

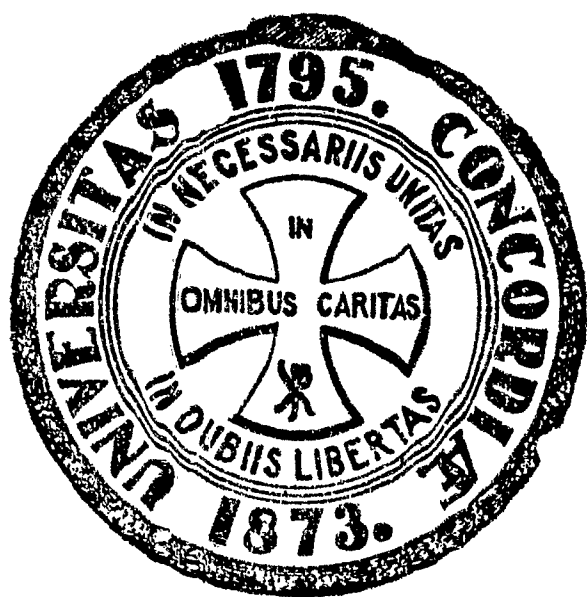
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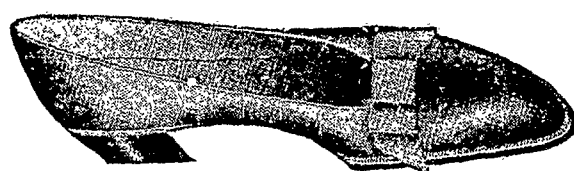
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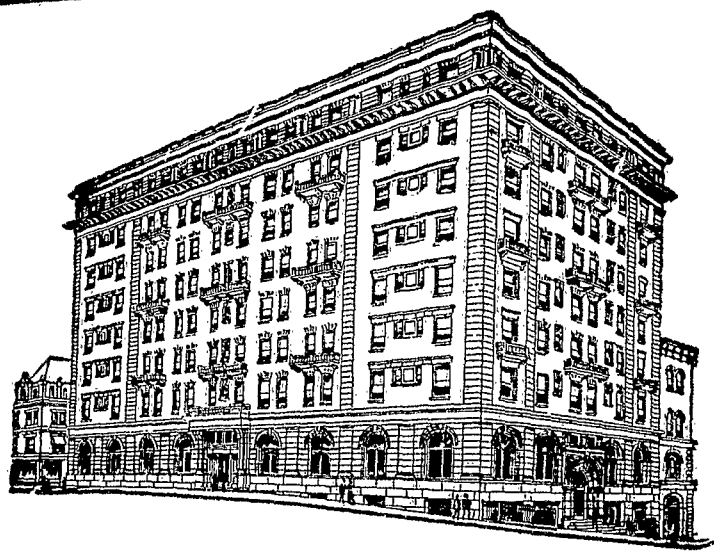
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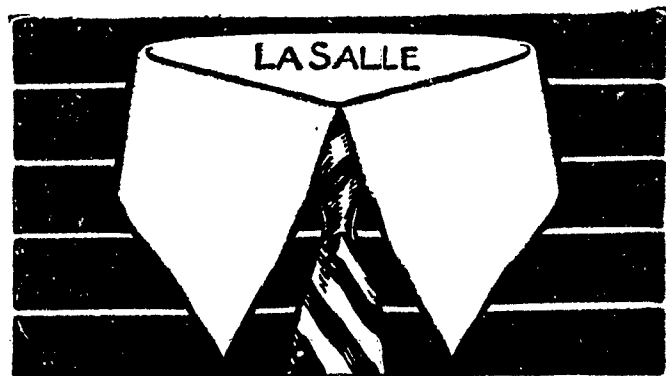
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OUR BASEBALL SEASON OPENS

Garnet Nine Will Play Columbia University on Saturday.

Our baseball season opens Saturday, when the nine goes to New York to play the fast Columbia team. This will be our first game and Columbia's sixth. They have had several weeks more of practice and have been hardened into shape while our players have had scarcely any real practice, owing to the delay caused by the incompleting of the diamond.

In spite of these handicaps, the team goes to New York, determined to play the game of their lives. The Columbia nine defeated Colgate, by a 10-5 score; Rutgers, by a 9-7 score in a seven inning game and has lost only to Amherst by a close score. The Rutgers men tell us that we ought to win for they hit Columbia's pitcher hard and at will and only lost the game through wretched fielding. Had their outfield been able to handle the ball, the score would have been different. We have Fred Dawson, Columbia has the more practice. We think Fred will win. In an interview with a Concordiensis reporter, last week, Coach Dawson made the following statement:

"The call for candidates for baseball this spring has been responded to in a manner

that is very gratifying. Such a host of men and such willingness I have seldom seen. Each day there are enough men to make three teams, and then a few to spare.

The backward spring, however, with its rains and high winds has kept the men from "showing" much thus far. With about fourteen men trying out for pitcher, five or six for catcher, and fifteen or more for the infield and outfield, the problem is one of rather a difficult nature—I mean the problem of picking out the nine men who should compose a first team. The solution will of necessity have to be brought about slowly. We won't be able to tell just who the best men are, probably till the season is fairly well advanced. There are so many positions to be filled, and the men are comparatively unknown to the coaches that we mustn't be impatient if things come our way slowly.

All that I can say now is that with an even break of luck, etc., I think we ought to have a fairly successful season.

Fred T. Dawson,

Apr. 2, '13

The following squad will be taken to New York for the Columbia game: Giddings, Hutchens, Dewey, Barclay, Nauman, Houghton, D. Beaver, J. Beaver, Gilbert, S. Smith, Zimmer, E. Hummer, Jenkins, O'Keefe, Coach Dawson and Manager Royce.

WORK STARTED ON GYM.

New Building Will be Ready for Occupancy by December 9th

Work on the excavation for the foundation of the new gymnasium has been started and is being rushed along. The Amsterdam Construction Company has moved apparatus to the spot and is busy with men and teams. The formal laying of the corner stone will be held Commencement Week and after this ceremony the building will be rushed to completion so that it can be used early in December. This means that the Junior Week festivities will take place in our own gymnasium and will thus acquire a truly college atmosphere which we have missed at the Ten Eyck and the Golf Club. Our basketball games will be played there and we will at last, after a long wait and much toil and labor, have a real gymnasium, one of which we may be proud and which will be a credit to the college. Our old building has lasted well but has become too antique and decrepit to adequately serve the college in its true capacity.

The new building will be of brick covered with stucco. The basketball floor will be 120 feet long while the main floor will have a length of 168 feet. The lockers for the players will all be located on one floor and will be very ample. The swimming pool and indoor running track are things which Union has missed badly and their acquisition is an important addition to the college. In addition to the dressing rooms for men there will be spacious rooms which will be set aside as dressing rooms for the women at college dances and like functions. The alumni luncheons at commencement time will also be served in the large main hall. The plans were drawn up by George Post & Sons of New York and the contract has been let. The total cost will amount to considerable more than one hundred thousand dollars

and when completed our gymnasium will be excelled by none in colleges of our size.

The student body may claim a large part of the credit for making the building a possibility, for it was in the undergraduate body that the gymnasium fund was started and not till later was it presented to the alumni. But without alumni support the plan could never have matured as it has, and we feel that much praise is due those alumni who rallied so loyally to the support of their Alma Mater.

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MAY AMEND HONOR COURT

President Ulrich Appointed Committee to Receive Suggestions

In view of the recent unfavorable criticism of the present workings of the Honor System, the Court has decided to amend the constitution as conditions may demand. Toward this end, President Ulrich has appointed a committee composed of Masterson '13, Mayham '13, and C. Sherman '14, to receive suggestions from the student body for the amending of the Honor Constitution, so that the Honor System may become effective and so that the supposed defects in the system may, if possible, be eradicated. The committee will, from these suggestions, draw up amendments which the Honor Court will offer to the student body for ratification. The Honor Court realizes that some minor defects may exist at present but it is very anxious to remedy these and to make the system really efficient. The appointing of such a committee seemed the easiest and best way to get the real sentiment of the undergraduates and to find, if possible, the solution of the difficulty.

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An enjoyable dance was given by Chi Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta last Saturday night.

DEMOCRACY IN TERRACE COUNCIL

In tune with the change in national administrative affairs comes the proposal of a change in governing student affairs at Union in the form of giving the three upper classes the entire privilege of electing the members of the Terrace Council. It is said that by this method, the council will become more democratic and a more nearly perfect representative of the student body. Just what fault can be found with the present council and its actions seems unexplainable. The promoters of this new idea are silent on this, indeed, the council is rather commended for its work so far this year. For some time past, there has been a feeling of restlessness among some students and it has made itself manifest in attacking various college customs and activities. At present it is assailing the Terrace Council. This body was founded at Union in 1906. Half of it is chosen by the members of the senior class and half by the retiring council. It is strictly a senior society and to place the control of its membership in the hands of the student body would abolish it as such. On the basis of the plea of democracy, it would seem as though the council were democratic enough as it is. It would be absurd to propose that the president of the senior class be chosen by the student body, and yet he is a representative of it and presides over its meetings. And so with the Terrace Council, it seems only reasonable that the fellows, older and wiser in student affairs, should select the representatives of the students. And these fellows are the members of the retiring council and the senior class, the former of whom by virtue of their experience in Terrace Council work and the latter of whom by knowing best of all, those of their classmates deserving of the honor, are the proper ones to make the selection. Look over the various councils of the past years or, at least, those which you have known about and consider whether or not the honor has gone to the deserving and competent men.

CLASSICAL CLUB

At the meeting of the Classical Club held April 1st, a constitution was adopted. After the business of the evening an interesting paper on "Mnemonic Latin Puzzles" was read by Professor Bennett.

The club gave its first public lecture Wednesday night, when Principal Frank Kellogg of Albany High School spoke on "The Latin Lover in Italy." The lecture was illustrated by stereoptican views. Mr. Kellogg is an interesting lecturer and handled his subject in a manner which won high praise from members of the Club and other students who attended.

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK

Thursday, April 10

4:30 p. m. Band practice.

Friday, April 11

1:15 p. m. Y. M. C. A. cabinet meeting.

Saturday, April 12

Columbia-Union baseball game at New York.

Sunday, April 13

5:00 p. m. Y. M. C. A. vesper service.

Monday, April 14

12:15 p. m. Meeting of the student body.

7:15 p. m. Concordiensis Board meets in Silliman Hall.

7:30 p. m. Dramatic Club rehearsal in Washburn Hall.

Tuesday, April 15

1:15 p. m. Y. M. C. A. cabinet meeting.

3:00 p. m. Tryouts for Sophomore-Junior Oratoricals in the Chapel.

7:30 p. m. Terrace Council meeting.

Wednesday, April 16

7:15 p. m. Press Club meeting, Washburn Hall.

7:30 p. m. Dramatic Club rehearsal in Washburn Hall.

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OUR FORMAL BOW

With this issue of Concordiensis, we, the new board of editors, make our initial appearance before the college in our official capacity, and make our first bow to the public. We feel the responsibility as well as the honor of our position. We consider it an honor to be entrusted with the publication of the Concordiensis, but at the same time we realize the responsibility which attaches itself to such a position. We are to edit a paper which will represent Union in the world of colleges, which will interest and enthuse the alumni and which will be truly representative of our student body. Such a task demands

constant attention and much consideration and thought. We are giving it this careful attention and continue to do so, not merely aiming at a continuance of its past good record but striving toward a betterment of that record and toward some definite improvement both in the character of the news and in the literary style in which it is written. We feel that we can do this and can make the Concordiensis a more truly representative of the college if more of the students will take an active interest in it. At present it is published by a certain few men. If this number could be doubled or trebled, it would come nearer being a real student publication. We would like to have fully half the student body occasional contributors of news items, stories, short sketches or anything of that nature which so helps to give the campus atmosphere to a real college paper. If we can help give our magazine something of this atmosphere as a permanent thing, we shall have done something for Union. Any articles or contributions of any sort may be handed to the editor and will be considered and, if possible, used. We wish that every man in college might feel a personal interest in the Concordiensis, for it is just such an interest achieved in any undertaking which can, and must make that enterprise a success.

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THE NO-DEAL AGREEMENT

The passing of the No-Deal Agreement by a very large majority in college meeting last week is from all appearances a distinct advance in the student government in college. The same spirit which has made the Honor System possible should make this No-Deal Agreement a success, for both are the results of the same

spirit of fair and honest dealing and of the same fine sense of honor. By this agreement, college politics, as they have heretofore existed at Union, will be abolished. We all know of deals which have been made and we are all, deep in our hearts, ashamed if we took any part in those deals. The whole idea of politics in college is wrong. Only the best man should ever gain a student office and we should have enough loyalty to Union to want only such men elected to any undergraduate office. The idea, that one man should have a certain office or chairmanship because he can give another man a certain number of votes, irrespective of his fitness for that office, is fundamentally wrong. It is deals of this sort that harm a college and that work real injustice to the students; and it was to correct just these evils, that the "No-Deal Agreement" was passed by the student body.

The Terrace Council has drawn up the agreement with great care and precision and it has been drafted from systems in operation in other colleges, changed to fit local conditions. True, it may be found necessary to amend it after a fair trial. No one can foretell and provide for all the exigencies which may arise. Our honor constitution was amended and changed several times before it reached its present degree of perfection. But both Honor System and No-Deal Agreement depend, not so much upon the wording of the articles or the severity of the punishments as upon the degree in which the spirit of fairness and of individual honor is present in the student body. The student is placed upon his honor in both instances. If a man is so hopelessly constituted as to lack that sense of honor, no power on earth can prevent his persistent violation of any system of

rules based upon honor, and the sooner his connection with the college ceases, the better for all concerned. But we feel sure that no such lack of personal honor exists in our college and that the "No-Deal Agreement" will succeed and will become a permanent institution just as the Honor Court and for the same reason.

And now, just a word about the proposed abolition of the Honor System. Had the movement had any real backing, it would have meant a menace to Union, but as it was it simply was a farce. It seems incredible that any number of men, no matter how few, could have so far lost sight of the best interests of our college and become so rapt in their own designs as to wish to abolish this system, which has done so much to put Union ahead in the past few years. No system has as yet been endorsed which works more perfectly than the Honor System and it is becoming increasingly popular in American Colleges. Who likes to think what Union would be without her Honor System? Yet there were a certain few who desired to bring about its annulment—But enough! We have the satisfaction of knowing that the student to-day is overwhelmingly in favor of the system and with a keen realization of its value and worth, we sincerely trust that the day may never come when the students, blinded to their own welfare, will abolish this system which means so much to Union.

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The number of candidates who have this year entered the junior and sophomore oratorical contests is unusually high. Interest evidenced is very keen. The preliminary contest will be held in the college Chapel, April 15. The final contest to be held during commencement week.

EASTERN EDITORS ORGANIZE

At a conference held Saturday, at Columbia University under the auspices of the School of Journalism, fourteen eastern college newspapers affected a permant organization to be known as the "Association of Eastern College Newspapers." The colleges forming the association were represented by nearly fifty delegates, all of whom were most enthusiastic over the idea. Gilchrist '13 of the Williams Record and Groser '13 of the Cornell Sun, conceived the idea and aided by Dr. Talbott Williams, head of the School of Journalism and Randolph '13 of the Columbia Spectator, made the conference not only possible but a success. At a meeting held in Earl Hall, Saturday afternoon, a constitution was adopted and at the banquet at the Kaiser-hof, Broadway and 39th Street, the delegates, balloting by colleges, elected the following officers: J. Bruce, Princeton '14, president; J. K. Lasher, Jr., Columbia '14, secretary; J. P. Baxter, 3rd, Williams '14, treasurer; and Dr. Talbott Williams, honorary president.

Representatives of the Amherst Student, the Brown Herald, the Columbia Spectator, the Cornell Sun, the Hamilton Life, the Harvard Crimson, the Haverford Weekly, the Hobart Herald, The Lafayette, the Pennsylvanian, the Daily Princetonian, the Union Concoriensis, the Williams Record and the Yale Daily News, met in Hartly Hall, shortly before one o'clock and proceeded to the University Commons, where they were entertained at luncheon by Dr. Williams.

At the business meeting which followed a constitution was adopted and the discussion of various topics was taken up. After the banquet in the evening the association was addressed by Mr. Don C. Seitz of the New York World, on the "Business Side of the Newspaper;" Mr. R. E. MacAlarney, former city editor of the New York Evening Post and now assistant to Dr. Williams at the School of Journalism talked on "the College

Man and Journalism," and Dr. Williams spoke on the "Field of Present Day Journalism." The editor-in-chief and alumni editor were Union's representatives at this initial meeting of the association.

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PRESS CLUB

The membership committee has elected H. J. Kauth, '16, a member of the Press Club.

The annual election of officers will be held the latter part of this month.

It has been decided to issue programs at the baseball games. These programs will be given to the students free of charge.

Approximately 500 calendars were sold this year, which netted a small profit to the club. There will be calendars issued again next year and at the meeting, Wednesday night, the calendar committee will be appointed.

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SWIMMING POOL ASSURED

An additional gift of \$5,000 to the gymnasium fund was one of the several announcements made by President Richmond at the Schenectady Alumni dinner at the Mohawk Club, March 22. The gift is from the Foote Estate and is given in the memory of Wallace Foote, a graduate of Union in the class of 1885 and who died during 1910. The \$5,000 will go toward the expense of the swimming pool the dimensions for which are 75ft. x 25ft. Wallace Foote graduated with the degree C. E. and was a resident of Port Henry. He was a member of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

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Alpha Delta Phi held an informal dance at their chapter house on Friday evening, April 4th.

JOHN BIGELOW MEMORIAL

Union College is to have a new \$50,000 building and a \$50,000 professorship. The building is to be devoted to the subjects of history, politics and literature, and a professorship is to be founded in political science. The building and professorship are to be a memorial to the late John Bigelow, a graduate of Union College in the class of 1885. This memorial will commemorate the interests to which Mr. Bigelow devoted his life.

The form in which the memorial is to be presented was decided by a committee which has charge of raising the \$100,000. This committee is composed of Andrew Carnegie, Joseph Choate, J. P. Morgan, Jr., Elihu Root, Oswald G. Villard, Henry Fairfield Osborne, George Plimpton, John L. Calwalder, Charles E. Hughes, Joseph Ramsdale, E. M. Potter and President Richmond. The building may be located on the south side of the campus, opposite the engineering building, although there has as yet been no definite action in the matter. We owe it to President, Richmond, that the memorial will be located here at Union instead of at New York City as was suggested by one member of the committee. Prexy's "eternal vigilance" in Union's behalf, landed the memorial here and made it take its present form. A plea for money will be sent to a selected list of five thousand people throughout the country. A philanthropist from Cincinnati, Ohio, sent in the first check, asking "to be allowed to subscribe two hundred and fifty dollars to the proposed memorial."

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The engagement of Ralph D. Morgan '14 and Miss Emma Johnson of Albany, N. Y., was announced Saturday. Morgan expects to stay in college and finish his course. He is a member of Delta Upsilon.

INGHAM ESSAY SUBJECTS

Professor Hale has announced the topics for the Ingham essay prize. They are: Why England and America Failed to Agree in 1775; and Why England Failed to Subdue Her Revolted American Colonies.

Competition for this prize is open to seniors who have been connected with the college for at least two years. The essays must be written on one of the two assigned subjects from English literature or history. The prize has a monetary value of fifty dollars and is awarded at commencement. All essays must, however, be presented by May 15th. They may vary in length from four thousand to four thousand five hundred words.

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\$10,000 DRAMATIC PRIZE

Winthrop Ames, director of The Little Theatre, New York, has offered \$10,000 for the best play by an American author, submitted before August 15, 1913. Plays must be original and the right length for a full evening's entertainment. Although no limitations as to the type of the play are imposed, no translations, adaptations, one-act pieces, or musical comedies will be considered. Each play must be signed with pseudonym only, and must be accompanied by a sealed enveloped containing author's real name. Manuscripts must be clear type-written copies and are to be addressed to "Winthrop Ames. Play Contest, Care The Little Theatre, 240 West 44th St., New York City."

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Beta Theta Pi entertained with a dinner dance at their chapter house on Saturday evening, March 29th. The patronesses were Mrs. H. G. Dewey, Mrs. H. G. McKean, Mrs. Vroman and Mrs. Dunn.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

The first meeting of the Cosmopolitan Club for the spring term was held on Monday, March 31. Mr. Iengar, '13, was the speaker. He outlined some of the educational and industrial problems of India. This gave rise to the question of the caste-system and a heated discussion followed.

On May 14th, a Chinese student from the Oriental republic will address the meeting.

Felix Featherstone Don King Hutchens '13
John Thornycraft, Uncle of Felix

George Wadsworth '14
Harry Pendergast Harold H. Dickinson '13
Saunders, the butler Lowell '16
Mrs. Featherstone Walter C. Baker '15
Ethel Granger Howard Santee '16
Penelope, the ward Russell Lowe '13

Tuesday Night, Alfred Meneely '14 of Watervliet, was elected manager in place of Somers '13.

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DRAMATICS

At last the dream of the Dramatic Club and of the students is to be realized. After weeks of worry and disappointment, manager Somers has announced that "The Snow Ball" will be produced by the Union College Dramatic Club at the Mohawk Theatre, on the evening of April 28th. The club intended originally to play a few out-of-town dates before producing the play in Schenectady and had engagements made, but the faculty intervened and this plan had to be abandoned.

Nevertheless, the club has been hard at work since the Christmas recess and, under the able coaching of S. J. Leake, has been whipped into such shape that it will be apparent that dramatics are studied in earnest at Union and in the near future will be one of the leading activities. The 28th is going to be college night in every way. Even to the proceeds, which go into the gymnasium fund. The college orchestra will be in the pit under the leadership of Chas. T. Male. Every student should be down at the Mohawk that night, if only to support dramatics. We all remember the play of last year and know it was worthy of any college club.

"The Snow Ball," written by Sidney Grundy, is a three act farcial comedy. The seven characters who will appear as follows:

BROOKLYN ALUMNI DINE

The second annual banquet of the Brooklyn Alumni Association was held Monday night at the University Club in Brooklyn. The banquet was well attended and very enthusiastic. President Richmond and C. N. Waldron were present and spoke. About four hundred alumni live in the vicinity of New York City and nearly one hundred were gathered at this annual dinner. President Richmond was the principal speaker of the evening, and told the alumni of the progress and success of the college during the past year. Frank Bailey, treasurer of the college, C. E. Franklin '83, who wrote Union's marching song, and Orrin Cocks '98 were among the speakers. It was decided during the evening to create a sinking fund which would be available for Union undergraduates from New York City and vicinity in the form of scholarships. This fund will be raised by members of the local alumni association.

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Stanley Maynard Smith '15, was elected leader of the Glee Club. Mr. Smith comes from Herkimer, where he received three or four years vocal training. He has been soloist in the Glee Club this season. He should make a fine leader with his good voice and excellent reading ability. Smith is a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity.

Y. M. C. A.

Steven B. Story '14, was the Union representative at the Conference of newly-elected Y. M. C. A. presidents held at Harvard on the 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th of April. About 75 delegates from the various colleges and universities of the east were in attendance.

The cabinet for the new year has been selected and is as follows:

Missions, Embree '16
 Bible, Ennis '14
 Northfield, Gunning '16
 Membership, Elmore '14
 Industrial, Blodgett '15
 Social, Kirkup, '16
 House, Walworth '14
 Deputations, Hitchcock '14
 New Students, McMillan '15
 Meetings, Fox '14
 Handbook, Gunning '16

A joint meeting of the old and new cabinets was held on Wednesday night. The old cabinet rendered their reports of the past year.

1914 GARNET COMPLETED

The last bit of copy for the 1914 Garnet is in the hands of the printers and the book will be on "the Hill" May 15th. The Garnet Board has put forth every effort to publish a year book, which will surpass any of its predecessors.

The 1914 Garnet will be bound in green leather with a design in gold, stamped on the cover. The words "The Garnet," will be intertwined with the the figures "1914". Every page of the book will have a border stamped in a light tone of green. This border is a unique one, which was used in the 1913 publication. The paper will be of a finer quality than any used before and the

general quality of work will be higher than formerly. The better paper will mean clearer cuts and more distinct pictures. The class has dedicated its Garnet to Dr. Morton C. Stewart, of the German department.

The usual departments will be present this year with a somewhat larger literary department than usual. All the editors have worked hard and have put much time and thought into their work.

Manager George Lewis tells us that he has cut down the number of copies printed this year and that therefore it would be wise to order copies early and so be sure of getting them. The Garnet contains all records of the year. They will become invaluable.

TRACK SCHEDULE

At the meeting of the faculty last week, the track schedule presented by Manager Gardner was ratified. The schedule follows:

- May 10. Triangular meet between Union, Worcester and R. P. I. at Troy.
- May 17. Interscholastic Day.
- May 20. Dual meet with Hamilton at Clinton.
- May 24. The New York State Intercollegiates.
- May 30-31. The meet of National Intercollegiate Association of America at Cambridge, Mass.

ENGINEERING NOTES

The Electrical department recently received a large number of pictures of electrical apparatus from the General Electric Company. These have been framed and will be hung in the laboratory and about the engineering classrooms.

THE NO-DEAL SYSTEM

The main feature of the No-Deal System as recently adopted by the student body is, that it aims to eliminate dealings in college politics between groups or individuals for their mutual advantage. While it places a man upon his honor not to buy votes for any consideration whatever, there is nothing in the agreement, either expressed or implied, that prohibits the free discussion of candidates. The penalty for violation is that the guilty party is ineligible to vote in any undergraduate election, and the forfeiture of eligibility to election or appointment to any undergraduate office or committee. The agreement is to be ratified each year, four-fifths of the student body being required. The Honor Court constitutes the committee to pass on all cases arising under violations of this agreement.

To those conversant with the evils of "college politics" at Union, this agreement comes as a welcome remedy. While it is still untried, it can work no greater evils than already exist. It probably has its imperfections; these will be found in its working. It can be amended to meet these as they arise. It is hoped that like the Honor System, this No-Deal Agreement may become an effective and lasting institution of old Union.

On April 19, a section convention of Phi Gamma Delta will be held at Colgate for section 3. The Union chapter will send Whitney '13, Davis '13, Daly '13, Burwell '14, Doyle '15, Jackson '16 and Ketchum '16 to attend the conferences. Next year's convention will be held at Union.

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The following appeared in the "Gotham Gazette," section of the Evening Mail, on Saturday March 29:

"George Kellogg, the popular professor of Latin, up at Union College, Schenectady, was a Gotham passer-through on Monday. The professor is quite a Horace fan and a good dresser too."

ALUMNI NOTES

The engagement of Morland A. King '05, to Miss Angelica VanVranken Olmsted was announced on Friday, March 28th.

Charles Lawrence Mead '09, advertising manager for the Lovell-McConnell Manufacturing Co., spent last week on the Hill.

Notice has just been received by the alumni association of the death of D. E. Johnson '67 on July 18, 1905. He was head of the Neptune Twine & Cord Mills.

Archibald McFarland '55, Justice of Peace and Postmaster at Glens Falls, N. Y., died on April 1st.

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Dean Ripton will speak in Johnstown on Monday, April 22, at the Methodist Church. His subject will be, "The House of Lords and British Democracy."

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Mr. Hobart of the G. E. Company is now giving a series of six lectures on "The Modern Railway Problem," before the senior electrical engineers.

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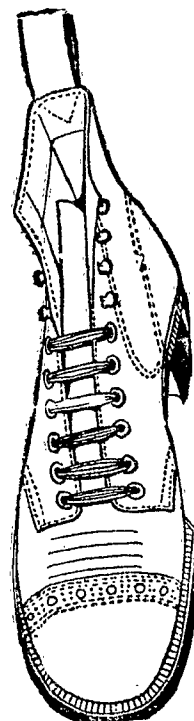
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