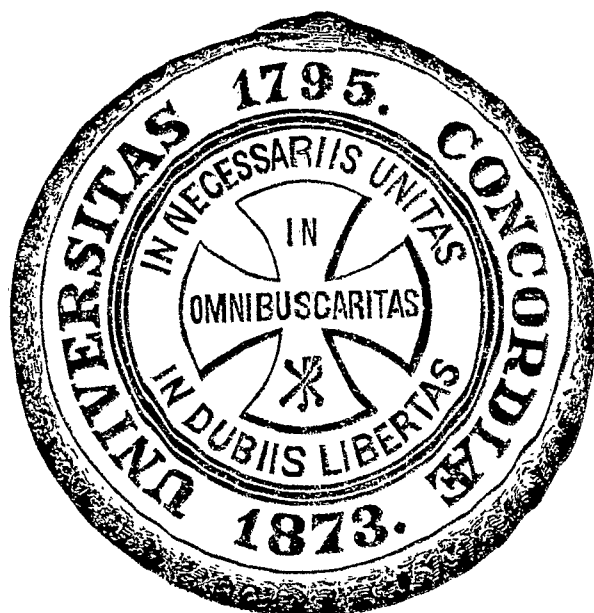


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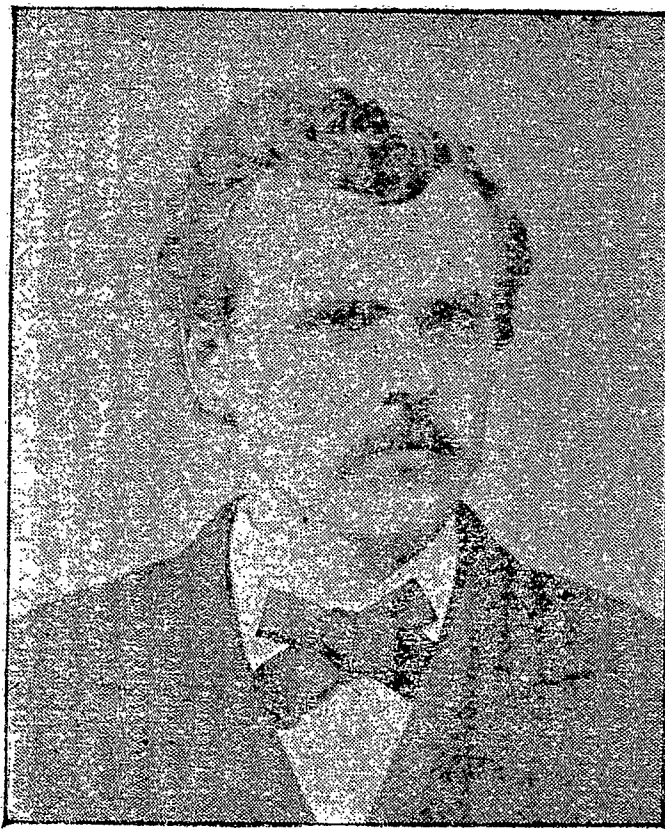
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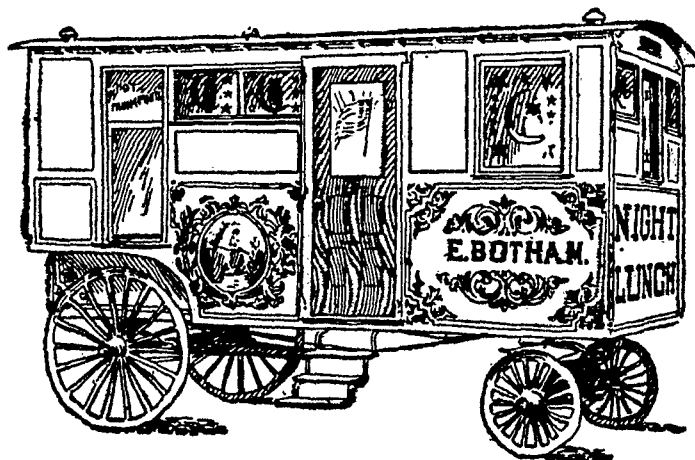
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THE LATIN DEPARTMENT AT UNION.

The more complete equipment of the Department of Latin at Union, which has been urged upon the Trustees at various times, might well receive encouragement from the recent report of the United States' Commissioner of Education, the Hon. William T. Harris. The statistics cited in this Report are conspicuous evidence that the classics are less moribund in the present day than some people appear to imagine. These statistics have reference to secondary-school studies, and exhibit in tabular form the total enrollment of students for each of the eight years from 1890 to 1898, and the rate of increase in the enrollment of pupils for each of a series of subjects taught in the schools during that period. If for the sake of brevity we take the figures referring to the beginning and the end of the period mentioned, we shall have the following tabulated result:

STUDIES.	Enrollment in 1889-90.	Enrollment in 1897-98.	Percent'g of Increase.
1. Latin,	100,144	274,293	174
2. History (except U.S.)	82,909	209,034	152
3. Geometry,	59,781	147,515	147
4. Algebra,	127,397	306,755	141
5. German,	34,208	78,994	131
6. French,	28,032	58,165	107
7. Greek,	12,869	24,994	94
8. Physics,	63,644	113,650	79
9. Chemistry,	28,665	47,448	65

Statistics for English are not sufficiently complete to render a statement on the subject advisable, but it is to be hoped and is generally believed that this study does not fall behind any of the rest in popularity. It is significant however that the study of Latin in the last nine years has gained in the enrollment of pupils at a rate greater than that of any other secondary-school study, with the possible exception of English. In point of absolute numbers Latin also enrolls more pupils than any other study, excepting Algebra and (probably) English. Moreover the total gain of 174 per cent. is more than double the percentage of increase in the total enrollment of students in the schools. This percentage is figured at 86, in as much as the total enrollment of pupils in the various secondary schools rose from 297,894 in 1890 to 554,814 in 1898. There can be little doubt then as to the growing

popularity of Latin in the secondary schools. How about Greek? Is Greek on the decline, as many persons suppose? The figures show that the enrollment for this subject has been at all times (within the period referred to) below, and very considerably below that of Latin. But they show also that Greek is gaining rapidly. The enrollment has almost doubled in eight years. Moreover, as Prof. West has remarked in his report on this subject for the Classical Review, "the great gain in Latin is likely to accelerate the present rate of gain in Greek very soon." The inference then regarding Greek is that it too is growing in favor, and that some day not far off it will take its place beside the Latin in popular esteem.

A few considerations suggested by these statistics may not be out of place here. It is evident that the Latin courses at Union have material enough to draw from. That is: there are young men enough and to spare who are leaving school every year with a greater or less knowledge of Latin, and who may be induced to enter College, and become candidates either for the A. B. or the Ph. B. degree. Consequently there exists no necessity for any College (merely for the sake of adding to its numbers) to admit to its Latin Department those pupils who are poorly prepared—those, in short, who have had less than the minimum Latin course of four years duration proposed by the Committee of Twelve. The College that admits students with a preparation of one, two or even three years duration only, must for some reason be greatly in need of students, or it must be willing to do its work on a lower basis or by a lower standard than the average. The latter would conceivably be the case when students were accepted and entered for the Latin courses who could not "get in" elsewhere. It might also be the case where it seemed to be of paramount importance to swell the total number of students in the College. In that event advantage might easily be taken of the fact that young men who, through accidental circumstances, had been prevented from acquiring at school all the Latin they desire are seeking to make up this lack at College, if they can only persuade the College authorities to "give them a chance." The temptation to increase the size of the incoming Freshman class on the basis of this argument is very great, and there is no doubt that the law should be somewhat elastic and exceptions made at times.

Exceptions are made, in fact, in all Colleges and Universities—with advantages on both sides. But in general this results in a lowering of the standard, and at Union we have the President's word for it that the standard of the Latin Department must be maintained at a level with the average taken for the "Colleges of the Eastern and Middle States, and Maryland."

The question then suggests itself whether the exceptions just referred to are more numerous and frequent at Union than they ought to be in the light of the President's policy regarding the standard. Statistics might be furnished to the reader in reference to this matter also; but perhaps an expression of opinion will suffice. In my humble judgment the exceptions are very considerably in excess of what they should be—in excess in fact of the minimum number which is compatible with the preservation of the desired standard. It does not mend matters to say that students who are unable to "go on with the class" may be dropped. A pupil once admitted is entitled to every allowance. If his work is poor he must in every case be given the benefit of the doubt. He has been told in effect that he is worthy of classification with others who are in reality far ahead of him in the studies of the College class room, and if he works hard, it is distinctly unfair to him to tell him that he cannot keep up. He becomes a victim rather than an offender, and the College which is only too glad to increase its membership by placing his name on its rolls has in truth done him an injustice.

Where then lies the remedy? At Union College, as no doubt elsewhere, there exists a desire on the part of all persons interested in the success of the institution to see a long list of names in the book of entry. The Trustees as well as the Alumni in general are in the habit of gauging the usefulness of the institution from year to year by the number of the incoming class. The sporadic questions of the graduates as well as the specific interrogatories of the authorities themselves relate invariably and almost solely to the quantity rather than to the quality of the Freshmen. The pride and interest of the President and faculty are thus appealed to, and tempted sometimes beyond the possibility of resistance, to admit many young men—especially to the Classical and Mathematical courses—who ought either to remain a year or two longer at school, or else "to seek other spheres of influence" than those which are attainable through a College education. One remedy lies then in the acquisition of courage to say "No" at the right time—a difficult thing to do, but a thing none the less right and proper because it is difficult.

Moreover it is a distinct error, of which many of us so called educators are guilty, to suppose that the College which employs us would suffer through a refusal on our part to receive into our class rooms those young men who are not prepared to do the work which is presumably represented by the degrees conferred (with not a little *éclat*) at our Commencement season. A few students more or less would make but a slight difference in the reputation of the College, when the question of the integrity of the degree is the thing to be considered. In the long run there would be a decided gain in reputation, so soon as it became known that the Union College degree is difficult of attainment.

Again, it does not follow of course that a large number of pupils taking Latin in the preparatory schools implies necessarily a corresponding number taking this study in any given college. The boy who has completed a sound and thorough course of study in a school naturally expects that the advantages offered him at College will correspond with those which he has enjoyed during his year of elementary training. The College must be prepared therefore to carry him along into the higher branches of his favorite pursuit and to offer him facilities for improvement which cannot be readily secured in the school. His choice of a College will be largely determined by this consideration. If then the study of Latin is as popular in the secondary schools as it would seem to be, to judge from the statistics already cited, the continuation of that study along lines more advanced and effective is a *sine qua non* in the College course. Is Union College doing all she can to induce the better class of students (I mean those who have taken the minimum four years course of the better schools) to seek advanced instruction in this subject within her own portals? I have already pointed out in these columns that an equipment that was all that could be desired in the days of Dr. Nott is meagre and insufficient at the present time: that without undertaking to institute post-graduate courses at Union it is nevertheless imperative to offer to undergraduates many things which were scarcely thought of twenty or thirty years ago. There is not space to repeat here the details which were quite extensively alluded to in the issue of *The Concordiensis* for November 8, 1899. But it may be said that the facts there given contain a suggestion at least of what Union stands in need of in order to render her Latin courses more complete and, as it were, "up-to-date." The question of expense it is not my part to discuss. I may say, however, that the additional outlay would not need to be great. It would consist chiefly in an allowance to the Latin

Department of at least three hundred dollars a year for books, journals and other apparatus,—for the maintenance and steady increase of a “working library” in ancient literature, epigraphy and archaeology—without which no really good work of the higher kind can be accomplished. I say “an allowance,” not a fixed sum, for such a library must be a growth; in no other way can it be rendered thoroughly effective and useful to student and teacher alike. The lack of such an allowance must ever render the classical departments at Union College in a large measure deficient in apparatus absolutely necessary to the work of undergraduate students, in those studies which, begun in the grammar and the high-school, should be continued at the College on a broader basis and in accordance with the new and increased demands made by the more advanced scholarship of our own day.

SIDNEY G. ASHMORE.

ALUMNI BANQUET.

The Northern New York alumni association propose to hold a banquet in Albany sometime in the near future, probably during the first week in February. No banquet was held last year but the committee intends to make this year's feast a memorable one in the history of the organization.

Dr. Raymond and several other prominent speakers will address the assemblage.

THE PI PHI DANCE.

The Pi Phi boys of the Union Classical Institute gave their annual holiday dance on the evening of Friday, Dec. 22. The affair was held in Yates' boathouse, Gioscia furnished the music, and in every respect the dance was successful. Dorp's fair ones were all there, and the Union men present were: Frank Cooper, '93; J. C. Cooper, '97; P. B. Yates, '98; T. B. Brown, '98; E. W. Strong, '99; D. W. Paige, 1900; P. L. Thomson, 1900; G. W. Featherstonhaugh, 1900; C. J. Potter, 1900; Clinton Jones, 1900; H. J. Brown, 1901; R. C. Yates, 1902; and F. T. Ostrander, 1902.

UNION SCHOOLMASTERS' CLUB ORGANIZED.

While the Principals' Convocation was in session at Syracuse, during the recent holidays, a banquet was held by the Union college men in attendance. Nineteen gathered at the “Grand Grill,” and after the dinner spent the time in telling anecdotes of their college days and comparing notes as to those who were absent.

An association was formed, Howard Conant, '92, of Penn Yan, being elected president, and A. M. Blodgett, '97, of Corning, secretary and treasurer. By having a regular organization, the members can be of assistance to each other in school work and can be informed concerning vacancies in good positions.

The secretary, Professor Blodgett, would be glad to be informed of other Union men teaching in the state.

The following were present at the banquet: John H. Clark, '70, of Flushing; Arthur E. Barnes, '95, Unadilla; John N. V. Veeder, '95; Hobart; Horatio M. Pollock, '95, Albany High School; M. G. Thomas, '98, Schaghticoke; George J. Dann, '96, Liberty; Edwin W. Cady, '94, Hancock; Nathan Beckwith, '94, Rockton; Arba M. Blodgett, '97, Corning; John P. Mabon, '98, Woodhill; George C. Perry, '98; Lake; Lewis H. Carris, '93, Union Springs; John T. Morey, '93, Scotch Plains, N. J.; Cornelius E. Franklin, '83, Albany; Edward Hayward, '78, Lockport; Howard Conant, '92, Penn Yan; Rev. Philip H. Cole, '88, Syracuse; Prof. James H. Stoller, '84 and Prof. Edward E. Hale, Jr., Schenectady.

“SIGS” IN CONVENTION.

Sigma Phi held its seventy-third annual convention in New York City during the holidays. The convention took place in the Waldorf-Astoria on January 4, and was followed by a banquet in the evening. The delegates from Union were: D. W. Paige, 1900; G. W. Featherstonhaugh, 1900; R. C. Yates, 1902; and W. E. Kruesi, ex-1902.

THE LAY OF THE IDOL.

In shelter beneath the sturdy trees,
My thoughts leap over the storm-tossed seas,
To a country in the west;
By a gentle stream with its dancing gleam,
With nature's beauty blest.

'Twas here in a shady wood 'mid flowers
And trees surrounding like stately towers,
A deity I stood,
And the people came and spoke my name
Throughout the echoing wood.

And each in homage, on bended knee,
Did then present his humble plea
For a blessing to his soul;
With a favoring nod, I lightened his load,
And peace within him stole.

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Those days are past, of celestial hue,
Yet homage still to me is due,
Though only once a year;
For the freshman sing with devotion's ring,
And drop the silent tear.

My thoughts go back to that far-off land
Where my sturdy trees like towers stand,
And my loved ones call me there;
But the longing's vain, for ne'er again,
Will I see that land so fair.

—JOHN McNAB, 1901.

THREE MEN ON FOUR WHEELS.

Three Men on Four Wheels is Jerome K. Jerome's rather eccentric title for the series of humorous stories which he has completed for The Saturday Evening Post, of Philadelphia. Every one who has read Three Men in a Boat—and who has not?—will wish to follow the misadventures of Mr. Jerome and his two companions on their tour through Germany astride a tandem and a safety. Mr. Jerome's wit is no less keen, nor his humor less kindly, than when he scored his first great literary success ten years ago. The first story of Mr. Jerome's series appeared in the Post of January 6.

ALUMNI NEWS.

Items of Interest Concerning Union's Graduates.

[Every student and alumnus of Union is invited to send to the Editor-in-Chief items of interest for insertion in this department. News of a personal nature, about any alumnus, will be gladly received and printed.]

'55.—The Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphia in a recent number says: "The utilization of reindeer in Alaska is due to the efforts of the Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson, aided by the late Elliot Shepard. Dr. Jackson devoted many years of his life to work among the natives of the frozen north, and his idea of supplying reindeer for food and as an aid to transportation was generously supported by Mr. Shepard. At the historic missionary meeting in Carnegie Hall several years ago, Dr. Jackson was one of the most interesting speakers, and according to his latest report the work has progressed greatly since its inception."

'56.—Rev. Wm. J. Robinson, D. D., pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church of Allegheny, Pa., and moderator of the United Presbyterian General Assembly which met in Philadelphia last May, died Dec. 20 at Battle Creek, Mich. He was born at Argyle, N. Y., graduated from Union with *Φ. B. K.* honors in class of '56, and took divinity courses at Newburgh and Allegheny Seminaries. He was a member of the Chi Psi fraternity. The deceased was a leader in the movement having as its object the incorporation of express recognition of God in the constitution of the United States.

'65.—Clark Brooks, of New York, secretary of the board of trustees, was among the holiday visitors in Schenectady.

'60.—Col. William F. Fox, state Supt. of forests recently issued his annual report. It contains many useful and timely suggestions in regard to the beautifying of city streets with shade trees. He calls attention to Washington

and Paris, and cites as a reason why Washington is considered one of the most beautiful cities of America, the 70,000 trees planted along its streets.

'60.—William H. McElroy has succeeded the late Robert Carter Alexander, '80, as editor of the New York Mail and Express. Mr. McElroy acted as toastmaster at the banquet of the Albany Society of New York, which was held at Delmonico's last Week Wednesday evening. Among the other Union alumni who attended the dinner were: Rufus H. King, '57; Amasa J. Parker, '63, and John A. Delehanty, '77.

'73.—At the first meeting of the newly organized Chamber of Commerce of Albany, William P. Rudd was one of the speakers and was elected a trustee.

'77.—John A. Delehanty was elected a trustee of the Albany Chamber of Commerce at its first meeting.

'79.—Gerardus Smith has been appointed city printer of Schenectady.

'83.—Bernard C. Sloan, of Schenectady, has been elected an alderman in the common council of Schenectady.

'84.—Daniel Naylor, Jr., of Schenectady, has been re-elected city attorney.

'89.—Professor George W. Fairgrieve, principal of the Union School of Coxsackie, will continue as president of the University Circle, a select literary society of that place.

'94.—Douglass Campbell, a graduate of the Harvard Law School, has begun the practice of law at New York City. Mr. Campbell visited Schenectady last week Wednesday, when he was a bearer at the funeral of the late S. Dana Greene.

'94.—The Rev. John Van Schaick, Jr., assistant pastor of the Church of the Divine Paternity in New York, has accepted a call to

the pastorate of the Church of Our Father, the only Universalist Church in Washington, D. C. Mr. Van Schaick is a son of ex-Senator John Van Schaick of Cobleskill, and was graduated with honors from Union in the class of '94. He was a Psi U. Mr. Van Schaick was professor of History in the college at Emporia, Kan., when a year and a half ago he was called as assistant pastor of the Church of the Divine Paternity. He preached his first sermon in his new charge the first Sunday of the new year.

'96.—Roscoe Guernsey of Cobleskill, valedictorian of the class, is now at Johns Hopkins in his second year, taking the Ph. D. course.

'96.—Geo. B. Young who took some special work here during the fall term has now a professorship in Hartwick Seminary, Otsego Co.

'97.—Arba Martin Blodgett is principal of the Northside High School of Corning, N. Y.

'98.—Lieut. Charles E. Parsons of Glens Falls visited friends in town during the holidays.

'98.—Roger D. Sinclair of Chicago spent the last two weeks of the term at the Chi Psi lodge.

'98.—Geo. C. Perry of Caldwell, spent the Christmas in town, and left for Teachers' Association at Syracuse on Dec. 26.

'98.—Charles J. Vrooman is teaching school in Schodack Center, Rensselaer County. He visited Psi Upsilon friends on the hill during the Christmas vacation.

'99.—Dix W. Noel of the Gazette staff spent his Christmas vacation at his home in Chicago.

'99.—Geo. C. Rowell of the reportorial staff of the New York Mail and Express spent Christmas with friends in town.

'99.—Frank T. Wright, who is engaged in teaching in the preparatory school at Williamsburg, Mass., spent the Christmas vacation with his parents in town.

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WE TAKE pleasure in appointing to the board of editors Mr. John D. Guthrie of the sophomore class, who will serve as a reporter during the remainder of the college year. As was announced last October, competition is always open to students in the junior and sophomore as well as the freshman classes, and when the character of the work warrants it, appointments will be made by the board.

THE CONCORDIENSIS thinks it about time the freshman class be informed that there are in this college a few insignificant specimens of humanity known as upperclassmen, who are supposed to have one or two privileges besides sitting in chapel Monday mornings and applauding the freshman yell. A majority of the class of 1903 seems to have lost sight of this, if it was ever brought to their attention; but the fact remains that there are certain college customs here at Union the observation of which is under the direction of the senior

class. Now there are other class customs which may be continued or dropped at the will of the class in question, but when the whole student body is involved then the will of the upperclassmen is law. Now the freshman class, in its brief but glorious existence, has seen fit to depart from the usual order of things and give up several class customs. So far, so good. But when a college custom is deliberately ignored, it is time to stop. Now it is an unwritten law at Union that every student shall speak to every other student when meeting on the hill or in town. And it is the duty of the underclassmen to speak first. This is the rule as laid down to the class of 1900 three years ago, and observed by them ever since; but many members of the present freshman class not only fail to speak first, but even ignore the salutation of the upper classmen. Ignorance of the rule can no longer be offered as an excuse, and it will be to the interests of the freshmen to bear in mind what is expected of them.

THE twentieth century is not quite yet a reality, and this is well, for as the closing year of the old nineteenth century stretches before us, it is essentially fitting to pause for a moment and contemplate wherein we, as Union college students can add during the year to the honor of Union. Though it was the eighteenth century that gave our alma mater birth, for her history she points to the century just drawing to a close. Hand in hand have college and century walked, and renown has come to both. But soon their paths will diverge. The century, having fulfilled its days will cease to exist, while the college, full of the hope and vigor of second childhood will go ever forward carrying on its grand work of mental, moral and social elevation.

But ours is still the Union of the nineteenth century, the abundance of whose legacy to the twentieth should be enriched by definite achievements in the line of progress during the year to come. In the sphere of undergraduate activity there is much room for improvement. In the first place, elections should be cleansed of politics. If we are to have successful organizations, the best

men in college, irrespective of society and other considerations, should be chosen as managers. The present system of subscriptions for the various interests, athletic and otherwise, is unsatisfactory, as is also the system of class collectors now in vogue. For the remedying of all of these defects The Concordiensis pledges its coöperation, and the editors will be glad to print any suggestions with that end in view. We believe, too, that at present there is need of an association of upper-classmen which shall exercise a supervision over all undergraduate affairs, and represent the student body and its sentiment. Such councils have been tried at other institutions with success, and we expect in the near future to formulate definite plans for an organization of the kind at Union.

Another project which should have the coöperation of every student, is to make the commencement of 1900 the most successful in the history of the college. The Concordiensis believes that in a great measure this can be brought about by interesting especially alumni of the decennial classes. With this in view the editors now make the first call for items of interest about alumni in any of the usual reunion classes. These personal notes will be gathered and published by classes and each alumnus put into communication with his classmates. In this way the old class ties will reawaken an interest in the college, and a large and enthusiastic body of alumni should attend Commencement. The editors realize that the collection and arrangement of such an amount of material is no mean task and accordingly we call upon every reader of The Concordiensis to send in any such information as he may be aware of or able to obtain. If all will coöperate in this way we feel sure that the results will be very apparent in the last week of June, and our labor will not have been in vain.

DOG-GEREL.

I saw some fifty freshmen once
 Into a night-lunch go;
 "They're going to the dogs" said I,
 "The *current* tale of woe."
 —Mc., 1901.

TALK ON THE HILL.

Items of Interest Discussed by the Students.

Prof. Bennett spent the holidays at his home in Chicago.

A number of students tried examinations for state certificates last week.

Prof. Howard Opdyke spent a part of his vacation in Plainfield, N. J.

Prof. T. W. Wright spent the Christmas vacation at Galt, Ontario, Canada.

John E. Parker, 1901, was the guest of Frank Little, '97, of Rochester, during the recent vacation.

John Ludden, 1901, has been elected a vice-president of the Alumni Association of LaSalle Institute, Troy.

"Jim the Copper" was confined indoors Saturday with an attack of muscular rheumatism. He is now again on duty.

On Thursday afternoon Prof. Wright slipped and fell on the roadway near the round building, and received a severe scalp wound.

The sympathy of the students is extended to Charles E. Palmer, Jr., 1900, who suffered the loss of his mother during the vacation.

Prof. Frank S. Hoffman spent the vacation in New York City. He also attended the meeting of the American Sociologists held at New Haven.

Robert B. Tummonds, a former member of the class of 1901, who has been out of college just a year, has resumed his studies with the class of 1902.

Captain Edwards expects to have the use of the gymnasium for practice during the winter term. It is probable that candidates for pitcher and catcher will be called out this week, and that practice for the other positions will begin early in February.

John D. Edwards, captain of the baseball team, who was compelled to leave college last term on account of ill health, has returned to continue his studies.

Orations will be due from the sophomores on Feb. 2. Articles should be about five hundred words in length. The subject is left to the choice of the writer.

James G. Perkins, 1903, of Albany, who broke his wrist by a fall in the gym. just before the Christmas holidays, has so far recovered as to be able to resume college work.

E. G. Brownell, 1900; T. B. Brown, '98; P. L. Thomson, 1900; H. J. Brown, 1901, attended a reception held at the Riverside Club House, at Lansingburgh, during the holidays.

Dr. E. E. Hale, Jr., represented Union at the meeting of the Associated Academic Principals of the state and Dr. James H. Stoller, at the Science Teachers' Association, both of which were held in Syracuse during vacation.

Among the Union men present at the dance given at the Ten Eyck, in Albany, the evening of January 2, by the Governor's secretary, Wm. J. Youngs, in honor of his daughter, were Harry E. Furman, '97; Theodore B. Brown, '98; Philip L. Thomson, 1900; Horatio J. Brown, 1901 and Frank T. Ostrander, 1902.

F. M. Eames, '95; H. J. Hinman, '99; R. M. Eames, '99; L. T. Hubbard, 1900; W. D. Loucks, 1900; P. L. Merriman, '01; L. Minkin, '01; W. E. Hays, '02; F. T. Ostrander, '02; A. H. Hinman, '02; H. C. Bothwell, '02, and A. A. Lee, '03, attended the reunion dance given by the Alumni Association of the Albany High School in Odd Fellows' Hall at Albany, January 3. Hinman, '02, rendered a baritone solo.

Colgate is to have a new athletic field, the gift of an alumnus.

CHI PSI SMOKER.

The Chi Psis of Albany and Schenectady held an informal smoker at the Hotel Ten Eyck in Albany, Dec. 29, and a delightful time was enjoyed by all. Among those present were: Col. William F. Fox, '60; Major J. O. Woodward, Hamilton '82; E. C. Knickerbocker, Williams, '88; John R. Carnell, Jr., Amherst, '97; Morgan B. Griswold, Cornell, '94; Guernsey R. Jewett, Cornell, '99; Neil F. Towner, Hamilton, '97; Frank T. Ostrander and William H. Gillespie, 1902; T. Harry Keogh, Hamilton, 1902, of Albany; H. S. Sleicher, Cornell, 1900; John H. Davitt, Cornell, 1901, of Troy; Dr. Henry W. Johnson, Hamilton, '89, of Hudson; W. C. Vrooman, '78; Frank Cooper, '93; T. B. Brown, '98; Harry E. Furman, '97 and H. J. Brown, 1901, of Schenectady.

AMERICAN SCHOOL AT ROME.

The American School for Classical Studies at Rome has re-engaged the Villa Story, which they have occupied for three years, and which affords convenient quarters in a healthy part of the city.

Prof. Richard Norton, who has held the chair of Archæology for two years, has been appointed director of the school. The significance of the appointment is that Archæology is likely to receive more attention than subjects like Epigraphy and Paleography, which have heretofore been considered more important. Professor Platner, of Western Reserve University, will be engaged during the present year and will lecture on epigraphy. Other eminent Archæologists, resident in Rome, will lecture at the school as heretofore.

It is expected that the same facilities as in previous years will be afforded for study in the Vatican and in the many museums in which Rome is so rich. It is also believed that the day is not far distant when excavations will be permitted. An effort has been made during the present summer to secure a fund of \$100,000 as a foundation, a third of which has already been raised.—Rutgers Targum.

NATURE.

Beneath a shady forest tree
 In peace I rest. A life so free,
 So free from all its cares,
 Springs up before me, unawares,
 I start; above, about, I look.
 Before me runs the rippling brook;
 Above me flit from tree to tree
 The birds, whose endless minstrelsy
 Impart a meaning understood:
 The Lord, Who giveth all, how good!
 —A. H. H., 1902.

Prize Contest in American History.

The Chautauquan offers prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 for the best answers to the question: "What is the most dramatic incident in American History, and why?" The competition, which closes Feb. 1, is limited to subscribers. Articles should not exceed one thousand words in length.

UNIVERSITY EXHIBITS AT PARIS.

The exhibits which the more important American universities are planning to make at Paris in 1900, will be of a nature somewhat different from that at the World's Fair in 1893. Each university, instead of having a complete exhibit representative of all of the work done in that entire institution as was the case at Chicago, will devote itself to an exhibit of some special department of its activity. Harvard will exhibit its astronomical work, Columbia its pedagogy, the University of Chicago its collection of crystallizable minerals, Yale its geological specimens, Princeton its university publications and charts, illustrating the history of the organizations of the university, and the University of Pennsylvania will exhibit, among other things, its Archæological collection.

INTERCOLLEGIATE.

At the University of Pennsylvania a War Memorial Tower has recently been erected in memory of those who fell in the late war with Spain.

The trustees of Bryn Mawr have decided that students may no longer live outside the college wall. A course in law has been added to the electives.

The accession to Princeton's library during the past year numbered, exclusive of periodicals, 18,380 volumes. This increase is the largest in Princeton's history.

Amherst College used to be one of the great feeders of ministry, but only two of the class of '99 are at divinity schools, while fifteen are teaching, ten are studying law, and twenty-five are in business.

The treasury of the Princeton University Athletic Association, which includes the accounts of the football, baseball and track organizations, shows a deficit for the six months to August 1, of about \$3,500.

The question which has been submitted for the Michigan-Pennsylvania debate is as follows: Resolved that the formation of trusts should be opposed by legislation. The debate will be held in Philadelphia, March 9, 1900.

In addition to the cup for the intercollegiate chess championship—won by Harvard the last five years—there is a trophy this year valued at \$1,500, the possession of which will be decided by a cable match between an American college team and a team from Oxford or Cambridge.—Rutgers Targum.

At a meeting of the Oxford and Cambridge officials recently it was decided to send a team of college athletes to this country next April to compete against the track and field athletes from Yale and Harvard. The contests will probably be held on Manhattan Field, New York.—Cornell Daily Sun.

EASTERN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL.

In an article in a recent number of Leslie's Weekly on the college baseball season of 1899, Charles E. Patterson gives the standing of the strongest eastern teams as follows:

1. Princeton.
2. Pennsylvania.
3. Harvard.
4. Yale.
5. Williams.
6. Cornell.
7. Dartmouth.
8. Brown.
9. Lafayette.
10. Wesleyan.
11. Lehigh.
12. Amherst.

Mr. Patterson gives Wesleyan two representatives on his eastern collegiate team which is composed of the following players: Catcher captain, Kafer of Princeton; pitcher, Hillebrand of Princeton; first base, Goodrich of Harvard; second base, De Saulles of Yale; third base, Terrell of Wesleyan; short stop, Anderson of Wesleyan; outfielders, Wear of Yale, Wallace of Yale, and Miller of Cornell. The substitute battery are pitcher, Brown of Pennsylvania; catcher, Drew of Dartmouth.—Wesleyan Argus.

There's a gladness in her gladness,
When she's glad.
There's a sadness in her sadness,
When she's sad.
But the gladness in her gladness,
Nor the sadness in her sadness,
"Aint" a marker to her madness
Of the madness in her madness,
When she's mad. —Ex.

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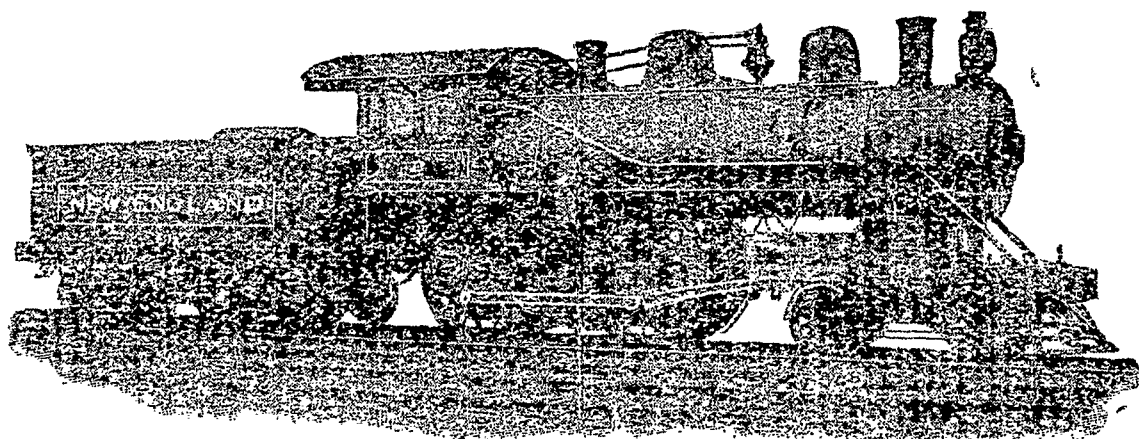
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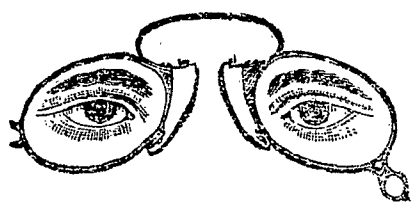
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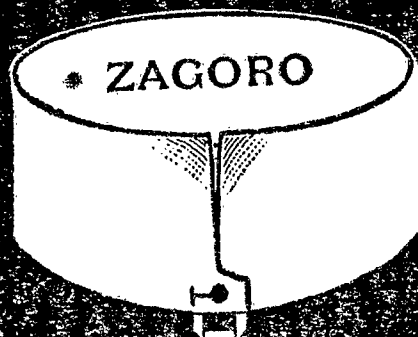
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