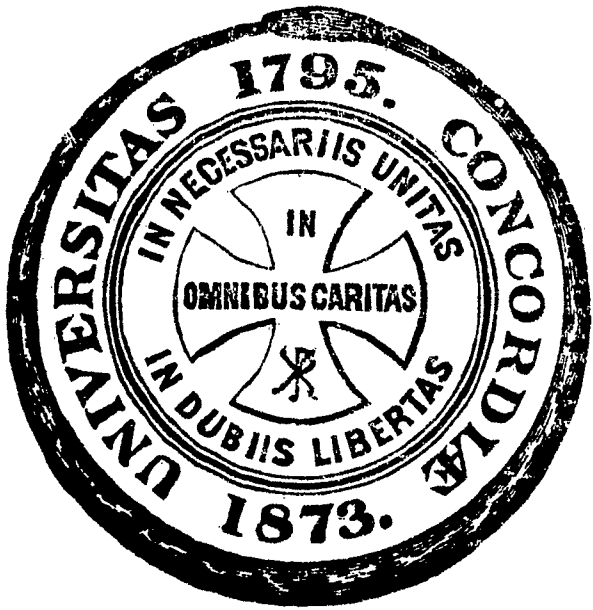


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Proposed Trip of the Base Ball Team.

Manager Williams has perfected all the necessary arrangements for the trip of the base ball team to New York City and vicinity. During the past few weeks a large number of men have been practicing continually in the gymnasium. On Thursday afternoon for the first time they were enabled, by the clemency of the weather, to practice a little on the campus. The practice on Friday, Saturday and Monday showed the team to be in as good condition as could be expected. The instructions given by coach White in the early part of the season tended to greatly improve the men in their manner of receiving and delivering the ball.

On Tuesday evening the team will leave for New York. They will take the Albany night boat down and it is expected that a number of students not on the team will accompany them. While in New York they will stop at the Ashland Hotel which is on the corner of 4th Avenue and 24th Street.

On Wednesday the team will play the New York University nine at University Heights. On Thursday they play Fordham at Fordham. On Friday they play Manhattan College on the Manhattan College grounds. On Saturday they will play the Princeton team at Princeton. The team will probably return Sunday night by the night boat.

From New York to Princeton the team will be accompanied by the following men: Gambee, Hegeman, Hornsby and Scofield.

The make-up of the team has not as yet been definitely decided upon. Captain Parsons says that he intends to try the men in as many different places as possible so as to be able to judge which position a man is best qualified to fill.

Captain Parsons will probably pitch in Wednesday's game with New York University. He will play in the field on other occasions.

Campbell may pitch part of one or two games. He will also be given an opportunity to show what he can do on 1st base.

Wiley will be tried at 1st base and in the field. It is hoped that he will prove a strong and sure batter during the trip.

Purchase will probably play at short-stop in most of the games.

Stewart will catch in the New York University and Fordham games.

French, 1900, will be tried both at 2nd and 3rd base.

Edwards will play in the field.

W. L. Smith will also play in the field.

F. M. Davis will show what he can do on 3rd base and also in the field.

Thatcher will pitch in the Fordham and Princeton games.

Quinlan, who leaves Albany Thursday, being detained by examinations at the Medical, will catch in the Manhattan and Princeton games.

Though the team may not have the support of one or two star players as it has had in the past, yet, as a whole, the team this year bids fair to be fully as strong as any team developed at Union for several years.

Amusements at the Van Curler.

Monday, March 29.—William Barry in "John Bradley's Money."

Tuesday, March 30.—"The Prisoner of Zenda."

Thursday, April 1.—Hoyt's "A Black Sheep" with Otis Harlan and the original company.

Friday Afternoon, April 2.—Sousa and his great band.

Wednesday, April 7.—Sol Smith Russel.

Obituary.

A cable dispatch was received March 24, announcing the sudden death from heart disease of Howard Potter, '46, at No. 18 Grosvenor Garden, S. W., London England. Mr. Potter was a brother of Bishop Henry C. Potter, of this city, a son of the late Bishop Alonzo Potter, of Pennsylvania, and a nephew of the late Right Rev. Dr. Horatio Potter, who was Bishop of New York. He was born in 1826 in Schenectady, at Union College, of which his grandfather, the Rev. Dr. Eliphalet Nott was president, and his father, afterwards Bishop of Pennsylvania, was vice-president. About forty-five years ago he was wedded to Mary Louisa Brown, a daughter of the late James Brown, who was formerly the head of the well-known banking firm of Brown Brothers & Co.

Mr. Potter had been an active partner of Brown Brothers & Co. and Brown, Shipley & Co. for many years, and for the last ten years had lived with his wife in London, and acted as the managing partner. He was preparing to return to this country at the time of his death on a customary annual visit.

He was for many years a trustee of the Children's Aid Society in this city; was president of the Orthopedic Dispensary; president of the Niagara Park Association; treasurer of the Sanitary Commission in the Rebellion; a trustee of Union College; a director of the London and Westminster Bank; a director of the London Assurance Company, and of many other financial institutions, both at home and abroad. His brothers were the late Congressman Clarkson N. Potter, the late General Robert B. Potter, of the 9th Army Corps, the first man to cross the bridge at Antietam; Edward Tuckerman Potter, the architect; Bishop Henry C. Potter and the Rev. Dr. Eliphalet N. Potter, formerly president of Union and Hobart colleges. His sister is Mrs. Launt Thompson, wife of the noted sculptor, who lives in Florence, Italy. He also had three half-brothers, who survive him. They are Colonel J. Nelson Potter, who lives abroad; William Applegate Potter, an architect and Frank Hunter Potter.

The surviving children of Mr. and Mrs. Potter are James Brown Potter, of No. 52 Park avenue; Mrs. J. Kennedy Tod, Mrs. Clarence Cary, Miss Grace Potter, Miss Bertha Potter and Ashton Potter. J. B. Potter will sail for London to-day to join his mother and make arrangements for the funeral.—*New York Tribune*.

Cremation by 1900.

Throughout Friday afternoon various groups of Freshmen were noticed congregating at different places. Sometimes three or four were seen together in front of the colleges or on the campus, again they were noticed on the street corners. A spirit of mystery pervaded their actions and no amount of catechising could induce them to tell what they contemplated doing.

About three o'clock Saturday morning three or four were noticed busily engaged in pasting bills upon all the available electric light poles and fences in the vicinity of the college. The bill offenders were evidently afraid of the Schenectady police force as they quickly disappeared when any one came in sight. When morning came the object of their misdeeds was found to be a flaming red poster which read as follows: "In Commemoration of Ye Cremation of Ye accursed Algebra on Friday, March 26, by Ye Class of 1900."

Between three and four o'clock in the morning the members of the faculty and the few remaining students in college were awakened by the blowing of tin horns and the discordant singing of college songs. The members of the class who had remained to carry out the ceremonies of cremation, which has not occurred since '91, bore a coffin containing Al. G. Bra to the mound in front of the round building. Then, after fitting ceremonies such as the singing of the class song, reciting the poem, praying and orating, the coffin was burned.

The class of 1900 had their cremation to be sure, but they omitted an important feature of the old ceremony, namely, the fight with the Sophomores.

At a recent meeting of the student body at Williams, it was decided to put the management of athletics in the hands of a committee of nine, composed of three faculty, three alumni and three undergraduate members.

While the Cornell scientific party was in Greenland last summer, a collection of botanical specimens was made which on classification, proves to contain several hundred rare and valuable species. Duplicate specimens will be furnished to several museums. The collection includes specimens of full-grown forest trees which are less than three inches in height.

Students of the Sheffield Scientific school have petitioned the Yale faculty for an extension of the three years to a four years course, claiming, among other things, that insufficient preparation is given, especially in the engineering courses, for an entrance upon life work, and that they are compelled to compete with those who have spent four years in the same profession in other schools.

Much dissatisfaction is being shown among the larger institutions and colleges, which as a unit, are opposed to the clause in the proposed new tariff bill, which places an import duty on all books and scientific apparatus brought from foreign countries. It is claimed by the defendants that if such books and apparatus intended for college use be taxed, the injury done to the cause of education would greatly outweigh all the possible revenue considerations.

The Senior Class Book.

The Senior class book, which is in process of construction, will differ materially from those which have been published within the last few years. Heretofore it has been the custom to have the pictures printed from half-tone cuts. This year all the pictures in the book will be photographs. Photographer Wheaton has the contract for furnishing the pictures. Already the book bids fair to be a great success as Mr. Wheaton has succeeded in getting excellent photographs from nearly every man in the class.

These, together with the other pictures which have been taken of the college buildings and surroundings, will constitute the book which in after years will be a most valued memento of the class of '97.

The Amsterdam Concert.

The Musical Clubs made an enjoyable and successful trip to Amsterdam last Friday Evening. A large portion of the clubs was entertained by Hoit, '99. The concert was given in the Y. M. C. A. Hall and almost every seat was occupied. The audience was very select, and the way in which they manifested their appreciation shows that the concert was by no means an inferior one. In fact, the clubs made as great an impression on Amsterdam as they have already made on Albany, Canajoharie and wherever they have been. We are already promised a cordial reception for next year, and our hitherto unenviable reputation at that place has been changed materially. A dance which had been arranged with a great deal of care, was given up at the last moment through a mistake. A great deal of disappointment was felt on both sides, but as a result we are assured of one next year which will make up for both years.

The concert was, in detail, very much the same as those given elsewhere. The Glee club was especially well received. The Banjo club was quite a favorite, owing to the presence on it of four Amsterdam men. Mr. Cook's recitations were again an enjoyable feature and were heartily encored.

Both the Amsterdam papers praised the concert in glowing terms, and the *Sentinel*, usually a very severe critic, was unstinted in its praise.

Anthony W. Atwood, '63, a lawyer and well known writer of Philadelphia, is the editor of a new publication called, *Water and Fire Service Journal*. The subject matter is both interesting and instructive and treats of hydraulic engineering, fire protection and municipal engineering.

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ON THURSDAY afternoon, a petition was sent to the faculty by the members of the Senior class requesting clemency in regard to a certain action of discipline, which emanated from that body a short time ago. THE CONCORDIENSIS, representing the majority of the undergraduates, hopes that the petition presented to it by the Senior class, will be granted. In thus expressing ourselves, we do not wish to be understood as in any way championing the cause of the student who has been thus disciplined. We wish only that to *all men* just treatment may be the result of their misdeeds, and that no one, because of lack of influence will be dealt with more severely than another.

THE recent action, or rather lack of action, of the Sophomore class in reference to their so called honor system, furnishes a topic for editorial comment. There are certain features of the question in hand, which tend to make a just criticism of it a somewhat difficult undertaking.

In discussing the action of the class, we ask a few questions which appear in proper sequence and which are pertinent.

Will an honor system ever prove successful, which is instituted as a result of outside pressure and which is at variance with the sentiment of those who would come under its requirements? Our answer to the above question is most emphatically, No.

The success of all undertakings which are of a revolutionary character, is dependent upon the unanimity of those interested. The undertaking was on this ground alone a predestined failure.

Will an honor system ever prove successful which is instituted by but one class in an institution where it has been an established system of the faculty to exercise a sort of police oversight, and where the students have long regarded such a system as a cheat-if-you-can challenge? We again answer most emphatically No. And it is right here that the operation of the honor system in the Sophomore class first failed. On various occasions, some members of the other classes in college took some of their examinations with the Sophomore class. To their discredit they, not considering themselves bound by the rule of the Sophomore class, chose to class themselves with the cheat-if-you-can faction. Weak-kneed Sophomores fell under their influence, and the first break in the honor rule of the class was made.

In regard to the propriety of the recent action of the class, there is a diversity of opinion. The question to be answered is as follows: Were the minority of the class justified in sending their notification to the faculty to the effect that they were no longer under the honor system? We think they were and furthermore, even though we regret the failure of the undertaking, we think the class as a whole, was justified in declaring against an honor system which was not the unanimous sentiment of the class.

The efforts of the Sophomore class, however have not been entirely futile. This action in establishing an honor system as a class, created a healthy sentiment in the college as a whole, which has been steadily increasing, and we feel that the student body are about ready to take the matter in hand and settle it for good.

CLOSELY following the action of the Sophomore class comes that of the Seniors. A committee has been appointed to investigate the sentiment of the student body as a whole, in regard to the establishment of an honor system, to govern all branches of college work, and also to inquire into the methods and workings of such systems as have been adopted in other institutions.

The question will receive the most careful con-

sideration before any definite action will be taken. If they deem the sentiment in college to be sufficiently strong to support an honor system and to properly execute it, a draft will be made of such rules and provisions as they may consider most appropriate to the case in hand.

The committee will then place their proposition before the faculty, and if that body deem it wise to grant the concessions desired, the matter will probably be concluded to the satisfaction of every one.

THE class of 1900 is certainly the most unique aggregation in college. They are determined to maintain all of the time-honored customs of the institution, even though they have to spend a portion of their vacations in Schenectady. Last fall they decided to have a banquet. How they were to thwart the Sophomores, was a difficult problem to solve. They put their heads together and finally conceived a most ingenious scheme. They would hold their banquet during the election recess. It was a capital idea. By it they did away with all the fighting with the Sophomores which for years has been a feature of the annual Freshman banquet. Each timid Freshman was thus enabled to proceed unmolested to the Edison and enjoy the repast without the distracting anticipation of running the gauntlet on the way home. He could listen to the speeches, wherein the class of 1900 was glorified, and could laugh and shout with joy when the class was extolled for the way in which they had outwitted the Sophomores. When the time came around to celebrate the completion of the algebra by the ancient custom of cremation, they remembered how they had outwitted the Sophomores in the fall before. They therefore determined to have the cremation at any cost. They waited until the Sophomores had left college on their Easter vacation, and then between three and four in the morning, when the campus was in possession of a few stray cats, they stole silently forth and held the ceremonies attending the cremation of the algebra. Again they had outwitted the Sophomores. They probably will be able to apply, successfully, this ingenious scheme throughout their entire course. We expect that they will petition the faculty in their Senior year to allow them to hold their commencement exercises during the summer vacation, so that they will be in no way disturbed by the under classes.

Dean Ripton has resumed his duties as dean and will take up his class room duties next term.

College Notes.

Yale defeated Pennsylvania last Saturday in basket ball.

Lehigh is to have a new laboratory which will cost \$200,000.

The baseball debt at Cornell has been announced as \$1,300, the naval deficit, \$600, and the football surplus, \$2,600.

An additional chair of professor of law has been established in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania.

The richest college in the country is Girard in Philadelphia. Its endowment amounts to over eleven and a quarter millions.

Princeton's athletic manager has issued the following statement: Receipts \$33,746.70; expenditures \$32,274.07; balance \$1,472.63.

Coach Lehmann arrived at Cambridge last week, from England, and will remain with the Harvard crew until after the great triangular race in June.

Efforts are being made to start a college paper in Johns Hopkins, at present the only large institution in the country which has no student publication.

Among the commendable features of the Yale-Harvard five-year agreement in athletics is that all the events, except rowing, are to take place on college grounds.

Work will be begun immediately on a new Chemical Laboratory for the Medical College at Adelbert. It will be directly south of the present building and will be three stories high.

The new dormitory to be erected at Columbia will be named for Alexander Hamilton, who graduated from King's College, the institution from which Columbia University has grown.

The smallest as well as the largest university in the world is in Africa. The smallest has five students and fifteen instructors; the largest, which is situated at Cairo, Egypt, has ten thousand students.

Local and Personal.

Howard Mallery, '96, spent Monday night in the city.

Haviland, '98, spent Sunday at his home in Glens Falls.

Hon. F. S. Randall, '86, of Leroy, N. Y., was in the city last Friday.

Mallery, '98, has been summoned home by the serious illness of his mother.

The Freshman class has organized a Cross Country Club of which Raitt is captain.

Wood, '97, and Pershing, '97, leave to-day for New York City to spend the vacation.

The subject of the G. K. Harroun \$50 Prize Essay has been announced as, "The Housing of Poor in Large Cities."

The steel handle of Prof. Opdyke's umbrella served as a lightning rod during the recent thunder storm. Fortunately nothing serious resulted.

Prof. J. I. Bennett will spend his vacation at Waltham, Mass.

Dr. Edward E. Hale, Jr. left last week for Boston, where he will spend the greater part of his vacation.

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity celebrated Alumni Day by a spread at 711 Union Street, and afterwards by a smoker in their rooms in the Fuller Building.

Dr. Wm. P. Reeves will spend his vacation in Baltimore, where he will renew his acquaintances and friendships formed there while a student in Johns-Hopkins University.

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The events will be as follows:

- 100-yard dash.
- 220-yard dash.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ mile run.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ mile run.
- 1 mile run.
- 120-yard hurdle race, 10 hurdles, 3 feet 6 inches high.
- 220-yard hurdle race, 10 hurdles, 2 feet 6 inches high.
- 1 mile walk.
- Running high jump.
- Running broad jump.
- Pole vault.
- Shot put, 16lb. shot.
- Hammer throw, 16lb. hammer.
- 2 mile bicycle race.
- 1 mile relay race, $\frac{1}{8}$ mile relays.

The Mott Haven rules shall govern the meet.
The relay race shall cover a mile course.

There shall be eight relays. Each relay team shall draw its position by lot, and this position shall be maintained throughout the whole race. Each team shall race with a stick painted with its college colors, and this stick shall be 1 foot long and $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in diameter. Each competitor will be allowed a distance of six feet within which the stick shall be delivered to him and within which he must start.

The events will count as follows: First place, five points; second place, two points; third place, one point. There will be no counts on the relay race.

The prizes will be as follows: A championship pennant will be awarded to the college making the most points. Gold medals will be given for first prizes; silver medals will be given for second prizes. The relay sticks will be a trophy for the relay race, and will be awarded to the winning team.

Entries must be handed to the chairman of the athletic committee by and including May 15, 1897.

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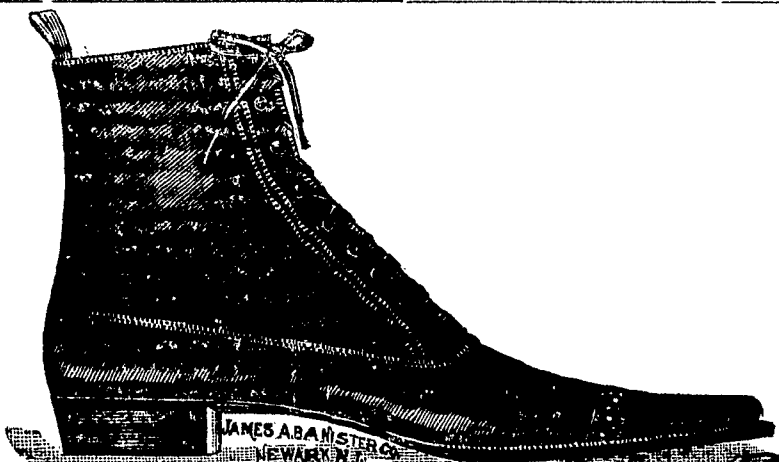
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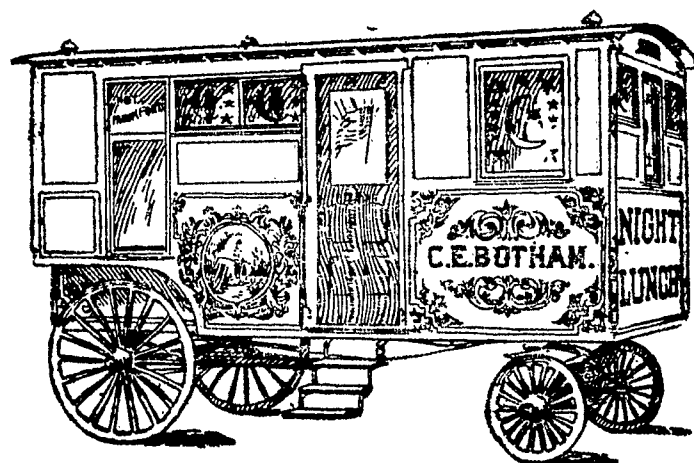
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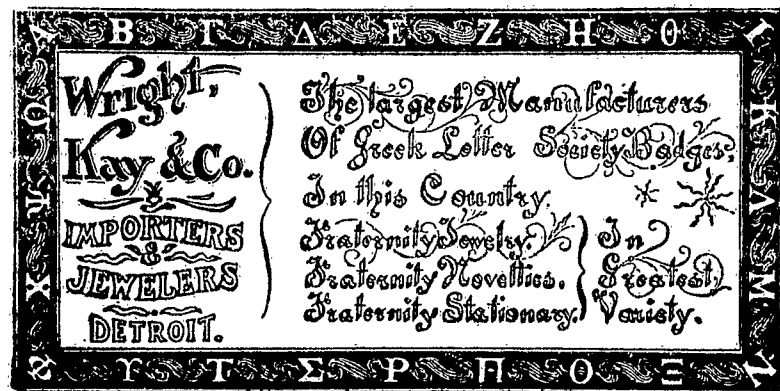
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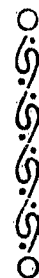
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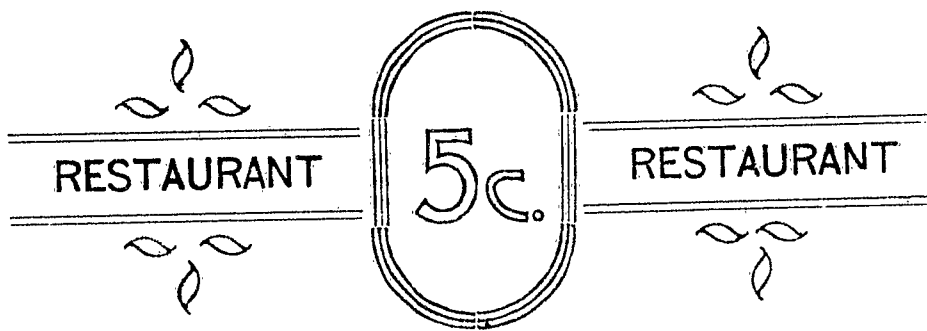
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