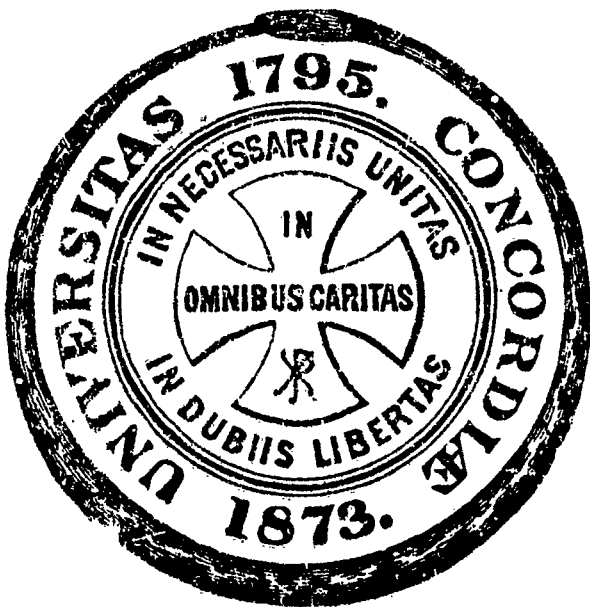


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With Regard to Base Ball.

To the Editor of The Concordiensis:

For the last three weeks the reportorial staff of The Concordiensis have been making my life so miserable that at last I decided to give them a game for Saturday, Feb. 12th, with the regular guarantee, and one-half in case of rain. Whether our ambitious reporters wish simply to get material for the college paper, or whether they really desire to know what has been done by the base ball manager I can not say. Granting that the latter is the case, I will submit, so far as I am able, a report of the work that has thus far been done, together with what seems to me the prospect for the coming season.

The manager has been at work on the schedule since early last fall. This work has not been carried on so rapidly as might have been done had the management been in possession of more facts and figures. The managers of previous years kept no copy of their correspondence, and had no report to make to the secretary of the athletic board at the end of their respective season. Consequently I have had to figure out the amount necessary to guarantee the expenses of the team for nearly every trip, and to arrange a schedule without having had past experience, so to speak, to guide me. Not that I desire to cast any reflections on the manager of last year's team. On the contrary, Manager Williams did most excellent work in reviving interest in base ball after it had suffered the severe set-back of the one and two years previous.

Although there was a meeting of the Athletic board on Wednesday night of last week, the schedule was not ratified. It is, to a certain extent, provisional; some games now scheduled will probably be cancelled, while others will be added. After taking into consideration the result of the last spring vacation trip, I decided that it would be best not to play any games this year until after the opening of the spring term. I am in hopes of playing the opening game of the season on the campus, April 9, the first Saturday in the Spring term.

The scheduling of a game for this date will depend principally on the students. We need at least two weeks of out-door practice before this

term closes, and in order to get this practice, it will probably mean a little work for the students. My proposition is that at the first sign of spring weather the students shovel the snow off the campus, thereby giving the sun a chance to dry the ground. This plan has been found to be practicable in other colleges, and there is no reason why Union men should not be glad to do this work for their own college team.

Our alumni of New York and vicinity, to say nothing of the students, were so displeased with the result of our trip to New York last spring that I thought it best not to run any chances of repeating our performance. The team will not, therefore, play in New York this season, and a trip to Canton, (St. Lawrence University) will probably take the place of a southern trip. The remainder of the schedule will explain itself.

GAMES ON THE CAMPUS.

9 April,	?
20 April,	New York University.
29 April,	Vermont University.
4 May,	Colgate.
7 May,	Hamilton.
18 May,	Hobart.
30 May,	Middlebury.

There are games for the campus yet to be arranged with Syracuse, St. John's, St. Lawrence and the Cuban X Giants.

GAMES ABROAD.

16 April,	?
23 April,	West Point.
14 May,	Cuban X Giants.
19 May,	Middlebury.
20 May,	{ Vermont.
21 May,	
25 May,	Hamilton.
26 May,	?
27 May,	?
7 June,	Colgate.
8 June,	St. John's.
9 June,	Syracuse.
10 June,	Hobart.

The action of the league managers in arranging two games with each of the other colleges in the league, establishes a base ball league of which I have the honor of being chairman; plans for a base ball pennant are now in progress.

The following men are candidates for the team :
Pitcher—Parsons, '98, Edwards, 1900, Mallery, 1901, Nevins, 1901, Hudson, Med.; catcher—Hege-
man, '99, Delehanty, Med., Pursell, Med.; 1st base
—Wiley, '99, Nevins, 1901; 2nd base—Vroman,
'98, Ripley, 1900, Leavenworth, 1901; 3rd base—
French, 1900, Davis, 1900, Carver, 1901; short-stop
—Purchase, '99, Grout, 1901; field—Whipple, '98,
Merchant, '98, Smith, '99, Stewert, 1901, Reynolds,
1901, Robison, 1901, Loing, 1901, Cooke, 1901.

This year the management proposes to insist on systematic training. Heretofore men have sacrificed the interest of the team for their pipes, the theatre, the dance. Unless a man is willing to train faithfully he will not be considered a candidate for the team. It is true that we have but few men to choose from; consequently men feel that the manager is obliged to accept their services whether they observe the rules of training or not. But if we can not get along without these men this year, then the games will be cancelled whether they include a trip or not. I do not wish to be obstinate, but I am convinced that a successful ball player must pay attention to his physical being. If the students as a body, do not wish these rules enforced, they have but to ask for my resignation, which will be duly presented.

Thus far we have a schedule and a number of players. What shall we do to obtain spectators? I am thoroughly convinced that our method of advertising is a poor one; I doubt if our little 12x 14 in. posters pay for themselves. It is a noticeable fact that after every game, people in the city make inquiries as to who played, and express total ignorance that any such game was to be played. To obviate this, the management proposes to advertise in such a way that people will know of our games, whether they want to or not. I have consulted with Mayor Duryee and Chief Campbell, and these gentlemen have very kindly consented to give me all the latitude for advertising that the law allows, and they have also added what I think will prove to be a valuable suggestion. People can not help but see a sandwiched boy dressed in a poorly fitting base ball suit; neither can they help hearing an announcement of the games through a megaphone.

And now comes that delightful subject of subscriptions. At the last meeting of the Athletic Board this matter was fully discussed, and a committee, consisting of Prof. Opdyke, Treasurer Dillingham and myself, was appointed to draw up resolutions pertaining to the payment of subscriptions. I beg to submit the committee's report.

"It is resolved by the Athletic Board of Union College, that the minimum sum of \$600.00 be raised for the purposes of the board for base ball,

track athletics, etc., to finish the college year of 1897-98.

"When said sum of \$600.00 has been fully subscribed and paid to the treasurer, then the treasurer of this board shall issue tickets to the fully paid subscribers to such fund, stating the amount of such subscription, and each ticket so issued shall entitle the holder thereof to admission to all games of the different associations held in the city of Schenectady during the remainder of the year.

"All students not holding these tickets will be charged the regular admission fee to all of such games.

"It is further resolved, that no schedule shall be ratified, or games played, until said minimum sum of \$600.00 has been fully subscribed and paid to the treasurer of this board."

This report has not been accepted by the board, but in all probability it will be at its next meeting, the 16th inst., inasmuch as it incorporates the ideas most prevalent at the last meeting.

It is needless to tell the students how the board has been hampered in its action, by the non-payment of subscriptions. In fact, the students have been so dilatory in this matter that the board felt it necessary to take decisive action in order to insure itself against possible if not probable loss. It was estimated by the board that it would be necessary to raise \$600 in order to carry the base ball and track teams through this season, and therefore placed \$600 as a minimum sum to be raised. This subscription has nothing to do with the foot ball subscription. There is enough money still due the board from last fall's subscription to pay every cent of indebtedness, and unless this money is forthcoming decisive action by the board in regard to it may be looked for by those students still owing such subscriptions. To form an idea of the number of students whose subscriptions are not paid, one has but to note the absent ones at college meetings. It is the opinion of the board that those men who subscribe with no intention of paying act the lie and should be severely dealt with. A word more in explanation of the foregoing resolution may not be out of place.

Until said minimum sum of \$600 is *fully* raised by the students and received by the treasurer no games will be ratified or played, and this decision of the board will be adhered to. It is easily seen how necessary it is to raise this sum during the present month. The base ball schedule should have been ratified ere this, but it will not be ratified until the full amount of \$600 has been received by the treasurer. When the treasurer is in receipt of this sum he will issue subscription tickets to each man who has paid his subscription in full; and those students whose sub-

scription is not paid in full or who have not subscribed at all will be charged the regular admission. Every man who pays his subscription will be given a receipt by the base ball manager which will entitle him to a subscription ticket after, and not before, the full amount of \$600 has been raised by the students and received by the treasurer.

If, at the opening of the base ball season, it is found that the students are not disposed to raise this sum then those students whose subscription at that time have been paid, will have their money refunded by the treasurer, and athletics, with the possible exception of tennis, golf and cross country runs, will cease for the remainder of the college year.

Fellow students, a successful season depends on your subscription and the support you give to the team and its management.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. A. HOLCOMBE,
Base Ball Manager.

Alumni Notes.

Z. L. Myers, '96, spent Saturday in Schenectady.

J. A. Giles, '97, visited friends on the hill during the week.

W. T. B. Mynderse, '93, of Schenectady, sailed for Europe last week.

Horace B. Silliman, L. L. D., '46, of Cohoes, a prominent alumnus, is seriously ill in New York.

E. E. Kriegsman, '76, has been elected treasurer of New Hope Lodge, No. 730, F. and A. M.

Ex-Secretary J. Sterling Morton, '54, has just built a theatre at his home, Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Prof. S. B. Howe, '62, will give a lecture in the State street M. E. church on the evening of March 21, on "Rome and Its Inhabitants."

William P. Rudd, '73, is the counsel of the Albany Y. M. A. in its annual fight to have Harmanus Bleecker hall exempted from taxation.

Constant Reader Speaks Right Out.

Dear Concordiensis:

A sentence in one of your editorials last week puzzled me at first, but on thinking it over I discovered in it some suggestions which are so significant that attention ought to be called to them. Here is the sentence: "Though student interests and faculty interests have not always appeared to be in absolute harmony, this has been owing solely to diverse opinions as to the best route to the common goal, old Union's weal." Now, what are the "faculty interests?" A little reflection shows us at once; and is it not truly an inspiring spectacle, these scores of young men so ungrudgingly sacrificing hours of their valuable time week after week in the interests of the professors? No wonder the students occasionally feel that they are doing too much for the few men who compose the faculty, good fellows though these latter be, and no wonder bolts are asked for; but we all know how strenuously the faculty insists on its rights, and too often refuses to give up the delight and the benefit it derives from holding recitations. Yes, it even meets fortnightly to devise new schemes for advancing its own interests. One doubts whether this can go on indefinitely. Will not a time come when young men cannot afford to do so much for purely altruistic purposes, and when faculties will have to seek other means of increasing their own knowledge? And as for old Union's weal, surely there is no difference of opinion; the only question is *how* to induce the faculty to bring the number of recitations as low as possible, and be contented with smallest possible amount of knowledge. They can extract information from so many classes in succession, why should they expect to learn everything from one? As to the students' interests, I confess I am not quite so clear. Perhaps you can enlighten me.

I know that this was not the main point of the editorial quoted from, but that one sentence struck me as being pregnant with thought.

CONSTANT READER.

The freshmen class held a meeting Tuesday at which the committee on canes reported and a cane was adopted. A committee consisting of Shelley, Nevins and Sheehan were delegated to wait on Prof. Webster and request him to postpone the date on which their essays were due from Friday to Monday. Mr. Webster granted the request.

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OUR space, we regret to say, is strictly limited. We hereby apologize to the many bright little things that failed to see the light this week.

THE manner in which the men are taking hold of their gymnasium work is highly refreshing in this somewhat weary age. But there is not enough doing yet. Every man who possesses so much as a split shadow of athletic ability should be out in the gymnasium every afternoon training for dear life. Poets may be born, but athletes are made.

THAT jolly and prolific old commentator, Constant Reader, bobs up serenely in a letter printed elsewhere, and tells us that one sentence appearing in these columns last week, "struck him as being pregnant with thought." Such recognition is sweet and our gratitude is genuine. But there is a delicate air of heavily veiled sarcasm pervading the note that leads one to believe that in reading it, one should read between the lines. Reading

between the lines, by the way, is the regular way with lots and lots of students.

Constant Reader, did you know this? And are these not, Constant Reader, the very ones you desired to reach?

THE communication from Manager Holcombe should be carefully perused by every man in college. The question there discussed is simply, "Shall we, or shall we not have base ball this season?" We believe that every man in college will do his duty and subscribe all that he possibly can.

If, after that, there is not the sufficient sum, we shall have no base ball this year. No glory of athletic victory can wipe out the stigma of an unpaid debt. We congratulate the advisory board on its stand. We trust that by next week we may congratulate the students on the genuineness of their college spirit.

Chi Psi Banquet.

The annual banquet of the Chi Psi Alumni Association of Northern and Eastern New York was held at the Kenmore hotel, Albany, last Friday evening. The occasion was one of great enjoyment and was the most successful in every respect held in many years.

Dr. Cyrus W. Merrill of Albany, the retiring president of the association, presided. A tempting menu was served and the toasts were excellent.

Previous to the dinner a business meeting was held at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Hon. Thomas J. VanAlstyne, mayor of Albany; vice-presidents, Col. William F. Fox, Albany, Dr. Cyrus S. Merrill, Albany, P. J. Marsh, Lansingburgh; secretary, Frank Cooper, Schenectady; treasurer, Edmund C. Knickerbocker, Albany; executive committee, Rev. Freeborn G. Jewett, Albany; Charles H. Van Auken, Cohoes; Dr. Henry W. Johnson, Hudson; William C. Vrooman, Schenectady; Charles Stanford, Albany; and James H. Callanan, Schenectady.

There were forty-nine at the banquet table and among these were the following Union alumni and undergraduates: Col. Wm. F. Fox, '60, W. C. Vrooman, '78, E. E. Draper, '97, C. H. Van Auken, '80, Harwood Dudley, '78, Frank Cooper, '93, H. E. Furman, '96, W. R. Brown, '98, T. B. Brown, '98, J. C. Cooper, '97, R. D. Sinclair, '98, R. E. Bradford, '98, W. M. Wilson, '99, L. T. Bradford, '99, E. C. Rogers, 1900, G. W. Francis, 1900, P. L. Thomson, 1900, and H. J. Brown, 1901.

The music for the occasion was furnished by Gioscia and Gartland's orchestra. During the evening telegrams of regret were received from Judge Robert Earl, of the Court of Appeals, from Eldridge T. Gerry, and from President Brainard of Middlebury college, and also a telegram of greeting from the Alumni Association of Washington, D. C., who were also meeting around the banquet board.

College Men for Foreign Missions.—A Convention.

The triennial convention of the Student Volunteer movement, alluded to in our last issue, promises to be not only the largest missionary gathering ever held in North America or the world, but also the largest university gathering ever brought together. Already more than 1800 students and professors have signified their intention to be present. From Nova Scotia and Mexico, from Oregon and Florida, these delegations will gather in Cleveland, O., the 23rd of this month.

The general sessions will be held in the armory of the "Cleveland Greys" and will be opened by Rev. F. B. Meyer of England. Here will be heard the strongest missionary speakers of North America and of the world. To the college student, the familiar names of Speer, Mott, Wilder, Gailey, Brockman, Beaver, Servis and many other leaders in the movement appeal. The list of participants also includes Sayford, Schauffler, Pierson, Ewing of India, and 120 other names known throughout the world in connection with China, Korea, Japan, Micronesia, Australasia, South and West Africa, Turkey and North and South America.

The aim of the convention is to bring together carefully selected delegations of students and professors from all important institutions of higher learning in North America and leaders of the missionary enterprise, both at home and abroad, to consider the great problem of the evangelization of the world. These addresses

will set forth the condition and needs of the world today, and the principles and lines of its conquest for Christ. There will be the most comprehensive and carefully selected educational exhibit on missions ever made, and a collection of materials illustrative of missionary problems, life, and work. It is believed that the educational feature will prove to be one of the most valuable of the convention.

Union is entitled to three delegates and an earnest effort is being made to send them. Dr. Raymond has promised to send one if the students will send another, and another member of the faculty has given five dollars toward sending the third.

Y. M. C. A. of the Med.

The Y. M. C. A. of the Medical college held its annual election on Wednesday evening. The following officers were elected: President, Walter L. Huggins of Salamanca, N. Y.; vice-president, George Leny, Gloversville; secretary and treasurer, G. C. Whine, Jersey City. Mr. Huggins will also be the Medical College delegate at the Student Volunteer convention at Cleveland. He was graduated from Union in the class of '96.

Minor Topics.

Travis, 1901, is visiting friends at Little Falls, N. Y.

Tinning, 1900, spent Sunday at his home in Pattersonville.

The classical freshman algebra division were examined Friday.

Nevins, 1901, spent Sunday in Albany with VanderVeer, '99.

Van Vlack, 1900, spent Sunday at his home in Paletine Bridge.

Heermance, 1901, spent the early part of the week at his home in Hudson.

The freshmen classical division are now reading Book VII of Herodotus.

Wormer, 1901, who was injured recently in the gymnasium, has resumed his studies.

G. D. Sessions and C. C. Hawley from Hamilton college visited Chi Psi friends last week.

Roy Clayton and Miss Kittie Carr were married last week at Greenville by Rev. W. R. Curtis.

Mr. Pollard has decided to exempt first grade men from examination in all his physiology classes.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds of Ouray, Col., parents of Reynolds, 1901, were his guests during the week.

Dr. McKenzie's freshmen advanced German class will be examined Tuesday on Lessings and Gellert's fables.

The invitations to the Sophomore Soiree are out and the specimen copy posted on the bulletin board is very attractive.

Gardner Kline, 1900, has been forced by weak eyes to leave college. He expects to return next fall if his eyes grow stronger.

The freshmen A. B. and L. S. divisions in Latin finished reading the twenty-first book of Livy this week and were examined on the same.

The Phi Delta Theta quartette, composed of Messrs. Barrett, Grout, Ripley and Shelley, will take part in the services, Thursday evening, at the Clinton avenue Methodist church in Albany.

The hour for the freshmen classes in the gymnasium has been changed from 3.30 to 4 that the competitors for the base ball and track teams may have the use of the apparatus early in the afternoons.

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At Other Colleges.

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Five hundred Harvard alumni have organized a Harvard Graduate Athletic association.

Memorial services in honor of the late Henry W. Sage will be held at Cornell on Washington's birthday.

The Brown ice hockey team recently defeated the Harvard team by a score of 6 to 0 and Yale by a score of 1 to 0.

Forty carefully selected Yale sophomores have organized a debating society to be known as the Sophomore Wigwam.

Mr. W. C. McDonald, the Canadian tobacco manufacturer, has just given \$250,000 to McGill university. His previous gifts amount to \$3,000,000.

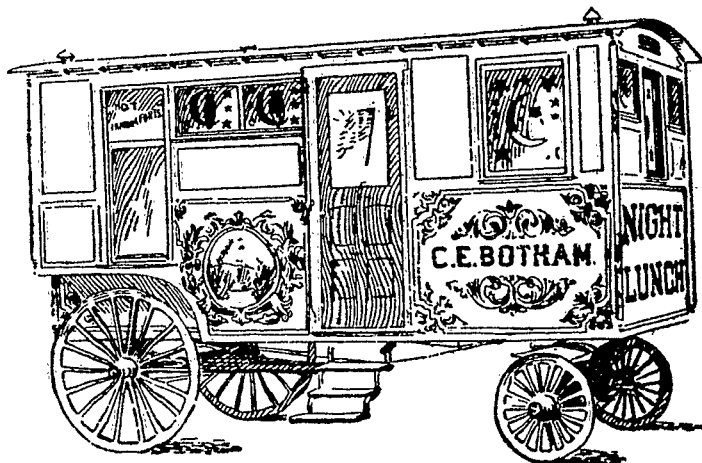
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