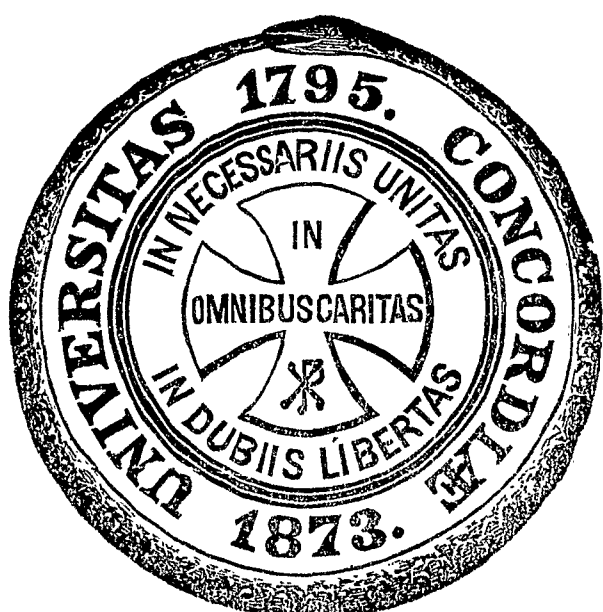


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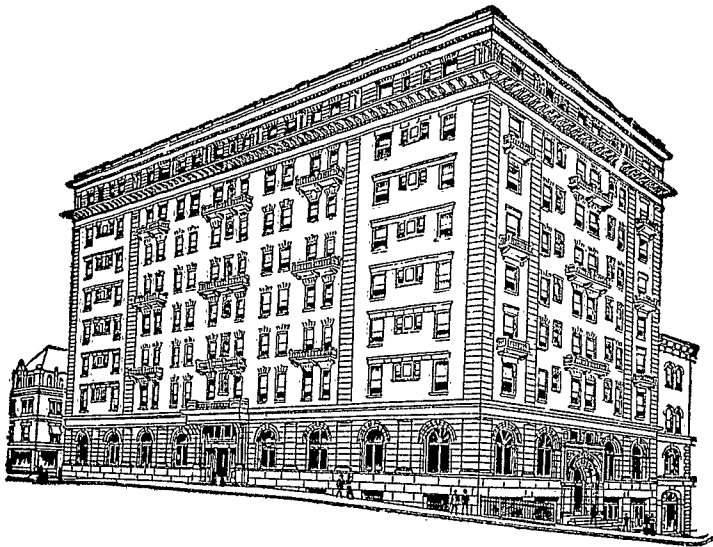
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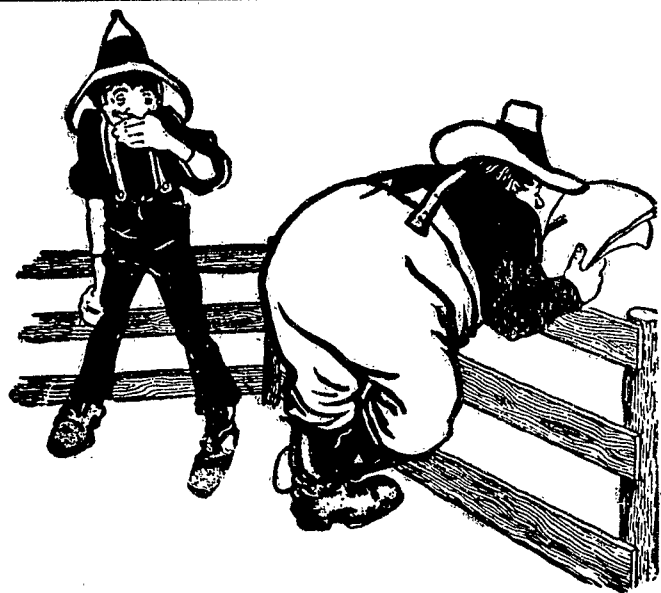
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CIVIC CONSCIENCE

It's Organization Described by R. F. Cutting

Second Article in the Civic Improvement Series

In an article on "The Modern Development of Municipal Government," written fifteen years ago, the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain said, "the hope of the future lies in the awakening of the public conscience and its recognition of the duty of the community to its poorest and weakest members."

[The following article, written by R. Fulton Cutting, chairman of the Citizens' Union of New York City, is the second of a series printed to further the work of the Union College Civic Club. It is well worth the careful attention of every reader of *The Concordiensis*.]—Ed.

The awakening has commenced, it is domesticating a conscience in public life but one that is still a crude, ill-educated groping thing. It will stand a vast amount of abuse, or ridicule, or intolerance, but when to these is added insolence, and the public sense of decency is violated by official exploitation of criminal license, it becomes an avalanche, however, it possesses no constructive power and when the old forces that for a time have become subterranean, force their way again to the surface, the process is repeated. It is true that there is progress but it is not so rapid as we should have reason to expect.

The civic conscience is to-day outside of the local agencies of the great national parties and so long as those parties depend for their maintenance upon the patronage and subsidies from private corporations, it will remain outside. If it would be actively represented in civic politics and impress itself upon the community as the national parties do, it must have its own agency of expression. It is because of thorough organization and discipline that the national party can afford to ignore the conscience of the community and to ride roughshod over its supplications and protests. It is not a bit afraid of numbers if they lack discipline and

leadership and ignores them until intoxicated with success it oversteps the limits of prudence and precipitates the cataclysm.

The problems of the American commonwealth are to-day peculiarly those of the city. The issues that interest and agitate the public are increasingly local and the battle grounds that have peculiar significance are those of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and other great centres of population.

There has recently forced its way to the front in civic politics, the issue generally known as municipal ownership. The principle involved is not new, but it is its proposed extension upon a scale of portentous magnitude that gives the issue its engrossing interest. The proposition is in itself characteristic of the age. It is one of the phenomena of the groping fraternalism that has so markedly characterized the civilization of the last half century. This question cannot be arbitrarily dismissed. It is far too grave to be left for solution to the partisan. To the radical, municipal ownership is the remedy of all the abuses of popular sovereignty. To the reactionary it is the victory of socialism, a fatal blow at the rights of property. But there must be a middle course between these antagonistic positions and the consideration of this important and pressing issue has made the direct representation of conscience in local politics peculiarly essential.

In the preface to his "Life of Gladstone," John Morley says, "a firm and trained economist and no friend of socialism, yet by his legislation upon land in 1870 and 1881 he wrote the opening chapter in a volume in which many an unexpected page in the history of property is destined to be inscribed."

We seem to be developing a new sense of the nature and characteristics of the communal obligation and the limitation of the rights of the individual as a citizen, and the animating spirit of our evolution is profoundly fraternal. It is not sufficient to deplore the corruption of political life and then to shrink from the consideration of reme-

dies for the evil, and conscience must arm itself and become a positive factor in the solution of the great issues that confront our citizenship. If our standards are to be modified and principles reinterpreted it must not stand without and ultimately face a catastrophe that can only be averted by an exhaustive dead-lift.

It is in the spirit of continual activity that we must approach our civic problems. Their solution affords ample opportunity for the highest kind of public service and the citizenship of the future must demand a sufficient sacrifice of time and money to make its influence felt in the political struggle. It demands organization. The American, however conscientious, is essentially practical,—the forlorn hope in politics does not appeal to him. Impossible idealism does not bring anyone to the polls. Idealism must be made definite, intelligible and given a familiar agency of expression before it can appeal to any considerable constituency. The possibility of success contributes immensely to popularize an issue, and however illogical it may be, the probability of being on the winning side counts its votes by tens of thousands. Organization supplies these essential qualities and when disinterestedness can be attested by its personnel, its policies, its candidates and its uninterrupted public service, it fulfills the requirements of the moral sense of the community. An organization if large enough to give substantial representation to every district of the city and every phase of its teeming life does not need preponderating numbers and is probably better off without them, for so long as its only resource is its appeal to the moral sense of the community, it is compelled to behave itself.

It is true that the city committees of the national parties claim to possess all the attributes demanded by the conscience and their platform writers can certainly qualify for a professorship in homiletics. But their basis is so purely materialistic that it cannot be distinguished by the arts of the rhetorician or the declamation of the melodrama. They buy and sell conservatism or radicalism—which-ever they think the public wants and charge as their price an administration of inefficiency and graft, of recklessness and insecurity. They can, nevertheless, be made to serve the public by the compelling force of public opinion if only that pub-

lic opinion adopts the principle which the commercial, the industrial, the religious and the political world has found to be essential to success—organization.

MECHANICAL LABORATORY

Plans Made to Have New Building Erected in the Near Future

Upon good authority it was learned during the week that part of the Electrical Laboratory building will be converted into a Mechanical Laboratory within a short time. Preparations are meanwhile to be instituted for building a separate structure to serve as a permanent mechanical laboratory.

This matter has been under contemplation for some time by the heads of the engineering departments. The need of a special place to concentrate the work of mechanical engineering as incident to the regular electrical and civil departments has been recognized and, in consequence arrangements have been made to have suitable equipment installed to give the engineering students practical instruction in testing various materials. This equipment will be designed to test the shearing and tensile strength of building material and the compressive strength of concrete.

Assistant Professor von Voigtlander, of the Civil Engineering Department declared that such a building would soon be erected. No definite plans have as yet been decided upon, however, and even the preliminary sketches have as yet not been made.

It is probable that such steps will be taken as to insure the erection of the building in time for the opening of college next fall. To maintain the present scheme of architecture the new building will probably be of the same general appearance as the new Electrical Laboratory.

The faculty has taken the stand that this work should be carried on, not to give further courses in engineering work, but merely to aid the students in those courses already established.

OUR TRACK SITUATION

Union's Prospects Summarized by an Athlete — Hard Work Is Necessary

With the basket ball season finally brightening up a little, it is time to begin to turn attention to the track situation. To start with, Union is scheduled to participate in a one-mile relay race in Troy on the 26th of this month. From all appearances, however, but little work toward successfully competing at that time has been done. Captain Parsons has several times issued calls in chapel meeting for candidates for the team, but as yet none of the hard, gruelling work that must precede the running of the quarter mile has been done.

The registered candidates for the team are Parsons, '08, Streibert, '09, McCormick, '09 and Tobin, '11, from the college, and Wheeler and Ayer from the Medie. The two latter are supposed to be doing individual training. This is an exceedingly small number of candidates, and shows a deplorable lack of spirit on the part of the college in general.

It seems more than probable that, if a team is likely to go to Troy far below the averages set by Old Union in the past few years, Dr. Mac will withdraw the entry, for his past record shows him as far from willing to have undertrained men compete in athletic events—especially in such a hard race as the quarter mile.

As to the general track situation, the usual call for winter training in the gym. has resulted in drawing out a few upperclassmen and a few more freshmen.

Under Dr. Mac's supervision, these men are undergoing such preliminary training as the old gym. will permit. This work includes dumb-bell exercises, work at the weights and practices of the starts for sprints and hurdles.

Union is now in the New York State Intercollegiate Association, and consequently will send a team to participate in the meet at Rochester this year. But the prospects of getting anything better than third place in the meet seems slight. Colgate, with a strong entering class, besides her old track men, has doubtless the strongest aggregation of athletes in the association. Rochester stands second; while Union's part seems destined to take

part in a sort of a secondary meet with Hamilton, to gather up the odds and ends left over by the first two teams.

The spirit of Old Union, that formerly sent so many winning teams into the field seems to be lacking entirely in track work at present, and its revival is the only thing that can save us from an overwhelming defeat at Rochester this year. If this spirit is only dormant, it can only be awakened by every man constituting himself into a personal alarm clock and waking up his share of it.

It is well known that practically every one has at least a slight ability to participate in track work. Every ordinary man, equipped with a sound body and a good pair of legs can run. Some men can run better than others. Why? Partly because of personal ability, but more because they have practiced and learned how.

So, to save Old Union from that shadow of impending defeat every man should come out and do his share. Freshmen especially should take up the work and stick to it, for it depends upon their ability as to what the college shall stand for in the future years of track competition.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Last Tuesday evening, in Silliman Hall, the usual prayer meeting period was devoted to the Bible class, led by Dean Ripton, and a very useful hour was spent thus by those present. Sunday afternoon Dr. Hoffman gave his second lecture on the Old Testament. He began by giving a short, but full account, of the review of his lecture of the previous week. Continuing his talk Dr. Hoffman declared that the Old Testament has been rediscovered, and scientists now concur in the fact that its truths do not collide with scientific principles.

Touching upon the story of Adam and Eve, he said that if they are looked upon from an ethical standpoint they become invaluable to mankind.

He concluded by saying that we now look upon the Old Testament as the greatest book that the Old World could give us on the subjects of ethics and religion. In it we have the cream of all the civilizations of the ancient world, and in it we have set forth the principles and foundation of the Kingdom of God. It clearly points out that righteousness and love are the two great principles of the eternal kingdom.

Alumni Notes

1860—Some remarkable phases of public life in this country are well exhibited in the career of former Senator Miller, of New York, who once seemed to be the leading man in the most populous State of the country. Twenty-seven years, lacking a few months, have passed since the great crisis in New York politics created by the resignation of Senators Platt and Conkling over the confirmation of a Collector of the Port of New York to succeed Chester A. Arthur, just seated as vice president. The memory of the campaign of 1880 is fresh in the minds of the older generation, but there has arisen a lot of voters who never knew what that situation involved.

Miller was one of the men elected to succeed to the vacancies under the new regime, but by the time his term expired the democracy had captured New York. Then followed almost a generation of exploitation and speculation ending in the bankruptcy of Warner Miller, while Platt is still in his seat in the Senate. Mr. Miller was and is a man of many abilities, but between politics and speculation he seems to have failed. He was certainly well equipped for public life, but at the wrong moment he essayed to be independently rich and is now a bankrupt.—Philadelphia Enquirer.

1887—Virginia is now considering the plan of substituting, in Virginia, the electric chair, as used in this State for the execution of murderers, instead of the antique gallows method of imposing the highest penalty known to the law for life-taking.

In endorsing the proposition of substituting, in Virginia, the electric chair, as used in this State for the execution of murderers, the Newport Press, which is now under the able management editorially of Mr. Harry S. Estcourt, a former Schenectadian, Union College man and former associate editor of The Union, says:

"There is every prospect that the electric chair will be substituted for the gibbet in Virginia, and that such is the case is a cause for rejoicing of the genuine sort. The gallows should have been relegated to the rear years ago, as they are a relic of age long gone by. The execution of murderers and others by the electric chair is not an experi-

ment any longer, as it has been tried and proved satisfactory. New York State almost two decades ago substituted the electric chair for the gallows and there has never been a suggestion that the old method of taking the lives of condemned murderers be resumed. The chair was such a success in New York that several other states have adopted it, and it seems as if the gallows were doomed to utter obliteration, as they should be."—Union.

1903—Joseph G. Fenster has been appointed by the Supreme Court of West Virginia as receiver for the large mining interests of Warner Miller who recently made a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Mr. Fenster also graduated from the Albany Law School and is now a successful lawyer with offices in Troy.

1908—Byron W. Collins was married to Miss Elizabeth Stone on February 12th, at Dallas, Tex. Collins is agent for the Douglas Shoe Company in the district of North Texas.

1888—George Comstock Baker, one of the most prominent men in Masonic and business circles in Northern New York, died on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of his father, I. V. Baker, Jr., at Comstock. Mr. Baker suffered with heart trouble and to this his death was due.

He was a young man, only thirty-nine years of age, but was prominent throughout the State. He was for eight years a deputy attorney general. He was a graduate of Union College and took a post-graduate course at Cornell University. He was a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. For a time he was in the law department of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad Company.

He was past master of Masons' Lodge No. 5, of Albany, and was a writer of rare talent. A short time ago he established a Masonic paper, The Northern New Yorker, at Whitehall, a journal devoted to the interests of the Masonic craft in Northern New York.

1904—Winslow B. Watson was married December 18, to Miss Irene Singer, at the home of the bride's parents in Plattsburgh, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Watson are now living at Whitehall, where Mr. Watson is in the State Barge Canal office.

1896—Alonzo C. Jackson passed away at his home in this city on January 18th. Death was caused by heart trouble, from which he had suffered for the past few years.

While he was in college he became a member of

the Sigma Phi Society. He was also prominently identified with the principal clubs of the city. Mr. Jackson was in the Spanish-American War, serving in Company E, of this city.

He is survived by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

JUNIOR WEEK

Junior week is now only two weeks off and the chairmen of the dance committee are hard at work to make this the greatest week the college has known.

The soiree will come Thursday evening, the 27th, and Chairman Ferguson has arranged a fine program for the evening.

The Junior Prom. will be held at the Ten Eyck, in Albany, Friday evening, the 28th. Chairman Corbin has engaged Zita's eight-piece orchestra for the occasion and so the music will undoubtedly be as fine as the hall has heard in a long time. There will be a novelty in the form of a promenade which will end in a waltz. There will be twenty-four regular and four class dances, this will cut out the usual extras.

This is the first truly university dance ever given. The Law School have decided to attend and their two fraternities have members on the committee. The other departments have not as yet been heard from officially but with good authority it is reported that they will be well represented. The programs are to be something out of the ordinary, they are to have silk covers instead of leather, as heretofore.

The following fraternities will very likely hold house parties: Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi, Delta Phi, Psi U, Chi Psi, Delta U, Phi Delta Theta and Phi Gamma Delta.

FRESHMEN DEFEATED AGAIN

In the second of the series of inter-class basketball games the Sophomores again defeated the Freshmen by a score of 35-3. In the early stages of the game, two of the best men on the Freshman team were injured and no satisfactory substitutes were at hand. In addition the Sophomores put out an exceptionally strong team, three of their players being 'varsity men.

DEBATING TRIALS

Arrangements Completed With Hamilton — Many Contestants for Positions

So much interest has been aroused over the prospects of an early debate against Hamilton that there are numbers of applicants for the positions on the Union team. In accordance with the desires of the debating council a regular squad has been formed, and this now consists of about twelve men. Regular debates are held three times a week, and these will be increased in number within a short time, to give the contestants as much practice as possible before the Hamilton debate, on the eleventh of next month.

By action of the council, the negative of the subject presented by Hamilton was chosen. The subject is: "Resolved, That our general currency and banking systems were the dominant cause of the recent financial panic."

As arrangements now stand, Hamilton will come to Union this year, while the Garnet team will make the trip to Clinton next year. The general conditions of the debate have all been decided, and the agreements have been regularly signed by representatives of both colleges.

A novel feature for Union, desired by the Hamilton debaters, is the entire exclusion of notes and references from the platform during the course of the debate.

PHARMACY NOTES

The Junior class held an enthusiastic meeting January 25th and elected the following officers: President, H. S. Noel; vice president, Grace Anscombe; secretary and treasurer, C. W. Thompson.

William Murphy, '09, has been ill for a week.

The Medical and Pharmacy students occupied the gallery at Harmanus Bleecker Hall, January 27, during a meeting held by the State Charities Aid Association, and presided over by the Hon. Joseph Choate, Governor Hughes, Lieutenant Governor Lewis Chandler and Prof. Welch, of Johns Hopkins University, were among the speakers.

Prof. Tucker has started the course in Toxicology, which continues the rest of the year.

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Editorial

The burning of two fraternity houses at Cornell within a brief time, and the attendant loss of life in each case, instead of arousing our sympathy merely, should sound a note of warning to us, who are not prepared to meet the emergency of a sudden fire.

By wise provision our dormitories were equipped with fire escapes during the year. But numbers of the students live in the fraternity houses, some of which are doubtless without means of easy egress in an emergency.

It should devolve upon the board of trustees to see to it that the fraternity houses, as well as the dormitories, be equipped to meet dangers of this nature. It is not a question of personal welfare, but one that involves the entire college.

Now that the weather conditions are favorable, what's the matter with putting some water on the "rink?"

Within a comparatively short time the *Concordiensis* will pass from its present hands into the control of the members of the Junior Class. With this end in view members of that class have been given opportunity to demonstrate their ability at editing the paper.

As each found out, upon trying, the present board is entirely too large to handle easily. With so many men to draw upon for help, no one seems to consider himself responsible; and thus far everyone has been reasonably certain of retaining a position on the editorial staff.

The truth of the matter is that a great

burden of the work of editing falls upon two or three men, while all receive equal credit.

To obviate this manifest condition of injustice, the board will be reduced within a few weeks to such a force as can and will do the required work in a satisfactory manner. It will facilitate the matter if those men who know they have not given a reasonable share of their time to work on the board will ultimately resign. Later the reduction will be continued, until the board is such that it can act as a unit.

This is not an arbitrary fiat. The advisability of reducing the board has been considered for editors-in-chief for a number of years, and when one considers that the largest local daily is edited with a force of six men and an office boy, the reduction really looks reasonable.

The value of the central heating plant has been fully demonstrated during the recent period of cold weather. Every room has been kept at a comfortable temperature, despite the unfavorable weather conditions.

This is only one of the illustrations of the good work that Mr. Pond accomplished while he was manager of the affairs of the college, and the influence he exerted in placing the college on its present basis will live for a long time.

It's time for all college students to make a point of helping to wake the general civic conscience. Mr. Bryan's lecture of last week shows how a great man can forget party lines for the common good. Get into the work of the Civic Club!

When one remembers that Rochester defeated Cornell by a score of 30-9, Williams, 23-9 and Yale, 21-20, the score Union, 16; Rochester, 24, looks pretty fair.

SOCRATES EULOGIZED

Professor Bennett Tells of the Philosopher's Life

Prof. John I. Bennett spoke before the Peoples' Forum Sunday afternoon, taking as his subject "Socrates." He gave a brief account of the life of Socrates and read several passages from the dialogues of Plato to illustrate traits in the character of the famous Greek philosopher. Summing up the results of his teachings, Prof. Bennett said in part:

"The subject matter of Socrates' teaching was not calculated to meet with universal favor; much less were his method. In the course of long years, prejudice and even hatred accumulated against him. No wonder. It was not pleasant to be accused of essential ignorance; less so to be convicted of it. By many he was thought an intolerable bore and a nuisance.

"Finally, when he was seventy years old, he was brought to trial upon the charge of corrupting the youth and of not believing in the gods that the city believed in. Perhaps they had no thought of killing Socrates, but they believed that he would 'fold his tent and move on' at the suggestion of his friends. He faced the trial however, conducting his own defense and was convicted and condemned to death. Surrounded by his friends he drank the hemlock and died. 'Science has had at least one martyr.'"

Dr. Hoffman, in the last of his Old Testament talks will speak Sunday afternoon at vespers on "The Value of the Old Testament in Our Day."

ROCHESTER VICTORIOUS

Union Basket Ball Team Defeated by Score of 24 to 16

Saturday night the Union basketball team met defeat at the hands of the crack Rochester five, by a score of 24-16. Inasmuch as Rochester, by virtue of her victories over Yale, Cornell and Williams, is practically champion of the eastern colleges, Union did remarkably well to hold her to this close score.

In the first half the Rochester players went into the game with the idea that they would have an easy time, but at the finish they admitted that it was one of the hardest games that they had yet played.

Starbuck scored the first point of the game on a foul, but Union soon lost the lead, and, for a few minutes, it seemed as if the Garnet would be swamped. Union, however, soon picked up and played a fast, steady game. Rochester was unable to make another point during the half, while Starbuck caged a basket and two more fouls for Union thus bringing the score at the close of the first half 9-5, in favor of the visitors. Rochester's inability to throw baskets and Leon's guarding were the features of the first half.

The second half opened with some fast playing on both sides. Owing principally to Cassidy's dribbling Rochester quickly scored several points. Then Union started playing real basketball and from this time on fairly outplayed Rochester. Micks opened the scoring for Union by a pretty over-hand throw and aided ably by Starbuck and Buck, ran up the score to eleven points.

The line-up :

<i>Union.</i>	<i>Rochester.</i>
Starbuck (Capt.)	Harman
	<i>right forward.</i>
Buck	Cassidy
	<i>left forward.</i>
Micks	B. Ramaker
	<i>center.</i>
Brown	G. Ramaker
	<i>right guard.</i>
Leon	Grant
	<i>left guard.</i>

Score—Rochester, 24; Union, 16. Baskets from

field—Buck, 2; Starbuck, 1; Micks, 2. For Rochester—Cassidy, 3; B. Ramaker, 2; G. Ramaker, 3; Grant, 2. Fouls thrown—Starbuck, 6; Harman, 1; G. Ramaker, 3. Referee—Grout.

HOCKEY GAME LOST

Second Basket Ball Team's Game

The Hockey Team went to Williamstown, Mass., where they played Williams College, Saturday. Union was outclassed, and all the players admit that they were fairly beaten. The score was 13 to 3.

Williams is classed as one of the strongest of the eastern colleges and therefore Union did not expect to win. The team as a whole played remarkably well but could not keep the Williams aggregation in hand.

The Second Basket Ball team went to Fairhaven, Vt., Saturday, where they were beaten by the "Cavaliers" of that place 27 to 23. The game throughout was close and without doubt Union would have won but for the fact that there were no screens to the baskets; moreover the floor was waxed, and on this account the players were unable to keep their feet. After the first few minutes the game was very rough and many fouls were called. Bergen, '09, had his nose broken.

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OUR MUSEUM

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The old three-wheeled chariot used many years ago by the late President Nott, has just been presented to the college by his grandson, Bishop Potter. This old relic has been one of the prized possessions of the descendants of President Nott and will bring up in the minds of the older alumni interesting reminders of the days when the college president drove about the town in his three-wheeled chariot.

The vehicle is fully seventy years old and has been placed in the museum with the many other historical relics possessed by the college.

The museum, as many know, is being carefully catalogued and arranged on the third floor of the Round Building. The faculty hope to have the collections arranged soon in order that it may be thrown open for the use of the students. The museum contains extensive and valuable collections of geological specimens, minerals, shells, fungi and stuffed birds.

There is a collection of fish, preserved in their natural shape, and also a collection of rare fossils and ancient Egyptian pottery. A number of stuffed wild animals further augment the contents of the museum.

Besides these articles of general interest the museum possesses many articles that have special interest attached to them on account of their historical connections. Among these are the old hat and cane belonging to Dr. Nott. There is a large shell which was fired from the United States Ship Saratoga, on Lake Champlain, at the battle of Plattsburg, N. Y., on September 11, 1814. This shell was presented to the college by Gilbert K. Harroun.

One of the most interesting relics is an old patent stove designed by Eliphalet Nott, and patented by him in 1839. This stove is in good condition, and attached to it is the original application for the patent.

The gift of Dr. Nott's chariot to the college is a noteworthy incident in the building up of our museum, and is highly appreciated by faculty and students alike.

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Cornell gives instruction to 60,000 holders of New York scholarships, and to all New York students pursuing the regular course of study in the college of agriculture (about 325) and in the veterinary college.

There is some newspaper talk that the State Legislature of Wisconsin is to abolish fraternities, except those of an honorary character at the State University.

The students of the University of California recently presented three old English miracle plays in the Greek theatre.

Cornell College is engaged in a big campaign for a new gymnasium. The students have contributed \$10,000.

The women of the University of Indiana have a hockey team this winter.

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THE NIGHT MARE

A freshman, just dismissed from rhetoric class, where the topic of the day had been the writing of petitions to the college faculty, on his way to his room, overheard that the faculty were going to deny a recess on Washington's Birthday.

As freshmen do, when once they are comfortably located in their rooms, this one fell into a deep slumber, his hand clasping a pencil. To his horror, when he awoke the following letter, neatly written in his own hand writing, stared him in the face. (The freshman has not yet recovered from the shock):

"February 7, 1908.

"To the Faculty of Union College:

"Gentlemen:—Whereas you have seen fit to coincide with my views on the subject of granting indiscriminate vacations to the college students, permit me to petition that you continue in your present excellent policy.

"The student comes to college to gain knowledge. Yet what is the case? A great proportion of the time is wasted in pursuits entirely out of that sphere. Therefore I would petition for the following changes:

"First—That classes begin at 5:30 a. m. instead of 8 a. m., as is the case at present, and that all students be required to attend recitations until 6 p. m. I would suggest, in connection with this, that fifteen minutes be granted for luncheon at noon, although this is not essential.

"Second—That compulsory attendance at evening lectures be required from 6:30 till 9 p. m. Much valuable time is wasted in the evening by students who carelessly neglect their duties by calling on unerudite members of the opposite sex, or patronize the unethical flowing bowl.

"Third—That each student be required to read a passage from Ladd's Descriptive Psychology before each meal.

"Fourth—That a tutor be provided for each and

every student to watch over him carefully to see that he does not incur such baneful habits as cigarette smoking and studying Latin with the aid of literal translations.

"Fifth—That every instructor who shall fail to meet his classes at the regular time, shall be required to pay a fine equal to two months' salary for each and every delinquency.

"Sixth—That one day's vacation be granted each year. This vacation shall be on the Fourth of July. On aforesaid day, each student shall be allowed fifteen cents' spending money, to pay for fire-crackers and soda water.

"Seventh—That all monies now spent on useless and ornate things, such as dress suits and fancy hosiery, be turned over to the college as an endowment fund for the indigent.

"Eighth—That tuition shall be raised to \$500 per annum to provide for efficient instruction in the fine arts of knitting and domino playing.

"Ninth—Death shall be the only excuse from recitations. If, after examination, the student be proved not dead, he shall be required to forfeit his desert at dinner for the entire college course. A second offence shall render him liable to expulsion.

"Tenth—If any student be caught in the act of conversing with a member of the opposite sex, he shall be lowered to the rank of professor, providing he promises not to repeat the offence.

"Hoping that this may meet with the approval of the honorable gentlemen of the faculty, I am,

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