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CHARACTER SEEKING ONLY WORTHY OBJECT

Prof. Upson Lectures on "Seek and Ye Shall Find."

"HAVE A PURPOSE"

Upson Emphasizes Necessity of More Often Using Conscience and Bible.

"Seek and Ye Shall Find," was the subject of the sixth and last lecture on the Sermon on the Mount, given by Professor Upson in chapel Thursday afternoon. The speaker laid particular emphasis on the value of a man having a definite purpose or goal in life, and also asserted that seeking for high character is the main factor in making one's life of most good to oneself and to others. To do this in the best possible way one must examine one's conscience and read the teachings of the Bible,—in short get in touch with God.

Professor Upson opened his address by explaining that the idea of seeking and finding good is the real essence of the Sermon on the Mount, and disputed Professor Bennet's belief that the acquiring of treasure is the real point at issue. The phrase "Seek and Ye Shall Find," said Dr. Upson, is often slid over, merely because of its rhythmical inflection, and therefore, it does not gain the attention that it deserves.

"We must know what to seek, and in order to do that we must first be able to distinguish between the real and the false, the really valuable and the worthless, the gold in life and the dross. To seek means an attitude of the person toward that which makes up his life. Two men, born under exactly the same circumstances and having the same environment may still differ in their mental lives. The one may be discontented and morose. The other may be happy. And why is he happy? He is happy because his attitude is one of seeking for an object, of persistency in accomplishing something, and this very attitude fills his whole mind with something worth while. Our situations in life are largely determined by our attitudes."

Professor Upson continued his speech by outlining the three potentialities in life, money, fame and char-

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CALENDAR.

Sunday.

No Vesper services.

Monday.

- 12:00—Student Meeting in Chapel.
- 3:30—Adelphic Tryouts in 106, Eng. Building.
- 7:15—Glee Club Rehearsal, Silliman Hall.
- 8:00—Dramatic Club Rehearsal, Silliman Hall.

HOLY CITY'S CAPTURE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

Dr. Cady '85 in Lecture Describes Value of Holy Land.

VITAL BLOW TO HUNS

Lecturer Gives Graphic Account of Turkish Travel and Tigris Valley.

Rev. Dr. Putman Cady '85 gave an extremely interesting account of the conquest of Palestine and Mesopotamia, "A Modern Crusade," in the College chapel last Tuesday evening. Dr. Cady impressed upon the minds of all the fact that the capture of Bagdad and Jerusalem by the British land forces doomed the Kaiser's dream of dreams,—the Berlin-Bagdad railway. If the Germans had been able to finish this railroad, said Dr. Cady, the very life of the British empire would have been threatened. Toward the East the mailed fist would have stretched out to India, while to the west Egypt would have been the goal. This railway would also have opened up for German use an area twice the size of New York State, and many times more productive. The importance of the capture of the Holy City can scarcely be over-rated.

"During the first part of his lecture, Dr. Cady discussed the progress of Gen. Allenby's troops in the Holy Land. He described the capture of Gaza, Hebron, Jaffa, Beth-Sheba, and Jerusalem, as well as well other places many times mentioned in the Bible. The capture of Hebron was an especially fatal blow to the Turk. In this city of about 10,000 inhabitants, is a mosque in which the bodies of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are supposed to rest. Until very recently only five parties of white people had ever entered the mosque. Dr. Cady told of his visit there, as a member of the last party to be admitted. Joffa, Dr. Cady said, has been captured many times in the past five thousand years. The capture of this ancient city by crusaders and by Napoleon Bonaparte are noteworthy instances.

"The capture of Jerusalem, the holy city of Christians, Jews and Mohammedans alike, was a vital blow to the prestige of the Sultan. It is an interesting thing to note that General Allenby did not turn a single machine gun upon the Holy City. It is needless to describe all the wonders of Jerusalem. Here one finds the mosque of Omar, the holiest spot in the world to anyone of the Mohammedan faith. In this mosque is the stone from which Mohamet was supposed to have entered heaven. Over ten million lives have been lost in various attempts to capture Jerusalem, especially in the attempts of the crusaders to regain the Holy Sepulchre. Allenby has cap-

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* The Union basketball team *
* defeated Williams at Williams- *
* town Wednesday to the tune of *
* 46-22. This makes the seventh *
* victory out of eight games play- *
* ed. Jones starred in the game, *
* netting seven baskets. Collins, *
* as foul-shooter, ringed ten. *

TRACK CANDIDATES GETTING IN TRIM

Captain Northrup Urges More Men, Especially Freshmen to Try Out.

Candidates for this year's track team have been undergoing thorough practice lately, consisting mainly of preliminary exercise to get them into proper condition. Owing to the fact that no real track work has been attempted it is impossible to judge the ability of the men. Among the veterans who have thus far shown up are Captain Northrup '18, Philips '19, Lyman '19 and Hughes '20. It is believed that basketball is keeping several of last year's men from coming out. But as soon as varsity, interclass, and interfraternity basketball is over, practice will begin in earnest. Regular floor work, and early outdoor running will then make the getting-into-trim process more attractive.

The uncertainty of general conditions this year furnishes a big hindrance to hard, steady work. There is also some doubt whether or not the indoor interclass meets will be held. A show of interest and intention to work on the part of track men is all that is needed to make interclass track contests a reality.

Captain Northrup wishes especially to urge the Freshmen to come out for practice. Few '21 men have appeared as yet; but as the Freshman class generally produces a goodly number of track candidates, it is expected that more will show up after examinations. The potential material is surely here, and there is no reason why Union should not turn out a winning track team this season.

VAN ORDEN PRIZE ESSAY TOPIC ANNOUNCED

Dr. Hale has announced that the subject for this year's Van Orden Prize Essay is, "The Chivalrous in the Life and Work of Sir Walter Scott." Freshmen only compete for this prize, and all who are interested should read page 145 of the University Catalogue (or the notice on the Library board) for detailed particulars.

It is recommended that J. G. Lockhart's "Life of Scott" be read, and also several of Scott's more famous novels such as the "Talisman," "Ivanhoe," and "Woodstock."

DR. RICHMOND PLEASES STUDENTS WITH HARP

President as Minstrel New But Effective Role.

ENORMOUS SUCCESS

Minds of Students Brought Back to Days of Chivalry by Old Ballads.

President Richmond established a new precedent for college presidents last Wednesday night when he appeared before the student-body at Hanna Hall in the role of a minstrel. The entertainment, which Dr. Richmond referred to as "an exploit such as no college president has hitherto ventured upon," served to satisfy a lingering curiosity in the undergraduate mind to witness the display of a talent in their president which few knew he possessed in such excellence, and to warn the Glee Club that it has a rival whom it never suspected.

Before proceeding with his program, Dr. Richmond gave a brief resume of the minstrelsy when it was so famous a fraternity as to excite the admiration of kings. In fact, it was considered a royal accomplishment, and many an ancient monarch prided himself on his skill with the harp, an instrument so old that it is referred to in the Bible as being much used in the time of David and Solomon.

The instrument which Dr. Richmond possesses is 60 or 70 years old and the skill and grace with which he used it, gained the applause and admiration of his appreciative audience.

The ease with which the President took the student mind back to the "good old days when knighthood was in flower" tended to show that all regard for the elegance and simplicity of the old English and Scotch ballads has not been supplanted by the raucous call of the cinema.

The Program.

1. Chanson de Rolande (10th Century).
2. Sir Patrick Spens (13th century).
3. The Border's Widow's Lament. (14th Century.)
4. Two Robin Hood Ballads (14th and 15th Century).
 - a. Robin Hood's Golden Prize.
 - b. Allan a' Dale.
5. The Earl of Moray (16th Century).
6. The Golden Vanity (Elizabethan)
7. The Hunt is Up (Henry VIII).
8. John Dory (15th Century).
9. Let Erin Remember the Days of Old (Traditional Irish harp tune).
10. The Wearin' of the Green.
11. Blue Bells of Scotland.
12. The British Grenadiers.
13. Flowers of the Forest (16th Century).

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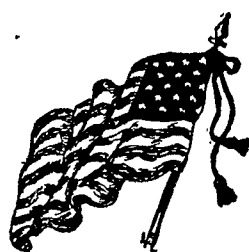
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Henry E. Rosenberg, Issue Editor.

* THE CONCORDIENSIS an- *
* nounces that this will be its last *
* issue until after examinations. *

The Slacker.

The students of Union College are or should be well aware of the spirit which prevails here. They know that in real college spirit Union always has stood among the first, and, we trust, always will. This has been especially the case in the kind of spirit that gentlemen are presumed to possess. At all games, the gentlemanly spirit of the students, particularly where the opposing team is concerned, has always been apparent. It is to be regretted, surely, that this same gentlemanly spirit is not active in every single branch of college affairs at present. Particular attention is to be directed to the basketball dances.

The students know that the dances which are held after the basketball games are under the auspices of the Interfraternity Conference. The money taken in at these affairs is added by the Athletic Board to the bleacher fund. The Interfraternity Conference derives no essential pleasure or profit out of these dances. The members of the Conference are expending time

and energy in making these dances successful and in providing healthy pleasure for the student-body. If the students do not co-operate it will very nearly become an impossibility for the Conference to run the dances.

The Interfraternity Conference expresses regret that it must remind the students of their sense of honor, which assuredly is latent in them and can be brought to the surface. Many have resorted to skillful devices in order to evade the necessity of purchasing dance-tags. What is the word we should apply to these underhand trickeries? It is, of course, realized by the Conference, that some students have evaded paying legitimate dues merely in a spirit of adventure or fun. As college-men, particularly as Union College men, should we regard such acts as adventurous and daring? We believe, they are rather to be regarded as serious breaches of morality. The members of the conference take no pleasure in being compelled to circulate among the dancers in order to discover those "slackers" who neglect to pay for what they receive.

A feeling of shame possesses them every time a man is revealed to his dance-companion, and to the public as one who has not had sufficient pride in his college to put in his contribution for the support of one of her activities. It is sincerely to be hoped that in the future the slackers, aforementioned, will no longer be found, but will realize the "error of their ways and repent thereof."

(With acknowledgement to C. J. T.)

NEW DRAFT RULING EFFECTIVE AT UNION

An old law, which provided that only students of those colleges that have been on an R. O. T. C. basis for ten years, were eligible for recommendation to the Officers' Training camps attached to the draft camps, has been overruled by one which states that students of ALL R. O. T. C. colleges, who are of the draft age and who have taken the advanced two years' course in military science and tactics, may compete for a commission upon being recommended by the commanding officer of the R. O. T. C. Accordingly, Colonel Goldman is about to organize an advanced class for Union College students of the draft age. This class will be instructed in modern methods of trench and field fighting including bomb throwing and trench digging. Underclassmen will be admitted to this course at the option of the faculty. It is believed that the total number of commissions open to men of the college R. O. T. C.'s throughout the country is 2,000. What Union's share of this number will be, is not known.

DEATH CLAIMS UNION ALUMNUS

James Cook Hemphill passed away last Tuesday at his home in Westerly, R. I. Mr. Hemphill was a prominent member of the class of '83 and belonged to the Delta Upsilon fraternity. His son, Russell E. Hemphill, was of the class of '17, and will doubtless be remembered by many.

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CAMERON '18 LEAVES IN SERVICE OF COUNTRY

Edward M. Cameron '18 has left college to report for military service at Washington, D. C. It is believed he will be transferred to one of the southern training camps, probably Camp Meade, as a member of the clerical force.

During his years at college, Cameron has become one of the best known men on the Hill. He is literary editor of THE CONCORDIENSIS, manager of the Musical Clubs this season and president of the Classical and Press Clubs. He was manager of last year's Garnet, and secretary of the Publication Board. He is a member of the Delta Phi fraternity.

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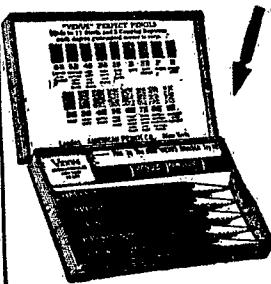
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FRATERNITY BOWLING SHOWS UNEVEN RESULTS

Schedule For Next Round Completed—Two Houses Out of Contests.

The second round of the Interfraternity Bowling games has been completed now, leaving some teams pretty far down in the final per cent, but others very closely tied. The standing of the leagues, in the second round are given below. Owing to the fact that the Kappa Alpha and Alpha Delta Phi teams are not playing, there are two teams in the second league who have only played three games apiece. This will soon be balanced up, however.

LEAGUE NO. 1.

	W.	L.	P.C.
Sigma Phi	6	0	1.000
Phi Delta Theta	5	1	.833
Pyramid Club	4	2	.666
Chi Psi	3	3	.500
Psi Upsilon	0	6	.000
Delta Phi	0	6	.000

LEAGUE NO. 2.

	W.	L.	P.C.
Beta Theta Pi	2	1	.666
Delta Upsilon	3	3	.500
Phi Gamma Delta	3	3	.500
Lambda Chi Alpha	1	2	.333

The schedule for the next round follows:

LEAGUE NO. 1.

Psi Upsilon vs. Pyramid Club.
Sigma Phi vs. Chi Psi.
Phi Delta Theta vs. Delta Phi.

LEAGUE NO. 2.

Beta Theta Pi vs. Lambda Chi Alpha.
Alpha Delta Phi vs. Phi Gamma Delta.
Delta Upsilon vs. Kappa Alpha.

MAJOR E. V. PAYNE '95 BECOMES COLONEL

Major Edwin V. Payne, '95, of the 25th United States Engineers stationed at Camp Devens, Mass., has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. Payne was one of the charter members of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

ALLISON-FOOTE TRYOUTS OCCUR NEXT WEEK

Philomatheans to Debate Affirmative of Railway Control Question.

The Philomathean Debating Society has voted to support the affirmative side of the topic for the Allison-Foote Debate; namely, "The Government of the United States should retain control of the railroads after the war." The Adelpic Society, having won the Allison-Foote prize last year, gained the privilege of proposing the question.

The Adelpics will hold their tryouts on Monday at three-thirty in Room 106 of the Engineering Building. The speeches are to be about six minutes in length and may be on either side of the question. The Philomathean tryouts will take place in the same room on Friday next at two-thirty. The speeches are to be five minutes in length and on the affirmative side of the question.

It may be of interest to future contestants to learn that the topic chosen for the Allison-Foote Debate was recently used in a debate in one of Or. McKean's classes. According to the judges, the merits of the opposing teams were so nearly on a par, that no decision could be rendered.

JUNIOR WEEK TEA TO BE GIVEN IN HANNA HALL

One of the Junior Week activities will be a The Dansant given by the Interfraternity Conference on Saturday afternoon in Hanna Hall. Dancing will begin at four o'clock promptly. Zita's orchestra will furnish the music, and light refreshments will be served by Sirker.

This tea will be the first of its kind ever held during Junior Week, and the members of the Interfraternity Conference hope the students and faculty will attend and help make the affair a success.

BATTALION UNIFORMS HAVE BEEN RETURNED

The battalion has received yesterday, a consignment of 195 khaki uniforms, which have, however, been returned, owing to the fact that woollen uniforms had been ordered. The manufacturers, having evidently had trouble in obtaining wool, sent khaki suits in the hope that they would be accepted.

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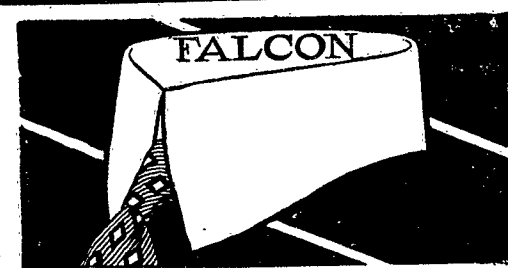
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The method used was to have an Adjutant and committee appointed at each educational institution which would organize as a co-operative unit of the Bureau. Through questionnaires and other means, the adjutants kept on file accurate and adequate information of students and alumni, so that calls from the Washington office could be answered by sending names of men who are fit and who could serve the Government. The extensive work of the Washington office was made possible by unselfish volunteers from a dozen colleges, who gave their time and expenses while carrying the work of the Bureau into Government Departments. Later city committees of college men were organized, because of the large number of college men available in the cities.

While the Bureau is taking care of this important war work it is making plans for a broader development as it intends to secure positions for men when they return from Europe. It is assuming this task together with the American University Union of Europe. In addition to all this it is answering the calls of commercial establishments engaged in war work.

A Division of Information will supply special information which may be asked for by colleges officers. It will

mail a weekly letter to college offices everywhere, keeping them in close contact with any new developments of importance in the planning of college activities during and after the war.

Money is necessary and there is no hesitancy in asking for it. The budget of the Bureau, in addition to the large amount of volunteer help, is \$2,000 a month. Any college, university or technical school may become a member of the Bureau by paying \$50, \$150, or \$250, each institution deciding for itself which of the three amounts is proper. The money may be paid directly by the institution or by some of its friends, but can be received only with the consent of its president.

In addition to the membership fee, the trustees, groups of alumni, or individual alumni, are asked to undertake the raising of funds somewhat proportionate in size to their alumni population and wealth. Several alumni groups of large universities have underwritten funds of \$2,500 each, and groups from a number of smaller ones will each supply funds down to \$250.

The Bureau invites all college men to call at the Washington office, which is now in the Munsey Building. It is not an employment bureau, however, and places applicants only on recommendation of adjutants. Nevertheless it is glad to give suggestions and information which may be of interest to college men. The Bureau needs a certain amount of volunteer help of a very high class. It cannot possibly pay any of its workers adequately, but the work is wonderfully interesting and gives most valuable experience."

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acter. He described what money would bring, and brought home the fact that money has power to please the senses only. There is something else in life. The lecturer then told that many people think fame all-important. To attain fame they would debase their souls and smirch their honor, sacrifice all character. In closing this part of his talk, Prof. Upson said, "Do you prefer the fame that man bestows—man, who sees only the outward, visible, or would you rather have the fame that God gives, who alone knows and understands what is not visible."

"Contemplate your deeds. Use your God-given intelligence and discriminate good from evil. Look into yourself and form ideals for your own guidance and conduct. Use your conscience more than you do; find out what you want, and get in touch with God. If with all your heart you seek Him, you shall ever always find Him.

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tured this with a very small loss of life. The moral effect of this victory cannot be overestimated.

Now that Jerusalem has fallen, Gen. Allenby will undoubtedly aim at the Bagdad railroad near Damascus. If he succeeds in cutting the road, Pan-Germanism in the Orient will be a thing of the past."

Dr. Cady then discussed his experiences at Constantinople at the outbreak of the war. He said that he could not, at the time, understand why the Turks were drilling so constantly under German officers. Now of course, the answer is obvious.

The lecturer closed with an account of the great agricultural and economic value of Mesopotamia, and quoted the glowing description that Herodotus gives of this "cradle of the world." "Here, in the Tigris-Euphrates Valley lay ancient Babylon and Nineveh the Proud. It was here that the Assyrian kings committed such outrages that not even the most sanguine outbreaks of Hun enthusiasm have showed much progress in this line during the past few thousand years. In the past the valley was even more productive than in Nile, and with proper cultivation, it should again become so in the future."



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