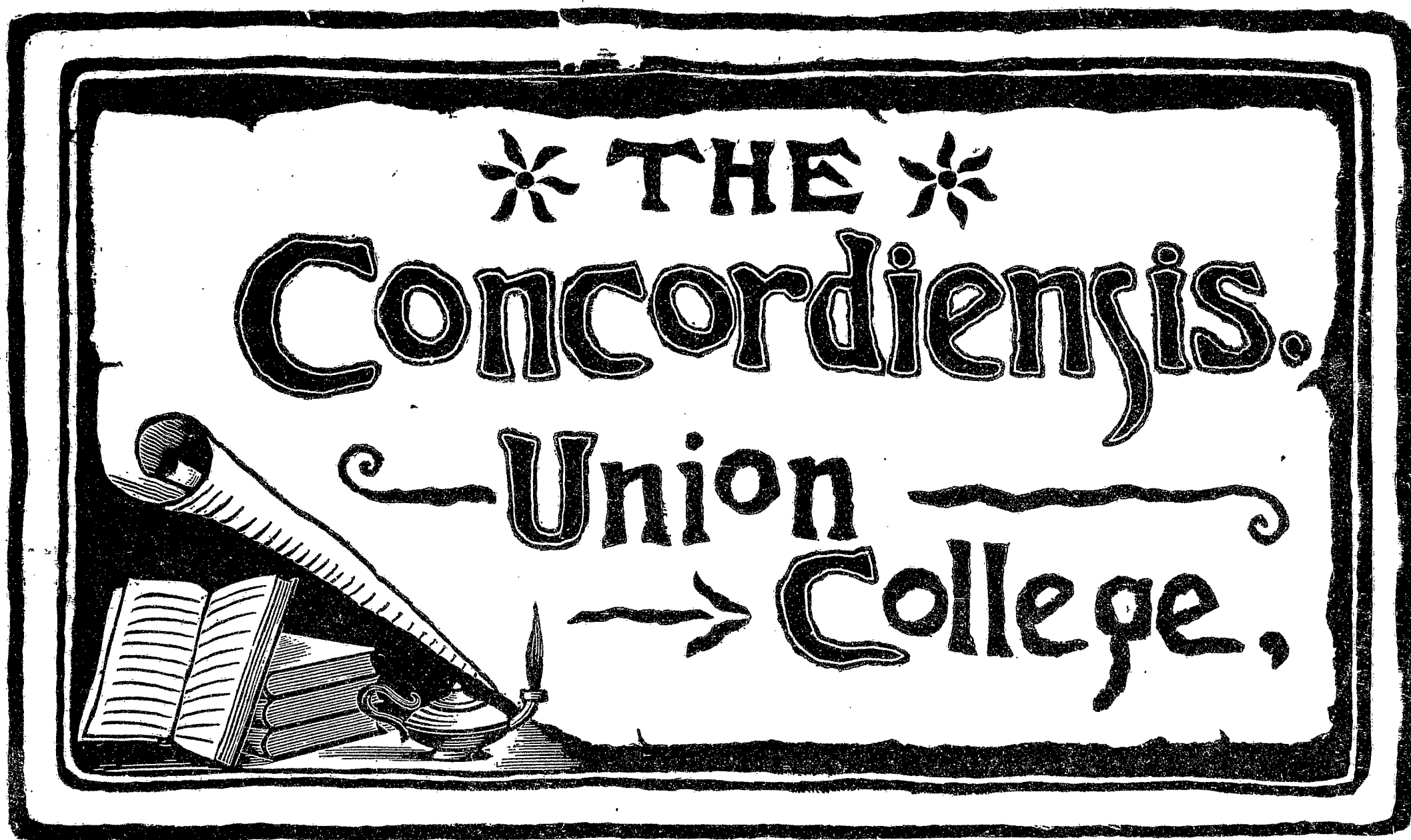


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# In Dorpie Towne

by Clarke Winslow Crannell, '95.

## I.

Ye learned folk; ye versed in lore;  
Of ancient towne and citie grande;  
Of mightie kyng & rulyng queene;  
Of princess, prince, gay knightie and  
Of baron bolde, hearken to my tayle.  
'Tis not of realms of kyng and queene  
Of tournie, lance, sword, coate of maille;  
But simply of ye sights I've seene

In Dorpie Towne.

## II.

Ye mustie cloister, vine-clad walle;  
Ye shadie elme, ye stately pine;  
Ye tow'ryng dome, ye classic hall;  
Ye clanging belle, ye everie signe  
Of learnyng & of wisdom seems  
Ye atmosphere to penetrate.  
Ye balde prof with ye learnyng teems,  
Ye sighte of tutor most sedate

In Dorpie Towne.

## III.

Ye Freshie manne just from ye farme;  
With Seamore coat; high water pante.  
Such freshness dath ye worlde alarme  
He woulde a Senior be; but cante  
For many daye & hard exam.  
Ye Junior, ladyes manne is he,  
More gallant thanne ye ancient knight.  
All these are sights so plaine to see

In Dorpie Towne.

## IV.

Ye Sophomore; Oh bloodie manne!  
Ye thirstyng aye for Freshie gore;  
Ye manne who smokes ye rank segarre;  
Ye wearer aye of golde galore.  
Ye outcaste from good companie;  
Ye every other word is "damn!"  
So skilled in all profanitie.  
Ye see such sights of wicked manne

In Dorpie Towne.

## V.

Ye Senior, grave and dignified;  
Demeanor not like common manne  
With scornfull smile he woulde deride  
Ye mental weaklings on each hande.  
No longer seen at Wiencke's jointe,  
He shuns ye sweitzer & ye ale;  
His barque is at ye startyng pointe;  
His hawsers cut; soon far he'll saile

From Dorpie Towne.

## VII.

Ye athlete with great shocks of hair;  
Ye pennie sport, ye greasie grinde;  
Ye maidens, fairest of all faire.  
'Tis worth the price such sights to finde!  
Ye college widowe, at whose feet  
In bygone daye—when she was queene—  
Ye hearte of gallant suitor laye.—  
These are ye many sights I've seen

In Dorpie Towne.

## VI.

Ye Towhie with ye uglie mugge;  
With leather toungue & hardened pate  
He dubbs ye college menne all "frosk"  
Ne'er stops he to descriminate.  
Ye chippie girl, so glibbe & slick;  
To catch a mash she is intente.  
Ye giddie Soph calls her a "brick";  
On captivatyng her hes bente

In Dorpie Towne.



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## Christmastime in the Norselands.

Nowhere are the "*Glad Tidings*" more welcome than among the Norsemen. The Swedes and the Norwegians are a peculiarly religious people, and religious festivals are therefore more generally accepted and thoroughly enjoyed among them than in any other land. In other days they were the champions of the Protestant faith as taught by Luther—they accepted it in all their realm, and in the days of its peril they sent their cohorts under Gustavus Adolphus to protect it in North Germany from the desperate attacks made upon it from its enemies of the North. And just now Protestant Germany, as well as Sweden and Norway, are commemorating the third centennial of the birth of the great hero.

Norwegian kings are crowned, not in palaces nor in legislative halls, but in the famous old Cathedral in Trondhjem, on the extreme northern coast; and thus every civil function is rendered sacred. No wonder, then, that the great religious festival of the Christian world is the greatest among them.

This is also the occasion of family reunions, and those who meet at no other period of the year will make the greatest effort to meet and greet each other then. A great many of the Swedes and Norwegians of our north-western States return to their homes at this season of the year to enjoy the Christmas festival at home with their families. The steamers of the Norwegian line thus do a thriving busi-

ness in the season when other lines carry but few passengers.

Great preparations are therefore made for the eventful season of heartfelt joy and domestic affection. The turkey they have not, but in its stead they kill the fatted calf and make the home-brewed ale. Even the poorest of them, who scarcely taste a luxury during the entire year will, in some way, secure these at least. The cattle in the stalls are also generously fed, as are the denizens of the hennery, and even the swine of the sty.

But the most peculiar and interesting of their festivals is the feeding of the birds. Many of the barns connected with their scanty little farms or dairies have a strong pole permanently attached to them, on which it is the custom at times to place a bundle of oats to feed the birds. But at Christmastime the birds must everywhere be fed, and as in warmer climes they raise the May pole to greet the spring, so here do they raise the Christmas pole for the birds. On this is securely attached a bundle of oats to which the birds have free access, and in which they revel in the midst of a noisy and gay festival without fear of molestation. In the market-places of all the cities and larger towns, great loads of oats in bundles are on sale for those who would feed even the sparrows of their yards and gardens.

But the joy is naturally greatest in the solitary hamlet where the Norwegian peasantry spend the long and dreary winter. Here weeks are often consumed in preparation for the great festival of the

year, as the round of pleasures usually lasts about two weeks. The principal out-door sport is found on the *Ski*, or peculiar Norwegian snow-shoe. This is a narrow strip of thin spruce or pine board about seven or eight feet in length, provided with loops of skin for the feet. To the uninitiated it would seem almost impossible to keep the feet in these loops, or to remain upright on these thin strips of wood. But trained *Ski* runners handle them with skill and safety, and will descend the long snow-slides with the speed of the wind.

So there may be added the toboggan, which is also very light and easily handled by those who know how. This latter is well adapted for festive occasions, because it gives the Norwegian girls a chance to enjoy the pleasure and show their skill. Indeed the women of the Norselands are ever in evidence—during the summer they are always to be seen in the meadows or on the hills among the kine, and in the autumn on the scanty hay or grain fields gathering for the long winter what they have been able to raise during the short Summer. And on the waters many of them are as skilful with oar, or sail, or net, as are their husbands, fathers or brothers.

Christmas day is ushered in by their early voices singing the songs of the Christ child whose birth they would celebrate, and whose life and death they would commemorate.

W.

My love is like a lily,  
So beautiful and fair;  
She bears herself so daintily,  
With such a queenly air.

But I am a poor man;  
To love her is a sin.  
Alas! the lily toils not,  
And neither does she spin.

—Oberlin Review.

### Eli Perkins On Union Reminiscences.

The shrewd business manager of THE CONCORDIENSIS asked Eli Perkins one day on the cars, "what good he ever got out of his Union College education?"

"Well," said, the humorist, "I got my brain brightened up so I could see a joke. A college education has caused me to appreciate finer wit and enjoy repartee, satire and ridicule that I would have missed without it."

"Then education," continued Mr. Perkins, "gives tact. Tact is to be able to say the right thing in the right place."

"I saw an uneducated, tactless boy step on a young lady's foot in a Broadway car. The beautiful girl was offended and the young man colored up, stammered something, and got off the car."

Soon after this an educated Union College boy stepped on another young lady's foot. The beautiful girl gave an appealing look, but the polite level headed college boy raised his hat politely and interrupted, gracefully:

"I beg ten thousand pardons, Miss; your foot was so small I could n't see it!"

Their smiles met, and the compliment not only made her forget her aching toes, but made her so happy that that wicked but polite Union boy could have kissed her."

"How different it was with Reuben Dutcher," continued Eli. "Reuben had never been off the old Schenectady farm—that is, except to take his old sweetheart, Lucy Bradbury, to the Union College commencements. I suspect Lucy teased Reuben to take her so that she could flirt a little with the more worldly college boys who had such charming tact in conversation. Well, Reuben really loved Lucy, but his father, a good old Dutch farmer, on the Mohawk bottoms, made him marry

Katrina Depuyster whose hand went with an adjoining piece of land which always brought such wonderful broom corn."

"After Reuben married Katrina he never met his old sweetheart Lucy without blushing and stammering, for the old love was in his heart. He always tried to be sweet to her—just as he felt, but he lacked tact. He could n't say the right thing at the right time."

"One day," continued Eli, "Reuben and Lucy met at the old Givens house. He had n't seen her for ten years, but the old love and respect for her burnt in his heart just as fiercely as ever."

"When he saw her he rushed up to her, colored up and said, as he held her hand warmly in his:

"I am so glad to see you! And, Lucy, you are still Lucy Bradbury, are you?"

"Yes," she replied sweetly—"still Lucy Bradbury."

"Too bad," said Reuben—"that is, I mean it isn't your fault," he stammered, meaning to be complimentary. "That is," he added again, nervously, feeling that he had n't expressed himself exactly in the way he intended, "I mean—that is, you are not to blame, you know, Lucy. You could n't help it—er, that is, it was the fault of the young men. They, didn't know," he stammered on while he broke out in a profuse perspiration—"well—h'm, but, 's'cuse me, good bye—so glad to 'v met you!' and poor Reuben backed off the steps of the Givens house. He fell nine feet. Lack of a college education killed him."

"And this is all true?" asked the editor of THE CONCORDIENSIS.

"Affidavits go with the facts," said Eli, wiping his moist eyes on the Union colors; "I will send the affidavits up on the freight."

### Unpublished Letter of Oliver Wendell Holmes.

164 CHESTNUT STREET, }  
December 7, 1869. }

My Dear Mr. Hale:

I shall keep your note as a reminder that I hope some time or other to take up the pen, which I have not cared to meddle with often of late. In the meantime you may be assured that nothing that one commits to paper is ever half so good as his great *unwritten article*. Like an Easter egg, that unhatched production—its unbroken shell, I mean—is stained by the reader-that-is-to-be's imagination, I mean—with every brilliant hue of promise. Break it and you have the usual albuminous contents; keep it whole and you can feast your eyes on its gorgeous color, and your mind with the thought that it carries the possibility of a Phoenix.

Say, then, that you have the promise of an article from one of the most etceterable and etceteraed of our native writers, and it will be like a signed check with the amount left blank. Prophets and priests may desire it long and die without the right, but will die saying, "when the great *unwritten article* does come—then you will see"—and so turn their faces to the wall.

Let us leave it unwritten then, for the present, and think how much more precious is an infinite series of undefined expectations than any paltry performance or transient fruition.

In the meantime, believe me always very sincerely and faithfully yours,

O. W. HOLMES.

How dear to our hearts is cash on subscription,

When the honest subscriber presents it to view;  
But the man who don't pay—we refrain from description,

For perhaps gentle reader, that man may be you.  
—*Drury Mirror*.

### A Communication.

*Editor of Concordiensis:*

Union has made gigantic strides in the college athletic world during the past decade, probably not having a peer in this respect; certainly not among the smaller institutions. Steadily she has gained ground every year, and with each season has added glory to her honored name.

While the brawn and muscle have been doing splendid work on the track, on the foot ball and base ball fields it strikes me the management of athletic affairs has not advanced at all.

When I was in college it was my good fortune to be a member of one of Union's champion base ball teams. We had a manager of course. The undergraduates were very liberal in their contributions, and the manager had a large sum of money under his control. For three years and two terms he was always "broke" and dressed very plainly. The remaining portion of his collegiate life, his pockets seemed to be lined with silver, and it was a poor week when our "menagerie" could not swing on a new suit of clothes. Now if this state of affairs existed once it is liable to happen again. To be perfectly plain, just because a man happens to be a Union College man is not a guarantee that he is as honest as the sun is bright. Actual experience has taught me that.

Throwing entirely the question of honesty out of the discussion, I believe the undergraduates should know what becomes of the money that is received and distributed for athletic purposes. I am told that is not done, at least not in a proper way. I am also told that there is an advisory board, but its existence is confined almost entirely to paper. Now it

strikes me what Union College athletics need is a live, wideawake governing board. A board that would have absolute control over athletic affairs, except those which would not conflict with the actual duties of the managers and captains of the teams. All of the larger colleges have such boards, and they have proved eminently satisfactory to all interested in athletic matters. Beyond a doubt the constitutions and by-laws governing these boards could be secured for the asking, and from them could be constructed rules that would be the means of conducting Union College athletic affairs on a sound and business-like basis.

Union's future athletic glory is secure. Her prospects for victories on the track, diamond and gridiron were never brighter. Her athletics can not be conducted on the same principles as they were ten years ago. Where it took a dollar then it takes two now. Her athletics have ceased to be a mere plaything. They have become a very part of the college itself, and should be conducted on principles worthy of their magnitude.

ALUMNUS.

### The Editor.

The editor sat in his sanctum  
Letting his lessons rip,  
Racking his brain for an item,  
Stealing all he could clip.

The editor sat in his class room  
As if getting over a drunk,  
His phiz was clouded with awful gloom,  
For he made a total flunk.

—*University Chronicle.*

Professor (translating)—"Slave, where is thy horse?"

Freshman (greatly agitated)—"It's—it's it's under the c-chair, sir; I—I—I haven't used it y-yet."—*College Folio.*



### "Practical Uses of Astronomy."

The twenty-second lecture of the Butterfield course was delivered by Professor William Harkness, of the National Observatory, Washington, on Friday, November 23. His subject was "The Practical Uses of Astronomy." He treated the subject very pleasantly and clearly, showing how minutely the study of the heavens is connected with our every day life. In substance he said:

"The every-day uses of astronomy have become so much a part of our lives that we have almost failed to recognize them at all. By astronomy our time is computed; by astronomy we survey our fields; by astronomy we cover the oceans with the commerce of nations. In fact it is almost true that, as the ancients believed, the events of earth are controlled by the movements of the stars.

The early history of astronomy was uncertain. The Chinese and Babylonians have very ancient records of eclipses and other phenomena, dating back, some say, seven hundred and twenty thousand years. But by computing the times at which we know eclipses should have occurred, and computing them with ancient descriptions, we find that the Babylonians must have made observations as early as seven thousand years B. C.

The first practical use of astronomy is the division of time into days, months and years. The Babylonian day consisted of twenty-four hours, twelve of day and twelve of night. Their year consisted of ten months of thirty-six days each. The month was divided into four weeks of nine days. Our present year of three hundred and sixty-five days was introduced by Julius Cæsar. He allowed for the excess of time by having a leap year every four years. But this made too much time, and so we now have to drop a leap year every century year that is exactly divisible by four hundred.

Our first instrument for marking hours was the water clock, used by the Chinese. After this came the sun dial. The earliest mention of a sun dial is that spoken of in the Prophecy of Isaiah; and the first description of one is an Assyrian dial, 'shaped like a bowl.'

Our fundamental time-keeper is the earth itself. We can imagine the circle of the heavens divided into equal space by stars and on the earth a pointer indicating to us the correct time. Of course the stars are not so regularly set, but there are stars known as 'time stars,' and the transit in the earth

is the pointer. With this apparatus in our observatories we are able to determine the exact time, and it is from them that the clocks all over the country are regulated.

Another important use of astronomy is the fixing of dates. The Chaldeans studied the stars for astrology's sake only; but being so superstitious about the controlling influence of the heavenly bodies, they noted with great accuracy all phenomena, such as eclipses and transits. So, with our present knowledge, we are able to fix very definitely the dates of history.

In surveying the location of the stars enables us to find with great accuracy the azimuth, latitude and longitude. And acting through the compass, the chronometer and the sextant, the same cause has rendered the great navigation of to-day possible.

Astronomy also gives us the theory of the tides. And, although there are many disturbing forces rendering local computation of tides difficult, yet by the use of our harmonic analysis we are able to predict them to a great extent.

And thus we see that the common things of life, and those which enter very largely into our every day dealings, are intimately connected with the workings of astronomy."

### Lecture on Transportation.

Edward P. North, Union, '56, Member of the American Association of Civil Engineers, delivered a lecture of much interest to the Engineering department on November 22d. He lectured upon "Relation Between Cheap Transportation and National Prosperity." Dr. North made extensive reference to the advantage of extending the National waterways, and water commerce of the United States.

"Transportation," said the speaker, "is necessary to every state of civilization, and our present aim is to reduce its cost. At the close of the war it cost one hundred dollars a ton to transport ammunition between Albany and Buffalo, and the United States was unable, until 1880, to control her own market for iron, simply from the lack of cheap transportation. The railroads and canals of the State and country have made this transportation cheaper. Electricity in the future will do

still more toward lowering the cost. It has always been the policy of the United States to invest large sums in canals; and our own rich Empire State has one of the most important ones. They are conducted, with one or two exceptions, without toll. English canals are mostly conducted by private parties, and nearly all of them charge toll."

"It may thus be easily seen," continued Prof. North, "that America has placed her greatest interests in cheap transportation. It means for her greater advantages in warfare and added prosperity in peace. The world will need more waterways in the future; new inventions in electricity will call for electric railroads, and steam itself will have much work for the up-to-date civil engineer."

Dr. North spoke with a thorough knowledge of his theme, and illustrated the differences in the cost of transportation before and since the war, by charts.

#### Poor Plautus.

The senior class in Latin  
Was reading Plautine plays,  
That passed as very funny  
In ancient Roman days.

And as they read those classic jokes  
That used to make Rome howl  
And hold its sides, each Senior looked  
As solemn as an owl.

I thought how good old Plautus  
Must grind his teeth and groan,  
And something more than sulphur  
Must float 'round Pluto's throne.—*Ex.*

"Well, Uncle Silas, your boy is home from college?"

"Yes, wuss luck."

"Worse luck? Why?"

"He's larned so much he can't plow up nothin' but my feelin's, nor harrer nothin' but my soul."—*Ex.*

#### Union Defeats Wesleyan.

The Thanksgiving Day Game Ends in Victory for Union  
—Score, 32--6.

The last foot ball game of the season has been played, and Union is again victorious. Conclusions with Wesleyan have been tried, and the result is far more satisfactory than the most enthusiastic supporters of the garnet dared hope. Thanksgiving Day dawned bitter cold, and was not an ideal day for foot ball in Albany, so that the 2,000 spectators who thronged the grand stand or crowded around the side lines were chilled to the bone long before time was called. Had it not been for this fact, the attendance would undoubtedly have been much larger. The crowd was not a foot ball crowd in the strictest sense of the word. It was a holiday assemblage; probably not one in five understood the first principles of the game, and the comments heard along the side lines were more than amusing. The garnet was the favorite color, as it always is in Albany. Several Union men engaged a drag, and drove to the game displaying Union flags in profusion. The Albany alumni were out in force; Schenectady was well represented, and several of Old Union's sons from the metropolis were on hand to back their favorite team.

The appearance of Bob Alexander on the grand stand was the signal for a rousing Union cheer. The Delta Phi's had written some very appropriate verses which were sung to popular airs, and which did good service in the "rooting" line. The one which was most frequently sung was arranged to the air "Sweet Marie," and is as follows:

We have come from Mohawk's shores,  
Father Brown,  
To see you make those scores,  
And touchdowns  
Union voices onward cheer,

Union's team to vict'ry near,  
That is why we have come here,  
Papa Brown.

## CHORUS.

Touch her down, Father Brown,  
Father Brown, touch her down.  
For we know that you can do it, Father Brown.  
Now put Myers round the end,  
Thro' the centre Lavery send  
And we'll yell 'er up again, Father Brown.

Ere the sun sets in the west,  
Father Brown,  
Prove to all that we're the best  
Team in town.

Wesleyana must not score,  
But bring the garnet to the fore,  
For the glory of Old Union evermore.

*Cho.*—Touch her down, Father Brown, etc.

The Union team was in the pink of condition, and went into the battle with a snap that foretold the end. Wesleyan played her best game in the first half; but Union had everything her own way in the second. It is generally conceded that Lavery and Myers put up the star games, although there was n't a weak spot on the team. Every man played his position to perfection. The interference in the offensive play was perfect, while the way Union tore things up, when on the defensive, made it impossible for Wesleyan to make telling gains. Wesleyan contested the game stubbornly, and in the face of certain defeat played a game that is greatly to the credit of the crimson and black, but they were clearly outclassed by their opponents, and Union men are wondering how they managed to score at all. But they did; and that, too, by good hard playing.

During the first half the Wesleyan men worked Union's centre for good gains almost every time the play was attempted, but in the second half they would reel back from the garnet line as though they had encountered a stone wall. From the centre they switched to end plays, but

here again they were foiled and nothing was left for them but defensive work.

The line-up was as follows:

UNION.	POSITIONS.	WESLEYAN.
Mallory .....	Right end .....	Young
Pollock .....	Right tackle .....	Allen
Peters .....	Right guard .....	Sibley
Sweetland .....	Centre .....	Leo (Capt.)
Bennett .....	Left guard .....	Noyes
Barnes .....	Left tackle .....	Searles
Palmer .....	Left end .....	Alexander
Haviland .....	Quarter .....	Wilson
Brown (Capt.) .....	Right half .....	A. Young
Lavery .....	Left half .....	Pomeroy
Myers .....	Full back .....	Berrien
Richards .....		

Time halves, thirty-five and thirty minutes. Touchdowns, first half, Myers, Lavery, Berrien; goals, Richards (2), Wilson. Second half, touchdowns, Lavery, Myers (3); goals, Richards (2), Referee, M. H. Rochester, R. A. C. Umpire, L. R. Parker, R. A. C. Linesman, William Morris, R. A. C. Substitutes, Union, Sommers, Clowe, Cass, Baker, Willis, Gordon, Blodgett; Wesleyan, Schimpf, Wade, Puffer, Rockwell, Norton, E. Searles and Gilmour.

### Second Junior Hop.

The second of the series of Junior hops was held in the college gymnasium on Friday evening, November 23. A much larger attendance than at the previous hop made the occasion a very enjoyable one for those who were fortunate enough to attend. Gartland's orchestra of Albany, furnished excellent music.

Among those who were present were noticed the following: Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Van Voast, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landon, Dr. and Mrs. Linhart, Lieut. and Mrs. Calhoun, Miss Snow, Currytown; Miss Herrick, Albany; Miss Fauvre, Paris; Mrs. Edward Everett Hale, Jr., Boston; Miss Swords, New Hamburg, and the Misses Westinghouse, Davis, Kosboth, Ray Yates, Strong, Dora Yates, Susie Yates, Johnson, Hunter, Beattie, Watkins, Cooney, Campbell, Smith and Mrs. Westinghouse, of Schenectady.

The naked hills lie wanton to the breeze;  
The fields are nude, the groves unfrocked.  
Bare are the shivering limbs of shameless trees:  
What wonder is it that the corn is shocked.—*Ex.*

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OWING to the enlarged size of the present edition, THE CONCORDIENSIS was unavoidably delayed this week.

WE wish to call the attention of many of our subscribers to the fact that subscriptions have been due for some time. As the paper cannot be conducted without money, they would confer a great favor upon the management by remitting as soon as possible.

THE foot ball season is over, and Union has a remarkably fine record; a record of which we are justly proud. Out of eleven games played, the garnet was victorious in seven; Cornell, Williams and West Point being the only teams at whose hands Union has suffered defeat. The total score of the eleven games played is: Union 275 points against her opponents 107, leaving the garnet victors by 168 points. For the third consecutive year, Union is champion of the New York State Inter-Collegiate League; the league score stand-

ing 178 to 10 in Union's favor. Two years ago the garnet won the pennant by a score of 109 to 0; and last year Union was again victorious by a score of 156 points to 0. The game on Thanksgiving day closed the third of our remarkably successful seasons. Upon this occasion Union defeated Wesleyan by the handsome score of 32 to 6, in the presence of 2,500 spectators. A careful estimate puts the total attendance at games in which Union has taken part during the past season, at 10,500.

Now that foot ball is over, and it is necessary to confine all athletics to indoors, the base ball and track athletic teams will begin their preliminary training. The track team will begin easy work at once, and gradually lead up to something more vigorous; and by the time the mid-winter meet comes in March, some excellent material ought to be developed. This will only be accomplished through steady work; and if a man wants to make the team next spring, he must begin immediately.

It is very likely Williams will meet us again in the spring, and there has been correspondence with Cornell and Columbia concerning dual games; and if Union is to keep up the record set by her foot ball team, every man in college who can do anything in athletics must get out and do his best. A strong team will be sent to the inter-collegiate games in New York, and Union ought to get a very good place. In the State inter-collegiate games we want to do even better than last year, and add another pennant to our list. The outlook for track athletics was never brighter at Union than it is now, and you may look for grand results before the season ends.



NEVER has a college had more reason to feel proud of an athletic team than Union has of her foot ball champions. Our pen fails to convey in the smallest degree the sentiment of pleasure that is being voiced on every side by our students, alumni and friends at the honor the team has done the college. Skillfully captained, excellently coached and judiciously managed, what wonder is it that the team has been successful? On behalf of the students and faculty, our alumni and friends, we congratulate the members of the eleven for the aggressive spirit and indomitable pluck which has characterized them throughout the season; and, furthermore, we wish to give special mention of the manliness, the gentlemanliness, with which they have deported themselves whenever, in the heat of battle, they have been struggling for the glory of Old Union. We wish to congratulate the members of the second eleven for the great part they have taken in the winning of victories. We regret to say that their services are too often underestimated. In the present instance they are entitled to a large share of our praise. Our praise is due Captain Brown for his earnest work, Coach Thompson, of Princeton, for his valuable services, and Manager Day for his able management. Of all let it be said "they were faithful!" And this holds the greatest meed of praise possible to bestow.

IN THE last issue of THE CONCORDIENSIS there appeared a communication from an alumnus on the subject of Union dropping out of the New York State Inter-Collegiate League and getting in with colleges that send stronger teams on the gridiron than those of Rochester, Syracuse and Hamilton. The communication

excited considerable attention, and was the source of no little discussion, and it seems to be the almost unanimous opinion of the undergraduates that some sort of a change should be made.

THE CONCORDIENSIS' correspondent favored a league with Williams and Amherst, and expressed the opinion that such an organization could be formed, as Dartmouth, the third member of the triangular league, would either be expelled or allowed to resign at the next meeting. The correspondent also very truthfully stated that, considered from all points of view, such a change would be of vast benefit to Union.

No one will dispute the assertion that from a foot ball standpoint Union would be better off in a league with Amherst and Williams. They have played the game longer and are generally considered stronger, but without reason, however, than Union. Their reputation gives them games with the larger institutions, and if in such a league it would only be a question of a few years before "Old Union" would do battle with the sons of "Fair Harvard" and "Old Eli." As long as Union remains with her present company she cannot reasonably expect to be recognized by the larger institutions, and we cannot believe that the alumni and undergraduates are willing that our foot ball, and our base ball and track athletic teams, for that matter, should continue in the path they have trod in past years. It is no longer an honor for Union to win the Inter-collegiate pennant. We are as far ahead in all athletic matters of the other colleges in the league as Yale is ahead of Union.

Foot ball, as any other athletic sport, can not be successfully conducted without money, and plenty of it. From a finan-

cial standpoint the change we are advocating would be of great benefit. The Williams and Amherst games this season at Albany are proof positive to this assertion. With these games held at Albany every year the foot ball treasury would have more than enough to meet all needs. THE CONCORDIENSIS does not wish it inferred that we are advocating all games to be played at Albany, for we are not. There are plenty of teams in this vicinity which could be secured for games on the campus.

The new and greater Union is making rapid strides forward, and her athletics must keep pace with her other interests. She will be bound to take a leading place in the college athletic world, if she can once get in the company where she belongs. On the gridiron, on the diamond and on the track, she has men who wear the garnet gracefully, and to the honor and credit of the dear old institution they represent. We need not be afraid to meet the larger institutions. We have the material, the enthusiasm and the true spirit to bring victory.

### Here and There.

"PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT."

At last it is an honor to hold a position on a Union foot ball team; an honor that is worth working for, and worth working hard. And that is what the managers and friends of our athletics have been striving to bring about for years. Need I say that it is a greater honor to captain a Union team? Need I say that the honor should be bestowed upon none but the most worthy? During the past season Captain Brown has demonstrated his thorough knowledge of the game. Always cool at critical times, he never failed to speak a word of encouragement to his men when it was most needed. A tireless player, he set a brilliant example of dash and daring to his fellows. He studied their natures, and knowing their peculiarities, dealt with them accordingly. He possessed their entire confidence; and as a consequence, Union was never "out of the game" with him behind the line. The even temper which character-

izes him when off the field, was no less apparent in the thick of the fight. And now that the season is over, and the congratulations are coming in from all sides, Captain Brown is getting the lion's share. *Palmam Qui Meruit Ferat!*

### THE SPHERE OF THE STATE.

I saw in the daily press, to-day, the statement that the second edition of *The Sphere of the State, or the People as a Body Politic*, the book recently given the public by Professor Frank Sargent Hoffman, was soon to be issued. A student of Union College, present or past, would not need to be assured that any topic from the pen of Professor Hoffman would be dealt with in the broadest, and most liberal spirit, such as disarms prejudice, and excites interest to probe still further into the very citadel of knowledge; yet I know we all are delighted that the work has met with such unbounded success; and that the criticisms are all most favorable.

The San Francisco *Call* welcomes it in a long article as "among the clearest, most succinct guides of the present day to the study of political science," and says: "Every sentence falls with the measured force of a trip-hammer, scattering some fallacy and clinching some fact."

The Yale *Literary Magazine*, after commenting most favorably upon it, adds: "It is something which we would earnestly recommend to the careful consideration of all Yale men who are devoting their time to the study of social problems."

It will be seen that these two notices are given from States that are separated by the greater portion of our country. The reason for this is obvious. I have not space in this column to do more than show how general the favorable notice is; and with that object in view will give an extract from a long review in the *Scotsman* of Edinburgh: "Professor Hoffman's utterances are just, thoughtful, and are expressed with admirable clearness and force. The student of political science will find in his book a useful guide and companion."

### HOME, SWEET HOME

It was the last Junior hop. The orchestra was playing the concluding number on the programme, "Love's Dream After the Ball," when suddenly the theme was changed, and the melodious strains of "Home, Sweet Home," warned the merry dancers that the night was far spent, and the dance at an end. And I wondered, as I watched the mazy whirl of the waltz, how many of the dancers, keeping time with the rhythmic strains, were conscious that the author of the soul-stirring words of the immortal song was a student at Union in the class of 1812.

John Howard Payne entered Union College when

but fourteen years old, and spent his collegiate life under the watchful eye of the famous Dr. Nott. During his connection with the college he exhibited those restless characteristics which were so marked in him as a man, and which cast the die of his future career, giving the old Doctor no end of trouble and anxiety. His literary aspirations found vent in a little paper, the *Pastime*, which he started, and which was supported very largely by his college mates. He used the avails of the paper to meet his expenses. It is an interesting fact that the *Pastime* was the second college magazine ever established, and many of its articles found their way into the Albany papers.

Payne was a member of, and held an office in, the Adelphe Literary Society. College theatricals must have been much more popular at Union in those days than they are at the present time, for Payne distinguished himself upon several occasions by his good acting. The death of his mother, and the failure of his father paved the way for Payne to gratify his ambitions for histrionic honors, and his career as an actor was soon opened at the old Park Theatre, New York, where he made his first appearance on the public stage as *Young Norval*. His was a complete success. He played in the principal cities of the Union, and became a theatrical star of the first magnitude when not yet twenty years of age.

It was in 1823, while in Europe, that Payne composed the opera of "Clari, the Maid of Milan," which contains the song of "Home, Sweet Home." In 1843 he was appointed Consul at Tunis, on the northern coast of Africa. Constantly meeting with financial reverses, he passed the latter years of his life in despondency. The "peace of mind dearer than all" for which he yearned was denied him; nor did he ever see the "lovely thatched cottage" of which he so pathetically sang. "An Exile from home," he died in Tunis on the 9th of April, 1852.

### Vacation is Coming.

She (as he attempts to kiss her)—You forget, sir, that you are in Philadelphia, where the men are gentlemen.

He (of the Sophomore class)—Oh, no—I am only getting in practice before I go home, where the girls are pretty.—*University Courier*.

The class of '98, at Williams, recently defeated the Sophomores by a score of 6 to 0. Where are our Freshmen?

### South Carolina's New Governor.

The Tillman movement in South Carolina has been the making, politically, of dozens of young men. Few of those who have supplanted the politicians of what is known in the Palmetto State as the "old régime" have passed middle life. This is especially illustrated in John Gary Evans, who has just been elected Governor.

Mr. Evans will be not only the youngest chief executive that this State has had in many years, but probably the youngest in the United States. He has just passed his thirty-first birthday, having been born on the 15th of October, 1863, at Cokesbury, South Carolina.

Mr. Evans is a graduate of Union College, Schenectady, and a lawyer by profession. In 1888 he was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly, receiving the support of all political factions of the Democracy, and during his first term was not regarded a partisan "Tillmanite." Re-elected in 1890, when B. R. Tillman was elected Governor, he at once became an active leader of the "reformers." In 1892 Mr. Evans was elected to the State Senate, and his readiness, adroitness, and vehement aggressiveness as a debater at once placed him in the leadership of the reform majority in that body.

Mr. Evans has been Governor Tillman's constant adviser and abettor in carrying out the policy of "reform," especially in his efforts to enforce the Dispensary law, and out of this political intimacy came much of the strength which enabled him to defeat two strong competitors in the Tillman primaries, in which he carried twenty-seven out of thirty-five counties.

Socially the young Governor does not belong to that class who constitute the voting strength of the "Tillmanites," the "common people," as they persistently call themselves. His father was the late General N. G. Evans, an officer in the Confederate army, who has been conspicuous in affairs.

In politics the young Governor claims to be a strict Democrat but also asserts his belief in the "Ocala" or Alliance demands, and argues that they are not inconsistent with the Chicago platform. He declares that he will enforce the Dispensary law to the letter. He is thoroughly detested by the anti-Tillmanites, who look upon him as a "fire-eater," full of bitterness toward them. They habitually speak of him as a Populist.

W. W. B.

Prof. Lintner, State Entomologist, and Dr. Veeder, were among the scientific men who were present at the recent lecture delivered by Prof. Harkness.

### The Alumni Banquet.

The annual banquet of the Union College Alumni Association will take place at the Hotel Waldorf, on Monday, December 17. It has been deemed expedient to defer this reunion and dinner about a week later than the usual time, in order to assure the presence of many of the most prominent members. From the number of acceptances already received, it is believed that the attendance will surpass that of any preceding year. It is intended to make this banquet far superior to that of last year, which was pronounced by disinterested visitors to be the grandest college dinner ever held in New York.

President Raymond, of the college, is expected to be present; also, General Horace Porter, Hon. Charles Emory Smith, "Eli Perkins," Hon. Wm. H. McElroy, Senator Warner Miller, and many other distinguished men. Invitations have been extended to Governor-elect Levi P. Morton and Lieut. Governor-elect Charles T. Saxton.

General Daniel Butterfield, '42, is president of the association. The vice-presidents are Rev. Dr. George Alexander, '66, and Silas B. Brownell, '52; secretary, Edgar S. Barney, '84; treasurer, Wm. C. Robertson, '77; executive committee, Samuel T. Benedict, '60, Charles E. Sprague, '60, John L. Hill, '61, Courtland V. Anable, '81, Frank A. DePuy, '77, R. C. Alexander, '80, W. B. Rankine, '87, Andrew W. Gleason, '60, Wm. K. Gilchrist, '83.

The preliminary business meeting will be called at six o'clock, and will be followed by dinner at seven P. M. It will be in order for every man to be prepared to contribute his share of reminiscences to add to the pleasure of the evening.

The committee upon speakers consists of Wm. H. McElroy, S. B. Brownell, R. C. Alexander and the Rev. Dr. George Alexander; upon music and toasts, Daniel M. Stimson, Charles E. Sprague, Andrew W. Gleason, with Wm. B. Rankine as chairman; upon dinner, Wm. C. Robertson, Frank A. DePuy, Samuel T. Benedict; upon menu, W. K. Gilchrist, Courtland V. Anable, John L. Hill and Edgar S. Barney.

### Union, 20—Syracuse, 10.

The last league game of the season was played on November 21, when Union lined up against the Syracuse University eleven, and was victorious by a score of 20 to 10. The winning of this game gives the pennant, and championship of the New York State Inter-Collegiate League, to Union. Syracuse won her two touchdowns on flukes, and not on foot ball playing. The winning of the State championship has become such an old story at Union that the result of the game failed to create the usual enthusiasm. The summary follows:

SYRACUSE.	POSITIONS.	UNION.
Warren.....	Left end.....	Hildner
Parker.....	Left tackle.....	Palmer
Mulholland.....	Left guard.....	Barnes
Vernon.....	Centre.....	Bennett
Smallwood.....	Right guard.....	Sweetland
VanLengen.....	Right tackle.....	Peters
White.....	Right end.....	Mallery
Van Duyn.....	Quarter.....	Brown (Capt.)
Adams (Capt.).....	Left half.....	Lavery
Osborne.....	Right half.....	Myers
Bond.....	full back.....	Richards

Umpire, Mr. Day, of Princeton; referee, Mr. Carolan, of Cornell; linesman, Mr. Evans, of Williams. Attendance, 1000.

### Same Old Story.

Says 'Ninety-eight, in new made togs,

"We college men are jolly dogs"

Says 'Ninety-five, iconoclast,

"These Fresh are fresher than the last."

—Bowdoin Orient.



### Student Volunteer Mission Work.

Much interest has for some time been felt among college students in the movement named in the heading of this article. However, Union College students have not, until recently, taken any active part in this work. But now, steps are being taken by which it is expected that an influence shall be exerted from the circle of our Y. M. C. A. which shall make itself felt over a wide area. We do not undertake a report of the aim and object of this movement. On the contrary we must presume upon the knowledge of those who are interested to a greater or less degree in the work, hoping by making this mention of the matter both to encourage those already engaged therein, and to call forth talent that, now lying unused, should be spent in sympathy with them.

The Committee on Missions of our Y. M. C. A. has been making arrangements to introduce a course of study appropriate to the object in view, namely, preparing young men to engage actively in mission work. Mr. Mattison, '98, has volunteered to enter upon the active work when his preparation is completed. He has been appointed leader of the class that will take up the study referred to. It must not be understood that only those intending to volunteer are invited to pursue the course. All students in college who so desire are welcome to enter the class, and several have already done so.

The text book proposed at the meeting this week is entitled "Short History of Christian Missions," by George Smith, LL. D., F. R. G. S. It is not yet decided that it will be used, but either this or a similar work will be adopted. Students who wish to enter the class should leave word to that effect with Mr. Mattison, from whom further information may be obtained.

### Local and Personal.

Get a skate on.

N. Beckwith, '94, of Albany, spent Sunday on the hill.

E. W. Daley, '94, was in town, Thursday, November 29.

The Freshmen were recently photographed by Wheaton.

Al. G. Bra has returned to college and resumes work with '98.

Prof. Linhart is busy taking the measurements of the Freshmen.

Dr. Raymond occupied Dr. Parkhurst's pulpit on Sunday, November 2.

The Freshmen have finished solid Geometry, and have commenced Algebra.

R. C. Alexander, '80, and Mrs. Alexander, were in Schenectady, Friday, November 30.

The foot ball team was photographed on the steps of the round building, November 27.

Prof. Howard T. Mosher and Mrs. Mosher spent Thanksgiving vacation at Rochester, N. Y.

George Perry, '98, spent a few days under Dr. Pearson's care since we last reported the sick.

M. G. Thomas, '78, was in Cohoes on Saturday, handling Prof. Hoffman's book, "The Sphere of the State."

Guy H. Miller, '94, who has been engaged in engineering work at Havana, N. Y., was at the Psi U. house on Tuesday.

The Life, Letters and Diary of Lucy Larcom have been recently published by Rev. Daniel D. Addison, Union, '83, of Beverly, Mass.

A change has been made in the Senior class list of officers which we published a short time ago. G. A. Johnston is now Ivy Orator, and T. F. Bayles will wear the Prophet's mantle.

Foot ball is over and we are all ready for the ice. Look up the advertisers in our college publications and see where to buy your skates.

C. V. Kirby, '97, who was called home recently, upon the death of his father, will not return to college, but is now engaged in business.

Brown, '95, and Fuller, '97, who left the city several weeks ago, and have had light attacks of scarlet fever, return to college this week.

J. M. Cass, '95, preached for the Rev. W. G. Thrall, at the English Lutheran church, on Sunday, 25th ult. Last Sunday he was at Niskayuna.

An article by Prof. Franklin Giddings, Union, '77, now Professor of Sociology at Columbia University, is on "The Theory of Sociology," and is issued by the American Economic Association.

One of the societies at Harvard has requested Dr. Edward Everett Hale to repeat his lecture on Personal Reminiscences of Oliver Wendell Holmes, as delivered at Union on November 9.

Gilbert K. Harroun, a loyal alumnus of Union, has offered a prize of \$50 in gold for the best thesis on Sociology, written by a member of the Senior class. The prize is to be given at the Commencement of '95.

The Adelpic Society has changed its hour of meeting from Saturday morning to Friday afternoon at half past three o'clock. For the present the change is an experiment, and will become permanent, if satisfactory.

While M. R. Skinner, '95, and A. D. Bissell, '95, were out hunting rabbits last Saturday, the former had the misfortune to accidentally discharge his rifle. The shot tore away the toe of his shoe, and one joint from one of his toes.

In a previous issue we published a notice of evangelistic services to be held at the college during January. The officers of the Y. M. C. A. have requested us to express to the students their regret that satisfactory arrangements can not be made to secure the services of Mr. Sayford.

Union College has a staunch friend in the person of Mayor Wilson of Albany. Mr. Wilson is greatly interested in our Butterfield course. When time permits he leaves the cares of the city government of Albany, and takes the train for Schenectady to attend the lectures.

We are pleased to record another addition to the list of awards for merit. Mr. Gilbert K. Harroun, treasurer of the college, has offered a prize of \$50 in gold for the best senior essay on Sociology. We will publish the regulations under which competitors may work as soon as they can be had.

By the time our next issue is published we expect to report the reorganization of the Gillespie Society, for the discussion of engineering topics. The committee appointed to revise the constitution is now engaged in its work, and when they report—which will probably be before the end of the term—the society will be reformed and proceed to work.

#### Elegy.

Full many a gem of purest emerald green,  
The dark unletter'd haunts of yokels bear;  
Full many a flower that last year grew unseen,  
Now brings its sweetness from Pike County air.

Some village Hayseed with an ancient vest,  
A coat whose cut might antedate the flood,  
Some mute inglorious "milk'un" here may rest,  
Some Cromwell with whiskers in the bud.

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Rich with Greek roots, etcetera, unrolls,  
Beastly exams. will soon about them rage,  
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## Foot Ball, '94.

The foot ball season's over,  
And back to Dorp again,  
Bearing once more the pennant  
Come Brown's unconquered ten.  
For still Old Union's garnet  
Floats proudly on the air  
To student, prof., and graduate,  
The victor to declare.

No longer on the campus  
The captain's signals ring,  
No longer on the drying line  
The 'Vars'ty garments swing,  
The "sections" now wait vainly  
The manager's "Ho-o-o! Scrub!"  
And they who faced the big eleven  
No more their bruises rub.

The healthy upper classman  
No longer lends his suit  
To the ambitious Freshman  
Who'd rather play than "root."  
And evenings—as when out of town  
Went Union to get gore—  
No longer wait the men at home  
Inquiring "What's the score?"  
Good, 'Varsity! well done, boys!  
You've played successful ball!  
And, proud of you again we hang  
The pennant on the wall.  
Now here's to all who strove to win  
Our place of ninety-four!  
And now, to those who try next year  
To do it yet "some more."

W. T. C., '97.

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Literary societies meet this week as follows: On Saturday, at 10 A. M., the Philomathean Society will debate the question, "*Resolved*, That it would be to the mutual advantage of New York and Brooklyn to be united under one municipal government." Affirmative supported by Morris, '96, A. Merchant, '97; negative by Payne, '95, Thomas '98. The Adelphics, at 3:30 P. M. on Friday, debate the resolution, "That the poetic genius of Wordsworth excels that of Coleridge." Affirmative discussion led by Anthony, '96, negative by Dann, '96.

### Amusements.

Monday, December 10: "Our Uncle Dudley;" a very bright farce with a remarkably strong cast. Our Uncle Dudley resembles "Charley's Aunt" in style and treatment.

Thursday, December 13: Gus Hill's "World of Novelties."

Friday, December 14: Lillian Kennedy.

Tuesday, December 18: The original Fisk Jubilee Singers will appear under the auspices of the First Baptist church.

Thursday, December 20: The world famous Hanlon Brothers will present their immense production of "Superba."

Following the above comes "The Tornado," John Kernell in "McFadden's Elopement," "Lost in Egypt" and "The Passing Show" from the New York Casino.



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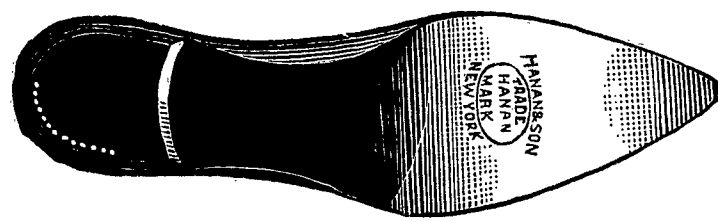
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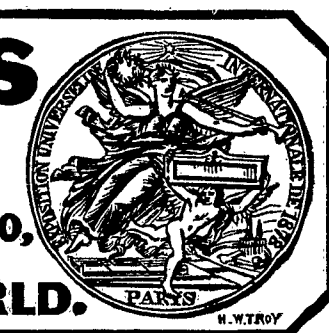
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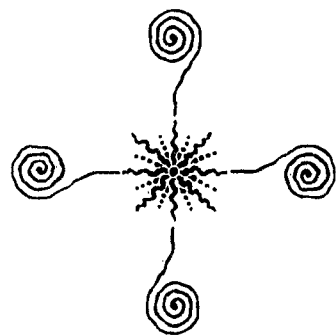
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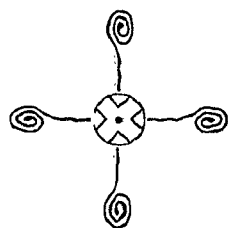
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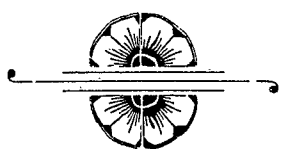
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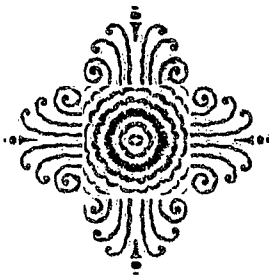
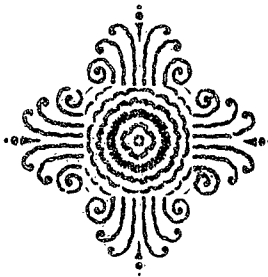
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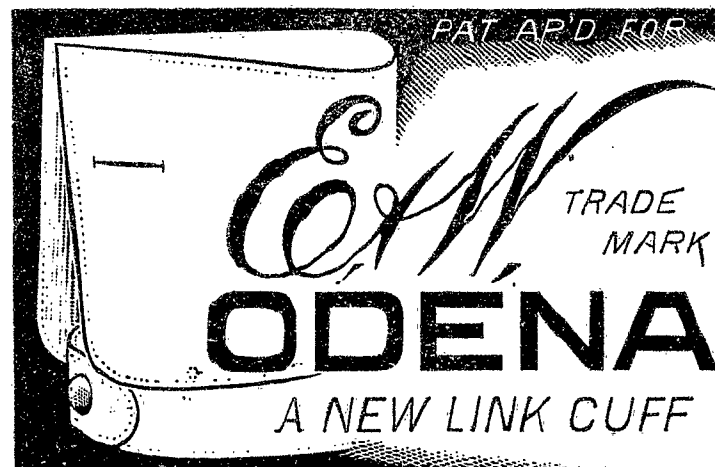
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