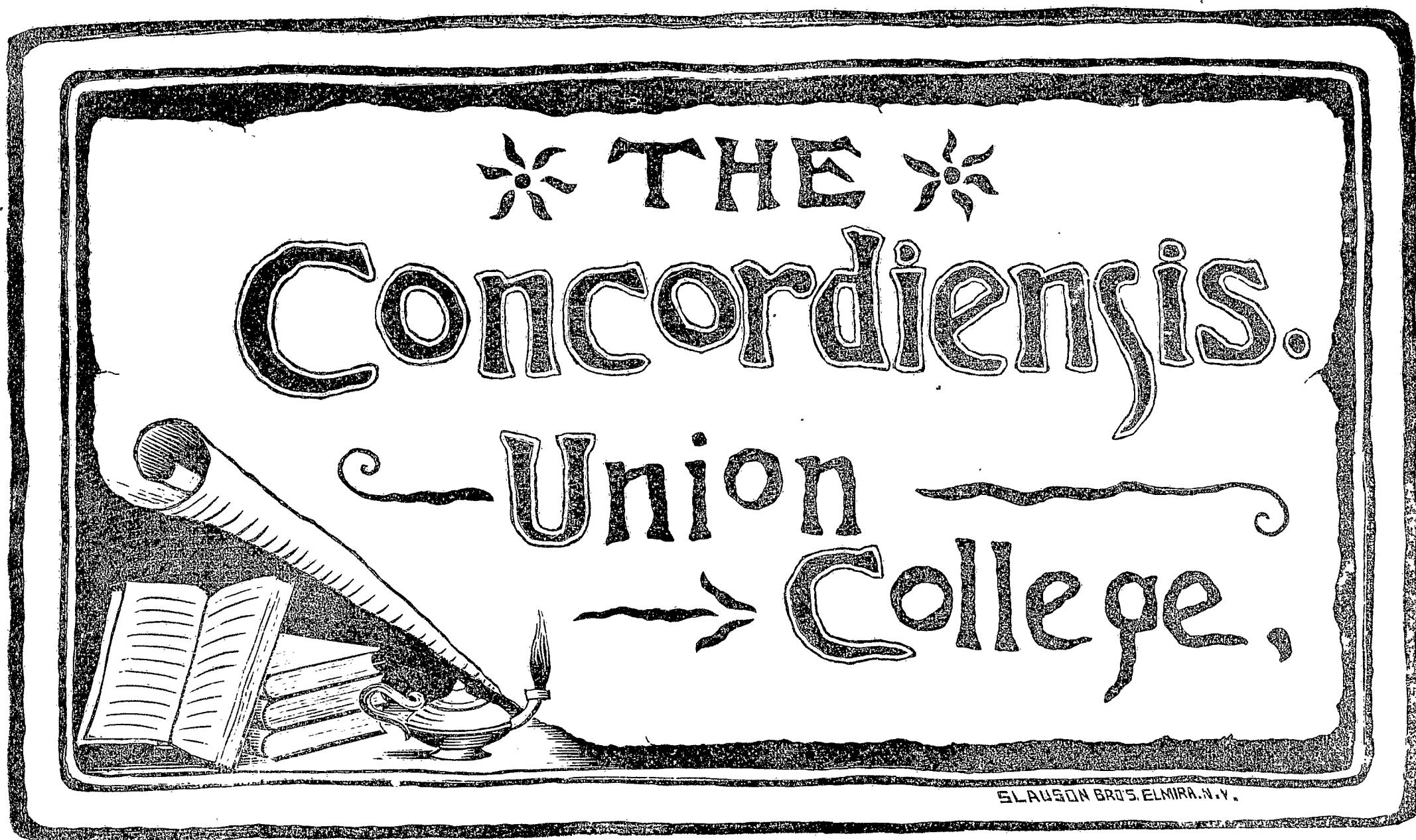


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Editorial.

We congratulate the Junior class and their committee upon their successful management of the college hops.

The football season has been a success. We give a complete summary of the games elsewhere and in the next issue will publish a criticism on the elevens playing, suggesting points of improvement and giving the results of observation of the playing of Yale and Harvard. The eleven has done nicely but has much room for improvement. Next season will bring with it a stronger team.

The article on the "Care of the Eyes," by Dr. C. M. Culver '78, was largely copied or quoted by contemporaneous papers. Through carelessness on the part of the editor a slight omission of the printers was allowed to pass unnoticed. To an oculist the absurdity of the sentence on pp. 17, line 26 is apparent, but to the lay reader not readily so. The fault is in nowise the Doctor's.

One of the truest thoughts ever uttered is contained in the sentence, "Give me perfect health and I will make the pomp of emperors ridiculous." The first requisite for success is health, energy and power of endurance. With our magnificent campus and grounds there ought to be a greater percentage of the students actively engaged in out-door sports. Those who are not inclined to games should explore every accessible spot in this beautiful valley, should devote a part of every day to tramping or should go in the "gym" and take the exercise prescribed by the instructor in charge. It will be time profitably spent. Get a dog and hunt, play foot ball—do something to keep you in vigor of mind and body.

A word in regard to the literary societies. Upper classmen acknowledge their benefits and advantages, but the majority give but little heed to their meetings. The Freshmen seem entirely torpid, and give at present small promise of even reaching sufficient vigor to allow the idea

of their usefulness to dawn upon them. The fact is not to disputed, however, that a faithful attendance upon the meetings of either of the two societies will do a man more good than an equivalent amount of time spent on any study in the course. During the winter there ought to be many spirited debates between the societies. The Adelphic should continue their public exercises, but to do these things they must have the constant support of their members, at least. We enjoin the Freshmen to begin as soon as possible and take active part in their meetings.

WANTED.—A SECOND PERIODICAL.

The editors of THE CONCORDIENSIS, with the limited space that can be given to literary matter, are able to put before the public but little of the literary matter produced by undergraduate students. And to those who are at all familiar with the literary interests of the college, it is a deplorable fact that there is no way of publishing much of the really valuable literary and prize matter which is the regular outcome of our English department. Nearly all colleges have a distinct literary magazine, and, with even reasonable support, there is no reason why Union can not do the same. The following plan is proposed at a venture: the magazine to be the old *Union College Magazine* revived under the name of "The Union College Literary Magazine." The size to be about 40, long primer, 4x9 pages of reading matter, (exclusive of all standing matter), to consist of Commencement prize essays, orations, debates and general literary matter by the undergraduates of Union College. To be published quarterly during civil and not college calendar, *i. e.*, beginning with January, 1888. Let the concluding number of

each volume furnish a title page and index. Let the index contain a classification of subjects and an alphabetical list of titles and authors. More than five editors would not be advisable. Some of the advantages might be enumerated as follows:

1. A strong incentive to literary work in college.
2. Would foster accuracy in judges' decisions.
3. Would prevent plagiarism.
4. Would give a valuable index to literary progress in the college
5. Would furnish a pleasant remembrance of college days.

The above plan is somewhat crude, but if the enterprise meets with any approval from the faculty or students, it will receive serious consideration. In regard to the literary matter for publication there is no difficulty to be anticipated, but the financial part of the scheme will require a hearty show of interest, and many careful estimates.

Literary.

IS THE STUDY OF PHILOSOPHY PROFITABLE?

In all things men seem prone to go to extremes. In philosophy the idealists and materialists stand equally removed from the truth. The absurd teachings of the Roman church found their legitimate offspring in the extreme re-actionary doctrines of the reformation. Formerly, philosophical and religious speculation was regarded as the only pursuit worthy the attention of thinking men. The natural sciences were neglected. Socrates could not learn anything by taking a walk in the country. Since the march of intellect has enabled men to subdue the forces of nature, and make them con-

tribute to his physical needs, the tendency is to regard the natural sciences alone as the only profitable course of study. Between these extremes must be found the golden mean of truth.

Those who maintain the negative of this proposition are led into the error by mistaking the end of man. They consider him organized for the acquirement of something external to himself, and not for the perfection of his own faculties. They, therefore, regard as profitable only those studies which will enable man to more effectually act the lowly part of an instrument. Now, although we must consider man as a means for the glorification of God, yet in all other respects is he an end in himself. For it is difficult to see how we are to glorify our Creator, except in the perfection of ourselves as creatures. But while this perfection is being accomplished, men must live. In the present state of society this livelihood can only be acquired by a sale of services. Thus, instead of employing all their energies for a full and harmonious development of their faculties, it is necessary for most men to become mere instruments for the benefit of others. Now this necessity has given rise to schools whose professed object is to give a course of training which will enable men to better fulfill their part as a mere instrument for the benefit of society. And the studies pursued in these schools, because they are brought into every-day use, are deemed to be the only ones of any profit.

But that the two courses of training are radically different and are designed for different purposes may be seen in the names that are applied to each. To the training which fits man for an instrument is applied to the name of professional education, and the sciences which are essential to such training are called by

Germans "The bread and butter sciences." It is, as the name implies, a course of training which will enable man to earn his daily bread in the sphere in which he professes or claims to use such education. The other course of study is known by the name of liberal education, while those professions which demand a wider range of knowledge than the others are frequently termed the liberal professions. The latter is a training which regards man as a free agent, possessed of unlimited capacities, and is given with a view to set these capacities in motion, to work out a harmonious development. Moreover, it is the design of a college to bestow a liberal education, and consequently those studies should be pursued at college, which will best fit men to accomplish their own individual end.

But this end cannot consist in the perfection of our physical nature, nor in the acquirement of anything that will minister to it. For everything material is for the service of the mind, and profitable only as they further its objects. In the order of nature, also, mind stands last in development, and all things point to this as their ultimate aim. Says an ancient philosopher, "In the world there is nothing great but man; in man there is nothing great but mind." Having seen that the end of man is to be found in the perfection of his mental capacities, we have next to inquire how this perfection can be realized.

In the natural world an individual has attained to perfection when it has reached the highest development consistent with the laws and limitations of its being. Reasoning from analogy we may conclude that the perfection of our spiritual powers will be found in their full and harmonious development in this, their present limitation. Now, the condition necessary to the development of any organism is the

employment of those functions for which it was created. The plant placed upon poor soil withers and dies for lack of the means of such employment. The arm placed in a sling becomes weak and useless for want of that exercise which is the source of all its strength. Now it is the function of the mind to think, and consequently when engaged in a course of study which does not require the exercise of this function to any great extent, the mind is in much the same condition of the bandaged arm, or the tree upon poor soil. Those studies, therefore, are most profitable which will impel the mind to a more vigorous mode of thought.

But we may go further and declare that mental culture and not the possession of truth to be the end of all study. A man may possess an unlimited number of naked truths, yet, if he has not acquired mental culture sufficient to classify and use these truths, he is practically uneducated. Every professor recognizes the fact that is his duty not only to impart it in such a way that thereby his pupils may be awakened to a more vigorous exercise of their faculties.

It is upon this ground that we would place one of the great advantages of a course of philosophical study, namely, that it gives more vigorous experience to the mental faculties, and consequently a higher degree of mental culture. The natural sciences, although they may possess a greater compliment of more certain truths, can be mastered without much mental effort on the part of the student. From the very nature of their subject matter all difficulty may be obviated, by illustrations presented to the eye, and thus producing conviction. In the philosophic sciences, however, it is different. Here the mind is at the same time both the object studied and the subject studying. It turns its attention inward on itself, that

it may discover its own character and mode of work. What in this case can the instructor do for his pupil? The most he can do is to enable the student to repeat his own experience.

"By turning," says Burke, "the soul inward on itself, its forces are concentrated, and are fitted for greater and stronger flights of science; and in the pursuit, whether we take or lose our game, the chase is certainly of service."

But it is not on the ground of subjective utility alone that I would rest the importance of a course of philosophical study. The dignity and grandeur of its truths will also entitle it to a superior place. Nothing can be more important to man himself or to the well-being of society than a knowledge of God, the soul, the present worth and the future destiny of man; and all these truths are deduced from philosophic speculation.

Again, a person cannot be said to be liberally educated unless he has a knowledge of the mind. Should he be taught the nature and properties of matter and material forces, and not bestow a passing glance upon that hidden power which has revealed all these forces, and brought them under its control? Assuredly, we cannot assert this, unless we also assert that the servant is greater than his Lord.

ELMER E. VEEDER, '86.

A STUDY OF MACBETH.

Macbeth has always been to me the most intensely interesting of Shakespeare's tragedies; for in it alone, I find a sublime blending of the three great expressions of human conception and experience—the metaphysical, the actual and the weird. In Hamlet, for example, the metaphysical predominates, tempered by the real and shaded by the weird. In Othello, the real is paramount, passing before us like some

barbaric pageant, with chariots drawn by the passions and attended by the graces of philosophy and love; while in Lear, the weird brakes into controlling terrors which move as it were in a rhythmic, yet consistent frenzy. But in Macbeth, the genius of its creator, almost transcending the bounds of nature, has produced a work of dramatic art in which these three qualities are not only co-ordinately combined, but each, viewed in its particular sphere, is likewise supreme.

The impelling force which first calls forth and inextricably blends these moral and physical elements, is the ill-starred and insatiable ambition of Macbeth. As I read his character in the development of the play, the seeds of lust for empire and dominion were sown in his nature from his cradle, and needed only the reins of adversity and the sunshine of success, to make them burst and bloom into the flower of realization. In such a character, there are at once glorious hopes and dark possibilities. To take this hero, who might have walked erect and masterful to the attainment of honorable fame, to lead him along the rough and jagged eminence of unholy ambition, and finally, just as he has grasped the bloodstained prize of his endeavor, to hurl him down to infamy and ruin, is a work and a lesson which only the genius of Shakespeare could fittingly portray and teach.

We catch sight of Macbeth at the moment when he is approaching the parting of the ways—a man apparently marked out by his lofty station, his successful valor, and the voice of popular report, as the darling of the future. In an instant we behold him confronted by the ministers of evil, just when the honey of the world's approbation is sweetest to his taste, when vaulting ambition is least of all the prop of virtue. While doubt is yet struggling in his mind with the eagerness of imperial

hopes, the messengers arrive to hail him Thane of Cawdor; and with that salute, his dim imagining passes from the fancy of the moment into a tangible and enduring purpose.

So vivid is the mental revolution, so fearful the consequences, so dread the impending doom, that from this moment on there is not a stage in the accumulation of his crimes and woe, when we would not send forth a cry of terror, to warn him back from the abyss. This is the essence of sublime reality; for in this play, we completely lose our own particular being. It drops from us like a garment, and we dwell in Scotland, the followers or the enemies of Macbeth. There is no vulgar realism in this. We see a strong man, a great soul, struggling in the toils of fate, with the mighty question of right or wrong attainment the underlying force, with life or death, dishonor or fame, trembling on the issue.

In such a situation, we feel the weakness of human powers, the inadequacy of mental fortitude however great; and this realization grows upon us with keener force, the more we come to experience and appreciate the oppressive and continuous consequences of crime. A dim conception analogous to this, impels Macbeth to seek the aid of supernatural agencies; and we behold the influence of the Weird Sisters again directing his career. But they have no arbitrary power over his fate. They are potent to work him ill, only as his evil aims expose him to their machinations. Were this not so, there would be little profit in studying this stupendous tragedy. In his very first interview, we see how conscience offsets the glittering prize which they hold out to his imagination :

"If chance will have me king, why chance will crown
me,
Without my star."

And with this thought present in his mind and ringing in his ears, he not only entertains the idea, but conceives the purpose of sovereignty. With that step taken the way is open for the overwhelming influence of Lady Macbeth. Consider how little a thing would have saved him from his fate! A moment's reflection, unbiased by his passion for glory, would have told him that to be Thane of Cawdor were but the natural outcome of his real success. But no! He stifles down the voice of reason, and yielding to the glamor of selfish ambition, attributes either directly or indirectly to their black-letter prophecies, what in reality is the honorable reward of his own merits. From thence on he is the dupe of their juggling promises.

Fearful as the Wierd Sisters are, with their dread "All hail!" their specious yet malignant oracles, and dire as they appear in the war of elements that attends their coming and going, we instinctively feel that they are but the fleeting agents, the outward visible signs of a larger power for evil, meditating the destruction of Macbeth. And herein the poet's terrific developement of the Wierd is perceived; for the imagination, in its terror of unseen evil, pictures to itself a malevolent force co-extensive with the universe—all-potent and all-prevading. Such is the power that has Macbeth in its grasp; and we may well tremble at its manifestations, as step by step it leads him on to ruin.

But co-ordinate with the wierd and the real, there is another quality which gives nobility and purpose to the elements of strength and fear, which have their habitation in the play. This is the metaphysical; and we see two sublime expressions of it in the characters of Macbeth and his imperial wife. In Macbeth, the intellect is modified by the emotions of the heart; and being so tempered, it impels him to those immortal bursts of philosophy

and reflection, which, in proportion as they show the height of former possibility, serve but to measure the depth of present degradation. In Lady Macbeth, on the contrary, the mind wholly uninfluenced by the feelings, glows with the steady brilliance of a jewel, as fascinating as it is hard. To her, a purpose is but an un-bodied dream till clothed in accomplishment; and she pursues her aim with a vehemence and directness which overcomes the less decisive, but more heroic nature of her husband. And still through all, she is a woman. The very intensity of her ambition, her utter disregard of what may follow, her passionate loyalty to Macbeth, her weakness when she views the sleeping king, her stately and uncomplaining remorse, these are all the attributes of a woman.

But yet in every expression of her being, the mind is dominant. Even the temporary revulsions which come upon her—the premonitions, as it were, of her tearless agony in the sleep-walking scene—are rather the result of wronged mentality than repentant feelings. With Macbeth, it is otherwise. Once plunged into crime, he flees from the action of the mind, and seeking refuge in the feelings, he receives from them a welcome as perfidious as Glami's Castle gave to Duncan. They cloud his brain with hallucinations, they fill his vision with disordered fancies, till at last, in his terror at the accusing spectre of Bauquo, prudence is scattered to the winds, and his hideous secret is revealed.

In Macbeth, the feelings are the agents of moral destruction. In Lady Macbeth, the intellect. But ambition—inordinate and unholy—is the material bane of both.

As we study two such types of imperial manhood and womanhood; as we see them beset with the powers of darkness and observe them break the bonds of

righteous and conventional restraints ; as we note the developement on minds so transcendently great, of an ambition that stalks through murder to a sceptre ; and behold at last their utter overthrow and ruin, the haughtiness of impulse quails and the pride of intellect is humbled before the mighty lesson set forth in the tragedy of Macbeth.

ROWLAND B. MAHANY.

COLLEGE DAYS OF JOHN HOWARD PAYNE.

[The following unpublished letters relative to the college life of John Howard Payne, by William Payne, his father, John E. Seaman, his benefactor, and Dr. Nott, then president of the college, are but a part of an interesting and autograph correspondence in the possession of the college library. It is believed that they sufficiently explain themselves].

NEW YORK, July 29, 1806.

The Rev. Dr. Nott :

DEAR SIR :—Master John H. Payne left this, the beginning of June for the Seminary at Schenectady, but he has 'till lately forgotten the place of his destination. His vanity has led him to make himself conspicuous everywhere but at college. I, however, received a letter from him of the 19th dated "Schenectady," so that it seems this paroxism is finished, but I am afraid it will return, notwithstanding what he says he has suffered under the operation. I gave him a letter for you which I *presume* he has delivered. I therein requested you to furnish him with all necessaries, and to allow him 20 shillings per month for pocket money. Since he left New York he has squandered away upwards of \$90, which I am under no obligation to pay, but if he remains at college for six months I will pay the same, although it is a tavern debt. When he left this I gave him \$20 when ten would have been sufficient to carry him to the place to which he was sent. Not to expose myself to any further vexations on this head, I have

proposed a different management to his father, Mr. William Payne of Boston, into whose hands I shall place \$250 per annum for the purpose of giving his son John a liberal education. This allowance is to cease the moment he quits Union college. I have chosen this place, as well from the high opinion I have of the eminent qualifications of its President, as from its detached situation, which in the case of this youth is of the highest importance. * * * * If, sir, you can reclaim this youth and by any means whatever supplant a love of pleasure by a love of study, you will confer a very high obligation on his friends and render an essential service to his country, for talents like his, if properly directed, will do much good in arresting the dreadful evils which await us from the increasing and desolating defects of democracy. As an editor of a paper he would be placed in a situation to become eminently useful to his country as well as immediately serviceable in assisting his father in the support of a numerous and worthy family. I am, dear sir, in haste and with esteem,

Very respectfully yours, etc.

JNO. E. SEAMAN.

ALBANY, Sept. 18, 1806.

Rev. Dr. Nott :

MY DEAR SIR :—I learnt this morning by mere accident that you had been some days at Schenectady, and I was as much surprised as you may be to hear that I have been some weeks in Albany. To explain this procedure allow me to add that Gov. Crawford's party left this for Lebanon and were undecided what route they might take from thence; and as agreeable as their company might have been, I anticipated an equivalent in the society of Miss Fairlie, whom they left at Albany. Besides this, I had inducements

for wishing to see my *New York friends* which led me to request from Mr. Seaman his permission for a visit and the result of that request is undecided. I wait for his answer; altho' I think it is somewhat doubtful whether I hear from him, but I shall remain a day or two and if he is determined to keep up his dignity with me I shall return to Schenectady. The advantages of a personal interview, and I may say, the necessity of an adjustment of my affairs in New York, besides the satisfaction of knowing the standing which I hold with my friends there, will I think be equivalent to any injurious effects to be anticipated from such an excursion. Perhaps you may not think so. If that is the case, I shall "stand corrected" and return to *Penna, Pennæ*.

I have contracted some expenses here which have consumed *and more than consumed* my supplies. Among my other good qualities, my economy does me the least credit. The expenses that I have incurred will come under the denomination of Mr. Seaman's *necessary supplies*. Annexed you will find a schedule which will not, perhaps, lessen your ideas of the extravagance of

Yours most affectionately,
(Signed.) JOHN H. PAYNE.

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FOOT BALL.

Until the fall of 1886, Union had no eleven although class elevens had been organized and class games played. A few enterprising spirits, prominent among whom were C. W. Culver and D. S. Voorhees, the present half backs, conceived the idea of a "Varsity" eleven and pushed

the idea to a successful completion. During the fall of '86 the eleven played two games, although but hardly organized, one with the Medical Department of the University, in which they were beaten, 8 to 0, and another with R. P. I., the correct score of which was Union 4, R. P. I. 0, although an interested referee claimed the game for R. P. I. This year the eleven took the field with confidence and have made a good record considering the number of men their opponents had to choose from. The eleven has up to date played the following games:

MEDICALS VS. UNION COLLEGE.

This game was the most evenly and hotly contested game that one could wish to see. There were no especially brilliant plays made, the features being simply hard fighting. The object being to discover the best players on the Medicals in order to have them play on the Varsity. The game was brought to an end by an accident after forty minutes play, neither side having score.

RIDGEFIELD A. C., VS. "VARSITY."

In playing an athletic club of 500 members, nothing but defeat was looked for and the result was gratifying to the players. The features of the game were the fine defense of the R. A. C. half backs by their rushers, the long runs of Wells and Culver, and the courage displayed by the "Varsity." With the wind in their faces the "Varsity" played upon the defensive during the first half and neither side scored. In the second half R. A. C. made 8 points and "Varsity" 4.

RETURN GAME WITH R. A. C.

Owing to several of our players being injured, "Varsity" could not place such a strong team in the field as played in the first game with R. A. C., and hence the difference in the score. The superiority of the R. A. C.'s pointers, and the weight

of their rush line was soon noticed, and although the eleven's work, to be criticized, is that as they do not succeed in playing as a unit, the half backs are powerless if not supported by the rush line. Don't watch the ball, but direct all of your attention to the man you are blocking. Do not seek for individual prominence, but work merely as a part of a complex machine. The "Varsity" played pluckily and the game ended with a defeat of 12 to 0. A dispute arose over a touch down made by Voorhees, but the referee disallowed it. The features of the game were Wells' punting, Culver's runs and the tackling of Gallien, Stewart and Rathbone.

WILLIAMS VS. "VARSITY."

This game was arranged for the purpose of profiting by Williams' experience with Yale and Harvard. It was undoubtedly the hardest game played. The Varsity being heavily handicapped in weight and experience. Good work was done on our part by Culver, Blessing, DePuy and Lewis. Score, Williams 94, Varsity 0.

"VARSITY" VS. CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

On Saturday, Nov. 14th, the Eleven defeated Cornell on her own grounds by a score of 24 to 10. In this game the profit gained by the Williams' game was evident. The men had learned to play a much heavier game and had gained many of the points and tricks that go to make up scientific playing. The condition of the field was very bad as it was hilly and an inch or so of snow prevented good running and dodging which are the principal points of the Eleven. During the first half Union made but little progress and the score was 5—2 in Cornell's favor, but the second half Union made four touch-downs and closed the half with a score of 24. The Cornell men did excellent work in tackling and running, and were much heavier than their opponents. They have

the material for a good eleven and will gain much before the next season. The Union eleven were hospitably treated and hope to meet Cornell again.

FRESHMEN GAMES.

On Nov. 11th the Freshmen played the Albany Boys Academy eleven having everything their own way. The score was 44—0. At the return game played Nov. 19th, the Academy played three men from the Ridgefield eleven. The Freshmen played a strong and plucky game; score, 50—16 in their favor. The Freshmen also played a tie game with the Sophomores.

TOUCH-DOWNS.

The eleven were given a loyal reception on their return from Cornell.

No men were very seriously injured. Lewis '88 and Culver '89 having fully recovered from what were unpleasant but not serious accidents.

The eleven as it stood in the last game was composed as follows: Rushers, Brundige, centre, Turnbull, Stewart, DeLong, DePuy, Snow, Nolan; quarter-back, Clute; half-backs, Culver, Voorhees; full-back, Towne.

THE Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE.

Under the auspices of the College Y. M. C. A., the annual State College Conference was assembled at the college chapel during October 21–23. Nearly forty delegates from leading colleges and educational institutions of the state, besides a representative from Yale Theological Seminary, General Secretaries Hall and Wishard, Dean, the evangelist; E. B. Monroe, of New York, Prof. Blackie, of New Jersey, and Prof. Drummond, of Scotland, were present at the conference. Prof. Drummond emphasized the mental or spiritual man, Prof. Blackie, the physical man; while they both united the physical with

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'86—Rumor has it that the engagement of Dorwin to an Ogdensburg heiress has been announced.

✓'87—H. Z. Pratt, M. D., is pursuing a course in Polyclinics in New York City.

✓'87—E. D. Very has returned from the west and is now an assistant engineer on the new Croton Aqueduct, at Tarrytown, N. Y. Address care of Brown, Howard & Co.

✓'88—Martin P. Swart, formerly a member of '88, is now a trusted employee of H. S. Barney & Co., of which firm his father is a partner.

✓'88—G. B. Wakeman is practicing law at Unadilla, N. Y.

Necrology.

✓'24—Rev. Malcom N. McHaren died July 2, 1887, at his home in Auburn, N. Y. The deceased was for many years an honored minister of the Presbyterian faith, and was honorably retired in 1871. He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society and received the degree of D. D. from Hamilton College.

✓'31—Hon. Henry W. Archer died July 8th at Belair. Mr. Archer was one of the best known lawyers in the state. He was educated at Yale and Union.

✓'36—The Rev. John W. Schermerhorn, died suddenly of heart disease July 29th. His father was the first graduate of Union college. For twenty years he was engaged in active pastoral work.

✓'65—William B. Hinn died at Carrollton, Ill., October 1st. The deceased was a prominent lawyer and a member of the legislature.

THE COLLEGE WORLD.

The 128 state scholarships at Cornell are all filled for the first time.

The Freshmen won the cane-rush at the University of Pennsylvania, on Monday, October 17.

According to the *Herald* Harvard is confident of winning the foot-ball championship this year.

The first foot-ball game in this country was played at Yale between the classes of '42 and '43.—*Ex*

It is said that the Christmas number of *Scribner's* will contain three photographic views of Stagg of Yale.—*Princetonian*.

The faculty of Amherst have invited J. M. Ward, of the New York club, to deliver a lecture on "Base-ball."—*Ex*.

Thirty candidates are trying for free scholarship at Cornell. A prize is given for the best work in the study of Shakespeare.

Wallace, Yale's end-rush, is rapidly recovering from the injury received some time ago, and will be able to play in a short time.

Pres. Robinson, of Brown, believes that men should be admitted direct from preparatory schools, without entrance examinations at the college.

Governor Foraker, while lately addressing a body of students, said: "I would rather be a Sophomore in College than Governor of Ohio."

The 300 women of Wellesley College do the house work of the College on the co-operative plan. It takes each one of them forty-five minutes a day to do her share.

At Harvard, lacross costs the Freshmen \$14,000; foot-ball, \$11,000; base-ball, \$9,000, and crew, \$4,000. These figures appear extravagant, but they are on good authority.

A new paper called the "*Columbia Law Times*," has been started at the Columbia Law School. The editors for the first year are Mr. Paul K. Ames and Mr. T. G. Frost, of the Senior class. Among the contributors are Professors Dwight and Burgess, of the Columbia Faculty, and S. V. White.

At the New York Athletic Club meeting on Saturday, October 15, for club trophies, H. H. Baxter broke the world's record in the pole vault, by vaulting eleven feet five inches.—*Princetonian*.

The authorities of Williams College have decreed that unless all hazing and cane-rushing is stopped between the Sophomores and Freshmen, the College will not be allowed to remain in any base-ball or foot-ball league.

The entire junior class, of Dartmouth, has threatened to cease further attendance at recitations until the faculty take back one of their number who was dismissed from college for being present at a freshman hazing and refusing to tell the names of the guilty ones.

Of the seventeen Presidents of the United States, eleven were college graduates; of twenty Vice Presidents, ten; of twenty-nine Secretaries of State, nineteen; of forty-one Associate Justices of the United States Supreme Court, thirty.

PROF. LOISSETTE'S MEMORY DISCOVERY.

Prof. Loisette's new system of memory training, taught by correspondence at 237 Fifth Avenue, New York, seems to supply a general want. He has had two classes at Yale of 200 each, 350 at Oberlin college, 300 at Norwich, 100 Columbia law students, 400 at Wellesley college, and 400 at University of Pennsylvania, etc. Such patronage and the endorsement of such men as Mark Twain, Dr. Buckley, Prof. Wm. R. Harper, of Yale, etc., place the claim of Prof. Loisette upon the highest ground.

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Books and Magazines.

—Among the large number of magazines now before the public none are more worthy of support and none give more for the money than "*Drake's Magazine*." The November number opens with an article descriptive of life in the great city of New York. Recollections of Garfield, by Thos. M. Nichol, is an interesting and valuable in the extreme. The above articles, together with a large table of interesting contents, make up an attractive and valuable magazine. The subscription price of only one dollar places it within the reach of all. [JOHN DRAKE, publisher, Mercantile Ex. Building, New York.]

—“Select Tales from the *Gesta Romanorum*,” translated from the Latin, with observations and notes by the Rev. C. Swan. Cloth, 12 mo., 254 pp., \$1.00. New York and London: G. P. Putnam’s Sons. This is the first of a series of tastily bound volumes, in dainty miniature form, the publication of which Messrs. Putnam’s Sons have lately begun under the name of “Knickerbocker Nuggets.” The title of this book is at first misleading. Not only the fables of Rome, but those of nearly every ancient country as well, contribute their share in the formation of this singular collection. The source and progress of fiction, and other kindred subjects, are discussed by three imaginary *literati*. At intervals throughout the discussion the fables, which never fail in pointing a moral, are introduced. “The Trials of Eustace,” “The Three Caskets,” to which a portion of the “Merchant of Venice” bears a striking resemblance, and “Jovinian, the Proud Emperor,” are some of the best and most pleasing of the legends. Other “nuggets” soon to appear are “Gulliver’s Travels,” “Tales from Irving,” and the “Vicar of Wakefield.”

ADVERTISEMENTS.

The frontispiece of this month's "Outing" is a fine wood cut of a representative group of ladies prominent in the Staten Island Ladies' Club. The opening article is a history of the Staten Island Cricket and Base Ball Club, one of the largest and most popular athletic organizations in the country, and the text is further embellished by nine half page illustrations of the club houses, grounds, the lawn tennis and cricket field, and other features of interest. "Two Summers" is a pretty, romantic story of out of door summer life in and about the quaint old seaside resort of Nantucket. There is also a charming bit of natural history in Olive Thorn Miller's popular account of the habits and peculiarities of "Birds of Paradise." The illustrations are exquisite and by far the finest that have appeared in the magazine for some time.



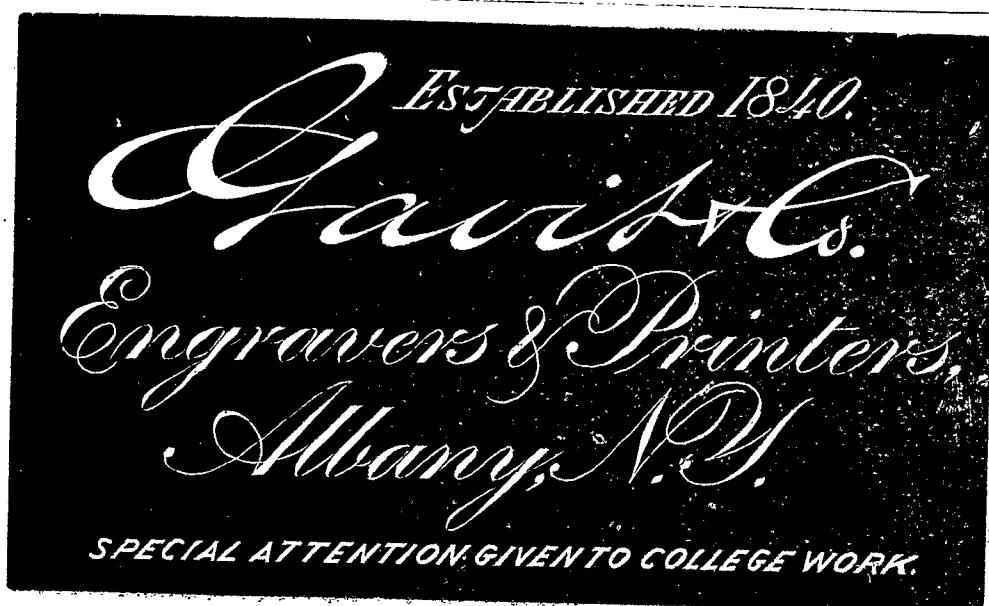
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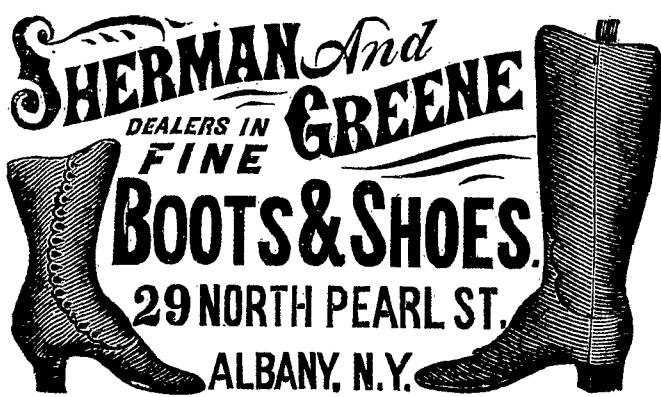
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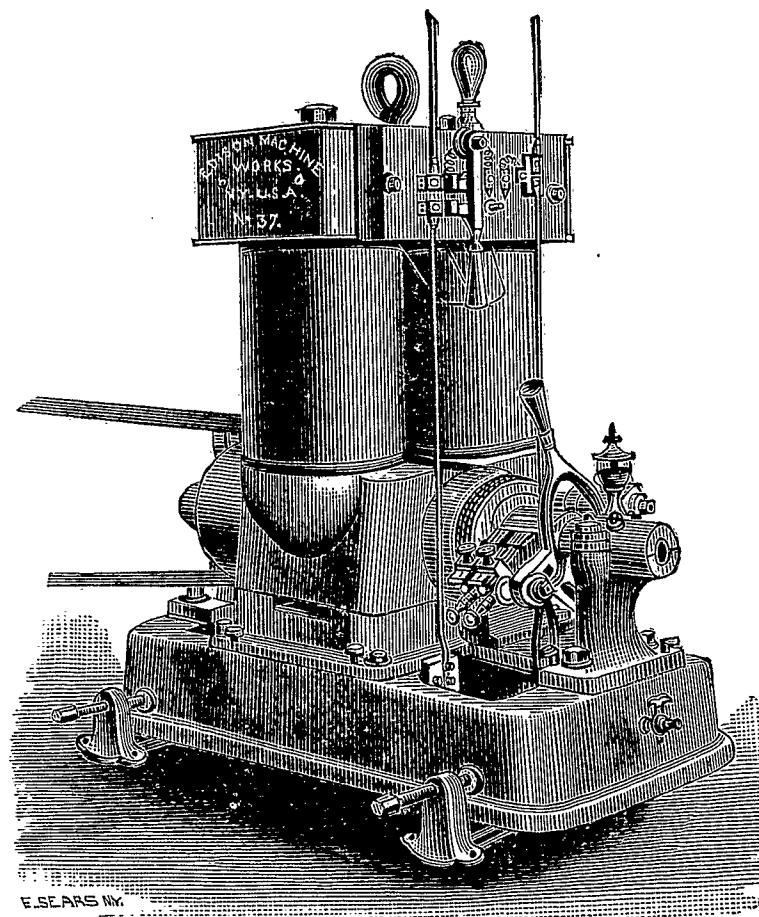
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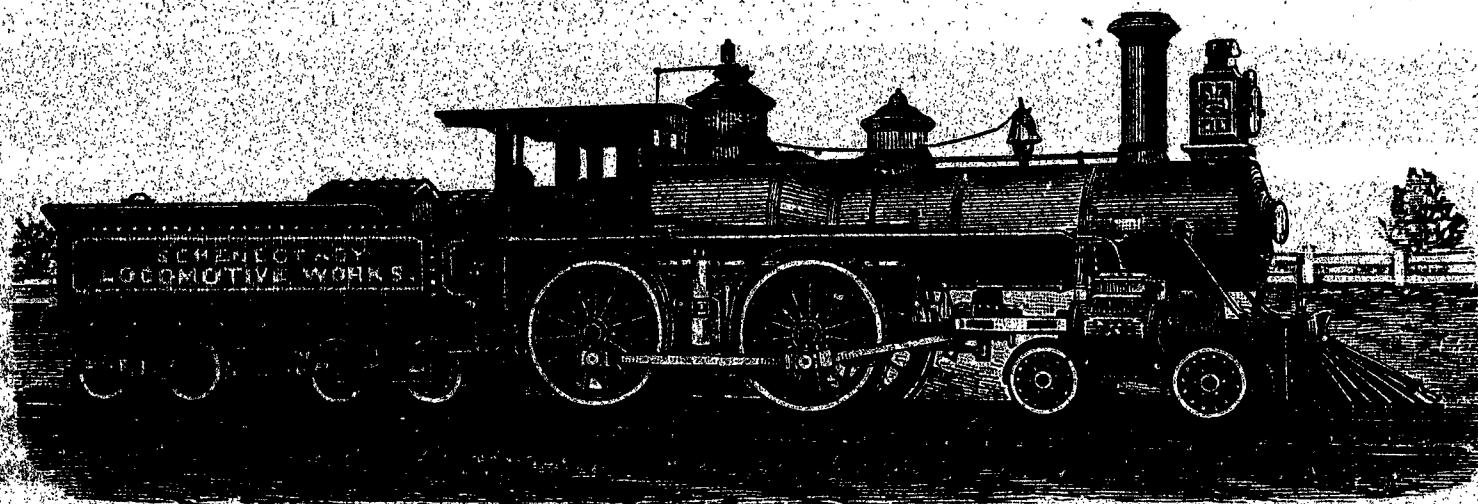
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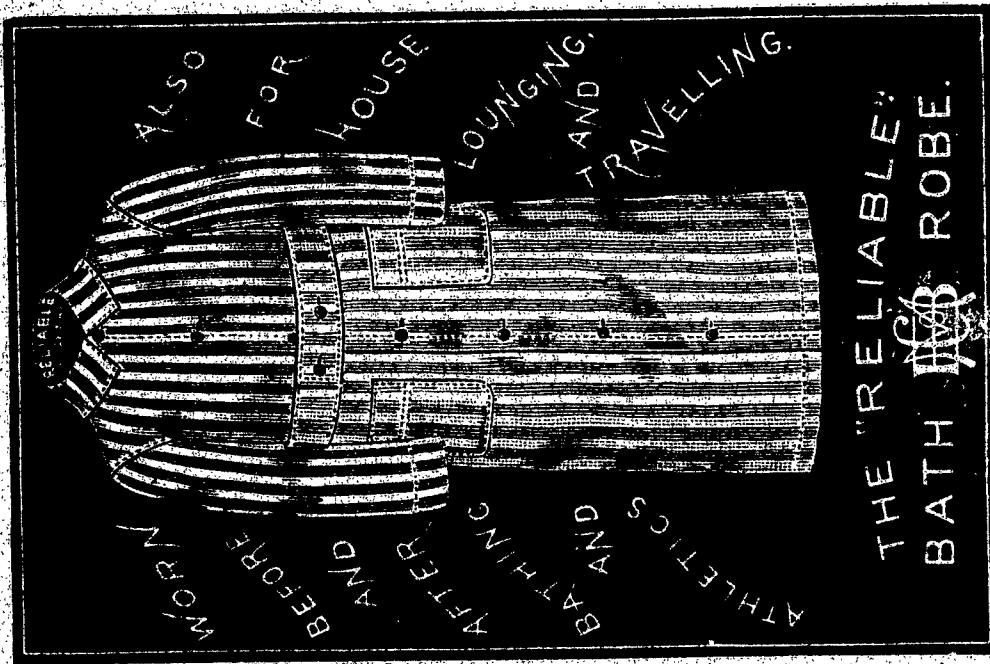
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