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## ORATORICAL CONTESTS OPEN COMMENCEMENT

Cline and McGee, Swart and Rosenberg Take Prizes.

### WAR LEADING THEME

Northrop and King Capture Awards in Extemporaneous Debate Contest.

Union's commencement was inaugurated Thursday night with the prize oratory and extemporaneous speaking contests. The program was entirely a war program, as each of the speakers had a war subject and the subject for the extemporaneous debate was one that has been uppermost in the minds of many of the people of this nation. The general subject announced some time ago was "German-American Complications" and the special question which was given to the contestants at 7 o'clock Thursday night was, "Resolved, That the Teaching of German in our Public Schools Should be Prohibited by Law."

The first oratorical contest was the Sophomore debate, which was won by James M. Cline of Amsterdam and second place was given to Harold J. McGee of this city. Cline spoke on the part which energy and conscience played in this war. He characterized this war as one between Washingtonism and Napoleonism. McGee told of France's part in this world conflict, saying that its spirit is far from being broken, even after her great losses.

Winfield Q. Swart of this city, speaking on "War—and Without Hate," won the first prize in the Junior oratoricals and the second prize was awarded to Henry E. Rosenberg of Glens Falls, who spoke on "A Spiritual Leader." Swart told of the Armenian atrocities perpetrated by the Turks, concluding with the statement that the Armenians have no thought of revenge, even after all this.

In the extemporaneous debate the order of speakers and the side on which they were to speak was chosen by lot. It was a coincidence that it was the same order as given on the program, the first speaker taking the affirmative side and the second the negative.

First prize was awarded to William P. Northrop of Newburgh and this city and the second to Marvin I. King of this city. Northrop spoke clearly and forcefully in a way to convince his hearers that he was on the right side. King, speaking on the affirmative side, had many strong arguments which he used to advantage.

The judges for the contests were C. Langdon Gibson A. N. Liecty, and Robert J. Landon, all of this city. The program was as follows:

#### Sophomores.

"The Test of America"-----  
----- Cantine Tremper, Albany  
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## BATTALION TO GIVE EXHIBITION DRILL SATURDAY AND BE REVIEWED MONDAY

Although such a large part of the battalion is gone to Plattsburgh, the Officers' Training School, and to engage in summer work, the number who are still here will be active during the commencement season. On Saturday night all members of the Battalion will fall in, in front of the Gymnasium at 7:00 P. M. sharp. A short exhibition drill will then be given in close order and the simpler open order manoeuvres.

On Monday, a small company of the U. C. R. O. T. C. will head the procession of the graduating students and members of the Faculty down to the

First Presbyterian Church, where the graduation exercises will take place. The escort will then draw up before the church and present arms as the procession enters. A color guard will march in the alumni parade on Saturday morning.

The Battalion has recently received a shipment of 100 Ross rifles, which will be used here next year.

Because so many members of the Battalion are unavoidably absent this commencement it is the duty of every man that can, to be present for the drill on Saturday night and the escort on Monday morning.

## DECORATION DAY IS ATHLETIC SUCCESS

Hamilton is Twice Defeated—St. Lawrence Wins on Saturday 7-3.

Union's baseball team avenged the defeat recently inflicted upon it by Hamilton and on May 30 made a complete success with the help of the track team, when the Clinton boys were downed by a 5 to 3 score.

The game was interesting and exciting throughout. Each team was fighting hard to win and the result was much "crabbing" and bantering back and forth. When Coach Tamssett would not allow a substitute runner to be used by Hamilton in the second inning, much arguing followed but soon both sides settled down to the real thing.

Hamilton took the lead in the first inning, but in the next inning Union forged ahead and held its lead throughout, the Hamiltonians never becoming dangerous again until the ninth, when Union misplays let them get two runs across, but Laskowski pulled out without further damage.

Starting the game with three substitutes in the line-up, Union's baseball team dropped its eighth game of the season, Saturday, St. Lawrence coming out on the long end of a 7 to 3 score. The defeat, however, can not be laid at the feet of these substitutes.

After scoring three times in the second it looked as if Union was to be a winner, as the first inning, which has always been the hard one to get through, had passed without a score. However, St. Lawrence came back in the third with two, and in the fifth three scores gave it the lead, which was further increased by two more in the sixth. In getting these seven runs only one clean hit was made.

Captain Peaslee was out of the game with his injured finger, Fancher was out on account of a foot which he hurt in Thursday's game and which suddenly developed complications, and Jamieson was unable to appear before the fourth inning because he had to take an exam. The

## BASEBALLERS HOLD THREE HOUR PRACTICE

In Preparation for Saturday's Game—Peaslee to Play.

Union baseball players spent the greater portion of yesterday afternoon practicing for the game against Rochester on Saturday afternoon. Some members of the squad were missing, but those present put in a good three hours' work.

Captain Peaslee will be back in the lineup Saturday in his old position at short. His hand has mended sufficiently so as not to handicap him in throwing. If Fancher is in shape he will play second; if not, Smukler will do the honors. Hanley and Mallery will play the extremities as usual.

In the outfield Hochuli and Smukler will take care of right and left fields, while the center garden will be handled by either Getman, Beaver or Metzner.

The commencement activities prevented any practice being staged yesterday. The team picture will be taken before the game today and the election of next year's captain will take place directly after.

team will lend the season Saturday.

The scores:				
HAMILTON.	AB.	H.	P.O.	A
Powers, cf. ....	3	3	1	1
Fursman, 2b. ....	4	2	4	2
Pritchard, lf. ....	5	1	0	1
Cavanagh, 3b. ....	4	2	3	0
Gorman, c. ....	5	0	3	2
Johnson, 1b. ....	4	1	10	1
Campbell, ss. ....	4	1	2	3
Hewitt, rf. ....	0	0	0	0
Lawler, rf. ....	3	0	0	0
Baumler, p. ....	4	1	1	3
Totals .....	36	11	25	12
UNION.	AB.	H.	P.O.	A
Jamieson, lf. ....	3	0	2	0
Fancher, 2b. ....	4	1	5	1
Beaver, ss. ....	4	0	1	1
Harley, 1b. ....	3	0	9	1
Hochuli, rf. ....	4	3	0	0
Wittner, c. ....	2	2	6	0
Smulker, cf. ....	4	2	3	1
Mallery, 3b. ....	3	1	1	4
Laskowski, p. ....	4	0	0	1
Totals .....	31	9	27	9

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## COMMENCEMENT WEEK IN FULL SWING

Prize Speaking Ushers in Gala Week.

### ALUMNI DAY TOMORROW

One Thousand Guardsmen to Escort Gen. March—Geddings Speaks Saturday.

Union College's 122nd commencement exercises are now under full swing. The prize speaking and extemporaneous debating last night ushered in the event, and on Monday the exercises in the First Presbyterian Church at which Secretary of State Robert Lansing will give the address and act as honorary chancellor and five-day program will be concluded. At the Monday exercises Major-General Peyton C. March, U. S. A., chief of staff, will be the guest of honor.

The temporary plan for class reunions has been adopted and the following classes are scheduled to have official reunions this year: '58, '68, '73, '80, '84, '85, '88, '89, '99, '00, '03, '04, '16 and '17.

#### Alumni Day Saturday.

For the first time in the history of Union College, "Alumni Day" this year will be on Saturday. This change it is believed will enable many more of the alumni to be present, the week-end date being much more convenient. Union's service flag at this time will have more than 500 stars, yet a good attendance of the alumni is assured. War conditions have caused the excluding of everything frivolous in the program, but there will be much of interest, the keynote being loyalty. "Everyman's" dinner at the Mohawk Golf Club on Friday night will be one of the features of the program. An entertainment, arranged by Alexander D. Kline '08, will follow the dinner and after this informal dancing will come.

General Amasa J. Parker, '63, of Albany, will be grand marshal of the alumni procession Saturday morning. The alumni will assemble at St. George's Parish house at 10 o'clock. There will be no class costumes this year, but the line will be bright with banners and flags, a noteworthy feature being a complete set of large ensigns, of the 14 nations allied with the U. S. in the war. These flags will be presented to the college by the "Old Guard" and reunion classes. The procession will be in two divisions, each headed by a band of 20 pieces.

On the old campus there will be the parade and flag-raising and also the formal presentation of the ensigns, the massed bands playing the Marseillaise in honor of the bearers of these colors on the western front. The inspection of the classes for the Wal-

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James M. Cline --- News Editor

## A War Commencement.

You alumni, who are now returning to celebrate the one-hundred twenty-second birthday of your Alma Mater—we, her younger sons, welcome you to the scenes of your youth. The years have gone by. You see many changes, new faces, new buildings, and different ideas.

Yes, even our ideas have changed from what they were five or ten years ago. Our thoughts are now of war, and of things in relation to war. Our writing and our speaking is one continuous thought, almost, of the crucial conflict in which we are now engaged. Our paper has been filled with war articles and war news. Our speeches, as you heard last night in chapel, are merely viewpoints of the same happenings, taken from different angles.

You and we come together this year under conditions such as our common mother has never before experienced; no, not even in our Civil War. Your numbers have been depleted by our country's call to arms. You find us here, three hundred men, carrying on the work of five and six hundred. These are our efforts; you are the judges to decide their worth. We have planned a program for this Commencement which we may, with due modesty assert, will be, at least, as satisfactory as those of former reunions. Our guests of honor are such men as Honorable Robert Lansing, and General Peyton C. March. They will, without doubt, speak of war, of Union's duty to the nation, and of our duty to Union, as members of a war community. These war-time speeches

and writings, and our lessened members make us feel the times in which we are living; they make us feel that this is a War Commencement indeed.

## Enlist—And Go to College.

Many a 1918 high school graduate is debating with himself this year: Shall I go to college? or shall I enlist at once for military service?

The War Department has just made it possible to do both. It says, in effect, to the ambitious young American: "You serve your country by going to college. To make sure that you do not lose thereby the opportunity of serving your country in a direct military capacity you will be asked to join the special U. S. Army college training units that are to be formed. You will be liable for service at a moment's notice but because you are worth more to the nation with your college training than without it, you will be expected to stay in college until called by the Government."

The War Department's announcement provides that beginning with September, 1918, military instruction, under officers and non-commissioned officers of the army, will be provided in every institution of college grade enrolling for the instruction one hundred or more able-bodied students over the age of eighteen. The necessary military equipment will be provided by the Government. There will be created a military training unit in each institution. Enlistment will be purely voluntary, but all students over the age of eighteen will be encouraged to enlist. The enlistment will constitute the student a member of the army of the United States, liable to active duty at the call of the President. It will, however, be the policy of the Government not to call the members of the training units to active duty until they have reached the age of twenty-one, unless urgent military necessity compels an earlier call. Students under eighteen, and therefore not legally eligible for enlistment, will be encouraged to enroll in the training units. Provision will be made for co-ordinating the Reserve Officers' Training Corps system, which exists in about one-third of the collegiate institutions, with this broader plan.

"This new policy aims to accomplish a two-fold object," the War Department announces, "first, to develop as a great military asset the large body of young men in the colleges; and second, to prevent unnecessary and wasteful depletion of the colleges through indiscriminate volunteering, by offering to the students a definite and immediate military status."

No nation has made such generous provision for combined military and college education as has the United States in this new plan. The youth who avail themselves of the privilege will be serving their country's immediate as well as future needs—P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

## GARNET DELAYED.

Owing to a lack of binding, which for some reason or other not known, has been delayed in delivery, the management fears that it will be impossible to deliver the 1919 Garnet before the expiration of the present school year. Those who wish to secure copies can do so by signing one of the order blanks. They may be secured from Manager Barnett at any time

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## ALUMNI TRUSTEES TO BE ELECTED

The official ballot for the election of alumni trustees this year contained the names of three candidates. To succeed Frederick W. Cameron, '81, deceased, term of office expiring in 1921, Dr. J. Montgomery Mosher, '86, of Albany, was the only nomination made. Dr. Mosher is president of his class, a member of the graduate Council, and a professor in the Albany Medical School. He is a specialist in mental diseases and a prominent figure in the medical profession of the state.

Two names appear as candidates to succeed William P. Adams, '79, whose term expires this month. They are William L. Kennedy, '88, and George C. Foote, '99. Mr. Kennedy is a broker and a member of the New York stock exchange. He has long been an active and interested alumnus, and has sent two sons to Union. Mr. Foote represents his class on the graduate council and is treasurer of the Witherbee-Sherman Iron & Ore Company of Port Henry. He is a brother of the late Wallace T. Foote, '85, one-time trustee of Union College and co-founder with George F. Allison '84, of the Allison-Foote prize.

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### ORATORICAL CONTESTS OPEN COMMENCEMENT

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Winfield Quenten Swart, Schenectady.

"The Peace of the Future"-----  
----Isadore Yavits, Schenectady  
**Extemporaneous Speaking.**

Frederick George Bascom, '18-----  
----Fort Edward  
Walter Hochuli, '18-----Schenectady  
Marvin Irving King, '18-----Schenectady  
William Pierre Northrop, '18-----  
----Newburgh

### FRESHMAN CHEMISTS DINE.

The members of the B. S. in Chemistry course inaugurated a new custom when they held a dinner at the Mohawk Hotel on June 4th to mark the close of the college year. All the members of the course with the exception of H. I. Thorp who was unexpectedly called home were present. There were no toasts but an informal discussion was carried on during the dinner. Doctor Edward Ellery was the guest of honor. Those present were: Dr. Ellery, J. L. Alden, Guy Bartlett, B. D. Divine, W. B. Posson, R. G. Rice, R. A. Schatzel, R. P. Smith, E. G. Walsh, T. H. Wilber and A. C. Zacharevich. The dinner was very successful and was much enjoyed by all.

### LYMAN, '19 CAPTAIN OF TRACK TEAM

**Committee of Awards Gives Ten Letters.**

Varner M. Lyman of Lowville was chosen captain of the Union College the Hamilton meet on Memorial Day. Lyman has been a member of the track squad for three seasons, although he never won his letter until this season. He is also a member of the Terrace Council, of the Chemical Society and of the Pyramid Club.

The official track picture was also taken after the meet. The awards committee at their meeting made the following awards to the members of the track squad: U's were awarded to Capt. Northrop, Hay, Hance, V. Lyman, Beekman, Jones, Freedman, Miller, Potter and Rapelje. The aUa was given to McLean, McCarty, Zehfuss, Streeter, Barlow, D. Lyman, Speer, Mace, Allerton, Dewey, Dohm and Schwartz. Class numerals were given to Moynihan, Sheldon, Walker, Van Ness and Donnan.

Harold Hay was awarded a record medal for breaking the college discus record at the R. P. I. meet. Hay's throw measured 106 ft., 10 in.

Union's track team will lose this year by graduation Capt. Northrop, Hay, McLean and Hance, who has already gone.

### BASEBALLERS HOLD THREE HOUR PRACTICE

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Runs—Powers, Pritchard, Baumler, Fancher 2, Beaver, Hanley, Hachuli. Errors—Fursman 2, Gorman, Johnson, Fancher, Beaver, Jamieson, Smukler, Mallery.

Hamilton -----1 0 0 0 0 0 0 2—3  
Union -----0 1 2 0 0 2 0 \*—5

Stolen bases — Powers, Fancher, Hanley. Sacrifice hits—Wittner, Mallery. Two base hits—Baumler. Double plays—Smukler to Fancher to Hanley, Beaver to Fancher, Campbell to Johnson, Johnson unassisted. Struck out—By Laskowski, 6; by Baumler, 2. Base on balls—Off Laskowski, 4; off Baumler, 4. Left on bases—Union, 7; Hamilton, 11. Hit by pitched ball—Hewitt. Time of game—2 hours and 20 minutes. Umpire—Blanchard.

The St. Lawrence game resulted in following score:

Runs—Barker 2, Plantz 2, Tillinghast, Glover, Reamon, Hanley, Hochuli, Wittner.

Errors—Beaver 3, Smukler, Malley 2. St. Lawrence -----0 0 2 0 3 2 0 0—7  
Union -----0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0—3

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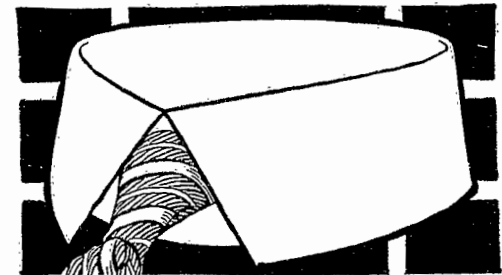
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dron cup will take place at this time followed by a review by the president and the trustees.

The general alumni association will meet at noon to elect two trustees, one in the place of Frederick W. Cameron, '81, deceased, and the other to succeed William P. Adams, '79, who declined the nomination for a third term.

### Afternoon Events.

In the afternoon the baseball team will play the University of Rochester. From 4 until 6 o'clock President and Mrs. C. A. Richmond will receive informally at the president's house.

At 7:30 o'clock there will be a concert of patriotic numbers by a band of 40 pieces on Alexander Field, followed by a dress parade of the Union College battalion and a competitive drill for guidons presented by the old guard. After national and college songs the classes will sing in a contest for the Ludlow cup. Then the alumni and undergraduates combined will form a great U, and Fitzhugh Ludlow's "Ode to Old Union" will be sung. An informal dance in the gymnasium ends the day's program.

Sunday's program will include the vesper service in the college garden at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and the baccalaureate sermon in the First Presbyterian Church at 7:30 o'clock. The exercises on Monday will begin at 10 o'clock.

### 1,000 Guardsmen for March.

One thousand guardsmen of the second and tenth regiments will form an escort of honor for Major General Peyton C. March when he attends the Union College commencement exercises.

The plans for the guard are being made by Adjutant General Charles H. Sherrill at Albany. Major General March is a brother of Dr. John L. March at Union.

### Alumni Address.

Franklin P. Geddings Ph. D., of Columbia University, will deliver the address to the trustees at the alumni luncheon, instead of E. W. Rice, Jr., who was previously announced as the speaker. This change has been made necessary on account of a meeting of the shipping board, which it is necessary for Mr. Rice to attend.

The aides for the Union College alumni day, procession have been named by General Amasa J. Parker as follows: Assistant marshals, Rev. Seth C. Beach, D. D., Samuel J. Day, Thomas H. Fearey, A. M., Robert M. Fuller, Richard A. Harkness, A. M., Albert Hurd, Edwin Maloney, Rev. Stephen Palmer Dr. Isaac E. Roberts, Rev. John Wright, L.L.D., members of the class of 1863. The adjutant of the procession will be Samuel P. McClellan, '81. The aides are John C. Van Voast, '87; William J. Smith, '99; DeForest W. Weed, '03; Dr. William C. Treder, '94; Alexander D. Kline, '08; J. Leslie Walton, '09; Arthur J. Streibert, '09; S. Vernon Travis, '11.

All alumni are to report to Aide Tredder at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning and they will be assigned to their places in line by him. The different classes will carry flags of the allied nations. The "Old Guard" will wear some simple insignia and every alumnus will wear a class arm-band. The line, which will move promptly at 10:30 o'clock, will be formed east side of Ferry street in the following order:

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### Saturday.

10 A. M.—Meeting of the board of governor, president's office.

10 A. M.—Alumni parade, starting from St. George's Church, North Ferry Street.

10:30 A. M.—Meeting of the board of trustees, president's office.

11 A. M.—Flag raising and review of classes by the Waldron Cup Committee on the front campus.

12-1 P. M.—Annual meeting of the General Alumni Association in the college chapel.

The polls will be open for balloting for alumni trustees at this time.

12:30 P. M.—Alumni luncheon in the alumni gymnasium.

2:45 P. M.—Baseball game on Alexander Field, Rochester vs. Union.

4:30-6 P. M.—President's reception, president's house.

7:30 P. M.—Alumni night, general gathering on Alexander Field, with band concert, Ludlow Cup contest and military drill by the U. C. R. of T. C.

### Sunday.

5 P. M.—Vesper service under the old Nott elm in Jackson's Garden.

7:30 P. M.—Baccalaureate sermon by President Richmond in the First Presbyterian Church.

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