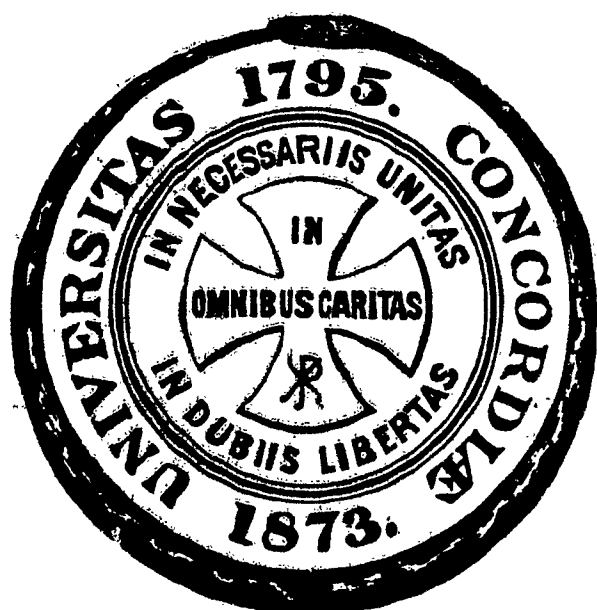


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Chi Psi Entertains.

One of the leading social events of the college year was the dance given Friday evening, January 21, by the Chi Psi fraternity. The affair was given at Yates' boat house and delightful music was furnished by Gioscia of Albany. Besides a large number of invitations out of town over eighty were sent out to residents of the city, two upperclassmen from each of the fraternities being invited as well as a number of neutrals, and several members of the faculty. Dancing began shortly after nine o'clock, at twelve refreshments were served, and it was nearly four o'clock when the strains of the last waltz brought the dance to an end.

The guests from out of town were: Miss McClellan, Cambridge; Miss Murdock, Pittsburg; Miss Greenman, Albany; Miss Guardineer, Albany; Miss Calvert, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Eames, Buffalo; Edward E. Draper, '97, Lansingburgh; Russell S. Greenman, '96, Frankfort; Thomas Sinclair, Amherst, Mass., and Neil F. Towner, Albany.

Those present from the city were: Mrs. C. C. Brown, Mrs. W. Scott Hunter, Mrs. A. J. Thomson, Mrs. J. W. Strain, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Vrooman and the Misses Brown, Strain, Lewis, DeForest, Marion Bates, Alice Bates, Curtis, Miller, Ostrom, Kingsbury, Susan Yates, Ray Yates, Anna Beattie, Isabella Beattie, Grace Horstmann, Mabel Horstmann, Walker, Williams, Mynderse, Campbell, Veeder and Price; and Messrs. P. P. Sheehan, Hinman, Turner, Price, Hild, Crichton, Champion, Griffith, Cullen, P. B. Yates, D. W. Paige, Reed, Wiley, W. J. Smith, F. W. Smith, R. F. Paige, Curtis, Mynderse, Carey, Frank Cooper, Tremper, W. R. Brown, T. B. Brown, Hoxie, Sinclair, R. E. Bradford, L. T. Bradford, Casey, Wilson, Bonesteele, Bray, Francis, Rogers, Potter, Thomson, H. J. Brown, Kuker, and Golden; and Prof. Bennett, Prof. Opdyke, Prof. Pollard, Prof. Webster, Dr. Jones, and Dr. McKenzie.

The Lansingburgh Concert.

At Lansingburgh, Thursday evening, Jan. 20, the musical clubs added another to the season's list of successful concerts. Never before this year has the interest of the students in the musical association been so marked, and if the concerts which have already been given this season are any criterion, Manager Sinclair will be able to report at the end of the college year the most successful year that the association has ever enjoyed. The concerts up to the present time have all been a success from a musical and social point of view and with one or two exceptions from a financial standpoint, and it is safe to say that no other undergraduate effort has to such a degree given the public a larger and fuller interest in Old Union.

The concert at Lansingburgh was no exception to the rule. Thursday afternoon the clubs left for Troy and after a short stay at that place went on to Lansingburgh where they were the guests of the Riverside club. A large audience gathered at the hall, and the many encores they demanded proved that they were appreciating the music, which was of the same high order that has characterized all the concerts of the year. At the conclusion of the concert dancing was begun, and it continued until one o'clock when the members of the clubs left by way of Albany for home. W. D. Reed, '98 and L. T. Bradford, '99 accompanied the clubs on the trip and while in Lansingburgh, Bradford, and Sinclair, '98, Kuker, 1901, and R. E. Bradford, '98, were the guests of E. E. Draper, '97, of that city.

The Williams Musical clubs will take an Eastern trip through this state, giving concerts at Albany, Utica, Syracuse, Auburn, Lyons, Rochester, Buffalo, Elmira and Binghamton.

Medic Alumni Dine.

The Albany Medical College Alumni association of Greater New York held its third annual dinner at the Hotel Savoy, Thursday evening, January 20. The table was set in the form of a large U and was decorated with garnet roses.

President Raymond was the first speaker. He greeted the guests in the name of Union university, eulogized the Medical college and its faculty, and urged the alumni to take steps toward providing the much needed new building. Dr. Joseph D. Craig, Union '80, talked of the Medical college and the faculty of which he is a member. He urged that the standard should be raised, the number of students curtailed, the elimination of physics and chemistry, which should be taught in lower schools, and the substitution of ethics.

The Rev. George Alexander, D. D., Union '66, congratulated the physicians upon the nobleness of their calling, unequaled by any other profession, not excepting the ministry. Further remarks were made by Edgar S. Barney, Union '87, the Rev. W. C. Bitting, D. D., Dr. George Shrady, the Hon. Charles M. Earle, and Dr. J. Montgomery Mosher, Union '86.

[The Concordiensis is indebted for the above report to the Mail and Express and Clarke Winslow Crannell, '95.]

The Sophomore Soiree.

If the coming Sophomore Soiree is not an unqualified success, it will not be the fault of the committee, who are making every possible effort to give a dance that will surpass all that have gone before. It goes without saying that Gioscia will furnish the music, and that is alone sufficient to make the dance a delightful affair. Colburn of Albany will provide refreshments and Nims of Troy the programs. The usual promise is made that the defect in the floor will be remedied. The boxes are being auctioned

off this afternoon at the Van Curler, and additional boxes will be made up if desired. The list of patronesses follows:

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Notes from Other Colleges.

Dickinson Seminary will celebrate its semi-centennial in June.

At a recent fencing contest between teams from Cornell and Pennsylvania, Cornell won by the score of 79 to 76.

The Boston Athletic association will hold its annual indoor meet on February 5. Most of the eastern colleges will be represented.

The Teacher's College of New York has been amalgamated with Columbia university as a co-ordinate department with the post graduate schools.

Representatives of Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell and Pennsylvania will meet at the University Athletic club of New York on Saturday, February 19, to revise the football rules.

Prof. O. C. Marsh, of Yale, has presented to the university his collections of palaeontological, osteological, mineralogical and American archaeological specimens. The collections are complete and was declared by Huxley to be surpassed by no other in the world. Prof. Marsh secured for Yale a hundred and fifty thousand dollar gift in 1866 from the late George Peabody, and has been professor of palaeontology ever since, serving without pay.

Recent Library Acquisitions.

"Eighth Annual Report of the N. Y. State Commission in Lunacy;" "Report of the U. S. Commissioner of Education, 1895-96;" "Memoir of Robert C. Winthrop," by R. C. Winthrop, Jr.; "Losses in Boiling Vegetables," (U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Bulletin) by H. Snyder; "Library Bulletin, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture;" "Solution of Silica, Erosion at Base Level," Hayes & Campbell; "The Battle of Lexington as Looked at in London," Hon. John Winslow; "List of Somali-Land Fishes and Reptiles," (Field Columbian Museum); "Annual Report of Director of Field Columbian Museum;" "Diagram for Determination of Horse Power of Turbines," O. H. Landreth; "N. Y. State Museum;" (Forty-ninth Annual Report of Regents); "General Index of the Laws of the State of N. Y.," A. E. Baxter; "Records of New Amsterdam," vols. 1-7, Berthold Fernow; "Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents," vols. 9-10, R. G. Thwaites; "Library of the World's Best Literature," vols. 1-20, Charles D. Warner; "French and English Pronouncing Dictionary," Spiers & Surene; "Directions for Collecting and Preserving Scale Insects," T. D. A. Cockrell; Smithsonian Institute (Proceedings of U. S. National Museum); "Report of N. Y. State Engineer and Surveyor for 1896;" "Constitutional Studies—State and Federal," James Schouler; "Industrial Evolution of the United States," Carrol D. Wright; "The Children of the Poor," Jacob A. Rus; "A Daughter of the Tenements," Edw. W. Townsend; "That First Affair," J. A. Mitchell; "Nephele," F. W. Bourdillon; "The Seats of the Mighty," Gilbert Parker; "Sir George Tressady," 2 vols., Mrs. Humphrey Ward; "A Book of Martyrs," Cornelia A. Pratt; "The Golden Age," Kenneth Grahame; "Taqisara," 2 vols., F. Marion Crawford; "The Men of the Moss-Hags," S. R. Crockett; "A Gentleman Vagabond and Some Others," F. Hopkinson Smith; "Sentimental Tommy," J. M. Barrie; "A Monk of Fife," Andrew Lang; "Embarrassments," Henry James; "Poems," Johanna

Ambrosius; "Dame Care," Ludermann; "The Little Room," Madelene Y. Winne; "With the Procession," Henry B. Fuller; "When Valmond Came to Pontiac," Gilbert Parker; "Lord Ormont and His Aminta," George Meredith; "Gathering Clouds," F. W. Farrar; "The Sowers," Henry S. Merriman; "Dona Perfecta," B. Perez Galdos; "The Green Graves of Balgorvrie," Jane H. Findlater; "The Journal of Countess Francois Kransinska;" "Life and Letters of Dean Stanley," 2 vols., R. E. Prothero.

Holidays Consolidated.

There are several off days in the Union college calendar during the month of February. On the twelfth is Lincoln's birthday, Charter's day is the seventeenth, and Washington's birthday is the twenty-second. These holidays interfere to a great extent, with the regularity of college work, and so the faculty have decided to grant a vacation of three consecutive days, February 22, 23 and 24, instead of three separate days on which fall the holidays already named. The programme has not yet been fully arranged, but in all probability, the Allison-Foote prize debate will take place on the evening of the twenty-second; on the following night will occur the undergraduate banquet, to which an invitation will be extended to the students of the Albany Law school, Medical college and School of Pharmacy; and on the twenty-fourth the mid-winter meet of the Track-athletic association will come off at the Centre Street Opera house. There will be proper exercises to celebrate the founding of the college, and some well-known speaker will address the students at that time. During this vacation attendance at chapel will be required each morning.

The Amherst faculty has decided that every discovery of dishonesty in examinations must be reported to the faculty by the discovering instructor and the minimum penalty for each offence to be suspension for one term.

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AN anxious public awaits the sociological thesis that will tell why Schenectady becomes the Venice of America every time it thaws. Or is it nothing but the old Dutch weakness for canals?

EXCEPTION has been taken by a member of the faculty to the statement in last week's issue that figures do not lie. We only made the statement in facetious mood. Of course figures lie. We have stoutly maintained their mendacity all along. How otherwise, in the name of Adam Smith, could we hope to counteract the influence of those damning term reports?

IF the mid-winter meet serves no other purpose than that of stirring up a little spirit it will be an occasion of gratitude and celebration. We never were aware before that college spirit could so successfully imitate the hibernating qualities of the turtle and the toad. The fault lies with that whole clan that bears for its motto, "What can I

get out of it?" The fellows who, while able to do so, refuse to pay their subscriptions; who refuse to put the interests of their college before the interests of a contemptible self.

THE librarian was laughing softly to himself the other morning when the editor of the Concordiensis entered. In response to a look of inquiry, the latter was permitted to read the following semi-official communication, which he succeeded in obtaining as "copy":

DEAR LYNES:—

My dog attempted to take a whole course in French literature in one night. The blue Dowden's History of French Literature, is now therefore "a russet coated epic," bound in dogskin.

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Yours truly,

JAMES R. TRUAX.

It is highly gratifying to notice the increased use of the library that has characterized thus far the present term. This is owing chiefly to two causes, the first being the large amount of classroom assignments to the library alcoves and the other being a growing appreciation on the part of the students of the opportunities there afforded. Of course it might be said that to many the library serves merely as a convenient shelter. But excepting these from the count, the number of readers is notably on the increase. A suggestion has been offered that the library be kept open until ten o'clock p. m., being opened an hour later in the morning. If the majority of the students so desire, this will be done.

THE man that breaks windows, and instigates riots, who disregards the rights of others and keeps them from their work, the man of such inferior stamp that he recognizes no superior in station, the man who does all he can to make society miserable and who maltreats in every way the college that gives not a little toward his

sustenance—should be in jail, in the slums, any place but in the proximity of decent men. Such characters are not tolerated by society in general, why should they be by the college? Their presence in the college is essentially antagonistic to the purpose for which the college was founded. They are incapable of learning anything themselves and they seek to deny the privilege of learning to others. It is only a little fun, they say. A well-known housebreaker began with a little "swiping." The man who cribs an essay and is expelled is an angel compared to these nuisances that the authorities continue to tolerate. Why are they tolerated?

LAST Monday's college meeting, with one exception, was the most poorly attended of the college year. If attendance at the meeting had meant a bolt from recitation, every seat would have been filled; and a proposition to prolong the meeting an extra hour would have been met by clamorous approval—by those who are now the bolters. Our statement has ample proof in the events of last year and the year before. Let time for a meeting be refused by the authorities because it conflicts with an hour for recitation, and a howl goes up from the present habitual absentees that their rights are being trampled upon. Let ample time be granted in which no conflicts occur, and the howlers stay in their rooms. As a class, these howling stay-at-homes remind one of nothing so much as a bad-mannered little boy who whines for something until he gets it, and then throws the something away. They almost tempt one to believe that the same remedy would be salutary in both cases.

Important business came up for settlement at the last meeting as there does at every meeting. Next Monday's meeting will be an important one. Whether the stay-at-homes, the bad mannered little boys, so to speak, are there or not, business will be transacted. And so at every future meeting. It is to be hoped though, that by the time another term arrives the present scheme of an allotted hour be abandoned. To let these shiftless and irresponsible bolters bring their more earnest and honest comrades into bad odour with the faculty should not be tolerated.

The Day of Prayer.

The morning service on Thursday, January 27, the day of prayer for colleges, was conducted by President Raymond, who preached from the text "Lord, increase our faith," taking as his subject the ministry of faith. The sermon was one of unusual power and eloquence, bringing out forcibly the meaning of faith as the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen, and drawing sharply the line between faith as intellectual belief and as a vital and vitalizing force. It is not enough that we believe in Christ, we should believe as he did, before we can be called His followers. It is foolish not to be courageous and hopeful as was Moses, for it was a living faith that led him and the children of Israel from Egypt to Canaan. Men are too apt to mistake faith, for the channel it has cut through the realm of thought, though the channel may have lost the living stream as many a barren waste of orthodoxy will attest.

The singing was in charge of the college quartette, which sang several hymns, and a sacred duet was excellently rendered by Messrs. Greene and Gutmann.

Alumni Notes.

Charles Emory Smith, '61, has been elected second vice-president of the National Primary Election Reform league.

The Hon. R. L. Hand, '58, has recently been appointed vice-president of the fourth district by the State Bar association.

Alexander V. Campbell, '81, has been elected recording secretary of the Republican Club of New York, of which Chauncey M. Depew is president.

The basket ball teams have been reorganized at Amherst.

During the past year Yale has received nearly half a million dollars in endowments.

Professor William S. Tyler, emeritus professor of Latin and Greek at Amherst, died recently, aged 87.

Mt. Holyoke college has an elective course in journalism. Lectures are given by an experienced journalist.

The faculty of Columbia university has a total of two hundred and ninety-seven professors, instructors, lecturers and tutors.

The petition of the students of Hobart college, asking the trustees that no professor be allowed to join a fraternity, has been granted.

Three four-oar boats were presented to Princeton last year. The question of forming a boating association is now under consideration.

Mr. Gregory Keen, for the past ten years librarian of the University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed librarian of the American Historical society.

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Minor Topics.

Dr. Raymond preached in Amsterdam last Sunday.

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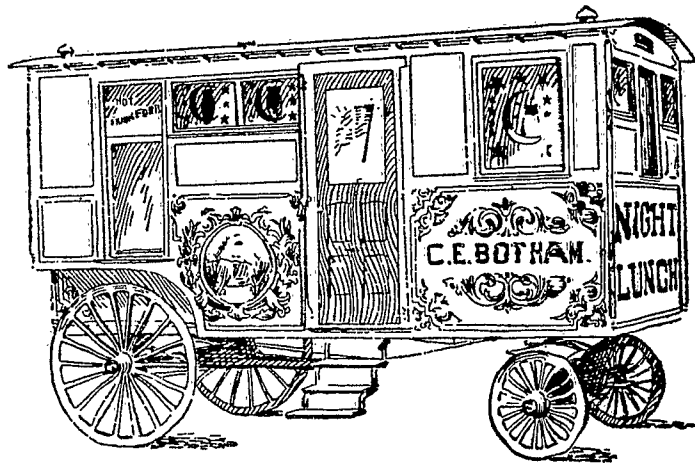
Professor Hale attended the alumni banquet of the Harvard association of Central New York at Utica last week. He responded to the toast "Our Club."

The board of trustees met at Albany on Tuesday, for its regular semi-annual meeting. There was a large attendance but no important business was done and the meeting was adjourned until February 25.

On the evening of January 19, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson on Hulett street was the scene of a very pretty wedding, at which time their daughter Miss Anna Katheline Jackson and Mr. Aaron J. Bradt were united in marriage by the Rev. A. C. Sewall, D. D.

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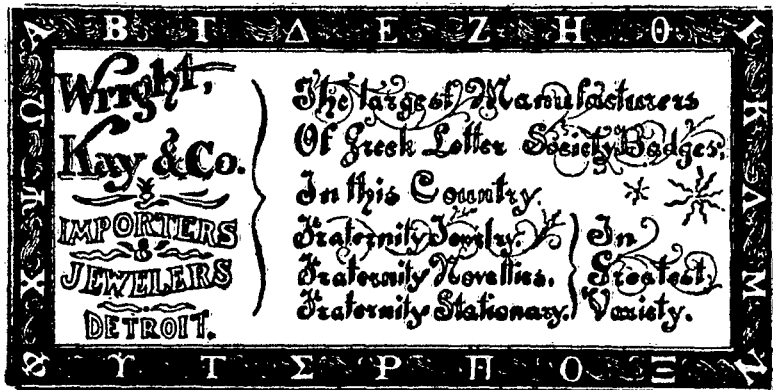
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