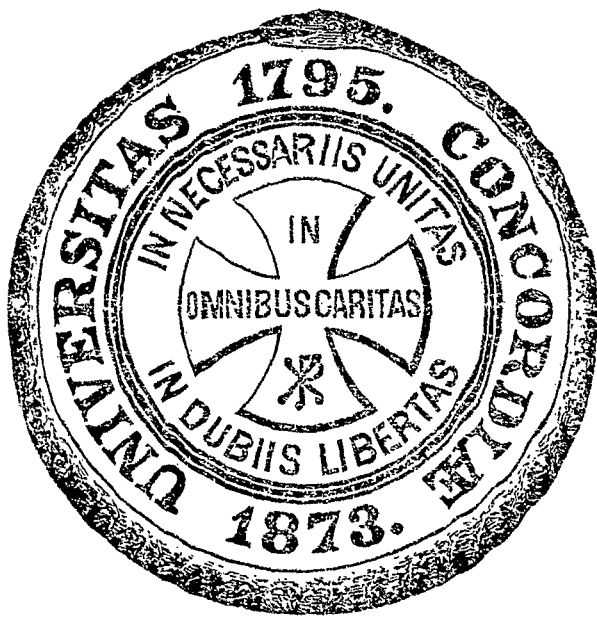


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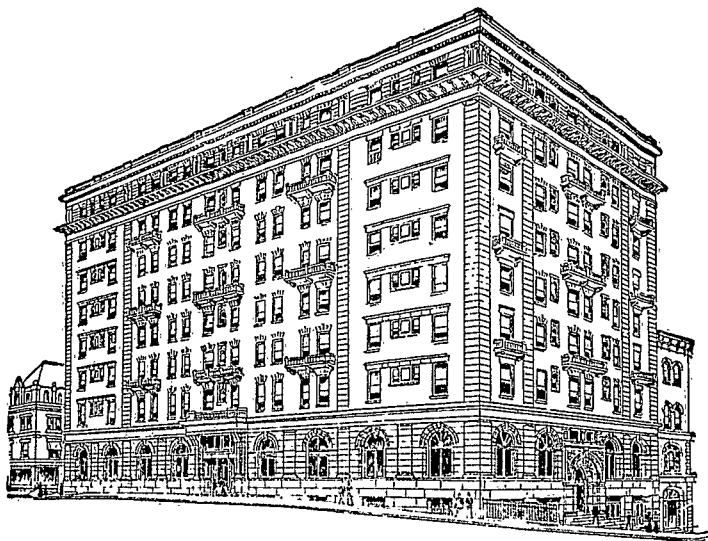
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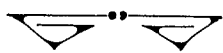
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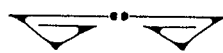
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AMERICAN RAILROADS IN CHINA

Cornell Engineer Tells Experiences.

The first of a series of lectures under the auspices of the Civil Engineering department was given in the Chapel on Monday afternoon. The speaker was Mr. Justin Burns, Cornell '92, who has been intimately connected with the development of railroads in China and it was upon this subject that the lecturer spoke. The talk was profusely illustrated by a number of stereopticon pictures.

Mr. Burns introduced his subject with a general statement concerning the extent, population, language and progress of China. It was not until the close of the China-Japanese war that China thoroughly realized that western ideas must penetrate the Celestial Empire if she wished to hold a place among the powers. In connection with this forward movement the idea of constructing railroads figured prominently. As a result, concessions were given to various nations allowing them to build railroads. To Russia was given the country in the north of China, to Germany the north-eastern portion, to Great Britain the middle east, to France the southwest, to Belgium the middle north, and to the United States the middle south. Of the American concession, the most important route is that from Canton to Hankow, a distance of some seven hundred miles, with its branch division from Canton to Sam Shiu, a stretch of thirty miles. It was about this latter route that Mr. Burns spoke.

Owing to the proximity of a waterway to the line of the proposed road, the engineers lived in house boats. When compelled to travel inland, they took up their abode in the village temples which did not seem to offend the priests in the least. In fact, these temples seem more like our town halls and can be rented at a nominal price. The engineers received the direct aid of the Chi-

nese officials in their efforts and the lower class did not seriously molest them at all, deeming the approval of the officials sufficient guarantee of good faith on the part of the foreigners. Each party was accompanied by soldiers which served the double purpose of protection and display, although excelling admirably well in the latter capacity. Upon the entrance to an important village, a formal call was paid the officials and when their sanction was obtained, the battle was half won.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in making cuts, owing to a popular superstition toward the gods of wind and water who, when offended, bring bad luck. Certain hills, trees, and cemeteries are held in sacred awe and it was often difficult and sometimes impossible to prevail upon the Chinese to allow them to be touched.

To obtain a clear title to right of way was far more expensive than that of reconnaissance and location. The natives have a peculiar custom of designating their ownership of land by a monument in the centre of the area possessed and not on the perimeter as is our custom. The difficulties arising from such a system are apparent. After the American engineers had staked out the property, a Chinese surveyor would stretch a string around the boundaries of the plot and, using a wooden divider spaced to five Chinese feet, would painfully step off this distance. He would then compute areas in as many hours as it took the Americans days, and strange as it may seem, always checked with the American figures.

In construction, the Chinese proved themselves worthy in embankment work, but failed in grasping the requirements for bridge building. The excavation work was done by coolies who used an instrument resembling a hoe and often the common pickaxe. Women also, as well as men, were used in this work, oftentimes carrying their children on their backs while hard at work. The earth,

consisting chiefly of clay, was cut in blocks and these were transported by passing from hand to hand or on sleds. When sufficient sand was present to make the mass unstable, it was carried in baskets. Wheelbarrows were tried but without success.

Owing to the cost of steel, concrete was used in bridge construction as much as possible, leaving only an opening wide enough for the jacks to pass. The short steel girders were transported on small junks and lowered into place by the fall of the tide. Steel ties were used on the double track portion of the railway, and oak beams on the remainder.

The passenger service is divided into three classes as is the custom in many foreign countries. In the third class which seems to be the most patronized, the coaches are simply flat cars into which the passengers are huddled. Although our ideal of railway travel is not in a flat car drawn by a discarded Manhattan "L" engine, the Chinese seem to enjoy thoroughly this recent innovation.

UNION IN THE MISSION FIELD

Alumnus Writes From Arabia

Mr. L. R. Lewis,

Chairman Mission Study Committee,

Y. M. C. A., Union College:

Dear Sir:—I now have an opportunity for answering your letter of 9-21-'04, and telling you something about our mission work in this part of Arabia. As an alumnus of Union ('83) it is a special pleasure to attempt to interest you in the progress of Christ's kingdom in this part of the world.

Our mission is still young and Arabia has been one of the countries that have lagged behind in missionary enterprise, so that we do not have so many phases of work illustrated as you would find in older and different fields. Oman, which is the name of this corner of Arabia, was in the past settled by pure Arabs, but now especially in the coast towns we find a very mixed population. There are natives from India, from Persia, from Baluchistan and from Africa, each class with its

own language, though all are bound together by a common religion—that of Ham. But as one leaves the coast and goes inland we find the purest Arab tribes, who boast, and doubtless can make their boast true, of a virtual descent from Ishmael, the son of Abraham. Muscat is the capital city, where we live. But a good deal of our work is done by touring in the interior. In dealing with a country entirely untouched by missionary enterprise before our arrival, we have considered it best to first of all put the scriptures into their hands, and a good lot of our time and energy is spent in colporteurage work, constantly going further and further inland, meeting new classes of Arabs, and attempting to tell them, or better still, to leave with them in printed form, the true story of the Gospel. Traveling in Oman has its difficulties, but a lack of hospitality at the hands of the Arabs is not one of them. Wherever we go we are received as guests and share in the best that the country affords. The serious difficulties are those which arise from the almost constant state of inter-tribal warfare which exists, making it impossible for us to get guides or beasts of burden with which to proceed from one tribe to another. Personally we are seldom in danger ourselves, as most of this fighting is consequent upon blood feuds of long standing and which seldom die out.

In this part of Arabia we have only penetrated to about seventy-five or a hundred miles from the coast, which is about where the great central desert begins which has no settled villages, and from which the Bedouins bring back but meagre accounts. The chief industry of this portion is the raising and export of dates, many tons of which annually find their way to the United States. They are accounted the best to arrive at New York, and are known by a special name "Fard." Besides his dates and the very abundant supply of fish from the sea, the Arab has but little to live upon. Almost no grain is grown, but rice in large quantities is imported from India.

Our work meets all those objects which are found by those who attempt missionary effort among Mohammedans, though it should be said that the inhabitants of Oman are remarkable for their tolerance of other religious views held by

those not born in the faith of Islam.

Of results we as yet can show but little as regards conversions, but during the few years we have been here I think we can point to a much better understanding of Christianity and appreciation of its teaching, even though the same has not developed into an acceptance of its claims. For myself I have just arrived from a furlough home and have not yet personally acquainted myself with present conditions, but I was told the other day that there were between twenty and thirty Mohammedans who were Christians at heart, but did not openly confess themselves such for fear of persecution, and you doubtless know that according to all the authorities of Islam, an apostate is worthy of death. We have had converts now and again, men who have endured persecution, but as yet they have only been first fruits of a harvest yet to come.

You ask me about our need here. It is difficult to specify, but our greatest desire now is to open up the interior by repeated and extensive touring, our funds are but limited and we feel much restrained. You may be sure that anything your society may feel able to do will be gratefully acknowledged. If you wish you can send direct to me by International Express order. I am sorry that I am not on the ground now, as I was a year ago, to represent the cause in person.

I think you would find much to supplement my letter in a copy of our "quarterly letter" which I am mailing you. With cordial greetings to your society and best wishes for its success.

Yours truly,

JAMES CANTINE, '83.

VESPER SERVICE

Dr. Ellery Speaks

Dr. Ellery spoke at Sunday's Vesper service in Silliman Hall. As his text he used one of the messages Christ gave to man, directly: "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine," John viii. 17. We often take hold of our religion at the wrong end and say if we can know Christ's doctrine we will do it. If we persist in doing right

we will come to know what Christ's doctrine is, and that it is only this doctrine which satisfies us entirely. More men do not know what the spiritual life is because they will not take this step. A man who goes at religion only with his mind is like one who goes to an algebra class saying he is willing to learn but refuses to open his book.

We may not know the doctrine immediately. We must exercise patience; not slowness or lifelessness, but patience. Perhaps at first it cannot be explained to others, but it will satisfy ourselves. Willingness is the only condition

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The policy as adopted by the Missionary Committee at the beginning of this administration included the raising of \$25 for foreign missions. The plan for obtaining this amount is as follows: Cards are to be distributed on which is a space to be filled in with the amount one will give per week, for this college term; the same to be collected monthly. Already about half of this amount has been pledged. The money thus raised will be sent to H. K. Wright, '99, who is now doing mission work at Mingfro, China. Whoever helps in this will not only be aiding an alumnus of this college in his life work, but will also aid in advancing the Kingdom of God.

The Vesper service Sunday will be led by Prof. Ellery.

Waldron, '06, will lead the meeting Tuesday. His subject will be "True Success."

Y. M. C. A. IN OTHER COLLEGES

The Association of the University of Nebraska has issued a students' directory, containing the names of every university student, his address, home town, organization affiliations, and his telephone number.

The Bowdoin Association is extending its work to other places. It has recently organized a Bible class composed of fellows in the Bath High School.

At a recent date, there was held at Colgate, the second annual conference of the Student Volunteer Union of Central New York. This Union is composed of students in the colleges and seminaries of

Central New York who have volunteered to go to the foreign field. At present, there are seventy-one members.

At Princeton, there are enrolled in 23 Bible classes, over 360 men. There are also three mission study classes.

ALUMNI.

'40.—Levi Fay Waldo died at his home at Canon City, Colo., Dec. 19, 1904, of old age. He was the son of Jesse Waldo and Mary Fay and was born at Prattsburgh, N. Y., Jan. 28, 1817. He prepared for college at the Franklin Academy, Prattsburgh. He was elected into Phi Beta Kappa upon graduation. He was a clergyman in the Congregational church and was pastor at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; North Brookfield, Mass.; Kewanee, Buda and La Salle, Ill.; Allegan and Lowell, Mich.; Quincy, Oneida, and Beardstown, Ill.; Lowell, Pentwater, Frankfort, Shelby, Canonsburg, Alpine, and Hersey, Mich.; Anderson, Ind.; and Canon City, Colo. Mr. Waldo received the degree of M. A. from Hamilton College. He was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. He was married in 1844 to Miss Lucy Elizabeth Fay and in 1878 to Silence Paddock Hard. He is survived by two sons, Charles Edward Waldo of Canon City Colo., and Edmund H. Waldo. Another son, William H. Waldo, died in 1855. Mr. Waldo was a cousin of Hon. Otis H. Waldo, '42.

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'46.—Charles Jackson King died at Norwich, Ct., Oct. 16, 1904. He was born at Freehold, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1825, and was the son of Perkins King and Polly Jackson. In college he was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and was elected into Phi Beta Kappa. He was a merchant and lawyer and had lived at Cortland, N. Y.; Ogdensburg, N. Y.; and Norwich, Ct. He was married to Miss Charlotte Emily Ransom, May 7, 1851. His children are Charles Ransom King and Mrs. Emily R. King-Gibbs. Mr. King was a member of the Congregational church and was a Republican in politics.—Rev. Bradley Phillips died at his home at 1502 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 15, 1904. He was born at Antwerp, N. Y., April 2, 1818, and was prepared for college at Potsdam

and Gouveneur, N. Y., and entered the Sophomore Class in 1843. He graduated from the Princeton Theological Seminary in 1849. He was ordained by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, May 17, 1849, and was pastor of churches at Horicon, Mineral Point, Chippewa, Eau Claire, and Hudson, Wis. He was a member of the legislature of Wisconsin for one term, and was chaplain of the House. He was city superintendent of schools at Hudson, Wis. Mr. Phillips was a member of the Philomathean Society.

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'47.—Rev. George Herbert Walsh died at Philadelphia, Pa., June 18, 1904, of general debility. He was born at Newburgh, N. Y., March 25, 1824, and was the son of Henry Walsh and Mehitabel Bull. He received his preparatory education in the Newburgh Academy. He studied for the ministry under Bishop Alonzo Potter, '18. Having been made deacon in Trinity church, Oxford, Pa., June 30, 1850, and ordained priest in St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Pa., March 18, 1851, he became rector of St. John's, Bellefonte, Pa., 1851-3; assistant minister Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, 1853-4; rector of the Church of the Messiah, Rheinbeck, N. Y., 1854-66; and of St. John's church, Troy, N. Y., 1866-76. His last parish was that of Trinity church, Bayonne, N. J., during which a fine new stone church was built, where he served from 1876 until 1883, when he was compelled to resign owing to failing health. He then resided in Philadelphia, doing such ministerial work as his health permitted. He was married to Miss Harriet Hockley, June 5, 1855. His son, Stevenson Hockley Walsh, survives him. He was a brother of Augustus H. Walsh, '49, of Albany. Mr. Walsh received the degree of D. D. in 1871, from Union College. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity.

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'51.—Edwin C. Becker died at the Soldiers' Home, Minnehaha, Minn., Jan. 5, 1905, of paralysis, at the age of 73. He was a member of the Chi Psi fraternity.

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'54.—John Haskell Combs died at his home at Haines City, Fla., Nov. 27, 1904. He was born at

Warren, Mass., and was the son of Daniel and Rebecca Combs. He was a student in Amherst College in 1850, when he entered Union. He was a teacher and was principal of the High Schools at Memphis, Tenn.; Yazoo City, Miss.; of the Classical School, Washington, D. C.; of the High School at Ripon, Wis.; Lexington, Ky. He was at one time assessor of eleven counties in the Panhandle, Texas. He was married to Miss Abbie L. Haven in 1856. Mr. Combs was a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity.

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'58.—Richard L. Hand was elected president of the New York State Bar Association at its twenty-eighth annual meeting at Albany, Jan. 17-18, 1905, and gave the annual address of the president on the subject of "Professional Responsibility."

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'61.—Monmouth Henry Close died at Bound Brook, N. J., Dec. 9, 1904, of valvular heart trouble. He was born at Trumansburg, N. Y., March 8, 1836, and was the son of Smith and Rachel Close. He prepared for college at Ovid, N. Y. He was a teacher and had lived at New York City, Yonkers, Plainfield, N. J., and Bound Brook, N. J. He was married to Miss Margaret Mollison, July 11, 1866. His children are Henry, Edwin, Charles, Albert and Janet. Mr. Close was a member of the Congregational church and in college of the Delta Upsilon fraternity.—Edward Valencourt Deuell died Jan. 20, 1905, of rupture of the heart, while on the witness stand at Saratoga Springs, as an expert in the case of Dr. Richard H. McCarty against the carbonic Acid Gas Company. He was born sixty-six years ago at Malta, N. Y. He received the degree of M. D. from the University of Louisville, Ky., in 1863. He was a surgeon in the Civil War. He resigned from the army in 1869 and for twenty years practiced in Little Rock, Arkansas. He then came to Saratoga Springs, where he owned and conducted the Carlsbad. He was a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

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'80.—The Rochester Post-Express "in endeavoring to ascertain through a voting contest the ten best whist players in the United States sent invitation blanks to a large number of men and women who are acknowledged leaders in the whist world."

Judge David Muhlfelder of Albany received 57 per cent of the votes and stands third on the list. The Post-Express says: "Judge Muhlfelder has a place on the honor roll, as he did in 1900, and is advanced from seventh place to third. He is one of the steadiest players in the country."

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'85.—The College Library has received a copy of "The Chet Rami Sect," a paper read before the Mussoorie Conference, 1904, by Rev. Hervey DeWitt Griswold, Ph. D., of Lahore, Ind.

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'01.—Gardner Kline of the "Amsterdam Recorder and Democrat," was elected secretary and treasurer of the New York Association of Daily Papers at its annual meeting at Albany, Jan. 18, 1905.

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'02.—James H. Small was married to Miss Mary K. Linn at Schenectady, Jan. 18, 1905.—"Columbia University has many sons of millionaires as students, but two of them were beaten by Jim Finegan for a class presidency. But, then, Finegan was centre on the football team, so they had no show."—Boston Evening Transcript.

New Engineering Prize Essay.

Prof. Landreth has given out the following announcement regarding the new engineering prize essay:

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This increased expenditure, and in some cases it may be called extravagance, has spread itself among all American institutions of higher learning.

But they tell us that education has been putting on frills which the student of twenty years ago thought were pedantic. Time has proven that some of these frills are necessary or at least helpful. Consequently the student pays for them like everything else. Most "ologies" and "ics" come high even if their need is not always apparent, nor their worth satisfying when measured by the product of the mint. Besides our "practical" learning has widened and lengthened in its scope, and also widened, lengthened and deepened in expense.

No one feels that the progress of education is being checked, and the student today with less money in his pocket knows on graduation that he has had better chances for a better education than the alumnus of twenty years standing.

One reason why "plain living and high thinking" have fallen from the pedestal of many college youths is because those old-time mottoes are losing their strength as ideals in the outside world. Dr. Bailey of Yale says that the students who spend the least stand the highest in the classes. This teaches a lesson. But it doesn't prove that the student to gain his marks will do it by spending or saving money.

Grim-visaged ornament—Skating rink.

ONLY THIS AND NOTHING MORE.

A professor of logic at the University of California is at work on a machine which, he says, will eliminate all errors in the consideration of syllogistic propositions and show at a glance what conclusions may be drawn from a given premise. Ask the machine any question that can be represented by certain set formulas used in logic and it will turn out the correct answer.

Now, if he will give us a machine to integrate calculus problems, solve the mysteries of things like stresses, explain some expressions in psychology, incidentally translate a little Latin, take down physics lectures, go around to chapel and write a few essays now and then, some of us might manage to worry along.

Infected wisdom—Skating rink.

PLANS.

In an athletic way things look hopeful. Everyone, of course, will please not look too far ahead. Histories of former years at this period are also apt to be cheerless.

The opportunity to go to Troy on a relay team is tempting and unusual, so a number of men are responding. Union ought to be well represented for her best runners are out to make a place. Competition cannot be too keen, Capt. Raymond says, so there are plenty of chances for more men.

Will the other classes take up basketball as the freshmen have done? That's another question which those who are interested hate to ask themselves. Dr. Towne is going to arrange a schedule. That's all he can do. The freshmen have done all they can do.

Now what will happen?

A ghastly dream—Skating rink.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ORATORY.

Union is just about due to win the oratorical contest from Rochester and Syracuse.

Three years ago we had that honor and we have had our share from the beginning. But we must not lose this year.

Six or seven men at least ought to come out for the trials. It won't be fair to the college unless that number compete.

It is a singular fact that when Union has won it has generally been when the home trials presented the largest number of competitors.

Monumental mockery—Skating rink.

If reports are true, Yale has rather supercilious ideas of the small college but she probably made some concessions after her recent basketball game with Colgate.

An aching void—Skating rink.

REVIEWS.

"Sequil," by Henry A. Shute, is a gem of boy nature. It is perfectly natural, not overdone, and entertainingly funny on every page. "Sequil" ought to be a popular book.

The Everett Press Co., of Boston, are the publishers.

TWO NEW SONGS.

"Donald," a very melodious and effective lyric in the Scotch mode, by W. Rhys-Herbert, has just been published by J. Fischer & Brother, New York. The sentiment of the song is refined, and its music made with harmonic skill and due regard for vocal exigencies. "Golden Days," also by Rhys-Herbert, is a song of more robust facture, in the ballad style, and ends with a climax that should never fail of its effect if well delivered. The words are particularly well conceived and have been felicitously translated into music.

Vaulting ambition—Skating rink.

A Washington County (Mo.) editor writes:

"One of our newly married young ladies kneads bread with her gloves on. The editor of this paper needs bread with his shoes on; he needs it with his trousers on, and unless the delinquent readers of this old rag of freedom pay up soon we will need bread without a darn thing on."

PRESIDENT RAYMOND IN THE SOUTH

Tells the Students of His Visit to South Carolina College

On Wednesday morning, Dec. 18, President Raymond gave an account in chapel of his recent visit to South Carolina. The occasion of his visit was the Centennial Celebration of South Carolina College and he bore the greetings of Union College which stands in a peculiarly close relation to the southern institution.

As President Raymond said: "In their infancy both colleges were rocked by the same hand and nurtured and cherished by the same loving heart. The name of Jonathan Maxcy was their joint inheritance."

Jonathan Maxcy was the third president of Union College and resigning because of ill health, he sought a southern clime and became interested in the movement that led to the founding of South Carolina College. He became its first president and held office until his death in 1820.

In presenting the greeting of Union College President Raymond took occasion to refer to the number of students from the South who have been educated at Union. During the Reconstruction Period it might almost be said that South Carolina College was located at Schenectady, N. Y. He paid a deserved tribute to the character and influence of these Southern students.

In speaking to the students of South Carolina College President Raymond said that it reminded him in many ways of Union, because of its buildings, its relation to the State and the disastrous affect upon it of the Civil War. It has often been said that no college in the North suffered so much during the war between the States as did Union.

After Centennial Celebration exercises President Raymond went to Charleston where he met the Union Alumni at a luncheon given by his classmate Professor C. J. Colcock of the Porter Military Academy. The reunion was most enjoyable and a Southern Alumni Association was formed with the following officers: President, Rev. Dr. Charles S. Vedder, '51; Vice President, Archibald W. Ray, '63; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles J. Colcock, '75. An earnest effort will be made to increase the membership of the association so as to

include all of our Southern Alumni and it is proposed to hold an annual meeting in Charlestown or some other central southern city.

President Raymond spoke enthusiastically of the cordiality of his reception and gave the students some idea of the changed commercial, industrial and educational condition of the South.

COLLEGE BRIEFS.

Professor Ashmore gave a lecture on the "Olympic Games" before the Albany High School Jan. 20th. The professor has written a volume of essays which G. P. Putnam's Sons will presently publish with the title "The Classics and Modern Training."

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Prof. Ellery has returned from Brooklyn, where he attended the inauguration of President Frederick W. Atkinson of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

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Thursday was observed at Union as the Day of Prayer for Colleges. Rev. Dr. Nelson, bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal diocese of Albany, delivered the sermon in the chapel at 11 o'clock.

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A dance will be given by the members of the "Tiger's Eye" society this week.

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Prof. John I. Bennett delivered an address before the Men's Club at the Stockbridge, Mass., High School last night on the subject, "Arcadia, Messina and Elsewhere." Jan. 20th he lectured on "Modern Sacrifices in Greece," at the Watervliet High School.

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The freshmen have organized their class basketball team and elected Snow captain, and La Roche manager. Outside games will probably be arranged by them after the inter-class schedule is made up by Dr. Towne.

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Gagen, '06, is back in college.

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Announcement has been made by Dr. Hale of the approaching trials for the annual intercollegiate oratorical contest.

The freshmen and sophomore classes have reached an agreement and are together going to pay the \$45 which is due for damaged locks. In other words they accepted Mr. Pond's proposition.

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President Raymond will deliver a sermon April 16th on "The Glory That Shall Be," before the students of Union Theological Seminary.

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About twenty newspapers are now receiving Union College news weekly through the efforts of the Press Club.

THE STUDENTS' COLUMN.

NOTE—(No anonymous communication will be considered, nor will the editors assume responsibility for what may be said below).

Editor Concordiensis:

Dear Sir:—If a Sophomore may express his convictions on college politics, I would like to say a word in the columns of the "Concordy." I am naturally a little reticent about doing so, being an underclassman, and write this only in hopes that some active agitation for cleaner politics may take place.

There are some men at Union who don't want a change in politics. The present condition suits them admirably. To such men this letter is not addressed. It is addressed to those men who are determined to see cleaner politics here and who are willing to make a personal sacrifice if necessary, to attain this end.

Everyone agrees that an ultimate change in

sentiment towards college politics is necessary. To change the sentiment, however, is not the work of a day, nor a week. It seems to me it can only be done by upperclassmen, who are themselves possessed of the right spirit. Once the right sentiment is created the rest will follow.

The question is, what can every man actually do, now, to better things? I believe the evil lies largely in the way a college or class election is carried on. In other words, I believe fraternal and other personal prejudices are too prominent at elections. Personal worth and merit play a small part in determining who shall be office-holders. Political sagacity and often low, underhand scheming is an important factor. I believe fraternity spirit is largely responsible for this state of affairs. Every crowd votes as a unit. When a man comes up for election he knows just what crowds he can depend upon and what crowds he is up against. To my mind, this is a deplorable condition. When a man has been in college a year he ought to know something about the qualities of any man running for office. Why, then, does he vote according to the dictates of his upperclassmen? In state and national politics families are often divided and every true man votes as his convictions lead him. What Union needs is about fifty men who are determined to shake off the bond of every fraternal or selfish prejudice, as far as elections go, and let a candidate's qualifications alone determine their vote.

The independent vote is today playing a large part in national politics. Let us make it our means of scouring college politics. Let every man, re-



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ardless of fraternal affiliations, weigh carefully the merits of each man seeking election and vote accordingly. Let every fraternity man vote independently of his brothers, and let every neutral stand on his own feet and when a man is nominated, let not the question be "Is his fraternity friendly to us?" or "Does his fraternity support our men?" or "Is he a supporter of the Pyramid Club?" but let the man's true worth determine.

Many will say this is too radical, and therefore, impractical. But does not the situation demand something radical? I repeat that fifty men who are willing to come out for clean politics and set that aim above every personal desire and prejudice will form the powerful nucleus of a force which will in time raise our politics out of the mire and put them where they should be. If Union hasn't such men she is indeed in a deplorable position, and her politics bid fair to remain what they are, ad infinitum.

I also think it would be wise to have a committee of upperclassmen codify the rules governing the election to all college and class offices. This would do away with future trouble similar to the Soiree Chairmanship dispute.

I do not write this letter to seek prominence for myself, but with our Alma Maters interest only at heart and a desire to see a change for the better in Union's political condition.

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WINTER TRACK WORK

Relay Team Preparing for Meet in Troy

An indoor athletic meet will be held in the State Armory of Troy, February 22, under the auspices of the Troy Central Y. M. C. A. Many of the Eastern colleges, large and small, have been entered to compete in one or two at least of the numerous events, for which careful preparations are being made.

The program will consist of sprints and runs, the high jump and shot put, and in particular relay races. For these relay races colleges of the small size and athletic standing will compete together, a silver cup going to the winning team

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and medals to each member of the winning team.

Union received an invitation, which has been accepted, to enter a team in the one mile relay race, and efforts are now being made to send a strong team to Troy on Washington's Birthday. Regular practice is being held in the gym three times a week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 4:30 p. m. Already a dozen men or more have reported for practice, and it is desired that many more shall compete for places on the team. Naturally Union wants to be represented by the best men she has. This cannot come about but through the keenest competition. Consequently every man of running ability should feel it his duty to do his share toward that end.

The annual indoor inter-class meet will be held this year as usual, in the Schenectady State Armory. Last year this meet was a marked success, and was a means of helping the track team materially. The date will probably be March 10, and with the gym fitted over and indoor training already begun, even better results than last year are expected.

THE LIBRARY.

New Books

Terence—Adelphoe; ed. by S. G. Ashmore.

Caesar—Helvetian War; ed. by S. G. Ashmore.

Caesar—Invasion of Britain; ed. by S. G. Ashmore.

Ashmore—Life and Writings of Horace.

Newhall—Trees of Northeastern America.

Gordon—Immortality and New Theodicy.

Morris—Man and His Ancestor.

Groos—Play of Animals.

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Sonnenschein—Readers' Guide to Contemporary Literature.

Class of 1880—Record of the Fifteenth Annual Reunion.

Montague—Rise and Progress of the Standard Oil Company.

Thompson—History of the United States.

—Japan at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century.

—Classical Studies in honor of Henry Drisler.

N. Y. State Historical Association—Proceedings of the Annual Meetings for 1900-'03.

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Library Journal.

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Publishers' Weekly.

Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature.

Readers' Index, the bi-monthly magazine of the Croydon Public Libraries.

Publishers' Circular and Booksellers' Record of British and Foreign Literature.

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The College Library wants the order of commencement for the years 1823, 1831, 1832, 1834, 1837, 1838, 1840, 1843, 1845, and the programmes of the prize speaking contests for the years 1868, 1871, 1872, 1886, 1887, 1891, 1893, 1894, 1895. The gift of any of these programs to the College librarian will be gratefully acknowledged.

HARMACY.

E. Merck & Co. recently presented each member of this college with a pocket edition of their "Manual." It contains a number of the newer synthetic remedies, their incompatibilities, dosage and properties as well as a few pages on poisons.

At a class meeting on Monday night the invitation committee were given full power to close a contract for engraving of invitations. The contract will probably go to Philadelphia. It seems strange that in almost every instance these contracts for a quantity of college work should go out of town. It would seem that local firms would find it to their advantage to put in a reasonable bid for such work, but committees report that they want from ten to fifteen per cent more money for the same work.

At this same meeting Treasurer Neher gave a most stirring address on the general cussedness of not paying up class dues. At the close of his remarks he was overwhelmed with money.

How about that optional course in Toxicology? Has the option expired, or are we to extract it from Materia Medica and Chemistry lectures? The class of last year which met Professor Bradley in his somewhat informal talks on the subject was well attended and would seem to warrant its continuance this year.

THE STRENUOUS LIFE.

Harvard will soon start a new feature in the interests of intercollegiate debating, an intercollegiate debating journal. Its object will be to stimulate interest in debating throughout the whole country. It will contain complete speeches and criticisms of debates and suggestions and plans for better speaking. The editors will be selected from Harvard, Princeton and Yale. No other magazine of this kind has ever been published.

In Germany, one man in 213 goes to college; in Scotland, one in 520; in the United States, one in 2,000; and in England, one in 5,000.

Hamilton has begun indoor baseball practice.

The engineers at Minnesota University have inaugurated an anti-chapel crusade, the control of which has been vested in a sort of a vigilance com-

mittee. The duty and pleasure of this committee is to waylay any engineer who obeys the faculty's orders and goes to chapel. Several of the faithful have been vigorously pounded for their devotion to chapel exercises.

The faculty at Illinois are planning to give the editor of the college daily four hours, and his assistants three hours of University credit.

Hamilton defeated Hobart in basketball last week by the score of 41 to 12.

The Debating Union of Syracuse has issued a challenge to the Thomas L. James Club of Colgate for an intercollegiate debate. This challenge has been accepted by the Colgate Club and the debate will be held in Syracuse the latter part of March.

Fifteen colored students of the University of Michigan expect to organize a Greek letter fraternity in a short time. If their plans prove successful they will enter a chapter house. The idea originated among some of the colored students from the South. If the undertaking is put through it will be the only Greek letter fraternity in the world composed of colored students.

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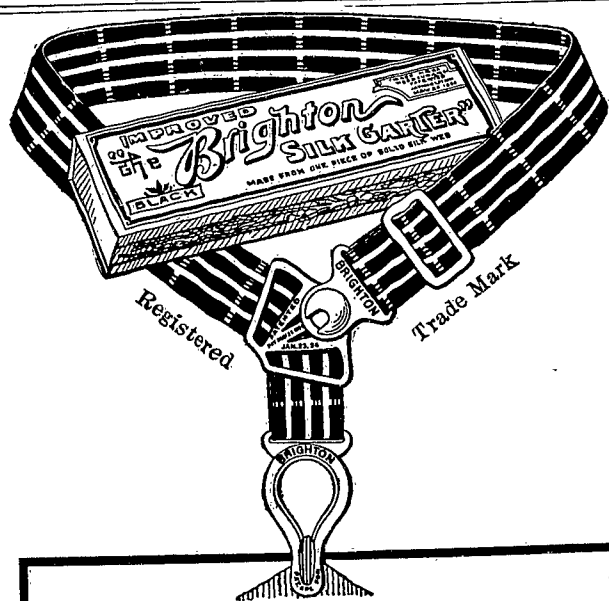
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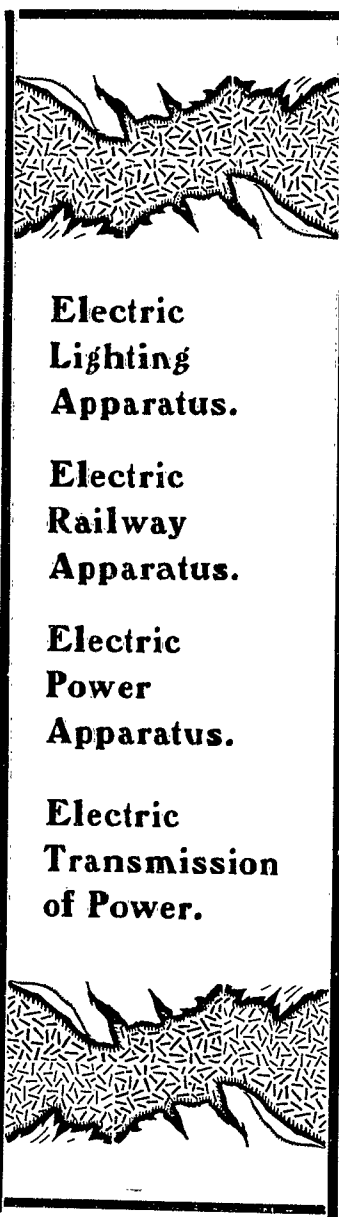
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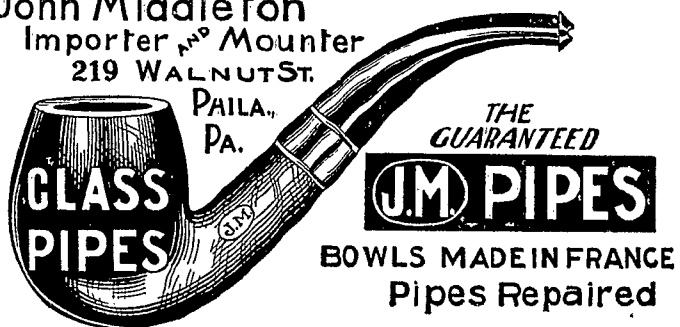
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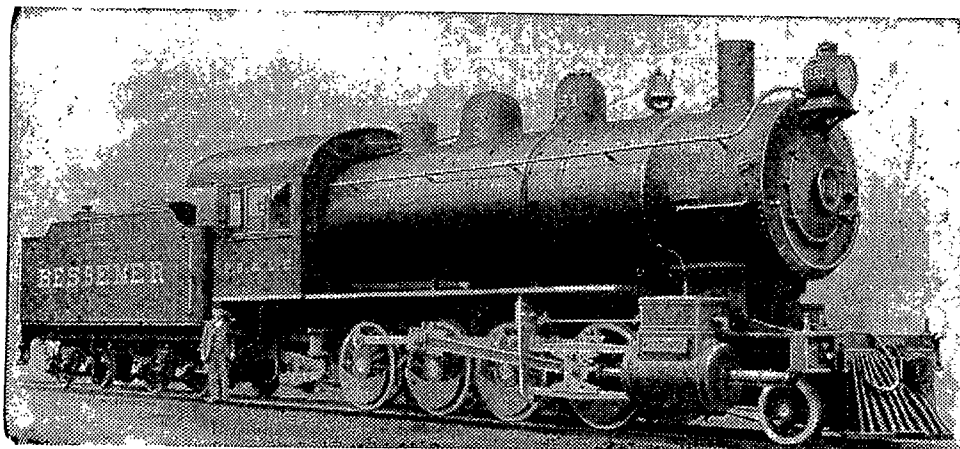
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