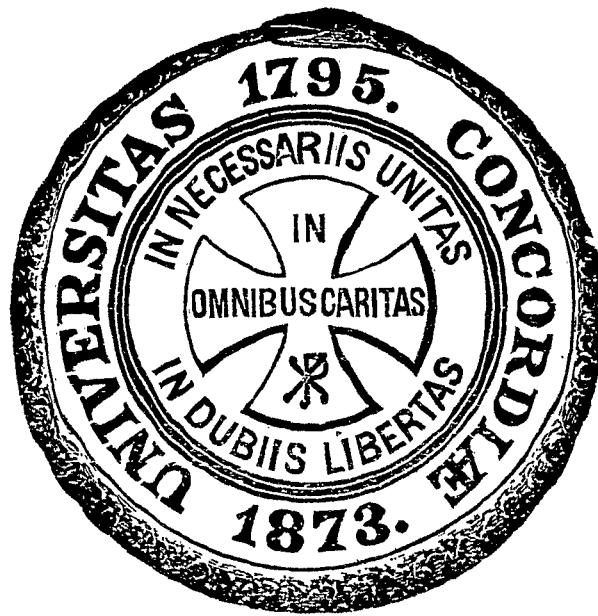


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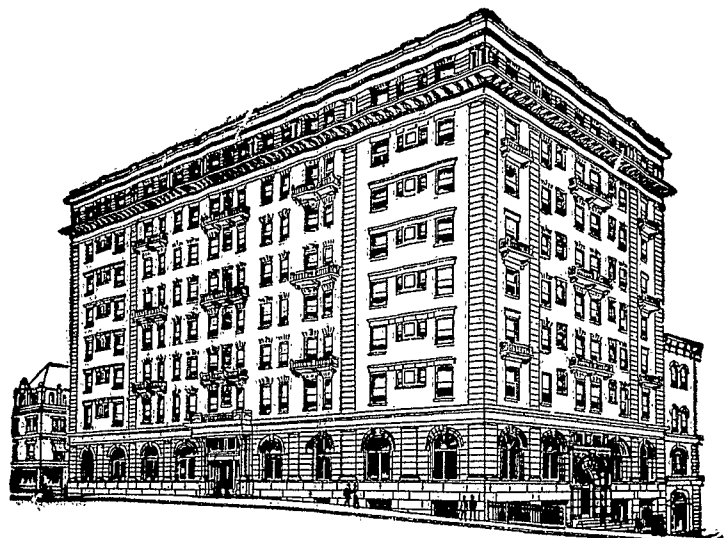
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## UNION'S NEW ENGINEERING BUILDING.

### Some Official Information About It.

Probably only a very small percentage of the student body has any definite idea about the new engineering building to be erected on the Campus this year. In order to give Union men fuller information about it, Dr. Landreth talked freely on the subject in an interview with a member of "The Concordiensis" staff.

The building will be about 136 feet front by 170 feet deep, and will be situated directly east of the chemical laboratory and about five feet back from the line of the North College Colonnade. In architectural design it will be similar to the two original college buildings, North and South Colleges. There are to be two gables, one at each end, connected by a higher roof.

The building material will be brick with stone trimming, fireproof floors and fireproof slate roof. The interior walls will be mostly of selected, exposed brick, tastefully tinted.

It will be heated by direct and indirect radiation, mainly by direct radiation, but with enough indirect to ensure good ventilation. It will be lighted throughout by electricity, and will also have supplementary gas fixtures.

The building will consist of four stories. The lower one will be occupied by the laboratories for testing heavy materials, such as beams, columns and building material, and will also have a cement test and laboratory, a room for paying out instruments for the students' use, toilet rooms and a fan room for heating and circulation purposes.

The next floor will contain the surveying laboratory, the engineering museum and library, and recitation rooms.

The third floor will be devoted to sanitary engineering and will have the mechanics and applied mechanics laboratory, drawing and recitation room for engineering design, and other recitation rooms.

The upper floor will be devoted entirely to

drawing rooms and to photographic and blue print rooms.

The plans for the building have been entirely prepared, bids have been received and have received the consideration of architects and the committee of the trustees. An award will be made very soon, perhaps in a few days. The cost when complete and fitted with furniture, to which special attention is to be paid, will be \$100,000. This figure does not, of course, include any electrical equipment or apparatus. The present equipment will be moved into the new building, and this will be substantially increased by further subscriptions.

It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy next fall at the opening of the college year. It will, of course, not be the largest building of its kind in the country, but it will unquestionably be one of the best arranged and best equipped, and will supply a long felt need in the college.

The greatest credit is due those who have labored so untiringly to make possible for Old Union such a valuable improvement to its already famous engineering department.

President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California has been nominated by the trustees of Columbia University and appointed by the Prussian Ministry of Education as Theodore Roosevelt professor in the University of Berlin for the year 1909-1910.

Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., has just been defeated for the presidency of the Senior class of Brown College by nine votes. He doesn't seem to be as successful in running for office as his father, Union's Honorary Chancellor.

The annual convention of the Student Volunteer Union of Central New York will be held in Syracuse, Nov. 20-22, inclusive.



## Football

### UNION IS AGAIN BEATEN IN A HARD FIGHT.

Colgate, 24; Union, 4.

Union suffered her second bad defeat at the hands of the Colgate eleven last Saturday at Hamilton. The Garnet team went into the game somewhat crippled, due to the loss of several good men, and was more so before the game was over. The Colgate line weighed nearly 30 pounds to a man heavier, and their whole team consisted of good strong football players. Union, however, made the first score in the game after about ten minutes of play.

In the first half, when Union obtained the ball, she advanced it to Colgate's 30-yard line. Here Doran Brown fell back to the 35-yard line and kicked a nice clean goal from placement, which was the only score made by Union during the game. Doran, however, attempted to kick goal from placement twice more, once in each half, but failed both times.

In the next five minutes Colgate rapidly carried the ball down the field and sent it over for a touchdown.

During the remainder of the half there was no more scoring by either side and the ball was kept in Colgate's territory the whole time. Twice Union used the forward pass for gains of 40 yards and 20 yards, and came very near Colgate's goal. Here a place kick by Doran failed. On the forward pass Doran took the ball and passed it to Anderson, who made 40 yards. Again, when Colgate had the ball, they attempted a forward pass, but the man was tackled before he passed the ball and lost it. Hurlburt recovered the ball and started down a clear field, but was caught on Colgate's 5-yard line. This was the only time Colgate tried the forward pass.

Score at end of first half:

Colgate, 5; Union, 4.

In the second half Wallace substituted for Starbuck at quarter; Walton for Vedder; McCormack for Sellnow, who was taken out because of a kick in the head; Dudley for Hequembourg; H. Stewart for Robinson. and H. Lewis for H. Stewart.

When the half started Union worked hard and fast, but had to give way before Colgate's heavy

line. Waite of Colgate kicked a field goal from 30-yard line, then Loeber, after making a fine 60-yard run, scored a touchdown. This was carried on the whole half and the game ended with the score: Colgate, 24; Union, 4.

Summary:

Touchdown—Colgate, 3.

Field goals—Union, 1; Colgate, 2.

Goals from touchdown—Colgate, 1.

### COLLEGE BRIEFS.

This issue of the "Concordy" was edited by Cavert, '10, and Van Deusen, '10.

Did you go to the "Sophomore Soiree" last night? Perhaps it wasn't sufficiently advertised on the Bulletin Board (?)

A. S. Knight, '08, was on the Hill last Friday. He now has an excellent position with the State on the barge canal.

The Library Committee met last week and apportioned money for a list of new books, which will soon be added to the library shelves.

Prof. H. G. McKean spoke recently to the boys' department of the city Y. M. C. A. on "The History of the Political Parties."

Schenectady High School defeated Troy High School in a fast game of football on the Campus Saturday. Score, 5 to 0.

The following Juniors have registered for assistant business manager of "The Concordy": Dunbar, Stark, Robinson, Chaffee.

Dean Ripton is to speak Sunday, Nov. 8, at the sixtieth jubilee of the German Methodist Church in this city.

Dr. Alexander, president of the college, spoke at the devotional meeting of the ministers and elders of Albany Presbytery in the Union Presbyterian Church of this city on October 27.

The Freshman football team was defeated last Saturday by Albany High School by a score of 16 to 0.

Secretary Barnes reports that the regular fall catalog of the university is in the printer's hands and will probably be ready for distribution soon.

Walser, '10, is back at college work again after a week's absence, due to his injury in the Rochester game.

**CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.**

Union, 14; Hamilton, 14.

The cross-country run with Hamilton last Saturday resulted in a tie. Travis, however, carried off the laurels, being the first to cross the tape. Coward finished fourth and Finch fifth. Ruprecht ran a plucky race, his feet, owing to their soreness resulting from previous practice runs, being swathed in bandages.

The race was started from the Utica Golf Club at 3 o'clock, the signal being given by Mr. Sheril Sherman, the son of the Vice President-elect who acted in the capacity of referee of the contest. The officials followed the runners in Mr. Sherman's automobile and the various Union and Hamilton rooters were able to witness the run from a trolley car.

Professors Butler and John for Hamilton and Chester Rankin, '09, for Union acted as judges of finish, which was at Clinton, approximately four and a half miles from the starting point. Travis was the first runner to come into view, followed closely by a Hamilton runner. When near the finish the Hamilton runner passed Travis, but the latter with a wonderful burst of speed, considering the distance he had run, passed his opponent and crossed the line first. Coward in the early stage of the race was apparently hopelessly in the rear. When near the finish he recovered and passing two Hamilton runners, finished in fourth place.

Unfavorable weather conditions made a speed record impossible. Snow fell during part of the contest and a cold wind blew continually in the face of the runners. The official time of the race was 37 minutes, 27 1-2 seconds.

**THE CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.**

Dr. Adams's Talk at Vespers and Dean Ripton's  
On Wednesday.

At the vesper service last Sunday afternoon Dr. Fred Winslow Adams was the speaker. The attendance was unusually large and all who were present were well paid for coming.

Dr. Adams spoke on "The Parable of the Sower." In discussing it he said that the picture of the seed devoured by the birds might be called "Lack of Attention;" the picture of the seed on stony ground, "Lack of Will;" the picture of the

seed choked by thorns, "Lack of Self-Mastery;" while the fruitful seed symbolizes the foundations of a strong, Christian character.

At the mid-week meeting which was held Wednesday instead of Tuesday evening, Dean Ripton spoke on "The Value of Bible Study." He ably presented the importance of this phase of Y. M. C. A. work and urged college men to engage in it.

After the Dean's talk a short meeting was held for the purpose of organizing Bible Study classes and choosing a course to follow for the year's study.

At next Sunday's service Dr. George R. Lunn of the First Reformed Church will speak. As this is the beginning of the "Week of Prayer" for colleges, he will speak with a view to this subject.

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5. Don't hand in any news items to the Editor, for there are one or two men who don't have anything else to do.

(Editor's Note): These pointers are not printed because of their originality, as similar sentiments have frequently found utterance in these columns, but because of the homely truths that they express.

**FOOTBALL SCHEDULE.**

	Opp'ts.	U.
Sept. 26, Stevens Institute, on Campus...	0	0
Oct. 3, St. Lawrence, on Campus.....	5	5
Oct. 10, Wesleyan, on Campus.....	0	0
Oct. 17, Hamilton, on Campus.....	6	18
Oct. 24, Rochester, at Rochester.....	17	0
Oct. 31, Colgate, at Hamilton.....	24	4
Nov. 7, Hobart, on Campus .....		
Nov. 14, N. Y. U., at New York.....		
Totals .....	28	23

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For the second time  
*The Colgate* this Fall our football  
*Game.* team has met defeat. At  
first thought the score of  
the Colgate game seems to indicate a bad  
defeat, but upon looking over the game  
in detail there is no reason for discouragement,  
for the score does not tell of the  
heavy odds against which our men had to  
contend. Considering that the Colgate  
team average about thirty pounds heavier  
to a man and that we were badly  
crippled by the loss of Capt. Potter, Walser  
and Streibert, the whole student body  
should have only the highest praise and  
heartiest support for our team.

After the severe defeat at Rochester  
two weeks ago, the team went through  
such consistent practice and took such a  
brace that they played Colgate to a stand-  
still in the first half and not until worn  
out by the weight of the opposing team  
did they allow the score to be rolled up  
against them.

Our men certainly played a plucky, up-  
hill game, and it was no reflection on our  
team to suffer defeat, when the odds were  
so overwhelmingly against them.

Fellows, let's not be quitters. Come  
out and show your appreciation for what  
our team has done. The prospects for  
beating Hobart this week are good, and  
this victory will be all that is necessary  
to spur our team on to defeating New  
York University in the last game of the  
season. Make your plans now for going  
to New York next Saturday to help cheer  
our men on to victory.

It might not be amiss to  
*The* call the attention of the  
*Y. M. C. A.* student body to the Y. M.  
*C. A.* Student support of  
the Christian Association has not been at



Union all that it should be. The Y. M. C. A. should stand at the head of college activities and should receive the support of every right-thinking man.

The Y. M. C. A. endeavors to promote the best kind of college spirit. In Silliman Hall it affords to the student body a favorite meeting place. Here assemble the debating societies, the football squad, the Athletic Council, the Glee Club, the Orchestra, the Press Club and often other organizations. It is right that they should meet here. The Christian Association is only too glad to have the Hall utilized for this purpose, for that is one of the chief aims in having an association building.

But isn't it fair to ask that the fellows support the Y. M. C. A.? Wouldn't that be a "square deal?"

The Christian Association aims to uphold a noble, manly spirit. Without such a foundation, no man can get the most out of his college life.

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Just a word about the *Cribbing*. practice of cribbing. It is to be deeply deplored that there are at Union any men who would stoop to such dishonesty.

What is the little aid obtained by copying somebody's paper or by taking a sly peek into a book compared to the stigma of dishonor attached to the means employed in getting the information?

Union College ought to have such a sentiment against this practice, that anyone who would so demean himself would be ostracized by right-thinking men.

There is no need for a long editorial on this subject. We believe that the greater part of the student body are strongly opposed to this dishonest practice.

After all, which is of more importance, to get through an examination or *to be a man?*

In a recent issue of the *Concordiensis* there appeared an official financial report of the Athletic Association, as prepared by Prof. Howard Opdyke. This report not only gives us in a concise and comprehensive way an outline of athletic expenditures for the past year, but it does more. It gives us an idea of the work Prof. Opdyke is doing and has been doing for the past ten years in behalf of the athletic interests of the college.

Officially, Prof. Opdyke is Assistant Treasurer of the Athletic Board. Practically, he is the mentor of college athletics, the authority on all questions athletic, pertaining to the college and its relationship with other colleges. Moreover, he has the handling of the athletic funds, a task which any team manager can attest is no light one.

Thus Prof. Opdyke occupies a double capacity of usefulness—a capacity which we hope he will occupy for many years to come—that of model professor of physics and general overseer, par excellence, of our college athletics.

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On another page of *Dr. Steinmetz*, this issue will be found an account of the full page article published in last Sunday's New York Times on "Charles Proteus Steinmetz, the Electrical Wonder." Union College is proud indeed of our "Steiney," and we are glad to know that he is receiving such well merited recognition in the world at large.

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Dr. Garfield Williams of London, one of the most popular speakers at the Northfield Student Conference, sailed last month for Calcutta, to become the college secretary of that city.

## FINE TRIBUTE TO C. P. STEINMETZ.

(Account in New York Times of Sunday, November 1, 1908.)

In last Sunday's issue of the New York Times there was nearly a whole page taken up by an article on the life and work of Prof. Steinmetz. A reporter for the Times came to Schenectady one day last week to hold a personal interview with Dr. Steinmetz, and as a result there appeared a fine, well-written article concerning this remarkable man, who is familiar to nearly every one on the Hill, and who has been connected with Union as Professor in Electrical Engineering for over five years. There appeared also a large photograph of Steinmetz seated at a table.

The Times attempted "to tell the story of Steinmetz's greatest achievement—an achievement which every one can appreciate—the story of what Steinmetz has made of himself."

The article says: "Nineteen years ago Charles Proteus Steinmetz, a newly arrived immigrant, was tramping the streets of Brooklyn looking for a job. By perseverance he secured a twelve dollar a week position as draughtsman in a small electrical plant. To-day he can tack an A. M. and a Ph. D. behind his name, and as consulting engineer of the General Electric Company draws a salary which cuts an immense slice out of \$100,000. Also, he is professor of electrical engineering at Union College, author of text books and recognized as one of the world's greatest mathematicians."

Further, "Dr. Steinmetz was born in Breslau, Germany, April 9, 1865. He did not go to school until he was 7 years old. He attended the school for 12 years. Even as a young boy he began to show his mental predilections, inherited no doubt from his father, who was always interested in scientific subjects. Young Steinmetz had a small chemical laboratory at his home and used to spend a good deal of time in it. Mathematics also had caught his interest. Steinmetz ascribes all his success in life to his thorough knowledge of mathematics.

"At the age of 19 he went to the University of Breslau. He continued his study of mathematics and became interested in astronomy, physics and natural history. It was not until the following year that Steinmetz, with no idea of making any

practical application of the subject, began the study of electrical engineering. He had formed a friendship for a fellow student who was pursuing that subject and Steinmetz merely wanted to know something about it."

The Times further tells how Steinmetz became connected with the Social Democratic Party through this friend, how they met in different rooms to talk over methods of revolutionizing the world, and how later he became the editor of a Socialist paper, in place of a man who had been imprisoned, and how he managed to edit the paper unknown to the government officials. He and his friends got a Polish fish vender who could neither read nor write, to be recorded as the responsible editor. Soon, however, the scheme was found out and the fish seller, together with Steinmetz's friend and several others were put into prison. The paper was soon reorganized and went on as before. Later on, Steinmetz began to be suspected, the police watched his movements, and he learned that they were about to arrest him. He slipped across the Austrian border to Vienna, and then went to Switzerland. When he arrived there he had very little money, but was able to obtain some from a book on astronomy, which he had previously written. He also was able to write articles on popular astronomy for a political paper, one of the owners of which he became acquainted with. He a little later entered the Polytechnic school in Zurich, living the while with a friend. In 1889 he and his friend came to America in the steerage on a French liner. Dr. Steinmetz says about this trip: "I have crossed the ocean since, in the first cabin, but I have not had so pleasant a voyage since as was that one in the steerage."

He brought with him two letters of introduction, through one of which he finally obtained a po-

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sition. This was with Mr. Eickemeyer, who had a small electrical plant in Yonkers, and was as draughtsman at a salary of \$12 a week. Mr. Eickemeyer became better acquainted with Steinmetz and realized that there was a man who knew, and could do things, so he raised his salary and put him in charge of all new and experimental work.

Then very soon the Eickemeyer factory united with a score or more similar plants, forming the General Electric Company, and in 1894 Mr. Steinmetz was put in charge of the designing and calculating department of the company. Then in about four years more he was advanced to the position which he now holds, that of consulting engineer to the company.

The Times here adds: "At the back of his home in Schenectady he has a complete laboratory, and there, with an assistant and a deputy assistant, he quietly works out the theories that mean better light, better heat, better transportation and better communication for the world."

When asked by the reporter if he found smoking his cigars injurious, he replied, "Why, I've had these cigars especially made for me—very long, very thin, and very mild. So, you see, I get a minimum amount of nicotine with a maximum amount of smoking. Tobacco has never made me sick, even when I was learning to smoke. I didn't begin until I went to college. Then I started by smacking a quarter of a cigar, then a half, and finally working up to a whole cigar."

The reporter's version of this was, "Scientifically methodical, even in the acquiring of his vices."

The Professor added, "As for my memory, I have a particularly good one. I never keep any record of my investigations or experiments. My memory files all these things away conveniently and reliably. I should say, though, that I don't clutter it up with a lot of useless matter. I only remember the things that interest me, the things that I intentionally make a mental record of. Names and faces, for instance, do not interest me, so I never remember either. But if a man says anything or asks anything that interests me, that's what I'll remember him by and what will recall his personality."

He explained that he preferred the cactus as a flower to the rose, "for the simple reason that it has a more interesting personality. It has wonder-

fully adapted itself to its surroundings and is the best illustration of the theory of evolution in plant life." He explained that about his only hobby was his greenhouse, which is full of cacti. He also showed his one pet, about which he said, "That's my gila monster. Its bite is supposed to be as deadly as that of a rattlesnake. A friend of mine sent it to me about six years ago for experimental purposes, but I haven't yet found any one with enough scientific enthusiasm to submit to a bite. So I have just kept it. It's so well acquainted with me now that it no longer hisses when I pass by."

When asked if he cared for books, he answered, "Oh, yes. When I want diversion I read Kipling and Jack London and Cooper's Leatherstocking Tales. I usually read the same books over; it's more convenient."

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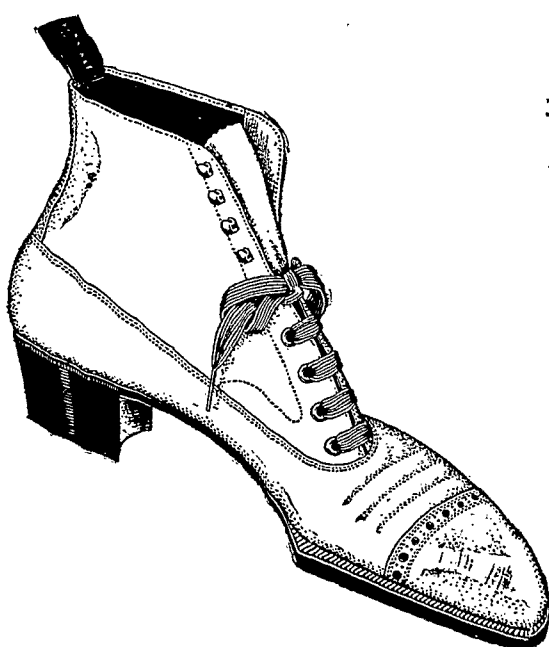
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### DEBATING NOTES.

Debating has settled down to steady, consistent work, and each society is holding regular weekly debates in order to get into training for the annual inter-society contest, the Allison-Foote debate.

The Philomatheans held a debate at 4 p. m. Wednesday on the subject. Resolved, That woman suffrage should be adopted by an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The Adelpic Society met last Thursday and discussed the campaign issue that the popular election of United States Senators is desirable.

It is not yet too late to join one of these literary societies. Every man in college should affiliate himself with one of them, so as to get debating practice and develop his forensic ability.

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#### Some Gleanings From Various Rooms.

Johnnie March:—Now this word means "importance." Mr. S——, how is the word used in the Bible?

"Hank":—Why, er, I did know, but I've forgotten.

#### One of Huffy's Syllogisms.

Major Premise: Nothing is better than a good recitation.

Minor Premise: A poor recitation is better than nothing.

Conclusion: Therefore, a poor recitation is better than a good recitation.

Dr. Ashmore thinks Latin flows in a continual stream. He seems to be unaware of the fact that his Sophomore class is daily damning it.

In argumentation class "Cop" was arguing vehemently for Bryan, but his arguments were treated rather disdainfully. Thereupon "Cop" gave vent to this effusion: "Professor, my opponents aren't trying to disprove my statements; they are just trying to put me into a hole."

Voice from the rear: "We can't do that, "Cop;" you're there already."

#### "Ashy" or "Ashes," Which?

"Doc" C—— was translating Horace. He intended to give the pony translation, which is: "Neither cypresses nor old ashes were shaken." "Doc" was a little absent-minded and rendered the passage: "Neither cypresses nor old Ashy were moved."

The Professor's only reply was a grunt!

The First International Student Bible Conference came to a close at Columbus, Ohio, October 25, 1908. About 1,200 representative alumni, undergraduates and professors were in attendance.

The University of Mississippi has adopted an honor system which prohibits cheating, stealing, gambling and drunkenness in public places. Punishment is inflicted by class representatives.



**THE PRESS CLUB.**

The newly organized Press Club is already carrying on extensive work and is proving to the student body that it deserves only the heartiest support from every man who has the interest of Old Union at heart.

The bulletin committee has been sending a regular weekly bulletin to a large number of the largest and best dailies in the country. It is very notable that the accounts of our football games have never received so much attention in the world of journalism.

Through the efforts of the Press Club pictures of our football team, captain, coach and star players have appeared in the columns of nearby papers. It is especially worthy of notice that there is a photo of some of our football men in every edition of the Utica Globe and in the weekly art supplement to the Troy Times. A recent number of Leslie's Weekly contained a picture of Captain "Stub" Potter, side by side with that of the Harvard captain. All this is due to the work of the Press Club.

The men who are serving on the various committees, as appointed by President Potter, are as follows:

Revision and Expense: Ferguson, '10; Faust, '11, and Zimmer, '10.

Bulletin Committee: Grover, '10, and Vedder, '10.

Head Reporters: Trumbull, '12, and Hill, '12.

Field Committee: Berry, '11; Slutter, '10; Hutchens, '10, and Allyn, '11.

Clipping Committee: Riley, '12; Beakley, '11, and Butler, '12.

**COLLEGE MEETING.**

Last Monday morning chapel attendance was the smallest it has been this year. This was principally due to the fact that so many of the men went home to use their right of suffrage.

Faust, '09, presided at the college meeting.

Doran Brown, '11, appeared for the first time before the student body as a speaker and spoke on the Saturday's game with Colgate. He gave us a very good idea of the game, and said it was really no disgrace to be thus beaten, for they have a good team and average about 190 pounds a man, to our 156.

R. Ury, '09, in speaking about the cross-country

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run with Hamilton, said that the members of the team ran a fine race, the result being principally due the work of Travis, '11, who, he said, is probably the best long-distance runner that Union has ever had.

President Lewis, '09, here took the chair, and Faust, '09, spoke on the Y. M. C. A., announcing that certain alleys will be reserved at the city Y. M. C. A. building for the use of those college students who desire to bowl, and that there will be held during the winter a bowling tournament among teams consisting of men from different crowds on the Hill. He also announced the boxing class, to which all college men are invited.

Brunet, '09, read to the students the petition which the committee has drawn up to hand to the trustees for the purpose of erecting a new flag pole. The petition was accepted by the student body.

After the reading of the minutes the meeting closed with the singing of Alma Mater.

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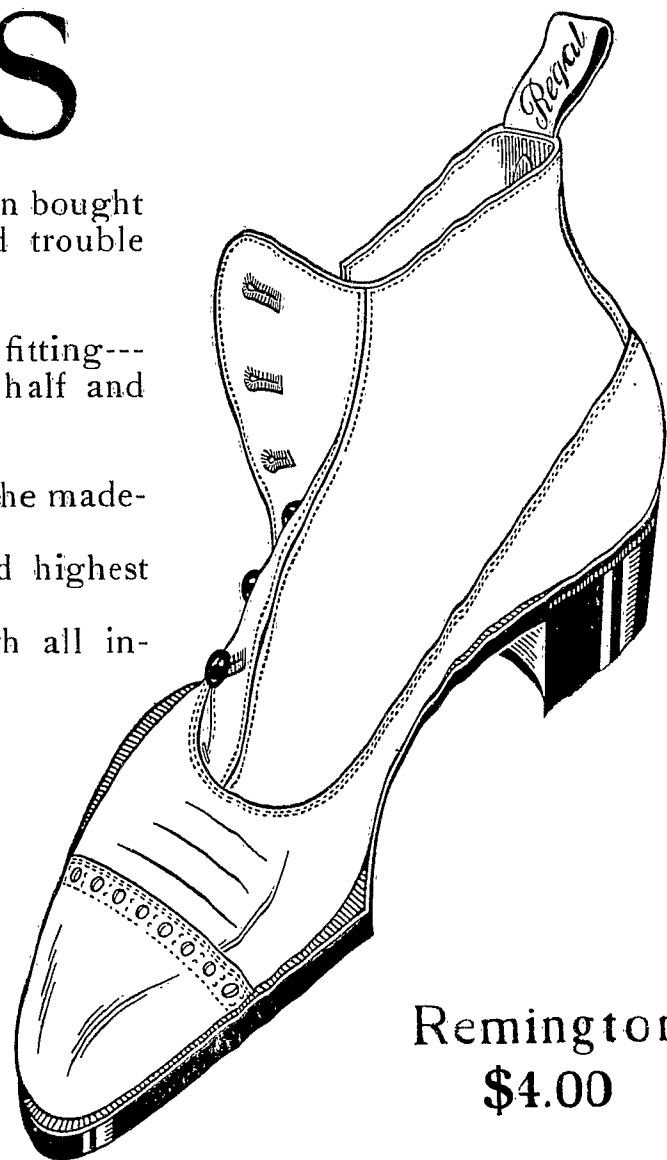
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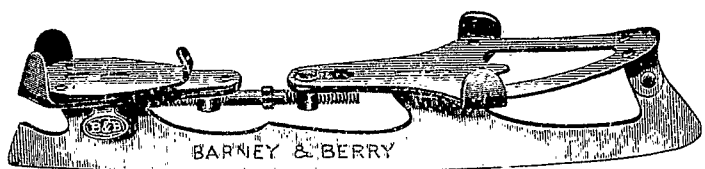
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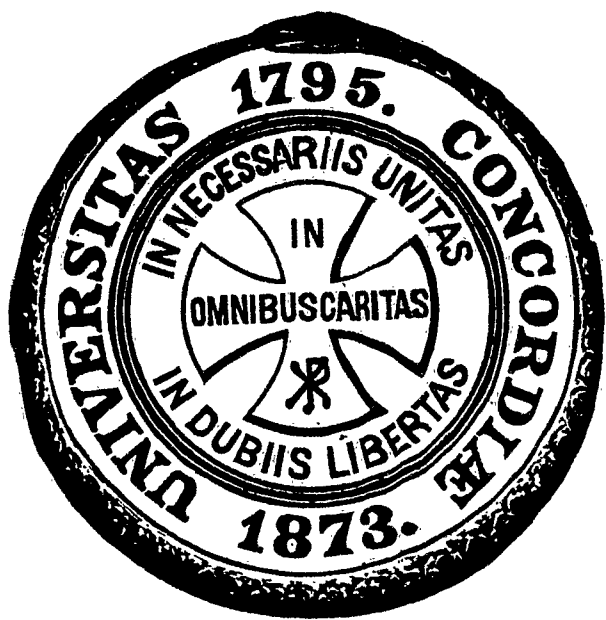
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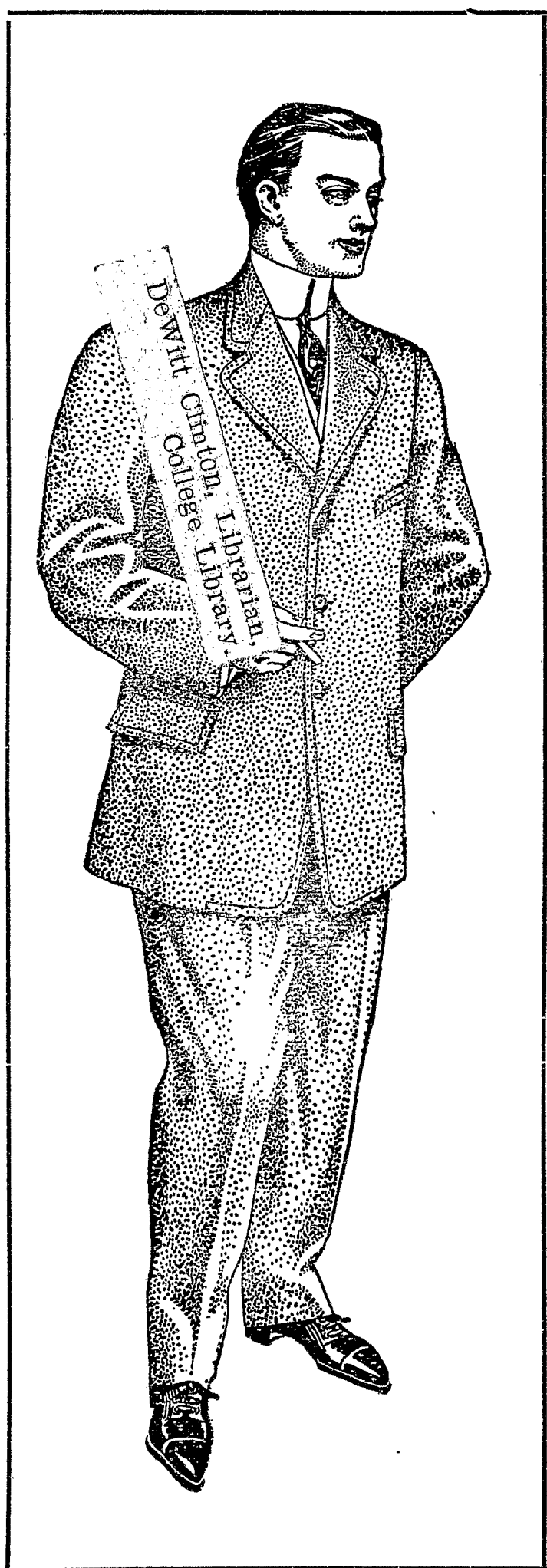
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