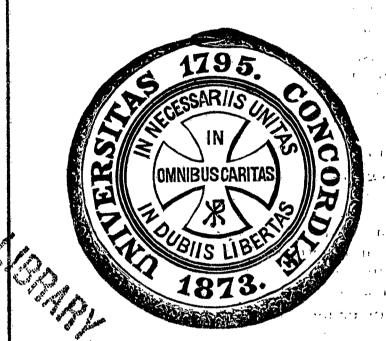
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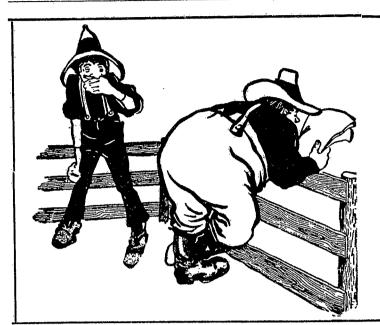
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THE CIVIC LEAGUE

Communication Received by Union Branch on "Leadership and Intelligence"

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"The following American colleges and universities have contributed to the preparation of the present staff of the Bureau of Municipal Research of New York city: Amherst, Carleton, Chicago, Clark, Columbia, Cornell, DePauw, Harvard, Iowa. New York, Union, Northwestern, Pennsylvania, Smith, Tufts. Berlin, Halle, Leipsic and the Sorbonne have added touches here and there. Just what part did colleges have in fitting the college graduates on our staff for municipal research? During the college days, neither their instructors nor themselves had ever contemplated a work such as that in which they are now engaged. Some of them prepared for the law, others for teaching, and one or two for accountancy. Yet to-day it is doubtful if one of them would exchange the problems with which he is now dealing for a more remunerative post as lawyer, teacher or accountant.

"The attraction offered by municipal research is due to the fact that it seems to promise a real-

ization of the great American dream that usually grows dimmer and dimmer after college walls are left behind, viz: Self-government for the benefit of all the governed. This dream will never come true simply because college men go into politics. Unless college training has radically changed within the last twelve months, it would be a civic tragedy to turn over the government of American cities to men chosen simply because they were college men. In talking to our professors, to our students, or to the outside world that is denied the monopoly we enjoy as college men, it may be excusable to keep up the tradition that there is some special merit in a bachelor's degree. But between ourselves in the Intercollegiate Civic League, what, pray, is there about our college training, our four years of fraternity life, athletics and electives to enable us to guess within gunshot of the amount necessary to run a Board of Health; whether asphalt pavement is an inch or a foot thick; whether a tenement house department is spending too little or too much money; whether a city budget should be \$143,000,000 or \$100,000,-000, or just where economy is possible?

"The Bureau of Municipal Research believes that one reason why so few college men go into politics and the chief reason why the college man in politics has so often compromised with corruption when he started out to annihilate it, is that the college man has failed to see that the particular kind of intelligence that is needed in government and not intelligence about Rameses, Hobbs, Aristotle, Nepolean, or Spherical Trig., or English Lit.

"In municipal government, as in football, the rule of the game should be: Watch the ball. This is the one thing that has not hitherto been done. It is the thing that is not generally contemplated when college men are urged to go into politics, but just as sure as watching the quarter-back or left-end will lose the football championship, so watching the Mayor or Comptroller or Alderman will continue the evils of American municipal

government. Just as in football, too, the test of the player is what he is able to do with the ball and with his team, so the test of the college man in politics is the extent to which he can advance the interests of his constituents; their interests, like the ball, are objective, countable, visible, watchable things, not birthmarks or character.

"Last year President Roosevelt urged the members of the Intercollegiate Civic League 'to take an intelligent, disinterested and practical part in the every-day duties of the average citizen.' At present, it is impossible for intelligent men to take an intelligent part in the duties of citizenship, because city records are so kept that they either tell falsehoods or tell only a small part of the truth necessary to intelligent judgment. If the presidents of the colleges above mentioned were to be sent to Boston to serve as the small commission which President Eliot urges to reform municipal government in the United States, they could not possibly be intelligent about the needs of Boston or do the intelligent thing for Boston without first insuring records that will describe work done when done and account for money spent when spent, in such a way that the average citizen in Boston would understand what he was getting for his money and what was not being done that he wanted done.

"It is with government as with morals, the intelligence that does us the most good is not the intelligence that we ourselves possess about ourselves, but the intelligence that others possess about us. You are, of course, good in spots, because of what we know, but we are also good, often times, because other people know exactly what we are doing. Intelligence is most useful to the governed when it is in their possession to tell them what governing officials are about.

"The Bureau of Municipal Research aims so to mass the facts of government as to produce artificially the light and the neighbor's eye which will inhibit the desire to misgovern. For the execution of this program, college men are needed. When they do not sincerely love to be intelligent, they at least like to seem to be intelligent. I can corceive of no greater service that can be rendered by the Intercollegiate Civic League than to spread among its membership the idea that no intelligence is negotiable in matters politic, but intelligence as to government ends and community

needs. When college men once have this feeling, their pride as citizens and as men of general intelligence will lead them to ask the questions and to head the movements necessary to secure efficiency in the government of American cities."

COLLEGE MEETING

Wheadon, '08, Voted a Football "U" by the Student Body

The college meeting last week was presided over by Vice-President L. S. Hoffman, '08. A motion was made to the effect that Royton F. Wheadon, '08, should be recommended by the student body to the athletic board as possessing 'such qualities as should make him eligible to a football "U."

Wheadon has served faithfully on the second team for four years and this year he played in the first three regular games besides parts of other games. This record was considered as justification for the action to award him a "U."

This sentiment has been growing steadily since the football season, when the awards were made, and at last came to a crisis on Monday in the action of the student body.

It was unanimously voted to send resolutions to the Athletic Board in regard to the matter and no doubt they will take appropriate action at their next meeting. This is the first time in a number of years that student approval of the recognized service of any man has been expressed so forcibly.

Further business during the course of the meeting disclosed the fact that the faculty will shortly appoint a committee of students to cooperate with the authorities in trying to induce desirable men to enter Union next fall. Dr. Barnes has the matter in charge and will make his plans public in a week or so. The committee will probably be composed of one representative from each fraternity and one from the Pyramid Club.

The Board of Trustees of Cornell University has voted to raise the requirements for an engineering degree from four to five years with two years of work in the College of Arts and Sciences as preliminary to the technical training.

CHARLES EMORY SMITH, '61

By the death of Charles Emory Smith, of the class of 1861, Union College lost one of her most illustrious sons—a son known to the world as a man high in the first ranks of integrity and capability.

While in college his abilities were recognized, and besides being one of the foremost men in his studies and receiving the distinction of a Phi Beta Kappa key, he was one of the most popular men of his class. In 1889 his Alma Mater, in recognition of his services in American public life, awarded him the honorary degree of LL. D.

It was almost immediately after graduation that Mr. Smith entered the sphere of active politics in New York State, and made himself a prominent figure at Albany. He started out as an editorial writer on the Albany Express and later, from 1870, as editor-in-chief of the Albany Journal Here he was brought into close relations with the leaders of the Republican party in this State, particularly with Roscoe Conkling, when the Senator was practically supreme in his mastership of the party and of the State government. Mr. Smith was a brilliant writer and an attractive speaker, so that, with his fine opportunities for personal acquaintance with public men, his control of the columns of the leading journal of his party at the State Capital and his ardent interest in State politics, he became while still a young men a prominent and influential figure in New York State politics. For a number of years, during Senator Conkling's ascendency he drafted the platform of his party and left the marks of his graceful and incisive pen upon the official utterances of a succession of State conventions.

Closely associated as he was with Senator Conkling, whose imperious spirit rarely permitted the service of two masters, when he claimed allegiance, it was proof of Mr. Smith's fine diplomatic spirit as well as of his manifest sincerity, that he was able to maintain friendly personal relations at the same time with Mr. Blaine, between whom and the famous New York Senator a bitter feud had long existed.

In 1880 Mr. Smith went to Philadelphia to become editor-in-chief of the Press, and ten years

later he was appointed by President Harrison United States Minister to Russia. He occupied that distinguished post for two years, and then returned to the editorial chair of the Press. In 1898 President McKinley invited him to a seat in the Cabinet as postmaster-general, a position he occupied until 1901, when he resigned and again resumed editorial work.

Mr. Smith was ardent and loyal as a party man, but personally broad-minded and sympathetic in his attitude toward all worthy citizens who differed from him in political views. The death of a man of his ability and large experience leaves a vacancy in the citizenship of the republic which cannot easily be filled.

DR. CADY'S FOURTH LECTURE

Egyptian Art and Architecture Described

On Friday last the Rev. Putnam Cady gave the fourth of his series of lectures in the College Chapel. The subject was "Egyptian Architecture and Art," but it treated particularly of the subject of columns, their inscriptions and their forms.

The lecture was illustrated as usual and a large number of beautiful views of ancient Thebes and various other ruins of temples were shown.

In describing Thebes Dr. Cady mentioned a fact known to few, that the ruins of that city were only discovered in the latter part of the eighteenth century.

Particular attention was given to a description of the Colossi of Memnon and their history. This was followed by a detailed account of the progress of art in the making of the old Egyptian collumns as used in their temples and colonnades. Dr. Cady also went on to show that the Greeks have only copied Egyptians in their Doric and Ionic architecture.

The large attendance and the great appreciation shown by the audience give evidence that the student body are awakening to the fact that Dr. Cady is performing a great service in delivering these lectures.

Alumní Potes

1877—Professor Franklin H. Giddings of Columbia University says that the negroes are fusing with the whites and that in a century the genuine negro will be unknown in this country.

1878—Everett Smith is chairman of the statistics committee and a member of the public improvements committee of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Smith was Mayor of this city in 1891.

1879—Gerardus Smith is on the "Manufactures and Promotion of Trade" committee of the local Chamber of Commerce.

1886 >

1866—William W. Wemple has been appointed chairman of the legislative committee of the local Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Wemple is State Senator for Schenectady and Saratoga Counties.

1886—Elmer E. Veeder, with his bride, Miss Emma R. Jackson of Montgomery, Alabama, paid a visit to Old Dorp while on his wedding trip late last month. Mr. Veeder remembers Schenectady when it had a horse car line running through State Street from Washington Avenue to Brandywine Avenue. He left this city in 1890 and located in Las Vegas, where he has lived since. He has visited the place of his birth from time to time since then and although he has in a measure kept pace with the growth of the city. He always thinks of it as a quiet little Dutch town, with its old-fashioned horse car line and its quaint old style buildings.

Mr. Veeder, together with his brother, John De Witt Veeder, are engaged in the law business in Las Vegas, and also do a considerable real estate business, owning large tracts of ranch property.

1898—Frederick W. Closs died at his home in Syracuse on Wednesday, January 11, from the effects of an operation for appendicitis. He received the degree of B. S. from Union, and after graduation engaged in electrical work with the General Electric Company. Mr. Closs was one of the most popular men of his class while in college. He was a prominent football player and a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He was an earnest church worker and prominent in musical circles.

✓ 1898—Perry George Castner is principal of a school in Ovid, N. Y.

1903—Lawrence J. Gallagreh has presented the library with a copy of the 1880 Garnet.

/ 1880—City Engineer Charles H. Van Auken of

Cohoes, who was struck by a Delaware & Hudson locomotive near his home Saturday night, died Tuesday morning at the Cohoes Hospital.

Mr. Van Auken was born in Cohoes about 52 years ago. He attended the public schools, and later Prof. Collin's private school at Albany. He completed his education at Union College. After leaving college he became identified with the Cohoes Gas Light Company, and at the time of his death was superintendent of the electric light department of the company. He was appointed city engineer 14 years ago. He was a member of the congregation of the First Reformed Church.

FRESHMAN CLASS

The statistics showing the standard of scholar-ship of the Freshman class for the fall term makes interesting reading. Out of a total number of eighty-nine students, fifty-three passed the term's work without a single condition, and with a general average standing, indicating a high degree of efficiency in all subjects. There are seventeen who have only one condition; eight who have only two, and seven more than two. The remaining four for, various reasons, were not able to take the examinations.

These figures show a marked improvement over the scholarships of the entering class over previous years, although this record is nearly equalled by the showing made by the class of 1910 for the same time.

1907's **GIFT**

The new medical and surgical cabinet, the gift of the class of 1907, now occupies a conspicuous place in the office of Dr. McComber. The cabinet is made of quartered oak and measures 6½ feet high by 3½ feet broad. The numerals "1907" are inscribed on the front. A black leather medical bag is included in the gift.

The committee of which Gardiner, '07, was chairman, recently turned over the fund, which amounted to \$70, to Dr. McComber, who personally selected the cabinet. The gift fills a long felt want, and is greatly appreciated by the college.

Michigan's new football field is to be one of the finest in the West. The grandstand will seat 18,000 people.

Library Potes

Miss Grace Marion McKnight, formerly in the Schenectady Public Library, has been appointed cataloguer in the college library, to take the place left vacant by the recent resignation by Miss Carr.

Librarian Clinton complains that occasionaly books are surreptitiously taken from the library. However, Mr. Clinton is making an earnest effort to catch the culprits.

Following is a list of books added to the library recently:

History—Manuel des Institutions Francaises, Luchaire; Constitutional History of France, Lockwood; Dark Ages, Oman; Select Charters, Stubbs; History of Commerce in Europe, Gibbons; Western Civilization in Its Economic Aspect, Cunningham; Life of Mohammed, Muir; Life of Charles the Great, Mcmbert; Institutes of Justinian, Holland; History of the Lombards, Paulus Diaconus.

French and German—Hauptman's works, 6 vols.; Meyer's works, 4 vols.; Heyse Paul novels, Cotta edition, 8 vols.; Immermann D. N. L., 4 vols.; Riehl Cotta edition, 7 vols.; Raabes Works, Grote, 7 vols.; Keller, 2 vols.

General Engineering—Klein, Problems in Geometry; Klein Riemans, Theory of Algebra; Wait's English Jurisprudence; Law, etc., J. C. Carter; Pictorial Composition, H. R. Poor; Disposal of Sewage, S. Barwise; Municipal Engineering, Baker; Designs of Walls and Bins, Ketchum; Concrete Block Manufacturing, Rice; Pressure on Deep foundations, Cortell; Infectious Diseases, Langfeld.

English Literature—Development of Shakespeare as a Dramatist, Baker; Shapespeare (in Eng. Men of Letters), Raleigh; The American. James; Cowley's Essays; Bronte Novels, Haworth edition; Austen Jane, novels.

Electrical Engineering—Trans. Am. Inst. E. E.; Telephony, Abbott; Transmission of Energy, Abbott; Alternating Current Motors, McAllister; Design and Construction of Hydro-Electric Plant, Beardslay; American Electric Railway Practice, Herrick and another; Electric Meters, Gerhardi; Long Distance Electric Power Transmission, Hutchinson; Practical Railway Hand Book, Herrick; Electro Magnets, Mansfield; Miscellancous Papers by Heinrich Hertz.

Chemistry—History of Chemistry from the Earliest Times, Von Meyer; Theoretical Chemistry, Avogadro, trans.; Theories of Chemistry, Svante Arrhenius; Chemistry of Daily Life, Talbot; Electrolytic Preparations, Karl Elbs; Phase Rule and Its Application, Findlay; Chemical Synthesis of Vital Products, etc., Meldola; Electrolytic Dissociation Theory, Talbot & Blanchard; Quantitative Analysis, Treadwell; Series of Chemical Problems, Thorpe; Principles of Mathematical Chemistry, Helm.

Greek-Pausanius Greece, 6 vols.

Biclogy—Darwinism To-day, Kellogg; Guide to Vertebrae Dissection, Kingslay; Cambridge Natural History, series, 9 vols.

SENIOR CLASS COMMITTEES

In anticipation of the coming term's Senior class activities, and to facilitate the work of that time, the regular committees have just been appointed.

Before the end of the present term the committees will make a report of their progress at a class meeting. The committees as appointed, are as follows:

1908 Memorial:

A. V. V. Raymond, Jr., chairman; L. S. Hoff-man.

This committee will work in conjunction with the Harold Ransom Moore memorial committee, appointed last fall, and of which H. T. Hildreth is chairman.

Senior Ball:

Raymond O. Shelley, chairman; Chester G. Fullerton, Levi Parsons.

Senior Song:

Alexander D. Kline.

Cap and Gown:

Herman L. Meyer, chairman; R. F. Wheadon, Frederick R. Peck.

Invitation:

Ross W. Tiffany, chairman; A. L. LaRoche, M. S. Watson.

Swimming has been formally recognized as a college institution at Williams. This action was taken at a recent meeting of the Athletic Association.

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Editorial

The Civic the Intercollegiate Civic League. League, the Union Civic Club was founded here. On account of the many activities of college life during the fall term, it was deemed best not to hold regular meetings until after the Christmas holidays.

Now, however, with the winter term ahead, the club will hold weekly meetings to arouse undergraduate interest in the local good government movement. Occasional articles, received from the graduate secretary, will be published.

It is the duty of every college man desirous of becoming a better citizen, of understanding the problems of local government, or of arousing a purer civic spirit in his own locality, to support this organization with his attendance at the meetings.

One whose wide experience Classical has made him an authority, Union. recently declared that a majority of those who graduate from college in the engineering courses, retire from technical positions within fifteen years after graduation.

Thus the man who attends such a college as Union, gets a touch of the real, old classical spirit that makes him broader and gives him a more sympathetic view of mankind. Thus he is fitted to meet on grounds of mutual understanding men outside of his profession as well as those within.

How infinitely better educated is he than one who studies in a purely technical institution, continually surrounded by cold, hard, mathematical subjects, and learning to measure everything in life by formulas!

Now, in our outside relations we have been prone to exaggerate the importance of our technical courses to the practical obliteration of our arts departments — departments that fully measure up to the standards of any purely classical small college.

However, the normal, healthy reaction is coming. More and more men are entering the classical courses rendered famous by the graduates of past years. More and more the realization is coming that Old Union's slogan should be: "Union! The best all 'round college in the country!"

Let us continue to foster our revived classical spirit and keep Alma Mater the maker of genuine men she has always been.

Years ago, when nomantitism flourished, college students naturally turned toward literary pursuits. Later,

when realism came into vogue, even the classic halls of learning began to lose the older spirit.

As a monument to the older period, The Parthenon, once published by the students of Union, was one of the most successful magazines of its day, and was widely read.

Its successor, The Concordiensis, is like the majority of its contemporaries, valuable only as a record of passing events. Still, to some extent, it is supposed to inherit the old literary spirit of The Parthenon.

To create an atmosphere as nearly like that of the early period as possible, The Concordiensis will appear as a Parthenon number on March fourteenth.

Alumni, faculty members and under-

graduates are earnestly solicited to contribute literary material for The Parthenon number, and thus help to establish a yearly revival of the once-famous Union College magazine.

D. M. C. A.

Last Sunday at the vesper service in the Y. M. C. A., Dr. Ashmore spoke on "The Debt of the World to the Apostle Paul." The talk was an exceptionally interesting one and a goodly number of students were present.

During the course of the talk Dr. Ashmore referred to the writings of Apostle Paul as being equal to five times the writings of all the Apostles. And that Paul's writings were beneficial to the private life of the public as well as to life in general due to the fact that he traveled within the Roman Empire more extensively than any of the other Apostles. And that it was St. Paul who gave most of the liturgies to the Christian Church.

Sunday, January 19, at vesper service in Silliman Hall, Prof. McKean gave a most interesting address on "Language and Index." He showed now men may be known by their words. At the weekly prayer meeting Chaffee, '10, spoke.

At the Tuesday evening meeting Bell, '08, will speak.

Next Sunday, the 2d of February, Dr. Hoffman will commence a series of three lectures, the first of which will be 'The Eclipse of the Old Testament." The other two are, respectively, "The Rediscovery of the Old Testament" and "The Value of the Old Testament in Our Day." Dr. Hoffman is very conversant upon such a subject and it is hoped that the meetings will be well attended.

The fraternity Bible classes are proving a success and a great help.

The attention of the students should be called to the way in which the magazines and papers in the Y. M. C. A. library are abused. In some cases the backs have been totally destroyed. The Y. M. C. A. reading room is a privilege which should not be abused.

Athletics

With the inception of daily practice in preparation for the indoor track meet to be held in Troy on the 26th of February, the track activities for the season has begun, and will be vigorously continued until the end of May. Dr. McComber regards the present indoor work, as preliminary to outdoor training, as a necessity not only in developing new material, but more especially in keeping the men who desire to enter actively ino track work in the spring in proper condition.

Great interest is being manifested in the meet to be held soon in Troy. The candidates for positions on the relay team are Striebert, '09; Raymond, '08; McCormick, '08; Ayer of Albany Law, and Wheeler of the Medical School. In the high jump, H. Huthsteiner, '11; Dunn, '11, and Anderson, '10, will probably contend for honors, while in the shot put Rankin, '09; Riggs, '10; Lefferts, '10, and Anderson, '10, are strong candidates. In the sprints, Tobin, '11; Van Aernam, '11, and Thorn, '11, are doing exceptionally good work. No positions, however, in the various events have been definitely filled, and all those who desire to enter into track activities are being urged to come out and work.

The first meet of importance will be a dual meet with Trinity, to be held on the local oval on the 23d of May. A week later we will take part in the N. Y. State Intercollegiate Union Track Meet, to be held at Rochester. The union consists of Hobart, Hamilton, Rochester and Union. The championship New York State intercollegiate ban ner, which is at present hanging in Silliman Hall. gives good evidence of our prowess in the past in this particular meet.

1908 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

The football management for 1908 has been working hard to complete the schedule for next year. At a meeting in Syracuse of the managers of the New York State Intercollegiate League on January 18, Manager Roosa met with the several managers of Hamilton, Colgate, Rochester and Hobart. At this meeting the league games were arranged under the chairman of the intercollegiate committee, Mr. Arthur J. Foley of Utica.

Several new departures from the usual schedule will be noticed.

First. It was found impossible to arrange games with some of the teams previously played because, having entered the league, the management was more crowded for dates.

Second. It was thought best to shorten the season by one week this next year. The reasons for this are many and obviously good.

Third. The best of the larger colleges with which the management could get games are to play on the campus. Williams, Wesleyan and Hamilton will doubtlessly be the main treats of the season. Although the first two dates are not definite, it is almost safe to say the games will be decided upon within a week. The schedule is as follows:

Sept. 26th, R. P. I
Oct. 3rd, Williams
Oct. 10th, Wesleyan
Oct. 17th, Hamilton
Oct. 24th, RochesterRochester
Oct. 31st, Colgate
Nov. 7th, Hobart
Nov. 14th, N. Y. U

An unusual form of hazing has been adopted by the Sophemores at Nebraska. It consists merely in gathering together the Freshmen in a large room and having a heart-to-heart talk on the evils of ignorance and the value of education. The result of all this was that every Freshman made a perfect recitation, appeared at all college exercises, and cut out the use of tobacco. Rather unusual hazing and unique results.

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Union Five Overwhelms Scarlet by a Scort of 33 to 6

In a game marked by many fouls, Union's basketball team badly defeated Rutgers Saturday night by a score of 33 to 6. The features of the game were Union's passing and Starbuck's ability to throw fouls. Rutgers had many chances to throw but could not find the basket, and in the second half, was not able to make a single point.

For the first five minutes of play neither side had any advantage until Starbuck caged the ball for the first score of the game. At this time Hovey was injured and time called. Almost immediately after Starbuck threw two fouls and made another basket from the field. Although many chances arose, Rutgers could not score, and at the end of the first half the score stood 14 to 6 in favor of Union.

The second half was entirely in Union's favor, for although the Rutgers players by clever passing could bring the ball to within shooting distance of the basket, they could not make a point. Then Union, getting a start, piled up the score until at the end of the game it stood 33 to 6.

The line-up was as follows:

Union. Rutgers.
Clowe (Buck) Hovey
Right forward.
Starbuck (Capt.)Segoine (Capt.)
Left forward.
Micks Goode
Center.
Brown Van Keuren (Faucett)
Right guard.
Leon Best
Left guard.

Referee—Grout; timekeeper, Shutler, '08; time of halves, 20 minutes; baskets for Rutgers, Segoine 1, Hovey 1, Best 1; for Union, Clowe 2, Starbuck 4. Micks 2, Brown 3, Leon 1. Fouls thrown, Starbuck 9.

Following the example of some of the leading colleges of the country, the University of Maine has eliminated the study of Greek from the requirements of the B. A. course. Greek is retained as an elective on the same basis as the modern languages.

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Freshman-Sophomore Schedule Arranged — Juniors to Challenge Winners

Arrangements have finally been completed for the basketball games between the Freshmon and Sophomore classes. Manager Brainerd, of the class of 1911, and Irish of 1910, working with Dr. Macomber have arranged the series.

Manager Brainerd is busy making arrangements for out-of-town games. He already has secured dates with Albany teams and is daily expecting to hear from an Amsterdam five.

The Juniors are also getting up a team to play a series of games with the winners of the under class series.

Both of the lower classes are confident of victory. The Sophomores are greatly strengthened by the addition of Anderson and Hequembourg from the 'Varsity, while the Freshmen have some men who have records of good playing on their High School teams.

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DAY OF PRAYER

Dr. Alexander Delivers Sermon on Saul's Conversion

Dr. George Alexander, president ad interim, preached the sermon last Thursday on the occasion of the annual Day of Prayer for colleges. The Rev. Dr. Adams, of the State Street Methodist Episcopal Church read the Scripture lesson, and the Rev. H. A. Barrett, of the Bellevue Episcopal Church offered the prayer. The college quartette sang two sacred selections.

Dr. Alexander took his text from Acts IX, 6: And the Lord said unto him (Saul) 'Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.'"

In part the sermon was:

"Consider this conversion of Saul with me. No other man has even left such an impress upon mankind. He was handicapped in his struggle for life. Deformed in body, he was repulsive in appearance.

"Yet when he was called by the Lord he went immediately, giving complete surrender.

"Like Saul, each one of us is here to fulfill a Divine purpose. To most persons life is an experiment. To a few life seems a lottery. But to both classes, Christianity furnishes a direct contradiction. It is admitted by everyone that great men are raised up by Christianity. The question to some is, are obscure lives raised too?

"But concerning this I think there can be no doubt, for God says 'Even the hairs of your head are numbered.' Moses, David, Peter and Paul, all were of humble origin, yet later they consciously fulfilled God's will.

"The way to do, young men, is not to make your own way in life, but to find God's way. True, the results are sometimes discouraging, but with Divine aid everything will make itself right. The difference between the two ways is like the difference between a solitary oarsman drifting, doubling on his course, pausing to see if he is

going in the right direction, and a rower with a pilot at the helm, sure of his course and making every stroke count.

"What sublimity does the thought impart that I have not dropped out of the Divine way. This does not mean that there will be no setbacks or disappointments, but merely that each reverse will be a fingerboard along the way God has appointed.

"Many young men, however, think they should make their own way in life. So it was with Saul. But in due time he saw that he was refusing to go God's own way, and it went hard with him, and so it is with everyone.

"But ambition to do better moves every one, too. In the life of every young man there comes a moment when his eyes see what the natural eye does not see. His ear hears what the natural ear does not hear. His soul is touched by a mystical grasp to perform a certain task.

"I have spoken to you this morning with such a flood of memories streaming upon me as almost to obliterate the intervening years. It was while standing within a few yards of where I now stand that I made surrender to my Lord and said, 'Lord, what wilt Thou have me do?' I can ask nothing better this morning than to have you see the value and the full meaning of that phrase: 'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?'"

After the services the numerous visitors shook hands with Dr. Alexander, while the undergraduates sang several songs, and gave a rousing cheer for "Prexy."

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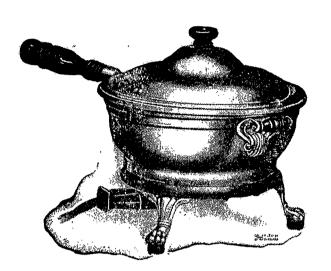
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