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FIRST NIGHT OF BALMY LAND SCORES HIGH

Play Makes Hit in Empire City.

FIRST NIGHT A SUCCESS

Preparations for Tomorrow Evening's Performance Being Rapidly Carried Forward.

In reference to the production of "Come to Balmy Land", in Glens Falls last Monday evening, the Glens Falls Post-Star says, "The Union College Dramatic Association of Schenectady gave a most creditable performance of the musical play "Come to Balmy Land." The music was catchy and both orchestra and vocal numbers were excellently rendered, calling forth enthusiastic applause from the audience. The ladies of the cast were especially attractive and made quite a hit, their deep voices being the only give-away. Despite the fact that last night's production was the first performance given, the entire cast entered into the true spirit of the play, reflecting much credit on the directors in charge. As the curtain fell on the last act, repeated calls were given from the audience for Ralph Knight of this city, who composed the music, and for Ernest W. Mandeville of Elmira, who wrote the book and lyrics. Last evening's performance forecasts a successful season." The headlines are as follows: "College Play is Big Success" and "Students of Union Prove to Be Excellent Actors."

Sidney Talbot, George Rowe, Harold McGee and Jimmy Hulsizer deserve especial mention for their work Monday night. However every one in the cast did very well and each one deserves credit for a very good performance. Guy Beckett, as Gloria, acted a hard part in a most admirable manner, and David Chapman carried off the other female role in good style.

Difficulties with scenery and the smallness of the stage hampered the actors considerably but the general effect was very good. Weak spots in the production are being brushed up this week and the Friday evening performance at the Van Curler should prove a great success. Glenn's Restaurant will play the hits of the show after the performance and the entire cast, producers and management will attend.

SWIMMING REINSTATED AS A SPORT; SILVER CUP OFFERED AS PRIZE IN AQUATIC MEETS

In order to awaken an interest in swimming and to encourage inter-class swimming meets, Dr. McComber has offered a cup to the class team which captures the most points in a series of three meets.

A committee of representatives from each class met Tuesday, and arranged dates and events.

The events of the first meet, held March 30, will be the 100 yard four-man team relay, the 100 yard

swim, the 50 yard dash, the plunge, and the dive.

The second and third meets dated for April 13 and 20, will consist of similar events except that the 50 yard dash will be supplanted by a 25 yard dash; the 100 yard swim by a 220 yard; and the relay by a 50 yard swim using the breast stroke.

A committee composed of Downs '17, Weeks '17 and Morris '18 will be in charge.

DR. RICHMOND RETURNS FROM SPEAKING TRIP

Tells Students Not to Decide Hastily, But to See How Most Can Be Done.

Dr. Richmond returned Tuesday from his recent speaking trip through the south and east. While in Washington, D. C., he was the guest of U. S. Senator Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana, a graduate of Union in the class of '82. During his visit with Senator Ransdell he attended the Saturday night session of the Senate, during which he heard the debate with the "twelve apostles of light and liberty," as he called the filibusters.

In his chapel address Tuesday, speaking of our relations with Germany, he said, "I do not see how we are going to avoid a conflict. Our ships are now going out armed with orders to fire upon German submarines at sight. We cannot recede from the position into which we have been forced by Germany's threatening attitude."

Dr. Richmond urged the students not to waste the country's resources by too hasty action, should any sudden call come, but rather to await with a quiet, loyal, and earnest expression of patriotism, until they see in what way the college can be of greatest service to the country. He said that he has as yet received no further instruction from the war department as to what preparatory work it would advise, but he hinted at the possibility of establishing engineering and signal corps.

The trip from which Dr. Richmond has just returned took him through several of the eastern and southern states. On March 3, he addressed the Union alumni at Washington, and on March 6 the alumni in Philadelphia. On March 8 he addressed the Arts and Trades Club at their dinner in the Hotel Astor at New York, his subject being "Rights or Obligations." The following day he spoke at Blair Academy, Blairstown, N. J., and on Sunday at the Home School, Port Deposit, Md.

GARNET FIVE READY FOR HARD R. P. I. GAME

Tonight's Practice Last Before Closing Contest of Season.

Interest on the Hill is running rife this week over Saturday's game with R. P. I. Everywhere we can hear talk of the chances for victory or defeat. In this respect the old never give up spirit is dominant even if the earlier game was won by our ancient rivals. It must be taken into consideration that R. P. I. has the best team that it has ever had. Recently the Trojans won a hard fought game against N. Y. U. This fact alone gives us some idea of the strength of the Cherry and White. On the other hand, however, R. P. I. has not succeeded in defeating the Garnet on our own floor in the past ten years, and it is expected that if they do succeed in doing it, they will know that they were in a real game. The team has been practicing faithfully during the past week and may be depended upon to put up the game that Union teams have always put up.

The work of the past week has been mostly upon the polishing off of the team play. Hard scrimmages were held upon Monday and Tuesday, and another will be held this evening. No practice was held yesterday and the team will be allowed to rest tomorrow afternoon. Some attention has been given to the foul shooting department. Mudge has been practicing faithfully and will surely give a good account of himself before the whistle blows Saturday evening. The team is in perfect physical condition. Hard work during the past four months has done all it can for this end. Captain Scoby's hip which he injured in practice last week has now fully recovered, and Hal can be counted on for a good game in this his last for old Union. Galbraith, too, although he always plays his best, can be looked to for a great game for this very same reason. On the whole chances look very bright.

NEW BASE BALL COACH TO BE CHOSEN TODAY

Bill Smith and George Daley to Confer with Athletic Board.

TAMSETT A POSSIBILITY

Eight Embryo Pitchers Raise Hopes.

The executive committee of the Athletic Board met this morning to decide upon a new coach. It is very possible that the new man will be "Jimmy" Tamsett, a former coach here, and of late years manager of the Albany State League team.

Fred Dawson is conducting the baseball try-out with as much vigor as ever. A squad of eight twirlers are putting in every spare moment possible, and the coach is in no way discouraged that no whirlwinds have appeared, but rather feels assured that steady and consistent work will develop something worth while. Goff and Goodman being the most experienced men out, are making an encouraging beginning. The case of McCauley's eligibility has not yet been decided but there seems to be a prevalent opinion that he will be allowed to play. "Joe" Powell has changed his tactics and is now in line for catcher. All the men are working hard, but it will be some weeks before any definite battery can be selected.

Last Saturday the first infield try-outs of the season was held. Light practice among the basemen with bat and ball will be held regularly as soon as the basketball season has closed. Men continue to come out and appearances bid well for a successful season.

STUDENTS TO BANQUET COACH.

Press Club Entertains at Banquet For Dawson.

Arrangements are practically complete for the dinner to be given by the student body to Coach Dawson. The Press Club, which is in charge of the affair, has appointed men in each fraternity and among the neutrals who will dispose of the tickets which sell for one dollar. Most of the fraternities will not serve dinner on that night at their own houses, but will attend the banquet in a body. A stunt will be pulled off by Mohler '20 while Skau '18 will act as pianist for this event. An orchestra composed of Stein '18, Davidson '19, Perry '20, and Harman '20 will play during the evening. The contract for the catering has been awarded "Joe" Thearle of Tuck Shop fame.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1917

Issue Editor, E. M. Cameron, Jr.

(Editorial Contributed).

President Richmond touched a salient point in his chapel address Tuesday, when he spoke of our preparation for war and of the impending crisis.

The situation is precarious. It is a time for serious thought, and we, as students, should consider what we can best do in order to have the most efficient preparation for the Armageddon which threatens us.

Never in the history of the world has a nation faced such problems as America does at the present moment. And the problems are not only national but individual as well. It is for us to prepare ourselves mentally, morally, and physically. It is our opportunity to make the most of our privileges. We, as students and young men, will be given heavy burdens in any event, and the present is our time to develop. Now, as never before, must we perform our tasks with a seriousness and intensity of purpose. The lessons of today, tomorrow, and hereafter are but steps in our progress upward to manhood. Each and every step must be taken to bring us to our goal. There must be no flinching, no shirking. We are about to be called upon as men. We must respond as men. Let us be fit for the task given us.

GOOD BYE, BOYS.

To THE CONCORDIENSIS:

I must reply, gentlemen, to your very kind editorial of January 25. The Athletic Board has given me permission to leave after the basketball season—an action which I appreciate most deeply; for I know the inconvenience to the board that must come with my early departure. This means that I will be with you but a few days

longer—a few days longer with my old friends, among scenes that I love as much as you do; and I have all the feelings of a Senior who has put off thinking of graduation until a week or so before commencement.

We have gone through many a hard fight together, students, you and I; sometimes we have lost, but defeat never disheartened us, did it? We always girded up our loins (as our good Dr. Richmond would say) in preparation for the next battle. And many a fight we have won; but victory never turned our heads, I am sure. It only made us all the more aware of the fact that our victories would be expected of us—and we set our teeth as we thought of the oncoming schedules.

For fifteen individual athletic seasons now, we have plodded side by side; not always plodding, however, sometimes we galloped. But we kept going, anyway. At times the student-spirit would flag (probably I set the pace). Not for long, though. It soon caught the stride of Union-enthusiasm (which Dr. Richmond always keeps), and away we went. Yes, indeed, Union has become a part of me, has got well into my heart; for I have known her sons well—scores and scores of them—I have been with them (and of them) when they were passing through supreme tests of courage and loyalty, and their hearts have been strong—strong—strong—to love and to keep with one always. I know well the problems of her family life, and I know the spirit of generous honesty with which these problems are being attacked, and it warms my heart the more. These five years of schooling among high standards, splendid ideals, cannot fail of moulding my character; they have put Union deep in my esteem—her songs are my songs (I learned them with the Freshmen in 1912), I will sing them always.

And now I am going back to my Alma Mater; but I will take with me a belief in another college also—a smaller college, yes, but a real one. I will take with me a host of pleasant memories that will play an important part in the years that are given up to recollection. And when the classes that I have known here in college hold their reunions, I want to come back, too—I want to join with you and sing again "Old Union Beside the Mohawk Vale." Meanwhile—so long, fellows! Good luck! I'll see you later.

Faithfully yours,

FRED T. DAWSON.

SCHOLARSHIP VINDICATED

Record of Phi Beta Kappa Men Proves Their Practical Ability.

The frequency with which one sees Phi Beta Kappa keys flashed from the vestments of Wall Street often raises conjecture in the mind of the observer as to just how many there are. One can stand at Broad and Wall Streets almost any day and count at least 25 of the brotherhood in the course of an

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hour. If the army of Phi Beta Kappas in the financial district were to hold a meeting, no body of men in any country would represent more comprehensively the work which the American college performs in fitting men for all walks of life. The hoary belief that the scholar is seldom a man of practical affairs cannot be refuted in any more direct argument than by an investigation of the records of the honor men.—Wall Street Journal.

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OVER \$135 REALIZED FOR BLEACHER FUND

Interfraternity Council Also Decides on Plans for Bowling and Tennis Tournament.

The Bleacher Fund has been increased \$135.60 by the profits of the dances following the basketball games at the Gym thus far this season, according to a report made at the meeting of the Interfraternity Council in Silliman Hall Tuesday evening.

The Council also decided to award the two Bowling League trophies offered by the Morse Bowling alleys as follows:

First prize (\$35 trophy), to be awarded the winner of the roll-off between the winning team in each league.

Second prize (\$20 trophy), to be awarded the winner of the roll-off between the loser in the first prize roll-off and the second highest team of league in which first prize is won.

The score is to be decided on the number of games won or lost, and not on the total pinnage, as is the custom in some leagues.

A tennis tournament is also to be organized by the Council in the near future. The fraternities will compete in an elimination contest for a cup offered by Spalding. There is much good material in the Freshman class, which should make the matches highly interesting.

TRACK MEN BUSY.

The second of the series of Inter-class Indoor Tracks meets will be held in the gymnasium Friday afternoon. Dr. McComber urges all who possibly can do so to enter these events in order that the promoters of track work may get some idea about the class of material on hand. The events will be the 40 yard dash, 40 yard hurdle, running high jump, 12 pound shot-put and nine laps on the indoor track. Awards will be made to the class averaging the highest three men in each event.

CHEM. LAB. RECEIVES DYES

The Department of Chemistry has recently received from Doctor Herman A. Metz of New York a sample of 100 per cent. synthetic indigo which was a part of the cargo of the submarine "Deutschland" when she arrived in this country November 2nd last on her second trip. The sample is not only a specimen of an artificial coloring matter that is an improvement upon the natural product, but is an interesting souvenir of this new method of undersea transportation. The donor of the indigo is a warm friend of Union College and was given a doctor's degree by the College at a recent commencement, in view of his services to science.

The Department has also received a sample of "T. N. T.", the gift of Doctor L. C. Jones, chief chemist of the Semet-Solvay Company in Syracuse. This is one of the explosives which the European war has brought out, and Doctor Jones originated a practical and profitable method of making it.

The classes in chemistry have had the great advantage of viewing the Brownian movements of colloidal matter, as they are manifested in asphalt solutions. Professor Ellery was permitted to show to the students of the department and others who were interested the movements of these colloidal particles as they appear under the ultramicroscope in a motion picture film which was caused to be made by the Barber Asphalt Paving Company. The exhibition was timely as it followed so closely upon Doctor Whitney's lectures, in which he dwelt at some length upon the chemistry of matter in the colloidal condition.

The new Concordy binders have arrived. Anyone wishing one can secure it from Kenndy, at the Delta Upsilon House. Price \$1.00.

Yale — Two hydro-aeroplanes are now at the disposal of the Yale University aerial corps, with an army officer instructor. This is the first successful college aerial unit.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION TO ELECT OFFICERS

Election to Be Held Next Monday Night.

The nominating committee appointed by the Association cabinet has made the following nominations for officers to serve during 1917 and 1918:

For president, Irving M. Day '18.

For vice-president, Arthur J. Newman '18.

For treasurer, William L. Kennedy '18, Arthur B. Dougall '19.

For secretary, John Hoag '20, Elmer Smith '20, Raymond Perry '20, and Richard Johannesen '20.

The election will be held on Monday, March 19th, at 8:30 in Silliman Hall.

In addition to these nominations, the name of anyone active in the work of the Christian Association may be added, provided such name is handed to the president not less than 48 hours preceding the time of election.

The constitution of the Association provides that Active members may vote and hold office. Article I, Section 1, reads: "The active members of the Association shall consist of men, either students or members of the faculty of this institution, who are members in good standing of an evangelical church and have applied for membership in the Association. Only active members shall have the right to vote and hold office."

There has been no active membership in the Association for past few years but this year the plan for a real active membership has again been resumed. Up to the present time, however, not one half of the students have been given the opportunity to become members. Those qualified to vote, therefore, at this year's election will be the active members and those who have shown an active interest in the work during the year.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The speaker at Sunday vespers will be the Rev. Frederick Decker of the First Methodist Church in Gloversville, N. Y. The service will be held at 3:30 instead of the usual hour.

The college association has on hand a series of books which are to be presented to Latin-American students on application at Silliman Hall. The books are the gift of several American gentlemen who are interested in Latin-American students attending American universities. The name of the books are "Pan-Americanisms: Aspecto Religioso," pelo Prof. Erasmo Braga.

Prof. Taylor's Mission Study class will meet Friday at 7:15. Topic "Into All the World."

Plans are under way to secure a new general secretary for the Association next year. At present there are several applicants in mind, but no decisions have yet been reached.

California — President Ide Wheeler plans to turn over the entire university to the government in case of war.

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I believe in what the Flag of my Country stands for—Honor, Justice, Truth, Civilization, Democracy, Liberty, Humanity.

I believe in the principle which George Washington and our other forefathers ingrafted into our Constitution, that it is the Duty of the Citizen to defend and preserve the State, and believing in this principle I believe it the Duty of every able-bodied American man and boy to train and prepare himself for this Duty. In other words—

I believe in Personal Preparedness, by which I mean if war should ever come and I am called upon to defend my Sister, my Mother, my Home, my Country, I will be Prepared to do so, and my life will not be needlessly sacrificed because of my own ignorance and lack of military training and preparation.

I believe in National Preparedness, by which I mean my Country being Prepared to uphold what the Flag stands for and to defend itself if attacked.

I believe that Citizenship carries with it Obligations as well as Privileges, and I believe that Military Service is one of the most important of these Obligations.

VARSITY DEBATERS TO VISIT HOBART

Capt. by Heatly '18 the varsity debaters will journey to Geneva Friday, March 23, to match wits with the Hobart debating team on the Peace League question. Besides Heatly, Spencer Eddy, Leslie Uphoff and Ignatz Stein are on the Union team which will support the negative of the question.

The subject for the annual underclass debate will soon be announced according to present expectations, and try-outs will be held soon after the announcement is made. An individual cash prize goes to the best speaker in this contest.

WHIPPLE ADDRESSES CLASSICAL CLUB

At the regular meeting of the Classical Club held Tuesday evening Mr. T. K. Whipple read a very interesting and instructive paper on "Martial and the English Epigram." Mr. Whipple was well prepared to talk on Martial as his graduation thesis at Princeton was written on this subject. The attendance of students and faculty was large, and everyone passed a very pleasant hour. Mr. Whipple not only gave a very interesting review of Martial's life, but the lecture was also enlivened by the reading of some characteristic English epigrams. The next meeting of the club will be held March 27th, when Arthur D. Greene '19 will read a paper on "The Roman Civilization."

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SENIOR WARBLERS

RECEIVE MEDALS

Eight Seniors were awarded medals for work in the Musical Clubs at a recent meeting of the committee. The medals are awarded each year to Seniors who have worked with the clubs for three years.

The recipients are: Brandow, Boomhower, Downs, A. Hawn, Hooper, Jones, Mead, and Williams.

INTER-CLASS GAMES

END SATURDAY

The contest for the Joseph cup offered to the winners in the inter-class basketball schedule is rapidly approaching a decision. The Sophomores have been eliminated, and the Juniors and Freshmen are to play their deciding game Thursday, the winners of this game playing the Seniors on Saturday.

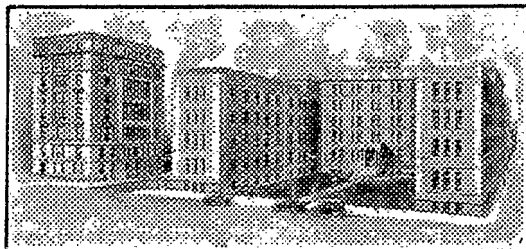
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MACHINE GUN TROOP

AWAITS FIREARMS

The Maxim gun which was expected to arrive almost a week ago for use of the new machine gun troop, has not as yet been received. However it was shipped some time in February and is expected soon.

Rifles have also been ordered, and it is hoped that the supply will be great enough to accommodate fifty students.

Already about thirty-five men have signified their intention of joining the troop, and it is anticipated that more will do so when the equipment arrives.

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