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WIERS SPEAKS AT VAN CURLER SUNDAY

"The Influence of a Real Man,"
Subject of Fraternal Day
Service.

DRINK ATTACKED

The Good Influence of the Various
Lodges Was Emphasized
Particularly.

Before an enthusiastic audience which packed the main floor and first balcony of the Van Curler Opera House, Mr. Charles R. Wiers of Buffalo, yesterday afternoon spoke on the subject "The Influence of a Real Man." Yesterday being Fraternal Day, the meeting was largely attended by members of the various fraternal organizations of the city, special sections of seats being set aside for the representatives of the various orders. A special feature of the gathering was a prelude of Negro melodies given by the Tuskegee Institute Singers, of Tuskegee, Alabama.

Mr. Wiers opened his address with a scathing denunciation of the "drink evil." He pointed out that aside from the great moral cost of the alcohol habit, its cost in dollars and cents is stupendous. For example, the amount spent for intoxicating liquors in the United States alone last year was four times the total cost of the Panama Canal, considered one of the most costly engineering feats of modern times. He also gave figures regarding the results of influence of alcohol in the state asylums, prisons, and hospitals. Ninety per cent of the inmates of institutions in New York State alone are there as the result of indulgence in alcoholic drinks. Mr. Wiers then painted a vivid picture of the sorrows and burdens which must invariably fall upon the unfortunate.

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CALENDAR.

Tonight.

8:00 P. M.—Psychology lecture by
Dean Angell in College chapel.

Tuesday.

11:00 A. M.—Dr. Whitney's lecture at Chem. lecture room.
7:15 P. M.—Classical Club meets.
7:30 P. M.—Cosmopolitan Club meeting in South College.
8:00 P. M.—Psychology lecture by
Dean Angell in college chapel.

Wednesday.

11:00 A. M.—Dr. Whitney's lecture at Chem. lecture room.
4:30 P. M.—Track practice.
7:15 P. M.—Mission Study Classes in Silliman Hall.
8:00 P. M.—Allison-Foote Debate in college chapel.

BYRON REED '06 INTERESTS STUDENT BODY WITH TALK ON PORTO RICAN SCHOOLS AND WITH SONGS

Last Saturday after the noon chapel service Byron Reed '06 gave the students one of the most interesting talks and entertainments of the college year. The subject on which he spoke was expressed by himself as, "What Has Uncle Sam Done for Porto Rico?" After this he sang in Spanish and English a few typical folk songs which he had gathered while in the West Indies and for which he was applauded enthusiastically.

In developing his subject he said that improvements of the harbors, prisons, etc., of Porto Rico are very important but not so vital as the "sprinkling of the island with rural school houses. Mr. Reed, although at present a lawyer in Boston, taught for a time in a high school in Porto Rico where his father has a plantation and he is, therefore, qualified to talk on the

subject. At present he said twenty-seven per cent of the children have a chance to get an education whereas under Spanish control one eighth of one per cent had this opportunity. Our delight here in an occasional bolt he compared with the schoolboys' most dreaded punishment there which is to be kept from school.

The songs which he sang to his own accompaniment were delightful ones of the West Indies. The first, called "The Island Song" pictured in a charming typical manner the Island as the daughter of the sea and of the sun. The second, entitled, "The Pearl" is the product of an inland poet of exceptional ability. The fact that these melodies were more charming in Spanish than in English was noticed by everyone.

DR. W. R. WHITNEY STARTS WITH "CHEMISTRY & LIFE"

G. E. Research Laboratory Director and Naval Board Member
Interests Students.

This morning at eleven o'clock Doctor W. R. Whitney, who is director of the Research Laboratory of the General Electric Company, and a member of the Naval Reserve Board, lectured at the chemical lecture room. This particular talk, which was one of a series of four eleven o'clock lectures which will continue until Thursday, was well attended and much appreciated. Dr. Whitney spoke on a subject which he entitled, "Chemistry and Life."

One phase of his talk dealt with the chemistry of agriculture, which was of especial interest to us, as Union was one of the first colleges interested in this topic.

In general the lectures will treat with the general topic of the relation of the chemist to the federal service. While they are primarily intended for the students of the Department of Chemistry at the college, they will be of broad interest and an invitation is extended to the entire student body to be present.

The college is very fortunate to number Doctor Whitney among its generous friends. He has always shown enthusiastic interest in the work and development of the Department of Chemistry, and in spite of his many important engagements, is willing to give this marked attention to our institution.

All of the students of the Department will doubtless avail themselves of this opportunity to hear one of the foremost chemists of the country, and it is hoped that students of other departments will feel free to attend the lectures.

PHI BETA KAPPA BANQUET IN ALBANY SATURDAY

Doctor Richmond and Prof. Bennett Both Spoke on Subject
of Patriotism.

At a dinner given in Albany Saturday night in the Ten Eyck in honor of the hundredth anniversary of the Upper Hudson Association of Phi Beta Kappa Alpha Chapter of New York, both President Richmond and Professor John Bennett of this college were prominent speakers. Preparedness and patriotism were the themes of all the speakers, and President Richmond declared that these were the vital needs of the nation. He urged all thinking men, college men in particular, to cast minor and personal matters aside and to devote them-

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BETA THETA PHI HOLDS ANNUAL BANQUET

Last Saturday evening, February 24, Nu chapter of Beta Theta Pi held its thirty-fifth annual initiation banquet at the chapter house. There were about fifty present, including Union alumni, alumni from other chapters, and representatives from other chapters.

The toastmaster was Charles J. Bennett '01, who called upon the following for toasts: William B. Landreth '81, F. L. Comstock '90, Horace G. McKean, Colgate '89, Charles W. Whitehair, District Chief from Cornell; Law Comstock '20 as well as the representatives from the Colgate, Syracuse and St. Lawrence chapters.

The men initiated were: Frederick Law Comstock, Gloversville, N. Y.; William Thompson Hanley, Albany, N. Y.; Wolcott Leander Jones, Albany, N. Y., and Tom Joseph Reardon, Little Falls, N. Y.

GARNET RETALIATES FOR FORMER BEATING

First Half of Amherst Game Here
Saturday Fastest Playing of
Season.

PASSWORK CLEVER

Galbraith and Mudge Lead in
Scoring and in Skillful Floor
Work.

In a game which was fast and exciting, especially at first, the Garnet basketball quintet continued on its winning way by taking the Amherst five into camp Saturday evening. The final score of the game was 21-9. This score alone shows how greatly the team has improved in the last few weeks. In the game which was played at Amherst earlier in the season our boys were defeated 27-24. For this reason alone the team was determined to show that it could come back and Saturday's game proved this fact to even the most skeptical. Amherst was outplayed in every department of the game. Union's guarding was so close in the first half that Amherst was unable to score a single field basket. As a matter of fact they were only able to make three tries for field goals. Not only was Union's guarding good, but the passwork also was excellent. In certain spots the shooting was rather ragged, but one must remember that the best of them are bound to miss. The play on the whole was a decided improvement over that which was shown in the last Williams game, for instance.

The Garnet has now won its last three games against hard teams and there seems to be no reason why it should not finish out the schedule with a clean slate. Now that the jinx which has been troubling the team all year in the shape of injuries to the players has deserted us, prospects are once more bright. It is safe to say that in the first half of Saturday's game the Union boys passed better than in any previous contest this season, not even excepting the game with Princeton.

First Half.

The game started with a rush, and playing was about even for several minutes. Union was in possession of the ball most of the time and showed very good team work, but for some reason was unable to score. Jimmy Mudge scored the first point on a free throw. Jimmy, by the way, played an excellent game. He made good seven of the thirteen free shots which were allotted to Union and his guarding and dribbling also featured. Time and again he made his opponent look foolish by his

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"THE PRESENT CRISIS."

The entire population is waiting expectantly for something to happen. War or no war, conscription or volunteering, together with many relevant subjects, are uppermost in our minds. The patriotic response of the various universities, if not remarkable, is assuredly gratifying. In the publications of practically all of the Eastern college have appeared editorials and reports concerning assurances which the respective institutions have sent the government or concerning some preparatory measures.

Of course, as yet there has not been much to do. But that which could be accomplished in portraying the ideals of college men has not been neglected either at Union or at other universities. In contrast to the general college spirit of "Steady now!" and the feeling expressed by such heads as the Princetonian's, "Daily Military Drills Commence Next Monday" and the Columbian Spectator's, "Alumni Will Form an Officers' Corps," there have appeared in some few small newspapers such nauseating thoughts as are expressed by The Citizen's last edition, which printed in heavy type, "Are You Willing to Risk Your Life in a Modern War, to Enable Wilson to Carry Out a Threat He Ought Never to Have Made; or to Help a Few Greedy Multi-Millionaires Grow Richer By Selling More War Supplies to the Allies? If so, Enlist Immediately as a private Soldier for Firing Line Service."

It is impossible to give here a statement of the positions expressed by the various college publications but it is fitting to print the ideas which are the most representative of the student sentiment.

The Syracuse Daily Orange believes most emphatically that military training has a "place in the

educational system of a democracy, because: (1) Military training is patriotic training of the best nature; (2) It is physical training of the best type; (3) It offers a much needed barrier to social distinction; (4) It is a much needed type of economic training; (5) In event of war, it would shorten the conflict and do away with the terrible cost in lives and money suffered by the United States at the outbreak of every one of our wars.

"The Columbia Alumni Committee took definite steps at a meeting last Friday evening at the Columbia Club, to co-operate with the special committee appointed by President Butler, for the purpose of organizing the resources of the university so that Columbia could be in a position to serve the government effectively, should the present international situation result in war."

Recently at Hobart among other resolutions the following were adopted:

"Resolved, That the faculty and students of Hobart College, in mass meeting assembled, declare our hearty and admiring approval of the President's prompt and dignified action.

"Resolved, That we, one and all, place ourselves, without reserve, at the disposal of the President, and finally

Resolved, That we shall be eager to unite with the men of the other American colleges and universities in any efficient methods for adequate preparation and helpful action."

Recently President Faunce O. Brown, after condemning conscription here in a time of peace, went on to say, "But universal military training is a different matter. It would simply be an expansion of the Plattsburg camps. We must remember that real training is of the mind as well as of the body. The bad citizen seldom makes a good soldier. Training for defense should be part of the training for citizenship."

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

With the closing of the City Night Schools on Thursday evening, will come an increase in the demand for students to teach English to foreigners' classes.

It is expected that there will be nearly one hundred pupils enrolled, and as an effort is being made to secure one teacher for every two or three pupils, about fifty teachers will be needed.

Engineering students are especially requested to aid in teaching the classes, since their experience will be valuable to them in view of their influence in the industrial world after graduation.

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works, and two evenings at 7:30 to 8:45 in Silliman Hall. Each teacher will have one class of one hour each week. Men interested are asked to see Irving Day, Dow Roof, or John Imrie.

Mission study classes will continue as usual, meeting in Silliman Hall. Groups 2 and 3 led by C. T. Male and John Imrie will meet Wednesday at 7:15 P. M. Group 1 led by Prof. Taylor, will meet Friday at 7:15.

Plans are in preparation for the Junior "get-together" which will be held early in March.

W. E. Fenno of the International Y. M. C. A. will address the members and leaders of the College Association Monday evening in Silliman Hall. "Pop" Fenno is well known among young men and is a most interesting speaker. Everyone is invited.

Regular cabinet meeting Thursday at 1 o'clock.



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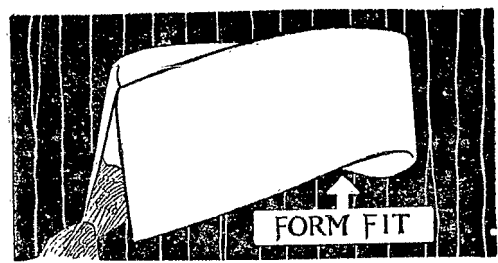
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**PHI BETA KAPPA BANQUET
IN ALBANY SATURDAY**

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selves to their country in its present crisis.

"We recently have heard the cry of preparedness and defense so often that it has ceased to thrill and in many minds meets no reaction," said Dr. Richmond. "It is like the cry of 'Wolf! Wolf!' But do not forget that the wolf did come at last. General Wood said recently war would get to this country in the not remote future. Most of us set this down as the alarmist utterance of a military man. It is the voice of one crying in the wilderness. So was the voice of Lord Roberts raised in England and no one gave heed until suddenly war burst upon them like a bolt from the blue sky. Then they believed. The only reason Englishmen are not being deported today, the only reason German troops are not occupying Canada, is because the British fleet was prepared and because it stands on guard today to protect her territories until such time as she can raise and equip an army sufficient for her defense."

Professor Bennett in his resume of the history of the chapter pointed out Seward, Lincoln's secretary of state; Bigelow, the noted diplomat, and General Hallock as members who were particularly noted for their patriotism.

President Richmond was elected as vice-president of the Association and Dr. Morton C. Stewart of our faculty was retained as secretary and treasurer.

**GARNET RETALIATES
FOR FORMER BEATING**

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clever dodging. After some pretty passwork Galbraith scored from underneath the basket and upon the resumption of play immediately dropped in another. "Gal" played his usual fast game as is shown by his scoring of five out of the seven field goals which were tallied. So far he leads in the scoring this season.

Union was showing pretty passwork. Mudge missed a free shot. Widmayer missed one for Amherst. Jimmy then succeeded in ringing the second of two fouls which were called on the Purple and White. Amherst was working a little better but seemed unable to score. Official time was taken out because the ball went under the bleachers. Upon the resumption of play Union bombarded the basket but with no results. Here Widmayer scored a free chance and Mudge did likewise. Widmayer then repeated his performance. Yovits now came through with a pretty field basket. Galbraith then sank his third basket from the field. Widmayer next proceeded to miss a free throw and to ring one. Mudge then scored upon a foul shot and Widmayer missed again. Just before the end of the half Jimmy was called on to shoot again and when he missed Galbraith caught the ball on the rebound and pushed it in. The score at the end of this half was 14 to 3 in favor of Union.

Second Half.

The playing at the beginning of the second half was fast, but slowing down was perceptible on the

part of the Garnet team. Mudge was the first to break into the scoring column when he made good on a technical foul. Here Moynihan was hurt and it was necessary to take out four minutes to allow him to recover. The playing in this half was more even and close guarding featured. As a result no field goals were scored until almost ten minutes had elapsed. In the meantime Widmayer and Mudge missed free chances. Many long shots were being taken as the teams did not seem to be able to get near the baskets. Widmayer scored on a foul and then R. F. E. Maynard scored Amherst's first field goal on a long shot from near the center of the floor. R. Maynard followed it up with another goal from the field. The Purple and White was playing much better but the belated spurt was short lived. Widmayer missed another foul. Jimmy Mudge did the same and "Gal" repeated his feat of the first half by pushing it in on the rebound. The play was especially fast. Captain Scoby here contributed the play of the evening, when he scored a beautiful one-handed shot after a long dribble. A foul was called on E. Maynard, and because he talked to the referee Union was given three shots instead of one. Mudge made good on two of them, and the game ended upon the scoring of the last point.

The summary:

UNION (21)			
	F.G.	F.	T.P.
Yovits, r.f.	1	0	2
Moynihan, l.f.	0	0	0
Galbraith, c.	5	0	10
Scoby, r.g.	1	0	2
Mudge, l.g.	0	7	7
Totals	7	7	21

AMHERST (9.)

	F.G.	F.	T.P.
E. Maynard, r.f.	1	0	2
Widmayer, l.f.	0	5	5
Partenheimer, c.	0	0	0
R. Maynard, r.g.	1	0	2
Card, l.g.	0	0	0
Totals	2	5	9

Referee—Reeves. Halves—20 minutes. Timer—Zimmer.

**ALUMNI ON THE
HILL THIS WEEK**

Many alumni of Union were on the hill this week. A list of those who stopped at the various houses follows:

Alpha Delta Phi—George Fulford Hanson '16, Arthur Hawley '14.

Beta Theta Pi—Walter Wellman '06, William B. Landreth '81, T. S. Bailey '08, C. B. Elmore '14, I. J. Dillingham '88, Charles J. Bennett '01, James Dunn '12, Dr. A. F. Wells '10, William Treder '02.

Chi Psi—Hugh Stoller '13. Delta Upsilon—Robert McTaggart, ex-'15.

Lambda Chi Alpha—Harold Madison, ex-'18, Leon Street '16.

Phi Delta Theta—R. P. Lent '13. Phi Gamma Delta—Wallace McMillan '12, Carl Jenkins ex-'17.

Psi Upsilon—D. W. Weed '03, C. L. Heuenbourg '12.

Pyramid Club—Preston '06, W. A. Hughes '15, E. Hughes '15, H. L. Bain '15.

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WIERS Y. M. C. A. SPEAKER AT VAN CURLER SUNDAY

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ate wives, mothers, and sisters of drinking men. He entreated those men who have started on the downward path, to those men who are far from their loved ones, to think of the place they hold in the hearts of their mothers,—to remember that their misfortunes are their mother's misfortunes, and their successes their mother's as well—and to endeavor earnestly to change their life before it becomes impossible. The speaker drew a round of applause when he said, "The devil is a good advertiser. Whenever he is at work in the form of alcohol inside a man, he invariably hangs out a sign—a bright red nose."

Passing from the drink question, Mr. Wiers then spoke on the real purposes of fraternal organ-

izations. It is each man's duty to look into the lives of his fellow men—to know his sorrows and to do his part to make the burden of life lighter. "Lodges are really higher schools in the ethics of manhood," said Mr. Wiers. "Outsiders often judge lodges by the conduct of one or two of their members who may not have lived strictly according to the ideals of their various organizations; but such instances are bound to happen. There are good and bad in every walk of life, and if the criticizing outsider would but take the trouble to investigate the matter he would learn of the great influence of the various fraternal organizations toward a better, cleaner world."

Mr. Wiers spoke of the great harm done by loose talking—by the spreading of scandal and the unearthing of skeletons long since

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At the meeting of the Athletic Board last Wednesday it was decided to release Fred Dawson from his contract and thus to allow him to go to Princeton immediately after the basketball season. Although this action has been expected for some time, the knowledge that Fred is surely going so soon brought regret to the student body. Not only the people closely associated with Union but everyone who knows anything about our athletics appreciate that the man who has made our teams so successful is our coach.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB TO MEET TOMORROW

On Tuesday evening at 7:30 the Cosmopolitan Club will meet at its rooms in North Section, South College. The very short business meeting will be followed by an interesting program. Every member of the club is urged to attend since the committee has a surprise in store.

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buried. He spoke of the many lives ruined by gossip and loose talk, and begged his hearers to use all in their power to eradicate this evil—an evil which is always in our midst.

Yesterday's meeting was one of a series which are being held under the auspices of the local Young Men's Christian Association. Next Sunday's meeting will be held at the Crescent Theatre, 440 State Street, when Mr. Fenno will speak on the subject, "Wake Up."

DEAN ANGELL ENDS LECTURES TOMORROW

"William James and His American Colleagues," Subject for Tonight.

The course of Psychology lectures which Dean Angell of Chicago University has been giving, will be concluded tomorrow night. Tonight Dean Angell will speak on "William James and his American Colleagues" and tomorrow night "The Contemporary Situation" will be the subject.

These lectures have been of great interest to many townspeople as well as to the students, particularly to those of the psychology classes whose work these talks have supplemented. Although the subject matter of psychology is somewhat difficult to present, Dean Angell has succeeded remarkably in making his lectures intelligible to everyone. It is safe to say that the present lectures have been as interesting as any ones ever given in the annual courses.

BOWLING LEAGUE WELL ON ITS WAY

During the last week the Interfraternity Bowling League was started. By the end of this week each team must have its first two matches rolled. Last week Phi Delta Theta defeated the Pyramid Club two to one and Alpha Delta Phi defeated Kappa Alpha by forfeit.

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