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TEAM SNAPPY AND ACCURATE IN PRACTICE

Basket Shooting Showed Improvement in Thursday's Scrimmage.

PRACTICE ON DEC. 27.

Varsity Team Twice Trounces Scrubs in Lively Scrimmage—Peaslee Playing Centre.

At Thursday afternoon's practice the team showed improvement in basket shooting. Much less fouling occurred in the scrub games.

The practice began promptly at 4 o'clock with thirty minutes of basket shooting. Then came fifteen minutes of passing the ball.

A 'varsity team composed of Peaslee, centre; Collins and J. Brucker, forwards; Yavits and G. Brucker, guards, defeated two scrub teams to the tune of 20-11 and 15-8. Five minutes' intermission took place between the twenty-minute scrimmages.

It was during these games that the teams showed up in good form. The playing was all the time snappy and accurate.

The team will practice December 27 at 4 o'clock to be in trim for the Rochester contest at Rochester on December 29.

The team leaves at 7:35 tomorrow morning for New York, where they meet C. C. N. Y. tomorrow night.

HOSPITAL MOBILIZATION FURTHER REDUCES '18 CLASS

The Senior class, which has been rapidly diminishing all the fall by the enlistment and call to service of many of its members, was reduced by one more departure to-day, when the Rochester Base Hospital mobilized, calling away J. W. McCauley, '18. McCauley received a telegram yesterday calling him to Rochester and he left this morning. He was chairman of the Interfraternity Conference and 1918 representative on the Graduate Council.

CALENDAR.

Tomorrow.

12:00—Christmas recess begins.
7:30—C. C. N. Y. vs. Union in New York.

December 27.

Rochester vs. Union at Rochester, January 3, 1918.

8:00—College session resumed.
Chapel service.

STUDENTS CAN SAVE COAL BY TURNING OFF RADIATORS WHEN NOT NEEDED

When the weather moderates, as it has for the past few days, the student conning o'er his lessons in his room finds thought impeded by the super-heated vapor. He goes to the window and throws up the sash, seeking to dispell cerebral dullness by admitting a cool current of air from without. But does he shut off his radiator when he finds that his room is so warm that he must open the window? Not many days ago over forty open windows were counted in fraternity houses and dormitories.

SOLDIERS OVERFLOW "FOYERS DU SOLDAT"

Men on Leave from Trenches Read, Write and Rest in Y. M. C. A. Huts.

An Americal college man who was abroad for some time with the McAll mission is reported as follows in The Daily Princetonian, regarding the Y. M. C. A.'s work for the fighting men in France: The "Foyers du Soldat," established by the Y. M. C. A. and the French committee are splendid. "Absolument defendu" to any strictly so-called evangelical work, they are, nevertheless, truly and most really Christian institutions for the comfort and help of the weary men of the trenches, as from time to time they have their six or seven days' leave. Like sanctuaries in the busy cities in which to "rest and pray," like oases in the barren wastes of the desert, they are the nearest possible thing to the distant "foyers" where loved ones linger, waiting for news. Every evening they are literally filled with men, writing their mothers, sweethearts and wives, reading the papers and journals provided, fellowshiping with each other far from the ribaldry of the barracks, breathing an atmosphere, if sometimes a little too thick from the ever-in-evidence French cigarette, nevertheless tranquil, restful, and Christian. For, moving among them and ever at hand to answer questions, offer suggestions, or give a word of cheer, are the devoted directors. In one hut, not over three miles from the "line," the director showed me many pieces of exploded "obus," which had actually hit his hut, and only an hour before we called on him a German "avion" had been brought down by a Frenchman on the wooded hill-top not two miles distant.

ies. Were the radiators turned off in these rooms, or were they going full blast, doing their best to heat all out doors? The College authorities say that they will have coal enough to keep going all winter. They do not fear that the college will have to close for want of fuel. But they are anxious that no more coal be burned than is necessary. Were the supply abundant, its cost is sufficiently high to encourage careful use. The students, they say, by accepting a little personal responsibility and turning off their radiators when their rooms are warm enough without them, can help to save the coal and keep down expenses. Every radiator that is turned on requires so much coal to keep the steam circulating through it. A radiator turned off when not needed save coal, coal saved saves cash, ed saves coal, coal saved saves cash. During the Christmas vacation there will be many radiators in fraternity houses and dormitories that do not need to be left on. A few will suffice to prevent water pipes from freezing. Every man that sees to it before he goes home that his radiators are turned off will be saving the College money by a mere twist of the wrist.

BROWN FACULTY TO SECURE RIGHT SUMMER JOBS FOR MEN

At Brown a faculty Committee on Relations of the University to National Service will conduct a questionnaire among Brown students to discover what sort of service each student is best fitted to perform during the summer vacation, which has been lengthened at Brown by moving up the date of commencement. Efforts will be made to secure suitable employment for those men who wish it. The questionnaire is as follows:

1. Are you willing to engage in emergency work next summer?
2. Do you prefer work
 - (a) On a farm,
 - (b) or in a munition factory,
 - (c) or would you prefer some other form of public service?
3. What kind of remunerative work, if any, did you do last summer?
4. Where?

For how long a time?
5. To candidates for the A. B. and Ph. B. degrees:

If courses were offered during the summer of 1918, for which a semester's credit may be obtained, would you register for one or more courses?

UNION STUDENTS WERE SOLDIER-LIKE IN 1827

Prof. Hale Unearths Bits of Cadets' History.

MADE ANNUAL MARCHES

Organization Was Equipped With Tents and Uniforms—Executed Evolutions.

Prof. Hale in examining some ancient copies of Cooperstown and Albany publications has unearthed some interesting information regarding the corps of Union College Cadets which existed here in 1827-8. It appears from these journals that the military band, which it is said was most soldier-like in its bearing, was wont to hold encampments on the Fourth of July, marching from Schenectady to some convenient place where they pitched tents and went through some military evolutions. They were received with honor by the citizens of the village where they bivouaced and were invited to public dinners, "of which they partook," says the contemporary chronicle somewhat tautologically. The corps was commanded by a major and two captains, and was "perfectly uniformed." In 1828 the major was evidently "Captain" Isaac W. Jackson, '25, who was a tutor here at that time.

The history of the corps' expedition to Cooperstown in 1827 is found in two extracts from Freeman's Journal, a Cooperstown publication and one extract from the Albany Argus: Freeman's Journal, Cooperstown, Otsego County, New York, Wednesday, July 2, 1827.

Union College Cadets—The students connected with Union College, Schenectady, have formed themselves into a military corps, officered by a major and two captains, for military exercise and improvement, and have been in the habit, for several years, of visiting different places on the anniversary of our independence. This season, we understand, it is their intention to march to this village, with a view as well to spend the Fourth of July as to enjoy the scenery which environs our "blue bosomed" lake, so well depicted by Mr. Cooper in "The Pioneers."

In those places which they have visited on similar occasions, they have always been received with civil-

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1917

Carry On!

Last spring when the nation went to war, the introduction of military drill into our routine and the departure of many students and some of the faculty disrupted undergraduate affairs and a lamentable demoralization followed. Some courses were dropped altogether, the "even tenor of our way" was broken and we shared in the feeling of uncertainty and suspense which prevailed throughout the country when war overthrew the economic status. We became lax in the performance of our collegiate duties. Some even thought that college would not re-open in the fall; diligence was abandoned and demoralization ensued.

But college re-opened and four-fifths of the students returned. It is true that since early fall upperclassmen have been leaving to enter national service, but there are a large number of students still left, whose duty it is to attend strictly to business while they are here. The provocations for laxity which caused havoc last spring no longer prevail. On the contrary, to a sober and thoughtful man there are keener spurs to industry than in peace times. We have been adjured for months by men high in authority to continue our college education. The efficiency which the modern fighting man must have, the man far behind the lines must have too, if the war is to be won. The government looks to the colleges of the country for men who will be not only good soldiers, but capable workers in the business which must go on beyond the smoke of battle. It is true that the colleges have contributed

great numbers of men to the army and navy, but we cannot all be in uniform. There are men in college now, Seniors, who within less than a year, will be doing their part as civilians, Juniors who will probably graduate before the war is over and Sophomores and Freshmen too, who will be expected to render valuable service in other fields than those where the battle is hottest. If the colleges are to meet the expectations of the country, if they are to turn out men capable of filling the bill, college students must not give themselves over to vapid and noxious laxity. They must hold their noses to the grindstone.

Though our numbers are few and our affairs somewhat deranged, we should meet the situation with the stoical aphorism of the French people—"C'est la guerre"—and suffer no diminution of energy or zest in doing what is at hand for us to do. Unless we deny that a college education is worth anything at all, we ought to increase the seriousness of our purpose in our every act.

Patriotism alone does not bid us do so, nor the call for service which nowadays the individual is expected to contribute to the welfare of the community. Our allegiance to our Alma Mater bids us do so. A former Union student who is now an officer in the Regular Army was here a few weeks ago and spoke in chapel. "There is no use fighting," he said, "unless you have something back home that is worth fighting for," and he told the students that in attending college they were helping to save the things worth fighting for. If we wish Union College to be found by her sons who return after the war as strong and proud and as worthy of their devotion as she was last March we who are students here now have a tremendous duty, which we cannot discharge by merely being enrolled as a student. We must "carry on," as they say overseas. "Carry on" means go ahead, dig in, do it now and put the punch in it.

We have "carried on" thus far in the college year better than we did last spring, yet there is still a tendency to be slack in studies and in "spirit." It is in the underclasses that this tendency is most perceptible, yet it is on the underclasses that the responsibility of "carrying on" lies heaviest.

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be from them that future classes must catch the quickening spark of enthusiasm, loyalty and zeal. But it would not be amiss for us all to make, and keep, a New Year's resolution of increased application to our duty here.

NO CHAPEL EXCUSES HEREAFTER.

As Dean Ripton has announced, beginning after vacation no one will be excused from attending chapel on account of working or living at a distance from the campus.

PSI U EASY MEAT FOR P. C.

The Pyramid Club defeated Psi Upsilon Thursday afternoon in the last contest of the first round of games. The score was 15-3.

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SENIORS AND SOPHOMORES BEAT JUNIORS AND FROSH.

The Sophomore and Seniors were victorious in the first games of the interclass series, played in the gymnasium last Wednesday night. The Seniors defeated the Freshmen 19-7 and the Sophs overcame the Juniors by the score of 26-14. Moynihan, '18, refereed. The following is the summary:

Juniors.			
	F.G.	F.P.	Pts.
Carr, forward	2	0	4
Metzner, forward	3	0	6
Lefkowitz, centre	1	0	2
Manion, guard	0	0	0
Gorham, guard	1	0	2
Score	7	0	14

Sophomores.			
	F.G.	F.P.	Pts.
Weinhold, forward	4	0	8
Lefkowitz, forward ...	2	2	6
Hughes, centre	2	0	4
Notman, guard	1	0	2
Eisenberg, guard	3	0	6
Score	12	2	26

Seniors.			
	F.G.	F.P.	Pts.
Slade, forward	3	0	6
Hay, forward	1	3	5
Hochuli, centre	2	0	4
McCauley, guard	0	0	0
Fancher, guard	2	0	4
Score	8	3	19

Freshmen.			
	F.G.	F.P.	Pts.
Getman, forward	0	0	0
Mallery, forward	0	0	0
Gingold, forward	0	0	0
Reynolds, centre	2	1	5
Dolls, guard	0	0	0
Stevens, guard	0	0	0
Eddy, guard	1	0	2
Score	3	1	7

CALKINS AND FREES ARE STATIONED AT NEWPORT.

Calkins ex-'18, and Frees, ex-'19, who left College at Thanksgiving time to enlist in the Navy, have been stationed at Newport, R. I., in the second company of the Second Regiment of the U. S. N. Training Station.

PRESIDENT IN NEW YORK FOR SPEECH.

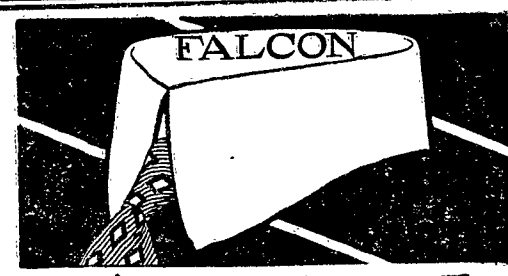
President Richmond left last night for New York, where he will speak to-morrow night at the 112th celebration of the New England Society at the Waldorf-Astoria.

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ity, and marked attentions were bestowed upon them. Their conduct was spoken of as soldier-like, and their knowledge of military tactics respectable. They are perfectly uniformed and will bring with them tents for their own accommodation.

Albany Argus, July 6, 1827.—The students of Union College, as a military corps, have for several years visited for purposes of recreation and exercise, the adjacent towns and counties, on the anniversary of our independence. They are commanded by a major and two captains, are perfectly uniformed, and carry with them tents for their own accommodation. The Cooperstown Freeman's Journal states that they have encamped this year in the vicinity of that beautiful village and its romantic lake.

Freeman's Journal, Cooperstown, Otsego County, Wednesday, July 9, 1827.—Fourth of July. The fifty-first anniversary of American Independence was noticed in many parts of this county by public celebrations. At Westford, we learn, the preparations were extensive, and the whole proceedings respectable. The same may also be marked of the efforts at Burlington and Fly Creek.

Although in our own village there had been no previous arrangements to receive and entertain the corps of Union College Cadets, under the command of Major Holland and Captains Pressley and Peckham, yet, on their arriving on the morning of the Fourth they were waited upon by a number of gentlemen, and a ground for encampment provided. They were also invited to a public dinner of which they partook. Their appearance when marching and going through their evolutions, was soldier-like indeed, their whole deportment evinced good discipline and a well regulated conduct, high'y reputable to the officers and young gentlemen who have thus

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According to another Cooperstown paper, The Watch Tower, the expedition made the following year was to the Catskill Mountain House:

The Watch Tower, Cooperstown, Otsego County, N. Y., June 27, 1828. —The students of Union College are to spend the Fourth of July at the Catskill Mountain House. They will proceed in a body under the command of Major Jackson, in military style.

PROF. HAMLIN SPEAKS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Professor Hamlin delivered the Bible lecture yesterday. He described his subject, "The Lord's Prayer" as a useful formula in solving the problem of prayer.

An abstract of his remarks might be worded as follows:

"The first time we hear of Christ repeating the Lord's prayer is when He offers it as an example of true prayer on the streets for effect. He used it a second time as a model for His disciples who sought to be taught how to pray. Thus when not used mechanically, it is a useful as a formula for our prayer.

"That phrase, 'Hallowed be Thy name' suggests to our minds the tendency on the part of college students to use profane language. Of course we are not able to pray if our mental attitude toward prayer is such as the use of that language would indicate.

"As the Lord's Prayer shows, true prayer is actuated by no selfish motive. A business contract between the one who would pray and the Creator is obviously impossible. We should look upon prayer, as some one has said, as the overcoming of our will to receive God's will rather than the overcoming of God's will to serve us.

"Furthermore, we see that true prayer is a means of securing that fellowship with God which is the essence of all true religion. By it men's hearts are moved with big thoughts and feelings such as of home and mother, and so turned to the path of Christ."

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