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THIRTY FIVE TURN OUT FOR BASEBALL SQUAD

**Military Drill Does Not Diminish
Number.**

WITNER LIKELY CATCHER

**Tamsett Shows Them How to
Bunt—Pitching Problem is
Still a Mystery.**

In spite of the excitement which has been caused during the past week by military training, about thirty-five men have found time to come out for baseball practice. This week saw the men outdoors for the first time and according to reports they were all glad to get out. The weather has been cold at times and the ground very muddy, but these handicaps have been somewhat overcome.

The outfielders have been given their first opportunity to do any real work since knocking up long flies is impossible in the gymnasium. A good deal of the work has been at batting practice. Coach Tamsett has given a good deal of attention to teaching the men to bunt correctly. The pitchers also come in for considerable teaching in batting. Goff, Holleran, Benedict, Goodman, Cantey and Glick have all had a try at flinging them over. At this early date it is of course impossible to tell with any degree of certainty what the men can do. It is as yet too cold for curves and fast ones. Yet it is already evident that some of the men have a good deal of speed and control as well as good form. The pitching problem is a hard one for Tamsett to solve.

It looks as though a real catcher has been found in "Hal" Witner. "Hal" can hold the fastest of them and he whips them down to second like the famous Archer. Yesterday afternoon the coach spent part of the time giving the second basemen and the short-stops points in taking the throws. Collins and Fancher showed especially good form.

CALENDAR.

Sunday.

**7:30—College Night—First M. E.
Church.**

Monday.

**3:30—Peace Oratoricals—Chapel.
7:30—Drill—Armory.**

COLLEGE MEN'S SERVICES AT M. E. CHURCH FRATERNITIES AND NEUTRALS TO ATTEND

Tomorrow evening at 7:30 there will be a service for college men in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Lafayette and State Streets. The service will be conducted by Dr. E. A. Noble, pastor of the Church.

Dr. Noble has been a college president and is thus familiar with the conditions and problems of college life.

The service will be for all college men of the city, both alumni

and undergraduates. Dr. Noble is holding a series of services, each for a special class of people. This is the first college night service that has been held for the past three years; prior to that time it was the custom to have such a service annually.

Several fraternities will attend the services in a body and there will also be a large representation from the neutral body.

MAJOR BELL HERE FOR LECTURE NEXT WEEK

**Officer In Charge of Albany District Will Make Address to
Engineers.**

Major J. F. Bell of the Engineer Corps of the United States Army will be here the forepart of next week to address Dr. Landreth's class in military training. Major Bell is the resident engineer in charge of the Albany district. Although Dr. Landreth has no definite assurance as to the day that Major Bell will be able to be here it is expected that he will probably come on Tuesday.

Major Bell is expected to explain more fully the conditions and requirements for entrance into the federal officers' reserve corps. According to information given to Dr. Richmond by Major Bell, Union is on the list of "distinguished colleges" whose graduates holding engineering degrees are admitted without examination to this corps.

It is probable that Major Bell will also talk on the mobilization of the resources of the country.

CODE READING CLASS STARTED TODAY

The committee in charge of code reading and signalling has been making such rapid progress as to enable the publication of the following encouraging report on the course to be pursued:

The CODE READING will be in the immediate charge of Mr. Kirke and will be begun as soon as the necessary apparatus arrives. It will consist for the present in instruction by means of lectures and demonstrations in the Morse code. The first class in this department was held today.

The SIGNALLING, consisting at present of flag work, will be under the charge of Prof. Vedder, will be begun as soon as a sufficient number has enrolled. Registrations should be made as soon as possible with Mr. Kirk or Mr. Vedder at the Electrical Laboratory any day after 4:30 P. M.

SEVERAL ACCEPTED FOR NAVAL RESERVE

**Nine Men Sworn In, Others Will
Be and Others Take Re-
Examination.**

Out of the number of Union men in the first rush for enlistment in the naval reserve nine were accepted and have already been sworn in. They are: Phil Downs '17, Guy Beckett '18, Robert H. Persons '19, William May '19, Edmund J. Griswold '19, Harold H. Gillespie '19, Arthur Notman '20, W. M. Kidder '20, C. E. Marsh '20 and Marselis Powell '20.

These men are subject to call at the outbreak of war. Beckett, Griswold, Marsh and Powell are to serve on a submarine chaser. Beckett is classed as a machinist's mate and will be required to take a further examination in gasoline motors.

In addition to the men who have already been sworn in, James Hulsizer '18, has been accepted and will be sworn in later. Pierre Hoag '18, was also accepted but has not yet been sworn in.

Several of those who were rejected have the privilege of applying again, which they expect to do, feeling that they can train up to the required weight or can correct errors in their sight.

KIRKE TO CAPTAIN MACHINE GUN CORPS

The machine gun corps has organized and elected Mr. Wallace B. Kirke, of the faculty, captain, and John Howard Nott Potter, '19, sergeant. Mr. Kirke has had special experience with this branch of the service. Potter is a Plattsburgh man, as are the other thirteen members of the company.

Three recruits are desired in order to bring the number up to sixteen privates, or two squads. No additional men will be taken in unless enough apply to form a full squad.

A supply of ammunition is already on hand and as soon as conditions permit the company will seek some remote haunt for practicing actual firing. At the present time no place has been secured in which the company may drill.

DRILL MASTERS TO CHANGE NEXT WEEK

Captain Clinton Is Called to Federal Service.

SQUAD LEADERS WANTED

Capt. Jackson Succeeds Capt. Clinton and Will Examine Candidates for Squad Leaders

Fully as many men as had previously turned out reported at the armory last night for drill. This was the last drill to be directed by Captain Clinton. After putting the men through a review of the movements taught on previous evenings Captain Clinton gave the three companies, into which he divided the men, stiff practice in marching and in acquiring one or two new movements, after which he lined them up at attention and addressed them briefly, saying that he had been called into the service of the United States and consequently would be unable to continue the instruction, but that Captain Jackson of the depot company would take charge of the work.

Captain Jackson made a few remarks outlining his plan of instruction. After the drill next Monday night he will give a competitive examination to those men who wish to become squad leaders. It is expected that not only the men who have had previous experience at Plattsburgh and military schools will enter the contest, but also those who feel that they have the ability to lead a squad. The squad leaders, Captain Jackson said, would be expected to keep ahead of the other men, using a text book for this purpose.

As soon as the condition of the ground permits, drill in the armory will be abandoned and the work will be carried on in the open, probably on the old or new athletic field. Drilling out of doors will obviate the difficulties met in drilling in the armory which is too small to accommodate three hundred men for the purpose.

Drills will be held next Monday and Wednesday nights. It is possible that after the Easter vacation drills will be held three times a week or possibly for one hour daily.

The men assembled in the armory promptly at seven o'clock last night, and were soon called to attention by Captain Clinton's whistle. A division into three companies was made and each company received instruction separately, being marched into the centre of the drill hall and manoeuvred about while the other two

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Issue Editor F. G. Bascom.

"WHAT SHALL THE MONEY BE DONE WITH?"

As will be seen by the report of the Junior Prom Committee appearing on another page, the committee was successful in coming out with a balance on hand, and a large balance. The committee is to be congratulated on its business ability and its honesty. The balance on hand is to be turned over to the Junior Class. Committees in the past have had excellent business ability and what often is the concomitant of excellent business ability—freedom from conscientious scruples.

The question as to the disposition of the money now comes up. Some people with an eye to the main chance might argue that inasmuch as the Junior Class would have been taxed per capita had there been a deficit, a per capita division of the profits is only equitable. The class as a whole will be more unselfish. There are several needs of the college to which the money might well be devoted. Each graduating class meets one such need in whole or in part, their gift being a class memorial. The classes of 1916 and 1917 jointly gave the flagpole. Other classes have given sections of fence to enclose the campus.

Then oncoming war will undoubtedly offer opportunities for disposing of money in a beneficial way. If military training is to be permanent, money may be needed to buy equipment.

No doubt President Richmond would have a fecundity of suggestions as to the use of the money. Yet it may be well not to spend it immediately, but to put it in the bank at interest and leave it there until the time comes to provide a class memorial.

A LOT OF WORK AND THE HONOR ATTACHED.

A Freshman trying out for THE CONCORDIENSIS was overheard saying: "I am sick of THE CONCORDIENSIS. It's a lot of work and no honor."

It's a lot of work, all right. When the Issue Editor has written into the middle of the night, writing nearly every word that will appear in the paper next day, when his back aches and he wonders why ideas are so remote and why his words seem so inadequate, when he decides to crawl to bed, hoping that in the morning he will be able to do better, it's a lot of work.

It's a lot of work next morning when he has walked a mile to the printing office to read proof and finds that his stuff, which perhaps he thought last night was written so smartly, is such balderdash. When he nervously frets about the composing room while the linotype works, waiting for more proof and wondering if he is going to have enough stuff to fill the bloomin' paper, it's a lot of work.

It's a lot of work that evening when a copy of the paper is in his hands and he is chagrined to find so many errors unrectified: typographical errors which he never saw till now, mistakes in the sense which any fool could have seen.

It's a lot of work when some Freshman or Sophomore has been given an assignment and turns it in late and half done. He is so very busy with his studies. The Issue Editor knows that he must bolt his classes in the morning to get out the paper.

It's a lot of work not rewarded by the honor of bands and shouting multitudes. Our Freshman who was out of patience with the faint hope of honor for the of work was evidently worried over the prospect of being an unsung hero. If he keeps his present attitude he probably will be unsung, yet coffin'd and knell'd.

If there is any honor in doing what you can, even doing a lot of work, to put Union College's newspaper on a footing with other college newspapers and to make it a good newspaper, the typographical errors minimized, all the news covered accurately, the stories tersely written, the heads attractive, the editorials readable and capable of doing good,—if there is any honor in doing this for Union College, it may be won by working on THE CONCORDIENSIS. But it's a lot of work.

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How many upperclassmen will

be cashiered for insubordination when their squad leaders happen to be underclassmen? It must be remembered that in the army merit and not seniority alone determines rank. And squad leaders whose usual uniform is, or was last year, a Freshman cap, must not take too great pains to cultivate that hauteur and irascibility which they may imagine distinguishes an officer.

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FRESHMEN WIN IN INTERCLASS TRACK

Series is Finished Yesterday Afternoon—Outdoor Practice Next Week.

The last of the indoor interclass track meets was held yesterday afternoon in the gym. As a result the Freshmen are victorious in the series. The events which were run off were the forty yard dash, and forty yard hurdles, the high jump and the shot put. This meet differed somewhat from the others in that the men were

In the forty yard dash Morison, starting from scratch, was victorious over Northrup, Beckett and Hughes. Time 4 4-5 seconds.

In the forty yard hurdles all of the men started from scratch. Hughes, Northrup, Frazier and Morison competed in this event. Hughes was victorious in the fast time of 5 1-5 seconds.

Frazier, with a handicap of 4 inches, beat out Hughes for first place in the high jump. His jump measured 5 ft. 6 in.

In the shot put Moore's handicap of 8 feet proved too much for his competitors to overcome and he carried away the honors with a put of 40 ft. 9 in.

Next week will see the last of the indoor practice. Already the men have been out upon the track, which is gradually drying out. It is certain that after the Easter vacation it will be possible to begin outdoor work in earnest. Dr. McComber and Captain Morison are both working very hard and indications are that the team will be a very good one.

ORATORS WILL SPOUT FOR PEACE PRIZE

Monday afternoon at 3:30 in the chapel the Annual Peace Prize contest will be held. This is an oratorical contest, the winner of which receives a cash prize of \$25 and goes to New York City to compete with representatives from other colleges in the state for three prizes, ranging from two hundred to fifty dollars.

Among those who will compete Monday afternoon are: Clough '17, Buell '17, Williams '17, and Smith '20.

Last year this contest was won by Eugene J. Hummer, '16, who took fourth place in the intercollegiate contest held at Syracuse.

Two years ago the prize was won by Agan '15.

"BALMY LAND" TROUP OFF FOR SOUTHERN TIER

At ten o'clock this morning the cast and management of "Come to Balmy Land" entrained on a special Pullman attached to a Delaware and Hudson train for Elmira, where the play will be produced tonight.

The troupe will be entertained at the homes of Union alumni in Elmira and Sunday will be the alumni's guests on an automobile trip to Ithaca, where they will be entertained at dinner by various fraternities.

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Money Will Be Used for Gift Designated by Junior Class.

Chairman Hunter A. Towne's report of the 1918 Junior Prom has been accepted by the Auditing Committee and the Terrace Council. While involving more expense than any other Prom heretofore, the affair has been the biggest financial success of any yet held. The profit will probably be used for some class gift, which will be decided upon at a Junior Class meeting, to be held in the near future. The report follows:

EXPENDITURES.

To music	\$225 00
Programs	133 03
Caterer	208 50
Smilax	35 00
Express on same	20 57
Trees	8 00
Fountain	2 00
Carting lights	4 00
Decorator from Wallace	6 50
Telegrams	2 00
Taxis for Musicians	3 50
Renting Piano	8 00
Engraved Invitations	7 90
Rent of Gym	15 00
Team	4 00
Removing Decorations	5 00
Janitor	10 00
Graduate Council	10 00
Printing	13 75
Installing lights	19 27
Replacing last banner	3 25
Incidentals	8 59

Total ----- \$752 86

Incidentals—

Twine	30
Pies	10
Bulbs for trees	84
Stamps	5 40
Stationery	70
Gym labels	25
Wax	1 00

Totals ----- \$ 8 59

RECEIPTS.

139 Tickets at \$4.50	\$625 50
10 Tickets at \$3.00	30 00
11 Tickets at \$2.50	27 50
120 Programs at \$1.50	180 00

Total ----- \$863 00

BALANCE

Expenditures	\$752 86
Receipts	\$863 00

Profit ----- \$110 14

COMMENCEMENT STAGE SPEAKERS WILL TRY OUT

Only Four Men Beside Valedictorian Will Speak For Blatchford Prize.

This year there will be but four speakers on the commencement stage beside the valedictorian. These speakers are eligible for the Blatchford oratorical prize and are to be chosen from the 10 honor men of the graduating class. An elimination contest will be held on May 28th to determine who the four men will be. Those who intend to try out must register with Prof. McKean not later than April 16, and must have their manuscripts in his hands by May 7.

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The annual district convention of Delta Upsilon fraternity is being held this week at the local chapter house. Delegates from nearly all the chapters of the fraternity in New York State are being entertained.

The two business sessions of the convention met Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Last night, the members of the chapter gave a dance in honor of the delegates. The chaperons were: Mrs. William L. Kennedy of New York City, Mrs. DeWitt C. Smith, and Mrs. Edward C. Whitmyer, both of Schenectady. McGuirk of Albany furnished the music. Tonight, a smoker will be given to the delegates and local alumni. The banquet will be held April 21, at the Hotel Utica, Utica, N. Y.

The colleges are represented as follows: Colgate, D. Earl Jones '17, and M. B. Barton '18; Cornell, R. U. Carr '17, and R. C. Van Horn '18; Hamilton, Clifton B. Whitman '17 and Charles M. Peck '18; Rochester, Roland P. Soule '17 and Charles Gillette '18; Syracuse, Frank G. Dennis '17 and Harold H. Osborn '18; Union, Russell Hemphill '17 and Almond C. Brockway '18. Toronto was unable to send delegates.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The annual meeting of the old and new cabinets will be held in Silliman Hall, at 3:30 P. M. Sunday, at which time the newly elected officials will assume their responsibilities.

The association has still on hand several copies of the Directory of Foreign Students in America. These may be secured by calling at Silliman Hall.

DRILL MASTERS TO CHANGE NEXT WEEK

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companies stood at rest near the walls. A marked improvement was noticeable last night in the quickness with which the men responded to the commands and in their ability to "cover files" and keep the proper distance in marching.

The company of Dr. Landreth's engineers, augmented to about 100 in number by a few extra squads, made, upon the whole, the best appearance. They evinced considerable precision in keeping their lines straight and were able to march and execute the movements with the least awkwardness.

In his final speech to the men Captain Clinton praised them highly and declared that the showing they had made was remarkable. The students, he said, had shown a wonderful degree of adaptability to the work and he commended their spirit in turning out in such large numbers when they were under no obligation to do so.

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