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REV. H. P. ROBERTS VESPERS SPEAKER

Very Small Attendance At Service.

"READ THE BIBLE"

Stirring Talk on "the Greatest of All Books."

Preaching to the usual number of vespers attendants, Rev. H. P. Roberts, of the Scotia Reformed Church yesterday gave an address which, had it been heard by a larger audience, might have set the entire student body thinking upon a topic of great seriousness. The subject of Mr. Roberts' discourses was the reading and study of the Bible and he described with great earnestness the inevitable benefit of such a habit to the college student. To every one of his hearers he drove home a sense of their responsibility to God to read his Word—a sense which in many of us has become dulled of late.

"Of all books, the Bible is the greatest for the guidance of human life," began Mr. Roberts. "As history advances, the number of books in the universe increase at an appalling rate. In Solomon's time the amount of literature was prodigious. For, said that wisest of rulers, 'Of the working of many books there is no end.' Today, thousands of years later, so great is the world's store of books that a lifetime spent in reading would do no more than convince one of the utter futility of attempting to read a fraction of English literature alone. Since one cannot read all books he must choose the best. But what are the best books? What, among all, is the book most worth reading? To answer this question we must first answer another: 'What is the value of a book?' The value of a piece of literature is the revelation it makes. Only books making true revelations survive the test of time. The survival of the Bible—to go out into every land in more than four hundred tongues—is the surest proof of its value to man. It is the most widely read of all books. But the Bible should never be considered merely as a piece of literature and as such picked apart and criticized. It is as unjust to criticize the Bible for its form as it is sacrilegious to find fault with it as the expression of the divine will. The Bible is the revelation of the word of God. It is the book universal! In no other piece of writing do we find a Savior sympathetic, just and kind. He is the only perfect character—man's ideal. In no other piece of literature do we find the Supreme

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MIDDLEBURY DEFEATS UNION BY 6-0 SCORE; GARNET FAILS IN SEVERAL OFFENSIVES

Touchdown In First Four Minutes of Play.

GARNET LACKS PUNCH.

Has Three Opportunities to Score But Fails Each Time.

6-0 was the score by which Middlebury defeated our eleven in its initial game on Alexander Field last Saturday afternoon. Before the struggle had really begun the visitors had forced their way down the field and over the goal line, thus obtaining the only score made during the game. Although later on two occasions the men in Garnet worked their way to within easy striking distance of the goal, they lacked the necessary punch to drive the big Vermonters over the line. A third time that Union might have scored was when Tubby Rosekrans tried a drop kick from the 25-yard line, but booted the pigskin well to the left of the posts.

The stars of the game for Middlebury were Pollard, who played right half-back and who made consistent gains, usually through our line, and Lang, the center, who played a remarkably steady game. For Union, Jimmy Mudge at quarter-back, and Frank Moynihan at half-back did remarkable work. These two men dodged and shot past Middlebury's players time and time again for long distances, most of which were made on end runs. Tubby Rosekrans and Dow Roof, both old veterans, played hard and well, but even they found the opposing line an unusually strong one. On the line, perhaps the best work was done by Hay and Bowman, both of whom are tackles.

Only Score Made.

After four minutes of play the visiting team had made the only score of the entire game. Tubby's kick, which soared well down the field, was received on the 25 yard line by Pollard, who, however, was tackled by Frank Moynihan before he was well under way. Principally by the use of line bucks the ball was pushed to within 20 yards of the Garnet goal line. A beautiful 15 yard run worked the ball up to our 5 yard line where, however, a free fumble was made. Middlebury kept the ball nevertheless, and succeeded in getting it across the goal line after being held for two plays. The full-back, Randall, kicked low and missed the goal, thus leaving the score 6-0. All through this crisis the students' cheered well and did their best to back the boys in Garnet.

POLIOMYELITIS TO COME BACK TODAY

Freshman Enrollment Expected to Increase Considerably.

Today is the date set for the arrival of all students who have been kept from the campus because of the paralysis epidemic. It is expected that the class of 1920 will be increased to at least the equal strength of the entering classes of recent years. Also, many members of the three upper classes are due to arrive today.

Condition examinations have been arranged for students who will be required to take them. Every effort will be made to help the students entering at this date to make up the work which they have missed by their necessary absence.

Union's First Chance.

Union's first chance to score came near the end of the second quarter. On a last down Middlebury was forced to kick the ball, which Jimmy caught on about their 60 yard line and ran back for about 12 yards. On the first down, Mudge again took the ball and ran it up 20 yards nearer to Middlebury's line. Moynihan rushed through left tackle for 8 yards, leaving but two yards to go for the distance. Here Middlebury's guard, Hard, was penalized 5 yards for being off side. After two more plays Dow Roof was hurt, but not seriously enough to put him out of the game. A bad pass on Middlebury's 8 yard line caused Frank Moynihan to miss the ball and be thrown back 12 yards, but Middlebury's center was off sides and the umpire had blown his horn. Therefore, the ball was moved back to where it had started and then moved halfway to the goal line as a penalty. For two plays the big Vermonters held their ground and then got the ball when it was directly between their posts and but a few feet from the line.

In the middle of the third quarter Union got the pigskin again in about the middle of the field and succeeded in working it to Middlebury's 30 yard line. In doing this, Mudge's runs chiefly were instrumental. Tubby tried an unsuccessful forward to Jim and then, still on the 30 yard line, he made a wild drop kick which soared well to the left of the posts.

The third opportunity to score came near the end of the game.

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REV. C. H. CONANT, UNION 1860, DIES

Mention Made by Dr. Richmond in Today's Chapel.

THE STUDENT MEETING

Goodly Number of Students Signify Intentions to Go to Williamstown.

Before the Student Meeting Dr. Richmond spoke a few words in memory of the Rev. C. H. Conant, a member of the class, 1860. With his passing another noble and respected son has left us.

A long yell was succeeded by a yell for "Tubby," who spoke about Saturday's defeat. The reason for it was that not enough men are out. However, we must work hard and prepare for the Williams game.

"Spig" Porter speaks on the "on to Williams" idea. The team will leave at 12:31 from Scotia and will get there for the game. \$1.21 will be the fare one way. "Spig" ended by a tirade against the freshman who do not know Alma Mater.

Chapman gives notice that candidates for baseball managership are to report and Wilson calls for more track managership candidates.

Inter-fraternity conference is to be tomorrow at 7:30, says Hooper.

Van Avery speaks on debating and asks men to come to the meetings of either the Adelpic or the Philomathean Society.

"Windy" Downs declares that the Mandolin Club is now on its feet and that you should come out when the call comes.

The band rehearses this afternoon at 4:00, was Jake Walrath's announcement.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Publicity Committee of the Y. M. C. A. needs some men with artistic ability and original ideas. This department has to prepare all the posters for use in all branches of the Association work, and there is a broad field open for men who think they have ability in originating and lettering posters to gain much practical experience. The men should be those who have a real interest in the work of the Y. M. C. A. Freshmen and sophomores will be given preference over upper classmen as they will be expected to fit into this department permanently.

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LIKE A BANTAM ROOSTER.

This is old stuff. You're sick and tired of being eternally pounded with it, and we're sick and tired of eternally pounding you with it.

So let's compromise. We'll do the very best we can to spread the thing out in words of one syllable, and you try your very best to pry out the point of it all. Then, if we and you succeed, we'll call it a day's work and start in on something pleasanter next time.

Middlebury didn't trim our team six to nothing on Saturday. They trimmed Union six to nothing. Worse than six to nothing—nearer sixty to nothing.

Union—and when we say Union we don't mean the team—dove into the fight like a bantam rooster. (A bantam rooster fights anything, and either trims it or lays down and dies with his head towards the music.)

In the first round Middlebury smashed through a good clean wallop, a six to nothing wallop. It wasn't a knock-out wallop. And then again, it was a knock-out wallop. Union—not the team—got up on its feet and sailed back in. This person Middlebury was altogether too impudent. Its impudence must be knocked into the middle of next week—quick.

But Middlebury wouldn't stand for being knocked into the middle of next week—quick. It had different ideas on the subject. If Union was going to do it, she was going to know she had been through something first.

Union pounded and banged and almost finished up the job. Almost but not quite. Each time

she swung through a blow that was supposed to be the knock-out, Middlebury climbed to her feet and said, "That was a good one, but—I'm here yet old man!"

Then the bottom dropped out of Union's heart. She could knock that impudence into the middle of next week, but what was the use of trying to do it now? There wasn't time enough left. She could do it, but—

Look here, we aren't for a minute trying to say that there ought not to be a different flavor to the cheering when the team is winning—different from when the team is reeling and ready to drop for the count. When the other team is reeling, of course the cheers of joy and cockiness and confidence. And, of course, when it's the other way around, the sound will have a different flavor. But what flavor—that's the point.

We don't ask you to control the expression of your feelings at a time like this. You can't do it. You can control your feelings though.

Are you a baseball fan... The Giants had won twenty-one games. They were playing their twenty-second, and a good deal was at stake. In the ninth inning they were three runs behind. The last round was nearly over—they were the best team, but did they have time to do it in? They did. They fought like bantam roosters and filled the bases. Then Herzog basted a triple and the rest was easy.

Also: the Red Sox were in their last round in the battle for the pennant. They sorely missed Tris Speaker and Detroit was a better team than they. And the time was terribly short. But there was some of it left, and that was all they needed. Nine bantam roosters stood up and fought nine tigers. The bantam roosters won. They laid Detroit out on her back, knocked out as cold as a slab of marble.

There ought to be a different flavor to the cheering when the team is reeling in the last round. Now do you sense what that flavor ought to be, or haven't we made it clear yet?

The bantam rooster flavor—that's it.

Please, please don't be a quitter, Union. When the other man is pounding and pounding and you are dizzy and sick of it all and the time is nearly up anyway, square your shoulders no matter how pitifully tired they are and grind through with one more blow and one more and one more.

That flavor in the cheering will many and many a time batter you through to a last minute victory.

And if it doesn't, please let them at least say that Union died with her face turned towards the music!

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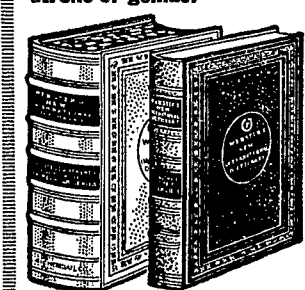
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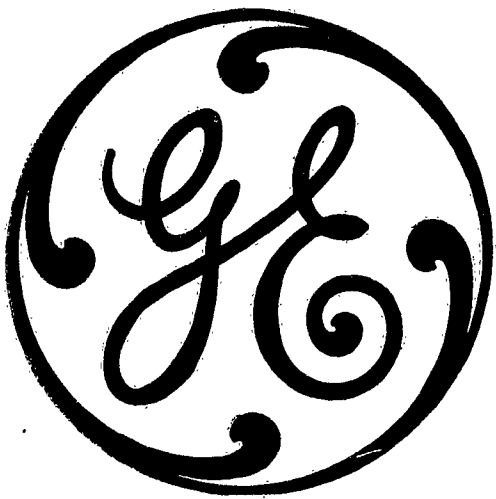
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THREE RE-HASHED SONGS

Who Were the Boobs, the City Folks, the Country Folks, or the Audience?

By Ernest W. Mandeville.

The audience at the Van Culler Saturday evening chickled and chortled incessantly as Blanche Ring entertained them with gleanings from "Wit and Humor of the Ages." We couldn't understand why the audience laughed until, after one of the witticisms, a lady sitting behind us became convulsed with laughter. Her escort remarked that he hadn't heard the last part of "that one" and to our surprise her reply showed clearly that she herself, hadn't heard a word of the meat of the jest.

We hear stories of how Willard Mack dashes off a vaudeville sketch in a half hour and it is our opinion that he couldn't have spent more than an afternoon on this play. He has left his "big city slang" and attempted to follow George Cohan into rural comedy. He has clearly gone out of his element and the result is only a middling good "road" show. The construction of the play is evident. He would find some joke he thought worth copying and build the play around it. Such quirks as "the more I hear you play, the more I think you're a good barber," date back to Diogenes Laertius. Three songs are interpolated and are reminiscent of three of last season's popular airs. "Pickin' Them Up and Layin' Them Down" is a plain steal on "Walkin' the Dog."

The presenting company was on a par with the average Schenectady stock company. Helen Lowell (late of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch") as Mrs. Denby, did the best work. Blanche Ring looked like Julian Eltinge's impersonation of a woman. She had the part of a female cad and was, in our estimation, made to look like the tenth part of a dollar thrice computed.

As the curtain fell, the cityfied characters wondered aloud who really were the boobs, themselves or the country folks? As we left the theatre we came to the conclusion that we were the boobs.

MUSICAL CLUBS AND BAND BUSY

More Men Wanted in These Organizations.

The Glee Club will hold another tryout tonight at 7:00. All men who tried at the last practice are expected to be present; also all old men. If there are any who were not present last time and who wish to try for the club, they will be given a chance tonight. The Mandolin Club will start its practicing Wednesday afternoon at 4:00. Two new pieces have already been picked out. The first concert of the season will be given in about four weeks, thus giving an opportunity for only a month of preparation.

This afternoon at 4:00 the band will hold practice. One new clarinet has been added.

SIGN RECORD BOOK.

The record book of the Honor Court shows that between fifteen and twenty freshmen have not as yet signed the constitution. The book is to be found at the Sigma Phi place and all those who have not signed it are urged to do so immediately.

MORE MEN PLEDGED INTO FRATERNITIES

Since the list of newly pledged men to the several fraternities was published in the CONCORDIENSIS, a number have been added. Delta Phi has pledged two, William Greeley from Fort Plain and Raymond S. Perry of Utica. Delta Upsilon has pledged Lawrence E. Harmon and Harry C. Ecklers. Alpha Delta Phi has admitted De Wolf Gibson and John Dalton, both of Schenectady. Amos Hotchkiss of Auburn, N. Y., goes to Phi Delta Theta. Thurlow Harter of Herkimer and Warren Gale of Bridgeport, Conn., are pledged to Phi Gamma Delta. Francis Holleran from the Canal Zone has been pledged by the Pyramid Club.

CALL SOUNDED FOR BASEBALL MANAGERSHIP.

The call for candidates for the position of assistant baseball manager has been sounded. All members of the class of 1919 who wish to try out for the position are requested to hand in their names at once to Manager D. F. Chapman, Delta Phi House, or Assistant Manager P. Hoag, Sigma Phi Place.

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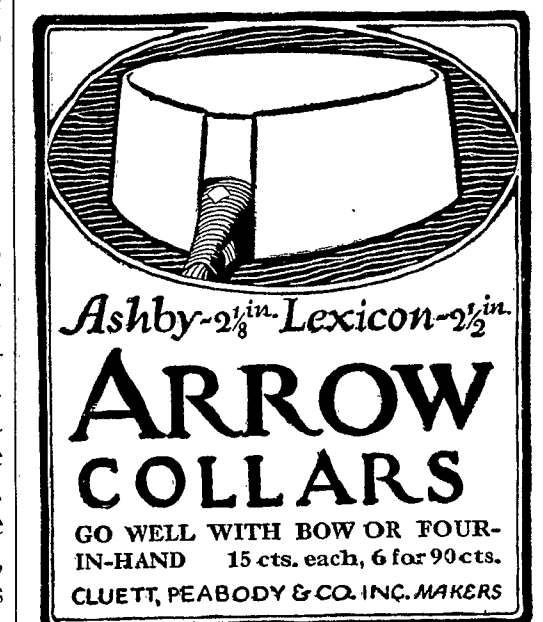
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ALUMNI NOTES.

Pete Kriegsman, '10, first lieutenant of Co F, and Ven Conchin, a corporal, who have just returned from the border, were at the Chi Psi Lodge on Saturday.

"Jeff" Lelchamps has returned to New York after spending a two weeks' vacation at Chi Psi Lodge.

"Charley" Male, '12, one of Union's younger alumni well remembered on the campus, has taken up graduate work, having registered for a "M. A." degree. "Charley", who was an instructor in surveying last year, is staying at the Pyramid Club. Here, Ed. Hughes, '14 and Gilmore, '11, have been making a short visit.

Ray Newton and Potter, '16, left Saturday after a short visit at the D. U. House.

Luther Hager, '14, a track man, who was also a math. instructor last year, has been making a short stay at the Beta Theta House.

Wallace Macmillan '12, Bill Jones and Kenneth Jones '14, will be at the Phi Gam. House for the next few days.

Mead Brunett, '16, football manager, and organizer of dramatics, spent Saturday and Sunday at the Sigma Phi House.

L. Shays was at the Phi Delta House over the week-end.

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THE FORUM

To the Editor:—

In the list of Union men serving in the militia on the border I note that several names do not appear. May I add the following:

A. G. Duane '13, Co B the N. Y. Inf. at McAllen; L. F. Edgerton '16, Co. B the N. Y. Inf. at McAllen; J. H. Vought '15, Troop I, 1st N. Y. Cavalry.

And in addition, three in the regular army: L. S. Churchill, 12 lieutenant, 7th U. S. Inf.; E. G. McCormick, 12 lieutenant, 18th U. S. Inf.

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MIDDLEBURY DEFEATS UNION

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Middlebury kicked the ball over our line, thus giving it to us on our 20 yard line. From this point Jimmy Mudge, Frank Moynehan, Tubby, and Dow, who had again taken his place which Travis had filled for a time, pushed Middlebury back to their 25 yard line. Dow's center bucks failed twice and then an end run by Tubby netted but about 2 yards. An unsuccessful forward pass gave the ball to Middlebury's team, which held it until the end of the game.

The line up:
Middlebury. Position Union
Goode left end Goff

Reynolds left tackle Bowman
Hard left guard Price
Lang center Saxe
Horsford right guard Hanley
Lynch right tackle Hay
Brewster right end Friday
Reuler quarterback Mudge
Whitney left halfback Rosekrans
Pollard right halfback Moynehan
Randall fullback Roof

SUMMARY.

Score: Middlebury, 6; Union, 0.
Touchdown—Randall.

No "College Yell" in Autumn Clothes

Extremes are as out of place in Men's Dress this Autumn, as a white flower in a rake's buttonhole. Indeed, to be commonplace is to be original, like a prima-donna without tantrums.

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