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Another Letter from Prof. Ashmore.

My dear Mr. Twiford:

Your very kind note was forwarded to me from Schenectady, and if a few lines in the form of a letter to the Editors of *THE CONCORDIENSIS* would be acceptable to you and to the readers of our undergraduate paper, it will give me great pleasure to send you some of my impressions of Rome. It is very gratifying to me to know that the students have not forgotten me, and you may be sure that I have not lost sight of "Old Union," nor of any one connected with her. The college has treated me with great kindness during the past fifteen years, and I should be an ungrateful servant, indeed, if I did not hold her interests at heart, and rejoice in the fact that I am permitted to count among my friends her students, faculty and trustees. I find myself much indebted to a Union alumnus, Dr. Rooker, for an introduction to Father Farrelly here, the "spiritual Director of the American College," who has put me in the way of seeing many places of interest which otherwise might have been closed to me. Father Farrelly is moreover a very charming man. He knows Rome and Roman traditions thoroughly, and does not tire of talking about them, and it has been my good fortune to see him quite frequently since I arrived here about the middle of last December. Among various things, he tells me that it was owing chiefly to the efforts of Father Rooker that the Harvard people obtained permission to photograph the miniatures in the margins of the Vatican Manuscript of Terence, which, you will remember, were reproduced in the Harvard libretto of the "Phormio" at the time when that play was exhibited at Cambridge in 1894. During the last six weeks I have spent many interesting hours examining that manuscript in the reading-room of the Vatican library, and have been struck with the

difference between the miniatures as they appear in the Codex, and their reproduction in the libretto. The fact that photography fails to give the colors which distinguish the figures in the manuscript renders it impossible for any one who sees only the libretto, fully to appreciate the very pleasing effect of the originals. There are 28,000 manuscripts in the Vatican library, and if would-be readers or investigators can show that they have some serious purpose in view, they can generally secure permission from the authorities to make use of the reading-room, where the particular codex to which access is desired will be laid on the table for inspection, and "reserved" from day to day until the applicant has finished with it. As the reading-room is small, however, it is provided that the name of the student be first of all sent to the Pope through Father Ehrle, the "Prefetto" of the library; but the permission once secured, no limit is set to the time during which the book or manuscript will be reserved for the student's use. Dr. Ehrle has done everything in his power to facilitate the work of members of the American school, and has even gone so far as to take them through the library itself, and show them certain palimpsests and other documents that are not exhibited to the general public.

Another thing that students come to Rome for is to study inscriptions. Nowhere, not even in Greece, have so many of these monuments been unearthed as in Rome and its neighborhood, and nowhere else does one realize so fully the importance of and interest connected with epigraphical writing. One may study the "Corpus" forever, until the history and meaning of every inscription in the collection is perfectly familiar, and yet fail to realize how this habit of recording important deeds and facts on stone was as much of a necessity with the ancients as making laws or fighting an enemy. That the custom was deeply rooted in their civilization

soon becomes apparent to the traveller in Italy, since wherever he goes he finds such stones collected, and generally set up in some conspicuous spot—as if the inhabitants were anxious that all the world should know that that particular house or church or village had its own particular associations with antiquity. The Government too takes pains to see that the smallest fragment is preserved. This was perhaps as much the case during the reign of the Popes as it is now, and accounts for the enormous number of inscriptions on exhibition in the museums, and in the great hall, called the *Galleria Lapidaria*, of the Vatican. In the latter place the collection numbers 5000, and is arranged along the walls of the gallery in such a way as to be easily accessible to the student. Not only pagan life, but that of the early Christians also is pictured to us on these monuments of stone and marble. Many of them have been taken from the catacombs—those subterranean passages and chambers, where the followers of the new religion built their altars and chapels and laid away their dead. Much that is interesting connected with the life and thought of the first three centuries of our era has come down to us in full detail through the means of carvings and epitaphs preserved in these underground tunnels, which encircle the city of the Cæsars, as one may say, for miles. Ancient customs did not cease with the advent of christianity, and epigraphical writing continued to be practised on the soil of Italy until the time of the Middle Age; nor has it ever wholly lost its vogue,—and although most of the inscriptions in the catacombs have been removed to the museums in Rome, yet a sufficient number still remain in these abodes of the dead to render it worth the while of the archæologist to take students thither and to accept pecuniary compensation for delivering special lectures on the subject within the cemeteries themselves. This being the case, I have been very glad of the opportunity to accompany the members of the American school to three of the most important of these underground galleries, in order to listen to the instructions of a gentleman named Marucchi, whose life has been devoted to a study of the

subject, and whom we must not confuse with the ordinary “guide.”

But I do not want even to suggest that the greatest good to be got from a visit to Rome is a chance to study inscriptions, or to see the catacombs. Rome is not a large city. At the present day it is more populous than it has been for centuries, and yet the number of its inhabitants does not exceed five hundred thousand, and is less than the population of Naples. It is not to be compared in respect to size or the beauty of its buildings with Paris or London or Berlin or even New York. To the casual observer there is little about it that is very striking—at least when viewed, so to speak, from the outside. Take a cab and drive through the city from end to end—if a city that is nearly round can be said to have an end,—and then make the circuit of the town, keeping within the Aurelian walls. Do this (it can be accomplished in a single morning), and you will observe that the buildings or other objects that appear to be of particular importance are comparatively few in number. The eye will be attracted by St. Peter's and by one or two of the other great basilicas. The attention will also be immediately arrested by the Castle of St. Angelo (Hadrian's Tomb), the Pantheon, the Quirinal, three or four of the palaces of the old Italian families, one or two of the obelisks, the arches of Constantine and Titus, the Piazza del Popolo, the piazza and buildings on the Capitoline Hill, the Colosseum, the ruins of the palaces of the Cæsars on the Palatine, the Borghese gardens, the recently excavated Forum Romanum, the Columns of Trajan and of Marcus Aurelius, one or two of the city gates, the remains of the aqueducts, and the Bank of Italy in the Via Nazionale. These, if not all, are a majority of the objects that at a glance would seem important to the stranger, and the number is a small one, if compared with a corresponding list that might be made for almost any one of the larger cities of Europe. Wherein then does the interest consist, that we all feel in Rome? For it is not to the student of antiquity only that Rome is attractive. Perhaps there is no city in the world of which it can be so accurately affirmed that it

ministers to the intellectual gratification of all sorts and conditions of men—no place on earth where, after a brief residence, we are more surely conscious that “it is good for us to be here.” The real interest of the place lies, so to speak, beneath the surface. This is true both figuratively and literally,—figuratively, because no city in Christendom has so large and varied a history, concealed as it were within its archives, monuments and records; and literally, because Rome contains beneath the roofs of its buildings, and under cover of its soil the relics that bear witness to the varying phases of life and civilization of which it has been the scene, during a continuous period of scarcely less than three thousand years. That the history of Rome is the history of the world is a trite saying; yet few can realize how much truth there is in the remark unless they go to Rome for the purpose, and spend some months at least in acquiring that appetite for knowledge of the place which contact alone can give, and which grows by what it feeds on.

Nor is Rome a difficult spot to reach. Cheap steamers ply between New York and the continent of Europe. Some of them go straight to Italy by way of Gibraltar, and living in Italy is not expensive for those who are willing to “rough it” a little. One thing, however, I hold to be necessary for those who wish to do good work here: that is, some little knowledge of the language of the country. It is a mistake to suppose, as many people do, that French will answer the purpose for any one but the “casual” tourist. Italian, however, is easily acquired, especially by young men who have taken the courses in French at college; for the two languages are closely akin, and may be studied side by side with considerable profit. There are at least two reasons why an acquaintance with the mother tongue of Italy is indispensable to the student there. In the first place, nearly all lectures given by specialists, of whatever nationality, are delivered in Italian. Even the Germans follow this custom, when “reading” before the Archæological Institute of Rome. Then the country folk, among whom it is often desirable to seek information, in reference to

local traditions and the like, are of course unacquainted with any language other than their own. For example, an expedition was arranged not long ago by the Director of the American School, to go into the Sabine Country beyond Tivoli, (Tibur) and see the actual valley in which Horace used to spend his days, when he was tired of Rome and of the cares which city life and “friendships with the Great” entailed upon him. I will not attempt to describe the beauty of the scenery which delighted the eyes of the members of our party—the deep valleys of the Anio, (Teverone) and the Digentia, (Licenza) the lofty Sabine hills, the tiny villages like Saracinesca built upon the mountain tops, and the picturesque peasants inhabiting them. An object which the members of the party kept in view, apart from the pleasure of riding their bicycles and of spending a day in the country, was to satisfy their curiosity respecting two sites, either of which, there is reason to believe, may have been the place once occupied by the home and farm presented to Horace by the Minister of Augustus. To do this it was thought advisable not only to take special note of the peculiar features of the country, and compare them with the description of his villa, given by the poet in his writings, but also to extract from the peasants the local names of hills and other points, not set down in the guide books. The natives, who were carefully kept in the dark as to the real purpose of the queries put to them, were quite ready to tell all they knew of the traditions of the place they lived in. Although information obtained in this way proves little, yet it is not without value when taken in connection with other evidence, and the result of the enquiries made on this occasion tended to strengthen the suspicions of the party in favor of a site near the village of Licenza, as the probable situation of the farm; and could the question have been by any means settled, the fact would have excited some interest here, especially since the balance of opinion gives preference to the other side, in the immediate vicinity of Rocca Giovane, some three or four miles away. The exact position of the “Sabine Farm” archæologists, it may be, will never de-

termine, for neither the mosaic pavement beneath the soil at Licenza, nor the inscription at Rocca Giovane, nor local traditions, nor the poets' own words afford the necessary clues. But our sentiment at least is gratified when we know that we have been standing in the same valley, and gazing at the same "unbroken range of hills" as once did the author of the Odes and Epistles, and with this we must for the present be content.

I should like to say something to you about Tivoli itself, and Ostia, and Tusculum, and the Alban Hills, and other places of interest to the student of history, that are within a day's travel from Rome.

I should like also to add a few remarks on the political situation, and the war in Abyssinia. The last has interested intensely all the English and American residents this winter in Rome. But your space and my time are not without their limits, and I must close.

Accept my warmest wishes, and congratulations that the college year is proving so satisfactory to you all, and believe me to be,

Sincerely your friend,

SIDNEY G. ASHMORE.

Rome, Italy, March 25, 1896.

Dr. Wells' Lectures.

Dr. Wells is still continuing his course of lectures on current history to the students. His general subject is "The Story of the Canadas," and the last three lectures have been on the special subjects, "New France," "New Brunswick," "Montreal and the Upper Lakes." Dr. Wells' close acquaintance with his subject through travel in those regions serves to make his lectures of still more importance. He portrays justly and accurately all the manners and customs as well as the character of the people of those regions, and his descriptions of the country are very finely and exquisitely drawn. When it comes to the history of the country he is thoroughly at home, and taken all together his course is a very valuable one.

Union College Summer School at Saratoga Springs.

The Summer School of Union College will hold a session of six weeks at Saratoga, from July 6th to August 14th. Classes will be held in the High School Building. The school will be open to men and women alike, without examination, but the faculty reserve the right to reject any student who seems unprepared for the work.

Except where definitely stated, the work will be the same character as the work given in the college during the academic year. It will be certified as such by the president of Union College, and by the respective professors, and certificates will be given to those who successfully complete the work and pass all required examinations. Each course will consist of five exercises a week, and will be regarded as equivalent to a three hour course for one term in Union College, and counted as such by the faculty of the college.

The faculty of the school is as follows: Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., LL.D., President; Thomas W. Wright, A. M., Ph. D., Professor of Physics; James R. Truax, A. M., Ph.D., Professor of the English Language and Literature; Frank S. Hoffman, A. M., Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy; Olin H. Landreth, A. M., C. E., Professor of Civil Engineering; James L. Patterson, Sc.D., Professor of Mathematics; James H. Stoller, A. M., Professor of Biology; Edward E. Hale, Jr., Ph.D., Professor of Rhetoric and Logic; Albert H. Pepper, A. M., Assistant Professor of Modern Languages; Howard T. Mosher, A. B., Instructor in French; C. P. Linhart, M. D., Instructor in Physiology and Physical Education; Geooge V. Edwards, A. M., Instructor in Latin; John I. Bennett, A. M., Instructor in Greek.

The committee in charge consists of Edward E. Hale, Jr., Ph.D., chairman; James L. Patterson, Sc.D., and Albert H. Pepper, A. M.

On May 5th President Raymond addressed the students of the Rome Free Academy. His subject was, "Higher Education."

University of Vermont 12--Union 5.

Union met the team from the University of Vermont on the campus, Wednesday, April 29, and the visitors succeeded in defeating the Union men by a score of 12 to 5, although the team was in better form than in the earlier games. It was the first game of the season for the Vermont team, but they showed up in elegant shape and played a strong, snappy game. The Union team did some excellent fielding and played a strong game, but were weak at the bat. On the other hand the visitors were able to find the ball often and hit it hard. The features of the game were Beattie's work on third for Union, and the batting of Dinsmore, and the pitching of Miner for the University of Vermont. The score is as follows:

UNIV. OF VT.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Woodward, 2b.....	2	1	0	2	0
Raymond, s. s.....	2	2	0	0	0
Agen, c.....	2	2	13	3	0
Dinsmore, 3b.....	2	2	0	1	1
Miner, p.....	1	1	0	5	1
Johnson, 1b.....	1	2	12	0	1
McNiff, l. f.....	0	1	0	0	0
Harkness, c. f.....	0	1	2	0	0
Emery, r. f.....	2	1	0	0	0
Totals.....	12	13	27	11	3
UNION.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Quinlan, c.....	2	1	1	0	0
Wiley, 1b.....	1	0	8	0	1
Sullivan, 2b.....	1	1	6	2	1
Beattie, 3b.....	1	2	3	2	0
Stumpf, p. and r. f.....	0	1	1	0	0
Purchase, s. s.....	0	0	0	7	1
Passage, l. f.....	0	1	1	0	0
Brown, c. f.....	0	0	4	0	1
Taylor, p.....	0	0	0	0	0
Parsons, r. f.....	0	0	0	0	1
Totals.....	5	6	24	11	5

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Univ. of Vt.....	4	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	x-12
Union.....	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0-5

Summary — Bases on balls—off Miner, 2; off Stumpf, 2; off Taylor, 3. Hit by pitched ball—Woodward. Sacrifice hits—Woodward, Emery, Purchase. Home run—Dinsmore. Three base hits—Dinsmore, Beattie. Two base hits—Quinlan, Raymond, Johnson. Left on base—U. V., 9; Union, 6. Double play—Sullivan to Wiley. Stolen bases—Woodward (2), Johnson, Quinlan, Sullivan, Beattie. Umpire—Meade, '99.

Union 20--General Electric 5.

Union defeated the General Electric team on the campus, Saturday, May 2, in a very uninteresting game, owing to its one sidedness, the score being 20 to 5. The Union team played with much snap and for the first time this season showed its ability at the bat. Hayes caught a good game and is a strong addition to the team. Sullivan led at the bat, having to his credit two home runs, a three-bagger and a single. Stumpf also had four hits to his credit. The fielding of the Union team was good and Purchase at short-stop made some brilliant plays. Parsons pitched a good game, and allowed only three scratch hits to be made off him. The score is as follows:

GEN. ELECTRIC.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Moran, l. f.....	1	1	4	2	0
Kelly, c.....	2	0	9	0	2
Clark, 1b.....	0	1	3	1	0
Sargeant, c. f.....	1	1	2	0	3
Bradt, r. f.....	0	0	0	0	0
Hourigan, 3b.....	0	0	2	0	3
McLaughlin, 2b, p.....	0	0	1	1	1
Conlan, s. s.....	1	0	1	2	3
Grey, p, 2b.....	0	0	5	2	0
Totals.....	5	3	27	8	12
UNION.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Quinlan, 1b.....	2	1	12	0	2
Sullivan, 2b.....	3	4	4	2	2
Beattie, 3b.....	1	1	5	1	0
Hayes, c.....	2	0	6	1	0
Stumpf, r. f.....	4	4	0	0	0
Nolan, c. f.....	2	1	0	1	0
Passage, l. f.....	2	2	0	0	0
Purchase, s. s.....	2	2	0	6	1
Parsons, p.....	2	1	0	2	1
Total.....	20	16	27	13	6

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Union.....	2	2	3	7	1	2	3	0	0-20
Gen. Electric.....	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0-5

Earned runs—Union, 3. Two base hits—Passage, Clark. Three base hits—Sullivan, Moran. Home runs—Sullivan, 2. Passed balls—Kelly, 3. Bases on balls—off Grey, 2; off McLaughlin, 1; off Parsons, 3. Hit by pitched ball—Purchase. Struck out—by Parsons, 6; by Grey, 6; by McLoughlin, 1. Left on bases—General Electric, 4; Union, 7. Wild pitches—by Grey, 3; by Parsons, 2. Stolen bases—Beattie, Stumpf, Purchase, Parsons, Moran, Kelly, 3. Sacrifice hits—Sullivan, Beattie, Bradt. Umpire—Meade, Union, '99.

Union Alumni Dinner at Rochester.

The Union College Alumni of the Genesee Valley and Western New York held their annual reunion and dinner at Beque's in Rochester on the evening of May 5. Dr. David Little, '55, president of the association, acted as toastmaster, and President Raymond was a guest of honor at the dinner. The attendance was large and included, among others, William H. McElroy, '60, editor of the Rochester Post-Express; Hon. Stephen K. Williams, '37, ex-state senator and trustee of the college; Rev. Henry Schlosser, '81, of Aurora; Rev. N. L. Reed, '79, of Olean; Rev. S. Mills Day, '50, of Honeoye Falls; Dr. Howard Cornell, '65, of Seneca Castle; David H. Smith, '56, of Watkins; Judge Danforth, '37, of Rochester, and Hon. J. D. Husbands, '28, of Rochester. Mr. Husbands is a graduate of Union in the class of '28 and with the exception of Dr. Hunn, '26, of Albany, is the oldest living alumnus of the college.

Dr. Little introduced as the first speaker President Raymond who spoke of the necessity of preserving the spirit of loyalty, especially to one's alma mater. The setting and environment of Union College might not be as attractive as it is possible for them to be, yet there are traditions and memories which ought certainly to be retained and cherished. Continuing, he spoke of the need of a keen sense of honor. The young men need it, the educational institution needs it: it is an indispensable requisite among men, as the country needs men who will not sell themselves to party or for party ends; the country needs men who are not afraid to speak what they think and then to stand fearlessly by their conscience and conviction.

Judge Danforth was the next speaker and he was followed by William H. McElroy. The former argued against and the latter in favor of the removal. Trustee Stephen K. Williams then made a few remarks on the financial condition of the college. Hon. J. D. Husbands said that the equipment of the days of Dr. Nott was wholly adequate, but did not answer the demands for the present. If Dr. Nott were living to-day, he said, he would probably be as

earnest and vehement with his eloquence for a better equipment as is Dr. Raymond. Rev. Mr. Cornell and Rev. Mr. Day also made short addresses.

The officers of the association for the ensuing year are: Dr. David Little, '55, president; W. H. McElroy, '60, vice-president; James G. Greene, '84, secretary and treasurer.

Senior Stage Appointments.

The faculty has made the following appointments from the Senior class for the honor stage: D. Howard Craver, Albany, N. Y.; George Joseph Dann, Walton, N. Y.; Archibald Steuart Derby, Sandy Hill, N. Y.; Roscoe Guernsey, East Cobleskill, N. Y.; George E. Pollock, North Argyle, N. Y.; Marvin Herbert Strong, Schenectady, N. Y.; Gardiner L. VanDusen, Argyle, N. Y.; Howard M. West, Glens Falls, N. Y.; Daniel M. Westfall, Jr., Cambridge, N. Y.

Wm. H. Hall, '96, went to New York last Friday to accompany George Sands who has been ill for several days. He reports Sands as somewhat improved.

Chas. S. Daley, '97, represented the Union Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi at their annual convention at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, April 29-May 2.

Geo. E. Pollock and Wm. H. Hall both of '96 will sail about the middle of August for Europe. After a tour through Scotland, England and France, Mr. Pollock will go to Constantinople where he has been appointed an instructor in mathematics in Robert College. Mr. Hall will go to Beirut, Syria, to teach English Literature and History, in the American college of that place. Both these gentlemen are to be congratulated on their appointments, as they were chosen from a number of applicants from Yale, Princeton, Williams and Amherst.

"The Slaves of To-Day."

Mr. Eugene H. Pullen of New York, President of the National Bankers' Association, and Vice-President of the Bank of the Republic, delivered the twenty-ninth lecture in the Butterfield Practical Course, on Friday, May 1st, his subject being: "The Slaves of To-Day." Mr. Pullen was introduced by President Raymond, who referred to the lecturer as one of the leading factors in the organization of the National Bankers' Association, and to the name which he has made as a public spirited citizen.

Mr. Pullen in his lecture dwelt upon the numerous voluntary slaves to self, passion, and the appetites in our every day life. He drew a cleverly outlined moral throughout his whole discussion and left his hearers to benefit by it wherever it applied.

He said in part: "To-day it is the pride of the American citizen that no slave is held in bondage throughout the length and breadth of our land. In one sense this is true, but in another sense it is false. We have among us many voluntary slaves. The voluntary slave forges his own shackles or permits others to govern him. He rarely permits others to emancipate him.

The first slave to be considered is the business slave. Our nation is distinguished as devoted to trade. We force ourselves to slavery and although the shackles of the business slave are gold, that metal enters deeper into the heart than iron or steel. The slave to business has no leisure for any of the enjoyments of life, no leisure to read aught but financial lists of trade, no leisure for the happiness of home or friendly intercourse. Many men make gods of their appetites. Food and stimulants subjugate reason. Lust is a most dishonorable slavery. Slaves of fear are cowards. Continually fearing evil they have no pleasure in life and by timidity they court disaster. The fear of public opinion make those whose motives are pure and honest forego giving unbiased opinions. The slaves are afraid not only of being considered worse but also better than others.

There are also slaves to habit and prejudice.

Lying is a habit and although it requires a great many intellectual qualities, many seem to fulfill these conditions. Slavery to fashion wears out more clothes than the man. Men who are slaves to fashion also waste much time in arrangement of dress and person. The slaves of the household are the domestic slaves. Men and women are slaves to each other or to their children. A class of slaves, whose interests are linked with the affairs of the nation, are the slaves of labor and capital. They are slaves to each other."

When the lecturer had finished, President Raymond thanked Mr. Pullen with a pleasing tribute to his ability in reading character, and said, if Mr. Pullen saw that we appreciate true manhood consists in freedom in controlling ourselves and in obeying the truth, he would feel fully repaid.

Dr. Truax's Course of Lectures at Salem, N. Y.

Dr. Truax finished two weeks ago the course of ten lectures which he has been giving during the past winter and early spring at Salem, N. Y. The course is under the supervision of the University Extension Movement, and Dr. Truax has for three seasons been actively engaged in the work. This is the second course he has given at Salem, and those interested are so much pleased with him that he has received an invitation to give them another series next year. The Salem papers speak very highly in praise of Prof. Truax, which is very gratifying to all of us.

The general subject of the course was "American Literature," but at each lecture he took up a particular phase. The special subjects were as follows: 1. The Colonial Period in American Literature; 2. Franklin and Irving; 3. Emerson; 4. Holmes and Lowell as Essayists; 5. Prescott and Motley; 6. Bancroft and Parkman; 7. James Fenimore Cooper; 8. Nathaniel Hawthorne; 9. Bryant, Longfellow and Poe; 10. Whittier, Lowell and Whitman.

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OUR next issue will not appear until June 3, instead of the regular time on May 27. We make this change owing to the Senior examinations which come the week of the 27th and during which the editors will be rushed with other work.

IN OUR last issue we very foolishly made a passing remark concerning Williams' athletics. After due consideration of the matter it seems that such a remark was uncalled for and unnecessary, and as Williams appears to be trying to do the just thing by Union, we do not consider it at all out of place to say that the remark was made with no intention of again stirring up ill-feeling.

JUDGING from his letters Professor Ashmore's interest in Union while abroad seems always to increase. The students and THE CONCORDIENSIS owe much to the Professor for his interest and the kindness he has shown us by making it possible to

read and enjoy his most delightful letters concerning Rome and the work of the student there. In our next issue we hope to present another letter of his concerning the Olympic games at which he was a spectator.

IT is to be regretted that there was not a larger attendance of the students at the Junior Promenade on May 1. The dance was one of the best ever given at the college, and the committee in charge of it should have been supported by the student body. All such affairs are college institutions and depend upon the student body for support. If that support is not given, failure is the result. We do not mean to infer that the Promenade was a failure—it was a great success in every way but financially—but there was a decided falling off in the attendance from among college men. With the exception of the Commencement ball there will be no more college dances this year, but we hope next fall when the Junior hops are again begun that the students will recognize that those hops will not be a success without their co-operation.

THE Union College Summer School, which is to be held at Saratoga Springs during July and August, ought to be very successful. Saratoga is trying hard to regain the reputation she once held, and to do this she has ousted the gambling element and is now trying to draw there instead intellectual and cultured people. The Summer School is under the direct supervision of Union College, however, but Saratoga is doing all she can to advertise and draw students to it. The class of students the school will draw will probably be of the very best and it should in some degree serve as a sort of feeder for the college. The work will be just the same as is done here and will be credited to those who later enter college. The faculty will spare no efforts to make the school a success, and granting the number of scholars will be as large as is anticipated, good results ought to be the reward for their work.

WITHOUT the hearty co-operation of the alumni no university nor college can secure the best possible results, and this applies to Union as strictly as to a great many other institutions if not more so. The alumni of Union, as a whole, do not take the interest in the college that they should, nor do they render the college the aid which many of them are fully able to do. Is not this lack of

interest due in a degree to a want of definite knowledge of the work that is being done at the college? If the graduate would only return to his *alma mater* at Commencement each year, there to meet his old classmates and to come in closer touch with all phases of college life, he could not help but retain the interest in the college that he had the day he was graduated from it. We hope to see at the '96 Commencement a great many alumni and we hope the interest shown at the Centennial last June has not in the least abated.

THE Allison-Foote debate, which occurs on May 29, ought to and no doubt will arouse a great deal of enthusiasm among the students. The men who are to take part in the debate and who represent the two literary societies, the Adelpic and Philomathean, are among the best speakers and arguers in college and each will strive to win the individual prize. Aside from that, the two teams seem to be very evenly matched, and the contest for supremacy will be a warm one. The members of each society ought to be out in full force to encourage their men with applause and those students who happen not to be members of either society ought to be there because it is a college affair. The college owes much to the donors of the prize, for it has advanced the interest taken in the literary societies in a very marked degree and has stirred up a friendly rivalry which always works for the good of both. The subject of this year's debate is one that will interest everybody and every phase of it will undoubtedly be taken up by the speakers. May the best team and the best man win.

Removal Bills Defeated.

The Union College removal bills, which were before the Assembly, were defeated at the afternoon session on April 29, by a vote of 98 to 16. The bills had once before been reported favorably, but were recommitted to the cities committee for a further hearing, by a vote of 78 to 20 on the motion of Mr. Winne, the Schenectady Assemblyman. This was supposed to kill the bills, but the Albanians who were interested in the scheme, managed to get the bills once more before the Assembly, through the rules committee. When the vote was taken the bills were defeated by a larger majority than was secured to recommit them.

Lecture on the X Rays.

Professor T. W. Wright gave an interesting and instructive lecture Friday evening in the chapel, on the "Roentgen Rays." A large audience was present, composed of the faculty and their wives, students and other ladies and gentlemen, and much enthusiasm was manifested. Prof. Wright spoke of the importance of the discovery, and then the lights were turned out and some interesting experiments were made. The history of the developments leading to Prof. Roentgen's discovery were carefully traced and were illustrated at each point by elaborate apparatus. Finally the method of taking photographs by this new process was shown and explained. Prof. Wright then spoke of the various uses to which X rays may be put, and drew a distinction between X rays and cathode rays. It is an interesting point that these rays have no influence whatever on bacteria. The rays are able to so easily photograph the bones within the hand because the muscles are of much density and are therefore easily penetrated. There are many theories to account for the properties of the X rays, but Prof. Roentgen himself admits that nothing is definitely known.

Prof. Howard Opdyke then threw on a screen some magic lantern slides made from photographs taken with the X rays. There were shown a corkscrew taken through a copy of the college catalogue, a foot of one of the students, and a hand of one of the faculty. The last named exposure lasted for an hour and a half. After the lecture a large number remained and availed themselves of Prof. Wright's invitation to examine the bones of their hands through Edison's new fluoroscope.

Prof. Prosser conducted a geological trip up to "The Noses" on the Mohawk between Yousts and Sprakers last Saturday. He was accompanied by Peckham, '96, Van Vranken, '96, Palmer, '97, Fuller, '97, Brown, '97, and Cummings, '97.

The Junior Promenade.

The annual Promenade of the Junior class was held in Nott Memorial Hall, on the evening of May 1. The building was very prettily decorated and the presence of the electric lights, which had been placed there on purpose for the occasion, added greatly to its attractiveness. A very pleasing effect was that of the " '97 " made of incandescent lights.

The number in attendance was not very large, but those who were there had a thoroughly good time. The floor was in excellent condition for dancing, the music was superb, and there was enough space for everybody to dance without crushing others.

This Promenade closes the series of dances given by the Junior class this season, and while not a financial success, was socially one of the most pleasant affairs ever given at the college. The whole series has been a great success and reflects much credit upon the committee as well as upon the class. Gioscia and Gartland's orchestra furnished the music and Dobermann did the catering.

A few were in attendance from out of the city, among whom were: Mrs. Van Vranken and Miss Shotwell of Gloversville; Miss Argersinger of Johnstown; Miss Hungerford of Albany. From the city were the Misses Grace Walker, Isabelle Beattie, Susan Yates, Rachel Yates, Dora Yates, Marguerite Kosboth, Grace Horstman, Emma Westinghouse, Anna Westinghouse, Marcia Johnson, Grace Watkins, Gertrude Palmatier, Gertrude Clute, Leah Frame, Annette Conde, Beulah Shirland, May Clare, Susie Swits, Julia Hoppman and Anna Teller.

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The committee consisted of: Herbert H. Brown, chairman; Henry A. Frey, Paul Canfield, Edward E. Draper, Raymond D. Fuller, Frank Little, Hiram C. Todd, Charles S. Daley, James Wingate, Albert C. Wyckoff.

Local and Personal.

Tucker, '99, was in New York last week.

Dr. Raymond was in New York last week on business.

Bonesteel, '99, spent Sunday at his home in Kingston.

Little, '97, spent Sunday at his home in Rochester.

Geo. E. Pollock, '96, spent Saturday in New York City.

Geurnsey, '99, spent Sunday, May 3, at Johnstown.

Huntley, '99, spent Sunday at his home in Amsterdam.

Noel, '99, is rapidly recovering from his recent illness.

Draper, '97, spent Sunday at his home in Lansingburgh.

Merchant, '93, of the Albany Law School, was on the hill last week.

George Sands, '98, has a very painful attack of rheumatism in his arm.

Van Vranken, '96, spent a couple of days in Albany last week on business.

Mrs. Bray and Mrs. Young of Kingston visited L. D. Bray, '99, last week.

Lord, '99, was in attendance at the Founder's Day exercises at Vassar on May 1.

Crichton, '98, who has been ill for the past few weeks is again able to be around.

W. E. Merriman, '98, attended the exercises arranged for Founder's Day at Vassar, May 1.

Myron H. Lipes, ex-'98, has been elected captain of the Syracuse University base-ball team.

The Mandolin and Glee clubs took part in an entertainment at the Congregational church on May 7.

Prof. Prosser and his class in field geology went to the Helderbergs Saturday, May 2, to study rock formation.

W. H. Sinclair, ex-'97, has been elected president of the Republican club of Kent College of Law, Chicago.

Scofield, ex-'96, who left college to take an engineering position on the canal has been appointed deputy civil engineer of Albany.

'96.

Four years ago this coming fall, there came to
 Union College,
 About one hundred verdant Frosh in search of
 hidden knowledge.
 Poor, unsophisticated youths were we, as we
 entered these gay walls,
 And encountered mammoth intellects in our
 recitation halls;
 We "squared off" to the faculty as if we
 "knew it all,"
 'Till one by one our members from the ranks
 began to fall;
 And after repeated volleys from the fortress,
 Philip Cole,
 We found in our once solid front an everlast-
 ing hole.

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We crowded together again to be men and
 entered Sophomore year,
 With a goodly number of loyal men whose
 hearts knew naught of fear;
 And we "set up" frosh from morn till night as
 none had done before,
 Till Prexy Webster came one night and knock-
 ing at our door,
 Said, "Boys, a little more attention paid to
 lessons than to tricks,
 Will graduate a larger number in the class
 of '96."
 We settled down soon after that, but e'er the
 year had ended
 The faculty advised to go, some more of our
 intended.

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The garnet and silver waved triumphant the
 fall of our Junior year
 Over more than forty hardy men, whose sailing
 still was clear;
 But e'er the spring had come around as it had
 done before,
 Some more decided to leave us, as others had
 done before.

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We entered Senior year at last with nearly
 forty strong,
 Till on one balmy autumn day a canal boat
 came along,
 And took off ten of our best men to work out
 for the State,
 How to make a ship canal and do away with
 "skates."

So here we are in our Senior year at beginning
 of third term,
 Of our former goodly number an apology of
 a germ;
 But if the gods are only propitious, and if the
 faculty gives us our say,
 There will be thirty happy Alumni after the
 31st of May.

R. B. B., '96.

THE ALBANY LAW SCHOOL

Dr. McFarlane began a very interesting
 series of lectures on Medical Jurisprudence
 last Friday.

Arrangements for the Commencement, which
 will be held in Odd Fellows Hall on the evening
 of June 4th, are nearly completed. Hon. Daniel
 E. Ainsworth will address the graduates. The
 Commencement orators, selected by the faculty,
 are, Arthur J. Hammond, W. G. Brown, A.
 J. Dannaher, W. J. Burke, E. S. Brown, and
 C. I. Olliver.

The final examinations will be held May 28
 and 29.

The Moot Court held on the 8th inst. was the
 last court of the year, but was not the least
 interesting. The case was the trial of an in-
 dictment for forgery in which Mr. Corrigan
 figured as defendant, Mr. Hammond as District
 Attorney, assisted by C. V. R. Johnson, con-
 ducted the prosecution, while the defendant's
 case was looked after by Messrs. Kilgallen and
 Taylor. The case will be summed up and
 given to the jury on the 15.

The attention of students interested in amateur
 photography is called to the new announcement
 in this issue of Van B. Wheaton of 145 Jay St.

Frank A. Beach, secretary-elect for the inter-
 collegiate movement of the Y. M. C. A. in
 Philadelphia, gave an address before the Y. M.
 C. A. of the college last Friday evening. The
 subject of his discourse was "Northfield."

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS.

M. H. Strong, '96, accompanied T. W. Anthony, '96, on a wheel ride from Schenectady to Newburgh, the latter's home, last Thursday. They remained over Sunday.

R. H. Potter, '95, of Yale Divinity School, '97, made a short visit on the hill last week. Mr. Potter was on his way to Harvard, Nebraska, where he is to assume charge of a church during the summer.

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The Allison-Foote Debate.

The debate between the Adelphic and Philomathean Literary societies for the Allison-Foote prize will take place on the evening of May 29. The debate will be held in one of the churches of the city, but the one has not been decided on as yet. Much interest is being shown in this contest by both the societies, and the debate promises to be a very close and interesting one. Music will probably be furnished by the College Musical Clubs.

The question is, "Resolved, that the aggressive policy of England during the past century has been in accord with the higher interests of civilization." The Adelphic society team, consisting of Myers, '96, Guernsey, '96 and Allen, '98, will support the affirmative, while the Philomatheans, Hall, '96, Young, '96, and Holcombe, '98, will defend the negative.

A. S. Derby, '96, was in attendance as delegate at the annual convention of the Psi Upsilon fraternity at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May 6-9.

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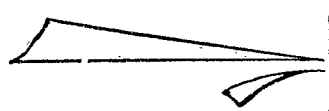
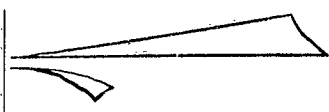


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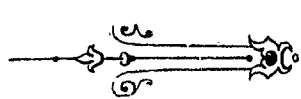
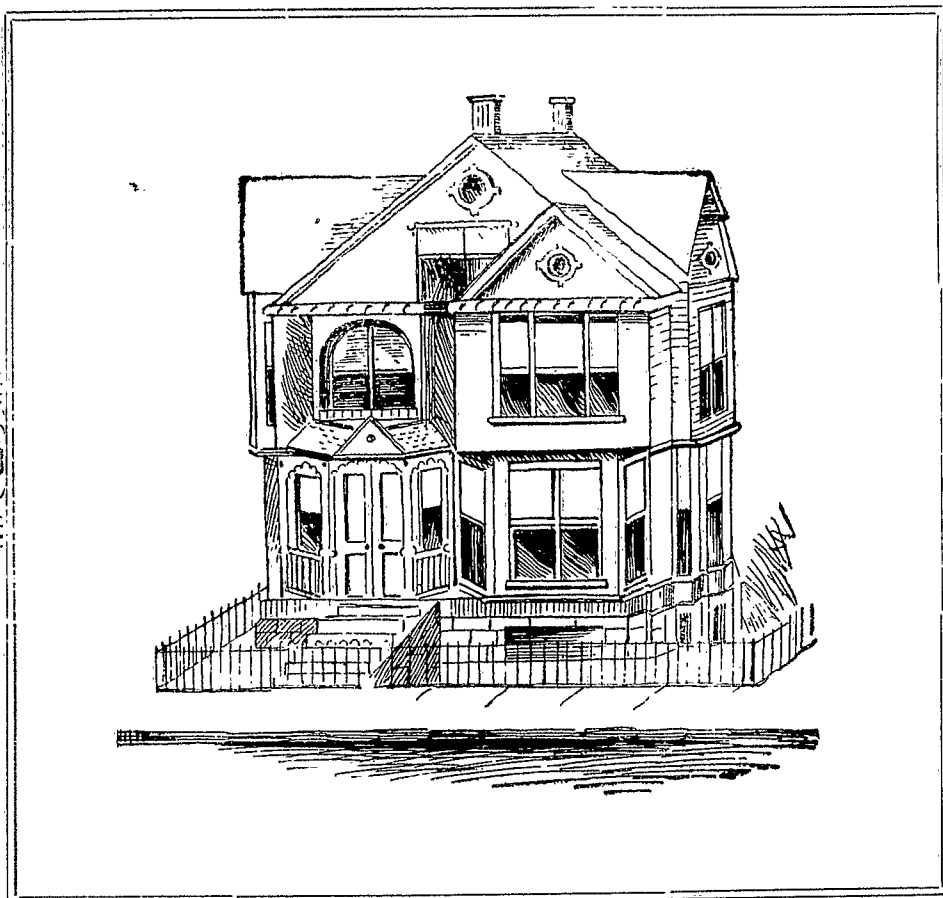
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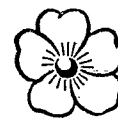
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