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MUSICAL CLUBS MAKE DEBUT TO-NIGHT

Opening Concert to Take Place at Ballston Spa.

TALBOT SOLOIST.

Jazz Band to Accompany the Glee Club—Forsythe at Piano.

The Mandolin and Glee Clubs will make their first public appearance to-night in Ballston Spa. The members of both clubs have been working hard since early January, and, if rehearsals are any indication, the concert will be an unqualified success. The Glee Club has been materially strengthened by the return of "Sid" Talbot, '19. Accompanist Frantzke, '22, will be unable to make the trip; his place will be filled by "Don" Forsythe, '20. The Jazz Band is the same that performed so creditably at the last "Get-together." Due to the fact that two of the members of the double quartet are ineligible, it will be impossible for them to present their number.

Program.

- 1 (a) "Terrace Song"-----Glee Club
- (b) "By the Light of the Moon"-----Glee Club
- 2 (a) "Washington Grays"-----C. S. Grafulla
- (b) "Lights Out"-----E. E. McCoy
- 3 Vocal Solo-----Selected Talbot.
- 4 Selection-----Jazz Band
- 5 "De Ole Ark's a-Moving"-----Glee Club
- 6 (a) "Among the Roses"-----Lake
- (b) "Curo Cucheres"-----Metallo
- 7 Selection-----H. McGee
- 8 "My Pavo Re-al Girl"-----Black Jazz Band
- 9 "Sweet Little Woman of Mine"-----Glee Club

Those who will make the trip are: Bantham, Barron, Benjamin, Bombard, Boudreau, Brind, Cline, John, Davis, J. L., Dodge, Forster, Greeley, Hall, F. V., Hendrickson, H. A., Hewlett, Horning, Houck, Humphrys, Hyland, Jeffrey, Joseph, McGee, Murray, Murphy, Parker, Richards, Robinson, Seabury, Small, W., Smith, F. A., Stringfellow, Titus, Wilber, P., Wilkes, Wilson, Zacharevich, Talbot, Rowe, Kennedy, Blewer, Hunt, Locke, Pratt, Ring, Loung, King, F. D., Fleming, Forsythe, MacMillan.

SOPHOMORE DANCE TONIGHT

Tonight an informal dance will be held in the gymnasium, under the auspices of the Sophomore class. Pantin's eight-piece orchestra will furnish music from eight to twelve. Admission will be one dollar.

DEAN ELLERY SPEAKS TO CHEMICAL CLUB

Lecture on "Training of the Chemist"—Training Defects Fall Into Three Classes.

At the regular meeting of the Chemical Society last Tuesday, Dr. Edward Ellery spoke on "The Training of the Chemist." He outlined the results of an investigation which he has been conducting by means of letters of inquiry to many leading employer chemists throughout the country, in an effort to obtain their unbiased opinions of the faults of graduate college chemists.

The training defects noted by these employers fall into three classes. Defects which can be corrected within the limit of time now given to the training, fall into the first class. The young graduate cannot evaluate measurements. He lacks accuracy where it is required and tries to be accurate where it is not required. Carelessness, lack of concentration, mathematical inaccuracy and inadequate notes are faults which come under this head.

The second class of defects are those which can be corrected by an extension of the time of training, from nine months to eleven months a year. The desirable results attained by thus increasing the period of training, would be to give the young graduate chemist a better command of English, make him more alert, and give him more independence and initiative. At present, the speaker pointed out, that the student has too much analytical work and too little constructive work. Furthermore he does not have time for sufficient supplementary reading.

Almost ninety-five per cent of the replies from employers stated that the student did not know how to apply practically what he had learned during his course, and this defect makes up the third class. Chemical students at present have not opportunity to get into close contact with the practical side of their work.

The Chemical Society will have a banquet on May 12, at the Mohawk Hotel.

CHEMISTRY STUDENTS VISIT LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

Students of the chemical department were given a real treat last Thursday when, under the leadership of Dr. Salathe, they visited the American Locomotive works. Through the courtesy of Mr. Perry and Mr. Mendel, the classes were able to visit a number of the departments, including the chemical and physical laboratories and the boiler shops.

Gline, '20, Heads College Union

At a meeting of the newly elected officers of the College Union, held last Tuesday afternoon, officers were chosen for the coming year. "Jimmy" Cline was elected president, George Weinhold vice-president, and Wesley Getman, secretary. Next Monday at student meeting the student body will elect two of the four faculty members who will serve on the board. The Union's staff will be complete after April 23, when the Graduate Council will choose the two remaining faculty members.

ALLISON-FOOTE DEBATE TAKES PLACE APRIL 15

Subject to be "Resolved, That the Government Immediately Return the Railroads to Private Control."

The annual Allison-Foote debate will be held this year on April 15, in the college chapel. The debate between the Philomathean and the Adelpic societies promises to be unusually well contested this year, for both societies are represented by strong teams. The Philomatheans will be represented by James M. Cline, '20, Jerome Lovenheim, '20 and Brenton T. Taylor, '19, with G. E. McDonald King, as alternate. The Adelpic society's team will be, Roland LaGrange, '19, Winfield Swart, '19, Kenneth Mott-Smith, '20, and Edgar Snell, '21, alternate.

The subject of debate this year is: "Resolved, That the United States Government Should Immediately Return the Railroads to Private Control." The Philomathean Society will uphold the affirmative side of this question. Raymond D. Metzner, '19, will act as chairman for the Philomathean Society and Charles Brind, '19, for the Adelpic Society.

STUDENTS WELCOME HOME RETURNING WARRIORS

On Wednesday afternoon classes were suspended in order that the whole college might join in welcoming home Schenectady's own of the twenty-seventh division. The whole college turned out in celebration of this event, and the students were among the first to greet the returning warriors when they left the train. The soldiers, preceded by members of the various local draft boards, marched through the town to the armory. Everywhere the streets were packed with a multitude of joyous and admiring civilians, who were bent on giving their boys a real welcome home.

BASEBALL OUTDOOR PRACTICE RESUMED

Nine-Inning Scrub Game Takes Place This P. M.

FIRST GAME APRIL 19.

Lewis and Bartley Close in Race for Shortstop—Pitchers Good at Bat.

Coach "Matty" Fitzgerald made the first cut of the season in the baseball squad yesterday. But there is still a superabundance of good material. The outlook for a tip-top ball team is very encouraging, in spite of the fact that gentle nature has double-crossed us all in regard to the weather. Both the men and the coach have been making the best of the indoor practice.

This afternoon there is to be a nine-inning scrub game where the young slabmen will have an opportunity to display their wares. Butler, Gilbert, and Clark have been showing up very well on the mound for new men, while Beaver and Holleran measure up to the old form. With Captain "Hal" Wittner playing with his usual "pep" there is no question about the backstop position lacking aggressiveness. Lewis and Bartley are running neck and neck for the position at shortstop. With Mallery and Hanley on the other side of the diamond it seems that Union will have one of the hardest hitting infields that she has had in years.

Most of the pitchers this year seem to have the faculty of being able to paste the pill as well as shoot it over, and it is probable that the coach will use some of them in the outer gardens as well as on the hill. If this new breath of spring continues for a time the team will be in fine trim for the first contest on April 19 with N. Y. U. Starting the season with a double-header is no mean attempt. The game in the afternoon is with Crescent Athletic Club, which means that at least three pitchers must make the trip.

The revised edition of the squad follows:

Pitchers—Butler, Allerton, Grinnell, Holleran, Gulick, Dooley, Clark, Forsythe, Gilbert.

Catchers—Captain Wittner, Connor, Schamberger, Shapiro.

Infielders—Hanley, Brucker, Lewis, Prior, Newton, Beebe, Hendrickson, Lyman, Wallace, Murray, Warnick, Richards, Martin, Gregory, Haberbush, Wilber, McChesney, Sheely, Mosher, Eisenberg, Jutrus, Sherwood, Bartley, Mallery.

Outfielders—Forrest, Gesell, Wade, Erdman, Getman, Humphreys, J. Reynolds, DeGroot, O'Brien.

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Psychological Tests.

Columbia University and the University of Pennsylvania have established psychological tests in conjunction with the regular entrance examinations which students are required to pass before they are admitted to the University.

We believe the day is not far off, when all the other colleges and universities of the country will fall in line and follow the example set by these two institutions by combining psychological tests with the customary entrance examinations. The reason for this is quite plain. The ordinary entrance examinations are merely a test in scholarship. They consist of a review of those subjects that the student had in preparatory school. Any person with the slightest bit of intelligence can, if he chooses to, "cram" sufficiently to pass these examinations. But that is not a real test of his intellectual abilities. So, the faculties of Columbia, and the "U. of P." introduced a series of psychological tests to determine whether the student really has those intellectual qualities that will make it worth while for him to pursue a college course.

And these are a real test of a student's ability, because, to pass these, a student need not be able to "cram"; that will be of no avail to him; but he must be able to use his reasoning power; he must be able to exercise good judgment; he must have a keen memory, common sense, ingenuity, and the power of retentiveness; he must be alert, and have the ability to comprehend a complicated situation quickly. These, and other fundamental basic qualities, a student must have in order to pass these psychological tests.

Why, (you ask), should the colleges make their entrance requirements more stringent than they are at present? It is purely for the benefit of the students, as well as for their own, that they are doing this.

If a student fails to pass these examinations, he knows immediately that he lacks the intellectual powers necessary to thoroughly grasp the subjects taught in college. It would therefore be a waste of both time and money for him to pursue a college course.

The colleges, also, will benefit greatly by the introduction of these psychological tests. At present, many students receive college degrees every year who are not worthy of them, and who therefore, are a discredit to their university. By eliminating this element, the colleges will raise the standard of their student body from an intellectual point of view; they will admit only those students who have the necessary qualifications, and they will therefore confer their degrees only upon those students who are worthy of them, and who, therefore, will really be a credit to their University.—Washington Square Dealer.

DR. ALEXANDER, '66, TO SPEAK MONDAY.

Former Acting President of Union
to Talk on "Religion in the
College Man's Life."

An unusual opportunity will be open to the undergraduates next week, when Dr. George Alexander, '66, will speak in the college chapel on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at seven o'clock. Dr. Alexander is one of Union's most prominent alumni. He was very active in college affairs as a student and has been in close touch with the college since, as each, trustee, and president, filling the last mentioned position from July, 1907, until the appointment of President Richmond. He is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New York City, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the college, and a trustee of New York University. He is also president of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Alexander will speak on "The Value of Religion in a College Man's Life." He has spoken here a number of times before, and because of his keen understanding of undergraduate life he will be able to speak from the viewpoint of a Union student. Dr. Alexander, in consenting to leave his work and speak here next week, demonstrates once again his devotion and loyalty to the college. A large audience for these talks is assured but it is hoped that the student body as a whole will turn out in support of this occasion.

Columbia will have an American ace for catcher on the varsity baseball team this year in the person of Lieut. G. Lerner, who has eight Hun planes to his credit.

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Take Not Our Cigarette.

Leave us our cigarette—

You took our harmless wine—
Rob not those blissful moments that we get

After our meals and when all life seems sordid.
Nor desecrate that soft all-healing calm

They give, when even youthsomeness hope is hid.

Take not away our one remaining balm—

Our memories of other days, an empty bowl

A bent brass rail, anon, a withered vine—

Take Glenn's, but leave Fatima on life's honor roll.

Patrons of the more "exclusive" dance halls of the city have doubtless heard this one:

"Hassan you a cigarette."

"No, but I'll Mecca you one."

Whereupon Fatima had a Lucky Strike and opened the pot with an Egyptienne Straight, while Lord Salisbury muttered "Helmar."

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A Freshman orating in McKean's class the other day said of college life: "We have here our little world, our politics, our crime, our deaths—" We don't know what made him feel so radical, but then, Socialism has attacked all branches of society with its poisonous propaganda. When the Cynic heard that one, he added (quoting from Bill Shakespeare), "And the sheeted dead did quake and shiver in the Roman streets!"

R. A.

"Jeff" Tesreau, who as a member of the Giants' pitching staff, ranked for many years among the leading twirlers of the National League, has signed a contract to coach the Dartmouth nine this spring. Practice has already started, and the outlook for a strong team is excellent.

There were over one hundred Columbia men in the parade with the 27th division when they marched up Fifth Avenue, New York, the other day, bringing with them a very creditable record. They have been awarded fourteen citations, the British Field Medal, the British Military Cross, and the Distinguished Service Cross for conspicuous gallantry. To achieve this result thirteen of their number made the supreme sacrifice on the blood-stained fields of Flanders.

The annual Pennsylvania Relay Carnival will take place this year on April 25th and 26th. Nearly 300 relay teams from schools and colleges all over the country have already signed up for the event. The carnival will be on a pre-war basis and promises to be one of the largest track and field competitions of the year.

Colgate completed its basketball season with a game against Syracuse who won by a score of 27 to 17. Colgate won thirteen out of nineteen played during the season.



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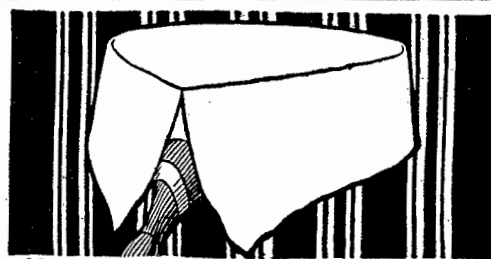
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Up to this time the college was located on Union Street just below the canal bridge. In 1812 the present site was chosen and in 1814 the buildings were occupied. In order to provide means for these improvements, to pay the debts and to increase the endowment, Dr. Nott took recourse to a method which public sentiment is now firmly set against. This method of raising money was, at that time, a recognized expedient. A bill was passed by the State Legislature providing \$200,000 for Union College, as well as a considerable sum for other institutions by public lottery. These proceedings extended over a great many years, and the lotteries were not entirely closed until 1833. From the time of the occupation of the new buildings there were no events of public interest—but to the college there were many.

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In 1845 the school of Civil Engineering was founded and was among the first in the country to train men in this line. The success of this department was largely due to Prof. W. M. Gillespie.

During 1827-1828 Union College possessed a Corp of Cadets. They were trained by two army officers assigned here for that purpose. During the summers of the two years mentioned, the Corps took short hikes and camped out for several days. They were well uniformed and well equipped and attracted a good deal of attention on their annual hikes.

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