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TEAM PREPARES TO MEET CLARKSON TECH.

Persoonnel of Quintet Subject to Keen Competition.

SHORT SHOTS FAVORED

Informal Coaches Disapprove Dribble and Drill Players in Frequent Passes.

The opening gun of the basket ball season at Union will be fired next Thursday night when the Garnet five lines up against its old rivals from Clarkson Tech, and hardly will the noise of this contest have died down than the second engagement will open on Saturday with State Teachers' College as opponents.

In preparation for these contests, the squad is undergoing, some hard workouts in the gym, under the direction of a corps of coaches, and everything is being done to send the team on the floor in first-class shape.

Captain Yovits is the only man on the floor who has his position won at this time. While all the probabilities point to veterans Jones, and Moynihan being on the Varsity that will start the season, there are several very good men among the other candidates who will give them a hard run before being disposed of.

The game as played by the Union team of '17 and '18 will differ in many ways from the form adhered to by previous squads. The dribble as an offensive measure has largely been eliminated, and the short pass used in its place. The team work will be speeded up to a faster pace than any used heretofore, and long-shots greatly discontinued as a means of scoring. This change necessitates more accurate work near the baskets and many points that were lost last year by the failure to take advantage of proximity to the opponents' cage will be scored in similar situations this season.

Individual coaching this year will be submerged largely in the endeavor to build a team that that is a unit rather than one composed of several units now, of which work in complete harmony with others. Scrim-

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CALENDAR

Tonight.

7:15—Glee Club rehearsal in Silliman Hall.

—Press Club Meeting, Press Club Rooms.

Thursday.

5:15 Prof. McKean speaks at Bible Class in chapel.

College Authorities do not Anticipate a Coal Shortage Necessitating Shut Down

Students who had heard rumors to the effect that this college and other northern colleges would be forced to close this winter on account of a shortage of fuel will not be warranted in making plans for any mid-winter vacation decreed by King Coal. There are no visible signs that the dealers who supply the college heating plant will not be able to fill their contracts and thus keep the steam pipes sizzling in the dormitories, laboratories, class rooms and fraternity houses on the campus.

Inquiry made of Mr. Dewey yesterday at the college office elicited the reply that he anticipated no coal shortage for Union this winter and that there was no ground for believing that the college would close for such a reason. Reports to this effect have been circulated for the past few days, coupled with the assestion that some colleges already had been forced to close for want of heat. These report, Mr. Dewey declared, were unwarranted by facts so far as Union College is concerned.

BATTALION VOTES TO PURCHASE UNIFORMS

To Cost Twenty-Five Dollars—Man Expected From N. Y. To Take Measurements.

The equipment of the whole battalion with uniforms by Christmas is a distinct possibility, according to the plans of President Richmond and the Department of Military Science and Tactics. The president announced to the cadets yesterday at drill that co-operation on the part of the government will enable them to wear regulation wool uniforms, but that the uncertainty connected with all such government appropriations will make it necessary for each man to purchase part of his own equipment, for which the War Department may compensate him later. Belts, hats, and leggings will, for the present, be furnished by the college.

In spite of the manifest advantage of having each cadet equipped with the woolen uniforms, the vote of each member of the batalion present at yesterday's drill was taken before it was decided that the men be asked to purchase their equipment. Asked whether individuals should be recommended to buy the woolen garments or whether the battalion be furnished with the khaki uniforms last year, the men showed by an ample majority vote that the improved equipment should be used. According to the new plan, therefore, each cadet will purchase a shirt, a woolen blouse, and ap air of woolen trousers, costing about twenty-five dollars, the rest of the personal equipment being furnished by the college from that used last spring. Although the rules for the wearing of the uniforms have not been definitely formulated, it is understood that they will be worn about the campus at least six days a week. Provision may be made by the college for loans to battalion mem-

ARMY "Y" SOLICITORS TRY TO BOOST TOTAL

Union Far Behind Other Colleges of N. Y. State, Which Raise Over \$100,000.

The final drive is being made by the committee in charge of raising money for the Students' Friendship War Fund. Other colleges in the State have already secured their allotted subscriptions, over one hundred thousand dollars having been secured.

Columbia, including graduate schools, Teachers' College, Barnard College and the College of Physics and Surgeons raised the largest amount — over fifty thousand dollars. Cornell comes next with \$20,000, and Vassar stands third with \$15,000. Adelphi College raised \$3,000 State College for Teachers \$2,300, Colgate \$1800, Hunter College \$1,800, Rochester \$1,500, Wells \$1,400, N. Y. U. \$1,100, Hamilton \$814, C. C. N. Y. \$218. Union has thus far subscribed only a little over \$800.

Subscriptions are to be paid in as soonas possible.

bers who cannot at present afford to make the outlay necessary for the purchase of the woolen garments.

The equipment of the battalion with uniforms within the next few weeks is regarded as a step necessary to the proper pursuit of the work of the course and once the men are clothed in service olive drab, a very considerable improvement in morale is to be looked for.

The taking of measurements for the uniforms will be in expert hands, the Military Department having announced last night that a man is expected to arrive within a day or two from New York to take charge of this work.

Frosh, Scared, Scamper from Scotia Smoker

Sounds of Approaching Sophs Evokes Surrender.

NO ONE KNOWS WHY

Wemple is Freshman President, Hulsapple Vice-President, Hawkes Secretary-Treasurer.

The Freshman Smoker, which in deference to Hooverism, was to have been given in lieu of the Freshman Banquet, was scheduled for Monday night last at eight o'clock. Whoever at that hour visited the scene of the projected festivities, which was at the skating rink in Scotia, found a dimly lighted hall where a couple of Scotia char-men with large push brooms were sweeping a floor littered with remanats of sandwiches, cakes and crackers and such other miscellaneous odds and ends as are sometimes found on a spot where basket-picnicers have lunched.. The atmosphere was poignant with the odor of cider. An empty keg stood at one side of the room. In a corner were a coupleof large ice-cream pails. But of the hoiden merrymakers none were seen, and thereby hangs a tale.

To start where the party ended—just before the exeunt omnes, made under circumstances to be hereinafter told, Walter Hochuli '18, who was to have presided at the Freshman's party, announced to the few gathered there that Wemple '21 was Freshman president, Hulsapple vice-president and Hawkes secretary-treasurer.

Now to start Chronologically—about four o'clock a few Freshmen stole away from the campus to the rendezvous in Scotia. The sandwiches, ice-cream and cigarettes had been concentrated there by the time they arrived. They stuffed themselves with food and cigarettes and when cloyed with the ambrosia and nicotine they turned to devising defenses should the Sophs discover the location of the locus in quo. But, as we shall see, however cunning they may have been in devising, they failed utterly in executing their plans.

By seven o'clock a handful of upperclassmen had come to the place. There were not altogether over thirty Freshmen there. The Sophomores had got wind of the affair and by six o'clock they were out with sears and clippers. About five shorn Frosh resulted.

It was about seven o'clock when the Sophs precipitated a

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A Noteworthy Speech.

Rev. Dr. George Alexander, '66, of New York, made an address last commencement at the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of Phi Beta Kappa which is fraught with interest to students of this college, even to those whose personal aspirations are not associated with the distinguished society before which the address was made.

Dr. Alexander is one of Union's noted sons. The very length of his affiliation with the college sets him apart, but the closeness of his association makes him especially distinguished. He is an alumnus who has known every president of the college who has held office during the past hundred and thirteen years, and who knew one of the members of the first class, graduated one hundred and twenty years ago. He has also been a professor and an acting president of the college, and is a member of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Alexander's speeches in connection with Union College, particularly the Phi Beta Kappa speech and the address delivered four years ago at the centennial celebration of the occupancy of the present site of the college, are instinct with scholariness, eloquence, humor, and the spirit of Union. He is master of a style of rhetoric which is elegant without being tumid, and yet, is not of the colloquial sort commonly employed by public speakers today.

Of special interest to many students is what Dr. Alexander said last June with reference to the formation of fraternities at this college:—

"At Union, the seed-thought generated at William and Mary fell into congenial soil. The Alpha of New York (meaning the Alpha of Phi Beta Kappa) not only became the most prolific mother of societies like itself, but it undoubtedly inspired those young undergraduates, who, a few years later, founded Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi, and other

societies in rapid succession, thus earning for our Alma Mater the title: "Mother of Greek Letter Fraternities." This feature of academic life has served more than any other influence to bind together the colleges of the Western Hemisphere."

Dr. Alexander's address cannot fail to interest a student body which is nearly equally divided between academic and engineering students, for it is primarily a contribution on the side of humanism to the battle that has been raging since the days of Thomas Huxley and Mathew Arnold over the primacy in education, disputed by science and classicism.

We quote Dr. Alexander's summary on this subject:

"It must be evident that I am not merely making a defense of the classics as the basis of liberal education. That is scarcely necessary since all the Presidents we have had are now lined up against the iconoclastic onslaught of the Rockefeller Foundation. What I plead for, and what I believe is surely coming, coming more surely since our youth are once more responding to the call for devotion of everything to an ideal—what I plead for, is a revival of interest in the things of the spirit, in history, and philosophy, and literature, in the wisdom which successive generations have garnered not only from the experience of life, but from fellowship with God, from the discovery of His ways in the realm of mind, as well as in the realm of matter. Imagination, sympathy, and faith are forces just as real as gravitation of chemical affinity. Any people that leaves them out of its curriculum will lose their sanity and will find that the "stars in their courses" fight against them.

Am I chargeable with temerity in ventilating such opinions within the precincts of Union College? Here the new education with its instruments of precision, its keen analyses, its urgent endeavors to keep pace with the world's progress in research and in the adaptation of nature's forces to human needs, flourishes and ought to flourish! But here also ancient ideals survive, nourished by traditions and memories which to some of us are inexpressibly dear. Here the past lives around us as we sing our Union song, which confessedly subjects fancy to undue strain, but which, nevertheless, breathes the very spirit of Hellas.

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That Phoebus weaves from his laurel leaves
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ECONOMISTS HEAR TRAVIS ON "TRANSPORTATION".

At a meeting of the Pol-Econ Club held Tuesday evening, Nov. 27th, in Sullivan Hall, several new members from the class of '19 were elected to membership.

Travis '18 read a very interesting and instructive paper on "Transportation as Effected and Developed by the War." This reading was followed by an extended discussion on this subject by the members of the club.

MISSIONARY FROM FAR NORTH SPEAKS SUNDAY.

It has been announced that Dr. Wilford Grenfell, the famous "Mariner Medical Missionary of Labrador" will be the vesper speaker on Sunday, December 9, at 5 o'clock in the college chapel. The lecture will be illustrated by stereoptican views which will show the wonders of that ice-ridden country; the icebergs, ice packs, wrecks, reindeer, dog-teams, snow scenes, Esquimaux, etc. Dr. Grenfell will also portray the life of the deep-sea fisherman.

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MORE UNION MEN ARE GIVEN COMMISSIONS

Five Undergraduates Enlist During Vacation and Leave For Posts This Week.

Howard A. Glenn, '16, has enlisted as a private in the U. S. engineering corps and is now at Camp Meade at Annapolis Junction, Maryland, with the 23rd Engineers. This corps is receiving intensive training in building military roads, and is largely composed of engineers who have had special experience in this line of work. Mr. Glenn has been engaged in road making since his graduation, he having been employed by the Portland Cement Association of New York on several large road building contracts in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New England.

Spencer B. Eddy, ex-'18, was recently commissioned as a second lieutenant in the regular army, after finishing the course of training at Fort Niagara. He has not yet been ordered to any post. Lieut. Eddy visited the campus on Monday last.

Theodore de C. Palmer, ex-'18, who was last summer commissioned as a first lieutenant at Madison Barracks, has been promoted to a captaincy.

Five undergraduates have left college in the rush to enlist before December 15th. Calkins '18 and Frees '19 have enlisted in the navy and leave tomorrow. Hyatt '18 is at Yaphank in the signal corps. Greene '19 is in the medical corps. He and Decker '20 are at Camp Slocum. Calkin's enlistment takes away another Terrace Councilman and member of the Honor court and also vacates the captaincy of Company C. of the College battalion and the position of acting adjutant.

Frees' departure will necessitate the selection of a manager of basketball.

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The next lecture of this series given under the auspices of the Gillispie Society will occur December 18th, and will be entitled "Concreting in Cold Weather."

MOYNIHAN IS STAR IN

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

Captain Moynihan is included by the New York Sun in its "Football Honor Roll for Eastern Colleges," being picked with fourteen other quarterbacks as the eastern college stars in that position.

The full list of quarterbacks on the honor roll is as follows:

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POPULAR PLACE IN PARIS IS U. S. CLUB

University Union Overflowing With American Collegians.

The American University Union, No. 8, Rue de Richelieu, Paris, of which Union College is a member, has already become highly popular as a resort for American College men, according to the last number of The Outlook. On the first day it opened men from thirty different American universities registered at the Union, and now eighty-four universities are represented there.

The Outlook printed the following, descriptive of the place:

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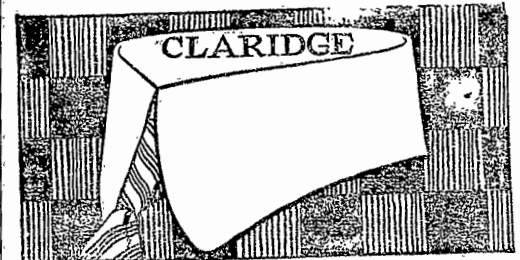
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rush on the doors of the hall in Scotia. The very noise of their approach unnerved the Freshmen, even as the very sound of Achilles' voice turned back the Trojans from the Achaean's ships. The smoker was declared off right there. No resistance was offered. The Freshmen simply capitulated, and speedily evacuated.

The Sophs remained to fall upon the spoil—the eatables, drinkables and smokables. Then they too went home and left the wreck to the Scotia char-men with large push-brooms.

ENGLISH DEPT. RAISES CASH BY UNIQUE SCHEME

Recently the English Department conducted an unusual campaign for raising money for the Students' Friendship War Fund, the proceeds of which amounted to \$65.00. Professors Hale, Chase and Whipple offered for sale to the members of their Sophomore classes copies of the syllabus of the English course. The price to be paid for each copy was left to the option of the students, provided it did not exceed twenty-five cents. The professors agreed to contribute to the fund twice as much as was realized from the sale of the syllabus. From the Sophomores \$21.78 was forthcoming. Prof. Hale contributed \$20, Prof. Chase \$18.56 and Prof. Whipple \$5, thus making \$43.56, twice as much as the Sophomores paid for the syllabi. Prof. Chase also contributed \$6.44 to the fund.

TECHNICAL MEN DO NOT LOSE OUT IN DRAFT.

President Richmond today received advises from the War Department stating that technical students who wait to be called in the draft will be given opportunity to perform the special work for which they are qualified.

The telegram which President Richmond received this morning from an assistant of Secretary Baker says that drafted students when called, a letter from President Richmond setting forth special qualifications.

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mage will form two-thirds of the workouts, and in this connection another innovation will be tested. There are an unusual number of good men in college who are prevented from one reason or another from trying for positions on the Varsity. These men will be urged to make a special effort to get out to practice, and from them a team will be chosen to oppose the various combinations that the coaches will test out in an endeavor to locate the best five to represent the College. This so-called "scrub" team will unquestionably be fast enough to make any team picked from the first squad extend itself to the utmost to hold its own, and, from this unusually good opposition should result the formation of a first five that will be on edge at all times. The crying need of the eleven this past fall was strong opposition from the scrubs, and this new plan should do away with a similar development in basketball. The usual practices will be held this week, and the first part of next week.

PROF. McKEAN SPEAKS IN CHAPEL TOMORROW.

The third lecture on the Sermon of the Mount, given under the Y. M. C. A., will be held tomorrow afternoon at 5:15 in the chapel. Prof. McKean will speak on those passages of the Sermon on the Mount, which concern alms-giving and prayer. The title of his address will be, "The Issues of Life Are From Within."

TEAM ELECTIONS.

Isadore Yavits '19 was elected captain of the basketball at a meeting of the "U" men before vacation.

Next Season's football captain will be elected Thursday noon at gymnasium.

ONLY "U" MEN MAY BE MEMBERS OF "U" CLUB.

The letter-men of Union are soon to have a club. Several "U" men met after chapel last week and appointed Harold Hay '18 chairman of the organization. Peaslee '18, Moyihan '18 and Yavits '19 were appointed a committee to draw up a constitution for the Club.

There has been some inquiry as to who will be eligible for the Club. It is understood that only "U" men will be members of the Club and that aUa and tUt men will not be eligible.

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The Inter-Fraternity Conference in a recent meeting have decided upon a plan of conducting the Inter-fraternity Bowling matches, similar to that of last year.

There are to be two leagues consisting each of six fraternity teams. Each team is to play five games, one with each of the other teams in the league. The winners of each series of league games will then bowl for the cup offered by the proprietor of the alleys.

The league will consist of the following teams:

League No. 1.—Chi Psi, Delta Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Psi Upsilon, Pyramid Club, and Sigma Phi.

League No. 2.—Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Upsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Alpha, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Phi Gamma Delta.

The complete schedule for the games will be announced in the next issue of The Concordiensis.

PYRAMID PLEDGES.

Varmer Lyman '19 and Delevan '21 of Lowville have been pledged to the Pyramid Club.



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