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SATURDAY'S GAME TO TELL SEASON'S STORY

Team's Record Thus Far Does
Not Give Decision.

SQUAD WORKING LATE

With Jinx on Knees Before Gar-
net Players, They Intend to
Trample it Under Foot.

With the squad working every night long after the lights have been turned on, Union is getting in shape for the final game of the season, that with Hamilton at Clinton. Since the present Senior class has been in college no Garnet eleven has ever succeeded in defeating the Buff and Blue on its own field and it appears to be up to '18 to break this jinx. It is interesting, in view of the great importance of the game, as everyone recognizes that on it hangs the question of the season's success or failure, to see just what the Garnet has accomplished so far this year.

The season opened with a victory over St. Lawrence at home and every indication pointed to a most successful season as the team gave the impression of great power. Fumbles, missed signals, and poor interference marred the game but these faults were charged to the first contest.

Next came Williams who defeated us, thanks to the remarkable skill and speed of Boynton their sensational quarterback. Union went away from that game satisfied that she should have won but for a break in luck, but close analysis shows that the faults of the first struggle were the real cause of defeat—fumbling, poor tackling and lack of proper interference.

The following week Union travelled to Amherst, secure in the
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CALENDAR.

Thursday.

4:00—Basketball practice in gymnasium.

5:15—Y. M. C. A. Bible study in chapel. Speaker, Dr. Ellery. Subject, "The Sermon on the Mount."

Friday.

7:15—Campus meeting in Gymnasium.

Saturday.

9:54—Train leaves New York Central station for Utica and Clinton.

2:30—Hamilton vs. Union at Clinton.

—Meeting of Upper Hudson Classical Association in Engineering Building.

ALL ABOARD FOR HAMILTON!

Train leaves Saturday morning at 9:54.

Be sure and drop a contribution in the hat tomorrow at Chapel to take the band to Clinton.

HILL LAYS HYPHENISM AT DOOR OF SCHOOLS

Sees in Improved Education the
Cementing Force of Amer-
ica's Many Races.

At a meeting of the Polecon Club last evening at the Delta Upsilon fraternity house Dr. Hill presented a paper entitled "Education, Social and Democratic."

"Much of our hyphenism is due to the failure of the public schools," he said. "Education must be standardized and put under State control. That is the only way to mould into a people all the different races of the United States. Education should be applied to physical, religious and moral aspects of life. Physical education could save many people unnecessary illness and death. Religious and moral delinquency is only a lack of social sense that a rounded education provides."

Towards the close of his remarks, Dr. Hill prophesied that the time would come when there would be a Federal department of education, the head of which would have a seat in the President's cabinet.

He comprehensively described the application of education to modern existence and showed to what uses education can be and is put. Agriculture, on account of the war, has assumed large importance in the eyes of the nation. There is a well-recognized need of educating the farmer in the best methods of raising and preserving the food supply of the nation. Various organizations are bending their efforts towards enlightening the farmer in doing his duty better towards his country in his special field.

The present crisis has also shown the need of having educated laborers and craftsmen for the production of modern instruments and apparatus, which must be perfect in construction. A poorly-trained class of laborers is unqualified for careful work.

Education is a prerequisite in business. There are many young men and women wandering about with no education to suit them for any sort of business. They are misfits, unhappy and causing unhappiness.

Education, the speaker continued, is the basis of culture, from which springs ideals. That is why
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FRATERNITIES TO BOWL AND PLAY BASKETBALL

Conference Decides to Have
Teams—Service Flag Stars are
Limited to Exclude Alumni.

The Interfraternity Conference at its meeting last night decided that the chances were propitious for interfraternity bowling and basketball teams and accordingly committees were appointed to arrange schedules for both sports.

A resolution was passed limiting the number of stars on service flags displayed by fraternity houses to a number representing members in service who have left the active chapter since war was declared. The resolution reads:

"Service flags shall have a star for each man who has left the active chapter since war was declared and who is now in active service."

Tell '19 and Brockway '18 were appointed the committee to arrange the bowling schedule, and Peaslee '18 and Taylor '19 to arrange the basketball schedule.

Various other matters were discussed by the Conference on which no definite action was taken, among them the proposal of printing pictures of the fraternity houses in the Freshman Bible and the holding of house-parties during Junior Week.

* This year THE CONCOR- *
* DIENSIS has been able to pub- *
* lish but few literary contribu- *
* tions and the impression may *
* consequently prevail that *
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* sired. On the contrary we *
* shall be glad to receive from *
* the undergraduates literary *
* efforts either in poetry or *
* prose and we urge any who *
* have the ability to write such *
* compositions to submit them *
* for publication. Although *
* we shall probably be unable *
* to publish special literary *
* supplements we shall be glad *
* to arrange to give space in *
* our columns to literary pro- *
* ductions. Edward M. Camer- *
* on Jr., '18, our Literary Edi- *
* tor, will be pleased to receive *
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It may be said in passing that the fund for the benefit of this work being raised here amounts to only nine hundred dollars.

A correspondent of the Williams Record, writing from France, says:

"It is remarkable what the Y. M. C. A. is able to do so far from home and they certainly deserve all the support that is given them and more, too."

A Princeton man returned from France writes:

"To give an adequate idea of what the Y. M. C. A. is doing in Europe for the soldiers is an almost impossible task for one man; but may I give a few personal observations that perhaps will at least give an insight into some phases of this most comprehensive and complex work?"

"I was fortunate enough to see two sides of it: the English and the American; and I do not think it over-patriotic to put America first. In England the army runs a canteen which is in strong opposition to the Y. M. C. A., and it is a pleasant feeling to look up into their tent and see it practically empty and ours overflowing; we sell soft drinks, they sell beer. And that is the leading attraction of any Y. M. C. A. tent or hut—the canteen with its supply of good buns, coffee, etc.—sold practically at cost. We also sold many other miscellaneous articles.

"At least twice a week there would be a 'concert' ('concert' covering everything from a church service to an ordinary music hall show). The chief delight of the audience was to have one of the lieutenants give an imitation of a 'Yank.' He always acted the fool, much to their delight, and it always resulted in numerous questions for me to answer. After all, the natural reply was the truth—'We always have the fool of our stage a 'bally' Englishman.'

"We also had a class in French for the boys, and it was remark-

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Reforming Chapel.

The time seems to be ripe to introduce marked changes into chapel service. The faculty, weary with the perfunctory and ridiculous performance to which the service has degenerated, have appointed a committee of seven of its members to devise some means by which the worship of the Almighty at Union College may partake, to some degree at least, of the spirit of reverence and religious awe.

No one not blind to truth would deny that as chapel is at present conducted, or rather as the students conduct themselves in chapel, the service has lost whatever it may once have had of the odor of sanctity. The students limit their observance of the character of the occasion to rising for the hymns. A few bow their heads for the prayer. The rest gaze around the room and exchange silent civilities with their friends. To time the length of the prayer by the watch is a means not infrequently resorted to of abstracting one's thoughts from worldly matters. No one ever thinks of inclining the mind to understanding when the Bible is read. It is all an irreverent, irreligious, indecent farce.

The cause does not lie in the essential depravity of the students. Most of them are Christians and love the Lord. Their shortcomings in chapel attendance are attributable to psychic reactions and not to the gall of iniquity. In the first place, they attend chapel under compulsion. It is doubtful whether anyone but a seventeenth century monk could be constrained to daily worship without becoming, through "damned custom", proof and bulwark against earnestness and fervor.

The associations of the place do

not move the audience to the silence kept in holy temples. In it they are accustomed to lift their voices, not only in prayer and responsive reading, but in organized yells and cheers; to sing, not only hymns, but, in student meetings, college songs, and sometimes risqué ditties. Nothing in the surroundings instills tranquility in those whose playfulness is given athletic manifestation. The interchange of compliments between the underclassmen at the conclusion of the service is not of a churchly nature. The chapel is no "studious cloister's pale."

Also, the time allowed for the services necessitates a hurriedness which does not conduce to solemnity.

It is the desire of the committee of the faculty to which we have referred, to introduce into chapel some ceremonious forms which may result in a really religious service. If this cannot be done, if chapel cannot be conducted with the dignity and solemnity which should characterize religious worship, it should be given up altogether, in the opinion of some. The student body would joyfully welcome that event and several faculty members could without difficulty be persuaded to concur, but it may be doubted whether such a disposition of the matter would not meet with fatal opposition in other quarters.

There are not a few who hold, and we believe it is a reasonable belief, that chapel serves a useful purpose in frequently assembling the student body together, and that for that reason it should be retained in our scheme of things, though it be an impious rout. Some people say to this, that the students are in a sorry way if they cannot assemble for meetings without compulsory chapel. But they are in no worse condition than the free and enlightened voters of the country, many of whom do not go to the polls at all and many others of whom would not go were they not brought by party workers. The students may be indifferent to student meetings, but it is good for them to meet and if chapel aids this end, so much may be said in defense of chapel.

To compromise the situation, to introduce impressive forms calculated to improve decorum, to arrange a service that will be pleasing to the representatives of the many sects participating in it—in short to reform chapel, is a task of monumental difficulty. But one patent fact we beg leave to point out: No service can be very ceremonious which is of ten to fifteen minutes' duration. If it is designed to secure a worshipful attitude by means of more elaborate ceremonies, the time set apart for chapel must be lengthened and if that is done, daily chapel ought to be done away with and services held but twice or three times a week. The infrequency of the occasion would be not at all detrimental to implanting in the students the reverent and willing heart which the Lord loveth.

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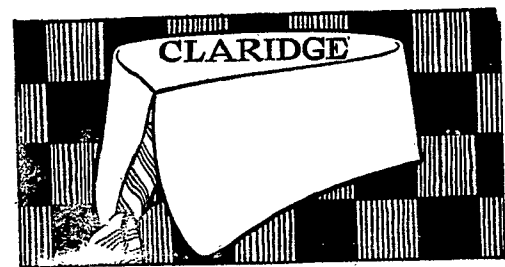
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FACULTY CONSIDERS CEREMONIOUS CHAPEL

Dean Ripton, Professors Opdyke, Ellery, Hale, Fobes, Garis and Waldron, constituting a committee of the faculty to consider changes in the present chapel system, met last Friday afternoon and discussed possible ways by which the chapel service could be made more ceremonious and dignified. No definite action was reached. The question of arranging for the students to mark themselves was not touched upon at this meeting.



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JOHN BEAKLEY EX-'11 DIES AT DALLAS, TEXAS

John Beakley, of Johnstown, a former student of Union College and a graduate of the Albany Law School in the class of 1911, died at the Baptist Sanatorium in Dallas, Texas, on August 2 last. He was a member of the Delta Phi fraternity.

At the time of his death he was employed by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, and was in charge of their credit department of the southwest with headquarters at Dallas. He had become connected with the Firestone Company in 1915 and was located at Akron before he was sent to Texas. Previous to 1915 he had been engaged in the newspaper business in Johnstown.

Mr. Beakley was prominent in his class and in college affairs during his three years at Union. He was a member of THE CONCORDIENSIS board and was editor-in-chief of the 1911 Garnet.

20 MEN OUT FOR BASKETBALL TWICE A WEEK

About twenty men have reported for basketball. Coach Hequem-bour states that he is well satisfied with the results although at such an early date nothing definite can be judged as to the season's outcome.

The Freshman class is well represented.

The work at present consists of passing the ball and shooting baskets. A lively scrimmage was held Monday. There is a fine opportunity for these men who are coming out for basketball and are not on the football squad to get into condition for the season's work.

Practices are held Monday and Thursday at 4 o'clock.

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INFLUENCE OF ROMAN LAW TOLD BY KELLOGG

Latin Countries of World Adopted Legal Customs of Rome and Still Retain Them.

At a meeting of the Classical Club in the Engineering building, Tuesday evening, Dr. Kellogg gave an extremely interesting and comprehensive lecture on Roman Law and its influence on the nations of the world.

Dr. Kellogg first briefly outlined the origin and history of Roman law itself; how it developed from personal quarrels and personal settlements of difficulties; how later a judge and officials developed to decide these disputes with ceremonial fights still lingering as court ritual. Additions were made to the laws by the praetors' edicts and oracular decisions. The development of the laws was followed out through the codification of the Twelve Tablets to the time of Justinian. Dr. Kellogg then described the form and system of application of Roman law, and enlarged upon its various decisions.

The lecturer then went on to show how great the influence of Roman law upon the various branches of English and United States law has been. The extent of the debt that Anglo-Saxons owe to Roman law cannot be known. Roman law has ramifications in our common, commercial and equity law. Many of the laws regarding testaments and bailments are from the laws of the Romans. Our common law owes such legal terms as obligation, possessing, prescription, homicide and jurisdiction, directly to Roman law. Dr. Kellogg also explained how an adequate understanding of what is meant by international law can be gained by a knowledge of Roman law as applied to the dissensions of Roman citizens. Modern international law merely supplies nations for citizens. He showed how the French and Dutch writers of the Middle Ages, on international law, were influenced by Roman law studies.

The lecturer also told how Roman law survives in nearly every codification of the laws of any nation. The barbarians, after they conquered Roman territory found it most convenient for themselves and for the conquered peoples to adopt parts of the Roman law to their own uses. When law was revived as a science in the eleventh and twelfth centuries, portions of the Roman law were taken into the legal life of almost every European nation, especially of the Latin nations, such as France, Spain, and Italy. Those parts only were incorporated that did not conflict with existing laws. Dr. Kellogg showed how Louisiana, through its one-time French government, still has a goodly substratum of Roman law in its constitution. Brazil, and all the other South American republics,

PEN AND CRAYON CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED

Manager McGarty states that work is progressing on the 1919 Garnet. There is still opportunity for some student with artistic ability to distinguish himself in that line. This student need not be a member of the class of '19.

Any literary contributions will be considered. They should be given B. T. Taylor '19. The subscription campaign will be launched sometime before Christmas. The price of this year's Garnet will be \$3.00.

HANCE, X-COUNTRY CAPT., CALLED IN DRAFT

Benjamin Hance '18 has left college to answer the call of the draft board. He will be stationed at Camp Devens. Hance attained distinction in college as a swift runner. He broke the college record for the two mile run and last Saturday finished first in the cross-country meet with Williams. He was captain of the Cross-Country team.

ALUMNI DOINGS.

(As THE CONCORDIENSIS now has a large circulation among the alumni we desire to publish more news concerning them than we have in the past. In order to make a success of this department, we must receive the assistance of our alumni readers and also of the undergraduates to whom such items of news are known. Any contributions of this sort will be gratefully received.—Ed.)

William Allen '95 was elected Tammany leader from the 19th Assembly District.

E. B. Augur ex-'20 has been transferred to Company C 10th N. Y. Infantry, Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, North Carolina.

Lieutenant Albert R. Boomhower is stationed at Camp Stewart 4th Infantry regiment, Newport News, Virginia.

Raymond A. Newton '16 is in U. S. Signal Corps, Fort Worth, Texas.

through their former connections with Spain and Portugal, also have many of the usages and maxims of Roman law.

After the lecture, it was decided that the next meeting of the club would be held in Prof. Bennett's Greek room, Tuesday evening, November 27. Dr. Fobes is to the speaker. His subject is to be announced later.

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SATURDAY'S GAME TO TELL SEASON'S STORY

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knowledge that here was a lighter opponent—one who would fall an easy victim. After securing the lead of a touchdown Union was swept off her feet by the fierce drive and aggressiveness of the light Purple and White backs.

Hal Wittner returned to college and Union played Columbia in New York before a big crowd of alumni. The result was too awful to talk about. No Union team in the memory of man ever made such a fizzle of any game. The alumni said a few very warm things about the squad's spirit and ability and settled back for another defeat at the hands of N. Y. U.

But the team came back to the extent the game ended with no points to the credit of either side. Springfield Y. M. C. A. was the next conqueror of Union but for the first time in the season the Garnet squad was outweighed. The fact that the odds were against them, however, seemed to stiffen Union's backbone and the heavier team was played to a standstill with the exception of the first period.

Last week R. P. I. was the Union opponent. R. P. I. had its strongest team in many years. Union had behind it the record of a very weak squad. Scrimmages were stiffened, a campus meeting held, and the result was the bringing forth of the potential power that the squad has had all season in a complete triumph over the engineers.

This week just as strenuous efforts are to be made to beat Hamilton. The record stands two victories, four defeats and one tie score. Saturday's game will tip the scales one way or the other.

SENIOR ELECTRICALS TO WORK ON G. E. TESTS.

The Electrical Engineering Department has announced a change in the Senior course in Electrical Engineering whereby work on tests in the General Electric Works will be substituted for the second semester Senior E. E. laboratory work. The General Electric Company has agreed to this arrangement on account of the shortage of men from which it is suffering.

COLLEGE MEN PRAISE Y. M. C. A. CAMP WORK.

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able to note the number of men who had already been 'out' and who came back realizing that a little French would help a lot at meal times while on leave. There were several boys in camp who could hardly read and write at all, and it fell to my lot to teach them. One lad had 63 attempts at it before mastering the alphabet.

"Sometimes the work grew pretty monotonous and you felt that your efforts were useless, especially when a boy just 19 came and showed me his left leg pierced 18 times by pieces of shrapnel. He was almost ready to go 'out again'! But just about then a draft would leave for France and man after man of the type that you wouldn't think had any feeling at all in such matters would come to you with tears in his eyes and thank you for just being there to keep the Y. M. C. A. going.

"In France, the American Y. M. C. A. is now on a well organized plan, each man having a definite department for which he is responsible. Ours was the first hut to be completed for American soldiers in France. An idea of how many men use the Y. M. C. A. service may be obtained from the following facts: A certain payroll amounted to \$6,000; inside of the first two hours after the payment we had changed \$3,015, and by the next evening, \$4,775. Out of one crowd of 14,100 men we figured that at least 10,000 visited the hut during the first day alone of their stay in that training camp.

"The men just landing are apt to be critical, but by the time they leave they are completely changed and express their thanks for providing 'the nearest thing to home they'd struck since leaving the U. S.'"

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pure efficiency that smirches all ideals is destructive and must in time fall.

A committee of the Polecon Club was appointed to arrange a program. Northrup '18, Sevits '18 and Travis '18 compose the committee.

Kennedy '18, McIntyre '18, and Fitzgerald were admitted to membership in the club.

CHEM. SOCIETY INITIATES 3 MEMBERS FROM 1919.

On Monday evening the Chemical Society met at the Laboratory and performed their mystic and diabolical rites upon three doughty Juniors, now full-fledged members of the organization. The initiates were Oscar J. Schultz and Madison L. Sheeley of Albany and Varner M. Lyman of Lowville.

The next meeting will be held on November 19 at 8:15 in the Chem. Lab., when a feed will be given in honor of the new members and a topic of a chemical nature will be discussed.

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