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REV. A. V. V. RAYMOND, D. D.,

Accepts the Presidency of Union, and There is Rejoicing on the Campus.

Seldom, if ever before, has an American College President been called to the presidential office with such absolute unanimity of voice and sentiment as that which on Tuesday last summoned the Rev. Dr. A. V. V. Raymond to the presidency of Union College. Not only did he receive the unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees, in the largest meeting held for years, but the selection has met with the spontaneous and enthusiastic approval of the faculty, alumni and undergraduates. The eminent and natural fitness of the young Albany clergyman for this responsible office seems to have impressed itself upon the minds of all Union College men with the force of an inspiration.

The President-elect is a graduate of Union, class of 1875, and has ever since his graduation been actively and zealously interested in the advancement of the interests of the institution. He stood high in his class at his graduating and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society, which is at Union, as elsewhere, a mark of the highest classical and literary attainment. A qualification which especially endears him to the undergraduates is the fact that he was in college a splendid athlete, and while playing a match game of ball with a rival college, made a tremendous strike which not only saved the game, but established a record for long-distance batting which has never been beaten to this day on a college diamond, and probably not in base ball history. The students of to-day can better gauge this wonderful strike, when it is explained that the home plate was in the

same position in 1874 as in 1894, and the ball was driven through one of Professor Perkins' windows in South Colonnade.

After graduating from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Dr. Raymond preached in Congregation churches at Plainfield, N. J., and New Brunswick, N. J. Five years ago he was called to his present pastorate, that of the Fourth Presbyterian church of Albany, N. Y., where he has since labored with wonderful success, declining many flattering calls to other churches and institutions. He received the degree of D. D. in 1886.

Andrew Van Vranken Raymond was born in central New York thirty-nine years ago, and is, with one exception, the youngest man ever elected to the presidency of Union College. The exception was Dr. Eliphalet Nott, who was elected (likewise from a Presbyterian pastorate in Albany) at the age of thirty-one, and served sixty-two consecutive years in the executive office. The call of Dr. Raymond's *alma mater* therefore comes to him in the plenitude of his physical powers and in the ripening maturity of his great intellectual forces. His character and his training have alike fitted him for the presidential office. He is a born leader of men,—brilliant, energetic, resourceful, enthusiastic—and possessing withal a winning personality which attracts friends and holds them as by hooks of steel. He is modest, yet self-reliant; original, yet not erratic; a man of firm and settled convictions, yet with a mind so broad and a heart so big and kindly as to embrace men of all opinions and beliefs under a mantle of tolerance and charity. Dr. Raymond is a preacher of rare force and eloquence, and a pastor whose ministrations have endeared him to all his people. He has a ready wit and a versatile command of facile yet vigorous Eng-

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lish which makes him at home in any public gathering. His speech at the Holland Society dinner a few weeks since convinced old New York diners-out that a new star had appeared in the firmament of after-dinner oratory. It was pronounced by all who heard it as the speech of the evening.

Dr. Raymond is a natural educator, having a generous sympathy with young men, together with that rare quality of being able by personal contact to stimulate their ambitions and elevate their aspirations. Already the students of Union know and love him, and his acceptance of the trust will be hailed with delight by every undergraduate. He has also the respect and affection of the faculty, many of whom were his own instructors, while as President of the General Alumni Association for the last four years no alumnus is better known to the great body of Union graduates throughout the land than Dr. Raymond. With President Webster, who, by reason of the impairment of his health, retires after five years of excellent service for the college, his relations are especially cordial and intimate.

With Dr. Raymond's acceptance of the presidency "Old Union" will start out next year upon her second century of existence with every augury of a future more brilliant and successful than even under the administration of Presidents Nott and Webster.

R. C. A.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR COLLEGES.

The day of prayer was observed by Union on the last Wednesday of January. All regular college work was suspended and the students assembled in the chapel at eleven o'clock in the morning and listened to a sermon by Rev. Chas. D. Nott, D. D. The text was Job 2:9, "Dost thou still retain thine integrity?" The sermon was a practical application of the lessons of Job's life to the needs of life to-day. It was an earnest appeal to the students to think reasonably upon the benefits of a religious life.

The music was furnished by the glee club and the selections given were very pleasing.

SECRET OF SUCCESS.

On Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 30, Dr. Chas. D. Nott, of the class of '54, delivered a most interesting and profitable lecture on "Secret of Success." In opening, Dr. Nott said, "He is wise that recognizes the truth and acts upon it. It is a terrible thing and one that never pays, for a man to be less, and to be content to be less, than his possibilities would have entitled him to be." The speaker took for the key note of his lecture the words, "Time and chance happeneth to them all." He said that God sends a chance to every man, it is God's business. And it is our business to be ready for those chances. And woe to that man who is not ready at the time appointed. What advantage is the best train that ever ran if you are not there to take it? Opportunities are nothing if you are not ready for them.

In the parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins; five of them were wise because long before that opportunity which was to make or break flashed on them, they had wisdom, the level heads, to get ready. The other five were foolish, crazy, in that they had not the level heads to get ready for the heaven sent chance. The bridegroom came at midnight. God sends his opportunities in some unexpected moments, when people are not looking for them.

The question in life is, "ready," "get ready," it is now or never. "The mill never grinds with the water that is past."

Early manhood is the time for the young man to be sowing the seeds for success in life. No price is too great for a thing that pays. The life of Moses exemplifies this; he sacrificed wealth, fame, social position, but we can all see how well it paid.

In studying the life of Joseph we notice these qualities: 1st. He had that quality that we call *sand*; 2d. As soon as he got a job, he made himself indispensable to his employer; 3d. He could be trusted; 4th. He trusted in

his God. And Joseph was a prosperous man.

Lastly I want to speak of religion. Religion is not a mere sentiment. Nature needs God, the tree needs God, *you* need God. The soul of man that has been taken possession of by the powers of God, swings about and points toward God. You are wise if you know the power of God called magnetism.

THE SOPHOMORE SOIREE.

The Mid-Minter Social Event of Union College a Great Success.

Early on the evening of Friday, February the second, the streets of this city presented an appearance of more than their usual activity. Carriages filled with beautiful women and stylishly dressed men were passing hither and thither. The quiet people of quaint old Schenectady seemed to have suddenly assumed an air of gaiety. Carriage after carriage drove up to the entrance of the Van Curler and elegantly dressed women were assisted to the sidewalk by their admiring escorts. Here they were welcomed by the genial Mr. DeGraff, who conducted them through the entrances where they were met by others who directed them to the cloak rooms.

The Van Curler, which has the reputation of being one of the prettiest theatres in the State, presented on this occasion an appearance of even greater beauty than ever.

The broad expanse of flooring covered with the spotless white crash, the beautiful scenery of the stage representing the reception room of some baronial castle, the verdant bower of palms and potted plants in the background from which floated soft strains of orchestral music, the sparkling lights and the beautiful tri-colored draperies hanging gracefully from above, the faces of the women and the rich coloring of their elegant ball gowns, the fraternity boxes crowded with their representative brothers and sisters; all lent enchantment to a scene so beautiful that it will be the topic of conversation for days to come.

The patronesses arrived early and after a short time spent in the customary handshaking, Prof. Gioscia from his verdant bower announced the first regular dance of the evening. Then the beautiful waltz Aphrodite was rendered by Gioscia's musicians in all its harmony and beauty of expression. The floor became crowded by the dancers, whose hearts as well as steps beat in unison with the music as they circled past.

The dancing participated in by more than 120 couples continued without interruption until two o'clock, when refreshments were served. After an intermission of about half an hour the dancing was resumed and was continued until about five o'clock, when the last strains of "Auf Wiedersehen" died away on the strings of the instruments.

Over a hundred and twenty couples were in attendance, and the soiree was pronounced by many to be the finest ever given in this city. The committee worked faithfully to make the affair a success, and judging from the compliments of which they were the recipients, the soiree of the class of '96 was successful and will not soon be forgotten by those who were there.

Lack of space forbids a complete list of those in attendance, but the following were present from near by cities and towns: Robert Lozier, Miss Lozier and Miss Chambers, of New York; Dr. and Mrs. Munson, Miss Munson, Miss Gilmour, Miss Davis, Miss Brown, Miss Todd, Miss Aspinwall, Miss Horton, Miss Walsh, Miss Bacon, Miss White, Miss Garlyn, Miss Minnie Sennett, Miss Herrick, Miss Henderer, Miss Emma Sennett, Miss Munson, Raymond Carr and Roscoe Sanford, of Albany; Mr. and Mrs. George Van Buren, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cross, Miss Snell, Miss White, Miss Caney, Miss Taylor, H. S. Kline, E. T. DeGraff, J. L. Hall, L. K. Warnick, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Peck, of Amsterdam; Miss Haden and Miss Mosher, of West Troy; Miss Cain, of Troy; Miss Todd, of Saratoga; Miss Pot-

ter, of Johnstown; the Misses Smith, Miss Churchill and Miss Wood, of Herkimer; Miss Eaton and Miss Waters, of Little Falls; Walter L. Lipe and Miss Lipe, of Canajoharie; Fred Barry, of Syracuse; W. S. Vail, of Newburgh.

THE MINSTRELS.

The minstrel show, which has been occupying the attention of many of the students for the last few weeks, was held at the Van Curler opera house on the 5th and 6th of February. Under the direction of Mr. Eugene B. Sanger, of New York, rehearsals have been of daily occurrence, and the result of much hard work was manifested in the very successful performances given last Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Harvard has her Hasty Pudding Club, Cornell her Masque, Williams and many other of the smaller colleges have regularly organized theatrical clubs, but aside from an occasional minstrel performance, Union rarely ventures in the field of amateur theatricals; yet if we can judge by the talent displayed in the performances so lately given, we have every reason to believe that we will soon be able to undertake something more artistic in character, thereby demonstrating Union's ability on the stage as well as on athletic fields.

Long before eight o'clock the opera house began to fill with the many friends of the amateur minstrels, who, if pretty girls and a full house exert any stimulating influence, should certainly have appeared at their best; and judging from the frequent and prolonged applause, the expectations of the audience were fully realized.

Shortly after the appointed hour the show commenced with the opening chorus entitled "Union! Union!" especially arranged for the occasion, in which several very pretty movements were executed with neatness and precision.

Mr. Devendorf then entertained the audi-

ence with some original jokes and was followed by Mr. Auchampaugh in a ballad "Somebody Loves Me," which he sang with sweetness and expression.

Next on the programme, Mr. Sanger showed his ability as an actor in commenting upon the peculiarities of human nature, which kept the house in an uproar.

The solos of Messrs. Kelly and Dempster displayed great musical taste both in selection and rendition and were well received.

Messrs. Devendorf and Sanger again evinced their claim to the title of mirth provokers and were followed by the grand medley which ended the first part.

After an intermission, the second half of the entertainment began with a very tuneful selection most admirably sung by the glee club composed of Messrs. Kelly, Auchampaugh, Dempster and Talbot.

Mr. Schermerhorn very forcibly demonstrated that he should have long since embarked upon a theatrical career as one of the *corps de ballet*.

The Italian opera elicited much applause, and after Mr. Sanger had appeared in some very clever character sketches, the foot ball manoeuvres were put through consisting of a realistic representation of a foot ball contest.

Next on the programme came the Mandolin club composed of Messrs. O'Neill, Bissell, Vossler, Streeter, Bannister, Skinner, Slocum, Ayrault, White, Walker, Lawton, Johnston, Crannell, Johnston, Boss, A. Braman, M. R. Skinner and Williams, who played the selection "El Truria," in a most laudable manner. They were loudly encored.

The performance terminated in a laughable farce entitled "Turn Him Out," in which some very funny situations were presented to the audience by Messrs. Cooke, White, Devendorf, Ball and Brown.

Aside from the long intermissions, which usually attend a first night performance, and which were obviated the second evening, the show reflects great credit upon those who

have given so largely of their time and attention to its success.

Especial praise is due the committee in charge, Messrs. Schermerhorn, Daley, and Auchampaugh, for their masterly management. The profits are nearly a hundred dollars, which will be contributed to the city charity fund.

The following men contributed to its success: End men, Devendorf and Sanger; interlocutor, Schermerhorn; bones, E. Daley, O'Neill, Beattie; tambourines, Cooke, White, Brown; chorus, Kelly, Auchampaugh, Fisher, Cox, W. A. Johnston, Burlingame, Burtiss, Todd, Dempster, Nicholson, Baggerly, Van der Bogart, Twiford, Bullard, Kilmour, C. S. Daley, Van Duser, Palmer, Bissell, Traver, Ball and Skinner.

The troupe went to Ballston, Thursday and to Amsterdam, Friday, where they played to crowded houses.

COMMENCEMENT PRIZE REGISTRATION.

The registration for the several prizes to be awarded at commencement was held in the English room the first Monday of the month. Prof. Truax said he had one or two important announcements to make, and that the first was in regard to the prize known as "The Veeder." He said that for eight years Dr. Veeder, of Schenectady, had given this prize of fifty dollars for the encouragement of extemporaneous speaking, but circumstances were such that the Doctor had been obliged to withdraw his offer. But the Faculty were unwilling that this prize should be dropped and so the matter was brought before that enthusiastic alumnus, R. C. Alexander, and he immediately volunteered to continue the prize, with the same conditions as before. So this prize will be known hereafter as the "Alexander Prize."

The next announcement was that hereafter all prize essays must be type-written. This is rendered necessary by the difficulty experienced in securing the right men to act as

judges where so much time has to be spent in reading manuscripts.

The prizes and those registered for them are as follows: Ingham prize for that Senior who shall offer the best essay on one or two subjects in English Literature or History. Subjects, "Great Commoners of England" and "The Great English Historians of the Present Century." Registered, R. A. Lansing, Douglas Campbell, S. T. Braman, John Van Schaick, Jr., N. Beckwith, C. R. Smith, G. V. Smith, R. Van Beusekom, L. McClintock, G. B. Lynes, J. N. White, E. Sloat, A. K. Doig and H. L. Cooke.

Allen prizes given for essays by Seniors, the subjects of which are optional with the writer. Registered, Douglas Campbell, S. T. Braman, N. Beckwith, John Van Schaick, Jr., R. A. Lansing, C. R. Smith, E. Sloat, G. V. Smith, R. Van Beusekom, L. McClintock, G. B. Lynes, A. K. Doig, H. L. Cooke and J. N. White.

Clark prizes given to Juniors offering essays on one of the two assigned subjects. Subjects, "The Historical Plays of Shakespeare" and "American Historical Literature of the Nineteenth Century." Registered, Frederick Klein, J. A. Collins, J. N. Vedder, Wm. Allen, L. C. Guernsey, Harvey Clements, R. H. Potter, W. J. Sanderson, H. M. Pollock, Orman West, T. F. Bayles, F. M. Eames, J. M. Cass, W. A. Johnston, C. W. Crannell and A. S. Cox.

Alexander prize for extemporaneous speaking. General subject, "Increase of the Domain of the United States." Registered, Douglas Campbell, H. M. Pollock, T. F. Bayles, R. H. Potter, J. M. Cass, J. G. Beckwith, J. V. Wood, E. K. Nicholson, R. D. Fuller, W. A. Johnston and A. S. Cox.

Junior Oratorical prize. Subject optional. Registered, Frederick Klein, J. N. Vedder, L. C. Guernsey, W. J. Sanderson, H. M. Pollock, Orman West, T. F. Bayles, A. S. Cox, J. M. Cass and C. W. Crannell.

Sophomore Oratorical prize. Subject optional. Roscoe Guernsey, W. H. Hall, Ray

Morris, D. L. Wood, J. G. Beckwith, Burton Rowe, A. G. Sommers, C. W. Clowe and Howard Mallery.

Those entered for the Junior and Sophomore Oratoricals will hold a preliminary contest before a committee of the Faculty on the first Saturday of May. In these contests orations that are merely descriptive, narrative, or biographical, will not be accepted. But the subject must be something that can be treated as an argument or as exposition.

BRAIN AND MUSCLE.

February 9th occurred the sixteenth lecture in the Butterfield course. It was delivered by Dr. Wm. A. Hammond on "Brain and Muscle." The speaker was introduced by Gen. Daniel Butterfield, who stated that the purpose of the course of lectures was to enable the students to learn something that could not be learned in books. Something practical; from men who have made their mark in the world.

Dr. Hammond said: "There are three points necessary to be grasped in order to obtain a clear understanding of the lecture: 1. There are nerve centers to provide force. 2. Nerves to transmit that force. 3. Muscles to manifest it. Muscles are useless unless there is something to excite force. This is done by the gray matter of the brain and spinal cord. The white substance of the nervous system is by far the largest part, but merely the servant of the gray; receiving and transmitting its messages.

The brain is not the only originator of motion. But there are abundant examples to prove that quite extensive force can be exerted even after the head has been removed. Evidently then there is a force that comes from the spinal cord. So there are two kinds of physical exercise, one in which the whole mind is occupied and another that is merely mechanical.

Then what a very stupid thing physical exercise for the mere sake of exercise is. We

struggle with Indian clubs and lifting machines warranted to bring every muscle into action. How much better would be a day spent in hunting or an hour in walking amid new sights and scenes where the mind could ever be employed.

Nothing can be more beneficial than to engage in athletic contests that involve an application of mental effort. For this reason such exercise as fencing and sparring are particularly to be recommended. And especially that of fencing. Nothing gives one such a graceful bearing and gesture; such a keen eye and quick perception of the intentions of others as the manly sport of fencing.

Exercise keeps the mind from rusting. Therefore it should not be a movement of the muscles only, but of the mind as well. There is no record of a great athlete being a man of great mind. We don't go to the prize ring for the presidents of our colleges. The man who uses up all his nerve force in merely contracting his muscles will likely not have enough left for other employments."

THE KIRMESS.

The Kirmess which is to be given under the auspices of the Children's Home and the Athletic Association of the college, will be presented in the Van Curler opera house on the afternoons and evenings of February 26, 27 and 28. It will be a very brilliant affair, given on a large scale, as over three hundred persons will take part. Sixteen spectacular dances and fancy drills, beautifully costumed, will be given under the beautiful effect of changing colors of a calcium light. The affair will be directed by Captain Charles W. Eddy, of Hoosic Falls, who has had much experience in entertainments of this kind.

The executive committee consists of Mrs. DeRemer, Mrs. Westinghouse, Mrs. DeCamp, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Yelverton, Mrs. Truax and Mrs. McQueen. Capt. Charles W. Eddy is conducting the rehearsals. Mr. Clarke Day, '95, is manager.

THE R. C. ALEXANDER PRIZE CONTEST.

When the students assembled in the English room on Monday afternoon of last week to register for the various commencement prizes, Professor Truax announced that the Veeder prize for extemporaneous speaking had been withdrawn by its founder, Doctor Andrew T. Veeder, of this city. This occasioned some surprise, but the surprise was increased when the Professor announced that although the name of the founder would be withdrawn, the prize would be continued under another name. The professor then stated that R. C. Alexander, one of Union's most loyal sons, one who is ever ready and on the lookout to advance the interests of the college and the students, had declared his intention of sustaining the prize.

The Veeder prize was established in 1886, and during the eight years of its existence has stimulated extemporaneous speaking and aided many very worthy young men. It has also been a very pleasing feature of the commencement exercises. The founder, Doctor Veeder, is certainly deserving of much commendation for maintaining the prize, and while it is to be regretted that the name of the founder is to be withdrawn, yet the college and students are to be congratulated that Union has such loyal sons, and that one of the most loyal has shown his love for and his appreciation of his alma mater by sustaining the prize.

UNION AT THE STATE BAR.

At the recent annual meeting of the State Bar Association in Albany, J. Newton Fiero, Union, '67, the retiring President, was succeeded by Tracy C. Becker, Union, '74. Among the members of the new Executive Committee are David C. Robinson, '65; Greenville M. Ingalsbe, '68; James W. Verbeck, '70, and Robert C. Alexander, '80. The remark was heard at the reception on the evening following the election, that Union College was running the Association.

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

The special centennial committee, composed of Judge Landon and R. C. Alexander for the trustees, Dr. Wm. Wells for the faculty, and Seymour Van Santvoord, of Troy, for the alumni, met in Albany, Thursday, Feb. 8th. The work of this committee was to outline the scope and plan of the celebration to be held in '95. They laid out a formal and extensive scheme for presentation at a meeting of the general committee to be held in New York city Thursday, March 8.

This special committee decided to recommend that the celebration be held in connection with the commencement exercises of the class of '95. This is also the opinion of the faculty as to the proper time for holding it and the general committee will undoubtedly decide for that time.

The classes of '94 and '95 have been requested to designate each one representative to act with the general committee on centennial celebration.

THE UNION COLLEGE MINSTRELS AT BALLSTON.

On Thursday afternoon last, the minstrel troupe, accompanied by the Van Curler orchestra, left on the D. & H. train to fill an engagement at Ballston. Shortly after their arrival and the establishment of headquarters at the Eagle hotel, the troupe headed by a "drum and fife corps," paraded the streets of Ballston and the "surrounding country."

When the curtain "went up" on the first part the Sans Souci opera house was filled to overflowing by an audience who, throughout the entire performance manifested their appreciation by demonstrative applause.

The programme was given with a vim and skill such as characterizes few amateur performances. Messrs. Sanger, Schermerhorn and Devendorf convulsed the audience, while Auchampaugh, Kelley, Dempster and Talbot by their musical selections won much applause. The entire troupe returned early the next morning in time to make recitations.

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Only a short time remains before the mid-winter athletic contests. All men who intend to compete in these events should register and train in order that class competition will be sharp and points close.

The undergraduate dinner should be attended by all the students who can possibly be there. It is a college affair and should be marked by the college spirit and enthusiasm which characterizes Union gatherings.

The acceptance of the presidency of Union by Dr. Raymond was hailed with delight by those who have been anxiously awaiting his decision. A majority of the students already know our president-elect, and for those who have not had that pleasure it will not take long to form the acquaintance of a man so genial and pleasant. We are confident that Dr. Raymond already has a large place in the hearts of the students and will receive a hearty welcome.

The minstrels have come and gone but the entertainments given by the "dusky and horny handed sons of toil" were a decided success. The troupe gave good performances

and were well received. We have again had the fact demonstrated that there is considerable of the actor talent among the men and while we wish to praise in every way those who took part in the minstrels, we think something special should be said about the men who "played" the farce. The acting of these amateurs was of especial merit and ability and only shows what we can hope for in years to come in the line of college theatricals at Union.

We have learned through various sources that the people in this city think that out of the receipts of the minstrel show given last week, more ought to have gone to the poor. It seems that out of the total amount taken in, only about \$50 went for charitable purposes. Now, the facts of the case are these. When the project was first undertaken in January, everything seemed against the committee. The Edison works and the Locomotive works were both closed, and if the show was to have support it was to come from the richer class of people. The committee had nothing to gain if it was a success, and everything to lose if it was a failure. To rid themselves of as much responsibility as possible, they consented to pay fifty per cent of the receipts to the opera house. This is where most of the money went. There was also a great expense connected with the entertainment besides, including costumes, music and an instructor for the past four weeks. We think if the people will look at it in this light they will see their mistake. Not a cent of the money went into the pockets of any one connected with the entertainment; and it is unjust to the college as well as to the students involved to intimate any such thing.

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The new catalogues are in great demand.

The Seniors are to have a class picture taken.

Burlingame, '97, is ill at his home in Dryden.

Kelsey, '97, will not return to college until next year.

Bart Howard, '94, has been elected captain of the base ball team.

Several out of town alumni witnessed the minstrel performances at the Van Curler.

A. M. Blodgett, '97, spent Sunday, Feb. 11, in Amsterdam visiting F. D. Lewis, '88.

"Jack" Kenny, of New York city, one of our foot ball veterans, was in town recently.

Eames, '95, who has been ill of typhoid fever at his home in Albany, is recovering.

A. J. Roy, '93, now of the Dudley Observatory, was shaking hands on the hill last week.

W. R. Bailey, '95, of the Albany Medical college, was the guest last week of Johnston, '95.

The first section of the Seniors will deliver their orations in the chapel on Friday morning.

F. B. Maynard, of the Albany Medical college, was the guest of friends on the hill Saturday.

The Young Men's Christian association was addressed on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. C. A. Alden.

J. H. Dunham and D. M. Westfall, Jr., spent Sunday, February 4, at their homes in Cambridge.

The Freshman examination in English, "Past and Present," occurred in the chapel this afternoon.

L. C. Baker, of Comstocks, N. Y., a former member of '95, visited his Psi U brethren on the hill, recently.

The committee in charge of the minstrels have not yet closed up their accounts. A statement will be published in the next issue of THE CONCORDIENSIS.

Mr. Baggerly has resumed the theatrical profession. We understand he was offered an increase of salary.

Classes '94 and '95, have been requested to designate each one representative for the centennial committee.

Rev. Mr. Braman gave a very interesting talk before the Y. M. C. A., Jan. 30, on "The All Around Athlete."

A. C. Richards, '95, has gone to Cleveland where he will pursue a course of study in the Case school of applied science.

The glee club met with the St. Cecelia vocal society for a rehearsal, at the residence of Miss Palmatier, on Monday evening.

Dr. Linhart delivered a lecture on "Hygiene and the Respiratory Organs," before Prof. Stoller's physiology classes, Feb. 9th.

The Delta Upsilon fraternity will give a dinner in New York, at the St. Dennis, on the evening of March 2d. Union will be represented by delegates.

The Philomathean Literary society have appointed a committee to call upon Dr. A. V. V. Raymond and urge him to accept the presidency of the college.

The Kirmess rehearsals are being held regularly, and the young ladies and gentlemen who are to participate seem to be very much interested and eager to learn their part.

The Y. M. C. A. will send three delegates, one each from the Junior, Sophomore and Freshman classes, to attend the state convention that meets at Jamestown, Feb. 22-24.

The members of the *Garnet* board have about finished their work and have sent to the publishers at Albany, all the copy. The board is to be congratulated upon such an early publication.

January 26th the "Schoharie County Club" was organized with the following officers: L. C. Guernsey, '95, president; H. M. Pollock, '95, vice-president; Chas. Enders, '96, secretary; A. B. Patrick, '97, treasurer. The object of the club is to boom Union College in Schoharie county and vicinity. The other

members of the club are G. B. Lynes, '94; John Van Schaick, Jr., '94; D. B. Eldredge, '95; Orman West, '95; George Young, '96; Roscoe Guernsey, '95; Howard Mallery, '96.

Three new men have registered at the college office for the eclectic course. Stephen J. Murphy, Auburn, N. Y.; Guy B. Edwards, Gloversville, N. Y., and Hubert H. Wright, Cambridge, Md.

Eugene B. Sanger, who has been in the city during the preparation for the minstrel performances and under whose training the participants drilled, returned last Friday night to his home in New York.

The Freshmen were examined in English, "Past and Present," this afternoon at 2:15. On account of this examination no recitations were made on the above subject on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

The subject about which the Seniors will write their term essays is "The Importance of the Completion of the Nicaraguan Canal." The essay must contain at least seven hundred words and will be due at noon March 1.

C. E. Gregory, '94, general agent for King, Richardson & Co., has secured about fourteen Union men to canvass for that company during the coming summer. He expects to engage a number of others before the term closes.

Prof. Ashmore gave a very interesting talk to the Sophomore Latin class, recently, on the Greek tragedy, "Antigone," as presented at Vassar college sometime ago. He gave especial attention to the description of the Greek stage.

The following students participated in a Demorest Medal contest held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last Saturday evening: Bayles, '95; Collins, '95; Van Dusen, '96; Fuller, '97; Briggs, '96; Young, '97; Bowers, '97, and Pershing, '97. The medal was awarded to Bowers.

The Adelphics at their regular meeting last Saturday morning, discussed the following: *Resolved*, That all students whose

average class standing is first grade, should be exempt from final examinations. The affirmative was represented by Lynes, Mallery and Vossler, '96, and the negative by Campbell, Anthony and Myers. The affirmative was victorious.

DR. WEBSTER'S SERVICES.

A Tribute to His Work by an Alumnus of Union College.

Editor Union:—In the *Union* of June 8, 1882, appeared a contributed article entitled "President Nott's Attractive Power." Speaking of college presidents in general the writer says: "There is especially one thing for a president to do if he would please the public and captivate students and that is to raise money for the college. If he has the tact or talent to do this, students will observe it with admiring gaze and flock like birds to his windows."

In view of the fact that a change in the presidency of Union college is about to be made, the truth of the statements quoted becomes apparent. That the retiring president possesses both of the above mentioned requirements facts and figures prove. His earnest efforts in raising money are too well known to friends of the college to need more than passing mention.

At the accession of President Webster the number of students listed in the college catalogue was less than 100. Some of these, more particularly in the lower classes, left before graduation. The last catalogue issued a few days ago placed the number of students in the college at 225. The present Freshman class has as many members as two classes had five years ago.

To what cause can this increase be traced other than the business-like administration of President Webster? ALUMNUS.

February 9, 1894.

[The above is taken from the Schenectady *Daily Union* of February 12.—ED.]

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OUR ANNUAL BANQUET.

The third annual banquet of the undergraduates of the college will be held at the Delavan, Albany, on Wednesday evening, February 21. The committee of arrangements have secured an excellent list of speakers to respond to the several toasts, and everything points to a very successful affair. Invitations have been extended to the members of the several departments of the university to be present and enjoy the festivities. A large attendance is assured. Following is the toast list :

Toastmaster..... Charles F. Loebenstein, '94.
Old Union..... Douglas Campbell, '94.
Foot Ball Championship..... Harris Lee Cooke, '94.
Our President-Elect..... Walter Luman Lawton, '94.
Base Ball Prospects..... Joseph Newton White, '94.
Our Centennial..... William Allen, '95.
The Ladies..... Clarke Winslow Crannell, '95.
Track and Field Athletics..... Arthur Elijah Barnes, '95.
College Spirit..... William A. Campbell, '96.
The Faculty..... Ward James Renwick, '96.
Our Banquet..... William Hubbell Robinson, '97.
Banquet Poem..... Bartholomew Howard, '94.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The preliminary contest for the intercollegiate contest to be held in Syracuse, March 1st, took place in the chapel Thursday afternoon, Feb. 8th, at 3 o'clock. The speakers and their subjects were: John Van Schaick, Jr., on "The Supreme Court of the United States." Wm. H. Hall, on "Puritan Character." T. F. Bayles, on "The Failure of Infidelity," and G. V. Smith, on "Justice to Benedict Arnold." The judges were, Prof. Truax, Prof. Ripton, and Prof. Stoller.

John Van Schaick won first place, which makes him delegate to represent Union at the final contest, and G. V. Smith was selected as alternate. The colleges composing the oratorical league are, Syracuse, Rochester, Colgate, Hamilton and Union.

FENCING CLUB REORGANIZED.

In accordance with the wish of Gen. Butterfield, expressed when he was here last Friday, a number of students met on Monday and reorganized the fencing club that was in operation here last winter. Gen. Butterfield has kindly consented to give to the college, to be under the exclusive use of the club, several complete fencing outfits and a broad sword outfit. This is encouraging the fellows more than anything else could, to enter this kind of athletic work, which is extremely

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valuable as an exercise. Douglas Campbell, '94, was elected president, and M. A. Twiford, '96, secretary of the club. Any one wishing to join may hand their names to either of the above named persons. Let everybody show his appreciation to Gen. Butterfield for the kindness.

AMUSEMENTS.

Van Curler Opera House.

Thursday, Feb. 15.—Katie Emmett in "Killarney." A beautiful Irish play, produced with magnificent scenery. The costumes are beautiful, the music bright, the dancing good. The performance is similar to Chauncey Olcott's "Mavourneen" and equally as good.

Friday, Feb. 16.—The famous American actress, Marie Mainwright, in "The Social Swim" by Clyde Fitch, author of "Beau Brummell" and "The Masked Ball."

Saturday, Feb. 17.—The J. C. Duff Opera Company in a double bill. A one act opera by Offenback, entitled "Marriage by Lanterns," and Gounod's "Philemon and Baucis." The Duff Opera Company is the best known musical organization in America.

Wednesday, Feb. 21.—Chas. T. Ellis in "Count Casper."

Friday, Feb. 23.—Sol. Smith Russell in "A Poor Relation."

Friday, March 2.—The Seabrooke Opera Company in "The Isle of Champagne."

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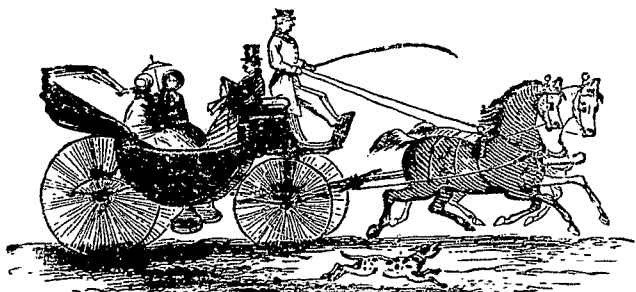
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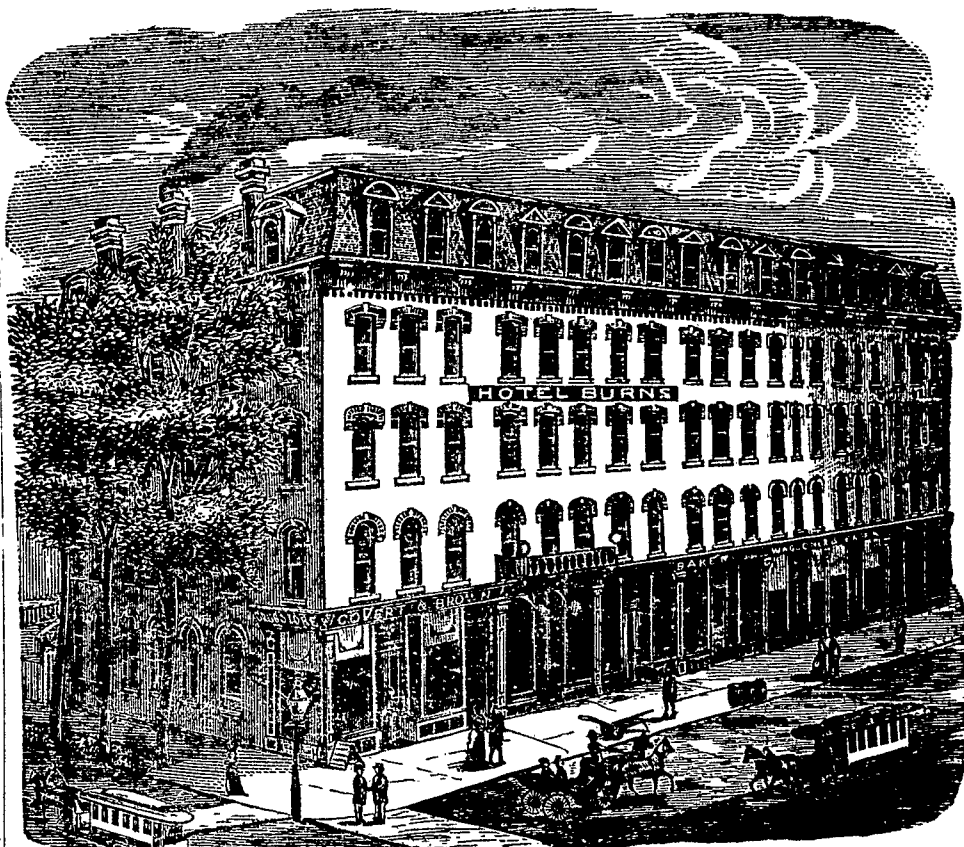
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