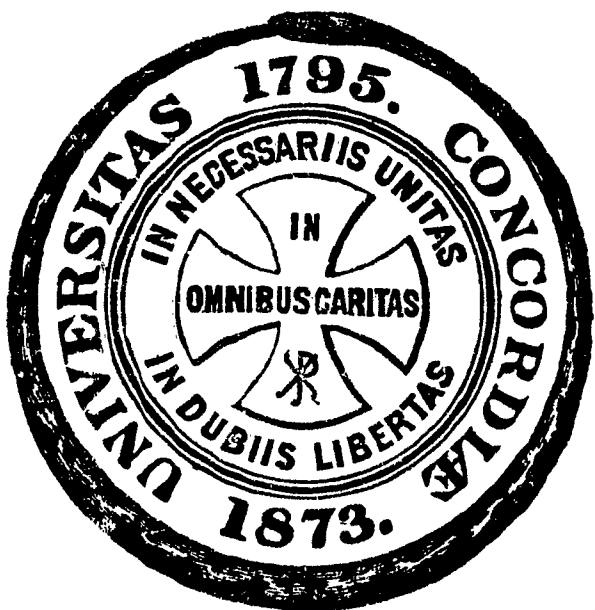


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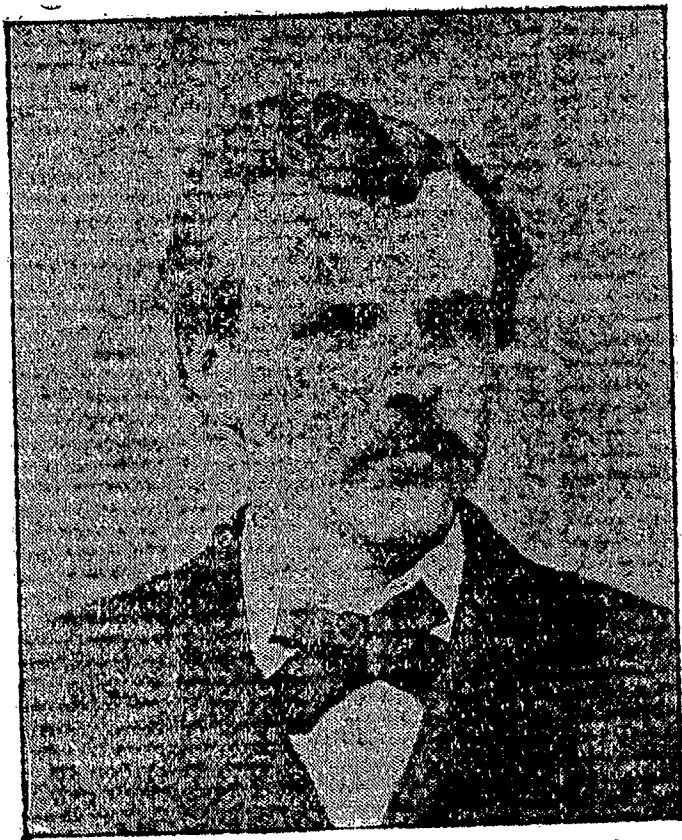


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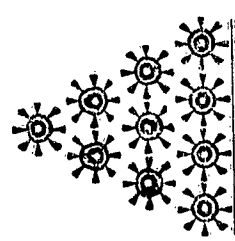


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## IMPORTANT LAND TRANSFER.

### Part of the College Woods Sold to The General Electric Company.

One of the most important sales of college property in years was consummated on Thursday, March 30, when the trustees sold to the General Electric company seventy-six acres of the land lying to the east of the college buildings at a purchase price of \$750 an acre, a total of \$57,000.

When the trustees decided to sell some of the large real estate holdings of the college, among the first bidders was the General Electric company. The property they desired to secure was the tract north and northeast of University Place. The easterly portion of the tract runs directly north from the intersection of University Place and Union avenue, and extends through the college woods to upper Nott street. The 76 acres purchased include all the woods from the western line to the extreme eastern end of the woods, except some little land that is owned by private parties.

It is hardly necessary to state that the General Electric company has not purchased this land for manufacturing purposes. It has been purchased by the company in order that its officers and leading employees might be able to purchase suitable sites, on which to erect homes. It is not an investment or a speculation, but a move of the concern that has at heart the best interests of its officers and employees. The promoters of the plan have not yet formulated any definite plan, but that the tract will be laid out and large villa lots sold, is a certainty. It also is a certainty that on these sites there will be erected handsome homes, and the entire tract

of woods will be converted into a residential section, not for General Electric people exclusively but for any who are willing to abide by the terms that will accompany the sale of lots.

### The Evolution of the Book.

The final lecture of the winter term was delivered on Friday, March 24, too late for publication in the term's last issue of The Concordiensis. The lecturer was Mr. George Haven Putnam, the well-known literary man and publisher; and his theme, "The Evolution Of The Book." Any inscription, Mr. Putnam said, which carries a record is in a general way a book, but a broader definition is any intellectual conception recorded so as to be of value to others.

It is supposed that the first book, exhumed in the plains of Mesopotamia, dated back to 4000 years B. C., though some archæologists declare that these were produced in 5500 B. C.

The earliest incentive to write books was to record deeds. The Greeks used to carry their thoughts from mouth to mouth without writing them and it was 950 B. C. before the Greek poems first took shape. This state of affairs called for the exercise of memory in the hearers and of intense power of attention and discrimination, more, in fact, than is found in the most intellectual audience of today.

The earliest book that comes from the Egyptians was the Book of the Dead, which was published at the death of a man and buried with him. Hence the first publisher in Egypt was the undertaker.

With the dawn of the fourth century came a development in the shape of papyrus. This disappeared in the seventh century A. D. The part which Alexander played in the development of the book was next touched on by Mr. Putnam, who said that it exerted a large influ-



ence upon the Roman book. In 401 occurred the destruction of Rome, and "The City of God," St. Augustine's book founded upon this destruction was prominent in the literature of the age. Great stress must be laid upon the contribution of the monks to the evolution of the book. They kept alive the sparks of learning at a time when there was an absolute lack of literary activity. Casiodorus and Alcuin were mentioned as types of the mediæval scholars who patronized literature. Alcuin it was who introduced the Roman script as the imperial text of the empire of Charlemagne.

In the fourteenth century the great work of keeping written records was turned over from the monasteries to the universities, prominent among them Bologne, Paris, Prague, Oxford and Heidelberg.

After the universities came the great change from the script to movable type and the printing of books. The Chinese had printed books away back in legendary history, but Trajan never reached China and hence the invention of printing in Europe was postponed many centuries.

*Aldus* Mr. Putnam closed his lecture with a description of the work of Alcus, the great Venetian printer, who did as much for his era as did Casiodorus for his. Mr. Putnam said the history of the book covers such a great period of time and there is so much to be said about the different stages in its growth, that his time permitted only a partial treatment of the theme, and he had hence chosen the early history as his lecture.

### Baseball Scores.

University of Virginia, 14; Cornell, 5.  
 Brooklyn League, 20; Cornell, 2.  
 Cornell, 11; Mercer, 7.  
 Cornell, 14; University of Georgia, 5.  
 Georgetown, 9; Lehigh, 2.  
 University of Virginia, 8; Lehigh, 3.  
 University of North Carolina, 7; Lehigh, 5.  
 Manhattan, 12; Pennsylvania, 1.  
 Princeton, 12; Johns Hopkins, 1.  
 Georgetown, 9; Yale, 4.  
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 Princeton, 18; University of Virginia, 6.  
 Columbia, 9; New York University, 8.

### Crannell-Westinghouse.

One of the brilliant events of the season was the marriage of Miss Emeline Westinghouse, daughter of Mrs. Jay Westinghouse of this city, to Mr. Clark Winslow Crannell, '95, of Albany at the home of the bride on April 4th.

The handsome residence was transformed into a bower of loveliness by the profuse decorations of Easter lillies, palms and roses. Green and white were used to play an important part as the wedding was decidedly an Alpha Delta Phi affair. The parlor had been beautifully adorned with palms, and lillies, and ribbons stretched from the staircase to the doorway served as an aisle for the bridal party.

At eight o'clock the Rev. A. C. Sewall, pastor of the Reformed church, descended the staircase followed by Mr. John C. Van Voast, '87, Mr. G. A. Johnston, '95, Mr. E. S. Crannell, and Miss Ethel B. Smith, Miss Mary Landon and Miss Clara Westinghouse, the maid of honor. The bride followed, leaning on the arm of her uncle, Mr. George Westinghouse, and at the foot of the staircase the party were met by the groom and Mr. Ralph M. Crannell as best man.

After the ceremony a delightful reception was held, Mrs. Westinghouse receiving, assisted by Mrs. W. W. Crannell, the mother of the groom, and at 10:30 the couple left for the west.

Mr. Crannell was a member of the class of '95 at Union and was editor-in-chief of the Concordiensis. Immediately after his graduation he took a position on the Mail and Express and his success since has been marked. During the present legislative session he has been the special representative of that paper at Albany, so the newly married couple will make their home at the capital city until after the close of the session when they will reside in New York.

Harvard has the largest faculty in the country. It has a total of 337—a body nearly as large as the lower house of congress. Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania follow with 265 and 240, respectively. Brown has a faculty of 91.

### The Brown-Clute Wedding.

A most happy event took place at the First Reformed church during the holiday recess, the occasion being the marriage of William Grant Brown, '95, of New York city to Miss Anna Josephine Clute of this city. The Rev. Dr. A. C. Sewall, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony before a large gathering of friends and relatives.

The church was beautifully decorated, palms and Easter lilies being present in profusion. The ceremony was short but impressive according to the ritual of the Reformed church. The wedding march from Lohengrin made a fitting prelude to the formal solemnization at the altar.

A classmate of the bride at Wellesley, Miss Flagg of Portland, Me., was the maid of honor. Those assisting her as bridesmaids were Miss Hubbard of Syracuse, Miss Easton of Cambridge, Mass., Miss Hawley of New York, and Miss Ingalls of Sandy Hill.

The best man was Guy Miller, '94, of Herkimer; the ushers, Messrs. Richards, '95, and Sawyer, '95, of Sandy Hill, Harby, '95, and Phillips of New York University.

Following the ceremony at the church, a bridal supper was served at the home of the bride's parents, No. 238 Union street.

That the good wishes of all Union men go with "Father" Brown and his bride need hardly be said. While in college as captain of a winning football team, senior president, and manager of the initial glee club and in various other ways he distinguished himself. He was a member of Psi Upsilon. Since leaving college, he has been engaged in the legal profession in New York, as well as at all times proving himself a loyal alumnus of "Old Union."

### Dr. Raymond's Chapel Talk.

President Raymond in chapel Tuesday morning, welcomed the students back and urged that there should be no lack of attention to classroom work in the midst of the many college interests. He said he hoped that there would be a large number of contestants for the various commence-

ment oratorical and essay prizes as commencement this year will be an especially important one.

He announced that Hamilton W. Mabie, editor of the Outlook has accepted the invitation of the board of governors of the university to be honorary chancellor, and that Gov. Roosevelt has promised to attend commencement exercises. Frank Bailey, '88, the president of the general alumni association is making special efforts to have a large number of alumni here during the week.

President Raymond also announced two lectures to be given this term. The first is on Friday of this week by Prof. Ira N. Hollis of Harvard, who lectures on "Our Navy in the War with Spain." Prof. Hollis is a graduate of Annapolis and was once a professor at Union. The second lecture will be on next week Friday by Prof. Walter A. Wyckoff of Princeton on "Some Phases of Industrialism." Prof. Wyckoff is the author of "The Workers," and is remembered as having traveled throughout the United States in the guise of a common laborer.

In concluding President Raymond said that although the work of last term was not so good as that of the term previous, yet it was entirely satisfactory and gratifying. He said that of the work of the freshman class 93 per cent. was above the required standard; of the sophomore class 98 per cent.; of the junior class 99½ per cent., and of the senior class 100 per cent.

### Subjects for Commencement Prizes.

Ingham essay prize for seniors, "The Dramatic Quality in Browning," and "Dickens as a Reformer."

Clark essay prizes for juniors—"The Poetry of the Anti-slavery Movement," and "Goldsmith's Village Preacher in the Deserted Village Compared with Chaucer's Parson in the Prologue to His Canterbury Tales."

Sons of the American Revolution prize, "Principles Fought for in the American Revolution."

The general subject for the extempore speaking contest will be "The Electoral Franchise."

The competitors for the Oratorical prizes and the Allen prizes may select their own subjects.

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IT IS WITH pleasure that the Concordiensis announces the recent marriage of two of the best known of Old Union's younger sons; Clark Winslow Crannell, '95, and William Grant Brown, '95. The former was editor-in-chief of the Concordiensis during his senior year, and is now distinguishing himself in journalistic work. The latter, always to be remembered as "Father Brown," who captained the famous '94 team on to victory, is now engaged in the practice of law with a bright future before him. In behalf of the student body the Concordiensis extends warmest congratulations.

AS WAS anticipated, the 1900 Garnet made its appearance on Friday, March 24, and that it was in every way up to expectations was admitted by all, not excepting the editors of last year's book. The aim of Garnet boards has always been to get

out a book a little—or to be more exact—a great deal better than any previous issue; and while there are no very marked differences between this number and that published a year ago we feel that it would be doing the 1900 editors an injustice to say that their book is not an improvement over last year's. The juniors certainly took a step in the right direction when they dedicated the Garnet to Dr. Vander Veer. For many years he has been closely identified with the Medical College and has always taken a deep interest in the university. This departure in the matter of dedication is a pleasing innovation and speaks well for a closer university feeling in the near future. The Concordiensis learns that the entire edition has not been sold, and would urge those who have not yet purchased copies to do so at once. The Garnet is the only memento of college life bound in form suitable for preservation and twenty-five years hence its value will not be measured in dollars and cents.

THE TRANSFER of seventy-six acres of college property recently made by the board of trustees to the General Electric Company was a most happy business transaction. While the tract takes in part of the college woods, there still remains enough of that picturesque retreat to satisfy those who at first may have been greatly chagrined by the action of the board of trustees. The transfer takes in the land lying east of a line drawn from the intersection of Union avenue and University place, to Nott street, the northern boundary line of the college grounds. The fact that this property will soon be built up with many beautiful homes guarantees the most pleasant surroundings for the college. It will not be long before other residences will rise and this part of the city will rapidly build up. This will demand an extension of the trolley line, and then it will be about time for Union to complete her athletic field. We do not like to paint visions, but now that the trustees have at last broken the ice, we feel that that bright future, which, for the last two years we have been led to believe has been hovering over us like a halo of glory, is just about to be realized.



### The Public Park Project.

Several weeks ago some of the resident alumni and prominent citizens of Schenectady set in movement a project to have the city petition the legislature for permission to acquire the college pasture and transform the same into a public park. Petitions signed by over 2,000 taxpayers were sent to the council and that body appointed a committee of aldermen to investigate the matter and report its advisability. It was found that the college would lease the pasture for a long term of years at an annual rental of \$5,000.

The committee tendered a hearing to the public last Monday evening and many good arguments were presented on both sides of the question. Those who appeared for the scheme argued that the college brought a large amount of money into the city and that it was the duty of the city to appreciate this yearly benefit. There is great need of a park inasmuch as the city is rapidly growing more populous and extensive, and such a park would add greatly to the city's appearance and health.

The opposition contended that although the city needed a park the college pasture is not very well adapted for this purpose as it is not thickly wooded. Further it was argued that the debt of the city is already too large to admit of any such addition as the affirmative proposed, and that this increased expenditure of money would make the tax rates too high.

After considerable deliberation the committee decided, in view of the city's financial condition, that the park project be laid aside for the present. Thus the plan that would have given to the college some financial advantage and to the city a great source of attraction and benefit is to be given up for the time being but not, it is to be hoped, permanently.

At a recent meeting of the students of the four colleges of Syracuse university, the indebtedness of the athletic association of \$1,800 was practically cancelled. John D. Archbold, the Standard Oil magnate and president of the university trustees, contributed \$500 to the fund. A crew will be formed in the university.

### Personals.

Professor Elton D. Walker has been appointed a member of the side-path commission of Schenectady county.

At the February meeting of the board of trustees Instructor John Ira Bennett was promoted to the assistant professorship of Greek.

Mattice, ex-'1901, who was in the volunteer army, was on the hill examination week. He expects to resume his work with the class of 1902 next fall.

Professors James R. Truax and Edward E. Hale, jr., attended the semi-annual meeting of the Hudson River Schoolmasters' club, which was held at Albany recently. President Raymond delivered an address on colleges.

The freshman class held a meeting the last Tuesday of the term, and elected Frank T. Ostrander manager of the baseball nine and James E. Finnegan captain. The freshmen have received a challenge from the Williams freshmen to play a game during the spring at either Schenectady or Williamstown.

### Alumni Notes.

Eugene A. Sommer, '96, of Tonawanda, was in town the last week of the term.

At the annual meeting of the Holland society, which was held at Delmonico's, New York recently, Hon. Seymour Van Santvoord, Union '78, of Troy was elected a vice-president to represent Rensselaer county.

The current issue of Newspaperdom contains an excellent likeness of William J. Kline, '72, editor and proprietor of the Amsterdam Democrat, together with an account of a banquet given by him to prominent newspaper men of the state at the Fort Orange club, Albany, on March 2.

Rev. Richard Osborne, '46, died at Saratoga on Sunday, April 9, at the age of 78. He retired from the ministry several years ago. He was well known as a writer on religious subjects and composer of hymns. He was graduated from Union with the class of 1846, and later from Auburn Theological seminary.

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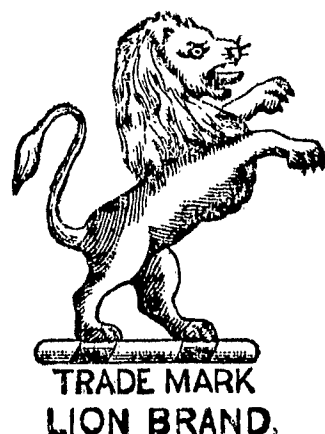
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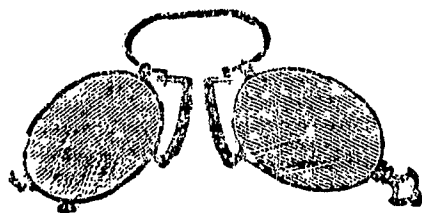
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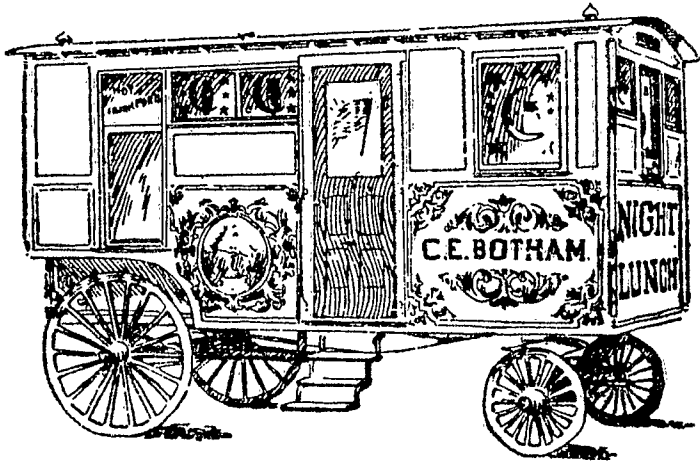
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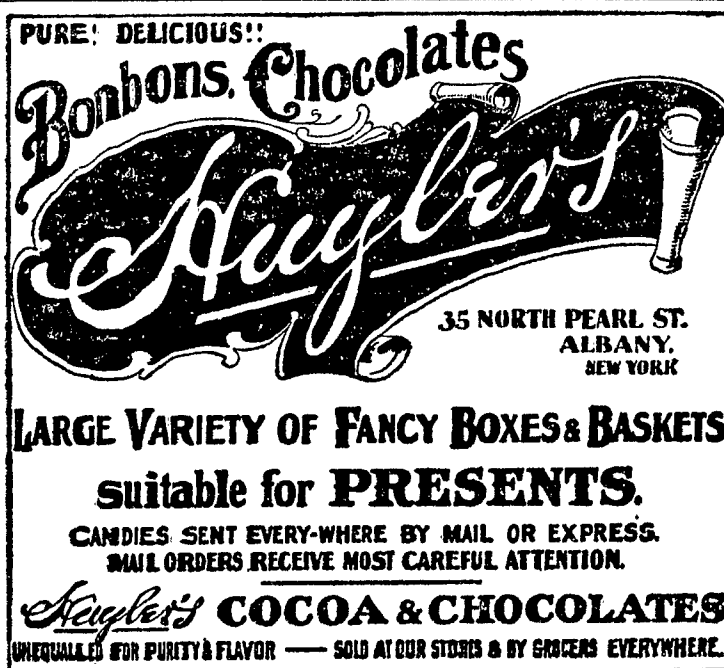
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