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#### Dr. Mekenzie's Lecture.

The Rev. Alexander McKenzie, D. D., of Cambridge, Mass., father of Instructor Kenneth McKenzie, Ph. D., of Union College, delivered a highly instructive and learned lecture on "Imagination" in the college chapel, Friday afternoon, June 11.

Dr. Raymond introduced the speaker in a felicitous manner and spoke of his wide reputation as a preacher and scholar; he also mentioned the many appointments Dr. Kenzie had and expected to keep during the ten days beginning with the previous Monday. He attended the meeting of the board of trustees of Wellseley College, then hastened to Andover and was present at a similar assembly, next he delivered his lecture here, on Sunday last he preached the baccalaureate at Cornell University and then returned to his home to attend the meeting of the board of overseers of Harvard.

The lecture began with very clearly and concisely defining the term 'imagination' as a long word for seeing or mental vision. Imagination is a higher, loftier quality than mere optical vision, for a blind man may and does possess a nobler more exalted mind than an idiot. Mental and optical vision may be compared to a parable and a fable, one is true, the other false.

The imagination often leads us to mistakes yet they are profitable and teach us to be more painstaking and careful. We may see a cloud in the distance and imagine it is an iceberg, but when we draw near and see that it is only a cloud, we do not after that believe that every cloud we see is an iceberg nor do we believe that every iceberg we see is a cloud. We are careful and more painstaking from our experience.

The imagination is directly applicable to life and affects it in many ways. A nature that cannot be touched or moved in any other way often yields to the imagination. A man does not do

his best nor accomplish anything unless he has imagination, a man that is looking into the future and seeing it with his mental eye is the man that wins. We sometimes call it prophecy and desire but whatever we call it, it makes us strong in what we have to do. The lack of it is the ill of all ills. The man who has not it has not the spring, the ambition of life.

College men used to write and orate on the disasterous results of ambition and instanced Napoleon Bonaparte as an illustration, but to-day a man might better be out of the world than attempt to check the ambitious imagination of young men. A man who would teach the doctrine of curbing imagination, or ambition, fort hey are much the same, ought to be discharged at once. The imagination sends us on to better things.

In art, a person must have vision before he can paint, he must produce the vision of the unseen. A man must be possessed of genious before he can see the unseen, before he has ideas in his mind to put on the canvass. Amateur art does not fail on account of inferior brushes or paints but it fails from lack of imagination or rather natural imagination. An amateur paints unnatural ships sailing on supernatural seas. The imagination plays a large part in beautifying our homes.

Every advance in science is made along the lines of the imagination. The scientist imagines a certain theory and moves on to see if he has guessed rightly. The imagination is a science of first importance; it is the way discoveries are made.

The imagination is of great importance in theology. Not a sermon is preached in which imagination does not hold a prominent place. Mathematics are useless in religion, in fact they make havoc with every truth they touch.

The speaker introduced many humorous anecdotes and illustrations and closed his lecture with several imaginary poetical pictures which most admirably portray the important periods in history. He also dwelt upon the necessity of thorough rudimentary education and made an eloquent appeal for patriotism.

#### The End of the Base Ball Season.

The base ball team concluded the season of 1897 last week by a trip to Burlington, Vt., where two games were played with the University of Vermont. In the game on Friday, Union lost by the score of 11 to 1. The batteries were: Union, Thatcher and Delehanty; Vermont, Dinsmore and Agon. The score by innings follows:

On Saturday the team was shifted around somewhat in the hope of doing better but with no avail. In the fourth inning Vermont started in to make runs and despite our strenuous endeavors she succeeded in sending twenty-one men around the plate. The batteries were: Union, Parsons and Delehanty; Vermont, Winn and Johnson. The score follows:

While the record this season shows an alarmingly large number of games lost, we must remember that the team was composed almost entirely of new men who did the best they could. Next season the experience gained this year will undoubtedly show itself in a much more satisfactory record. The summary of games played and the scores is as follows:

March 31, Union vs. New York University, won by New York; April 1, Union vs. Fordham, won by Fordham; April 2, Union vs. Manhattan, won by Manhattan; April 3, Union vs. Princeton, won by Princeton; April 22, Union 12, Hamilton 16; April 23, Syracuse 8, Union 3; April 24, Cornell 21, Union 5; May 1, Union 31, Hamilton 8; May 6, Union 18, Colgate 12; May 8, West Point 8, Union 7; May 15, Union 9, Albany 11; May 18, St. Lawrence 10, Union 6; May 20, Union 0, Lansingburgh 13; May 22, Syracuse 15, Union 7; May 31, two games, Union 20, Neptune Hose 9; Union 9, Neptune Hose 15; June 11, Union 1, Vermont 11; June 12, Union 2, Vermont 34.

Ferguson, '86, of Amsterdam, spent last Sunday with relatives in the city.

#### Musical Plubs Poncert.

Association should occupy an evening of commencement week and especially that it should occur on alumni day. The clubs have had a season of unqualified success; this has been accomplished only by engaging competent leaders for whose services the clubs have had to pay well. The clubs have, heretofore, had but a slight reputation and have been compelled to give concerts for bare expenses.

The consequences are that at present the association finds itself minus. Up to this time an assessment has been made at the beginning of each college year to start the season. The intention of the present management is if the commencement concert is well patronized by the undergraduates, not to levy any assessment next fall.

It will be poor encouragement for arranging a series of concerts for the coming year if the alumni men now in college do not lend their support to the association at the concert on Tuesday, June 22.

#### The Commencement Ball.

The committee in charge of the commencement ball is working hard to make the affair a success, and all who attend may be assured of a good time. Memorial hall is a delightful place for a dance and it has the advantage of a perfectly smooth even floor, something that will be appreciated by those who have come in contact with the footlight board at the Van Curler.

A large number of the fairer sex will come from other places and with the usual attendance of the maidens of Dorp will make the dance one long to be remembered. The following Sophomores will act as aids: Robert M. Eames, E. L. C. Hegeman, Harold J. Hinman, Morton M. Price, Clayton J. Snyder, Paul J. Kruesi, Arthur B. Lawrence. Albert E. Casey and F. Roy Champion.

The Freshman class was photographed Thursday afternoon on the campus by Wheaton.

#### Next Week's Program.

The exercises of the commencement will begin to-morrow, when President A. V. V. Raymond will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the First Presbyterian church. The week's program follows:

Monday, June 21-3 P. M., grove exercises by the graduating class under the old elm tree in Jackson garden; 7:30 P. M., Alexander extemporaneous prize debate and Junior prize oratorical contest in the First Presbyterian church.

Tuesday, June 22-9 A. M., meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma XI societies in Memorial hall; 10 A. M., meeting of the board of trustees and the annual meeting of the General Alumni Association in the college chapel; 12 M., balloting for a trustee to succeed the Hon. Howard Thornton, A. M., whose term of office expires; 1:15 P. M., annual dinner in Memorial hall; the reunions of the classes of '37, '47, '57, '67, '77, '87 and '92 and the twenty-fifth reunion of the class of '72 will be held during the day; 3:30 P. M., class day exercises of the class of '97 in the First Presbyterian church; 8 p. m., concert in the Van Curler opera house by the Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs.

Wednesday, June 23—10 A. M., commencement exercises and chancellor's address, by St. Clair McKelway, LL. D., of Brooklyn, member of the board of Regents of the University of the State of New York and editor of the Brooklyn Eagle: 8 P. M., president's reception; 10 P. M., Senior class reception in Memorial hall.

## The Phi Gamma Delta House.

The Maxon property situated at 407 Union street has just been leased by the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. The house has been repaired and refurnished and the new tenants moved into it last week. The building is splendidly adapted for a chapter house and the fraternity is to be congratulated for moving into such pleasant quarters.

#### Coeal and Personal.

Thomson, Cornell, 1900, has been visiting Ripley, 1900, for a few days recently.

A "Dago" peddler received a very wet reception in north college Thursday morning.

Hiram C. Todd, '97, returned Wednesday from spending two weeks at his home at Saratoga.

The Dartmouth College faculty has decided to make the entire work of the Senior year

elective. Orin G. Cox, '98, took his examinations in advance and is employed for the summer at

Saratoga. The members of the faculty and their families enjoyed a pleasant afternoon in the garden last

Willoughby Lord Sawyer, '95, of Sandy Hill, visited his brother at the Psi Upsilon house Monday and Tuesday.

Charles D. Griffith, '98, finished his work last Friday and went home, where he has

secured a position for the summer.

The board of education of Hobart High School, Hobart, N. Y., has offered the position of principal to George Joseph Dann, Union '96, now instructor in French and Greek in Delaware Academy, Delhi, N. Y. Mr. Dann will begin his duties in September.

E. R. Cumings, who graduates this year with honors in geology, will enter Cornell University next year where he will have an assistantship in the department of statigraphical geology and paleontology. This summer he will spend in field work with the Cornell geological party which goes from Ithaca to the Chesapeake bay. The Cornell Sun said recently: "Mr Cumings, a Senior at Union, has been added to the number who are to occupy the naptha launch on the southern trip. He has been long engaged in the study of paleontology and geology and is considered a valuable addition to the party.

## Union's Northfield Delegation.

The summer conference at Northfield conducted by Evangelist Dwight L. Moody commences soon after college closes. As is customary the Young Men's Christian Association will send a large delegation as follows: Robert S. Hoxie, '98; Walter M. Swann, '98; William L. Fisher, '98; William C. Yates, '98; E. W. Strong, '99; Harrison K. Wright, '99; Harold J. Hinman, 99; Leroy T. Bradford, '99; Greene, '99; Raymond C. MacMahon, '99; E. L. C. Hegeman, '99; George Wiley, '99; E. A. Rodgers, 1900; Raitt, 1900; Tuggey, 1900 and Clayton J. Potter, 1900.

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THE Senior class song, which is printed in another column of this paper, comes from the pen of William Allen Johnston. It is very appropriate, both in air and words, and is much superior to the one submitted by the first committee.

Reprint copies of the song may be obtained from the committee or from members of THE CONCORDIENSIS' board of editors.

THE concluding event of Commencement week will be the Senior Ball. The committee which has this matter in charge has worked assiduously during the past three months to make this affair the most enjoyable feature of the week. The dance will be held as usual in the Nott Memorial Hall, and everything possible will be done to make this dance a fitting conclusion to the social affairs which have in the past been under the auspices of the Class of '97.

Gioscia, with a large number of supporting musicians, will be in attendance. It is needless to say that his music will be most acceptable. The catering is in charge of Owns, of Utica.

A just appreciation of the work of the committee can only be expressed by a large attendance on the part of the students. In fact, there is but small excuse for any student to absent himself on this occasion. WE understand that Dr. Linhart has accepted a position at Trinity College as a lecturer on physical culture. His many friends in college and in the city most sincerely regret that he will not be with them next year. His many year's connection with this college has resulted in much benefit to the individual students who have followed his instructions. Hampered as he has been by poor facilities, he has accomplished much, and would have accomplished more had our gymnastic equipment been sufficient. We all of us wish him continued success and regret the loss of a most courteous friend.

It is the earnest desire of the President and other officers of the college that as many as possible of the students should remain in Schenectady until after the conclusion of the Commencement exercises. By far, too many of the students hasten home as soon as they finish their examinations. A far greater spirit of loyalty to the college would be manifested if the students should all remain and take part in the exercises of the coming week. Not only is it desirable for them to do so from the standpoint of loyalty and of duty to their "alma mater," but it is essential that they should become familiar with the usual programme which is here followed during Commencement week. Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen will in time become Seniors, and their duties as such will set more lightly upon their shoulders if they have listened to the crowning efforts of their older collegiates.

WITH the publication of this issue of THE CONcordiensis the official duties of the '97 board of editors are drawn to a close. The Concordi-ENSIS, as it now stands, may or it may not be an improvement upon the publication as it was when the present board of editors first assumed control. We, as editors, however, have most earnestly striven to raise the standard of the college publications. A comparison of the present Concordi-ENSIS with that of last year cannot properly be made without including the Parthenon, which was revived as an additional and supplementary publication. As all of our readers are doubtless aware, the changes which have been made; namely, that of publishing a weekly news sheet instead of a bi-weekly combination news and literary paper, and the establishment and successful publication of a literary monthly, have greatly increased the labors of the present board over that of last year.

The object in making the change was two-fold. We desired to place the Union College publications in favorable comparison with those emenating

from other colleges of the same size and standing as our own. We also, with the development of the department of rhetoric, desired to furnish the student of a literary bent an opportunity to see such work as he might produce in cold type, thus giving him the benefit which a college literary magazine always reflects upon those who take advantage of it.

The greatest disappointment has been, not in what we have produced, but in the lack of diversified support which our efforts, particularly in connection with the *Parthenon*, have received. We believe, however, that a greater interest will be manifested the coming year. With this as a fond hope, and with the feeling that our efforts have been appreciated by some if not all of our fellow-students, we turn over the management of this publication to the incoming board of editors, who in the past have so earnestly assisted us and in whose future management we have assurances of a greater success.

A WORD concerning the foot ball season of '97 may not be out of place in this number of the Concordiensis. We do not wish to be over critical of those who have, either directly or indirectly, interested themselves in our college athletics. Everyone however who has kept tract of the games of the base ball and the foot ball teams, since the new regulations went into effect is well aware that the success of these teams has in no way been remarkable. The vigorous measures taken by the faculty to purify athletics was indeed necessary but it seems as though something was wrong when such action results only in the development of teams whose existence has, through bad judgement, and poor playing brought only discredit upon this institution. Such however has been the case. The students or at least a certain number have earnestly endeavored to make these teams a credit to the institution but have failed. The athletic spirit seems to have become paralyzed and the judgement of somebody in authority always seems to be at fault.

Such has been the condition of things the past two years. It is time that there was a change. If the '97 and '98 athletic teams are not controlled by a strong will; if the faculty and the alumni or somebody does not interest himself in this branch of student effort more than simply to criticise, the Union teams in the future will encounter defeat after defeat as they have in the past and the college will gain only discredit by their existence.

Arrangements should be made at once for the early training of next season's foot ball team. The suits for practice should be collected, and the

gymnasium lockers placed in suitable condition for service next fall. It would be advisable to make arrangements with a trainer immediately so that there need be no delay in the fall. A little careful management now may greatly improve the prospects for next season. It may not be the duty of the advisory board to do more than advise but in our opinion there should be someone connected with the institution whose duty it was to direct these affairs so that victory would be more certain and defeat less discreditable.

#### Obituary.

CHESTER H. UTTER, '98.

It is always grievous for us to part forever with those who are dear to us. And it is doubly sad when those taken away are young in years with the promise of a happy life before them. In the death of Chester H. Utter everyone who knew him will feel that he has lost a true friend, a man of rare personal charm and of true nobility.

Mr. Utter had been suffering from consumption for some time and soon after the winter term commenced was obliged to leave college. He went to Denver but steadily grew worse and came home knowing that the end was only a matter of time. It came on Tuesday at his home at Albany. The funeral was held at two o'clock yesterday afternoon from his home at 14 Chestnut street.

Chester Hoysradt Utter was born August 12, 1874, and was therefore not quite twenty-three years of age. His schooling was limited but while employed in the State Library he prepared himself for Union, entering with the class of '98. He was a member of the scientific division and expected to study law. In the Freshman year he was a member of his class foot ball team and a year ago won the second prize for Sophomore oratory.

The following resolutions were adopted by his sorrowing classmates:

WHEREAS, It has seemed good in the Divine Providence to summon from us our friend and classmate Chester H. Utter, and

WHEREAS, He has endeared himself to all of us by his kind, affable and cordial disposition and by those other qualities of mind and heart which are the marks of true nobility, therefore be it

Resolved, By the class of 1898 of Union College that in his death we have lost a true comrade and a sincere friend, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions as a token of our sympathy be transmitted to the family of the deceased and that a copy be printed in the Concordiensis.

#### College Notes.

VANDALISM AT HARVARD—FINAL INVESTIGATION REPORT.

The committee appointed to investigate the painting of the John Harvard statue has finished its work by finding out the last one of the four men implicated in the affair. He too is a Freshman. His resignation from the college has been accepted, but since he is less blameworthy than the other three men it will not take effect until June 22, when he will have completed his final examinations.

BARTLETT HARDING HAYEES, J. E. NORTON SHAW, CHARLES GRILK.

The Crimson convents editorially as follows: The final report of the student investigation committee, puts an end to an episode which has been intensely disagreeable, to say the least. To the members of the committee the thanks of the whole university are due for their satisfactory performance of a most distasteful duty. Their success has been a service to Harvard which

can hardly be over-estimated. It has accomplished two things. It has shown to the outside world that college sentiment is done, once for all, with mere dissatisfied toleration of such stupid behaviour, even on the part of the most unsophisticated members of the university; and that, in the future, it will handle like offenders without gloves.

The affair is also calculated to furnish a significant object lesson to new students. Incoming classes will do well to remember, that in obtaining for themselves the privileges of a course in Harvard University, they voluntarily become members of a society whose good name must necessarily be affected by their individual acts, and that every principle of good breeding, or rather of common decency demands that they jealously guard the reputation of the institution to which they owe so much.

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All thy teaching tell.

O'er the gray old walls we cherish,

Weave thine potent spell; Emblazoned in their own fair symbols, There forever dwell.

CHORUS.

Shine o'er us Ninety-Seven,
Guide us on our way;
Be our star on life's broad ocean,
Pilot us for aye.

-Johnston, '97.

#### The Y. M. C. A. Handbook.

The Young Men's Christian Association has issued the handbook for 1897-8. It is a volume of vest pocket size, neatly bound in red leather, and reflected great credit on the editors. It contains pictures of the blue gate and south college, next year's calendar, lists of the faculty, student organizations and publications and the city churches, pages for memoranda and a number of advertisements. A copy will be sent to each known member of the incoming Freshman class just before college opens in the fall.

### Dr. Linhart's New Position.

Dr. Charles P. Linhart, whose work at Union ceases with this college year, has been appointed for the summer months assistant physician of the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital at New York. In the fall he will assume the position of physical director at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.

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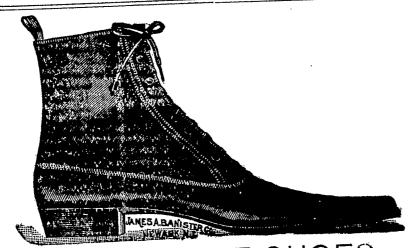
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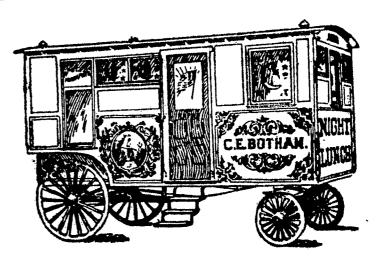
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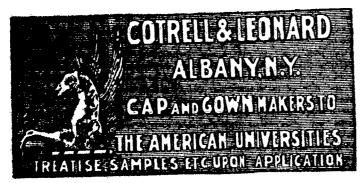
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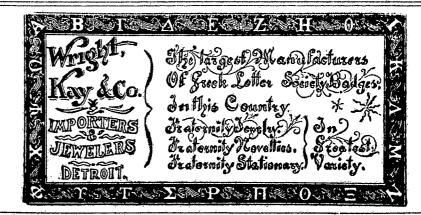
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