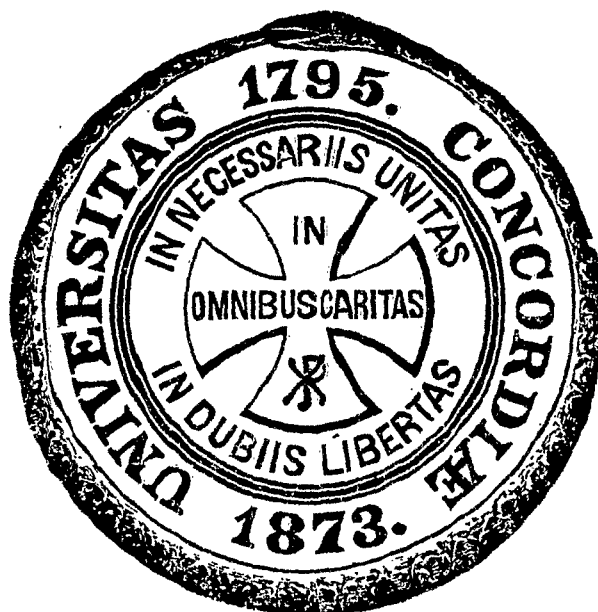


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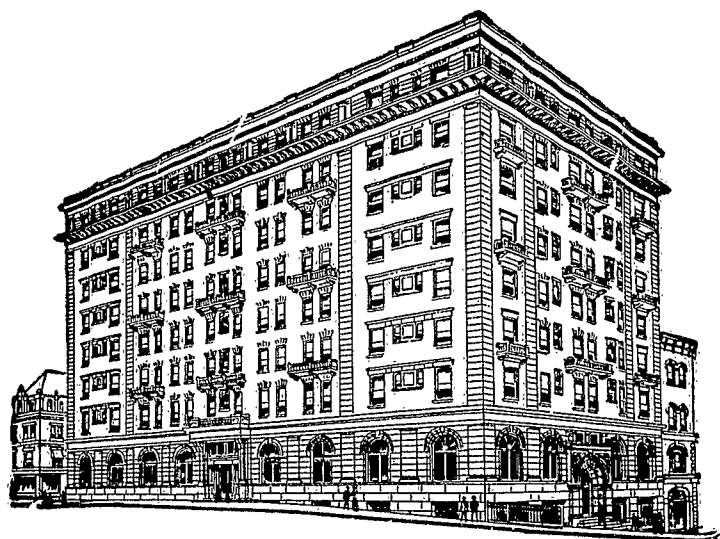
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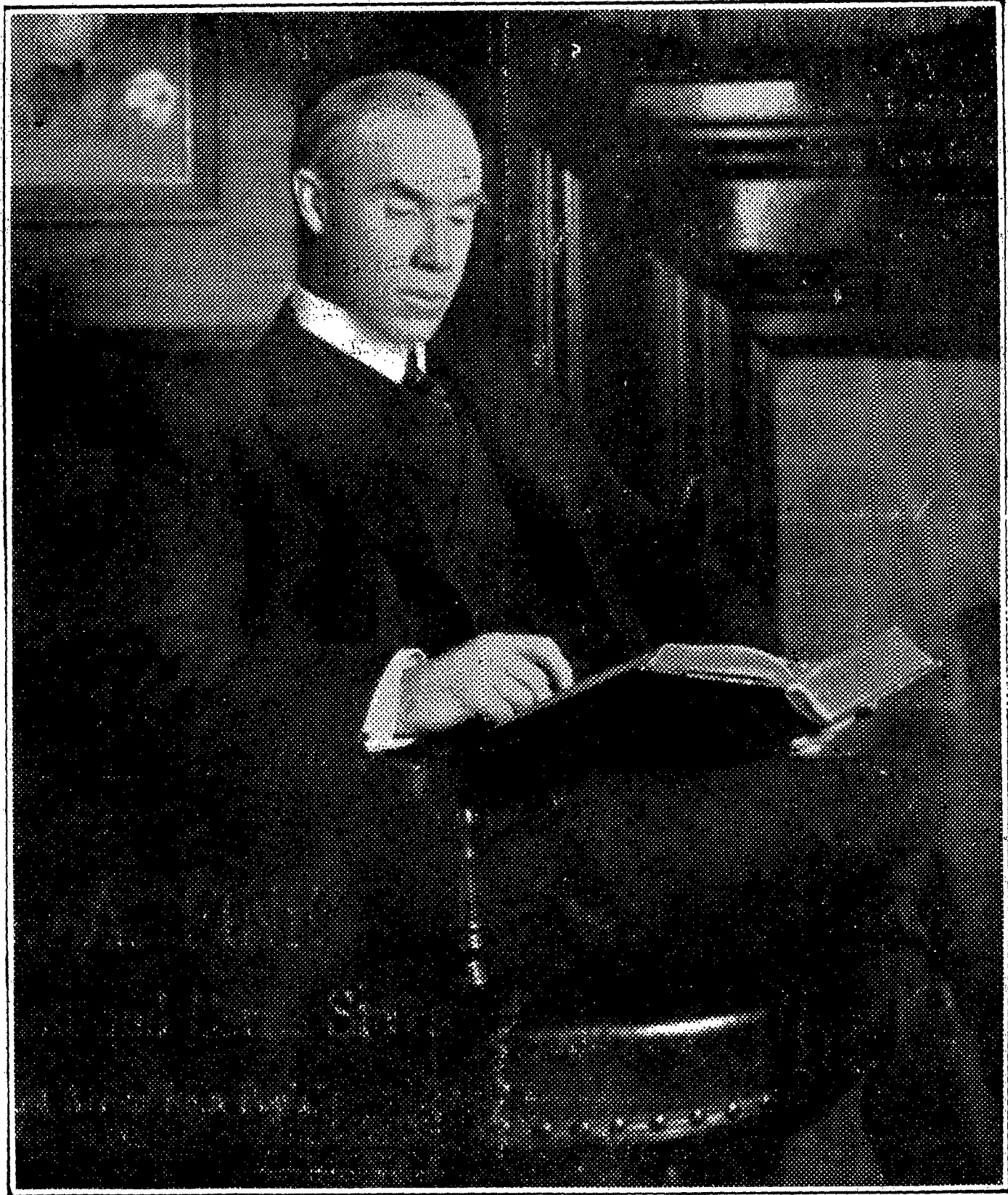
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REV. CHARLES ALEXANDER RICHMOND, A. M., D. D.

Chancellor of Union University and President of Union College.

UNION'S NEW PRESIDENT.

Dr. C. A. Richmond Unanimously Elected by the Trustees.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Union College held in the Medical College on

Tuesday, January 26, Rev. Dr. Charles Alexander Richmond, pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church of Albany, was unanimously elected President of the college and Chancellor of the University.

Dr. Richmond was born of Scotch parents on

the 7th of January, 1863, in New York city. Ten years after his birth his parents moved to Orange, N. J., where he received his early education at the Military Academy there. Completing his preparatory work there, he entered the College of the City of New York where, however, he remained but a year. He then entered Princeton University in the Sophomore class and graduated in 1883 with high honors. After he had graduated, he became principal of the Ingleside Academy of Palmyra, Missouri, and then professor of mathematics at the Cayuga Lake Military Academy. He then decided to give up teaching as a profession and accordingly in 1885 entered Princeton Theological Seminary graduating three years later. The Presbyterian Church at East Aurora, N. Y., extended a call to him, which he accepted, remaining there until 1894, when he received a call to Albany as pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. In 1886, the first year after entering the seminary Dr. Richmond received the degree of A. M. from Princeton and in 1905 Hamilton College conferred the degree of D. D. upon him. In 1891 Dr. Richmond married Sarah Cooper Locke, daughter of Hon. Franklin D. Locke, of Buffalo. Dr. and Mrs. Richmond have three children, Margaret, 15 years old; Frances, 11 years old, and Locke, 10 years old.

During his pastorate of fifteen years duration in Albany, Dr. Richmond has become prominent throughout northern New York as a scholarly, eloquent preacher and a man of strong personal magnetism. He is broad-minded, enthusiastic and interested in every enterprise which tends to uplift and develop mankind.

In talking with a member of the Concordiensis Board on Wednesday last Dr. Richmond said partly in substance as follows: "I thoroughly believe in the principle 'Off with the Old before on with the New.' My church has been faithful to me for fifteen years and it is no more than fair that I should give them fair warning before I leave for Schenectady. And so when Dr. Alexander asked me to come up to Union on the Day of Prayer I told him that I preferred not to for that reason. In fact, to-morrow I am going to New York to see Mr. Bailey and then Friday I shall see Dr. Alex-

ander and talk matters over with them. But when I get my affairs settled here I am going to Union with all my energies alert to carry out, to the best of my ability, my duties as President."

Dr. Richmond is a very versatile man, in fact, if the term may be allowed, an all-around man, and we are to be congratulated upon procuring such a man for the head of dear Old Union.

DEBATING NEWS.

Hamilton Debate, March 5.

Interest with the debaters is just now centered around the debate with Hamilton, which is arranged to take place on March 5.

This year we have the privilege of submitting the question and Hamilton has the choice of sides. At a meeting of the debating council held on Wednesday, January 13, the following question was decided upon and submitted to Hamilton: "Resolved, That Canadian lumber should be admitted to the United States free of duty." A number of men, including Mould, '09; Wachter, '09; Wilson, '09; Ury, '09; Cavert, '10; Bartlett, '10; Cohen, '11, and Dunn, '12, have already registered for the debate. The fellows are full of interest and not afraid of the work connected with preparing for it, and the prospects are now bright for another victory over our old rival, Hamilton.

The first try-out for the contestants was held Wednesday afternoon at half-past four.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The Christian Association work for the winter term is now well started. The upper classmen will lead the Tuesday evening meetings and the members of the Faculty will speak at the vesper services. No one can afford to miss the class in Bible study, conducted by Dean Ripton, if he is at all interested in this work.

Dr. Stoller spoke at the vesper service last Sunday on "Ways of Obtaining the Truth" and interested his hearers very much. At the Tuesday evening prayer meeting S. M. Cavert spoke on the subject "Remember Jesus Christ." Dr. E. E. Hale, Jr., will speak at the vesper service January 31 and O. A. Faust, '11, will lead the prayer meeting Tuesday evening.

BASKETBALL.

Last Saturday night in the first home game of the season Union's basketball team suffered defeat by the score of 26 to 16 at the hands of the Rochester University five, one of the fastest college teams in the east.

Individually the Union men played a winning game. The fact that the team, as it lined up Saturday night, had not played together before partly accounts for the defeat. Captain Brown, Starbuck and Coward are the only men who had played in the two previous games and the other three men began practicing as 'varsity player only on the Thursday before.

The student body gave the team loyal support and was satisfied with the showing made against a speedier and more experienced aggregation.

Micks won the toss for Union and the game started off in whirlwind fashion. After three minutes of play Cassidy scored the first basket which was quickly followed by one for Union by Captain Brown. From then until the close of the first half Union kept close on the heels of Rochester in scoring. When the whistle blew the score stood 13 to 12 in favor of Rochester.

In the second half Rochester pulled steadily away from Union and after a pretty exhibition of pass work the game ended 25 to 16 in Rochester's favor.

The line-up of the teams was as follows:

Rochester.	Union.
Harman	Coward
	Right forward.
Cassidy (Capt.)	Starbuck
	Left forward.
Busch	Micks, Clowe, Charest
	Center.
Grant	Fairbairn
	Left guard.
Maecherlien (G. Ramaker)	Brown (Capt.)
	Right guard.
Hayes	Anderson
Kaiser	Smith
	Substitutes.

Summary.

Union—Field baskets, Coward, 3; Fairbairn, 2;

Brown, 1. Baskets from fouls—Coward, 4. Total in points, 16.

Rochester—Field baskets, Cassidy, 6; Harman, 4; Busch, 1. Baskets on fouls, Harman, 3. Total in points, 25.

Referee—Carlos Dorticos, Maine.

Umpire—Koult, Hamilton.

Scorers—Rochester, Lawless; Union, Hall.

Time of halves—Twenty minutes.

COLLEGE BRIEFS.

Theodore D. Walser, '10, edited this number of the Concordiensis.

Dr. Hoffman is to be one of the speakers at the mid-winter conference of the Auburn Theological Seminary to be held February 15th and 16th.

A. Maxon, '11, has been awarded a Horace B. Silliman scholarship.

Millias, '09, who is attending the Albany Medical School was on the Hill Tuesday.

Dennis, '10, tried hard to grow a mustache but as it wouldn't do so, he cut it off.

We are very sorry to say that Dr. Ashmore is quite sick with bronchitis.

Come out and root for the basket ball team as you did last fall for the football team.

Greek students! Attention! The worm will turn. Don't fail to read the handwriting on the wall in Washburn, '10.

It is nearly time for some inter-class basketball games.

Debaters! Show your college spirit and get out for the Hamilton debate.

Cavert, S., '10, Chaffee, '10 and Maxon, '11, conducted the evening service at the Albany Tabernacle Baptist Church last Sunday night, as a deputation from the college Christian Association. Next Sunday they will speak before the Troy B. Y. P. U.

Professor Smith is becoming magnanimous in the matter of bolts. He allowed his classes one on the day that the steampipe burst and another on the Day of Prayer.

Prof. McKean was a speaker at the conference of the Baptist ministers of New York city held last Monday in New York. His subject was "The Vocal Interpretation of the Scriptures."

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At last, after a year and a half without a *New President*. President, but not without great growth in our College, we have a new President, Rev. Charles Alexander Richmond, D. D., of Albany. Dr. Richmond is most enthusiastic about his new position. According to what he said last Wednesday he seems to stand in his sentiments toward the college, for "Unity" and "Manliness." These two principles he is going to try to infuse into the students and he says that if he can make the Faculty and students a harmonious whole he will be satisfied. Dr. Richmond has expressed his desire to make the students realize that the members of the Faculty are their "elder brothers, friends and guides," and thus working together the Faculty and students will immeasurably benefit Old Union. On the subject of athletics our new President said that he was very much in favor of manly sports but that he believed that even that could be carried too far. He also said that when he comes to Union he will do all in his power to help us raise the gymnasium fund. Now, fellows, should we not support to our utmost ability, a President with such a "platform" as that? Is it not fair that we should, as he suggests, meet him half way and go on in our work of bettering Union?

We have stood by Old Union and the Dean in the last year and a half; let us then stand by New Union and Dr. Richmond in our loyalty to our Alma Mater

We do not consider *Chapel Service*. it out of place to mention here and disapprove of the evident disrespect and irrev-

erence evinced by some of the fellows toward our chapel service. Our chapel services are instituted for the sole purpose of raising the moral tone of Old Union and should not every fellow do his utmost to further this end? Would it not be more courteous to the speaker and more generous to those near by to eliminate the prevalent talk and laughter?

DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE.

On January 28 at 10:30 a. m., a large number of students and city people congregated in the college chapel for the service of the annual Day of Prayer for colleges.

After a hymn had been sung, Dr. Stevenson of the First Presbyterian Church read the 4th chapter of the Gospel according to John. Then, when Rev. Mr. Rogers of the Emmanuel Baptist Church had offered prayer, J. W. Faust, '09, sang, "Behold, the Master Passeth By," composed by W. G. Hammond.

Dr. Raymond, ex-President of Union, then opened his address with some statements concerning Dr. Richmond, our new President, saying that he would commend himself highly to all as he was most desirous of bettering the conditions at Union.

Dr. Raymond then announced his text as the 22d verse of the 4th chapter of John: "For salvation is of the Jews." He said in part as follows: "At the time when Jesus, a Jew, held a conversation at Jacob's well with a woman, who was a Samaritan, the Jews and Samaritans had no dealings with each other. The most profound truth the world has ever heard was expressed when Jesus said: 'Woman, believe me, the hour cometh when ye shall neither in this mountain nor yet at Jerusalem worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what; we know what we worship; for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.' Therefore the spirit

of God is confined to no one place. We can worship him just as well in this chapel as in a most magnificent cathedral. The Lord in his conversation with the woman at the well insisted that no form or place was essential to the proper worship of God. In our day one church says Jerusalem and another Mount Gerasin is the place to worship, one says the surplice and another the plain black gown must be worn. Oh! Lord, how long? How long this narrowness? I say that whatever fosters a spirit of worship is a religious ceremonial and Jerusalem stood for religious holiness, essential truths and for the one religion that made the fear of God the beginning of wisdom. From Judaism Christ came and the truth of Judaism has been a strong, ennobling and uplifting influence, wherever it is known.

Salvation is not of the Romans who stood for government.

Salvation is not of the Greeks who stood for art, symmetry grace and the artistic.

For art is not inherently a moral stimulus and moral degeneracy may be found in close proximity to the artistic.

But salvation is of the Jews and with and from a religion that makes the wisdom, power and reality of the love of God more real, impressive and authoritative than ever.

The greatest danger threatening this country is the peril of Godlessness.

On which side is your influence? Is it a destructive or a constructive force? What would become of the world if it followed your example? Is the worship of God a vital thing in your life?

ALUMNI NOTES.

1883—Rev. Dr. William W. Bellinger, who for the past nine years has been rector of Grace Church, Utica, became last week the vicar of St. Agnes's chapel near Columbus Avenue, New York city. Dr. Bellinger, who was a good student while at Union, has been well known through Central New York as a conservative high churchman. This honor to him and to Union, as his Alma Mater, has come as a result of years of hard labor and devotion.

DR. CADY'S LECTURE.

On last Friday afternoon Dr. Cady delivered another of his series of popular lectures. There was a large number of students and outside friends present.

The first two slides thrown on the screen were pictures of ancient portraits drawn by Greek colonists in Egypt. Dr. Cady stated that although there are very few Greek paintings which are now in existence, those which have survived show that the Greeks were as skilled in the art of painting as in the art of sculpture.

He then described the discoveries and excavations of Dr. Pietri and Mr. Theodore M. Davis. Several interesting slides were shown of the articles excavated by Mr. Davis in the Valley of the Tombs of the Kings. One of the latest discoveries in this valley is that of the tomb of Queen Thiy, one of the most important queens in all Egyptian history. In her tomb were also found many articles of furniture and much valuable jewelry, for as Dr. Cady said, the Egyptians believed that the spirit would have need of all the articles which the body had used during its lifetime. The ornaments and gold chains found in the tombs are conclusive proof of the interesting fact that the ancient Egyptian goldsmiths could do much finer work than those of the present time.

In conclusion Dr. Cady said that it is impossible to tell what more wonderful discoveries may be made in this land for every year things are brought to light which astonish us more and more.

FRESMEN BASKETBALL.

Manager Munsen of the 1912 basketball team has arranged a schedule including Albany High School, Saratoga High School and Glens Falls High School. The "Frosh" also will take a trip Junior week playing Herkimer High School, February 11; Oswego High School, February 12, and Fulton High School, February 13. The squad including Hecquembourg, Hill, Fairbairn, Churchill, Webb and Westcott is rapidly rounding into form and hopes to meet with success.

LIBRARY NOTES.

During the past few weeks a large number of new books has been added to our library. These have been catalogued and are now ready to be placed on the shelves.

The additions which have been made belong chiefly to the following departments: Biology and Geology, Philosophy, Chemistry, Civil and Electrical Engineering Mathematics, Greek and History.

The addition to the Philosophy Department in which we are most interested is undoubtedly "A Theory of the Mind," by Dr. March.

In the History Department the most valuable additions are two works on English history by Edward Jenks, and two works by Henry George bearing on United States history, "Progress and Poverty" and "Political Economy."

The annual report of the Public Service Commission and the 28th annual report of the State Department of Public Health have also lately been received.

A few volumes of fiction and works of similar character have been added. Chief among these is "The Mystery of the Pickney Draught," by Charles C. Nott, a Union man of the class of 1848.

In addition to these works, Mrs. B. H. Wyman, a sister of Bret Harte, the novelist, has sent to the college from Victoria, British Columbia, a large number of ancient documents relating to Union College.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs are practicing regularly in preparation for the Easter trip.

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When the things a man "wants" to do and those that he "ought" to do are identical, he deserves no credit for doing them; when a man does not "want" to do the things he "ought" not to do, he deserves no credit for "not" doing them.

It's where a man "does" the things he "doesn't want" to do because he "ought" to do them, and where he "doesn't" do the things he "wants" to do because he ought "not" to do them, that he WINS—both in college and out. Think it over.

THE PRESS CLUB.

A feature of the work of the club this term will be the writing of letters by the members with a view to getting men interested in "New Union." The club expects also to work in co-operation with the gymnasium committee, helping the committee in every way possible.

Another important feature of the work will be the sending out of articles to be published in the papers in an editorial way. These articles are to deal with such subjects as the new gymnasium, topics connected with the college. They are to be the new engineering building and other timely written by men of some literary ability in the college and should be the means of drawing considerable attention to Union from the outside world.

TIGERS' EYE DANCE.

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SNOWBALL SCRAP.

Last Monday, after the chapel service, occurred the annual snowball scrap between 1911 and 1912. The Freshmen greatly outnumbered the Sophomores, but nevertheless the "Wise Fools" put up a game fight. After about fifteen minutes' struggling, the Sophomore president was finally pushed over the Terrace and the victory belonged to 1912.

The Freshman gymnasium classes started this term under Dr. Mac's direction and are making very satisfactory progress.

The Sophomore Academic class in physics was awakened at 11:55 and started on its dreamy way to chapel.

If present indications count for anything Union should have a representative track team next spring.

The college hockey team has not been admitted into the city league but played Canoe Club last night.

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TRACK AND GYM WORK.

Next week Wednesday, February 3, there is to be held an athletic meet in the State Armory in Albany under the auspices of Co. A, 10th Infantry. All of the events in the meet are open and it is likely that there will be represented several colleges about here. The following men will represent Union in this meet:

Rankin, '09, in the 12-lb. shot put, handicap.

Travis, '11, in the 1 mile and 2 mile runs.

Bentley, '11, in the 60 yard dash, novice, and the 60 yard dash, handicap.

Riley, '12, in the 60 yard dash, novice, and the 60 yard dash, handicap.

Coward, '12, in the 600 yard run, handicap.

Case, '12, in the shot put, high jump and the 60 yard dash, handicap.

Later in February there will be a meet in the Armory in Troy and at that time a large representative team will be sent over to represent Union. Hamilton has consented to run Union in a mile relay race at this meet.

This week Friday there was a practice in the Armory for all those who are trying for the relay team.

Although the facilities for track practice in the gymnasium are very meager, there has been some hard work done and an excellent showing made by several men, especially from the Freshmen class. But there are many more good men in college who have not as yet taken part in the practice, and who should do so at once.

The elective classes in gymnasium work for upper classmen have started and anyone is welcome to enter these classes when he can.

NOTICE IN W. 10.

"He That Hath Ears to Hear Let Him Hear."

"Noto bene! Students who have drawn translations from the library will return them with all convenient despatch. A modicum of brain reinforced by a modicum of industry will vanquish ices. Verbum sapienti satis."

After chapel on Wednesday, January 27, Henry Lewis, president of the student body, read the petition to the trustees in regard to the new gym, which will be printed in next week's "Concordy."

At college meeting, January 22, Dr. Mac spoke about the gym classes and Professor Opydyke discussed the petition to be submitted to the trustees about the plans for the new gym.

H. T. Olmsted, '04, has recently been on the Hill.

Mrs. Robert Lowell of Staten Island is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman.

Sigma Phi gave an informal Friday night of last week.

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BY F. W. SMITH.

Prior to the year 1500 Frenchmen may be said to have showed largely that untamed northern temperament so notably exhibited by their forefathers. Their manners were uncouth and their morals were upon a very low plane. Moreover, the sexes were far from being on an equal footing, for women were regarded as but little better than the slaves of men.

During the first half of the Seventeenth century, however, France enjoyed a comparative respite from warfare, and thus an opportunity was given the people to indulge in social intercourse and build up a polite society. This they did with a rapidity and to an extent seldom equaled. But peace alone could not have produced such a rapid social transformation in a country. Two other influences in the character of waves swept over France, leaving their imprint upon society and literature. The first of these waves came from Italy, and may be called the classic. In contradistinction from this migratory intellectual element was the influence exerted by Spanish literature and society, which were full of high gallantry, which were langorous and platonic, studded with romantic heroes, pervaded by a lively sense of the beauty of nature, besides manifesting a fondness for music and elegant conversations.

These classic and romantic influences, acting simultaneously upon uncultured French society, produced side by side the serious and the mirthful, the gay and the sublime. The society and literature of France became in an almost incredibly short space of time classic and pastoral. Ladies and gentlemen chose mythological names for themselves, played the roles of shepherds and conversed like gods and goddesses. The spirit of chivalry was likewise apparent. Social etiquette and the laws of courtship and marriage were strongly marked by something like the knight errantry that Cervantes is said to have "laughed out of Spain."

Society received its highest cultivation in the

city of Paris. It is conceded that for a number of years one house in Paris was the center and one coterie the source of what was considered *par excellence* in both speech and manner. The Hotel de Rambouillet, whose hostess was La Marquise de Rambouillet, a lady of rank and refinement, became famous for its illustrious gatherings, the avowed purpose of which was to inculcate politeness, to put a polish on society and perfect it. Good manners and literary aspirations were prime requisites for admittance to the select assemblages at the hotel. An aristocratic tone was easily established, since the majority of the guests were lords and high-born ladies and were, therefore, frequenters of the court. Here were to be found the great literary lights of the century, Corneille, Balzac, Menage, Bossuet, Vorture, Vaugelas, Chapelain, together with Mlle. Scudery, Madame de Sevigne, Madame de Lafayette and Julie D'Angennes.

It was at the Hotel de Rambouillet that conversation reached its highest point as an art. Particular attention was given to the principles underlying an interesting and profitable conversation, and when once agreed upon they were adhered to as strictly as might be consistent. Mlle. Scudery has concisely stated in what *l'air galant* of conversation consists. She says:

"I think *l'air galant* of conversation consists principally in thinking about things in a delicate, free and natural manner; in leaning toward gentleness and enjoyment rather than toward the serious and abrupt, and, finally, in speaking easily and unaffectedly, withal in suitable terms of everything. There must even be in the mind a certain insinuation and flattery in order to charm the minds of other people, and if I would well express what I mean, I would aver that no one can be wholly amiable without having *l'air galant*."

L'air galant may be called an idiosyncrasy of French society of the Seventeenth century, and nowhere was it more prominent than among the habitués of the Hotel de Rambouillet. There was *l'air galant* for everything. Its development was brought about chiefly by the ladies, under the leadership of Mme. de Rambouillet.

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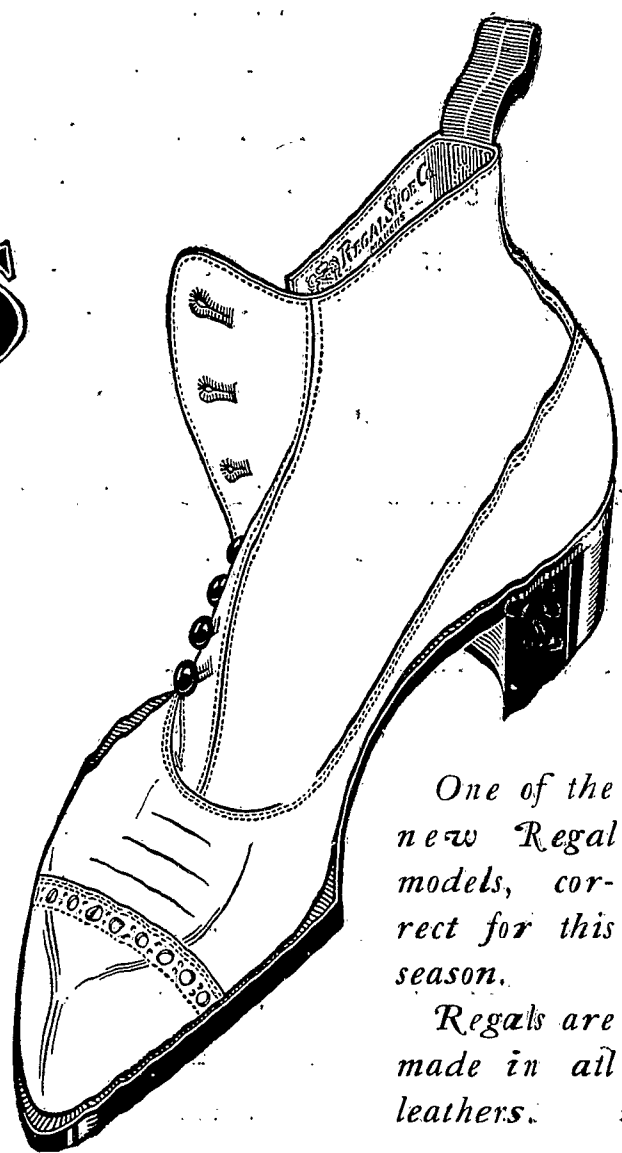
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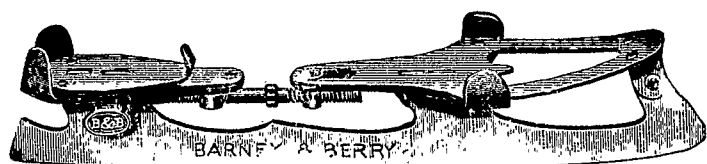
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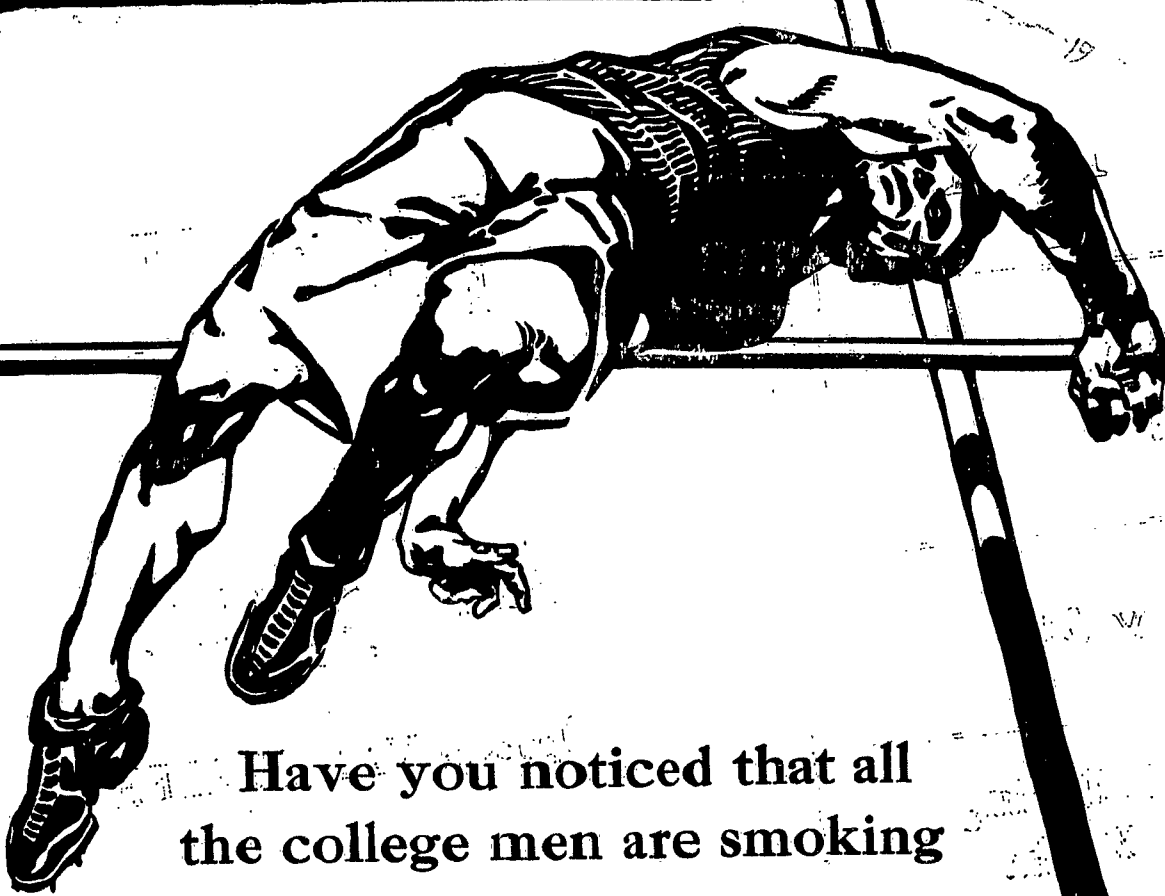
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