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## SONGSTERS WILL BE IN TROY SATURDAY

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Prominent Troy People—  
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### NEW QUARTET FORMED

Next Concert Will Be Given Junior  
Week—Students Admitted  
Gratis.

The Union College Musical Clubs will give a concert at the East Side Club, Troy, next Saturday evening, January 27th. There will be dancing after the concert, and this feature alone is expected to draw many students. A special car will leave the waiting room at 6:30 Saturday evening for the accommodation of the club members and any students who may desire to accompany them on the trip. The patronesses for the affair are: Mrs. Philip S. Dorlon, Mrs. E. H. Cluett, Mrs. William Barker, Jr., Mrs. Walter F. Witman, Mrs. Fred W. Curtis, Mrs. R. O. Kennedy, Mrs. John T. Norton, Mrs. Jarvis P. O'Brien, Mrs. J. H. Woodhouse, Mrs. Albert S. Cox, Mrs. William N. Albee, Mrs. Alma M. Ide, Mrs. Frank Bayer, Mrs. Charles B. MacMurray, Mrs. Walter C. Coleman, Mrs. Charles Stone Dean, Mrs. M. Clark Milliman, Mrs. Dwight Marvin, Mrs. Sarah E. Sampson, Mrs. Donald B. Thompson, Mrs. A. H. Millard, Mrs. Albin E. Mambert and Mrs. Charles Connolly.

Talbot, who was ineligible for a time, is now able to take part in the activities of the club again.

A quartet is to be formed soon, which will be a feature of the concerts for the remainder of the season.

Manager Elliot V. Jones has announced that the next local concert will be held at the Edison Club on Thursday evening, February 8th. As at most of the concert, dancing will follow the entertainment, and since the event will occur during Junior Week it will no doubt be largely attended by students. Students of Union College will be admitted free to the concert.

To date no definite arrangements have been made regarding the long trip of the Musical clubs, but announcements will no doubt be forthcoming in the near future.

## CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT RECEIVES DYE EXHIBIT

The Department of Chemistry announces the receipt recently of an exhibit of drugs presented by the Norwich Pharmacal Company, including samples of herbs, roots, barks, crude alkaloids, crude and refined gums and resins, etc.

## PREXY AND DEAN ARE SPEAKERS AT SECOND Y. M. C. A. GET-TOGETHER

The Sophomore get-together took place Tuesday evening at Silliman Hall under the auspices of the College Y. M. C. A. The affair was a joyous occasion from the start, good cheer and class spirit being the watchword of the evening. The class was well represented, although many of the men were prevented from joining in the festivities until the latter part of the evening by other conflicting engagements.

Shortly after eight o'clock, Bob Faust called the meeting to order, and introduced President Richmond as the first speaker. Dr. Richmond prefaced his remarks by calling to mind that the evening was the anniversary of a trust which had come to him just eight years ago, the presidency of Union College. "With the greatest sincerity I can say," he continued, "that the happiest occasion in my life was when I was elected to the presidency. During these years the president declared that he could trace a decided improvement in the college in every way. 'At present we have a strong, solid, united college. Our enrollment has practically doubled itself in these years, the enrollment in 1911 being 273, while this year it totals 548. The expenses have increased, the salaries of the members of the faculty raised but I am happy to say that always the income has kept pace with the expense account.'"

Dr. Richmond said that the day had another significance in that the gift of Melville Hanna to be used in rebuilding Washburn Hall for a general recreation room for the students, was acknowledged by the Board of Trustees.

Coming to his main theme President Richmond issued an appeal to the men to encourage and develop fraternal spirit throughout the entire class. The fraternal spirit in the fraternities has been worked out to a large extent at Union and the next thing is to work in a class fraternal spirit. "Remember this that the proper study of mankind is man. Understand men, cultivate that faculty of dealing with human nature. This is one of the most valuable assets that can be acquired in college."

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## BOWLING LEAGUE FORMED BY LOTS

Time for Games to Be Determined  
Upon Soon.

The Interfraternity conference has arranged a new division in the Bowling League for this season. Since some men were dissatisfied with the old arrangement based on the age of the fraternities the leagues were decided this year by lot. Each league consists of six teams and each team plays five games, one with each of the other teams in the league. The winner of each league bowl for the cup which the proprietor of the alleys will give. The division of the fraternities and the schedule for the first round is as follows:

League No. 1.—Chi Psi, Delta Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Psi Upsilon, Pyramid Club, Sigma Phi.

League No. 2.—Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Upsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Alpha, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta.

The schedule for the first round: League No. 1: Psi Upsilon vs. Chi Psi; Phi Delta Theta vs. Pyramid Club; Delta Phi vs. Sigma Phi.

League No. 2.—Beta Theta Pi vs. Phi Gamma Delta; Delta Upsilon vs. Lambda Chi Alpha; Kappa Alpha vs. Alpha Delta Phi.

Whether any games will be rolled before the beginning of the next semester will be decided at the next meeting of the conference.

## WILLIAM J. KLINE, '72, ENTERTAINS ALUMNI

Fred L. Carroll, '90, Elected  
President of Montgomery and  
Fulton Counties Association.

William J. Kline, '72, retiring President of the Alumni Association of Fulton and Montgomery Counties, entertained about fifty of its members at Amsterdam on Thursday. The guests attended a moving picture show where films of last year's Commencement exercises were shown. The alumni then dined at Mr. Kline's home.

Dr. Richmond, Prof. Bennett, and Mr. Waldron represented the college. Prexy reported on the tremendous progress which Union has made in the past fifteen years. In 1901 the income of the college was \$26,000, for the present year it is \$160,000.

Frank Burton, '83, spoke of the impressions which had been made upon him by the meetings of the Board of Trustees and of the Graduate Council as representative of the organization and management of the college.

Fred L. Carroll, '90, was elected President for the ensuing year. Johnny Bennett was given an opportunity to remark that it was "an auspicious occasion." Several other alumni spoke.

## FRED T. DAWSON RESIGNS POST

Will Take up Duties of General  
Coach of Freshman Athletics  
at Princeton.

### WILL BE MISSED.

Has Had Remarkable Success  
With Teams Here.

At the meeting of the Athletic Board Wednesday evening, the resignation of Fred T. Dawson, Union's head athletic coach, was considered and referred to the executive committee with power to act.

The report is that Fred Dawson has given up his position here to become head coach of Freshman athletics at Princeton. It is not known at what time Fred will take up his new duties, but Princeton is making every effort to have him there for Spring baseball.

Dawson has been coach here for nearly five years and his successful teams have proven his ability as an organizer. The offer, a signal honor, comes as a recognition of this ability. He graduated from Princeton in 1910, having been captain of the 'varsity baseball team and playing back on the 'varsity eleven. He came to Union in 1912, becoming general athletic coach, and his influence was felt immediately. The baseball, basketball and football seasons were marked successes under his supervision.

It is understood that Dawson will become one of the assistant football coaches at Princeton as well as general coach of Freshman athletics, a new position created there for the purpose of further developing first year material.

During the time he has been here, Fred has made many friends, and it goes without saying that he will be missed, for he was a good fellow as well as a good coach. That he is popular at Princeton is evidenced by the fact that he is now president of his class. Fred has made rapid progress ever since his graduation, and his chances in the future are bigger and better than ever before.

## CALENDAR.

### Friday.

3:30—Adelphic Society try-outs.  
4:30—Track practice.  
7:00—Mandolin Club rehearsal.  
8:00—Ukulele Club rehearsal.

### Saturday.

2:00—Dramatic Club rehearsal.  
8:00—Union vs. Amherst, at Amherst, Mass.

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## SO LONG, FRED.

The Athletic Board has announced Fred Dawson's resignation of his position as varsity coach. He is going to Princeton, his alma mater, to take up the duties of supervisor of Freshman athletics, a place of responsibility and honor in the life of the university.

For four years, we believe, Union has meant a lot to Fred—a lot in more ways than one. We believe that the college has meant more to him than his bread; more than a path to experience; more than the establishment of a worthy reputation; more than the winning of a few trophies. We believe it means to Fred just about what it means to an undergraduate; that Union has got a little bit into his esteem—a little bit into his character—a little bit into his memory—and into his heart.

Fred has certainly got into our hearts. The man who has taken teams in three sports through four turbulent years deserves—and has received—not only admiration, but affection. Year in, year out, Fred has stood for the best things—in athletics and in life—he has not flinched, he has not knuckled under, he has not compromised. We need not rehearse here Union's record during the past four years—though it marks the high water mark of athletic brilliance in the history of the college. For that record, Fred Dawson, as coach and as man, is largely responsible.

And now he is going home . . . Union, to be sure, is only a step in Fred's career. There are bigger colleges, bigger athletic opportunities—from the coach's point of view—than here. But he can't forget us, any more than we can forget him. So we claim a part of Fred Dawson, the good sportsman, the good coach, the good fellow.

Some Spring soon, Fred, when the track managers are dismally pulling the roller round Alexander Field, and the baseball squad is working out, come back to us for a few days and bust out some fungoes over against the terrace; and some crisp Fall afternoon, when it's almost dark, come back and listen to the scratch of the moleskins—and watch 'em charge (till it's so dark they have to put in the white ball). We'll be darn glad to see you.

Meanwhile — so long, Fred! Here's luck!

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Editor of THE CONCORDIENSIS:

The basketball team demonstrated on last Saturday night to all concerned that they could overcome what seemed to be a "slump." If such a new spurt on their behalf is permanent, we can not say at this early date, but what we can hope for is a new spurt on behalf of the student body.

When the team played R. P. I. it was not only the Rensselaer team that defeated them, but the students of Union College. The hopeless effort of twenty-five rooters against a student body the size of R. P. I. might be compared to a race between a row-boat and a gasoline launch—there is nothing to compare. The team played a hard game, but with all odds against them. We could not expect a different story. Those men in college who have been finding so much fault with the team were resumably the ones who were at Troy?

The game against St. Lawrence was marred by the selfish viewpoint of the men on the bleachers. Up to two years ago, the attitude of Union undergraduates at games had won the praise of many an opponent. Such may be true today, but the praise is small and is rapidly turning into criticism. When a man comes to the game and does nothing more than find fault, "crab" (for crabbing it is,) and indulge in open and loud personal remarks against the men on the floor, it is no wonder that they sometimes are discouraged. It is a wonder if they can play at all. Put yourselves in imagination in their shoes (for imagination is essential) and think of how such "casual" remarks might effect you.

Organized cheering, the glad handclap and the encouraging remark will help to win a victory, rather than hissing, gloomy countenances, and slurring remarks. Let's act like other Union College men have acted! Let's keep a tradition and custom that is respected.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ TOR.

## PHILOMATHEAN SELECTS DEBATE TEAM

At the try-outs of the Philomathean Society, held Wednesday afternoon, Jacob M. Frankel, David F. Chapman, Leslie S. Uphoff and William M. Watts were chosen to uphold the negative in the debate with the Adelpic Society to be held in the near future.

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### Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

"Reeve" Embree '16, former president of the local association, will leave shortly for Sierra Leone, Africa, where he will engage in practical missionary work under the International Y. M. C. A. It is probable that he will have a teaching position for some time, and will gradually work into Central Africa.

Sunday's vesper service will be addressed by Dr. Noble.

The vesper service committee is making arrangements to have a series of unusually fine addresses during the coming months. The speakers will be men of known repute, and the lectures are sure to prove interesting. Further details will be announced later.

### POSSIBLY UNION!

Harvard is said to be ready to re-establish basketball as an intercollegiate sport and apply for admission to the Intercollegiate Basketball League, of which it was a member until the spring of 1907. No official announcement has been made, but officers of the league have been working quietly for several years to have Harvard take up the game once more and another season will probably see Harvard once again represented.

A re-organization of the league, whether Harvard rejoins again or not seems very probable, as Dartmouth is apparently ready to drop out and seek to re-establish the old New England Intercollegiate League. This league would include Dartmouth, Williams, Amherst, Wesleyan, and possibly Union.—Brown Herald.

Yale—Nicholls will return to this country the latter part of next month to resume his position as head coach of the Yale crew. He had intended working in a munition factory in England, but illness presented this.

### TRUSTEES ACKNOWLEDGE HANNA GIFT.

General Specifications of New Room Also Given Out.

The Board of Trustees last Tuesday formally acknowledged the \$10,000 gift of H. Melville Hanna.

The entire amount will be used in remodeling and furnishing the central portion of Washburn Hall. The plans have been drawn up, and call for the removal of the whole second floor, thus giving a room thirty-five feet wide and seventy feet long. The ceiling will be thirty-five feet high, and it is planned to have a wainscoting on the walls about twenty feet high. The furnishings will be of the best material procurable, and it is expected to be a very beautiful room. There was no general committee appointed to take charge of the work, the arrangements being left entirely in the hands of President Richmond.

### 'JIMMY' MUDGE SOON WILL BE ON COURT

"Jimmy" Mudge, who has been unable to play basketball this year on account of an injured leg, is getting into form again and will probably be back in the game shortly after exams. "Jimmy" has for two years been on the 'varsity basketball team.

Just before the close of the football season he received a serious injury to his leg on account of which he was forced to resort to crutches. However, recently, "Jimmy" has been seen practicing in the gym. The popular hope is, that he will be able to participate in the game shortly after exams.

'19—"I managed to get drunk on cider last night."  
'16—"You must have found it rather hard."—Orange Peel.

## NAVY'S USE DEVELOPED BY PROF. W. L. CATHCART

A I. E. E. Lecture in Gym Friday Attracts Big Gathering.

Last Friday night Prof. William L. Cathcart, of Philadelphia, spoke under the auspices of the A. I. E. E. concerning the need of a greater navy. The gymnasium was crowded with students and members of the scientific and engineering bodies of the city. After paying tribute to Admiral Dewey as one of the greatest naval leaders in the world, Professor Cathcart spoke in part as follows:

"The submarine is overestimated. Because conditions for their operation were ideal in the North Sea, they have been an important factor in this war." The spectacular deadliness of the submarine, he claimed, gives an impression of undue value as a fighting craft.

"There are four important reasons why the navy should be enlarged: First, the United States possesses unequalled wealth and is the most vulnerable and ill-defended of all great powers; second, that our territory is immense; third, the factor of distances to be covered by our navy which are from three to twenty times greater than those in Europe; and fourth, that the United States navy is really a Disunited States navy, since we have two widely separated coasts, linked by a canal which may fail in a crisis, either by slides or treacherous or direct attack with high explosives on its locks."

In continuing his talk Prof. Cathcart spoke very highly of the electric drive of the battle cruisers in the development of which W. L. R. Emmet of the General Electric Company has done so much.

He further pointed out that our chief navy yards lie within an air line distance of 500 miles, although our Atlantic and Gulf coasts are more than 3,000 miles long. If an enemy could gain control of these 500 miles of coast, our fleet would be homeless. Since no invasion of our eastern coast is possible until our fleet has first been put out of reckoning, the enemy would first try to eliminate our fleet. They would probably endeavor to force action where our naval strength is most vulnerable, that is off Cuba, where our ships would be more than 1,200 miles from their home base.

And, finally, "What this republic has to fear is not the 'Yellow Peril,' but the 'American Peril'—the uncomprehensible ignorance of and the careless indifference to the noble future which the God of nations offers us in the Pacific Ocean. If national duty and national pride can not stir our Congress it should be spurred to action by the huge loss of material advantages to this nation. It should be remembered that the little England of Elizabeth's day has been expanded to the vast British Empire of our time by her overseas possessions and by a dominating fleet."

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lege or without. I am hoping that with the opening of the new recreation hall in Washburn Hall this 'study' may be developed on a much greater scale, that the social side of college life at Union may aid in developing this important faculty."

Dean Ripton was the next speaker. After commenting on the decided improvement of the college under the jurisdiction of the present president on which subject he declared that he could speak with added weight as he had been at Union before Dr. Richmond took up the duties of president, the Dean declared that he wanted to see the Young Men's Christian Association assume a more active part in the College life. It seems that the enrollment of membership of the organization consisted of those who had contributed to its support. But under the new system the membership will consist of an organization of those interested in Y. M. C. A. work. The Dean went on to explain the meaning of what enrollment in this work would be to the student and to the college. "The purpose of the association is to develop a Christian life in college, and this is perhaps one of the most important duties of a college man and college men in general."

Dean Ripton was given warm applause.

After him John Imrie spoke of the pledge cards which were passed around and the signing of

which enrolled the signer in the association. He urged the men to consider well before they signed the meaning of the pledge and whether they could live up to it. These pledges had been previously passed to the Freshmen and finally were to find their way into the hands of each Union man. Many of the men present signed.

Following the close of Imrie's remarks, eats were served by the refreshment committee. The evening was closed by the singing of Alma Mater lead by Hugh Williams. Associated with "Bob" Faust, the men who helped to make the evening a success on the Social Service Committee were President Imrie, Bull, Williams, Chapman, Newman, Buell, Kennedy, Clough, Green and Hawn.

Those who received and the ladies who assisted at the tables were: Dr. and Mrs. Richmond, Dean Ripton and Miss Ruth Ripton, Prof. and Mrs. McKean, Dr. and Mrs. Ellery, Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman, Prof. and Mrs. Taylor, Prof. and Mrs. Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Huntley, Mr. and Mrs. Sayre, and Mr. Whipple.

### CHEMICAL SOCIETY HOLDS INFORMAL MEETING

The Union College Chemical Society held a regular meeting Monday evening, January 22d with Professor A. J. Salathe in the North Section, North College. The meeting was of a current topic, social nature. Interesting points of progress along chemical lines were discussed freely by the members, and refreshments were served at the end of the meeting.

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### DR. MAVOR LECTURES ON FOOD FISHES

Their Habits, Productivity, and Distribution Form Interesting Topic.

The regular monthly meeting of the Sigma Xi Society was held Monday evening in the lecture room of the Electrical Laboratory. Doctor Mavor was the speaker of the evening, and lectured on "The Economic Investigation of Food Fishes." Before coming to Union College, Doctor Mavor was commissioned by the Canadian government to study the distribution and productivity of food fishes in the north Atlantic fishing fields, and his lecture Monday evening showed in a most interesting way some of the results of the investigation.

The methods of study, the instruments, the effect of temperature on food fishes, the location of cool currents, and the periodicity of abundant years were clearly and ably shown. The evening was one of the most interesting of the many which the Sigma Xi Society offers its members and the public.

The February meeting of the Society is scheduled for Monday evening, February 19, at which time Professor McDaniel will give some of the results of his investigations in Illinois in "The Efficiency of Building Construction Methods."

### FOUR MEN ELECTED INTO RADIO CLUB

The Union College Radio Club adopted a new constitution at its monthly meeting, held last Tuesday. Four new active members were elected into the organization, Raymond G. Urban, David B. Little, Francis M. Perry, and Edward H. Hall. Thirteen men were also proposed as associate members.

The club is at present building a new receiving set for wireless, which is nearing completion, and is hoped will be a further advance in the science.

### UNION GRADUATES FORGING AHEAD

Mudge '14 is Chemistry Professor at Albright College.

Warren 'C. Vosburgh, 1914, David J. Beaver, 1915, Jacob Beaver, 1915, are doing themselves and Union proud at the graduate school of Columbia University. They are doing Chemistry in the School of Pure Science and have registered for the Ph. D. degree. Mr. Vosburgh read a paper at the New York meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in December. William A. Mudge, 1914, was the first Union man in recent years to do graduate work in Columbia in Chemistry. He received the A. M. degree in 1915 and was highly recommended by Professors Sherman and Alexander Smith for the position he now holds—Professor of Chemistry at Albright College in Myerstown, Pa.

Harvard — Twenty-five Harvard students will sail for France on the steamer Chicago February 17 to observe in the American Ambulance corps, it was announced recently. Richard C. Harte of Philadelphia, the star baseball and football player, has announced his intention of going with another contingent in June.

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