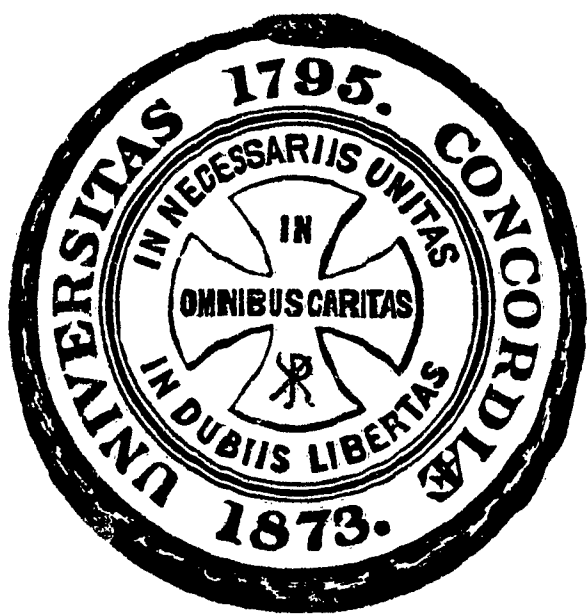


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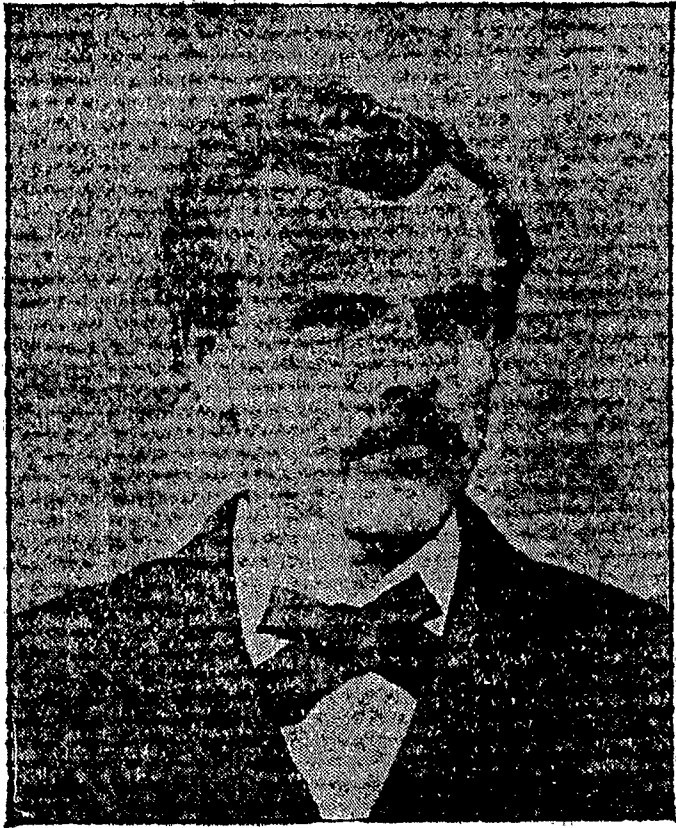


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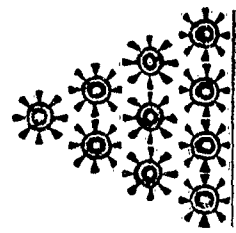


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Lectures and Lecturers.

The last lecture of the series arranged by Miss Frances C. Paige, took place at the First Presbyterian church Friday evening, before a good sized and appreciative audience. The lecture was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter, bishop of New York, who treated the subject, "Lectures and Lecturers," in a pleasant and entertaining manner.

President Raymond introduced the speaker referring to the Bishop's father in a complimentary manner and then speaking of the son's relation to Old Union. The speaker in turn complimented Dr. Raymond and made a reference to his early days at Union. He said that the lecture originated in the far East, but what we understand as the modern lecture had its origin in Greece, when Plato and Socrates addressed gatherings at Athens.

The speaker then traced the evolution of the lecture from its beginning to its present state. But, he said, "during the past forty years the lecture has gradually been declining and as an educational factor its importance has been greatly diminished. The class of lectures fifty years ago was one of great intellectual and literary value, and conspicuous among this class was the pure oratory of Wendell Phillips. But now the whole tendency of modern life is overcrowded with the material, and hence is in direct opposition to that kind of oratory. In those days the lecture platform was one of the greatest factors in education. There were two reasons for this, scarcity of literature and the human personality. Even if books had been less expensive it was the charm of personal contact that made the lectures of so great educational value."

Dr. Potter then named some of the great lecturers of that period, among these Dr. Nott, Dr. Potter, Henry Ward Beecher and George William Curtis. Upon these he dwelt for some

time and related some amusing anecdotes which strongly brought out the personal characteristics of each. The zeal of these men in the lecture field turned the attention of English lecturers to this country, and soon we had such men as Thackeray, Dickens and Kingsley lecturing in America.

In concluding, the speaker said that the lecture was an institution that should be developed and improved and that if we could bring it up to the standard of fifty years ago we should have a factor in education surpassed by none of the modern educational institutions.

The Soiree.

The soiree committee is working hard and doing its best to make the affair a success.

At a meeting held last Tuesday it was proposed to hold the dance in the Round Building, and after consulting several of the engineering professors the committee has decided that the hall can be heated and will in every way be adequate for their purpose. Hence Memorial Hall will be the scene of the dance on February 10.

Although this scheme is a comparatively new one, it promises to be a great success and deserves the support of every man in college.

At the meeting the following officers were elected and sub-committees appointed:

Treasurer, H. J. Brown.

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The music will be furnished by Gioscia, and a very pleasant time may be expected by everybody who attends.

The Alpha Delts Entertain.

A very pleasant dance was given last Friday by the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity to their Schenectady friends. The four main rooms on the first floor of the chapter house were thrown open for dancing and were well filled with merry couples. The floor was in fine condition and Gioscia and his assistant fairly outdid themselves, so that dancing was continued until well along in the morning.

The patronesses were Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. DeRemer, Mrs. Angle, Mrs. Ashmore, Mrs. Stoller and Mrs. Carey.

The guests were Miss Miller, Miss Ostrom, Miss Kingsbury, Miss Williams, Miss Price, Miss VanDeusen, Miss Paige, Miss Beattie, the Misses Yates, Miss Brown, Miss Kellogg, Miss Campbell, Miss Mason, Miss Alexander, Miss Hildreth, Miss Dora Yates, Miss Horstmann, Miss Schoolcraft and Miss Fisher; and Messrs. Strong, Sawyer, Price, Foote, Paige, Featherstonhaugh, Lawrence, Bradford, Casey, Pike, Hegeman, Gambee, Wiley, Gage, Eames and Beardsley.

Y. M. C. A. Work for the Term.

The subjects for the Y. M. C. A. meetings for this term to which every man in college is given a cordial invitation are as follows:

Jan. 24.—Subject, "Missionary Meeting." Leader, H. K. Wright. Jan. 31.—Subject, "I am Ready." Romans 1: 9-17. Leader, S. S. Read. Feb. 7.—Subject, "Lessons from Paul's Life." Acts 28: 30-31; Cor. 9: 16-27. Leader, C. J. Potter. Feb. 14.—Subject, "Enthusiasm in Christian Service." Acts 4: 13-33. Leader, E. W. Strong. Feb. 21.—Subject, "Are we doing our best?" Matt. 5: 13-16; 25: 14-30. Leader, E. G. Brownell. Feb. 28.—Subject, "Little Kindnesses." Luke 7: 36-47. Leader, G. W. Francis. March 7.—Subject, "Seeing God in Nature." Leader, G. M. Wiley. March 14.—Subject, "How and Why Should We Pray?" Leader, J. J. Elliott.

Intercollegiate Gymnastic Contest.

The following letter has been received by Prof. Pollard, from F. H. Cann, director of gymnastics at New York university: "We are to hold an intercollegiate gymnastic contest in our gymnasium, March 24th. Cups will be given to first, second and third places, in the following events: Horizontal and parallel bars, tumbling, side-horse, rings and club swinging. Also a cup to the one making the greatest number of points in the all-round work, he to be known as the champion all-round college gymnast. We have already had assurances from fourteen of the leading colleges and universities, and it will probably be the greatest gymnastic event ever held in the college world. We want Union to be represented here that night, and if you will send a representative, we shall be glad to pay his traveling expenses, and give him suitable entertainment. I ask your cooperation in this matter, as it will give the students an incentive to work and make gymnastic work more popular. I shall hope to hear from you at an early date."

This proposition has met with favor, and it has been decided to send a representative according to the terms stated. Competition is now going on in the gymnasium, and it is hoped that a suitable man will be chosen, who will maintain the good record which Union has always held in athletics.

With the Literary Societies.

The debating societies are now holding weekly debates in preparation for the Allison-Foote prize debate which is to take place the evening of Charter Day. The subject for the debate will be: "Resolved, That the United States should build and control the Nicaragua Canal."

The Philomatheans have elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, H. J. Hinman, '99; vice-president, E. LeC. Hegeman, '99; secretary, J. W. Cheeseborough, 1901; treasurer, Leopold Minkin, 1901; curator, H. C. Hoyt, 1902; executive committee, Cullings, 1900; Minkin, 1901, and Block, 1902.

College Minstrels.

Among the many things that are occupying the attention of students at Union today, is the organization of a minstrel troupe. The many advantages to be derived from work in this line, are apparent. The students in many instances have been helplessly burdened by the subscriptions solicited from time to time. The gain from effort in this line would strengthen to a great measure the financial basis of college athletics and also relieve the students.

At the college meeting held on Monday morning, many helpful suggestions were offered by the students, and especially by Prof. Pollard, who is strongly in favor of the movement. No subscriptions for this work are to be requested of the students or faculty, as the main intention is to make it self-supporting. All members of the troupe are to be selected from the student body, thus making it an entirely college affair.

A meeting was held Wednesday night to perfect the organization. About fifty students were present, and judging from the enthusiasm shown, the affair will no doubt be a success. There is sufficient material in the college to make up a good troupe, and all that remains is for the whole student body to enter into hearty co-operation with the work.

Necrology.

DAVID W. FENTON, '51.

David W. Fenton, who for many years was well known as a practicing lawyer in New York, died on January 20, at the home of his brother in Buffalo, where he went to transact some business. Mr. Fenton was born 73 years ago at Gilboa, N. Y., and was graduated from Union in 1851. He retired from practice several years ago. Mr. Fenton was a widower, his wife having died several years ago. He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, the Legal Aid society, a life member of the American Geographical society and of the Quill club. Mr. Fenton leaves a sister and three brothers. The burial was in Orange, N. J.

Not Guilty.

The following communication has been received by The Concordiensis, relating to the Mattice affair, of which a short account was printed last week.

Greenville, S. C., Jan. 20, '99.

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Private John B. Mattice, 203rd N. Y. V. I., formerly of the class of 1901, Union College, while on duty as a sentinel in the provost guard at Greenville, S. C., was fired upon by two men of the 2nd West Virginia regiment, whom he was attempting to arrest. They started then to run away and as they refused to halt and were about to escape Private Mattice fired one shot, killing one and wounding the other. The wounded man claimed they were fired upon without provocation and Mattice was tried by court martial for murder. Capt. Edward P. White, '79, Union College, defended him. The verdict will be kept secret until approved by the President, but it is understood to be "Not guilty." Indeed Mattice deserves credit for courageously doing his duty.

College Base Ball Captains.

The captains of the various college and university base ball teams for 1899 are as follows:

Princeton, F. W. Kafer; Harvard, P. Houghton; Yale, C. A. H. DeSaulles; Cornell, J. F. Murtaugh; Amherst, W. J. Righter; Brown, O. W. Sedgwick; Lehigh, E. G. Grace; Lafayette, Hugh Nevins; Syracuse, H. S. Kelly; West Point, A. S. Cowan; Univ. Vermont, A. K. Aldinger; Dartmouth, P. F. Drew; Union, G. M. Wiley.

Representatives of Cornell, Columbia and Pennsylvania met at the Hoffman House Saturday for the purpose of talking over the rowing situation. It was practically decided to hold an open intercollegiate race over the Poughkeepsie course the last week in June.

It is possible that the race will be a five cornered affair. Word has been received that Wisconsin will send a crew, and the University of Toronto is now pretty sure to be represented. Invitations will be sent to both Yale and Harvard, but as they have arranged a dual race, to be held at New London, they will, of course, decline to enter the contest at Poughkeepsie.

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WHY is it, that every time a student attempts to show some of his lady friends through the dormitories, this should be the occasion for a reign of bedlamites? At the first sound of a woman's voice in the sections, every one loses his self-control and gives vent to a wild Apache yell; some one cries "heads out," and coal hods, oil cans and broken chairs are sent thumping down the stairs. We

have read that the dulcent tones of the female voice have a magnetic power, but we have always supposed that the effect was soothing to man. The inhabitants of college dormitories, however, must be of a peculiar species. Such demonstrations of feeling may help to vary the usually monotonous life of the student, but the reception, which must sound more like a sudden volcanic eruption to the visitors, can be anything but agreeable to them. This may be lots of fun for the student, but in a period of refinement and culture, such customs should be given a decent funeral, and a tombstone erected over the grave, heavy enough to prevent their escape.

IN ORDER to develop strong kickers for the Pennsylvania football teams, an annual kicking, punting and driving contest has been arranged. As a prize for the winner, a \$100 solid silver challenge cup has been presented by the alumni. It is a perpetual challenge cup, and will belong for each year to the man who can surpass all others in all-around kicking and handling a football. The winner is determined by an elaborate set of rules. This would be a wise plan for Union to adopt. If it could be successfully carried out it would be the means of developing some good football material. Good kicking often plays an important part during a football game, and it is sometimes the means of making a gain of many yards at a critical moment. Any plan that will improve the team ought to be adopted, and every point that is being made use of by other teams should be noted. It is only within the last few years that the importance of good kicking has been realized. In games on our own campus, we have many a time seen the result of poor kicking. If practice can remedy this defect, the Pennsylvania plan should be adopted.

A subscription is being taken by prominent New Yorkers for the widow of the late Col. Waring. It is proposed to raise \$100,000, the interest of which will be paid quarterly to Mrs. Waring, and upon her death the principal will go to Columbia University.

Personals.

W. L. Sawyer, '95, visited friends on the hill last week.

Col. Carlos Garcia was on the hill Monday afternoon.

Ralph Bradford, '98, has been spending a few days with Chi Psi friends.

The Dyckman Bros., 1902, have left college to take up the study of law.

S. M. Griswold, '82, paid a flying visit to fraternity friends a short time ago.

Dr. Vander Veer of the Medical college was in town for a short time last week.

Bonesteel, '99, who has been ill at his home in Kingston, has returned to college.

Failing, ex-'98, is engaged in a U. S. government topographical survey, at Camden, N. Y.

Mr. J. A. Chrestensen, Hamilton, '99, was the guest of Fenton, 1900, Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. Wells delivered the first of a course of junior lectures on "The West Indies" last Friday.

The college musical association will give its next concert in Odd Fellows' hall at Albany, February 4th.

The engagement has been announced of Orson C. Richards, '95, to Miss Mabel McLaren of Sandy Hill.

Charles Vrooman, '98, is reported critically ill at the home of his sister at Bethlehem Centre, Albany county.

The college quartette, assisted by J. Hawley Cook, 1901, will give a concert in the Emanuel Baptist church at Albany, Jan. 31.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Mr. Norman L. Bates, '88, of Oswego, to Miss Florence M. Morley of Sodus Centre.

Lawrence, 1900, one of the Quogue amateur yachtsmen, has been made the recipient of a beautiful solid silver loving cup inscribed "Shinnecock Bay Yacht Club, won by Fanita, 1898." Lawrence sailed the Fanita in the races last summer.

Cullen, '98, is studying law with the firm of Coon & Bentley, Oswego, N. Y., and has lately been elected president of the Oswego Democratic club.

The skating on the river has been excellent during the past week; many of the students have taken advantage of the fact and Prof. Pollard substituted polo for the regular freshmen gym work.

H. C. Todd, '97, is a 2nd Lieutenant in the 202nd N.Y.V. I., now stationed in the province of Pinar Del Rio, Cuba. F. Packard Palmer, '97, held a 2nd Lieutenant's commission in the same regiment for a month, and resigned after the signing of the peace protocol. Another member of the class of '97, Dennis M. Dougherty, was mustered into the regiment as a corporal, and has since been made a sergeant in Co. I.

Intercollegiate.

Football has been abolished at Miami University, Ohio.

Chicago University offers \$1,300 in prizes for debate to students yearly.

The University of Chicago gives credit for attendance at Sunday School.

More than six million dollars have been spent on the new site of Columbia University.

Ohio has the largest number of college students of any state in the Union, one-third of which are women.

The University of Chicago conferred the degree of LL. D. on President McKinley while he was attending the Jubilee celebration in that city.

President Eliot prophesies that college fraternities will, in time, cause American universities to be broken up into colleges after the English plan.

The total number of college men in the United States is small, there being about one collegian to every 800 of the population; and yet in our national Senate 53 out of a membership of 90 are college bred men.

On the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of Miami University, in June, 1899, Whitelaw Reid will present to the school his library, which is said to be one of the finest private collections of books and manuscripts in America.

Investigations have recently been made as to the number of United States cabinet officers who were college graduates. Out of 262, 178, or more than two-thirds, have been college graduates. Of this number Princeton had 22 representatives, Yale and Harvard 21 each, William and Mary 10, Dickinson 2, Lafayette 2, and the University of North Carolina 8.

A new method of electing members to the Phi Beta Kappa society has been inaugurated at Amherst. The choosing of a certain percentage of a class has been abolished and a rank standard substituted, 88 and 85 per cent. respectively for the first and second drawings. The faculty is no longer to elect members, but will recommend students for membership for the final election of the active chapter.

Representatives of Harvard, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Columbia and Cornell universities recently held a meeting in New York for the purpose of arriving at some uniformity in entrance examinations. The plan devised provides for a board which shall make uniform entrance requirements and hold uniform entrance examinations. Any student who passes these examinations will, under this plan, be entitled to admission to any of the universities or colleges in the association.

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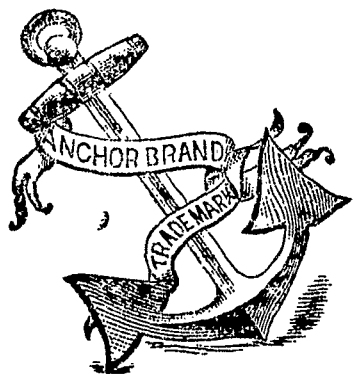
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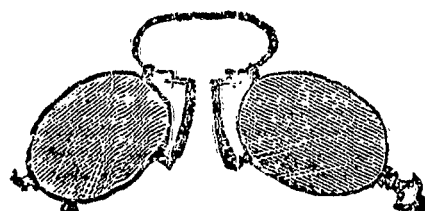
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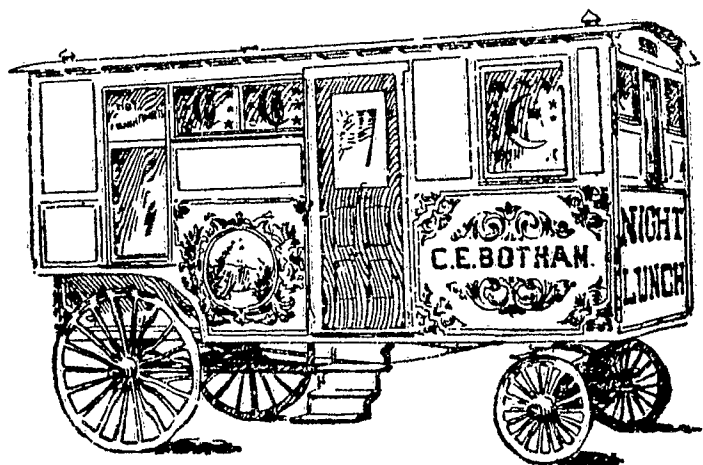
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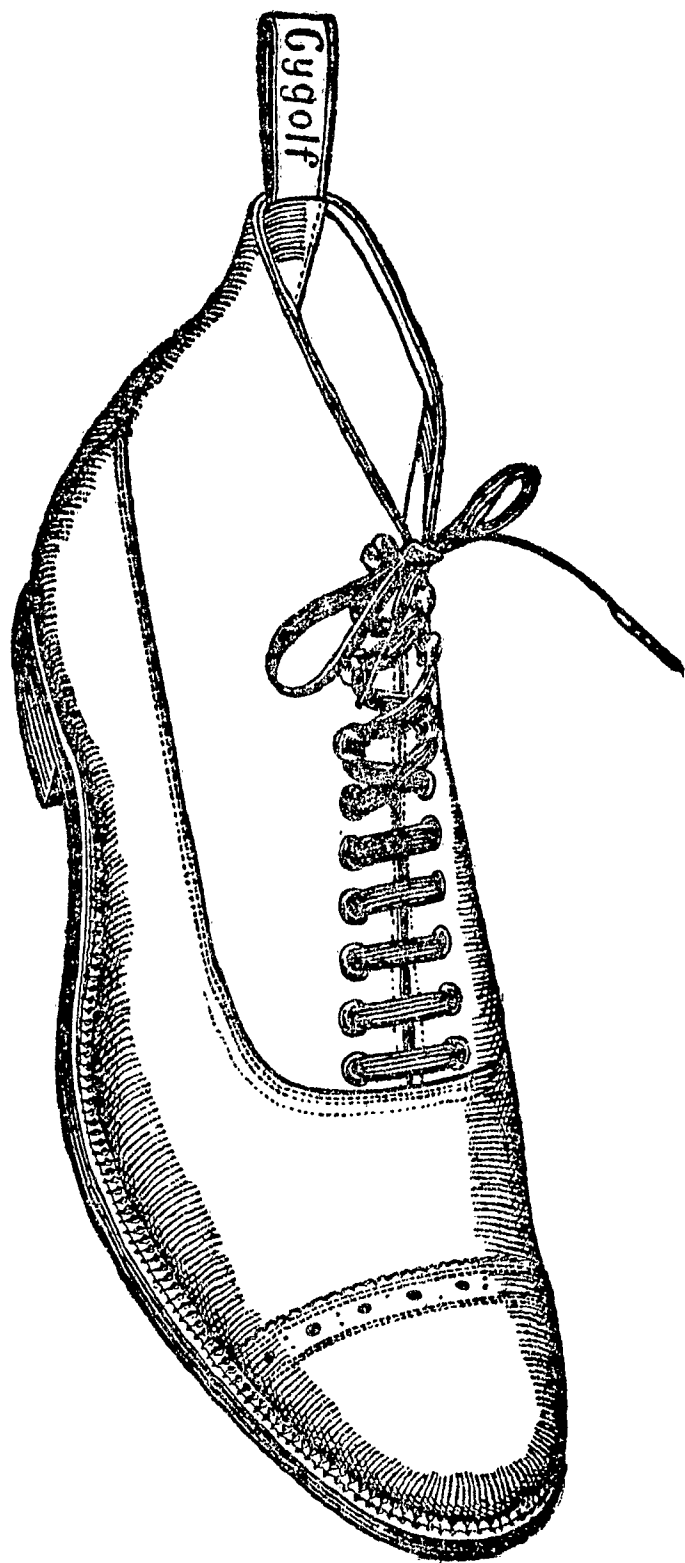
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