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## New York Alumni Banquet.

The annual dinner of the New York Alumni Association attracted a large and loyal gathering of Union's sons in the banquet hall at the Hotel Savoy, Thursday evening, Dec. 10.

Assembled with the sons of the college were such prominent men as John H. Starin, of the board of trustees; Gilbert K. Harroun, treasurer; Rear Admiral Erben, Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter, D. D., Dr. George T. Stevens and Chancellor Henry M. MacCracken. From the college were President Raymond, Professors William Wells and Sidney G. Ashmore, H. C. Todd, '97, and the Glee Club Quartette, consisting of H. J. Hinman, '99, R. D. MacMahon, '99, R. M. Eames, '99, and F. L. Green, '99.

The banquet hall was tastily decorated with the national colors. Beside each plate was placed a souvenir menu printed in garnet and tied with ribbon of the same color. The cover was illustrated with Union views.

The college quartette and an orchestra furnished the music of the evening.

At the close of the dinner Rev. Dr. George Alexander, as toastmaster, arose and proposed the toast, "The Flag of Our Country." It was drunk by all standing, and was followed by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Rear Admiral Erben was then introduced and spoke eloquently upon the national emblem.

The next speaker was President Raymond. He spoke interestingly upon the university idea, as it has been developed in America, and showed the distinction between the sphere of the college and that of the university.

"Union's Guests" was the next toast. It was delivered by Chancellor MacCracken of New York University.

Prof. Giddings, '77, followed with a masterly address upon the toast "Union's Alumni." In closing he briefly reviewed the results achieved

by Union men because of their distinctive training.

"The Spirit of Union" was the subject of Bishop Potter's address.

Warner Miller then responded to the toast "Union's Trustees."

Prof. Sidney G. Ashmore answered to the toast "Union's Faculty." His scholarly and earnest words were received with rapt attention.

Homer Green placed all his charming personality into his address in response to the toast "Union's Men of Letters." His remarks abounded in the wit and happy expression of the accomplished after-dinner speaker.

At the business session of the association that was held before the banquet, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. Dr. George Alexander; first vice-president, Silas B. Brownell; second vice-president, Dr. Daniel M. Stimson; secretary, Edgar S. Barney; treasurer, William C. Roberson; executive committee, Rev. Dr. Charles D. Nott, William L. Kennedy, Jr., Prof. Franklin H. Giddings, Henry F. De Puy, Talcott C. Van Santvoord, Col. Charles E. Sprague, George H. Daley, Clarke Winslow Crannell, George E. Marks, Gen. Daniel Butterfield, Charles W. Culver, Dr. Louis A. Coffin, Howard J. Cole, Frank Bailey and George T. Hughes.

## Medical College Notes.

The midwinter examinations will be held in Alumni Hall beginning this week Friday.

The training school for nurses, which the faculty has long been wishing for, has at last become a reality and is now open in connection with the Albany Hospital. This is under excellent management and gives promise of being one of the most prominent schools in the country.

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*Editor of The Concordiensis:—*

DEAR SIR:—It has been a question in my mind whether the "CONCORDY" and its readers would welcome an article from the pen of one who always has the best interests of "Old Union" at heart. At least I have decided to write a short article concerning the German University as it impresses me.

Here, in the University of Leipzig, we have some three thousand students. All the leading nations of the world are represented. Among the foreign students America appears to be ahead in numbers.

It is needless to say that a person may make a specialty of any subject under the head of liberal arts, besides there are departments of law, medicine and theology. A curious fact might here be noted, viz., that everything not under the head of the last three is classed in the department of philosophy; whether it be philology, history, science or what not.

One of the leading features of the university seems to me to be the absolute freedom of the students. There are no restraints whatever, except such as the students themselves make. A man may come and go when he pleases and no one pays any attention. The Professors come into the room at the appointed hour and immediately proceed with their work. The lectures are listened to with the utmost attention. So far as I know "bolts" are very rare. Every man is there because it is his desire to be there, not because he fears a reprimand or a "zero." In spite of, and I don't know but I may say because of, the fact that the students are put upon their own responsibility, it must be admitted that the most perfect order prevails.

Can we, as Americans, not gather a lesson from this? Are our students less reliable and less upright than the German students? Why not work toward the German plan in our American colleges? Young men who do not realize what they are in college for are of but little use to the college world. I am not one of those who are ready to admit that Americans are inferior to any other people. I have not seen a minute since I reached this foreign land when I was not ready to shout the praises of America as contrasted with all other nations. Certainly the American college is one of the most worthy institutions of our land and ought to be the place above all others where self-reliance and self-responsibility are developed.

Heartily wishing success to "Old Union,"

I am truly yours,

LOREN C. GUERNSEY, '95.

### Base Ball Prospects.

It is rather early to know anything very definite about the base ball season but the prospects at present are for a strong team. The team will commence training shortly after vacation and then more will be known of their capabilities. Nolan, '99, Purchase, '99, Parsons, '98, who has been elected captain, and Wiley, '99, of last year's team will probably play their old positions. Thatcher, 1900, has played base ball and is good in the box or on third base. Campbell, '97, and Reynolds, '99, will also try for the box. For catcher there are Hegeman, '99, Miller, 1900, Clarence Stewart, 1900, and Quinlan of the A. M. C. who has helped the team so well before. Edwards, 1900, will try for short stop, J. C. Merchant, '98, who played two years ago, for second base, and Davis, '1900, who played on the Ridgefield A. C. last year, for third base. Delehanty of the A. M. C. has played on the Fordham team and an effort will be made to secure him. Smith, '99, is a promising candidate for the field. There are other players in college who have not handed in their names and it is requested that they do so at once. The schedule has not been completed but an Easter trip will probably be taken.

### The Allison-Foote Debate.

The Allison-Foote prize debate which was held last year on May 29, will take place this year about the last of February. The subject has been announced as follows: "A Wise Policy for the United States Precludes Territorial Acquisition Beyond Our Present Frontiers."

The Adelphic society has chosen for its debaters: Cullen, '98, Swann, '98, and Utter, '98. The Philomathean debaters are: Brown, '97, Reed, '98, and Holcombe, '98; alternate, Thomas, '98.

Prof. James Truax returned home Monday, Dec. 14.

## Clippings.

The captains of all four 'varsity teams won high grades at Harvard last year.

Harvard has issued a call for lacrosse candidates, and will soon select a team.

Columbia University is to have a new boat house on the Hudson River, which will cost \$15,000.

Princeton is to have a new library to cost \$600,000. Its capacity will be 1,200,000 volumes.

The University of California will offer a course in the Chinese language and literature for the ensuing year.

Harvard spends \$17,000 yearly toward increasing the library; Yale, \$7,000; and Columbia, \$43,000.

The Olympic games in 1900 will be held in Paris, and in 1904 the committee will choose between New York, Berlin and Stockholm.

In Germany one man in 213 goes to college; in Scotland one in 520; in the United States one in 2,000; and in England one in 5,000.

The natural history department of the Maine State college has received the body of the first hooded seal known to have been seen on Maine's coast.

At the last commencement the University of Michigan conferred 755 degrees, the greatest number conferred by any institution in the world.

Yale spent \$34,000 last year on athletics. Of this \$10,000 was subscribed by the undergraduates and the remainder was raised by the proceeds of the games.

Harvard has adopted a new system of strength tests by which any man can tell exactly where he stands in his total strength compared with other men in his college.

Twenty candidates have begun training for the Harvard fencing team, which will represent Harvard in the intercollegiate fencing tournament to be held in New York during the Christmas vacation.

The plans of Columbia's new gymnasium have been filed with the building department. The gymnasium will be 175 feet wide, by 260 feet long, and will be seven stories high.

The two new dormitories in progress of erection at Princeton will be ready for occupancy by the beginning of the second term. Each building will accommodate about fifty students.

It has been decided to make intercollegiate bicycle meets annual events. It is proposed to invite entries from every institution holding membership in the Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Yale has a new symphony orchestra, the first organized in an American university. It is backed by the faculty with an appropriation of \$1500, and is intended to be a permanent organization.

The Harvard Faculty has passed the following rule: "The Administrative Board of the college, holding that the handing in by a student of written work not his own is dishonorable, proposes to separate from the college a student guilty of such conduct, and to post his name on the college bulletin boards.

Princeton has instituted a permanent military organization under the entire control of the students; only those in good standing will be eligible for membership. There are to be commissioned and non-commissioned officers, together with a recruiting committee, a special committee and a court martial to recommend members for expulsion. The company will be called the Mercer Blues of Princeton university.

J. William Macey, one of the impersonators in the second entertainment of "The People's Popular Course," was given a reception after the entertainment Tuesday evening, Dec. 8, at the Phi Gamma Delta House.

Robert C. Alexander, Editor of the New York *Mail and Express*, and Talcott C. Van Santvoord, Assistant Cashier of the Lincoln National Bank of New York, both members of the class of '80, were elected members of the Union League Club of New York at its meeting on December 10.

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OWING to the additional work in connection with examinations the publication of the PARTHENON has been necessarily delayed. Students desiring their magazines during vacation should leave their home address with the business manager.

THE position which the Freshman class has taken in refusing to adopt the honor system is to be commended rather than condemned. The question of adopting an honor system by any class in college should receive the most careful consideration. It should be supported not by a mere majority vote but by a strong sentiment finding expression in a unanimous or very nearly unanimous vote of the class. Otherwise it would fail in rectifying the very evil it is intended to correct.

THE enthusiastic golf players will shortly lay aside their sticks and, by way of diversion, turn their attention to skating and the good old game of shinny. Both games are excellent and furnish abundant exercise to the players. The

relative enjoyment of either game, depends upon the temperment of the players. In one it is a question of broken sticks, in the other broken heads and shins.

The old Scotch game has found many ardent supporters both among the faculty and the students today. Many of the new players show a natural aptitude in swinging the sticks and have made some remarkable scores. The round of the college links has several times been made in 46 and several other players hold a record as low as 52.

The first intercollegiate game of golf in America was played between Yale and Harvard this fall. Yale won. The game bids fare to become very popular throughout the college world.

The CONCORDIENSIS suggests that the Hill club make arrangements to play a few games with other collegiate institutions. The college team might lose to be sure but other Union College teams have lost. They also stand a good chance of winning and that would be such a novelty that it would be well worth trying for.

## Osgood Killed at the Battle of Guaimaro.

HE WAS TRAINING ONE OF HIS GUNS ON THE SPANIARDS WHEN HE WAS STRUCK BY A MAUSER BULLET.

The "Herald's" correspondent writes from the headquarters of the Cuban army at Guaimaro, Camaguey, under date of October 29th, that Winchester D. Osgood fell during the siege that preceded the capture of that place. On the second day of the siege, as Major Osgood, under heavy fire from the Spaniards, was training one of his pieces on the forts, a Mauser bullet struck him in the forehead.

The news of his death deeply impressed President Cisneros and the commanding officers, all of whom had great regard for the American officer.

A few months after his graduation, in 1895, Osgood, whose sympathies had been excited by the news of the struggle in Cuba, bade farewell to friends and family and joined one of the expeditions from this city for the little island. His proffered services as a volunteer were gratefully accepted by the leaders of the insurgents, to whom his knowledge and ability as a civil



engineer, no less than his personal bravery and inborn capacity for leadership, soon rendered him of the greatest value. He served with distinction in many engagements, and his promotion was rapid, he having attained the rank of major but a short time before his untimely death.

Osgood entered Pennsylvania in 1893, from Cornell, and spent two years in the department of philosophy. He was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Some details of Osgood's athletic record at the university will be of interest. In March, '93, he won the bicycle race and in April he made a new college record on the bicycle of 5 minutes 51 1-5 seconds. In the spring of '94 he again made a new collegiate record of 5 minutes 10 seconds for the two-mile bicycle race.

In the commencement week games of the same year he won the two-mile bicycle race in 5 minutes and 10 seconds, equaling the record made previously in the spring sports. In the last of the series of spring games of '94-'95 held after the intercollegiates, he rode the two-mile bicycle race in 4 minutes and 55 seconds, making a new collegiate record. Later on he was paced over the distance, which he covered in 4 minutes, 49 3-5 seconds.

In '94 Osgood distinguished himself as half-back on the foot-ball team, when his brilliant runs were the talk of the foot-ball world. In '94 and '95 he boxed and wrestled on the gymnastic team, having in '93 won the middle-weight amateur wrestling championship of America. He was 5 ft. 9 in. high and weighed 180 lbs.—The Pennsylvania.

### President Potter of Hobart College Resigns.

(From the New York Sun.)

GENEVA, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Dr. Eliphalet Nott Potter, President of Hobart College, tendered his resignation as head of that institution to Ex-Senator Hammond, the chairman of the executive committee of the college, late last evening. The reason given by Dr. Potter is that his health will not permit of his continuing in the duties of a college president any longer.

At the recent meeting of the board of trustees held in New York City, December 10, Dr. Potter expressed a desire to spend the remainder of his life on the grounds of Union College. He stated that his health would not permit of his remaining in active life any longer, and he wished to be allowed to erect a house on the college property at the juncture of Union Avenue and Union Street.

The request was granted and in the near future Dr. Potter will remove to Schenectady, where he will spend the remainder of his life in the town of his birth and in close relation with friends and relatives.

### Personals.

Howard Mallery, '96, of Middleburg, visited relatives in the city last Saturday.

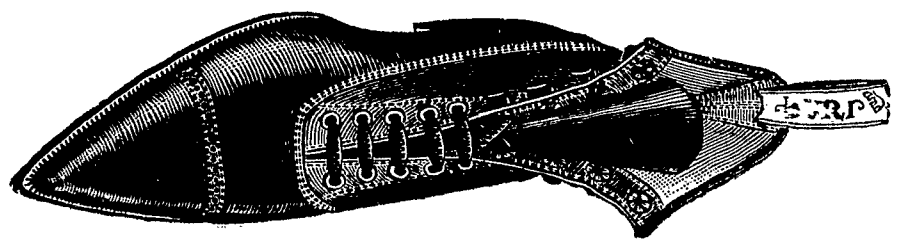
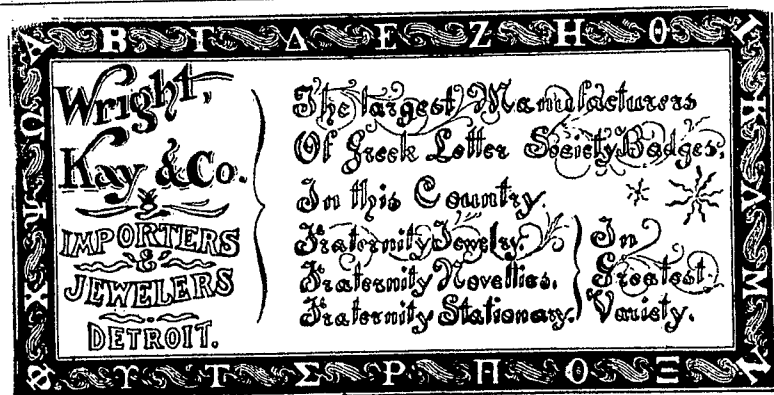
Murphy, 1900, has accepted a position as teacher in a private school near Tarrytown.

French, '99, attended the banquet given by the Alpha Zeta's, Tuesday evening, Dec. 8.

Eames, '99, attended the reception given by the Philolethian Society at Vassar, Friday Evening, Dec. 4.

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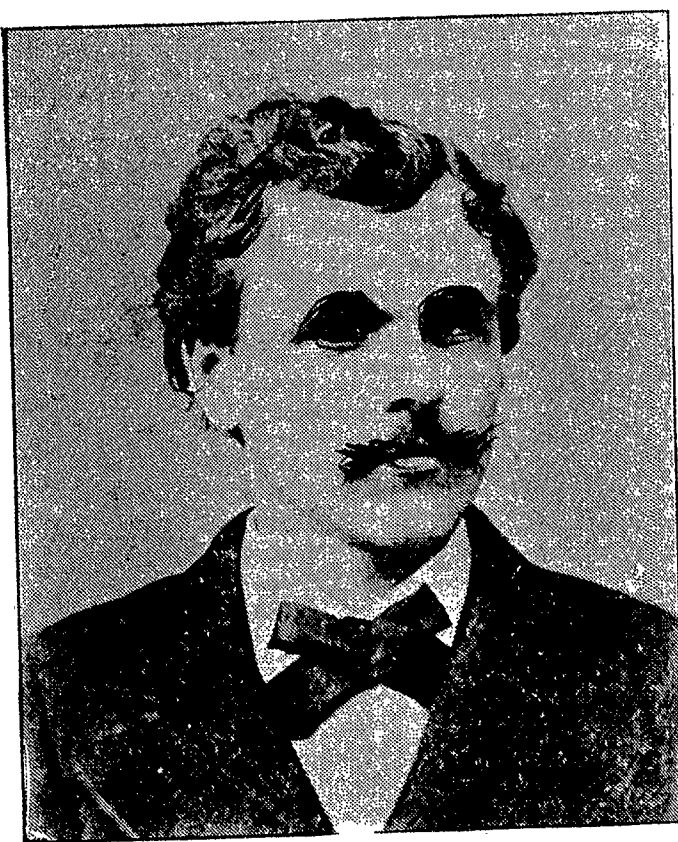
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