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MUSICAL CLUBS DELIGHT AUDIENCES

On Best Itinerary Ever Planned.

UKELELE CLUB SCORES

Year's Innovation Adds Greatly to Excellent Program.

On Sunday, December third, the Musical Clubs returned triumphant from the Thanksgiving trip. Cambridge, N. Y.; Flushing, L. I.; Brooklyn, Scranton, Pa.; and Binghamton all fell before the charms of these youngsters, while the fair deputation of Union was enhanced by the strains of classic and ragtime melodies, delivered in a way that first caused the audience to sit breathless, the next moment to sway from side to side in time with the Hawaiian strains.

The concerts were all well given—in fact, the clubs were obliged to play and sing every thing they knew at each performance.

The trip commenced Tuesday at four o'clock when the men started for Cambridge, N. Y. The clubs were met at their destination by the town's people, who conducted them to their respective domiciles, where our men were fed and then returned to the opera house. An audience that filled the place responded with much applause to every number, though Mr. Stein with his "Bug Song" scored the hit of the evening. The following day the clubs embarked for Flushing, L. I., by way of New York, in which city they were obliged to squeeze into an already overcrowded surface car for a long journey. The "erst-while" foot-sore entertainers could not restrain mirth at this, and after paying their compliments to the traffic lines, amused or annoyed the other passengers with such strains as the "Power House" song, illustrating the song with the timely aid of the trolley pole which missed connections repeatedly with the wire it was supposed to run on.

Under such handicaps the crowd arrived about two hours late in Flushing but with speed the men were distributed, fed and sent to the High School where they were able to give the concert at the scheduled time. Enthusiastic over the audience and the acoustic properties of the hall itself, the clubs gave one of the best concerts of the trip. After the performance everyone went to the gymnasium and joined in a dance.

Leaving Flushing the next day the clubs went to Brooklyn where they were put up at the Crescent Athletic Club, and tendered a

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WITTER BYNNER, AMERICAN POET, TO LECTURE HERE DECEMBER 15th.

Witter Bynner, an American poet of the first rank, will speak here Friday night, December 15th. His lecture, on "The Return of the Poets," which is given under the auspices of the English Club, will occur at eight o'clock, the Sophomore Soiree having been retarded to nine-thirty to make room for it.

Mr. Bynner is a young man, a graduate of Harvard, formerly associate editor of McClure's Magazine; also numbers playwriting among his gifts. A play of his, "His Father's House," has been produced, while two other plays,

"The Little King" and "Tiger" have attracted much attention. Two volumes of verse by Mr. Bynner are "Iphegenia in Tauris" and "The New World."

Mr. Bynner is alive to what is going on in the world today. His poetry is not pastoral, or ruminative, but is vigorous, strongly human, as well as intellectual. He is competent to speak well on the new poets who are springing up in this generation, whose message is full of splendid feeling, and interest in mankind, and thought, because he is one of the best himself.

TRY-OUTS ARE HELD FOR MUSICAL COMEDY

Much Talent in Material—Part of Cast to Be Announced Today.

Great enthusiasm was evinced Tuesday evening at a meeting of the Dramatic Club over the musical comedy to be presented this year.

Try-outs for the play were highly successful. Over thirty men tried out for various parts in the cast, showing such excellent material that it will be no easy matter to pick the cast. The trials were conducted under the direction of Mr. Simeon J. Leake, an Albany man with wide experience in coaching. A temporary cast will go through the piece, after which another group will be selected. In this manner it is planned to bring the greatest talent to the fore, though there are many minor characters to be filled.

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY TO MEET TOMORROW

Annual Election to Take Place.

The Eastern New York Section of the American Chemical Society will hold its 71st meeting in the chemistry lecture room at Union College on the evening of Friday, December 8th, at 8:15 P. M.

The annual election of officers will take place, after which the paper of the evening, entitled "The Structure of Solids and Liquids," by Dr. Irving Langmuir, will be presented. The speaker will explain a new theory based partly on Bragg's work, and partly on his own researches. It will be illustrated by experiments. The theory deals with many of the phenomena of catalysis, absorption, reaction velocity, surface tension, etc., and is sure to arouse intense interest. We should have a large and enthusiastic attendance and a good discussion of the paper.

SOIREE PLANS ARE NEARING COMPLETION

To Eclipse All Previous Events. Tickets Now on Sale.

Finishing touches are now being given to the plans for the Sophomore Soiree, scheduled for next week Friday, December fifteenth. Present indications point to the event as one of the best ever held here. There is a basketball game the night before the Soiree, and another game the night following. Some of the houses are giving dinner parties. For the Soiree itself, Van Eps, of Plainfield, N. J., has been secured to furnish music. His banjo orchestra is very well known, though it is heard around here only on the Victrola. Cirker, of Schenectady, will furnish refreshments of the quality which is familiar to those who took in the Soiree last year.

The tax per couple will be \$4.00, while \$2.50 will be the admission fee for stags. Tickets are being sold at different places on the hill already.

SIGMA PHI SOCIETY TO GIVE DANCE

Many Out-of-Town People to Attend.

The Sigma Phi Society will give a dance on December thirteenth.

About ninety guests are expected including many of the debutantes of Troy and Albany. A number of out of town fellows are also expected.

The patronesses for the evening will be Mrs. Warnick of Schenectady, Mrs. Theisen of Albany, and Mrs. Vought of Buffalo.

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Have you asked HER to the Soiree?

FROSH GIVEN ROYAL EVENING TUESDAY

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FIRST "GET-TOGETHER" A GREAT SUCCESS

President Richmond Speaks.

The first of a series of class "Get Togethers" to be held under the auspices of the Union College Christian Association throughout the winter, was held Tuesday evening in Silliman Hall when the Freshman Class was the guest of the evening. The affair was attended by over a hundred of the Freshman Class, and the faculty was also well represented.

Shortly after seven o'clock "Bob" Faust and his Social Service Committee, as well as several members of the newly formed Ladies' Auxiliary, repaired to Silliman Hall to prepare for the function of the evening. Towards seven-thirty 1920 made its approach and from then until eight o'clock a steady stream of Freshmen poured into Silliman Hall. Each was given a cordial welcome and made to feel perfectly at home, and formal introductions were dispensed with through the medium of a paper slip bearing the name and home city pinned to the lapel of each man's coat. After meeting classmates and faculty members the men settled down to an enjoyable evening, the fun beginning with a puzzle contest in which the names of various articles placed around the Hall were to be found. 1920 proved itself to be an adept at this game, and before few minutes had passed, the leaders were already well toward the end of their task.

This game was interrupted after a few minutes to allow President Richmond to speak, since he, with Mrs. Richmond, was obliged to leave early on account of previous engagements.

Dr. Richmond extended the greetings and good wishes of the faculty to 1920, and congratulated them on the good spirit shown in having such a large representation at the affair. He went on to say that it was his earnest hope that the spirit of the college would constantly grow more democratic, and that any excess feeling of clique or club would give way to the broader one of democracy. Continuing, he devoted his address to the Freshman class in particular, telling them of the interest which the faculty was taking in the best welfare of each and every student, and requesting

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1916.

(Issue Editor, S. W. Talbot)

Have you asked her? If yes—then this paragraph is not for you. But if you haven't we want to set forth a few reasons why you should get busy and invite her to the Sophomore Soiree. Let us consider it from both your standpoint and that of the college. In the first place, you cannot fail to have a good time, for a New York Orchestra with a reputation that secures for it the privilege of playing for Victrola records will furnish music, a well known caterer will furnish a supper par excellence, and the committee has evolved some new stunts for further heightening the enjoyment. Secondly, the teas and basketball games should make a two or three day stay sufficiently interesting for a young lady coming from a distance. Now for the standpoint of the college. The Soiree is one of the three social events of the year, and as such attains much prominence, both to ourselves and outsiders. News of it is very interesting. How much better it would be to report that "nearly the whole student body attended." Then, too, our visitors form their opinions of the affair, perhaps the only impression they get of Union. Their impressions are of no little importance in influencing new men to enter here. You see, our reputation is at stake—and bearing this in mind, with the knowledge that you cannot afford to miss such an opportunity for pleasure, why not take in the Sophomore Soiree?

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

In accordance with the recent decision of the Association Cabinet, Vesper Services will be held in Silliman Hall. It was decided to make this change, after a thorough discussion of the subject, in order to provide a more comfort-

able and informal manner and place of meeting. It is planned to hold the meetings in the form of a social group in one of the assembly rooms on the first floor.

The first meeting will be held in Silliman Hall next Sunday, when Dr. Ellery will address the gathering.

* * *

He toiled on the street for his daily bread,
Jostled and pushed by the surging throng.

"No one has time to watch," he said,

"Whether I choose the right or the wrong;
No one can be by me misled."

He chose the wrong, and thought no one cared;

But a child lost that day his ideal of strength;

A cynic sneered at the soul ensnared;

A weak man halted, faltered, at length

Followed him into the sin he had dared.

* * *

The longer I live, the more deeply am I convinced that that which makes the difference between one man and another—between the weak and powerful—is energy, a purpose once formed, and then death or victory. This quality will do anything that is to be done in the world; and no talents, no circumstances, no opportunities, will make one a man without it.—Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton.

ELECTED STATE SENATOR.

At the recent general election Frederick S. Randall, a former LeRoy man, son of the late Perry Randall, was elected State Senator from Nes Perce county, Idaho. Mr. Randall was elected on the Republican ticket, receiving 1,842 votes, while the Democratic nominee received 1,623 and the Progressive candidate 612 votes.

Mr. Randall a number of years ago practiced law in LeRoy and also served Genesee County as district attorney. Since going to Idaho he has been prominent in political circles and for the past two years had represented his county as assemblyman.

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The library is open for the use of all members of the faculty and student body of Union College and all are cordially invited to take advantage of its resources. The same regulations as regards department and silence which obtain in the General Library will be observed here. The room will be in charge of Miss Edna Bradt, who is the department clerk and librarian. The room will be open on Mondays to Fridays, inclusive, from 9-12 A. M. and 1:30-5:30 P. M., and on Saturdays, from 9:00-12:00 A. M.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY INITIATES TWO MEN

Morison '17, Reads Essay—Neophytes Severely Handled.

The Union College Chemical Society held a very interesting meeting and initiation services on the evening of Monday, November 27th. The candidates, Krusie and John, testified that the secret rites of the mystic circle required the passing of very severe tests. After a vigorous sand bath, the neophytes battled with the elements, and gained admission to the society by the initial velocity of free energy.

The color scheme involved orange, purple, and black; although the colors struggled with one another on the faces and the bodies of the initiates, there was really no discord and everybody was neutral.

After this inspiring series of performances, Ralph Morison '17 presented a paper on "The Nutritive Values of Shredded Wheat, Oat Meal and Corn Flakes."

The speaker for the next meeting will be Mr. William C. Arsem, of the Research Laboratory and the date December 11th.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

Owing to the fact that THE CONCORDIENSIS has not been published since November 27th there has been quite an accumulation of titles for the Dramatic Club's musical comedy since our last issue. We will reprint these for the convenience of our readers who are collecting them:

November 29th—"The Molasses Merchant."

December 1st—"The True, the Good, and the Beautiful."

December 4th—"Of the Sappy Sort."

December 6th—"Come to Balmy Land."

INTER-CLASS BASKETBALL SERIES TO START SOON

No Varsity Squad Member May Play.

The first round of the inter-class basketball series for the W. B. Joseph cup will be started December 18-22. Actual dates and drawings for the games will be announced later. Each class team will play two games with each other class team. Classes are urged to organize teams at once. A list of the varsity squad will be announced on Thursday, December 14th. No one on the varsity squad list may play in the inter-class games. This list may be revised after January 1st. Attention is called to the following rule of the Athletic Board governing inter-class contests:

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DR. DAVEY LECTURES AT SIGMA XI MEETING.

Speech Illustrated With "Movies"—More Lectures to Follow.

The first of a series of lectures given this year under the auspices of the Sigma Xi was delivered Monday evening, December 4th, in the Chemistry lecture room. The subject was "X-Rays and Their Applications in Medicine," and the speaker was Doctor Wheeler P. Davy of the Research Laboratory, General Electric Company.

About thirty slides and one moving picture film were used to illustrate the lecture. The film showed the work of a Roentgenologist in making an X-Ray diagnosis, and was exceedingly interesting to look at from a popular as well as from a medical standpoint.

About eighty members and friends of the local chapter of the Sigma Xi Society were in attendance, including a score of local physicians, members of the faculty of the Albany Medical College, and Union College students. There will be more lectures held from time to time in the chemistry lecture room to which Union College students will be welcome, and it is urged that the fellows take advantage of this means of adding to their educational equipment.

TO MEMBERS OF THE MUSICAL CLUBS.

Those members of the clubs who were entertained on the recent New York trip are requested to write a note of appreciation and thanks to their hosts for the good time shown them.

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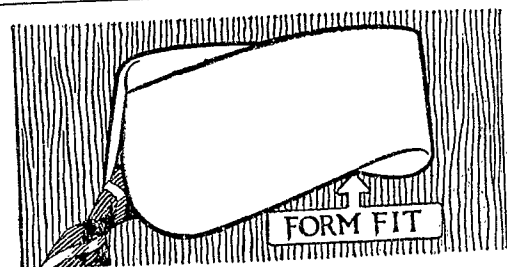
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royal welcome. The concert that night was a unique affair, in that the concert was given during the Thanksgiving dinner at the club. The entertainers gave numbers between courses of a sumptuous meal. The affair was quite informal and very much to the tastes of both entertainers and entertained. Too much cannot be said in praise of the Crescent A. C. and especially Mr. Ditmeyer, for the wonderful way in which the clubs were provided for.

From Brooklyn the clubs traveled through the Delaware Water Gap to Scranton where they were put up at the Jermyn Hotel. This was the nearest our representatives reached a Utopia, for they had but to order any thing and merely sign their names to the checks. The concert that evening was very well received, especially the "Marching Song," written by Homer Green, '76, at present residing in Scranton. That evening a dance was also given for the Union men, for which an eight-piece orchestra from the Strand supplied the music. The day was a great success, thanks to the efforts of Senator Catlin, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Williams and Mr. Reisinger, for they were the ones who made it so.

From Scranton to Binghamton was the next jump. Here the clubs were met by automobiles, and conveyed to the Monday Afternoon Club, where they were engaged in a dance. After what was conceded the best concert of the trip, another dance was given. Binghamton surely may boast of her pretty girls—and Lady Jane Grey's school for girls also enlivened the scene. Altogether the boys were sorry the end had come.

Great credit is due Manager Jones, not only for the trip he planned but also for the careful attention he gave to minor details of each man's comfort. It would have been difficult to do more.

Take in the Soiree.

FROSH GIVEN ROYAL EVENING TUESDAY

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them to remember this fact when they were inclined to question certain actions which might not at the time seem wise to them. He stated that the courses of study laid out were graded in such a way as to fit the talents and abilities of the average Freshman mind, and explained how the work would increase in difficulty and breadth as the minds of the students became trained and accustomed to higher grades of work. In conclusion, he congratulated the class on the good scholastic standing which it has thus far maintained, and urged it to keep up the struggle with the same perseverance and ambition which it had so far shown. He extended a welcome to each and every member of the class, requesting that they visit him when in need of assistance or information and closed by saying "I'm never too busy to see a Freshman."

Following President Richmond's address, the men returned to their pastimes, until "Bob" Faust called the time. The men then assembled in the reading room, and after comparing notes, decided the correct answers for the puzzle. It was found that about thirty had absolutely correct answers to all problems.

After a short talk by Bob Faust in which he welcomed the men in the name of the Association, the Donovan-Rowe Duo entertained by a clever novelty talking skit, which elicited great applause and several encores. Donovan and Rowe proved themselves to be entertainers par excellence, and their efforts were well received.

Mr. Imrie then introduced Dean Ripton who spoke of the new plan which the Association is to follow, to the effect that there is to be an active membership in the Association dependent upon signing the Association pledge and doing service in the work taken up during the year. Under the present system there are no recognized members except those who are already actively interested in

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Following Dean Ripton's address refreshments were served, and the affair closed with the singing of Alma Mater.

The success which attended the function is due in a great measure to the Social Service Committee, and to the officers of the Association. Associated with President Imrie and Mr. Faust and also an aid in the affair were Messrs. Bull, Williams, Newman, Clough, Buell, Kennedy, Green, Hawn and Chapman.

Those who received, and the ladies who assisted at the refreshment table were: Dr. and Mrs. Richmond, Dean Ripton and Miss Ripton, Mr. March and Miss March, Professor and Mrs. Garis, Professor and Mrs. Talor, Dr. and Mrs. Kellogg, Professor and Mrs. McKean, and Dr. Fobes.

H. Marcot '14 has been spending a few days at the Lambda Chi Alpha House on Union Street.

ARIZONA—After the Freshmen defeated the Sophomores at the University of Arizona, they were attacked and captured by the upperclassmen. Clippers were used promiscuously on the heads of all the Freshmen present at the little barber party, and then green paint was applied to the bald portions of the Frosh heads, as a hair-tonic, very likely.

IOWA—The pushball, which Coe College borrowed from the University of Iowa, exploded a short time before the contest between the warriors of the two underclasses was to take place.

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