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## The Debating Societies.

Every college student should be able on leaving the halls of Old Union to express himself clearly and forcibly upon his feet. The art of extemporaneous speaking and argumentative debate is not alone useful but absolutely necessary in all the professions. It is as important for a physician or business man to be able to make a clear and concise statement of an issue as for the lawyer or preacher.

It was for this end that Union's two debating societies were founded a century ago and it was this high purpose that has kept them alive and full of vigor during the many years of the college's existence. The advantages of membership in the Philomathean and Adelpic societies were never better than today. The rooms occupied by the Philomatheans in South college and those of the Adelpics in North college are large and attractive. Debates are held each week which embrace the political and international questions of the day. During the winter term two prizes of \$50 each are offered in joint debate, one for the best address by an individual debater and the other to the society procuring the greater number of points. Both societies have reorganized and will by the end of the week have begun the first of the series of debates that will aid in the preparation for the contest.

All Freshmen are cordially invited to join one of the societies during the term and thus take advantage of these fall term debates.

The newly elected officers of the Philomathean society for the fall term are as follows: President, M. J. Multer; vice-president, O. B. Pershing; secretary, E. L. C. Hegeman; treasurer, P. P. Sheehan; executive committee, chairman, G. C. Perry and A. J. Hornsby. Membership committee, chairman, W. D. Reed, O. B. Pershing and A. J. Hornsby.

The officers of the Adelpic society are: President, A. M. Blodgett; vice-president, John G. Putnam; secretary, James H. Cotton; treasurer, Ferdinand Schmitter.

## The Fall Handicap Meet.

The annual fall athletic meet of Union College will take place at the Driving Park, Saturday afternoon, October 24. All entries must be in by noon, Oct. 21.

The time of the meet is not far distant and there is very little training being done. Every man in college, who is physically able, ought to be out on the track or in the gymnasium every day training for some event. Very few men now in college possess a lead in any event, so every one has a fair show of winning a prize. An hour's training every day until the meet will put a man in fair condition, and every man in college can spare that much time. Even if a man does not win a prize the exercise that he will get from training will be a benefit. The freshmen especially, ought to take a principal part in these events and show the college what material they have in the athletic line. Come out and join in the cross-country runs. They are held twice a week under the direction of Captain O'Neil '97 and notices are always found posted on the bulletin board giving full information relating to them. Don't wait until you are asked to take part, but if you can do anything at all, come out and show your college spirit.

There will be fourteen events, and first, second and third prizes will be given. The prizes will be silk badges suitably inscribed.

Beside the regular events there will be a relay race between the classes, and Hild, '98, will try to lower the college two mile bicycle record, paced by a tandem.

## Amusements at the Van Curler.

Oct. 12—Thomas Keene in Louis XI.

Oct. 14—Henderson Extravaganza "Sinbad."

Oct. 16—Lady Slavy. The original cast.

### The Laureate Game.

The opening game of the foot ball season was played last Saturday with the Laureates of Troy and resulted in a score of 14 to 0 in favor of the visitors. Although there were many good individual plays made by Union there was a noticeable lack of team work. In two instances if men had been backed up properly Union would have kept the ball. Still, a very good game was played considering the disadvantages under which the team has labored and better work can be expected in the future. Owing to a base ball game at the driving park the attendance was light, but the players were cheered by the presence of many of their fair friends and sympathizers. Twenty minute halves were played. Hoxie kicked off and Thatcher got the ball but 20 yards were lost. Union was forced down the field but regained the ball on their 20-yard line, when Crichton gained 10 yards around the end and a series of rushes brought the ball within five yards of Laureates goal. Here the Laureates made a strong stand and got the ball on downs; then the pigskin was given to Phil. Draper, who in two beautiful runs made a touchdown. Aldrich failed to kick a goal. In the remainder of the half Union won and lost the ball alternately and time was called with the ball in Union's possession. Score, 4—0.

In the second half the Laureates started with a long kick, Draper caught the ball and carried it nearly to the goal when McChesney made a touchdown, and Aldrich kicked the goal. Hoxie kicked off again and caught the ball on a return kick, but the Laureates gained ground with monotonous regularity nearly to the goal. The ball was kicked back to the centre of the field but was lost and the Laureates pushed Union toward the goal and Draper scored a touchdown. Aldrich failed to kick a goal and time was called before either side could again score.

#### Summary:

UNION.	POSITIONS.	LAUREATES.
Price.....	right end.....	Murphy-Magill
Blodgett.....	right guard.....	Mackintosh
Crissie.....	right tackle.....	Aldrich

Bookhout.....center.....Mulansen  
 Palmer (Capt.)....left tackle.....Quackenbush  
 Thomas.....left guard.....Baxter (Capt.)  
 Thatcher.....left end.....Cleary  
 Smith.....quarter-back.....Koher-Rankin  
 Jones.....right half-back.....McChesney  
 Crichton.....left half-back.....Draper-Evers  
 Hoxie.....full-back.....Stercher  
 Touchdowns—Draper, 2; McChesney, 1. Goal  
 — Aldrich, 1. Umpire — A. W. Harrington of  
 Troy. Referee—C. J. Vrooman, '98. Linesmen,  
 Lyon, '99; C. B. Knight of Troy. Time of  
 halves—20 minutes. Attendance—500.

### Y. M. C. A.

The leadership and discussions for the Young Men's Christian Association during the present term are indicated as follows:

Oct. 6th, A. H. BIRCH.

Sub.—Fruit of a genuine faith. Acts 19:18-20. Luke 19:8.

Oct. 13th, IRA HOTALING.

Sub. — Who are admitted into the Kingdom of Heaven?  
 Math. 18:2-4. John 3:5-8.

Oct. 20th, GEO. C. PERRY.

Sub.—What has Christ done for me? Rom. 5:1-11.

Oct. 27th, WALTER M. SWANN.

Sub.—Our motives. 2 Cor. 5:9.

Nov. 3rd, F. L. GREEN.

Sub.—Is Christ first? Math. 22:37-38. Phil. 1:21.

Nov. 10th, W. L. FISHER.

Sub. — Who art thou that judgest another? Math. 7:1-15.  
 Rom. 2:1. James 4:11-12.

Nov. 17th, C. H. UTTER.

Sub.—Self denial. Math. 16:24-26.

Nov. 24th, C. J. HEWITT.

Sub.—The ungrateful nine. Luke 17:11-19.

Dec. 1st, J. A. GILES.

Sub.—The insufficiency of a moral life. Titus 3:5-7.

Dec. 8th, A. M. BLODGETT.

Sub.—To him that overcometh; the seven promises of revelation. Chaps. 2 and 3.

Dec. 15th, PETER NELSON.

Sub.—God's Christmas Gift to Man. Luke 2:1-11. John 3:16.

### Class Foot Ball Games.

The managers of the class elevens held a meeting last Thursday afternoon and arranged the following schedule of games: Senior-Sophomore, Oct. 7; Junior-Freshman, Oct. 15; Senior-Freshman, Oct. 21; Junior-Sophomore, Oct. 28; Senior-Junior, Nov. 5; Sophomore-Freshman, Nov. 11. They also decided that the length of halves should be fifteen minutes.

### Medical College Notes.

The Freshman class at the medical this year is probably the largest in the history of the institution. The Juniors and Seniors are both back in large numbers and many new men are not yet registered. When all are in, there is no doubt that the unusually large number of students of last year will be greatly augmented.

From the present outlook our football eleven will be the pride of the college. We have much excellent raw material besides many old players including Bennett, the old varsity centre. The men are in active training and taking good care of themselves. Charley Weaver, who knows what an athlete needs better than any man in Albany, has charge of the training table. No eleven could ask for a better hustler as captain and manager than Billy Griswold. "Gris" has arranged a schedule of games which, considering that this is the first team that the "Medics" have ever put on the gridiron, is highly gratifying. The season will be opened next Saturday with R. P. I. at Ridgefield, while on the following Wednesday the men go to Schenectady to fight for honors on the old campus. If possible a game with Cornell will be played here.

### Class Notes.

The Junior class held a meeting Tuesday afternoon in the chapel and elected the following officers: President, Thomas A. Crichton; vice-president, Roger Sinclair; secretary, Arlington H. Mallery; treasurer, Peter Nelson; toastmaster, Donald J. Hutton; base ball manager, William J. Whipple; foot ball manager, Willis Merriman; manager of track athletics, Orrin G. Cox; prophet, Harvey R. Hover; business manager of THE CONCORDIENSIS, Charles J. Vrooman. Committees were appointed as follows: Class banquet, Turner, Hild, Haviland; class cut, Mattison, Cullen; to draw up resolutions protesting against debating, Avery, Swan, Merriman.

The freshman class also had a meeting Tuesday afternoon at which Wm. Sage was elected

captain of the class foot ball team, and the following committee was appointed to arrange for a class banquet, Harold S. Kirby, Newman Walbridge and John H. Cook. A unique class pin was adopted, it being a representation of the "Idol" bearing the inscription, U. 1900.

### Personals.

J. N. White, '94, of Amsterdam, N. Y., is attending the Albany Law School.

Guernsey, '99, was one of the aids in the Republican parade Friday night.

George Dann of Walton, class of '96 at Union College has been secured for under Professor at Delaware Academy next year. Mr. Dann stood second in his class.—*Stamford Mirror*.

Phil. Draper, who played full back for Williams last year and is now playing on the Laureate team, spent Sunday with his cousin, E. E. Draper, '97.

The members of the athletic team during the past week have been taking cross-country runs, preliminary to work on the track. Saturday morning a run of about six miles was taken.

At the annual games of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Association, Charles Kilpatrick won the 880-yard run against A. W. Gifford, the local champion. The Canuck was only four feet behind Kilpatrick last year and consequently he had many backers. Charlie won by 12 yards in 2 m. 3-5 sec.

### Athletics.

At the college meeting held Friday morning, Oct. 2, Orrin G. Cox '98 was unanimously elected to the office of assistant manager of track athletics. Cox is well qualified for the position and will fulfill its duties in a most creditable manner.

Last years' base ball team held a meeting last Thursday afternoon and choose Charles Parsons '98 for captain of this years' nine. Charley is a cool, clear headed ball twister and will make a good captain.

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IT WAS stated in last weeks CONCORDIENSIS that the Junior class was entitled to six representatives on the staff of this paper. This was a mistake. By referring to the rules governing the publication of the paper it was found that the Junior class was allowed three representative and the Sophomore class five. There are but two vacancies and these are to be filled from the Sophomore class. Five will be chosen from the present Freshman class to constitute the reportorial staff next year.

A LARGE number of young ladies were on the campus last Saturday watching the foot ball game. It is needless to say that their presence is a great source of encouragement to the foot ball players. Pride, if nothing more, will spur the men on to greater effort when they are present. THE CONCORDIENSIS suggests that some seats be placed along the side lines on the terrace side of the campus and that they be reserved for the young ladies who attend future games.

SEVERAL editorials have been written heretofore regarding the college library. They have been directed against the present system which appears to the CONCORDIENSIS to be entirely inadequate. We wish in the present issue to direct our criticism upon the students themselves. There are all sorts and conditions of men in this institution. There is the indifferent man, the selfish man, the noisy man, the sly and crafty man, and there has in times past been the thief among us. He may be here now. All are brought together at different times in the college library. Individual characteristics are most prominently displayed in the reading room and alcoves. The indifferent man walks noisily into the library, pulls down the books and rarely replaces them properly upon the shelves. The selfish man occupies two and sometimes three chairs. His feet are heavy and he needs a chair for each one of them. The noisy man thinks that all the students are anxious to hear him study. He comes to the library not for his own good but for the good of others (?). The sly and crafty man is also a selfish man. He is certainly the "American Hog." Several books may have been assigned by some professor for reference. The sly and crafty man is the first to reach the library. He takes all the assigned books and though he can read but one at a time, he holds the others in his lap. If he has not finished when the hour is up, he takes his book and hides it in some remote corner of the library or takes it out under his coat. How are the other students going to read the assigned book? He doesn't care so long as, he can read it himself. Then comes the thief. He is a literary thief. He is anxious to acquire a library of his own. He looks about the shelves and determines what books he wishes. Last year he stole an entire encyclopedia. The donar of these books watched them disappear one by one. Bryce's American Commonwealth in two volumes next disappeared. The thief evidently wished duplicate copies or there were duplicate thieves as three sets of this work were stolen one after the other as soon as they were replaced.

This is a brief description of the abuse of the college library. Such a condition of things has existed in the past. Is it to continue to exist in the future? THE CONCORDIENSIS has entered upon this discussion of the library for the benefit of the students and we call upon the students to aid us. We wish to call attention particularly to the selfish man, the noisy man and the crafty man. And if possible to catch the thief. THE CONCORDIENSIS has an efficient staff of detectives and every one of these violators of right and decency will be exposed in the columns of this paper.



STUDENTS are requested to read the advertisements in THE CONCORDIENSIS and so far as is possible to patronize those who have patronized us. A little care in this matter on the students part will greatly benefit the college publications and will also please our advertisers.

THE Musical Association of the college has entered upon its work with a fair prospect of future success. The students should not hesitate to aid them in every way possible. The association rarely calls upon them for financial aid and they always give much more in return, in the way of entertainment, than they receive from the students. The work of organization, the necessary practice which devolves upon those who have given up their time to this organization, and the nature of the pastime itself are all points in its favor and should command the heartiest support of every student.

The Junior class in cryptogamic botany, under the direction of Professor Stoller, went to Wolf's hollow after ferns Friday afternoon.

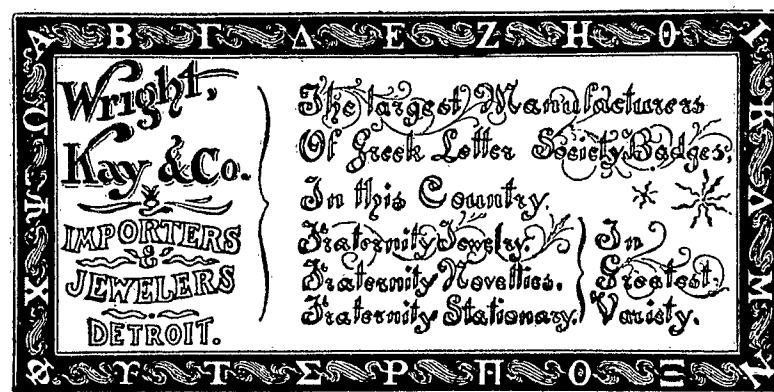
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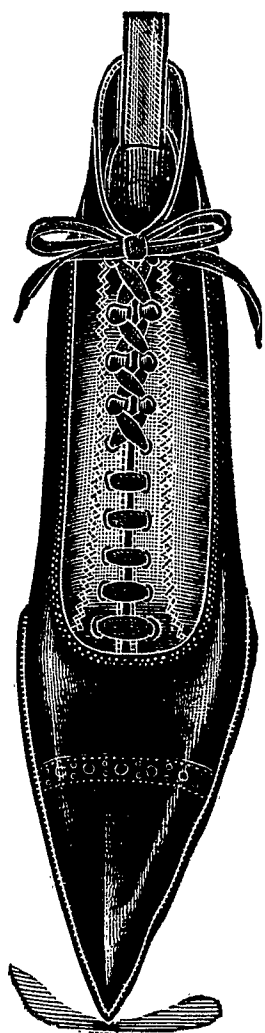
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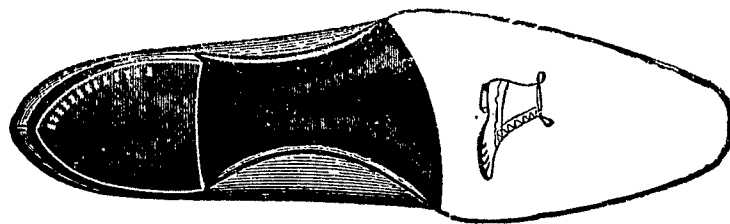
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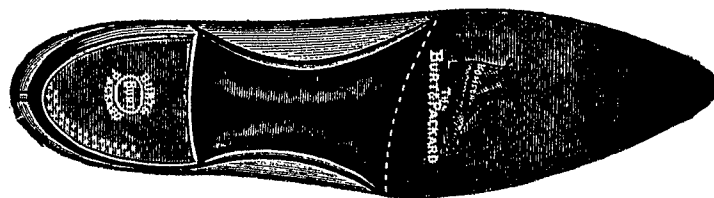
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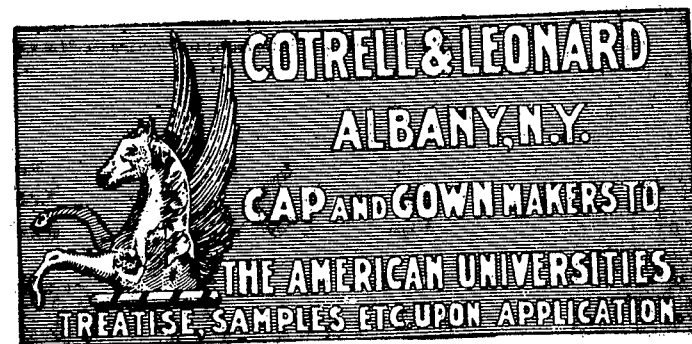
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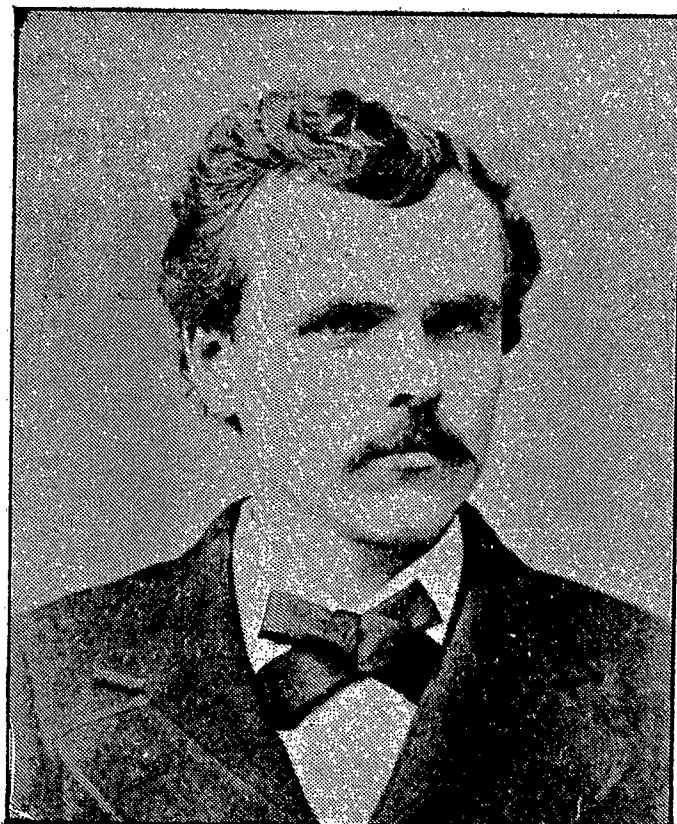
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