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Professor Ashmore at Rome.

All readers of the CONCORDIENSIS will appreciate the privilege of sharing a portion of the delightful correspondence from Professor Ashmore in Italy to President Raymond. It is plain that Union's representative at Rome is enjoying, as none but the thorough scholar and man of classic tastes can, the present opportunities for pursuing his favorite studies on the field of their origin. The following extract is from a letter dated HOTEL D'ITALIA, Rome, January 5th:

" * * * Much as I have wanted to come here in years gone by, I never imagined that the place could be half so interesting as it is, and I can only regret that I did not get here ten years ago, and that I have to leave it so soon. However, I am making the most of my time; but there seems to be so much to be done, seen and learned. We have been to see Prof. and Mrs. Hale. The American school seems to be making good headway, though Prof. Hale tells me that he never had so much to do. The difficulty of securing for his students permission to study in the museums, and to attend certain lectures by specialists, free of charge, is very great in Italy, and there is a good deal of red-tape connected with it all which consumes much valuable time. I find that the proper thing for me to do is to study topography, which, of course, includes all that can be gathered from books concerning the ancient sites visited. To differentiate Ancient from Mediæval and Modern Rome is no small undertaking, I have discovered, and that is what I am in the main trying to do. New Rome—that is, the Rome which has grown up within the last twenty years—is like any other European city. The new buildings seem to cover every quarter, and were it not for the numberless churches on the one hand and patches here and there of exca-

vated ruins on the other, there would be nothing to suggest to the inexperienced eye either the city of the Popes or the days of the Cæsars. But the extensive excavations which have been carried on of late in a somewhat thorough manner have done much to make clear the actual boundaries of Ancient Rome, and to throw much new light upon the discoveries made under the Popes and during the Napoleonic rule. At the same time these same excavations have uprooted and removed a large part of what once made Rome attractive—especially to the artist—although for the student of antiquity there exist opportunities for work which a few years ago were unknown. The Italian government is doing its best, I am told, to help on and encourage archæological research, and Lanciani is the guiding star in this direction. But the government, apparently, lacks the money to continue its investigations at anything like a rapid rate, and the archæologists feel this lack very keenly. Italy is poor, as everybody knows, and the recent disturbances in Africa have cost the people dearly. The latter are consequently alleged as an excuse for partial failure to supply means and men to carry forward the work of excavation.

Undoubtedly the most interesting of the excavated sites here is the Forum Romanum—the old forum of Republican days, as distinguished from the later *fora* of the Cæsars, of which there is little to be seen. From the Arch of Titus on the east to the Capitoline Hill at the western end of the Forum there is a considerable mass of remains, nearly all of which is thoroughly cleaned of rubbish and is now perfectly understood. One may see there for a certainty the ancient level trodden by the Romans of the time of Augustus, the ancient pavement of the Sacra Via along which Horace walked when he met the "bore," the "vicus Tuscus" beneath which the water of the great sewer constructed

by Tarquinius Priscus is still visible as it flows toward the Tiber; one may examine the veritable Hall, or dwelling, of the Vestal Virgins, and trace the outlines of the rostra, from which Cicero delivered not a few of his greatest speeches. It requires no great effort of the imagination to reconstruct from existing ruins the temples of Concord, Saturn and Vespasian at the foot of the Capitol, and even to place that of Jupiter Optimus Maximus upon its summit in the place of the modern church of Ara Coeli which now stands there, and then to picture the triumphal procession in its progress along the Appia Via (with which the Via S. Sebastiano and the Via S. Gregorio now correspond), past the spot where the Arch of Constantine afterwards stood, and (under?) the Arch of Titus and down the Sacra Via to the Forum, until it reached the Capitoline Hill, which it ascended to the Temple of Jupiter.

Nothing that I have seen here—not even the Colosseum itself—brings back so vividly and makes so real the life of the first century of the empire and of the century preceding it, as a study, with the aid of guide-books and books of reference, of this particular spot. Such books as Dyer and Middleton and Lanciani are invaluable in the work of identification, and the climate enables one to take them to the scene itself and to read and gaze to one's heart's content. Subsequent supplemental reading (by the light of a lamp) then becomes not merely a duty but the keenest of pleasures, and the desire to see more grows greater every day.

But the sad thing about it all is to realize, as one does from a glance at the books dealing with the subject, how much more of what is truly ancient might remain, had time alone been at work at the task of destroying these ancient monuments. Even the Barbarians who overran the empire during its decline are scarcely accountable for the utter demolition of the magnificent palaces and buildings and works of art which have disappeared from view. It is impossible to open a Bædecker or treatise of any sort without reading of the wilful and wanton destruction of ancient monuments at the hands of the Popes and Barons of the Middle Ages.

There is scarcely a temple of the time of the Cæsars or the later Republic whose columns and marbles have not been applied to adorn some modern church; hardly a great public building, like the baths of Caracalla, or the thermæ of Diocletian, but is stripped of every vestige of ornamentation to beautify a papal palace or to satisfy the greed of some feudal lord. The Romans had a way of constructing their baths and temples and other public houses of brick, and facing them with vari-colored stones and marbles brought from Greece and Egypt or other more or less distant countries. The powerful families, whether Papal or Baronial, of a later age used these as quarries chiefly; and one can now see only the bare bricks and cement, which were once covered with bas-reliefs, done by Grecian artists; and the niches in which once stood the statues now collected in the churches and museums. In fact, the works of art which made glorious the Rome of the Imperial Epoch are scattered over Italy, and one must travel miles by rail to see what might otherwise have been enjoyed within the compass of the Aurelian Walls.

I know that this is an old story; but I believe it is necessary to come to Rome to realize it. It is all summed up in the proverb: "Quod non fecerunt Barbari fecere Barbarini," which every writer on the subject seems to think it his duty to quote.

I have not yet had time to see much of the museums, although I might extend this letter indefinitely in telling you of the comparatively little that I have seen. We met President and Mrs. Taylor of Vassar one morning at the Colosseum and had a very pleasant chat with them, and on Christmas Day we found Dr. Irvin and his daughter at St. Peters (High Mass in the Clementine Chapel there). Since then the Irvins and ourselves have had a day together on the Appian Way, on which occasion we visited the catacombs of S. Calixtus, "inspected" several *columbaria*, and drove to the spot reputed to be the site of the Three Taverns, where "the brethren" met St. Paul while on his way from Puteoli to Rome. There seems to be considerable doubt about the exact spot; but the

place which we saw and were encouraged to believe to be the true one contained only a few fragments of granite columns and bits of stone, while all around was the desolate waste of the Campagna.

To change the subject, the feeling here among Americans regarding the trouble with England seems to be entirely Anti-Cleveland, and the English, who are quite numerous, have dropped the Monroe doctrine and the subject of war for the complications in the Transvaal and other parts of southern Africa. A Mr. Alfred Chenevix Trench, son of the Archbishop, whose work on words is familiar to our students, is staying at this hotel. He is much excited about the doings of Dr. Jamieson and his followers, and especially bitter against the German Emperor. * * *

Readers will recognize in Professor Hale and President Tailor two of the speakers at Union's Centennial Commencement, and in Dr. Irvin a trustee of the college of many years standing, formerly a resident of Troy, now of New York city. Extracts from a later letter may be looked for in our next issue.

A Communication.

The following letter concerning Fitz Hugh Ludlow has been received by us, and it takes exception to one of the points made by Prof. A. S. Wright in his recent article published in THE CONCORDIENSIS on "The Song to Old Union." We do not for a moment wish to have it understood by publishing the letter that we desire to show any discourtesy to Prof. Wright, but if he has made a mistake in the estimate of Mr. Ludlow's character, we feel that it ought to be corrected. Whether he was morally weak or not we are not prepared to say—we will leave it to our readers to decide.

EDITORS THE CONCORDIENSIS :

I wish to take exception to the statement of Prof. A. S. Wright that Fitz Hugh Ludlow was "morally weak." While we were classmates together in college Fitz Hugh Ludlow showed no evidence of any moral weakness. After leaving college I never saw him, but, in the summer of '68, a Mormon by the name of Stenhouse, who,

at that time, was supposed to be strong in the faith, and had one daughter married to a son of Brigham Young and was trying to marry one of Brigham's daughters, spoke with some scorn of Ludlow's failing to embrace the opportunity or making money offered him by the heads of the Mormon church if he would write up Mormonism favorably, and his abject fear of his life when he left because he refused to do so. For nearly a year and half after that I was continually surrounded by Mormons, having charge of the heavy work on the Union Pacific, where Brigham Young was my chief contractor, and excepting one Gentile outfit, all the contractors on grading were Mormons. I investigated Stenhouse's statement until I convinced myself that Fitz Hugh Ludlow was a literary man without venality and a timid man who could not be coerced. If he had been a coarser man of less principle, he would have done as many a man has done since, endorsed Brigham Young and the entire Mormon system, to much pecuniary profit, and to no great loss of reputation. He was not, however, a man of that kind.

I have understood since that he was injured mentally and wrecked physically, first by the use of hasheesh and afterwards by opium, alcohol, tea and coffee that he used to excess in turn to rid himself of the hasheesh habit. Fitz Hugh Ludlow had an organization that was finer than most women, and he should not have subjected himself to the danger that follow, in such organizations, from the use of any stimulant; but it is a sad mistake that he was "morally weak." I doubt if any man of stronger or better morals has been graduated from Old Union.

Respectfully,

EDWARD P. NORTH, '56.

New York, Feb. 6, 1896

The Musical Association.

The prospects of the Musical Association are very gratifying and a season still more successful than that of last year is expected. Three new tenors have been secured in place of those who withdrew and rehearsals are held twice a week. The clubs will soon take a short trip, appearing at Johnstown, March 20, and at Gloversville March 21. At the latter place the clubs will be tendered an afternoon tea, and after the concert a reception by the alumni.

Manager Clowe is arranging for concerts early next term at Albany, Saratoga, Glens Falls and this city.

President Raymond's Announcement.

[Dr. Raymond wishes THE CONCORDIENSIS to make the following announcement concerning his position in regard to the removal question.]

"As my name is used repeatedly in connection with the question of the removal of Union College to Albany, it is well that my position should be made plain, that there be no misunderstanding. The question in my mind is simply this: What is for the best interest of Union College? We have reached a stage where no further progress can be made without greatly increased facilities in the way of buildings, laboratories, library and additional income. The need is imperative and raises a question of immediate importance.

The evident purpose of the city of Albany to provide a full University equipment, makes it, therefore, the duty of the college authorities to take the question of removal into serious consideration. All the loyal friends of Union College, Alumni, Trustees and Faculty, realize that the college cannot live in the past, but must address itself to the needs of present and prospective students. I have no authority to speak for the Board of Trustees, but am convinced that they will do whatever seems to ensure the greatest prosperity to the college."

"The Removal of Union College."

We are in receipt of a pamphlet that is being sent out by the Albanians concerned in the scheme of removing Union to that city, entitled "The Removal of Union College." The pamphlet was written by Prof. C. E. Franklin, of the class of '83, and originally appeared in a series of four letters published in the *Sunday Press* of Albany. The subjects respectively of the four letters are, "The Plan is Not a New One—Notable Examples of Similar Institutions Which Have Been Moved"; "The Advantages Albany Would Derive—Over \$300,000 Would be Added Every Year to the Money in Circulation in This City." "Advantages to the College in Removal—Why University Colleges Succeed Best." "The Plan Proposed—Who Will Settle It—What the Prospects Are."

In the first letter he tells of the steps that have been attempted during the last quarter of a century for the removal of Union. In 1871, when she was made a university, President Potter attempted to unite Union and Rutgers college at Albany, but of course failed. Continuing, he says: "Recently, with the election of an Albanian as president of Union, and the reawakened interest of Albanians in the institution, the subject has been revived and with more spirit than ever."

He then points out that Union will follow the natural order of things by removing, as several of our great universities and colleges, including Yale, Princeton, Brown, Dartmouth, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia and the University of New York, have done the same thing during their existence, but he is also compelled to note the point that they nearly all did the removing when they were in their infancy. But he fails to note that the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia and the University of New York did *not* remove from the cities in which they were founded, only sought a part of the city where their accommodations would be better.

In his second letter, after pointing out the adaptability of Albany for a university, he gives a summary of the advantages which she would derive by the removal which summary is practically as follows: (1) over \$350,000 would be added yearly to the money circulation in Albany; (2) it would give employment to a great many laborers in the tearing down of old and the erection of new buildings; (3) it would strengthen all real estate values and especially west end values; (4) it would make a demand for homes in the north, north-western and south ends of the city; (5) it would increase building; (6) the increase of Union's endowment would be expended there to the advantage of the city; (7) it would save the citizen money by not having to send his son away to college; (8) it would offer increased educational advantages to the city of Albany; (9) and last, but not the least, *Union could be made co-educational* if so desired.

In searching for the benefits that Union would derive by the removal, he finds one point and

even then he acknowledges that it is a debatable question. That point is that Union as a university would succeed better than as a college. He discusses at length the growth of our American universities, but he says nothing of the growth of Union in the past few years. He does, however, bring up incidentally the point that Union would have a little more money, for her grounds in Dorp could be cut up and sold as building lots.

In his last paper he first discusses the manner by which other colleges have been removed, using as examples the Western Reserve college and Syracuse. Then he tells his scheme and the plan adopted by the meeting of January 25. The latter called for the setting aside of city lands or the purchase of suitable land by the Park commission; the erection thereon of proper buildings, the bonding of the city to pay therefor, and the leasing of such land and buildings to Union College in return for its granting college instruction to the graduates of the city High School and the Boys' and Brothers' Academies. He then points out what New York City has done for Columbia and the University of New York in the last few years. He closes with a grand tribute to the college after admitting that if a satisfactory proposition were made the acceptance thereof would rest with Union's board of trustees.

In looking over the citizens' committee of fifty which was recently appointed by Dr. Vander Veer and which is also given in same pamphlet one can readily see that it represents almost every vocation, calling and interest in the city of Albany. But when we come to count the names on the committee of fifty we find that it is a committee of fifty-one. How is that?

An Afterpiece.

(Written after reading the last number of
THE CONCORDIENSIS.)

Girlibus schriekibus, falls to the floorum,
Cryibus outibus, "wante someorum,"
Papabus callibus boy from the doorum,
Boyibus comibus, kisses beforeum.—JACK.

Allen, '98, to Represent Union.

The preliminary contest for the selection of a speaker to represent Union at the annual oratorical contest of the New York State Inter-collegiate Oratorical League was held in the chapel on Monday afternoon, Feb. 24. Seven speakers contested for the appointment, and much enthusiasm was displayed by the members of the Philomathean and Adelpheic societies and by the others present. Everyone had their favorite, and everyone magnified in their own mind the oratorical capabilities and merits of that particular favorite. The order of the speakers was determined according to class, and was as follows:

"The State and Emigration," Geo. J. Dann, '96; "Earnestness the True Secret of Success," Z. L. Myers, '96; "Down Eros, Up Mars," G. L. Van Dusen, '96; "The Crescent or the Cross," George Young, '96; "Cuba," H. C. Allen, '98; "A National Doctrine," Wm. D. Reed, '98; "An Empire's Fall," Walter M. Swann, '98.

By the decision of the committee, consisting of Prof. Truax, Prof. Patterson and Prof. Bennett, H. C. Allen, '98, won the appointment of representing Union at the contest, and G. L. Van Dusen was appointed alternate.

The Inter-collegiate contest between Union, Syracuse and Rochester will be held on April 10, at Rochester. With Allen, '98, as her representative, Union has an excellent chance of again carrying off the first honors.

Obituary—James E. Davis, '47.

James E. Davis, of the class of '47, died of Bright's disease at his home in Schenectady on February 27. Mr. Davis was the son of the Rev. Edward Davis, D. D., a graduate of Union in the class of 1822. He was born at Burnt Hills, but had lived in Schenectady since he was 25 years of age. He was a well-known and highly respected citizen and although a qualified lawyer, he had not for many years practiced the profession.

Mid-Winter Meet.

Preparations are about completed for the mid-winter meet of the Athletic Association, to be held Friday, March 13, in the Centre Street Opera House. The building has been renovated and will be especially decorated for the occasion. Manager Terry and Assistant Manager Herring and the committee have spared no pains to make the meet the most successful ever held at Union. On it depends largely the inter-class athletic supremacy for this year, and with this incentive every man in college should be present as a spectator if not as a participant. Good music will be furnished, and a large number of our friends of the gentler sex will be present, so it will be a thoroughly enjoyable affair. The events will last from 8 to 11:15 P. M., when dancing will be on the program. The officials will be as follows: Referee, Dr. J. L. Patterson; judges of field, F. H. Bowman, Columbia, '92, Prof. Hoffman, Prof. Mosher; judges of track, Prof. Bennett, W. S. McEwan, '95, W. L. Campbell; timers, A. J. Dillingham, '88, Gillespie, Med, '96, W. E. Underhill; measurers of jumps, Prof. Walker, Herring '96; starter, Dr. C. P. Linhart; scorers, Williams, '97, Herring, '97; clerks of course, Beattie, '96, Holcomb, '98; judges of fencing and club swinging, Lieut. James Andrews, R. J. Landon, '84; marshals, Anthony, '96, Multer, '97, W. C. Yates, '98, Kellogg, '99. The committee is composed of Myers, '96, Herring, '97, Allen, '98, Hinman, '99.

I. C. A. A. A. Meeting.

The annual meeting of the I. C. A. A. A. A. was held Saturday, Feb. 29, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City. The executive committee of the association reported favorably in regard to the alliance with the A. A. U. and the alliance was ratified. The challenge from the Western Inter-collegiate Association was not accepted. The new colleges admitted to the association were the University of Wisconsin; the University of Rochester; Columbia

University of Washington; Washington and Jefferson College of Washington, Pa.; Boston University and Holy Cross College of Worcester, Mass.

Amendments to the constitution were passed concerning the time of holding the trial heats, and the order of events. The amendment to introduce the three mile run was defeated. It was decided to hold the bicycle races on a separate day from the rest of the events, the college winning the highest aggregate of points in these races to be credited with five points, the next two, and the third one.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: G. B. Kirby, Columbia College, president; R. D. Douglass, Georgetown University, vice-president; F. B. Vermilyea, New York University, treasurer; A. D. Call, Brown University, secretary; executive committee—L. P. Sheldon, Yale; S. M. Kendrick, University of Pennsylvania; A. H. Bullock, Harvard; J. R. Bowen, Cornell; Howard Bill, University of New York. Manager W. L. Terry was Union's delegate.

The Allison-Foote Prize Contest.

The joint debate between members of the Adelpic and Philomathean societies has been the subject of considerable discussion during the past week. The Allison-Foote prizes which are based upon this contest give to this joint debate an added interest. It has been decided to hold the debate upon the evening of May 29, probably in one of the churches of the city. Last week both societies chose their representatives. From the Adelpic, Guernsey, '96, Myers, '96, and Allen, '98; from the Philomathean, Hall, '96, Young, '96, and Holcombe, '98.

This contest promises to be one of the most interesting events of the spring term.

The question was chosen a short time ago, and is: Resolved, "That England's aggressive policy is for the best interests of civilization." Sides have not as yet been decided upon, but probably will be before long.

Commencement Prize Registrations.

The registration for Commencement prizes closed on Feb. 28, and the complete list is as follows:

Ingham Essay Prize for Seniors—C. W. Clowe, G. J. Dann, R. Guernsey, J. Wood, Z. L. Myers, W. H. Hall, J. H. Dunham, M. A. Twiford, A. B. Vossler, G. E. Pollock, H. Mallery, D. H. Craver, G. Young, M. H. Strong, A. S. Derby, W. L. Huggins, W. L. Terry.

Allen Essay Prizes for Seniors—C. W. Clowe, G. J. Dann, R. Guernsey, J. Wood, Z. L. Myers, W. H. Hall, J. H. Dunham, M. A. Twiford, A. B. Vossler, G. E. Pollock, H. Mallery, D. H. Craver, G. Young, C. H. Vossburgh, M. H. Strong, A. S. Derby, W. L. Huggins, W. L. Terry.

Harroun Prize for Seniors—C. W. Clowe, G. J. Dann, R. Guernsey, J. Wood, Z. Myers, M. A. Twiford, A. B. Vossler, G. E. Pollock, H. Mallery, D. H. Craver, G. Young, A. S. Derby, W. L. Huggins, W. H. Hall, M. H. Strong.

Clark Essay Prizes for Juniors—D. Wood, E. R. Cumings, S. E. Slocum, M. J. Multer, T. Hotaling, F. V. Hewitt, A. H. Winn.

Junior Oratorical Prizes—O. B. Pershing, A. M. Blodgett, A. H. Winn, F. T. Cady, M. J. Multer, J. C. Cooper, R. A. Pearse, H. C. Todd, D. Wood, F. V. Hewitt.

Sophomore Oratorical Prizes—T. A. Crichton, P. P. Sheehan, F. E. Cullen, C. H. Utter, P. Nelson, J. E. Fisher, W. A. P. Earles, J. H. Manger, W. E. Merriman, H. R. Hover, G. C. Perry, H. E. Barbour, W. B. Reed.

Alexander Prize in Extemporaneous Speaking (to all classes)—R. Guernsey, '96, J. Wood, '96, Z. L. Myers, '96, G. E. Pollock, '96, D. H. Craver, '96, G. Young, '96, M. H. Strong, '96, O. B. Pershing, '97, W. M. Swann, '98, P. P. Sheehan, '98, W. B. Reed, '98, C. H. Mattison, P. Nelson, '98, H. C. Allen, '98, J. H. Manger, '98.

The subjects announced for the Ingham Essays are: (a) "The Relation of Tennyson's 'Idylls of the King' to Sources." (b) "The Place

of Washington Irving in Our Literature." For the Clark Essays the subjects are: (a) "The Enduring Element in the Poetry of Pope." (b) "The Americanism of Lowell." The subject of the Harroun sociology essay is "Union College; a Social Study." The subject of the Alexander prize has not yet been announced.

The Sophomore Soiree.

There were girls of faultless faces, dressed in satins,
silks and laces;

There were men of handsome features; there
was music sweet galore;

There were dances, graceful, very, but they really
lacked a fairy

Till with flourish of the cymbals "Willie" stepped
in on the floor.

I engaged a stately partner and I dallied with the
waltz,

And by the operation I disclosed some grievous
faults.

For the music much confused me and my partner
fair abused me

For the inartistic manner that I trod upon her
toes.

When I tried to pose as graceful, some one surely
got a faceful—

In reversing I was certain to collide with some
one's nose.

But once when leading boldly up the middle of
the floor

I met a noble Senior, saying "Stop that nonsense;
for

You've disgraced the Hill society; beneath that
face of piety

There lurks a heart untutored of the proper way
to dance;

Your pardner (he bowed lowly) is being murdered
slowly

By the hyper-fi-ji motion of your realistic prance.
You're a rather decent fellow and we hate to do
you dirt,

But try another movement and I'll promise you'll
be hurt."

And he waltzed off with my lady while "yours
truly," feeling shady,

Sought seclusion in the cellar where I might be
all alone.

There I sat awhile and pondered, then mechani-
cally wandered

Far away from waltzes, two-steps and Gioscia's
merry tone.

W. G. K., '99.

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THE Advisory Board of THE CONCORDIENSIS, consisting of Prof. Hale, the editor-in-chief and the literary editor, has selected as editor-in-chief for the coming college year Mr. F. Packard Palmer, '97. No literary editor has yet been chosen, owing to the fact that, of the other two Juniors on the editorial board, Mr. Cherry has left college and Mr. Robinson resigned from the board at the beginning of the present college year. The Advisory Board has further decided that in order to choose a literary editor to fill the office next year a new competition will be opened at once, to which all Juniors in regular standing are eligible. The selection will, as before, depend on the amount and the quality of the work done during the remainder of the present college year, and at its end the literary editor will be selected. All those who intend to enter in this competition must hand their names to the editor-in-chief before March 20. The office is a good one and has a small salary connected with it, and there should be many to try for it.

THE *Hamilton College Review* has published an editorial. Of course there is nothing surprising in that fact, for the editor of that journal is particularly noted for his editorial ability; but sometimes the proper theme is wanting, and under such circumstances one must be discovered. And we suppose that it was in such an extremity that this editor decided to discuss athletics at Union. If the dear boy will accept a word of advice at this point we would say that he should be sure of his ground before making any editorial assertions. And if he will apply a little of his simple arithmetic to the "rigid Yale rule" he will find that at Union the students have to maintain a grade several degrees higher than at Yale in order to be sustained. If he also thinks that "Union men claim that it would be impossible to have good teams under such a regime," we would point to the twenty-five men in the gymnasium every day trying for the base-ball team and to the universal interest being manifested in the track work, and the great number of entries there have been for the mid-winter meet. This doesn't sound at all like discouragement. No, Mr. Editor, you had better try again on some other theme, and we wish you better success.

IT IS very pleasing to notice the increased interest that is being manifested in debates, not only at Union but throughout the college world. For a few years debating seemed to be dead, but recently it has showed of reviving, and is now rapidly assuming a prominent place in college life. This is as it ought to be; for debating is as essential to mental training as regular athletic work is to a good physical development. There is nothing that so increases the activity of the mind as meeting with others in debate. To have an opinion is a good thing, to be able to express it to others and to defend it from attack is far better. It is one of the best possible exercises for developing a broadness of mind and an acuteness of thought. So we must hail with delight the fact that students everywhere are becoming more and more interested in their debating societies. The winter term is now looked upon as the time for inter-collegiate debates and oratorical contests just as the fall is for foot-ball and the spring for base-ball. We are not of the number that think that the brain worker is the only one entitled to honor in the college, but much less do we praise one who has merely trained his body; we do believe, however, that the two can work together, and that if they do the best results will be attained. Each year at Union more interest centres around the Allison-Foote debate and the inter-collegiate oratorical league; we hope their feeling will continue to increase, and that Union will soon take a high rank in brain contests with other colleges.

WHAT should be the work of a press club in a college? This is a question that is hard to answer, because at Union it has amounted to little for the past few years. The club meets, elects officers, and then waits for the next meeting in order to elect other officers. But it seems as though such an organization might have a more energetic and useful existence than this. With all the compliments that are heard concerning over-ambitious reporters, who, in their zeal, write up everything regardless of its effect, it seems as though a press club might find a large field of labor. In the first place it ought to be a creation of the student body, and like other college organizations, be under its control; in the second place it should have an active representative of the faculty on its executive committee; and in the third place it should have control over all newspaper correspondents in the college. By some means it should have power to hold all reporters responsible for whatever reports are sent to papers. The idea would not be to exercise a censorship over the press, but merely to place a check upon over-zealous aspirants for newspaper renown. A great many things take place that are of interest only to the college in which they occur, and when read outside sound entirely different. Some one should control these matters, and this is certainly the work of the press club. Would it not be well for Union's press club to begin some movement of this sort? It cannot be completed in a year, but now is the time to begin, in order that next year may receive the benefit.

Here and There.

This space for once will have to be occupied by a glorification and relation of the experiences of the Editorial Board itself. We do not intend to be behind in any particular, whether it be love, war, or peace. But it is in regard to the first that we have most positively demonstrated our ability. Of course it is generally known that the whole Board is capable of loving and being loved, but only one of its members has carried that capability to its final completion. This fact has caused us to lose one from our number; but since his own testimony is that he has gone to live in elysian fields and feed on ambrosia, we rest content for we know that such an abode and such fare must be more pleasant than that accorded to editors. In other words, William F. Cherry, formerly of the class of ninety-seven, has got married; he has taken unto himself a wife; he has established a home of his own. We wish him all joy in his new departure; may his elysian fields ever grow broader and his quantity of ambrosia ever grow greater.

Alma Mater.

Tear Old Union from the hillside, where her loyal
sons were born,
Bear her to another city, somewhat nearer to the
morn?

Pluck her gray robes from the campus, snatch
away her golden zone,
Clothe her in more youthful garments, seat her on
another throne?

Calmly there beside the Mohawk, thronged with
hopes and doubts and fears,
She has sat in stately splendor, smiling through a
hundred years.

In the dim aisles of her forests, we have wandered
undismayed,
Singing in the summer breezes, underneath her
elm trees' shade.

We have seen the purple shadows gather round
her laughing rills,
Watched the crimson sunset fading on the lovely
western hills.

Often on the balmy evenings, in a muffled under-
tone,
Floated voices of her singers seated on the grand
old stone.

O, our mother, noble hearted, will thy sons so
recreant prove,
That another home shall claim thee, shielded by
another love?

No, our mother, thou may'st wither, feebly breathe
thy latest sigh,
Fold thy gray robes close about thee, calmly lay
thee down to die.

While the clouds and darkness gather, in the uni-
versal gloom,
On the campus that thou lovest, we will lay thee
in thy tomb.

Cold shall be the snows above thee, wintry winds
shall o'er thee sweep,
But no storm shall ever harm thee, sleeping there
thy lasting sleep. AN ALUMNUS.

Paper I gave and envelopes
At parting to my fairy,
But little thought, for weeks and months
'Twould still be stationary.

Local and Personal.

Brown, '97, spent Sunday out of town.

Prof. Winans was called away a few days last week.

E. P. McKeefe, '98, was in Saratoga on Friday.

Lawrence, '99, spent Saturday and Sunday in Albany.

Sullivan, '97, has returned to college after a short illness.

The Glee Club was photographed at Talbot's, February 26.

Ayrault, '95, spent several days recently with friends on the hill.

Blessing, '94, has been spending a few days in the city visiting friends.

Bradford, '99, has recovered from his recent illness and is back at college.

J. I. Edwards made a short visit with his brother Prof. Edwards last week.

Beardsley, '99, has been confined to his room for several days because of illness.

Bonesteele, '99, is improving and expects to return before the close of this term.

Dr. C. P. Linhart was called away last week because of the death of his mother.

Yates, '98, was confined to his house a few days last week on account of illness.

B. H. Boorne, '96, spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in Schenectady, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann of Albany spent February 25 in this city with their son Mann, '99.

Dr. Raymond introduced Major Pond, who lectured at the Van Curler, February 28.

F. Little, '97, who was compelled to leave college on account of illness has returned.

Rockwell H. Potter, '95, now of Yale, is ill with measles at his home in West Glenville.

Gymnasium practice was suspended for the past two weeks on account of the extreme cold.

The Sophomores have finished reading the *Adelphoe* and have taken up *Juvenile's Satires*.

A phrenologist has been going the rounds of the college for some time past. Did you bite?

Sherwood, '99 and Medbery, '99, spent February 29 and March 1 at their homes in Ballston Spa.

Cullen, '98, spent Sunday, February 23, with Flynn, '98, at the latter's home in Lansingburgh.

'99 has finished reading *L'Histoire d'un Paysan* and has taken up *Trois Contes Choisis* par Daudet.

A. S. Derby, '96, was at his home in Sandy Hill Saturday and Sunday. He was accompanied by M. A. Twiford, '96.

The class of '99 have ordered their class canes. They are to be of congo wood with a silver tip on which is engraved "U. C., '99."

Wilson, '99, who has been spending several weeks in Bermuda for the benefit of his health is reported as much better and is expected back to college soon.

D. Howard Craver, '96, has returned to college after a long and serious illness of typhoid fever. Mr. Craver brings back with him "a little bunch of whiskers."

Besides the samples of base-ball goods he has also samples of sweaters, running pants, running shoes, shirts, etc. The fellows should look at his samples and order their athletic goods from him.

Ripley A. Lyon, a graduate of Union, while returning to his home at Logan, Utah, after a visit with relatives in this city, was stricken with typhoid fever, and is now seriously ill at a hospital in Salt Lake City.

Scofield, ex-'96, Van Denburg, Med. '97, Johnson, Med., '95, W. R. Brown, '98, Champion, '99, and Booth, ex-'98, attended the Washington's Birthday banquet of the Schenectady Washington Continentals.

Dr. Truax on Thursday, February 27, delivered before the Century Club at Amsterdam an address on the subject, "A Lesson from the Netherlands." Last Friday he also gave one of his lectures in the Salem University Extension Course.

Major Allen Twiford spent Saturday and Sunday in Glens Falls looking after the interests of the Press Club. As president of the club he has a very important scheme on hand to advance the influence of the press. It will be fully announced to the students as soon as arrangements have been perfected; and it is sure to arouse universal interest.

THE ALBANY LAW SCHOOL

The result of the examinations on the first semester's work has been made known to the students and all seem very well pleased. The showing made is highly satisfactory to the faculty, and shows that their work has been well done.

Mr. Sawyer has recovered from a three weeks illness and his smiling countenance again adorns the lecture room.

Mr. Lawson received an enthusiastic reception from the students at his first appearance in the lecture hall this term, which was last Tuesday, when he began his lecture on personal property.

The Law School has several candidates for positions on the University ball team. They are all good ones.

President Brown was in Syracuse several days last week on business.

Alumni Notes.

'75—Rev. J. G. Lansing, D. D., professor of Old Testament languages and Exegesis in New Brunswick Theological Seminary, recently published a book for the use of students in the seminary entitled "Introductory Outlines of the Books of the Old Testament." The book has become so popular that an edition will soon be prepared for the public.

'94—Raymond Lansing recently attended the Inter-Seminary Missionary Convention at Hartford, Conn., as a delegate from the New Brunswick Seminary.

'95—Jones, has secured a position in the office of the Chief Engineer of the Chattanooga, Nashville & St. Louis R. R. at Nashville.

'95—W. L. Sawyer was recently elected Justice of the Peace at Sandy Hill, running ahead of his ticket.

Theta Delta Tau.

In 1890 there was founded at Union College a Freshman society by the name of Theta Delta Tau. Chapters were given to Hamilton College and to the University of Rochester, and at the present time both are in a very flourishing condition. The Alpha Chapter at Union, however, did not seem to flourish and after a time died out altogether. The following members of the class of '99 have reorganized the society which again gives the chapter at "Old Union" good prospects: J. L. Sherwood, F. N. Fisk, Fred. Miles 2nd, L. C. Barry, W. Tucker, G. C. Foote, W. E. Brown, W. T. Stone, H. J. Hinman, M. M. Price, J. E. Sawyer, E. W. Strong, S. C. Medbery, J. N. Vander Veer, G. W. Mead.

Psi Upsilon Smoker.

Last Friday evening the Psi Upsilon fraternity, gave another of their very enjoyable "smokers." A number of the Faculty, the Senior class and several from the other classes were present, and spent the evening in a very pleasant manner. Pipes decorated with the fraternity colors were presented to the guests, and with smoking, cards and conversation the time passed quickly. Dr. Buck rendered several selections on the piano. Then with college songs and dancing the company broke up, voting the reception a decided success.

Professor Olin H. Landreth has been appointed consulting engineer of Elmira to take the place of Hon. Martin Schenck who recently resigned. Prof. Landreth has been making an investigation of the recent epidemic in that city and its causes.

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With the March issue, the *Atlantic Monthly* begins two important series of papers. The Irish in American Life, by H. C. Mervin, is the first of the promised articles on Race Characteristics in American Life. Under the general heading The Case of the Public School. The first issue is by G. Stanley Hall, President of Clark University, Worcester, Mass. The Presidency and Secretary Morton is the second paper in the series of political studies. A Seminary of Sedition is another of John Fiske's historical studies in Old Virginia. There are further Memories of Hawthorne, by his

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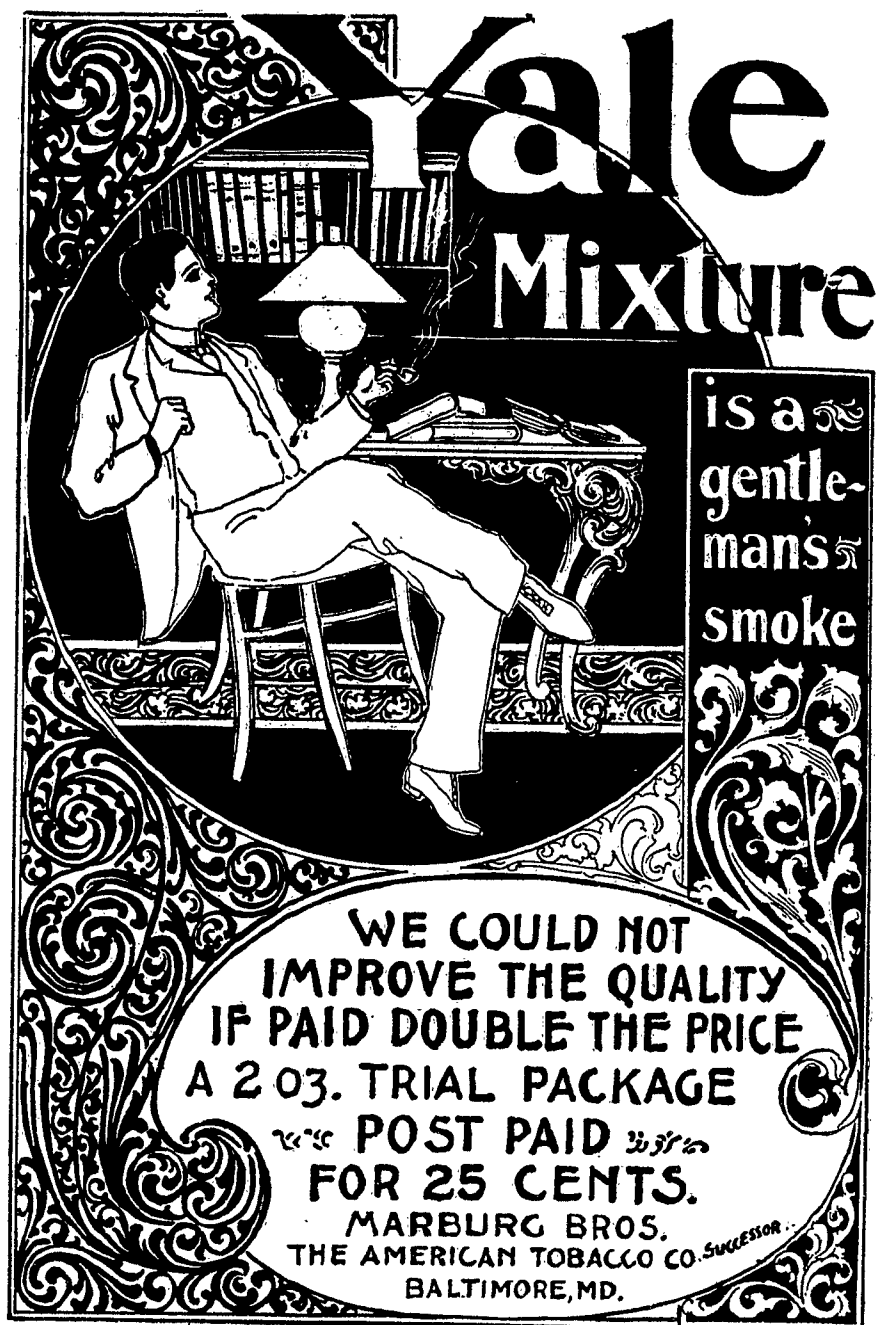
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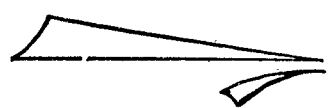
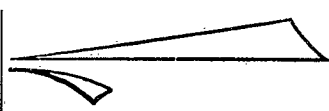


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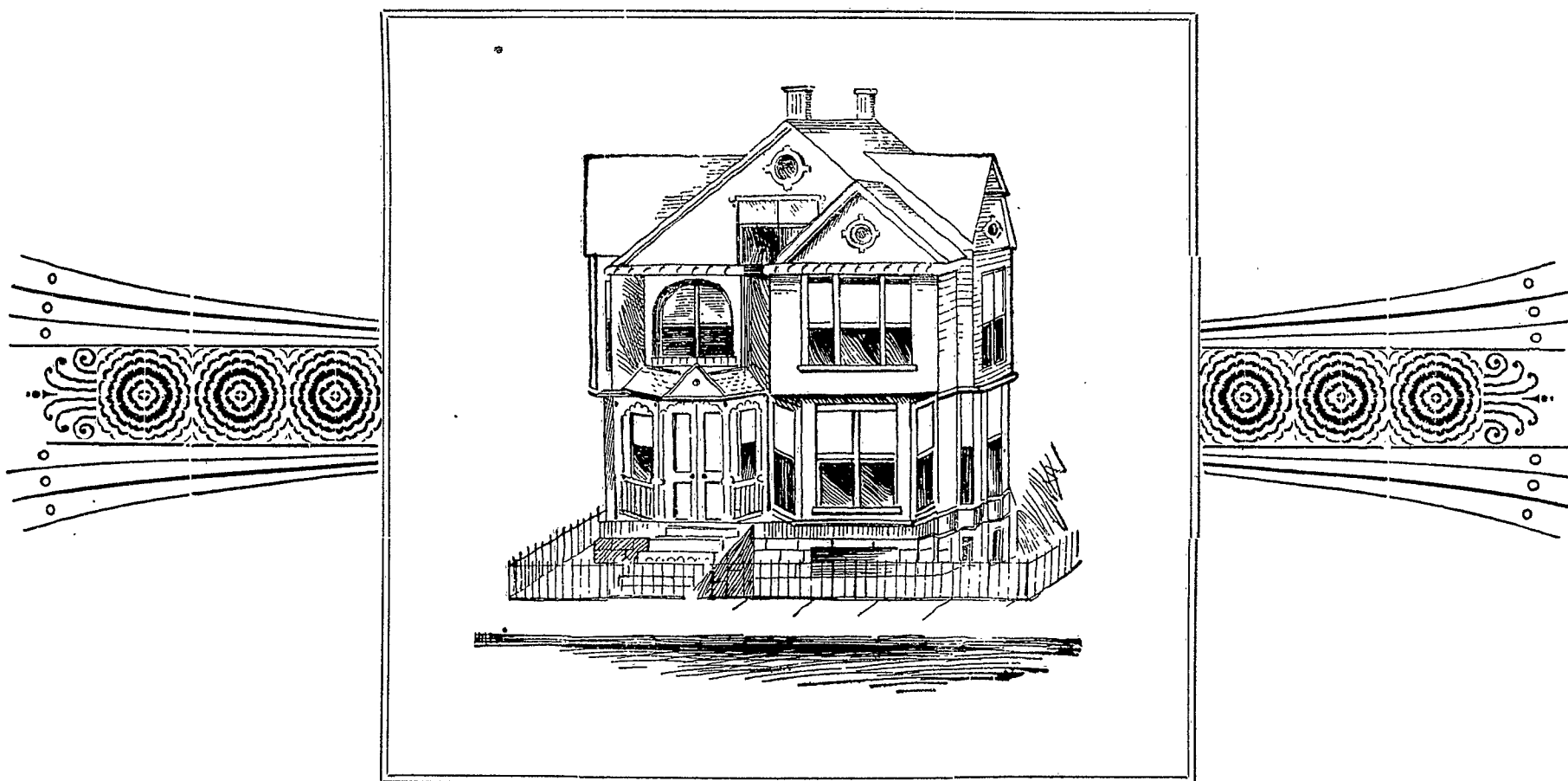
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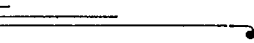
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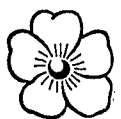
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