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SECOND HALF SENDS SCORE SKY-HOOTING

Union Picks Up After First
Half and Wins.

SHOOTING IS FAULTY.

The Work of Garnet Over-Tops
Opponents'—Both Sides
Foul Frequently.

After it had taken the first half of the game last night for the Union team to establish close relations with the basket, the Garnet players broke away in the second half and ran the score up by repeated baskets to 36-19 against Clarkson Tech. Many points were made on fouls, both sides benefiting to a considerable degree by its opponent's violations of the rules. The Union men from the first showed speed and aggressiveness, but they lost many points because they could not plant the ball inside the rim, even on short shots. The Clarkson team had lost the night before to Colgate by the score 32-27, Colgate standing in danger of losing up to the last few minutes when they rallied for a grand finale which sent their tally over the top.

At twelve minutes after eight o'clock the game was called and Captain Yavits broke through for the first field basket and score when the ball had been in play but a few minutes. Union's superior pass-work did not avail to keep the ball from Carroll, who followed Yavits' shot with a basket. The tie was broken by Thompson who dropped the ball on a foul. Yavits soon tied it up again, on a foul.

A foul on Collins gave Clarkson another point and Yavits missed the basket when he tried after a foul on Clarkson. The ball stayed in Union's hands, but they failed several times to connect. However, after more fouls had been called but no baskets caged, Collins interrupted a pass and landed a basket, executing the trick in pretty style.

After more fouling, Collins scored again on a pass from Jones. Throughout the game Jones was always on deck, and his dashing interference was one of the elements of Union's strength.

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CALENDAR.

Tonight:

8:00—Combined Musical Clubs concert in gymnasium. Dancing afterwards.

8:15—Meeting of Chemical Society in Chemistry laboratory.

Saturday.

Interfraternity basketball: Chi Psi. vs. Phi Delta Theta; Alpha Delta Phi. vs. Delta Upsilon; Delta Phi. vs. Sigma Phi.

8:00—State College for Teachers. vs. Union in gymnasium. Dancing afterwards.

FRATERNITY MEMBERS MUST PAY TEN PER CENT. OF DUES UNDER WAR REVENUE BILL

At the annual meeting of the National Inter-Fraternity Conference held in New York city, Saturday, December 1, the legal committee of the Conference reported that fraternity members are liable for the ten per cent. tax levied on club dues by the war revenue law. The law provides that all members of social clubs or similar organizations not of a beneficiary nature shall pay ten per cent. on all dues. College fraternities, according to the committee and also

according to the federal officials, are social organizations within the meaning of the statute and therefore members of fraternities must pay the tax. Fraternity treasurers will be required to furnish a report to the revenue officers showing the amount of dues collected and from whom they are received, but the members themselves will be held responsible for the payment of the tax. Proper blanks for making these reports may be obtained from the Treasury Department.

BOARD ACTS TO SAFE- GUARD MONEY CHESTS

Publication Board Appoints
Junior Concordy Manager
and Adopts Amendments.

The publication Board at a meeting yesterday afternoon elected Hartman, '19, Circulation Manager of THE CONCORDIENSIS and A. B. Dougall, '19, Advertising Manager. This action resulted from the fact that both Bunyan ex-'19, and Baird ex-'19 have entered the army so that no Juniors were on the business board of the paper from whom a business manager for next year could be picked. Hartman tried out for assistant manager last year and Dougall has been hitherto an Associate Editor.

McGarty, '19, manager of The Garnet, at this meeting presented the bids which he has received for printing and binding the Garnet, and by a vote of the Board ratifying his recommendations, the contract was awarded to the Eagle Publishing Co., of Pittsfield, Mass.

Four amendments to the by-laws of the Board were adopted and will be submitted to the student body for approval at the next student meeting. These amendments concern the custody and disposition of the funds of THE CONCORDIENSIS and Garnet. It is provided that the profits of THE CONCORDIENSIS, if any, shall be divided between the business manager, the editor-in-chief and the Publication Board, the manager and editor each to receive forty per cent., and the Board the remaining twenty per cent.

The other amendments are intended to co-ordinate the treasury departments of the Garnet and THE CONCORDIENSIS. The manager of each publication, under the by-laws as amended will turn over all funds to the treasurer of the Board who will check out money on the approval of bills by the managers and the auditing committee of the Board.

Article I, Section 5, which reads, "Beginning with the year 1912-13 the business manager shall at the close of the year receive of the profits the first \$50.00, and 20 per cent. of all

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SOPHS' SCRUB TEAM HAS EYES ON TROPHY

First of Inter-Class Contests
Will Be Played Next
Week.

The schedule of the inter-class basketball games has not been arranged as yet, although Dr. MacComber states that one game at least will be played next week. The schedule has to be made in such a manner that it will not conflict with varsity practice, inter-fraternity games, military drills, and other times when the gymnasium is being used.

The Seniors were out in force, and had a practice game, Thursday afternoon, and a number of the Sophomore team were also out. The Freshmen had a large squad out earlier in the afternoon, and had a short scrimmage. This year, competition will be keen. A new trophy will be at stake, and the Sophomore team, which has been playing against the varsity, hopes to take first honors.

As the rules of basketball are slightly different from those of last year, it is advisable for the members of the different teams to hunt up a rule-book and study the contents diligently, as it is rumored that the referee this year intends to call fouls on the slightest pretext.

CHEMISTS HOLD TWO MEETINGS TO HEAR PAPERS.

The annual meeting of the Section of Eastern New York of the American Chemical Society will occur Friday evening, December 14, at 8:15, in the Chemistry building. Mr. W. C. White of the Research Laboratory of the General Electric Company will treat the subject, "Hot Cathode Relay Tubes and Their Application to Electric Circuits." Invitation is extended to all students to attend the lecture, especially those in the chemistry courses.

On Monday evening at 8:00 p. m., the Chemical Society will meet in the laboratory. At this meeting Van Ness Philip will read a paper on "Colloids," and J. W. Van Loan will talk on the "Fixation of Atmospheric Nitrogen."

WARS FOR GOOD, RIGHT, SAYS DEAN RIPTON

Attitude of Nations Should Be
Corrective Only.

SHOULD WE TURN CHEEK?

Dean Reconciles Doctrine of
Love and Punishment of
Wrong-Doers.

Dean Ripton, in the fourth lecture on the sermon on the Mount, delivered in chapel yesterday, spoke on the "Doctrine of Non-Resistance," explaining its real meaning and value, and discussing the question of how literally it should be interpreted. The speaker portrayed two sides of Christ's character, his meekness and his outspokenness, and explained the apparently opposing elements by showing that the Saviour taught meekness and humility and love toward one's fellowman, but boldness and courage and severe punishment against the evil in man.

The emphasis of the Dean's talk fell upon the doctrine of "love thine enemy" as applied to states and the wars of states. He declared that if a man is a Christian, believing in the Christian doctrine of love toward all beings, his aim should be the growth of his government toward this supreme word of Jesus. Carrying this idea further, Dean Ripton showed that states, by following the teaching of Christ would wage wars for worthy ends only, and with no hatred or injurious intent toward the enemy. Such a course would justify wars, is justifying this present war, and has ennobled our own Civil War, particularly through the influence of Abraham Lincoln's guiding thought of "malice toward none and charity for all."

Dean Ripton commenced his discussion by quoting as his text a passage from Matt. 5:38-42, in which Jesus says, "I say to ye, ye shall not resist him that is evil. When a man smite thee on the right cheek, then turn to him the left also." The question before us, said the Dean, is whether we should take this passage literally. It is difficult to answer that point, although men, such as Tolstoi and William Penn have advocated an implicit obedience and faith in the first, most evident meaning. The speaker then went on to quote passages, referring to Jesus's meek and unresisting attitude toward His persecutors, both at His arrest, when He reproved Peter for attempting resistance, and at His trial, when He showed remarkable forbearance and self-control. These quotations, as the speaker noted, show but one aspect of the character of the Lord. Other passages, in which Jesus declares that His mission is "not peace but the sword," and that He has come "to set father against son,"

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1917.

Terrace Councilman Explains Council's Motives.

Editor of the CONCORDIENSIS:

In the Concordiensis of Dec. 10th, there appeared an article written by a student conjecturing the motives of the Terrace Council for not electing new members at the present time to take the places of those who have left college to enter the service.

After the Terrace Council has once been formed and the elective members chosen by the Student Body, any new addition must be brought about through some action of the Terrace Council.

Election to the Terrace Council has always been of course an honor. There are still four of the ten members composing the 1918 Terrace Council, in college. One third of the year has gone by and student life and activities are well under way. The four members of the Terrace Council remaining in college feel that they can carry on the work of the Terrace Council at present, now that it is well under way. If there is no real necessity in such an election now, there surely would be little honor connected with it.

There will perhaps arise before the end of the collegiate year, conditions which will necessitate another election. In such case the election of more members will be accompanied with the honor that is due it.

Sincerely yours,
PIERRE HOAG,
President of the Terrace Council.

BLOOD ON THE MOON WHEN IDOL GETS DOSE OF CLARET.

Contrary to the custom of allowing the Idol to remain until Moving-Up Day whatever hue the end of the fall Idol scrap found it, last Wednesday night there was an outbreak of some colorful spirits who gave it a coat of vermilion. What was the purpose of changing the pigmentation no one seems to know, but the Sophs say that they know at whose instigation it was done, and they further utter ugly threats to be fulfilled whenever the wielders of the paint brush are discovered.

UNION MAN PREMIER OF U.S. BRIDGE BUILDERS

Prof. Sayre in Monthly Writes on Important Alumnus.

SQUIRE WHIPPLE, U. C., '30.

His Contributions to Science of Metallic Bridge Building Mark Epoch in Engineering.

(From an Article in Union Alumni Monthly for December)

By Prof. Sayre.

To the writer—not a graduate of Union College, but now a member of its faculty—a surprising thing has been the way in which some of Union's distinguished sons have been forgotten. An instance occurs in the case of the only American among seven men recently named by an engineering magazine as marking the "Milestones of Engineering Science"; Sir Isaac Newton, Leonard Euler, Thomas Young, Squire Whipple, Julius Weisbach, W. J. M. Rankine, and W. Cawthorne Unwin.

Last summer I had occasion to refer to two of Mr. Whipple's books in the College Library. One had been in Prof. Gillespie's library and had his autograph, as have so many of our older engineering books. In the other, in the author's own handwriting, I found the inscription, "To Union College: This little Appendix was printed by the author, S. Whipple, U. C., 1830." This was my first intimation that he had been a Union graduate, and this article is written in the belief that others may be as interested as I.

Mr. Squire Whipple (Squire is a personal name and not a title) was included in this list because of his work in the field of bridge design. Trussed bridges and trussed frames in buildings, date back for centuries, but for centuries, with the exception of a few efforts by Leonardo da Vinci and by Palladio, a later Italian, 1518-1580, each design was empirical and each part put in to "look strong enough" to the experienced eye of the designer. Most trusses, in fact, were so shaped as to render the stresses indeterminate, uncertain even in the light of our present knowledge. Thus, for the first American timber bridges, combined arch and truss frames were built up, as for the first Scotia bridge, built in 1809, and many others in New York and Pennsylvania, or the truss itself was curved and braced at the abutments, as in designs by Timothy Palmer or Lewis Wernwag. Elaborate trusses of similar types were used in cathedrals in Europe or in a few places in this country. These designs were true feats of engineering skill, but each design was necessarily a fresh guess, with no way to determine beforehand its real strength.

This lack of definite information was a serious enough handicap in the days of wooden bridges and light loads; but the situation would have become intolerable with steel trusses and our modern heavy loads. A little book by Whipple, a 120 page duodecimo with a title almost larger than the book: "A Work on Bridge Building, consisting of two essays, the one Elementary and General, the

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other giving Original Plans and Practical Details for Iron and Wooden Bridges," published in Utica in 1847, was the first work either in Europe or America to point the way to the modern type of bridge or roof trusses and to show how the maximum stresses in each part could be found, under either fixed or moving loads. His methods of computation were general, and his reasoning logical, and this book has served as a foundation for our larger books of today.

William H. Burr, J. B. Johnson, Theodore Cooper, and A. P. Boller, of our modern designers and builders have each given him credit as the "Father of American Bridge Building."

A brief review of his life may be of interest. He was born in Hardwick, Mass., September 16, 1804, and lived there until 1817, when the family moved to Springfield, Otsego County, New York. Here the son worked on the farm in the summer and taught school in the winter. During 1822-1828 he attended the academies in the neighborhood and then in 1829 entered the senior class at Union College, receiving his A. B. degree in July, 1830. The College (Continued on Page 3)

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records of that period are scanty, and give scarcely more than the bare record of these facts. After graduating he worked as a rodman, and then as a leveler for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. After two years he returned to Utica, N. Y., and most of his time for the next few years was employed on surveys in connection with the enlargement of the Erie Canal. Between 1836 and 1850, he also engaged on surveys for half a dozen other projected railways and canals.

His special interest, however, lay not in field practice, but in the design and analysis of mechanical contrivances; and during his intervals of leisure he manufactured about 25 leveling instruments and several transits. In 1840 he brought out his first patent in the form of a weighing lock for weighing canal boats of from 200 to 300 tons. This worked satisfactorily, and was adopted for use on the Erie Canal. His first patent for a bridge truss was taken out on April 24, 1841. The description in the patent is meager, but the truss there described seems to have been somewhat similar in shape to his later "Whipple Truss," with cast iron compression members, and wrought iron for tension. The top chord was pin-connected, the bottom chord being held together by connection to the cast iron floor beam. He built a number of these bridges, of 70 to 100 ft. span, over the Erie Canal and these constituted a large ma-

jority of the fifty iron bridges built in the United States prior to 1850. His "Whipple Truss" is described in his book on bridge building in 1847; and in 1852 and 1853 he built a number of railroad bridges of this type in New York State, the largest one being one of 146 ft. span near West Troy, which stayed in use till 1882. Mr. Whipple's main interest, however, never lay in the commercial field, and he later disposed of his patent to John W. Murphy, who built a number of "Murphy-Whipple" trusses in Pennsylvania.

His "Work on Bridge Building" was privately printed, and never circulated through book stores. Naturally it took some time for the book to make its impression on American

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bridge building, but its fame gradually increased. In 1868, though not previously connected with the Society Squire Whipple was elected an honorary member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The demand for his book was now large enough to justify a second edition, and also an appendix, both being printed by the author himself from type set with his own hands. A third edition came out in 1872 and a fourth in 1883. After being elected a member, he contributed frequently to the Proceedings of the American Society of Civil Engineers. I find also a letter from him in the Engineering News, of April 7, 1883, furnished by request of the editor, describing the truss at West Troy, which he had built thirty years before, and which had just been taken down.

One reason why he did not become better known was because of his retiring disposition. All through his life he seems to have been much more interested in his mechanical experiments and his study and the company of a few intimate friends than in any commercial work. He had a strong aversion to violence of any kind, including the taking of animal life for food, and had but scant desire for worldly possessions. Much of his personality is revealed in his "Way to Happiness," published in 1847. This little book, by the way, is well worth reading, both for its clear logic and for its queer reminders of the days before the high cost of living, when families of five could cover all expenses on \$200.00 per year, yet when some families spent in extravagant living, \$600, \$800 and even \$1,000 per year, to use Whipple's words. That he became known in spite of his modesty argues well for Mr. Whipple's real worth.

About the time of the Civil War, Mr. Whipple moved from Utica to Albany. He died March 15, 1888, at the goodly age of 84, leaving a widow but no children. A memoir prepared by David McNeely Stauffer, then co-editor with A. M. Wellington of the Engineering News, will be found both in that paper and in Volume 36, of the transactions of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The article in the Engineering News includes also a full page portrait of Mr. Whipple.

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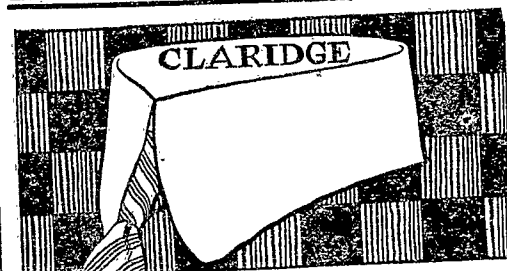
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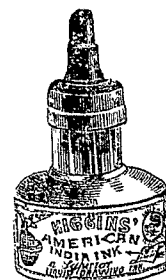
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The half ended with Union two points in the lead, the score being 10-8 in their favor. Union had made three personal fouls, and two technical fouls. Clarkson two and four respectively.

McDonald went in the second half to play left forward for Clarkson in place of Crowler. Jones soon scored on a play down the floor, and on a similar play Collins made two points more and Yavits followed him with another basket. They were off. Both sides guarded closely, but Union's pass work continued to shine. G. Brucker scored for Union and Roach got one in for Clarkson from under the basket. Union spit fire to see their adversaries tally, and became more aggressive.

Peaslee was sent in for Yavits when nine minutes of play were left. Collins added to his laurels by slipping another in from under the basket, and after several fouls and an unsuccessful try by Collins, J. Brucker caught the ball on a pretty pass and caged it. Peaslee immediately followed with two points more. Wilson dropped the ball in from under the basket and after scrimmage Jones dropped it in for Union.

In the final moments basket followed basket in quick succession, Thompson and McDonald sending Clarkson's score up to 19 and Collins, Peaslee and J. Brucker surging ahead for Union.

UNION	CLARKSON TECH.
Yavits.....	Roach
	Left Guard
Jones.....	Carroll
	Center
Collins.....	Thompson
	Right Forward
J. Brucker.....	Crowler
	Left Forward
G. Brucker.....	Wilson
	Right Guard
Field Baskets: Clarkson: McDonald 4, Thompson 2, Roach 1, Wilson 1. Union: J. Brucher 2, Collins 4, Jones 3, Yavits 1, G. Brucher 2, Peaslee 2.	
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additional profits," is amended to read:

"Beginning with the year 1917-18 the business manager and the editor-in-chief, shall, at the close of the year receive eighty per centum of the profits, if any, share and share alike, and the remaining twenty per centum shall be retained by the treasurer to be at the disposal of the succeeding board."

Article III, Section 9, which reads, "Each business manager shall deposit in the bank in the name of his publication all moneys received by him and shall pay all bills by check," is amended to read:

"Beginning with the year 1918-19 each business manager shall collect and deposit promptly with the treasurer all money due the publication of which he is manager.

Article III, Section 10, which reads, "The treasurer of the Board shall deposit in the bank in the name of the Board all moneys received by him and shall pay all bills by check," is amended to read:

"The treasurer of the Board shall deposit in the bank all moneys received by him, the ledger accounts of each publication to be kept separately, and shall pay all bills by check, upon the approval of the business manager of the publication against which the bill is a charge, or upon the approval of the auditing committee provided for in Article III, Section 1."

(Article III, Section 1, provides: "The Board shall elect an auditing committee of two members whose duty it shall be to audit all accounts of the business managers and ascertain from time to time whether they are conducting their departments in a business like manner.")

Article III, Section 6, which reads, "The treasurer under the direction of the Board may advance money to the business manager as occasion may demand," is amended to read:

"The treasurer under the direction of the Board shall advance money to the business manager upon the approval of the auditing committee. Before giving such approval the auditing committee shall require the business manager to render an approved report of the amount he last received under this section."

Alumnus Assemblyman.

A. Edgar Davies, '08, was elected to the Assembly from the second district at the last election.

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were read as illustrations of the positive, outspoken attitude of Christ, uncompromising between things right and wrong, and firm in the belief that a man must take sides in moral questions.

"To reconcile these two apparently contradictory views of the character of Jesus that we obtain, is not easy," concluded the Dean. "Some men believe in rejecting the principle of non-resistance altogether, others in applying it to private life only. I believe, however, that the positive teachings in the 'Sermon on the Mount' are the important ones, the ones to be heeded,—the admonitions to love and pray for your enemies. In other words, there is an absolute prohibition of hatred in the teachings of Jesus. He believed that, although a criminal should be punished, there should be a positive reason for good in his punishment, never a spirit of retaliation for wrong done. Correction is lawful and right, but only for the sake of good. That is the essence of the sublime doctrine of love and humility, not merely toward one's neighbor, but for all mankind."

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