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SOLOMON'S YOUTH BEST--PROF. MCKEAN

Life of Wise King Showed Petrogression, Not Progress.

AN ANTI-CLIMAX

A Man's Mature Years Should Be Better Than Youth, Says Vespers Speaker.

"Solomon—the Man Whose Youth Was Best," was the topic of the vesper service held Sunday afternoon in the chapel. Professor Horace G. McKean spoke ably on this subject to a fair sized audience.

Professor McKean said that as his topic stood, it indicated an anti-climax in the life of Solomon. The worth of a man's life should grow with his age. His manhood should be better than his youth. From then on his life should grow to be worth more until it is of infinite value at his death and he goes to join his Maker. Sometimes men's lives are fine in their youth and we say the owner will make a fine man. Yet as the years pass his life seems to decline and the ending can not be compared to the brilliant start. This is the fault of the mind. It has no ideals to follow. There are no standards for it to conform to and it is prey to the emotions of the flesh.

The speaker sought to drive home to us the fact that we should not lower our ideals. They are the things which make us better in the living of our lives. A man never can be stronger than his highest ideal. Upon this truth the speaker commented and showed that it was borne out in every day life.

In part, the talk was as follows:

"The way my topic is worded indicates anti-climax in Solomon's life. This is a bad formula for life and contrary to the laws of nature. A man's mature years should be better than his youth and at its prime his life should be best although from then on to old age it should still keep its pace for betterment. The life of man should spell climax.

"Solomon had a revealed religion. He had first hand information. He knew what God expected of him. Yet if he, with some men of the Old Testament, were judged by the standard of today, they might be spending most of their time in jail. The wisdom of Solomon stands forth as a bright page in his life. However, while he was composing the "Proverbs," he personal life was impure and so was that of the magnificent court which surrounded him.

"Solomon had lowered his ideals and if he had had his mind on God he would not have let the guiding principles in his life be obscured. Today, if we really see Jesus Christ, we can see nothing else, that is wrong."

Tax Takes Nearly Third of Sage Gift

\$250,000 Out of \$800,000 Due Government, Says Bailey.

DEFICIT EXPECTED

Report Shows Students Pay Less Than One-Third Cost of Tuition.

A report of the war-time finances of Union College has been issued by the treasurer, Frank Bailey. The financial department suffered considerable during the war. Although the institution was bequeathed \$800,000 by Mrs. Sage the government will take \$250,000, nearly one-third, as a tax.

The report follows:

"There are three problems to be faced by the financial department of all colleges not supported by the states:

"Decrease in income from students.

"Reduction in income caused by failure of dividends or interest from certain securities, and

"Depreciation in value of the assets representing endowment because of the decreasing value of the dollar and the decreasing rate of interest.

"The deficit for the fiscal year ending August 1, 1918, was \$20,000. This deficit was made up by the alumni and the General Electric Company so that the college closed with a surplus of \$2,200.

"Under the arrangement made by the government we have lost considerable because the contract which was to last one year was broken. We were compelled to erect a mess-hall at a cost of \$16,700, and it was never used.

"Not only do we approach increased receipts but also increased expenses. For instance, we anticipate our coal bill will be \$12,000 more this year than it was two years ago.

"The income of \$25,000 or \$30,000 from the Sage endowment will be devoted to the faculty.

"Last year our total expenditures for the operation of the college were \$172,434. This does not include any allowance for interest on our plant, which would be \$50,000 additional or a total of \$222,424.

"We received from students a total of \$67,191. In other words the student body paid 38 per cent of the actual expenditures of the college and if interest were allowed on the plant only 30 per cent of the operating cost of the college.

"This shows how much financial aid each alumnus owes the college."

DINNER IN DEAN RIPTON'S HONOR ON MARCH 21ST

The Northeastern New York Alumni Association will dine in honor of Dean Ripton on March 21st. Dean Ripton has been Dean of Union College since 1894. He graduated from Union with the degree of A. B. in 1880; received his master's degree in 1886; his Doctorate in Philosophy in 1895; his Doctorate in Laws from Syracuse in 1896 and from Union in 1909. He was adjunct Professor of Mathematics at Union in 1886; Professor of Mathematics from 1887 to 1894; Professor of History and Sociology from 1894-1910; and has been Professor of History and Government since 1910. He is a member of Psi Upsilon and Phi Beta Kappa.

The dinner is being held on Dean Ripton's birthday. He will be 62 years old the 21st of March.

DANCE TO ADD COLOR TO MOUNTBANKS' PLAYS

Patronesses Already Selected for
Affair to Follow Farces.

The annual dramatic presentation of the Mountebanks on March 22, will be a social as well as dramatic function. The program will consist of two plays and will be followed by a dance in the Gym. Much preparation and time has been expended to make this year's offering one of the best, and invitations will soon be sent out to prominent local people. Many are expected to attend, in addition to students and their friends.

The earnest and consistent work of the participants has rounded the plays, two clever comedies by Ian Hay, into finished form, well meriting a large audience. The first play, "The Crimson Coconut," is accorded to be a most successful burlesque on the Bolsheviks, and deals with the near destruction of the Bank of England at their hands. When the zero hour approaches and the explosive "crimson coconut" is about to be ignited by the malefactors, the plot is discovered. The second, "A Late Delivery," is a spirited comedy of lovers' troubles and is filled with snappy dialogue. The playlets are being provided with special scenery to add local color, and the public may well be prepared to witness something good.

The dance, which promises to add much to the spirit of the occasion, will transform the affair into one of the social events of the year. The patronesses are: Mrs. Charles Alexander Richmond, Mrs. Willis T. Hanson, Jr., Mrs. Lawrence E. Barranger, Mrs. Langdon Gibson, Mrs. Stanley P. Chase and Mrs. Charles N. Waldron.

UNION WINS IN SEASON'S LAST GAME

Trims Amherst Five By Four
Point Margin.

HANLEY PLAYS AGAIN

Garnet Behind at Half Time.
Old Center Goes Back for
Blood.

On Saturday night Union went to Amherst and came away with a victory, winding up a very successful season, having lost only to N. Y. U., Syracuse and Colgate. The first half of the game was very slow, neither team exhibiting a great deal of skill at handling the ball or shooting. Many times a most excellent pass was fumbled, and many times, after the ball had been worked to a position from whence a counter was possible, no score was made. Kennedy starred during this half. His floor work was very good and he managed to cage two beautiful long shots. Maynard and Snider worked through the whole field for scores, even though their attempts had failed before. Beaver drew first blood for Union, he caging a clean basket from the side lines. It was a difficult shot and looked futile, but went clean and took the house down with it. Brucker worked through the field with Yavits and scored from the board. "Doe" Yavits played a very creditable game on the floor and also scored in this half. Amherst had a slight edge on the Garnet team in the opening session. The half ended 10-7 in favor of Amherst.

In the second half the game speeded up on both sides. "Bill" Hanley was back at center, and when Amherst saw him coming they crawled into their shells. He scored three field goals, which permitted Union to come away with the bacon. Beaver and Yavits each got another goal apiece by good, hard work. The passwork of the Garnet team was really excellent during this half, the Amherst men being continually sucked in by their opponents. Amherst scored but one field shot during this half, whereas Union tallied five times.

The score:

UNION.

F.P. F.P. T.P.

Brucker, lf.	1	0	2
Wilber, rf.	0	0	0
Beaver, c. and f.	2	0	4
Yavits, lg.	2	2	6
Rinaldi, rg.	0	0	0
Cassidy, rf.	0	0	0
Hanley, c.	3	0	6
Totals	8	2	18

AMHERST.

F.P. F.P. T.P.

Zink, lf.	1	0	2
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In Honor Bound.

Shall we co-operate or oppose? Shall we help or hinder? It was solely for the purpose of maintaining a spirit of sympathy between students and faculty that the burdensome absentee rulings were declared temporarily inoperative last week.

That was the reason which the faculty gave for reconsidering a decision formulated after no little thought. That was the plea of the student committee appointed in the hope of adjusting the matter. The rulings were a real apple of discord in the erstwhile serene atmosphere of campus life. The student committee told the faculty that it was strongly in the interest of preserving the right sort of feeling between teacher and student that the rules should be made less harsh. Members of the committee asked the faculty to take the students into their confidence; to intrust to the sense of values of the student himself his adherence to the principles the rules embodied. The rules sought to correct evils, the existence of which every undergraduate admits in his serious moments. The student representatives asked that the regulation be left largely to student government, certain penalties being attached to more serious offenses.

All that the students, through their committee, have asked, the faculty has done. That and more. The whole matter is to be left to the judgment of the undergraduate. At present there are no rules, there are no penalties.

It is devoutly hoped that no one believes the faculty has backed down, given way to a threat, or been bullied into a retraction by student "demands." The faculty has taken the students at their own word. We have offered to correct the vacation-bolt and the organized bolt evils of our own accord, and the makers of the rules ask us to make good our promise in return for the suspension of the laws.

No one can make a chart for an undergraduate to consult when in doubt as to whether or not to overstay a vacation, or to organize a concerted absence. He must consider, not whether he can make up the work he will lose (for he will decide he can—and will never make it up), but whether the occasion is urgent enough to permit his absence, the latter involving a certain amount of impairment in the

progress of the whole class. In other words, he has a real duty to render to the class and to its instructor, and it is this duty which he must consult, regardless of his own preference. In no sense should a social affair be regarded as a sufficient cause for a student's extending his vacation. Equally indefensible is an organized bolt against an instructor who is known to feel a sense of personal injury at such action.

Union College students have asked for the abatement of an arbitrary set of rules which denied their capability of correcting abuses. In return, they have promised to shoulder the responsibility of correcting them on their own initiative. The masters cared enough for the regard of their pupils, and had a desire for their co-operation deep-rooted enough, to accede to the request. It looks very much as though the student body were in honor bound to make good.

THE HISTORIAN.

Union College has started on her third epoch. Conceived in the War of the Revolution and growing with astonishing rapidity, it outstripped in numbers and popularity the colleges of New England, even those established and well known at its birth. In the years preceding the Civil War, no college in the land had enrolled in its lists of graduates such an array of men famous in all walks of life. Graduates of old Union presided over the destinies of Bowdoin, Brown, Princeton, University of Michigan, Hobart. Other colleges founded or presided over in their early years by Union men were Trinity, N. Y. U., Hanover, Knox, Elmira Female College, Vassar, and Smith. In the most critical period of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln summoned to the country's aid a Union man as commander-in-chief of the Army of the Republic, a Union man as Secretary of State, a Union man in the French capital, and a Union man as his own spiritual adviser. "In that hour of the nation's peril, Union was the most prolific mother of her educated sons."

The second epoch of Union's history came in the years following the Civil War. During the war, whenever the call was sounded by President Lincoln, Union gave her sons to battle, that this country might live, till she was almost exhausted. No other college suffered such depletion. And her fortunes began to wane. Factional disputes and antagonisms sprang up. Men went forth from their college into an expanding country to found other institutions, to help build a nation. They had no alumni association to organize and train them for work, gratitude and service to the alma mater that had fostered them and sent them forth.

It is, then, the work of "The Historian" to set forth and recount in some measure the deeds, the toil and sacrifice of these "repairers of the breach" who gave new life to the college, a new prosperity, and a renewed vigor in which she was rejoicing at the beginning of the World War.

Now we are beginning on our third epoch. Union's third great war has been survived. She has done her share and done it nobly. She has been true to her name, her reputation and her

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traditions. But she has done it with some sacrifice. The men to whom her traditions, her spirit, her love had been entrusted fared forth at their country's cry. New classes registered and there were not men enough to pass along the old tales. So many have been overlooked, forgotten. "The Historian" will browse around here and there in the old records, both written and remembered, setting them forth from time to time in THE CONCORDIENSIS, in order that that which has been done shall be remembered, treasured, and be incorporated in the ideals of Union College men; that the promises—inspired by the large registration of returned men, the awakening and renewed interest in their alma mater by the alumni, and the general spirit of the college student body itself—shall culminate in making Union one of the leading colleges of the reconstruction.

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The Bottom of the Keg

The students celebrated Syracuse's defeat by an old fashioned "Papama" pee-rade. There's another new one on us, "Papama." Our linotyper, like Shakespeare and Roosevelt, has been adding new words to our already over-taxed vocabulary. This expression might be a young child's first efforts at articulate speech and again it might not. Carefree souls who delight in those obsolescent Saturday night expressions of free thought have been known to say such things, but college life was ever "Comme ci comme ca."

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The Lord of the Treasure Chest tearfully told the Terrace Scoundrels that the goblins of last Wednesday consigned to the circumambient atmosphere \$25 worth of paper which paper, by the way, had been purchased at great price from the college office by these and former studes. With paper selling at fifty cents a hundred pounds, this means that two and one-half tons must have found their way from their cloistered retreat. And yet some still insist that the studes of today are not as strong as those of yesterday! Of course from this net charge some overheat costs must be deducted, such as incidental fees for those hard working souls who figured up the loss!

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As we were looking over our colyum with due fatherly pride, we came across a phrase foreign to its gentle trend. "Parsha on his home court, according." "Parsha is a linotypism for Barsha we presume, but what he was doing in the Bottom of the Keg is beyond us, at any rate it is too deep for us to fathom.

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Spring is here, and a pleasant afternoon, especially a Sunday afternoon, lures many of the fair ones to forsake their winter sports and spend a reverent hour or two before the College Idol. This is the time of year when the Bachelors' Club suffers most from violation of its by-laws and from some cases of absolute desertion. We might have lost inspiration had he been fully attired.

R. A.

UNION'S HONOR ROLL NOW CONTAINS

NAMES OF TWENTY-ONE HEROIC DEAD

Twenty-one Union students and alumni have made the supreme sacrifice since their country's entrance into the great war, according to a list recently made public by the Graduate Council. The following is a complete list of their names, classes, branch of service, and time and manner of death:

- 1910—Albert Carmichael, Military Police. Killed in Germany, January 2, 1919.
1910—Sergeant Kennedy Conklin, Infantry. Killed in action, October, 1918.
1911—First Lieut. Howard A. Thorne, Engineers. Died of influenza, in France, October 18.
1912—Private Leonard W. Ripton, Artillery. Killed in action, April 7th.
1913—Private Alexander G. Duane, Infantry. Killed in action, September 29.
1914—Captain Luther A. Hagar, Signal Corps. Died of pneumonia, October 1.
1915—Cadet William W. Waite, Aviation. Killed in airplane accident, May 11.
1915—First Lieut. David Page, Engineers. Died of influenza, in France, January 5, 1919.
1916—First Lieut. Lee C. Fletcher, Infantry. Killed in action, September 1.
1917—Second Lieut. Clarence J. Bull, Infantry. Killed in action September 17.
1918—Lieut. Alwyn G. Levy, Royal Flying Corps. Killed in airplane accident, April 28.
1918—Private Wesley D. Karker, 105th Infantry. Killed in action on Flanders front, September 29.
1918—Captain Herbert E. Rankin, Fifth Anti-Aircraft Bn. Died of pneumonia, November 1.
1919—Seamon William B. Ashton, U. S. N. R. F. Died of pneumonia, October 9.
1919—Private Harvey L. Day, Infantry. Died of pneumonia October 21.
1919—Second Lieut. Allen H. J. Preston, Artillery. Died of pneumonia, October 21.
1918—First Lieut. Ray B. Schuyler, Infantry. Killed in action, September 26.
1920—Private George J. Fallen, C. A. O. T. C. Died of pneumonia, October 17.
1921—Frank Grasso, S. A. T. C. Died of influenza, November 2.
1922—Everett Wemple, F. A. C. O. T. S. Died of influenza, January 18, 1919.
1922—Walcott Calkins, S. A. T. C. Died of pneumonia October 22.



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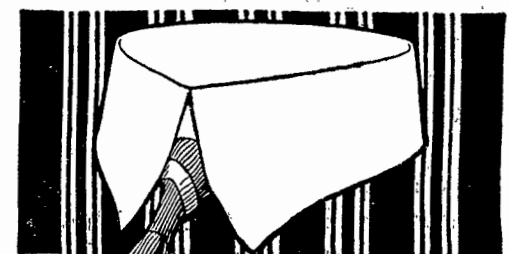
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The following schedule of second semester examinations has been posted:

MONDAY, MARCH 10

9 A. M.

Freshman English.

Freshman Greek.

Sophomore B. S. Chemistry.

Sophomore B. S. Biology.

War Aims.

Stresses.

Senior E. E. Theory.

2 P. M.

Sophomore B. E. Physics.

Sophomore (B. S. in Chem.) Chemistry.

Sophomore Pre-Medic Biology.

Sophomore Latin.

Advanced Argumentation.

Logic.

Highways.

Junior E. E. Theory.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11.

9 A. M.

Freshman Mathematics.

Advanced Spanish.

Elementary Economics.

Heat Engineering.

2 P. M.

Sophomore English.

Sophomore (B. S. in Chem.) Physics.

Advanced Physiology.

Junior C. E. Mechanics.

Junior E. E. Thermodynamics.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12.

9 A. M.

Intermediate German.

Intermediate French.

International Law.

Senior (B. S. in Chem.) Chemistry.

Building Construction.

2 P. M.

Elementary French.

Sophomore B. E. Mechanics.

English Literature.

Junior (B. S. in Chem.) Chemistry.

Junior Hydraulics.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13.

9 A. M.

Freshman (B. S. in Chem.) Chemistry.

Freshman Drawing.

Freshman Pre-Medic Biology.

Freshman Latin.

Elementary Spanish.

Engineering Law.

2 P. M.

Sophomore Mathematics.

Sophomore Pre-Medic Physics.

Sophomore Geology.

Junior Greek.

Differential Equations.

Junior C. E. Electrical Engineering.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14.

9 A. M.

Freshman Pre-Medic Chemistry.

Freshman History.

Junior Latin.

Junior Geology.

Sanitary Engineering.

Senior E. E. Power-Plant.

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2 P. M.

Sophomore History.

Sophomore Pre-Medic Chemistry.

Sophomore Greek.

Junior E. E. Laboratory.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14.

9 A. M.

Freshman B. S. Chemistry.

Sophomore B. E. Chemistry.

Advanced Economics.

Senior C. E. Design.

Senior E. E. Laboratory.

SMOKE WILL CELEBRATE SUCCESS OF COURT LEAGUE

Union will celebrate with its old-time gayety the successful finish of the basketball season, if plans now maturing in the minds of a number of undergraduates are successful. Prevented by the conditions of last fall from ending the football season with an hilarious smoker such as has been in vogue during recent years, the overflowing spirits of students will be given vent at a basketball smoker to be held at the Delta Phi house Friday night.

There will be all the doings of the former football smoker and then some; "hikahs," long yells and short, after-smoke speeches by team members, prognostications as to baseball prospects, and all the stunts which have livened the dull grind of the college year in days gone by. And there may, in addition, be a vaudeville skit or two. Who knows what will happen when Union undergraduates get together.

At any rate there will be effervescent joy and irresistible inspiration in a visit to the smoker Friday night. The campus is invited.

PHILOMATHEANS CHOOSE; ADELPHIC CONSIDER

"Resolved, That the Federal Government Should Immediately Restore the Railroads to Private Control," is the subject for the coming Allison-Foote prize debate, to be held April 4th. After some discussion, the Philobathean Society, which has the choice of the question, made the definite decision last week. Members of the Adelpic Society are now cunningly looking over the ground preparatory to choosing a side in the controversy, which will be settled (academically) on the night of the debate. Both societies will begin the work of getting ready for the forthcoming try-outs as soon as the Adelpics cast the die.

Neither organization will be allowed to "proselyte" this year, according to an agreement lately arrived at between them. Only simon-pure, regularly elected members of one or another society will be allowed to participate in the trial of strength on April 4th.

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