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DAWSON HONORED AT ALUMNI DINNER

Enthusiastic Gathering Bids Farewell With a "Parting Song to Godspeed Good Old Fred."

BENNETT PRESIDES

Praises for Dawson's Successes With Garnet Teams.

The farewell dinner to Dawson given by the alumni was held at Hotel Mohawk Thursday night. The affair brought together many of the alumni of this vicinity and especially those who have known Fred personally and have followed his career as coach at Union.

Johnny Bennett, as toastmaster, was the "real quill," and it was "an auspicious occasion." Prof. Opdyke and Prof. Garis of the faculty were also present.

Fred Dawson, who was the principal speaker, expressed his appreciation of the co-operation of alumni, faculty and students who have worked with him. He spoke of the close personal touch which he had with the students as their coach. He said in part:

"Many athletes fail to make good at the close of their athletic career, because they have moved in a single track. At Union the men have been filled with the spirit of winning not only in athletics but in all they attempt. The real athletic spirit and training which will be of more than physical value, is the aim to excel in every direction, on the field, in the class room, in the complex relations of life beyond college walls. The boys have been told to do that and to play the game fair. That's the spirit of Union."

Professor Opdyke spoke of the successes of the college teams in the five years that Dawson has been coach at Union.

E. T. Grout and O. W. Kuolt, who have both coached at Union, praised Dawson for his work with the Garnet athletics and expressed their regret at the prospect of his departure. A. J. Streibert and A. J. Dillingham also complimented him on his successes at Union and his appointment to the important Princeton post.

The alumni presented Fred with a very handsome dress set of studs and links of pearl, in token of the esteem in which he is held by the alumni and all who have known him.

At the close of the evening the alumni clasped hands and sang a parting song to the music of "Auld Lang Syne." The song was:

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IMPENDING WAR AND PREPAREDNESS PLANS ABSORB UNDERGRADUATE INTEREST IN NATIONAL CRISIS

ENGINEER CORPS AND PLATTSBURGH APPEAL

100 Men Enlist Under Dr. Landreth; Charlie Waldron Interests Students in Plattsburgh.

A hundred men from the three upper classes of engineering students have enrolled in Dr. Landreth's course in military engineering. The class meets every Wednesday evening at seven-thirty and Dr. Landreth is delivering a series of lectures on the fundamentals of military service and the elements of military operations in the field.

There is no doubt that the training which the engineering students receive will be of tremendous value to the government in the event of war and the eager interest which these men are showing is convincing proof of the serious attitude which they are taking toward the work.

The engineering corps is taking the Friday night drill as supplementary to their special training under Dr. Landreth.

The committee on military affairs has recommended to the education committee of the faculty that a United States army officer be appointed to instruct such an engineers' training corps as a permanent course. The education committee has not yet had an opportunity to meet for action on this recommendation.

At a meeting of the student body yesterday noon, Charlie Waldron discussed the plans for military preparations which the advisory committee on military affairs has under way, urging especially enrollment for the Plattsburgh summer camps for college men.

He stated that Plattsburgh is the present official plan of the government for the training of officers, and that the government looks to the college for the men who will make the most competent officers.

An undergraduate committee has been appointed to take charge of the Plattsburgh enrollments and also of the canvass for the military census of the college which is to be started next week. This committee consists of Girling, Roof, Boomhower, Loughlin, Beckett, Carey, Palmer, Potter and Jamieson.

The faculty met Thursday afternoon and approved the recommendations of the advisory committee on military affairs.

The cards for the military census of the college are being printed and will be distributed next week. These cards call for a very

NATION'S WELFARE FIRST SAYS PREXY RICHMOND

Stirring Address to Student Body Results in Big Enrollment for Military Drill.

Dr. Richmond's address to the students last Thursday, following his remarks at the Dawson dinner on the previous evening, made a very great impression upon the undergraduates and resulted in a large number of men reporting at the armory last night for the military drill.

Prexy said to the students in part:

"Speaking for myself, I wish to say that the present crisis demands that Union College shall take an active part in the general plans for national defense. The interests of this college are dear to me as they are to you, and, I may say without extravagance, more dear than any other interest outside my own family, but we must never forget that Union College does not exist for itself; just as every citizen holds his life and property at the service of his country, so this institution holds its private interests subordinate and at the service of the country. Those of us who are older are debarred by our very age from certain services which younger men can render; we can only do what we are able to do, but you young men must hold yourselves ready for active service in whatever field the government may need you. It may be that the trustees of this college will think it wise to take steps to organize a definite system of military training looking to active service, but at present we can only do the thing that lies before us and we present to you this concrete plan. I hope that not merely 200 students, but every undergraduate in

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detailed and complete classification of ability, training and experience in all lines that would prove of military value.

Registrations are now being received in Dr. Hale's course in military topography and in Dr. Berg's course in code signalling. These courses of instruction will start next week. The purchase of several field wireless instruments has been authorized by Dr. Richmond.

DELTS AND PSI U'S TIED.

By taking two out of three games from the Pyramids Thursday afternoon the Psi Upsilon bowling team became tied with the Delts for second place in division one of the interfraternity league

Student Body Meets Need for Immediate Action With Quietness and Determination.

ENTHUSIASM FOR DRILL

Three Hundred Men Report at Armory and Are Put Through Two Hours of Vigorous Work.

Nearly three hundred students marched through a drizzling rain last night from the campus to the armory for their first drill in the new college battalion. The college band headed the parade and the men swung over Nott Terrace with enthusiasm and determination in every step.

Promptly at seven-thirty the men lined-up in the armory and the roll of those who had enlisted in Dr. Landreth's engineering corps was called. The men were then arranged in three ranks with about twenty-five militiamen scattered about between the lines as instructors.

The officers in charge of the drill were Captain J. S. Clinton of Company E, Captain H. D. Crouse of Company F, Second Lieutenant Degenar of Company E, and Second Lieutenant Fuller of Company F.

Captain Clinton stood in the center of the hollow square formed by the "rookies," and explained each movement in detail. When he commanded its execution each instructor checked up the work of the small group of men under his charge.

A good many of the college Plattsburgh men also assisted as instructors and gave the "rookies" the benefit of their experience at the camp last summer.

The men were put through two hours of stiff work, the purpose of the instructors being to discourage at once any men who were not heart and soul in the work. But there was not one "slacker" in the Union line.

Several militiamen commented upon the aptitude which the men showed for grasping the details of the movements and the snap and precision with which they executed the manoeuvres. The clean cut appearance of the college soldiers made a very favorable impression.

"This simply shows what the college trained man can do," said one guardsman, "the rapidity with which they catch on to every point is surprising. These are the kind of men this country will need for officers."

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UNION'S ANSWER.

The seriousness of the international situation which this country is now facing has been very strongly impressed upon every student during the past week. There has been created on the campus an atmosphere, not of hysteria, but of determination. Not of intangible suggestions for the future, but of practical plans for the present.

We have done our serious thinking, and the time has come for vigorous action. The war seems inevitable, and if there is to be war, there must be preparedness. We have seen the ghastly lesson which the war taught Great Britain. Her bravest and best were virtually wasted in the earlier days of the great conflict.

Are we not to profit by what a disastrous experience has taught England? We cannot afford to waste our resources, of which the greatest is the human element, by entering a war unprepared. That has been the conclusion reached in our serious thinking.

And now we have begun our vigorous action. It was inspiring to see those three hundred men drilling in the armory last night. The inspiration came not from the martial music as the parade moved over Nott Terrace and not from the steady tramp, tramp of feet across the armory floor,—the inspiration came from the spirit of patriotism in their hearts.

It was a spirit that craved for some concrete expression of their loyalty to their country. It was that earnest eagerness to do his bit, that showed in each man's face. Every man was there for business and for serious business.

When the call came in the sixties for Union's men to defend the right, her sons responded and gave themselves. It was a blow which stunned the college for more than

a half century, and from which she is but now recovering. Hard as the struggle has been it has been more than worth while, because it has had as its inspiration the sacrifices which those men made.

The greatest aim of this college is to train its students to be loyal citizens—that is the greatest reason for its existence. If the college fails to fulfill its purpose, it is not worthy to exist. It is not worthwhile to destroy the very reasons for living simply for the purpose of living.

The call has come for immediate action. Union is answering that call with quiet determination and with the same spirit that she showed in the sixties. The students are taking the preparedness work with serious enthusiasm and thoughtful eagerness.

And when the call for service comes, Union will be prepared to answer, "Ready."

THE NEW FLAG FLIES.

The ink was scarcely dry on the editorial page of the last issue of THE CONCORDIENSIS before a newer and larger flag was flying from the campus flag staff. Such is the power of the press. The old banner, torn to shreds by the winter storms that sweep down the Mohawk Valley and across our fair greenward, was lowered and is now rumored to be tucked away in Charlie Waldron's office as a war relic.

It is undeniable that a new flag was needed. It is also unfortunate that the severe winds from the west and dirty smoke from the shops make it impossible to unfurl to the breezes the handsome flag which the Schenectady County Historical Society presented last Spring at the dedication of the flag pole.

PREXY AT WILLIAMS.

Dr. Richmond will preach at Williams College tomorrow. He left Schenectady this afternoon and will return tomorrow night.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

The committee in charge of the farewell dinner to Fred Dawson wish to thank the men who gave so generously of their time and ability to make the entertainment a success: Mohler, '20; Skau, '18; Stein, '18; Davidson, '19; Perry, '20; Harmon, '20; Lester, '18; Gibson, '20; and Micks, '20.

BOWMAN RECOVERING.

"Cal" Bowman, who was operated upon for appendicitis at the Ellis Hospital last Monday is reported as improving rapidly. This is the fourth appendicitis case that has developed this year, the other victims being Hochuli, '17; Deplante, '19; and Reed, '19.

DINNER FOR TEAM.

The dinner for the basketball team will be held at the Mohawk Hotel next Wednesday night. At this gathering the captain for next year's five will be elected.

Nobody wants war, but if it is inevitable meet it with readiness and enthusiasm.

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April 15 "The Servant in the House" Will Be Presented in Chapel.

According to plans divulged by President Imrie of the College Y. M. C. A., Edward A. Mead of New York, an elocutionist of note, will deliver "The Servant in the House" in the chapel, on Sunday, April 15.

"The Servant in the House" is a symbolic play in five acts by Charles Rann Kennedy. In reviewing, the New York Times said, "Not in a lifetime has such a wonderful play been created—so great, so compelling, so akin to all the great and permanent things in life." And in further commendation the New York Post says "It is a play that thrills the hearer with glowing and healthful emotion, and sends him away with a softened and chastened heart."

Mr. Mead is well known as a dramatic reciter throughout the east, and makes a tour of the best eastern colleges in the spring of every year. His readings always attract attention and large audi-

ences, and it is an unusual opportunity to have him appear at Union. While the expenses incident to his appearance are rather high, Union students will be admitted without cost, as guests of the Association, since an appropriation of the budget will cover the charges.

This will be the final of a series of entertainments provided by the Association during the year, and will also represent the final contribution of the retiring cabinet to the work.

The last vesper service of the year will be held in Silliman Hall on Sunday at 4:30, when the Rev. Charles DeYoung of the Bellevue Reformed Church will deliver an address on "The Mind of Christ."

The usual song service will precede the regular service, and it is hoped that a great many will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear Mr. DeYoung.

Colgate — "Steamer" Horning, captain of the 1916 football team and a star baseball catcher and outfielder, has signed a contract to play with the Pittsburgh National League baseball club this year.

PREPAREDNESS PLANS INTEREST STUDENTS

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The men started in single rank formation, but at the close of the drill, Captain Clinton had the men in column of squads in which they marched, halted, dressed and faced to the left and right and left with remarkable smartness.

There were a few sore muscles this morning among the men, whose most vigorous exercise during the more or less idle winter months has been an occasional dance, but there have been no signs of any shrinking interest and enthusiasm in the work.

Next week the men will be formed into squads of eight men each and non-commissioned officers and privates will be assigned from the National Guard as instructors, one from each squad. Thirty or thirty-five enlisted men will be required for this work, and the earnestness of the "rookies" has so encouraged the militiamen that there seems little doubt that this number of men will be secured to devote their time and energy to the training of the college boys.

Captain Clinton at the close of the drill, addressed the men and complimented them upon their spirit of enthusiasm and their willingness to work hard as well as the facility with which they adapted themselves to the details of the drills. He expressed the hope that the men would soon be able to drill out of doors, and he said he was very glad to devote his own time and energy to the training of men who gave so willingly of their time and service to the country's cause.

"I am greatly pleased," he said, "at the remarkable aptitude for the work which these men have shown. Every man seems to be enthusiastic and anxious to learn."

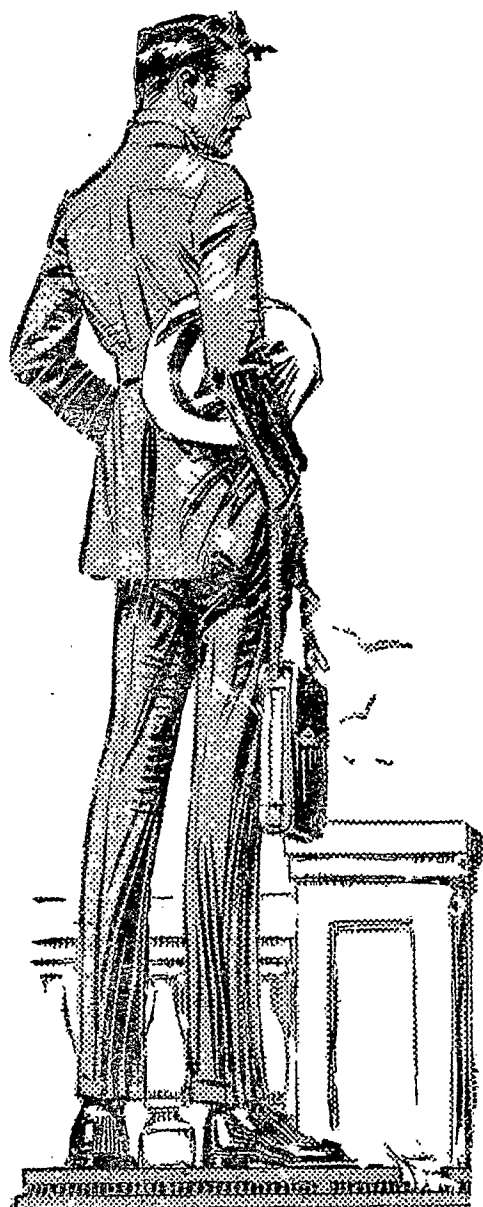
Dr. Landreth, who arranged for the establishment of the drilling for his engineering corps last week, out of which developed the whole movement among the student body, also attended the drill, and said in commenting on the work of the boys:

"To say that I am highly gratified is the very least that I can say. I think that the boys are doing remarkably well for their first training. I appreciate the burden which the officers are assuming in drilling these men. I hope that it will help along the effort to get an officers' reserve training corps for the college."

Col. James M. Andrews who was present to see the drill said: "They show great eagerness to learn, and are remarkably apt to take hold of all the instruction given. Although conditions are rather crowded we shall be able to take care of this number of men."

President Richmond said last night: "I am delighted at the showing. It is only one indication of the attitude of the undergraduates. It is evident that the students are in readiness for any concrete expression of their patriotism. The work is going on well. I am very much gratified."

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The tides of time have rolled along,

The pleasant hours have fled;
And now we raise a parting song
To Godspeed good old Fred.
To Old Nassau goes back the son
Whom Union made here own,
With laurels fairly, rightly won
By manliness alone.

So, good-bye, Fred the best of luck,

Good fortune, fame, success!
We know your heart, we know your pluck;

We know—we do not guess.
And if we smile as best we can,
The tears are very near;
We lose a friend, we lose a Man!
But a cheer, boys, quick a cheer!

For Union's garnet, glowing red,
On this of Princeton's sons
Lies like a Brahmin's sacred thread;

Across his heart it runs.
Bound to us now, and bound for aye,

Where'er his feet may tread,
Though miles divide, and years will fly,
He'll always be OUR FRED.

Several members of the faculty were in line with the students last night. Johnny Bennett, a worthy son of the long-haired Achaeans, was ready for vigorous action, and Dr. Chase and Dr. Stewart were present with all the precision which Plattsburgh's training gives.

SPEAKS ON "CHEMISTRY AND NATIONAL WELFARE"

Dr. Ellery Shows Importance of Chemist in Commerce and War.

Dr. Ellery delivered a lecture on "Chemistry and the National Welfare," before a meeting of the eastern section of the American Chemical Society in the chemistry lecture room last night.

He spoke of the value of the chemist in times of war and the important part which chemistry plays in the industrial world today. He said in part:

"This is not a chemists' war in the sense that chemistry is exclusively concerned with explosives. As a matter of fact, the explosive compounds that a few chemists make form only a small part of the vast work of the chemist, the main character of which is to help, not to harm, mankind.

"But the welfare of the country is not tied up to either coal tar industry or a successful manufacturing process or even an abundant nitrogen supply. History and nature teach emphatically that the mere physical giant does not endure. We can increase our food supply, we can manufacture a larger amount of material both for our own needs and those of other nations, but we must do more than that. We have always stood among nations of the world for something noble and magnificent. That we must continue to do. We must be to every nation not a commercial or physical giant to be watched and feared, but a moral and Christian giant to be trusted and followed."

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1920 CAPTURES THIRD OF INTERCLASS SERIES

Freshmen Again Victorious in Indoor Track Meet.

The Frosh took the third interclass meet at the Gym yesterday afternoon by a wide margin. Captain Morison and Hughes were the chief point getters.

The point award in the field events was based on the averages of the men representing each class and not on the individual places.

There will be a handicap interclass meet Friday with the same events as in yesterday's meet. Entries for the meet must be turned in by Wednesday.

The score of yesterday's meet follows: Freshmen, 24; Seniors, 12; Juniors, 8; and Sophomores, 5.

The standing of the classes is: Freshmen, 73; Seniors, 28; Juniors, 16; and Sophomores, 14.

The summary:
40 yard dash—Won by Morison; second, Northrup; third, Jones; time, 4 4-5 seconds.

40 yard low hurdles—Won by Hughes; second, Morison; third, Northrup; time, 5 1-5 seconds.

Half mile run—Won by Hance; second, Lyman; third, Moore; time, 3 minutes, 3 seconds.

High jump—Won by Hughes; second, Beckett; third, Curtis; height, 5-3.

12 pound shot put—Won by Jones; second, Girling; third, Hughes; distance, 39 ft. 9 ins.

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the college may present himself at the armory at 7:30 Friday night and enroll himself as a candidate for drill. At least we can show good will and express our willingness to serve in this concrete way."

There will be a meeting of the board of trustees in New York on March 30, at which the policy of the college regarding military preparations will be more definitely determined. Dr. Richmond will spend the week-end in New York as the guest of Silas B. Brownell, president of the board.

BALMY LAND CAST CUT FOR ELMIRA TRIP.

Plans for the third production of "Come to Balmy Land," the Union College musical play, which will be given at Elmira on Saturday, March 31, are now rapidly nearing completion. Elmira is the home of Ernest W. Mandeville, the author of the book and lyrics, and of Charles X. O'Brien who arranged the music, and of Albert Krug, who prepared the orchestration. A. M. Lowman, who plays the part of Jocko, the monkey in the second act burlesque, is also an Elmira man.

The cast has been cut somewhat, and it has been announced that the following men will make the trip: Rowe, Beckett, Talbot, Williams, Brown, Sherwood, Beattie, Chapman, Lowman, McGee, Sammons, Downs, Gilbert, Mandeville, Knight, and Porter. Sammons will play the part of Gladys Farrel, the model, Downs will impersonate Mr. Dale, and Gilbert will constitute the army and will also playing the Ukele Club. Porter will be prompter in addition to his managerial duties.

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