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## MAKE-UP OF QUINTET STILL IN SUSPENSE

Line-Up May Not Be Announced  
Before Thursday's Game.

YAVITS RE-GAINS FORM.

Team-Play and Scrimmages Occupy  
Squads at Practice Preparatory  
For Clarkson Tech.

The coaches sent the basket ball squad through a stiff workout yesterday afternoon, using several combinations in an effort to get a line on the best men to face Clarkson in the opening game next Thursday.

For long stretches at a time the fives on the floor work singly at team play making no effort to cage the ball, and then again scrimmages were held in which both teams made every effort to run up good scores. Several facts stood out prominently in these sessions. Most notable was the absence of the dribble, a fact commented on in these columns before, and the efforts made to work the ball near the baskets before attempting to score. Such a radical departure from the style of play heretofore accepted as standard at Union necessitates by its very nature a large amount of drill before its true effectiveness can be accurately judged, and the first test it will receive will be at the hands of Clarkson Tech, who will undoubtedly use the old form of play.

The chief advantage possessed by the dribbleless game is in the openness of play it produces and the greater speed it demands.

The routine work of basket shooting is being carefully looked after by the men in charge of the team's development, and much time is being devoted to it before scrimmage at touched on in this drill, although they are not expected to cut much ice are not expected to cut much in in the finished game as it is being brought out, but as situations are bound to arise when they will be useful, due thought is being given to this perfection.

To all outward appearances the Varsity five is still as unsettled a proposition in the minds of the coaches as it was the beginning of the week. With so many candidates of nearly equal ability it is very unlikely that the final choice will be announced before Tuesday of next week and possibly not before the team goes on the floor Thursday. Captain Yavits is slowly rounding into his old

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### CALENDAR

#### Tonight

8:00—Lecture in gymnasium by Simon Lake, inventor of submarine.

#### Monday

5:00—Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, "Mariner Missionary," speaks in chapel.

#### Monday

12:00—Student meeting.

## DISTINGUISHED DIPLOMATS SPEAK AT UNION ALUMNI DINNER IN N. Y. NEXT WEEK

The annual dinner of the Union Alumni Association of New York city will be a notable event, James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, and Dr. Henry Van Dyke, former ambassador to Holland, being on the list of speakers. The dinner will be held at the hotel Astor Thursday evening, December 13.

Five men representing the Musical Clubs are to attend the dinner and contribute to the musicalness of the occasion. These men are: Skau '18, Stein '18, Younie '18 and Forsythe '20.

Dr. George Alexander '66 will be toastmaster. President Richmond will speak and also Swope, the well-known war correspondent and the present city editor of The World.

## UNION STUDENT LIFE DURING CIVIL WAR

News of Capture of Fort Donelson  
Received With Outburst of  
Patriotic Enthusiasm.

The services of Union College men on the battlefields of the Civil War were recently made a matter of permanent and easily accessible record, but no historian has resurrected for the eyes of the present accounts of how the life of the students within the college walls was affected by the wars.

Such information may be found on the pages of the students publications of that day. It is the purpose The Concordiensis to present to its readers, from time to time, excerpts of such things in those papers as relate to the students of that time and the war.

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In the "Union College Magazine" for March, 1862, we read:

"Every department of business, and every institution of learning has been more or less affected by the present rebellion and its attending financial difficulties. Still, Old Union is well sustained in her classes, compared with the numbers for the corresponding term of preceding years. The number in actual attendance is 206; of these 72 are Seniors, 47 Juniors, 56 Sophomores, and 31 are Freshmen."

At the present time the war has reduced the registration in the upper classes so that they are far below the underclasses in number. It must be remembered that in the old days it was a common thing for students to enter college in the upper classes rather than in the Freshman class.

In this same number of the "Union College Magazine" an account is given of an impromptu celebration provoked by the capture of Fort Donelson.

"When the news was received every one gave way to the greatest enthusiasm; a general bolt was proclaimed; the Stars and Stripes were hoisted over the college."

In the evening "a procession formed, preceded by the drum corps of the city, and marched to the chapel, where appropriate speeches were made" by members of the faculty and one member of each class. The report adds: "Remarkably good order prevailed throughout the meeting."

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## STUDENTS MAKE TESTS ON ELECTRIC CAR BRAKES

In Conjunction With Schenectady  
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Electric Co.

Five members of the Senior Class are conducting a series of "Braking Tests" as their thesis work. The men: C. S. Brignall, W. Ericson, G. H. Fancher, E. R. Slade, and Max Zuckerman, are conducting these braking tests on three types of city cars and three types of interurban electric railway cars to determine the braking efficiency of the straight air-brake apparatus with which the cars are equipped. The method of stopping the car by the use of the air-brake is being compared with that of reversing the motor, which, however, can only be done at low speed.

This work is being done in co-operation with the Schenectady Railway Company and the Railway Department of the General Electric Company. Prof. A. B. McDaniels of the Engineering department has planned all the tests, and is assisted in carrying them out by Frank Doyle, master-mechanic of the General Electric Company, and also by R. S. Beers of the General Electric Company, who helps from the electrical standpoint.

The results of the tests will be published upon their completion.

## DR. NOTT'S IMAGE WAS INTENDED FOR DOME.

It probably is not generally known that a bronze statue of Union's patron Saint, the revered Eliphalet Nott, was to have surmounted the dome of the library building. This is according to a note appearing in "The College Spectator," a student publication preceding The Concordiensis, for September, 1874.

It appears from this note that the library building was originally intended for a chapel. Says the "Spectator."

"It may not be known to all that the chapel which is slowly rising on our campus, is to be, when completed, one of the most elegant, commodious and costly college chapels in the world."

The item goes on to describe the sixteen-sided edifice then in process of construction, and adds that the bronze statue of Dr. Nott cost \$30,000.

## MOTIVE, THOUGHT AND CHARACTER COUNT

Dr. McKean Says In Third Bible  
Lecture.

ON INWARD VITAL ISSUES.

United States Has Followed Spirit of  
Christianity In Its Policies,  
He Says.

To an audience of about sixty students in the chapel yesterday, Dr. Horace G. McKean gave the third of the series of addresses on the Sermon on the Mount, pursuing the discussion clearly and comprehensively by means of another practical application. "The Issues of Life are from Within," was the speaker's subject. Dr. McKean emphasized particularly that, if a man wishes to develop into the likeness of Christ, he must first pay attention to the character of and quality of his inner feelings, both in the realms of religion and in that of the emotions. It is the attitude of the heart rather than the outward appearance and actions of a man that counts, he declared.

In the first part of his talk, Dr. McKean fully explained and illustrated precisely what is meant by the issues of life being from within. To interpret the proposition or "test," as he called it, one should first distinguish between the meanings of "character" and "reputation." Character is like an engraving—permanent. Reputation is what other people think of a man; it may change. The only one to get a clear view of his own character is the man himself. That is the inward view. The outward view is the aspect of character presented to the world. The speaker went on to distinguish between "motive" and "action," by showing that in war a man may be a scout from one point of view and a spy from another. The same action is capable of producing different opinions just as we impugn the motives. The speaker concluded this part of the talk by saying that "as a man thinketh, so is he." In other words, the potential, inner thinking man is the real man.

In discussing the application of the "test," Dr. McKean first spoke on the three religious duties of alms-giving, offering, and prayer. Alms and offerings should not be judged by outward appearances. The "widow's mite" is frequently much more acceptable in God's sight than the rich man's ample offering. The feeling that goes with the giving of alms is the vital issue. "Let not the right hand know what the left hand doeth." Don't advertise the sum you have contributed to some cause or other," said Dr. McKean.

Prayer is also not a question of outward conformity. "It does not matter in what manner or where a man prays, as long as his prayer rises from his inmost heart, and pleads for the good

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1917.

Our readers, accustomed to our usual orthographical accuracy, must have been shocked at the many mistakes, miscarriages and misdemeanors which marred the typographical splendor of our last issue. We shall not explain the reason for these atrocities, but but we wish our subscribers to be informed that we are as sensitive to them as they are and shall be more careful to forestall any laxity in the future.

With this fair fall weather lingering late, we may pardon the skilled ornithomancer who predicted an early winter, basing his vaticination upon the early appearance of the arctic snow bird.

The upperclasses have melted rapidly away this semester, owing to many men enlisting. After December 15 those subject to draft cannot enlist, but if the draft makes any considerable inroads upon the student body there will be hardly a corporal's guard of Seniors next semester.

### CLASSES SHOULD MOBILIZE AT ONCE FOR BASKETBALL

Dr. McComber will soon blow the whistle for the inter-class basketball games. A meeting of the faculty committee on eligibility was held this noon to determine what men may play on their class teams. A schedule of games will soon be prepared.

The Freshman class has elected Notman '21 manager of class basketball.

Dr. McComber will arrange for the use of the gym for practice. The heads of the teams should see him to ascertain what hours they may have for practice.

A new trophy will be awarded to the winner of the series this year.

## UNIFORM POLICY OF WAR CREDIT FAVORED

President of Brown Recommends Conference of Colleges Regarding Recognition of Services.

(From the Daily Princetonian)

A general conference between the chief universities and colleges of America to agree upon a uniform system of credit for war service is suggested by President Faunce of Brown University in a recent article. He cites the precedent of the adoption of various arrangements at the close of the Civil War, and advises that some sort of unified action be adopted by the colleges of this country.

"It seems to me," he says in his article, "a little premature for our colleges to announce any decision as to what college credit can be given to undergraduates who enter the national service. We should be thinking over the matter as the war progresses and the various institutions should confer, trying to outline some future policy."

"Much depends upon the duration of the war, and much also depends upon the time at which a man leaves college to go into the service. I notice Judge Parker says 'If a man leaves at the end of Sophomore year certain things should be done,' but what if he leaves at the end of Freshman year, or at the end of the first semester of the Freshman year? Unquestionably many students in the national service will secure a training of equal value with the training they would have received in college, but it would certainly be a training of a different kind. Should the same degree be bestowed for three years on the college campus and three years on the war front?"

Must Seek General Policy.

"If the war should end this coming winter or spring, the problem would be comparatively simple. Brown gave a degree to all the students in its Senior class who enlisted last spring, who were in good standing at the time of enlistment. But if the war is now prolonged for three or four years, very difficult problems will be thrust upon us, and the universities can hardly bind themselves in advance by a definite statement.

"I would suggest that it would be very useful to find out just now what the American colleges and universities did at the close of the Civil War. I have an idea that all sorts of arrangements were made, and that there was little unity of action. This time we should seek for some general policy which will give ample recognition to the valiant, heroic service of young men at the front, and at the same time will not seriously injure the value of academic degrees given in time of peace. We have also to remember that in this war, to a larger extent than in any others, there are kinds of national service vitally important which our students are rendering outside the army and navy. Any policy adopted must consider the students who have gone into government bureaus and into various forms of administrative work and scientific investigation without going into actual military service. Thus we see that the problem is so large that it cannot be hastily decided, and a wise decision can hardly be reached at the present time."

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### NO CONTESTS YET FOR FORENSIC WARRIORS.

The Allison-Foote debate, scheduled for Friday, December 14th, has been postponed until after Christmas. This year the choice of a question lies with the Adelphe Society and the Philomatheans have the option of choosing either side of the question. Last year the Adelphe won the debate.

There are several men in the Freshman class who have displayed ability in debating in preparatory school, and it is expected that this year's Allison-Foote contest will be the subject of lively competition on that account.

The debating Council has made no definite plans as yet for inter-collegiate debating. There has been a survey made of the debaters in college to determine if there is available material for more than one inter-collegiate team, but as no appointments with other colleges have been made, the try-outs for the teams will not be held for some time yet, probably not until the second semester.

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4. All matches will be played under the recognized bowling rules.
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**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.

The games will not be played until after the Christmas Vacation.

**Y. M. C. A. Gives Party For****Sophs Next Tuesday.**

The Sophomore Get-together given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. will be held Tuesday evening in Siliman Hall at eight o'clock. The Sophomores will be addressed by President Richmond and Dean Rpton and other members of the faculty. Refreshments will be served. Besides the President and Dean, Professors Hale, Chase, Upson and Kleeman will be present. Mrs. Richmond, Miss Rip-ton, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Upson and Mrs. Kleeman will also be present.

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ANCIENT UNION RELICS**

**Delta Upsilon Has Historic Flag and  
Invitation to Commencement  
of 1848.**

There are in the possession of Union Chapter of Delta Upsilon, some remarkably well preserved mementoes of the College in its early days. They consist of an invitation to the commencement exercises of 1848, and a piece of flag that was carried by Colonel E. E. Ellsworth when he was hot at Alexandria, May 24th, 1861. The invitation is in the form of an engraving, headed by a plate showing the college quadrangle and all the buildings then existing. The invitation proper reads as follows:

You are invited to attend The Literary Anniversaries of Union College, for 1848, to be held in the Presbyterian Church in Schenectady during the 23rd, 24th, 25th, days of July.

On Sunday evening, the 23rd, at half-past seven o'clock, Rev. L. P. Hickock, D.D., will deliver and address before the Theological Society.

On Monday Evening, the 24th, at half-past seven o'clock, Hon. Bradford R. Wood will address the Senate.

On Tuesday, the 25th, at 10 A. M., The Philomathean Society will celebrate its Semi-Centennial Anniversary. Rev. Henry P. Tappan, D. D., will deliver an oration, and Alfred B. Street a poem.

On Tuesday at 4 o'clock, P. M., Charles Sumner, Esq., will deliver an oration before the New York Alpha of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. On the same day, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., the Adelpic Society will celebrate its Semi-Centennial Anniversary. Rev. C. C. Van Arsdale, D. D., will deliver an oration.

The Commencement Exercises will be held on Wednesday, the 26th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

**Committees:**

Senate—Ogden Edwards, J. L. Nevius, A. H. Still.

Philomathean—William Mills, E. R. Aitkin, J. Meiklejohn.

Literary Societies, Adelpic—Harvey J. King, J. Hays Linville, George K. Dauchy.

Theological Society—Hannibal Goodwin, with respects of J. Huntington, J. Stark.

Delphian Institute—C. A. Arthur, L. Clemens Miller, J. J. Towles.

**SENIORS RAISE TAX  
TO PAY FOR "MONTHLY"**

At a meeting of the Senior class after chapel this morning it was voted to increase the class tax from fifty cents to two dollars per capita. This is to cover the additional expenses connected with the Graduate Council and to pay for each member's subscription to the Alumni Monthly.

**HANLEY TO CAPTAIN  
1918 FOOTBALL TEAM.**

Bill Hanley, '19, was elected captain of football for next season by the "U" football men at a meeting yesterday noon at the gymnasium.

Hanley is a member of Beta Theta Pi. He has been on the football squad all three years, although he did not play with the varsity until last season. He plays fullback and tackle. His work on the team this year was conspicuous for his kicking.

**LADD PROBABLY WILL  
SUCCEED MGR. FREES.**

With the departure of Leo Frees, '19, manager of basketball, comes the selection of a manager to succeed him. It seems likely that A. S. Ladd, '19, will receive the office. Greene, '19, who was runner-up in the election of basketball manager, has also left college and Ladd is the only other Junior who was in the competition.

It was thought that a Sophomore trying out for assistant manager might be elected to succeed Frees, but as the Sophomores have had little experience, this plan was abandoned.

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**UN-AUGMENTED COUNCIL  
STILL WILL PREVAIL.**

Pierre Hoag, President of the Terrace Council, when interviewed by a Concordiensis reporter yesterday said that no new member would be elected to the Terrace Council at present to succeed Harry Calkins, who has enlisted in the navy. Calkin's absence leaves but four men on the Council—Hoag, Hochuli, Peaslee and Moynihan.

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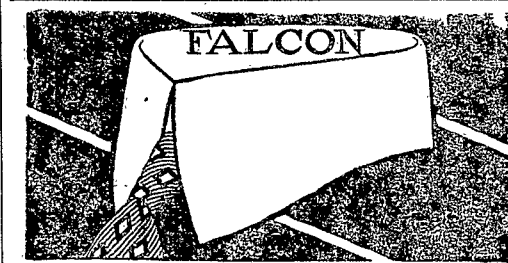
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### RULES FOR INDIVIDUAL HOLD FOR NATIONS.

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and the right."

Dr. McKean continued the discussion on the application of his topic by touching on the four human emotions, anger, lust, revenge, and love. He emphasized the fact that if a man becomes angry at another and merely thinks of murder, he is nearly guilty of the crime, even though the act was not committed. To think of a man insultingly is just as punishable as actually insulting him. With regard to lust, Dr. McKean brought out that a man who may think of a woman lustfully is guilty of adultery, and, according to the law of Christ, is just as culpable. In speaking of revenge and love, illustration was drawn from the custom of many nations of exacting indemnities and making forcible annexations after war, and of other countries who acquire land by purchase only, and who practice "Big Brotherism." The former method, the speaker said, was based on revenge, the latter on love. Dr. McKean inspiring described how consistently the United States has employed the latter method, which is founded on the Christian teachings of love and kindness. The standards of conduct should be the same for nations as for individuals, he said.

In concluding his address, Dr. McKean emphasized the fact that the "test" should be administered to oneself, not tried on someone else. It is impossible to tell another man what and how to think. It is the same way with nations as with individuals. He brought out that the United States, for instance, cannot dictate to Germany that it must have democracy. It can merely commend the plan of self-government, and let the nation itself do its own thinking on the matter.

### MAKE-UP OF QUINTET

#### STILL IN SUSPENSE.

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form of last year, although he is finding it slightly difficult to accustom himself to the ever changing squads and the new style of play. His eye for the basket is gradually coming back, and yesterday he was the heaviest scorer of the old Varsity men. It is unfortunate that several of the new men do not possess more weight, as in many instances this shooting, passwork and floor play is fully equal, if not superior, to their rivals for positions, and it is not at all improbable that the coaches may decide that their speed is of more value than the greater size and staying power of larger men.

The next regular practice will be held tomorrow at four o'clock.

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This collection of poems includes the work of a number of British and American authors, among whom are several notable poets and men of letters of the present day. There are poems by Rudyard Kipling, John Masefield, Alfred Noyes, John Galsworthy, Robert Bridges, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Rupert Brooke, G. K. Chesterton, Henry Van Dyke, Vachel Lindsay, Edgar Lee Masters, Edith Wharton, Robert Underwood Johnson, Clinton Scollard, Dana Burnet, Percy Mac Kaye, Thos. Hardy, Dr. John Finley, Austin Dobson, Maurice Hewlett, William Dean Howells, Herbert Kaufman, Alan Seeger, Thomas J. Masson, Robert W. Service and Herbert Frost.

The book is in the college library.

### CONCERT FOR BENEFIT OF FRIENDSHIP FUND

The combined musical clubs will give a concert in the gymnasium Friday night, December 14, for the benefit of the Students' Friendship War Fund. The concert will be followed by dancing.

### UNION STUDENT LIFE DURING CIVIL WAR.

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The military instruction offered here during the Civil War included lectures on the "Art and Science of Warfare" by Prof. Gillespie, given "in view of the interest in military matters." The lectures were "illustrated by drafts and models of the various implements and projectiles used in modern warfare."

In a future issue The Concordiensis will endeavor to give an account of the famous Union College Zouaves and their fiery commander, Col. Elias Peissner, who died gloriously on the field of battle.

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On the evening of Forefather's Day, December 22, Dr. Richmond will speak at the dinner of the New England Society at its 112th celebration at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York. On December 30 he speaks in the morning and evening at Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J.

### CONDITION EXAMINATIONS

Condition examinations in the following subjects will be given tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock:—

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