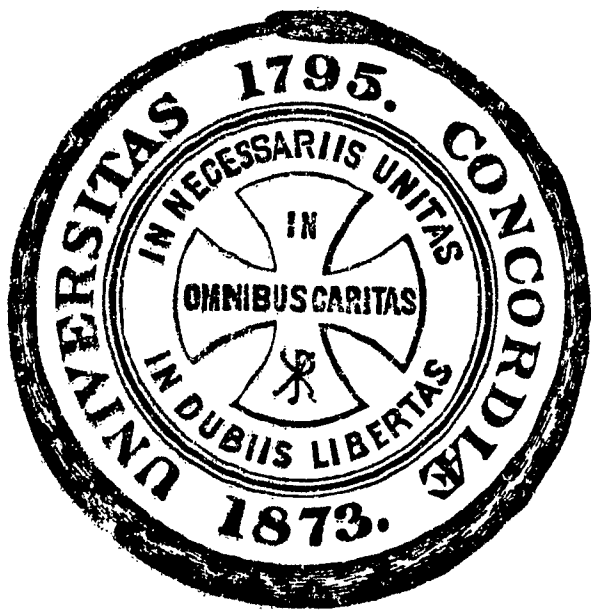


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## New York Alumni Association Banquet.

The tenth annual dinner of the Union College Alumni Association of New York City, took place at the Hotel Savoy, Thursday evening, December 9. Over 100 enthusiastic alumni were present and the reunion was the most enjoyable that has ever been held.

Previous to the banquet a business meeting was held and officers were elected as follows: President, Silas B. Brown, '52; first vice-president, Dr. Daniel M. Stimson, '64; second vice-president, the Rev. Charles D. Nott, D. D., '54; secretary, Edgar S. Barney, '84; treasurer, Bayard Whitehorn, '82; executive committee, Gen. Daniel Butterfield, '49; Prof. Franklin H. Giddings, Ph. D., '77; Charles W. Culver, '89; Talcott C. Van Santvoord, '80; Howard J. Cole, '86; Col. Charles E. Sprague, '60; Frank Bailey, '85; G. Herbert Daley, '92; George T. Hughes, '93; Clarke W. Crannell, '95; Dr. Andrew H. Smith, '58; Hon. Frederick W. Seward, '49; William K. Gilchrist, '83; Douglass Campbell, '94; Dr. Joseph Allan O'Neill, '97. Secretary Barney reported that the association has 600 members in Greater New York and vicinity.

The Rev. George Alexander, D. D., '66, the retiring president, sat at the head of the distinguished guest's table, at which were Dr. Raymond, Prof. Wells, St. Clair McKelway, L. L. D., Gen. Daniel Butterfield, Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, Hamilton W. Mabie, L. L. D., Horace B. Silliman, L. L. D., Hon. Frederick W. Seward, and Gen. J. Rufus Tryon, U. S. A. The other guests, Dr. W. A. Bartlett and Messrs. John Bogart, George B. Bonney, Edgar MacDonald, James P. Foster, Walter E. Frew, Allan D. Kenyon, W. R. Kissam, Andrew McCall, Wheeler G. Peckham, Frank W. Runyon, John Townshend, Gilbert C. Wood, Judge Martin L. Stover, and the alumni present were

seated at twelve tables. A table was reserved for the press and one for the Union College Quartette composed of John H. Gutman, '98, Robert M. Eames, '99, Harold J. Hinman, '99, and Frederick L. Greene, '99. An orchestra furnished music and between the courses the quartette sang Union songs.

The menu was as follows:

Huitres Pointe Bleue.  
Petites Bouchees de Crabes d'Huitres a l'Amiral.  
Filet de Poisson du Roi a la Meuniere  
Concombres.  
Darre d'Agneau en Casserole a la Mirabeau.  
Pommes Douces.  
Haricots Verts au Beurre.  
Supreme de Jambon a la Royal.  
Terapene a la Maryland.  
Sorbets en Surprise.  
Caille Bardee au Cresson.  
Salade Escarole et Tomate.  
Glaces de Fantaisie.  
Petits Fours. Fromage. Fruit.  
Cafe.

After the plates had been removed, Dr. Alexander welcomed the guests and called upon Gen. Butterfield, who responded to the toast: "The Flag." He gave several war reminiscences and concluded with a graceful tribute to the stars and stripes.

President A. V. V. Raymond, who spoke of "Alma Mater" was greeted with great applause. He said that the importance of Union College had never been fully understood. At its foundation the state was sparsely settled, beyond Utica all being practically wilderness. As young men graduated from Union, the only college north of New York and west of the Hudson, they went west and became the leaders of their communities. During the first half of the century the history of Union was identical with that of the state. "What Harvard has been to Massachusetts, that Union has been to New York, preeminently the one institution that has shaped the destiny of the commonwealth. This

is no mere assertion to be easily refuted by citing the relative unimportance of the college to-day. The foundations of New York's greatness were not laid yesterday, and when they were laid Union college was dominant." Dr. Raymond referred briefly to the death of Prof. Foster and urged that something be done to perpetuate the memory of Nott, Potter, Hickock, Jackson, Tayler Lewis, and Foster. He spoke of the importance of the small college, the present prospects of Union, and of Dr. Hitchcock's bequest to the library.

Other toasts were responded to as follows: "Sons of Old Union," Gen. J. Rufus Tryon, '59; "Our Guests," Dr. Horace B. Silliman; "Our Faculty," Prof. William Wells; "Our Trustees," Col. Charles E. Sprague, '60; "Our Sister Colleges," Prof. Franklin H. Giddings, Ph. D., '77, of Columbia College.

St. Clair McKelway, L.L. D., editor of the Brooklyn Eagle and honorary chancellor in 1897, then gave an address on "The University of the State of New York." The address abounded with witty sayings and closed with a scholarly tribute to Union College.

### Scranton Alumni Organize.

The Union alumni residing in and around Scranton, Penn., met at Scranton Monday, December 20, and organized the Alumni Association of Northern Pennsylvania. Homer Greene, '76, was elected president, and George Coe Merriman, '96, secretary and treasurer. The members are very enthusiastic and displayed much college spirit. An effort will be made to send students from that part of the state to Union, and one alumnus has offered \$100 toward the support of the first poor student coming to Union from that vicinity.

The alumni of the Albany Medical College will hold a banquet in New York city, January 25th, 1898. Invitations have been extended to the alumni of other medical institutions to be present, and the same courtesy has been extended to graduates of Union College.

### Washington Alumni Dine.

The Union College Alumni association of Washington, D. C., held its annual banquet Saturday, December 18. The attendance was larger than at any preceding banquet and notes of regret were received from many resident alumni who were unable to be present.

At the business meeting of the association officers were elected as follows: President, Charles C. Nott, '48, Chief Justice of the U. S. Court of Claims; vice-presidents, the Rev. Frederick Z. Rooker, D. D., '84, and the Hon. Charles E. Pearce, '63, member of congress; secretary, Normon E. Webster, Jr., '96; treasurer, the Hon. Henry N. Copp, '61. There were also present Dr. James E. Benedict, '80, Dr. W. A. Croffut, '89, Col. Weston Flint, '60, the Hon. Walter H. Smith, '46, William M. Lewin, '82, the Hon. George C. Hazleton, '58, the Rev. Teunis S. Hamlin, D. D., '67, Dr. A. J. Corning, '50, of Baltimore, and the Hon. Wm. P. Williams, '81, assistant U. S. treasurer at Chicago, and Addison A. Hosmer, '57.

After the dinner had been eaten, Justice Nott called on Representative Pearce, Dr. Hamlin and Dr. Rooker, who responded with witty addresses. Col. Hosmer, who was a friend of Fitzhugh Ludlow, '56, led the alumni in the singing of the old songs, and many humorous reminiscences were related.

### The Pi Phi Dance.

The Pi Phi boys of the Union Classical institute held their annual dance at Yates' boat-house on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28. Besides the active chapter, a large number of the society's alumni together with a few invited guests were present.

The Union men present at the dance were: Frank Cooper, '93; Howard Wright, '95; P. B. Yates, '98; T. B. Brown, ex-'98; W. R. Brown, ex-'98; F. W. Smith, ex-'98; O. W. Strong, '99; M. M. Price, '99; P. L. Thomson, 1900; G. W. Featherstonhaugh, 1900; E. R. Cullings, 1900; H. P. Dunham, 1900; C. E. Palmer, 1900; F. R. Davis, 1900; H. J. Brown, 1901, and P. L. Merriman, 1901.



### Musical Associations Western Trip.

On Monday morning, December 20, the college musical clubs left Schenectady in a special car for Buffalo, where they were to give the first concert of the Christmas tour. In the evening they appeared for the first time in the western part of this state at Concert Hall in Buffalo. A large audience of fashionable Buffalonians greeted them, while the balcony was filled with the students of the Buffalo High School. The programme was given in full and for each number an encore was demanded. After the concert the whole association was invited to the Saturn club by Mr. Walter Wilson. Here the boys made merry, singing and chatting until an early hour. Mr. Wilson was a royal host and has the gratitude of the whole club.

On Tuesday morning many of the members of the association made a brief visit to Niagara Falls. The second concert was given in Lockport under the auspices of the Lockport Wheelmen. The clubs were entertained during the afternoon by the wheelmen and after another excellent concert before a good sized audience the boys were invited to an enjoyable dance given by Mr. G. Pound.

Rochester Music hall was well filled on Wednesday evening when the curtain rose. A large portion of the audience were alumni who waved Union flags and joined in the college cheers at the end of the programme.

Thursday morning the association arrived in Syracuse to give the fourth and last concert of the tour. During the afternoon a reception was given the clubs by the Misses Alice and Helen Graves who are cousins of Manager Sinclair. All pronounced the affair a delightful one. A number of young ladies from Syracuse University were present. In the evening the concert was given at Music hall, but the audience was not large.

The Buffalo concert was managed by Newman Walbridge, ex-1900, and Lamar R. Leahy, of Buffalo. The size and quality of the audience bespeaks the praise due them.

The Rochester concert was managed by James G. Greene, '84, who was assisted by

Allen, '95, Fuller, '97, Morris, '97, and Williams, '97. To them many thanks are due for the success of the evening.

The press was, without exception, liberal in praise of the merits of the concerts, many papers devoting more than a column to criticism of the various features of the programme. This, the first western tour of Old Union's musical clubs, cannot fail to arouse interest in the college. The trip was pronounced an enjoyable one by all. The association was not without competition as other college clubs gave concerts either prior to or after Union. Some of them failed to draw as large audiences and none received more praise than Union.

### Modern Languages Association Meeting.

The Association of Modern Languages which is composed of the professors of English and the modern languages in the colleges and high schools in the eastern states, held its fifteenth annual convention at the University of Pennsylvania during the Christmas holidays.

The Union faculty was represented by Professors Hale and Pepper and Dr. McKenzie. Prof. Hale took a prominent part in the discussions of the convention, and Dr. McKenzie read a paper entitled "A Sonnet ascribed to Chiaro Davanzati and its place in fable literature."

Dr. Patterson, who left Union last fall to become head master of a school at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, was present at one of the meetings.

One of the subjects discussed was that of entrance requirements in the modern languages. Each college now fixes its own requirements, but it is proposed to prepare a general uniform scheme, as in the case of the English requirements, which are now uniform at nearly all the colleges in the east. A committee of twelve with Prof. Calvin Thomas of Columbia as chairman, was appointed to consider this matter and report at the next meeting of the association, which will be held in December, 1898, at the University of Virginia.

Children may be strangled, but Deeds never; they have an indestructable life, both in and out of our consciousness. — *George Eliot*.

### Wallace Bruce's Lecture on Robert Burns.

Friday afternoon, Dec. 10, an unusually large audience listened to an address by Mr. Wallace Bruce on Robert Burns, which will be recalled with pleasure whenever his name is heard or his sayings quoted. President Raymond in introducing the speaker said, "With this combination of names, if we do not see the thistle and smell the heather, it will not be the fault of the combination."

Mr. Bruce illustrated many of the characteristics of the poet by reciting representative passages from "Tam O'Shanter," "The Cotter's Saturday Night," "To a Louse on seeing one on a Ladies' Bonnet," and from a poem to his chum Andrews. His own poem on the meeting of Sir Walter Scott, Robert Burns and William Shakespeare was especially well delivered and received much applause from the appreciative audience. The substance of his lecture follows.

"President Raymond, Ladies and Gentlemen and Fellow Students:—

A few years ago I was present at the unveiling of Burns' statue at New York when Sir Walter Scott met Robert Burns and introduced him to Will Shakespeare, all in bronze. This meeting seemed a fit theme for a poetic inspiration.

Bobbie Burns was probably the best established man in literature and mathematics in all England in his day. As an example of his efforts to attain this position and to show that he did not gain it without a struggle I will cite an instance in Burns' life in London. He wished to learn French and so went to the great Corbin and asked him to teach him French. Corbin declined; but Burns insisted and said that Burns was no ordinary man. He said that any hour convenient to Corbin would satisfy him. Corbin named ten o'clock every Thursday night as his hour. Burns sacrificed his pleasures, declined invitations to dine with nobility and seriously offended many of his friends in order to keep those engagements which, if once broken, would be discontinued by the autocratic Corbin. And so at the age of twenty-seven Burns mastered the French language.

Born January 25, 1729, in a clay-built, thatched-roofed cottage, homely, poor and simple, like many others of its family in poverty, reared through hardships greater even than those of an ordinary Scotch laddy, Bobbie Burns became so loved and admired by his countrymen, famed wherever known and so truly prominent in the minds of all literary people, that his humble birthplace was transformed from a clay cottage into a "Temple of Muses" and Scotland became "The Land of Burns." Hardly a day passes but some personal tribute is paid to his memory.

The qualities shining out from his poems interest all classes. But especially marked was his compassion and tender sympathy for humanity. He knew its strength and its weakness. There is no outcast, however low and forsaken he may be, but finds hope in his lines. He had those predominant characteristics that made him the "Poet of Poets." No other man but Burns has united the poets of nations into giving tribute to one of their number. All poets eulogize his poems. He is not a favorite of a class nor of a nation. All this appreciation cannot but be said to be just. He found Scotch a dialect and elevated it into a language. Would any other language give the strength to those well known quotations of Burns' which the Scotch dialect imparts? How could we express "O, wad some Power the giftie gie us to see oursels as ithers see us!" in as strong a form without the Scotch dialect?

Burns needed no rules nor forms to write the language of the heart. He knew that it was safer to stay on terra firma than to leap to the stars and fall back into the mire. He gathered his natural inspirations along streams that murmured and among flowers that bloomed. He was not ashamed of his humble birth, but drew his strongest scenes from this life among the lowly. "The Cotter's Saturday Night" is a very good example of Burns' ability to paint a touching picture of homely life rather of grandeur than of simplicity. And this was written in a poor garret over a farmer's stable.

Genius is in the mind what electricity is in the universe. Burns knew he possessed it and

wrote for all time. There never was a writer, except Shakespeare, who could so excite all the passions in such rapid succession as could Burns. In his "Tam O'Shanter" he shows such ludicrous situations in such a manner as to make a true Scotchman laugh, even unto the third and fourth generation, brings into prominence the efforts of today to exchange the candle curtain for the rostrum and produces the idea that if women would use the broomstick more and not try to use the ballot they would make it warm even in Alaska. Whoever reads the picture there depicted of convivial exaltation is not without a certain sense of satisfaction. But Burns does not neglect to emphasize the moral to be derived from such conditions.

He writes fiction as if it were reality. His is a natural and pointed wit. His writings are not confined to the Scotch dialect. Sentimental and commonplace subjects are written in plain English but when he has a humorous or a satirical subject he naturally falls into the Scotch dialect. He saw in the jewels of the nobility the crystallized tears of poverty. He pictured haughty aristocracy on one side and humble poverty on the other with a yawning gulf between. He pointed out the difference between affectation and true worth. He taught the nobility to be kind to the peasant and the peasant to be happy in poverty.

He never, in any of his controversies, attacked religion but always men. He has written his own history without reserve in his poems. But whatever his faults, one thing can be credited to him which may be placed against all his failings. He always conducted daily family devotional services until the day of his death.

At the time when Voltaire's heretical doctrine threatened to invade England Burns showed his strength and character, combating it to the end. It was fitting that a country's hero should champion every truth and right. When in dire poverty he was approached and asked to write his songs for a monetary consideration he refused absolutely and told them, "You may consider them below price or above price, but it would be downright prostitution of soul to do such a thing."

I have two laddies of my own and I would rather have them know one poem by Burns than anything else I know except a page from the Good Book."

### Y. M. C. A. Work.

The following leaders and subjects have been chosen by the Devotional Committee of the Y. M. C. A. for the weekly Tuesday night meetings:

January 4. What is involved in loyalty to Christ? Luke 10:25-37. Walter M. Swann, '98.

January 11. Daily feeding on God's word. John 6:63. Psalms 5:3. Harrison K. Wright, '99.

January 18. The secret of strong lives. I Corinthians 9:25. Clayton J. Potter, 1900.

January 27. Prayer, how to use and enjoy it. Luke 18:1-14. Orrin G. Cox, '99.

February 1. Lessons from great missionaries. Acts 13:1-3, 13-33, 42-52. Charles H. Mattison, '98.

February 8. Source of wisdom. Colossians 2:2-3. Prov. 9:10. Edward W. Strong, '99.

February 15. Contentment. Phillipians 4:4-11. George C. Perry, '98.

March 1. Our temptations and their conquests. Hebrews 4:11-16. Frederick L. Greene, '99.

March 8. How Christ helps us in our daily tasks. Colossians 3:17.

March 15. Purity in thought, word and deed. Titus 1:15-16. William L. Fisher, '98.

March 22. Election of officers. Final meeting of the term, led by the retiring president, Robert S. Hoxie, '98.

An urgent invitation is extended to all the students to attend these meetings which are held every Tuesday evening in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 7:15 and last for only one-half hour.

If any of the leaders find it impossible to take charge of the meetings on the dates assigned to them, they will please speak to the president or to the chairman of the devotional committee and other arrangements will be made.

"Every person has two educations, one which he receives from others, and one, more important, which he gives to himself."—Gibbon.



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All copy intended for insertion in the Concordiensis must be in the hands of the editor by WEDNESDAY noon.

THE Musical Association is undoubtedly the most important of the various undergraduate enterprises. In football and baseball Union sometimes fails and sometimes wins, but in music she always takes first place. The recent western trip of the clubs has been no exception. The enthusiastic welcome received by the association in cities which had never before been visited shows that the fame of Union's musicians has preceded them. A western trip will hereafter be a feature of the concert season. For the first time in the history of the association five successful concerts have been given this season before the first of January. The management has arranged several short trips for this term and as many concerts are to be given in places where the clubs are known the concerts must prove successful. Nothing advertises a college better or more widely

than a good musical association and Union is gaining much from the association. The students showed their appreciation of the endeavors of the management and members of the clubs by a large attendance at the Schenectady concert.

THE CONCORDIENSIS has frequently been called upon to mention the improvements in the management of the library and the many advantages that have been given students because of recent changes in the arrangement of papers and tables and through recent additions of books. In placing the credit for these increased facilities the men who have planned and worked for appropriations and directed the general affairs of the library should not be overlooked. The library committee of the faculty, consisting of Prof. Landreth, chairman, and Drs. Truax and Ashmore, has spent much time in bringing about the present arrangements and the members of the committee deserve the thanks of both faculty and students. To Prof. Landreth especially is due the efficient lighting system. The library is now in such a condition that it is a pleasure for students to work there. The increased use of the library is an indication of the value of the appreciation shown by the students.

THIS week's CONCORDIENSIS might perhaps be called an alumni number, for it contains the reports of three alumni banquets and a larger number than usual of notices concerning alumni. It is sometimes said by graduates that we do not make the CONCORDIENSIS of interest to them by telling what they are doing in the world. This is not our fault. We would rather publish alumni news than almost any other kind and do so whenever we hear of anything of note. Whenever an alumnus dies or marries or inherits a fortune or writes a book or joins a prominent club or society or is elected to office or any of the hundred and one things that make up life occurs to him, if he or some friendly alumnus will let the CONCORDIENSIS know, we shall be glad to publish it. There is one of the younger trustees who sends us whatever alumni news he can find in Greater New York. Would there were more like him.



THE decided improvement in class-room work noted by President Raymond in his remarks at chapel Tuesday morning deserves commendation. The work of last term was harder than that of the corresponding term last year, yet only two-thirds the number of conditions were incurred. This shows that the advance Union has made in other departments has not hindered the students in the regular course of study, but has aided them by adding increased zeal. That a high grade of scholarship should be maintained is the desire of all, and when this is done and fewer men fail than formerly the advisability as well as the desirability of raised standards is shown.

WITH this week we enter upon the duties of a new term and a new year. It is in the Winter term that the most effective college work is done and it is probable that there will be a great deal of healthy practical work done by the students. The financial prospect for the new year is very bright and we can reasonably hope and wish for ourselves and others a year of great material prosperity.

AS noticed elsewhere, the alumni of Scranton have organized an Alumni Association of North Eastern Pennsylvania. They will make an effort to send students to Union from that part of their state. The action is very encouraging and it were well if Union men in other parts of the country should take an equally practical interest in their Alma Mater.

### Sophomore Soiree Committee.

President Hubbard of the sophomore class has announced the following soiree committee: Clarence D. Stewart, chairman; Charles H. MacCulloch, George E. Pike, J. MacE. Pruyn, G. Wilson Francis, Harold S. Kirby, Douglas W. Paige, DeW. G. Wood, Everett G. Brownell, Fred. R. Davis, Eugene M. Sanders. The committee will hold its first meeting this week and expects to fix the date for the early part of February.

### Instructor Mosher Resigns.

Since the opening of the term on Tuesday, the familiar figure of Prof. Mosher has been missed by all connected with the college. Prof. Mosher has been in poor health for some time, and as he realized that with the confinement of the class-room his condition was not one of improvement, he determined to give up teaching. He accordingly sent his resignation to the trustees, and with the final examinations of the fall term his work at Union came to a close.

Prof. Mosher was graduated from Union in the class of '90, taking the degree of A. B. He then spent two years in Paris studying the French language, and upon his return in the fall of 1892 became instructor in French at his alma mater, which position he has held up to the time of his resignation. During his connection with Union he has received two flattering offers from Rutgers College, both of which he refused, preferring to remain here.

Prof. Mosher has always been prominently identified with athletics, having been a member of the baseball team while a student, and for the past two years one of the faculty members on the Athletic Advisory Board. He was a great favorite with the students and his departure will be much felt by them as well as his many friends in the city.

Prof. and Mrs. Mosher left on Saturday, Dec. 18, for Rochester, which will be their future home. There Prof. Mosher will engage in the practice of law.

### A Gift to the English Department.

A friend of Union college, whose modesty compels him to conceal his identity under the phrase, "one of the boys of '93," has sent to Dr. Truax a draft to enable him to purchase for the reference section of the college library Charles Dudley Warner's Cyclopaedia of the World's Best Literature.

This monumental work will be placed on the shelves at the opening of the Winter term.

The freshman pins, of "Green and Garnet" have made their appearance this week.

### Dr. Curtis' Botanical Lecture.

On Wednesday, December 15, at half-past four o'clock, the last lecture of the term was delivered in the chapel under the auspices of the Department of Biology by Dr. C. C. Curtis of the Department of Botany of Columbia University.

The subject presented by Dr. Curtis was, "The Evolution of the Flower." He spoke of the types of flowers found in the various groups of flowering plants from the cones of the pines, representing the lowest and most primitive orders, to the highly modified flowers of the Orchids and Composites, which stand at the head of the two branches of the series. The increasing complexity of the flower in the ascending scale was shown by diagrammatic lantern slides and further illustrated by beautiful colored slides prepared by Mr. Cornelius Van Brunt, showing actual specimens of the types of flowers figured in the diagrams. The representations were so natural that all who were so fortunate as to be present were delighted.

Dr. Curtis spoke of the causes leading to the modification of flowers arising from the change in the mode of pollination. The primitive forms of flowers being dependent upon the winds require a large number of pollen-bearing sporophylls to accomplish this object as the larger part of the pollen produced is necessarily lost. The higher flowers are dependent upon insect visitation, a much surer means of accomplishing fertilization by the bearing of pollen from flower to flower upon the bodies of the visitors. In correspondence to this method of fertilization the higher flowers have developed nectar-glands and highly colored parts, in marked contrast to the simpler primitive forms, to serve for the attraction of insects, while those of individual families and orders are modified in form to adapt them to the visits of particular kinds of insects or even of single species. As the loss of pollen by this method is much less there has been a reduction in the amount produced and in the number of the stamens. The stamens and styles are also so fitly placed that the insect visitor cannot fail to perform the office of pollin-

ation as he flits from flower to flower in search of sweets.

The lecture was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all and the kindness of Dr. Curtis in favoring us with a popular scientific lecture was warmly appreciated. The success of the occasion goes to show how interesting a scientific subject may be made to a general college audience and leads to the hope that others of a like nature may follow.

### Alumni Notes.

Monroe M. Cady, '66, is editor of the Phi Gamma, the monthly paper of the Second Presbyterian church of Dubuque, Iowa.

Hotaling, '97, who is taking a theological course at the Colgate Divinity school, Hamilton, visited old friends at Union on Tuesday.

Furbeck, '97, was in Schenectady on New Years day. He is teaching at Martindale, Columbia Co., and will study theology next year.

E. R. Cummings, '97, who has been taking post graduate work in Palaeontology at Cornell, has been appointed instructor in Palaeontology and Stratigraphic Geology at Indiana University.

At a meeting of the Schenectady Common Council held Tuesday evening, Everett Smith, '78, was elected city attorney, Dr. John McEncroe, '84, city physician, and Lewis B. Sebring, '93, city engineer and surveyor.

Dr. W. Seward Webb, '72, and Mrs. Webb gave a Christmas party to the children of Trinity parish and Shelburne Farms, Vermont. Practically the whole town was present, there being 350 guests of whom 150 were children.

A. L. Peckham, '96, of Hahnemann Medical College, spent the Christmas vacation with his parents in this city. During his stay Mr. Peckham entertained George H. Hoxie, '93, who is now superintendent of schools in Penn Yan.

J. Bayard Backus, '74, of New York, has been appointed chairman of the Sub-Committee on Enrolment of the Committee of Fifty-three,

which is arranging for the new Republican organization of Greater New York. A biographical sketch with portrait was given in the New York Tribune for December 25.

The Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson, '55, sailed December 25 for Norway, as a special agent of the War Department. His errand is to buy five hundred reindeer, which the government will use to forward supplies to miners in the Yukon river valley. He will also buy outfits of sleds and harness and hire several drivers who will return with him.

The Johns Hopkins News Letter recently offered a prize of \$10 for the best collection of verses, not to exceed thirty lines, written by a student at the University. Two competitors were of such equal merit that the prize was divided, half being given to Roger G. Perkins, '94, who is a senior in the Medical College. His verses were entitled "Voices of the Woods."

General Roy Stone, '56, acting president of the National League for Good Roads, has a plan for making postal savings banks and good roads promote each other. The scheme is to have the deposits in the proposed banks invested in county bonds for the building of good roads. The idea is backed by the L. A. W. and other road improvement associations and has been embodied in an amendment to the Postal Savings bill.

Arba Martin Blodgett, '97, who was substitute on the 'Varsity foot ball team during the seasons of '93 and '94 and right guard in '95 and '96, was married in the early part of September last to Miss Minnie A. Alderman, of Thurston, N. Y. Mrs. Blodgett is a charming young woman and previous to her marriage was a teacher in the Starkey Seminary. Mr. Blodgett is now principal of the Fifth ward public school at Corning, N. Y., and his wife is assisting him in the German department of the school.

The Musical association gives a concert in Albany to-night. This afternoon the members are being entertained by Mrs. Albert Van der Veer.

### Minor Topics.

Kulser, 1901, enjoyed the vacation in New York.

Laing, 1901, passed the vacation at his home in Andes.

Prof. Wells has given up his senior elective in German.

Guy Vroman, '98, is ill at his home in Middleburg.

Finger, 1901, spent the holidays at his home in Saugerties.

Fred. M. Davis, 1900, spent his vacation in New York city.

Sheehan, 1901, returned to his home at Troy, for the holidays.

Heermance, 1901, spent the vacation at his home in Hudson.

Wright, 1901, enjoyed the holidays with his parents at Andes.

The sophomore class begin the study of Chaucer this term.

Grout, 1901, spent the vacation with his parents at Cooperstown.

Cheeseborough, 1901, spent the holidays with friends in New York.

Wagoner, 1901, passed an enjoyable vacation at his home in Albany.

William C. Yates, '98, spent part of the vacation with friends in Rochester.

Ames, ex-'97, has re-entered college and will take the rest of the year with '98.

Prof. Truax gives an elective in American literature this term to the seniors.

Giles, '97, has a position with the U. S. ship canal survey and is located at Cohoes.

McPartlon, ex-1900, is pursuing a four year course at the Albany Medical College.

Dr. Raymond occupied the pulpit of Broadway Tabernacle, New York, last Sunday.

Elvin S. Ketchum has returned to college and resumes his studies with the class of 1900.

Owing to an attack of the grip P. P. Sheehan was unable to attend to college duties this week.

August Kruesi, '98, and Paul Kruesi, 1900, attended the annual convention of the Sigma Phi fraternity in the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York, this week.

Gayetty, '98, has left college to accept a position as rodman on the canal and is located at Syracuse.

A special meeting of the trustees of Union College has been called on January 15th, 1898, in Albany.

Van Duesen, '96, has been appointed rodman by the state civil service and is working on the canal at Rochester.

Prof. Bennett spent a week in Boston and several days at Haverhill, Mass., at the home of Instructor Pollard.

Slocum, '97, who is studying mathematics at Clarke university, Worcester, Mass., spent his vacation with his parents in this city.

Instructor Tyler spent the vacation at Lafayette, assisting in the reorganization of the botanical collections that were damaged in the destruction of Pardee hall.

No instructor has, as yet, been selected to fill Prof. Mosher's lately vacated position. His class work will be divided among the other professors of the modern language department.

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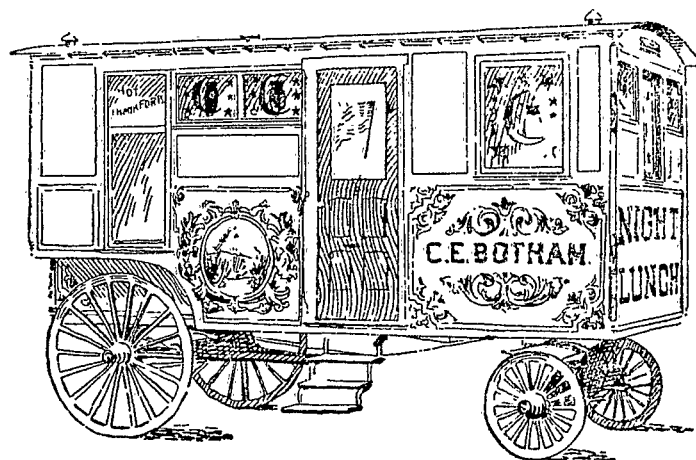
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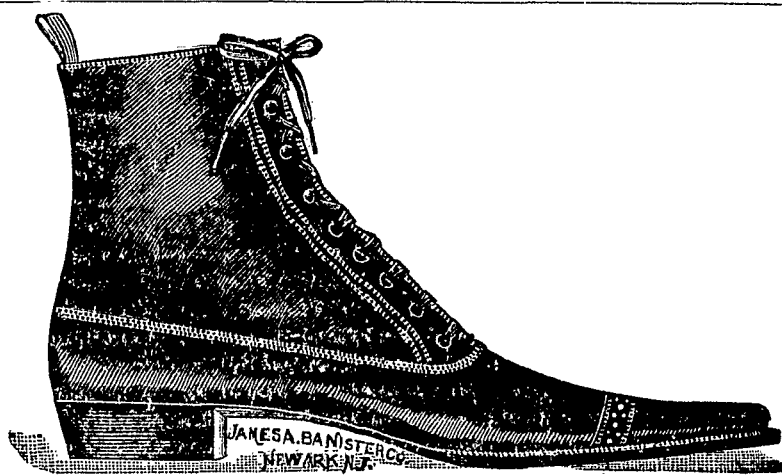
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His fame did not come alone for his all-around work, as in 1895 he broke the world's record for the hop, step and jump, the distance he covered being 30 feet, 11 inches, which is the present world's record. Cosgrave was well known among Union men. He coached last spring's track team and the credit for the brilliant victory at Utica was due to him more than to any other man.

He will be remembered by Union men as a picture of perfect manhood, a genial and whole-souled fellow of a cheerful and kindly disposition. The direct cause of his death was an operation performed upon him for appendicitis.

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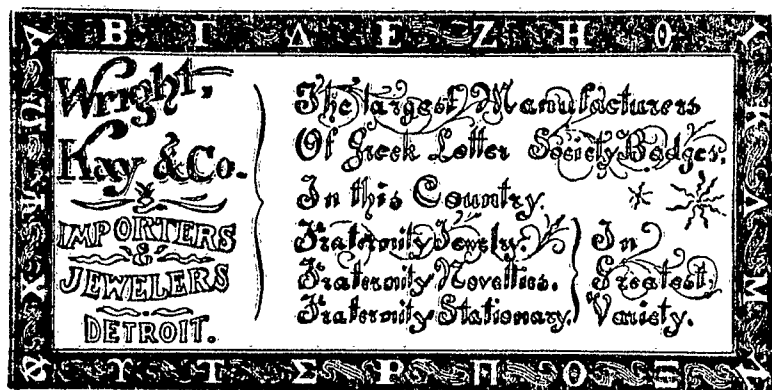
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