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## LITERARY.

### A REVERY.

Is matter all? Goes soul for naught?  
Do all our aspirations and our doubts,  
Do all these subtle, winged thoughts,  
Leave trace behind them none?

When in yon tuneful, odorous wood,  
We walk alone and calmly muse,  
Do perfumes cheer and music move,  
But solitude's inspiring thoughts  
More fleeting, useless prove?

When yonder setting sun sets fire  
To all the drapery of cloud,  
Does color's influence leave no touch  
On us, as on the leaves?

Do our resolves and honest trials,  
Do moral vict'ries bravely won,  
Does patience long and charity  
Exert no influence so great,  
As motions physical?

Be praise! man's inner life does tell,  
Upon the world without full well.  
Each hope, each fear, each secret thought,  
Each beauteous scene, enthusiast's dream,  
Each purpose formed, each vow well kept,  
Has strength to last ten thousand years,  
Has power to shape e'en adamant.  
They make the man, man rules the world,  
They all are real, they only real.

### MARSHAL NEY.

*First Junior Prize Oration.*

JAMES COSLETT SMITH, JR.

MICHAEL NEY was a soldier by inheritance. His father served in the Seven Years' war, and at his father's knee he listened to the tales of valorous deeds that thrilled his soul and fed his inherent longing to be a soldier.

Ney could boast no lofty lineage. Entering

the army when none but royalty could hope for promotion, he advanced slowly at first; but after equality of rights was restored, his rise was rapid. We see him in Napoleon's battles along the Rhine; at Worms and Frankfort; at Stuttgart and Zurich. Again, he is Minister to Switzerland, and shortly afterward a Marshal of France.

With courage Ney combined coolness and sound judgment. In the heat of battle he stood in marble calmness, observing every movement and never erring in his commands. These qualities won his soldiers' hearts. He led men where no other general could. Time and again did Napoleon place in Ney's hands the fate of the Empire. Of the numerous titles conferred upon this hero, the worthiest was that of "Bravest of the Brave"; to win this name from Murat, Macdonald and Lannes was great glory.

A page from the Marshal's life will illustrate his character:

Moscow was taken. The burning towers were flaring on the night; houses were falling; walls were crashing down. With forty thousand men Ney was detailed to cover the retreat. The soldiers suffered terribly. At every step some one succumbed to the weary march and pinching cold. Those behind stumbled over the bodies of those who had preceded. Many, in despair, threw away their arms and lay down to die. Clouds of croaking ravens hovered near. The wolves howled amid the snow. The winter wind whistled through the cold pines. The driving snow cut the very flesh. At night the soldiers lay down about their fires, and the morning found circles of dead men in their places. Ney's forty thousand men became fifteen hundred. Still he struggled on, himself gnawed by pangs of hunger, his heart bleeding

for his suffering men. None but a man of the greatest ability could have held such moral power over those wretched troops. None but a man of the strongest will could have endured that terrible ordeal. When the army reached the Niemen, the rear guard numbered *thirty* men. With this force Ney held the way, till, these deserting him, he fought his way alone to the river, and was the last of the Grand Army to leave Russian territory.

Turn another page: Napoleon has returned from Elba. The hundred days of preparation have passed. The hostile armies are on the field of Waterloo. The strife has been raging seven mortal hours. The iron Duke is wavering. Napoleon is confident. Suddenly the arrival of Blücher gives a new aspect to affairs. One desperate charge must cut the English front. Who shall make the charge but the Old Guard, invincible! And who shall lead them but the "Bravest of the Brave"!

Europe's fate trembled in the balance. Thrones tottered on the ensanguined field, and the shadows of fugitive kings flitted through the smoke of battle.

The charge was made; with how disastrous a result? Swept along in the flying crowd, desperate, great in all the grandeur of accepted death, Ney bears himself to every blow of the tempest. Reeking with sweat, his horse shot under him, his uniform in tatters, his badge of the grand eagle pierced by a ball, bloody, covered with mud, a broken sword in his grasp, he seeks the death becoming a Marshal of France. Haggard and exhausted, in the agony of the rout he cries, as the batteries mow down his men: "Oh! that all these English balls were buried in my body!" Unhappy man! He was reserved for French bullets!

Marshal Ney was shot as a traitor! It is true he did betray his king; but how was this? His old and beloved master called him; patriotism urged him on. Believing that he was thus serving his country best, he obeyed Napoleon's summons. Thus, in defiance of a solemn capitulation, despite Wellington's promise of forgiveness for deeds done in the "hundred days," Ney was executed. There were those who re-

joiced in his death; but party feeling has passed away. The memory of Marshal Ney has risen pure and imperishable, and justice has been done by the whole world to one whose life was sacrificed only because he loved the person of his king less, and his country's glory more.

#### PROF. ISAAC W. JACKSON, LL. D.

SINCE the close of the last Academic year, Union College has been called to mourn the loss of its Senior Professor, who, by his character and services, has done more than any living man toward shaping its history. It is fitting, therefore, that the first number of THE CONCORDIENSIS should contain some reference to his life and labors.

Dr. Jackson graduated in the year 1826, with the highest honors of his class. He at once entered the service of his Alma Mater as tutor, and in 1831 became Professor of Mathematics, which position he held at the time of his death. For fifty-one years he gave to the College, not his labors merely, but himself. His thoughts and plans, his ambitions and affections centered about the institution which honored him, and in turn borrowed luster from his fame.

To the work of his vocation he brought a vigorous and cultured mind, which was enriched by subsequent investigations in his department of education, continued even under the infirmities of advancing years. Those who have given closest attention to his text books and personal instructions are most capable of testifying to the absolute clearness of his mathematical conceptions and demonstrations. He seemed to grasp by intuition the principles which underlie the "science of certainty," and his method of unfolding those principles for purposes of instruction has justly claimed the admiration of scholars both at home and abroad.

He was not, however, a specialist, in any narrow sense of that word. His studies were not confined to the sphere of mathematics, and the applications of mathematics to the various physical sciences; he was, also, a delighted explorer in the fields of philosophy and literature. His literary taste was delicate and unerring, and

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his own style as an author is a model of purity and precision.

Though scholarly in all his tastes and habits, he could not be a recluse or a bookworm. The garden where for so many years he toiled and planned bears witness to his fond appreciation of natural beauty, which grew stronger and more absorbing as he neared the close of life. The birds sang for him more sweetly, and the language of trees and flowers seemed more full of tender significance as the twilight of age came stealing on. And his deep sympathy with nature was matched by a corresponding sympathy with men. His aversions, like his friendships, were strong and abiding, but for mankind at large his soul was full of charity. The acerbity of manner which he occasionally assumed was a transparent disguise which could not conceal, even from his dog, the innate kindness of his heart. Perhaps the greater number of the three thousand students who have shared his instructions could not explain why he had so strong a hold upon their affections, nor why the mention of his name among the gathered Alumni called forth such expressions of enthusiastic regard, but those who knew him best will attribute his power to that broad and generous sympathy with every thing human, which enabled him to discern the virtues, and, it may be, too readily condone the faults and follies of impetuous youth. His kindly feelings and kindly acts were not confined to the narrow limits of a social circle or a class. He might have said to the recording angel, though he never would, "Write me as one who loved his fellow men." Farmers, tradesmen and mechanics were his friends, and few with whom he came in contact could not name some act of thoughtful attention or some helpful suggestion which betrayed an interest in the plans and struggles and successes of their homely life.

His religion like his garb was evidently affected by his Quaker origin and early training. It was unobtrusive, undemonstrative, a religion of the heart and of the closet which made him faithful in his church and household, but taught, also, "to visit the fatherless and widows in

their affliction," and "remember the words of the Lord Jesus how that he said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

#### ENGLISH LITERATURE IN COLLEGE EDUCATION.

THE study of English Literature has hardly received the position which it deserves in the college curriculum. While the classical student has eight terms of minute and thorough study of choice Latin and Greek authors, and his classmate of the scientific division spends an equal time upon his French and German literature, no provision is made for the study of English authors beyond a term's work in the Senior year, when the student is about to leave his Alma Mater and cannot much longer profit by her instructions.

This system we believe to be radically wrong. Our literature surely demands more attention than this. Under the present system, the boundless riches of our noble birth-right, the English language, are a sealed book to many otherwise educated men. Those who have the courage to search single-handed for its treasures, often lose time and labor because they have nothing to guide them, nor any thing on which to base a definite system of reading. Close at hand they have a library well stocked with what they need, but they find it difficult to make selections or pursue a course of study, simply because they have no one to direct them to what is useful, and teach them to avoid what is not. They are in the condition of a miner who knows that the ground beneath him holds countless treasures, but is helpless for lack of implements with which to work the coveted ore.

As a means of acquiring a correct and ready use of language, the study of its literature in the originals themselves is invaluable. Those of our readers who for half an hour have racked their brains to no purpose for a suitable expression for a really excellent idea, will thoroughly appreciate this advantage. It is this want of readiness which creates the evident and painful deficiency in our college essays and orations. It is not that ideas are lacking, it is

caused by a sheer inability to clothe those ideas in a fitting garb. Our orators and essayists owe their eminence to their skill in putting thoughts into words, not in any striking greatness of the thoughts themselves. This, then, constitutes the practical value of the most neglected study in our course, that it gives the student command over his own language; in other words, it puts into his hands one of the most powerful instruments to success in life, and teaches him how to use it effectively.

The formation of a cultivated taste is an advantage of literary study which cannot be overrated. While this advantage is partially obtained by acquaintance with foreign models, it is far more advantageously and most pleasantly acquired by a study of native authors. Latin and Greek, French and German, soon fade out of the mind of the alumnus when he is engaged in the sterner duties of life. But if he has once acquired a taste for English literature, and has corrected his taste by a systematic and thorough study of the best authors, he will not afterward lack for employment for his leisure hours. For knowledge of this kind once attained is readily carried, and can always receive additions at pleasure. A correct taste causes the favorite author to be also a good author, and, under its guidance, good reading becomes an efficient means of elevating the character.

There is, then, in view of these facts an urgent reason for making English literature a study of much more prominence than it has hitherto been. Beginning with the study of rhetoric, and the application of a few necessary canons of criticism, it should form a course extending over at least two years. We should have for our text books, not mere accounts of authors and their works, but the very works themselves. These should be studied as our languages and our mathematics are studied, thoroughly and patiently. In this way, and in no other, can English literature be taught to advantage, and in this way it can form the basis of a refined taste, increased vigor of thought and expression, and a broadening and heightening of character itself.

A. D.

#### TAYLER LEWIS, LL. D., L. H. D.

No American scholar has passed away in recent years whose death has touched a deeper chord of sorrow than our great Professor, who died on the twelfth of last May at the good old age of seventy-six years. For many years he has been esteemed one of the foremost defenders of the truth against the assaults of sceptical philosophy and science. Few, very few, men were so learned in scriptures, so perfectly at home in the languages and literature of ancient times, so well read in the philosophical and scientific literature of our own day, and few could so readily wield their attainments in support of the principles they advocated. As a teacher, a college professor, he has been most heartily respected and admired and beloved. Twenty-six classes have passed under his instruction at Union College, and to-day remember with thankfulness the charm with which he invested the study of the classics, and the wealth of information and illustration which characterized his lectures. Mr. Lewis was an humble, unostentatious, sincere Christian. For many years he was a member of the Reformed Church. In belief he was heartily a Calvinist, and was a notable example of the intelligence, the strength, the Godliness, the purity, the unreserved devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ, and the constantly increasing spirituality which that form of a doctrine is so eminently calculated to produce. His life, which has attained such high and desirable honor, is full of encouragement to those who have nothing to rely upon beyond their own ability and conscientious, resolute perseverance. Dr. Lewis was born in Northumberland, Saratoga county, N. Y., 1802. With few advantages he elevated himself to classical learning, and mainly by the power of persistent study won an honorable position among the foremost scholars of our day. Dr. Lewis at first studied law, then established a classical school at Waterford, and afterward was engaged in a similar institution at Ogdensburg. In 1838 he was chosen the Professor of Greek in the University of New York, from which he was called to the Greek Professorship in Union College, his Alma Mater, a position

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which he held at the time of his death. Among the publications prepared by his busy pen have been: "Platonic Philosophy, or Plato against the Atheist;" "The Six Days of Creation," maintaining the harmony between the scriptures and geology;" "The Bible and Science;" the "Divine Human in the Scriptures;" "Nature and the Scriptures," being the Vedder Lectures for 1875. He contributed largely for the "Editor's Table" of Harper's Magazine from 1851 to 1856, and translated Lange's Commentary on Ecclesiastes, and, with Dr. Gosman, that on Genesis. He has also been for many years a writer for the press, preparing articles that have been eagerly read by tens of thousands, and been discussed around many Christian firesides as well as in the study of the scholar. To the very last he was engaged in acquiring useful knowledge and imparting his rich attainments to others. Union College mourns the loss of a good man, a great intellect, and one of her best friends and benefactors. Learning and scholarship have been deprived of a representative whose reputation is world-wide, and whose mission has been to bless the world and make it better. The country loses a pure patriot, whose warmest impulses were always on the side of union, justice and equality. The veteran soldier loses a true friend, one whose soul went out in the tenderest solicitude during the late war for the heroic men at the front. Every man who defended the flag had a friend and defender in the now lamented Professor. As an instructor and college lecturer, Dr. Lewis attained a great reputation. He charmed his classes by the extent and variety of his attainments, and the attractive illustrations which he had always at hand. His studies were of a class for which few Americans have either taste or opportunity, and he brought to them a diligence and ability which are not common. Nor did he permit his studious habits to diminish his interest in questions affecting the welfare of society. These he discussed with a learning and ability only too rare, and which won the respect of those who were unable to accept his conclusions.

Taylor Lewis is gone, but his memory will be treasured wherever there is a friend of truth, a

friend of education, or a friend of religion, as long as time lasts. He has departed, but he has left behind him an influence that will live forever, and bless the world and make it better.

HONOR, like common sense, is easier understood than defined. Money cannot buy it; age will not procure it. Without it knowledge is power misdirected; conscience is a kindly voice put to silence—a heart dead to love and cold to virtue. Honor is the *man*. It is the gold in exchange; the basis of all good society. The worst that can be said of a man is, that he has no honor. Such a man must be answered with the bitter sarcasm of an awful silence; must be made to feel alone in a multitude. His very presence is a bane. Honor is the soul of character; the principle of being and doing right. Honor has no equivalent, and should never be sacrificed. It is above riches, favor, law, country, and life itself. Young men look wistfully, hopefully, and perhaps anxiously into the future for some token of fortune. Before them are many ways—some with unseen terminations, but others are the paths of our fathers, whose graves are vocal with precepts, and whose monuments point to the goal of noble success. The men of value are those in whom we can confide—on whom we may lean; they are the pillars of the universe. Our thoughts and impressions of each other in early life are not changed by the fleeting years. A good record in the hearts of others is a priceless treasure. Honor gets a worthy name and secures respect with a lasting remembrance.—*Ex.*

#### TO MY NIECE.

Count the years my little maiden,  
That have passed across your life;  
Joyous years and pleasure-laden,  
Free from sorrow, pain and strife;  
And remember that I wish you  
Many and many a year like those,  
Light of gladdest days to kiss you,  
Gentle nights of sweet repose.

Count the thoughts, my little maiden,  
That have passed across your mind;  
Fairy thoughts and treasure-laden,  
Leaving sting nor stain behind;  
And remember that I wish you  
Years and years of thoughts like those;  
May their fragrance never miss you,  
Nor the peace that from them flows.

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## EDITORIAL.

It is an unpleasant feature of the past that the college paper should have been discontinued by class dissension. In the past let it remain as a warning for the future. The classes of Seventy-nine and Eighty now undertake to supply what has lately been the greatest deficiency of the University. To accomplish this, we banish all class-spirit. We desire that THE CONCORDIENSIS shall be a genuine representative of the culture and scholarship, the manliness and enterprise, of Union, and to this end we invoke the hearty co-operation of students, Faculty, Alumni and friends.

To them we beg to offer the following prospectus: First, we desire to increase literary interest by inducing an emulation and pride in ability as writers, and in taste as readers, which shall be worthy of our institution. Touching

this point, we will speak more fully at another time. Furthermore, we hope to incite men to a sound scholarship, not necessarily confined to the narrow limits of a certain course, but embracing independent excursions and research; to maintain a high tone of courtesy, honor and refinement in all our relations, as among gentlemen; to encourage greater activity in all the enterprises of the college, the musical and rowing associations, the gymnasium, base-ball and foot-ball, the debating societies, etc. The fact is, too many men come here and settle down to a set of slow and narrow habits. We need to awake and go at all these things with more life and energy, and secure the benefits they afford. THE CONCORDIENSIS will be found on duty here every time. Then, we wish to keep our Alumni acquainted each with the other's fortunes, and interested in the welfare of their Alma Mater. Here again we need assistance if we are to succeed. We shall also endeavor to more closely unite the different departments of the University. We send greetings to the Law and Medical schools, and bespeak their active interest. Finally, it is our purpose to bring to bear upon Union the ambitions and achievements and prevalent spirit of other colleges, and to obtain for her among them the consideration which she deserves.

We already foresee many difficulties to be encountered, and are conscious of the unfitness and inexperience we bring to meet them. Therefore, we feel the greater need of assistance and support from all who desire success for a live paper, devoted to Old Union's interests.

We make our bow to our exchanges as we enter the circle of college publications, modestly, as befitting newcomers, cordially, as college-men. We request from all a lenient judgment upon this our first issue.

In the January number of the "American Quarterly Review," under the title of "Bombast in Education," we read a criticism of Union College in which the statement was made, that far more studies were given in the catalogue than were actually studied, and that not one graduate in ten could read the Latin in



which his diploma was written. Our suspicions being aroused, upon inquiry we found that the author of the article was here sometime ago to solicit the advertisement of the College, but having failed in obtaining it, vented his disappointment in the article referred to. If the statement had been made ten or fifteen years ago, it would have had some semblance of truth, but at present it is utterly false, for the faculty have been steadily advancing the standard of Old Union in every possible way, and at present our curriculum and our actual work compare favorably with those of any other college in the United States. The latest rule enacted is that no student of the College who has any conditions shall be allowed to enter the Senior class before making them up; and until such conditions are made up, he cannot sit with the Senior class in chapel, nor his name appear upon the class-roll. The rule is undoubtedly an advantageous one and one which we hope, before long, to see extended to entrance into the Junior and Sophomore classes.

We hope that ladies and gentlemen down town will not impute certain boyish capers at recent public meetings to all the students, or suppose that even if they did not engage in them, all thought them very creditable. It is certainly exasperating to overhear some person of evident culture and position remark disdainfully when a rowdyish noise occurs, "that is a student," taking it for granted. But it is not *the* student, that is to say, an average representative man who studies, and we trust that the younger members will hereafter respect their good breeding and the honor of the institution to which they have been connected.

It is our intention to make the CONCORDIENSIS such a paper that no Alumnus of Union will be willing to forego it, both by a lively exhibit of the present doings, and by such copious and familiar information concerning graduates, that the memory of her gray old walls may be kept green in every heart loyal to his Alma Mater. We have made our subscription price very low (one dollar per year *in advance*), and

depend upon a large number of subscriptions. We make a special appeal to all our Alumni and friends for prompt remittances, and also for interesting correspondence. Write as though you were talking at a class supper, and pay as freely.

The excellent foot-ball elevens of the Junior and Sophomore classes which were developed last spring ought to be re-organized at once. In our opinion foot-ball is the best sport going, and an hour's warm work will do a man more good and give him more genuine satisfaction than can be measured by all the gentle and inactive amusements put together. The Freshmen also have abundant material to make a very lively contest for somebody, even if they do not sweep the field; and we presume that not even their dignity would keep the Seniors from competing, if they thought they could succeed. We have some terrible men in college for such a sport, and ought to be able to form an eleven which would make itself conspicuous. To do this, its members should be selected as soon as possible.

Military drill appears to have been abolished. We hope that it has, and that it will not be renewed. It appears very fine at first, this idea of sending forth graduates equipped and furnished to serve their country when their country calls, then and there summarily. And a benevolent notion has gathered in some good people's minds, that the aforesaid drill is highly conducive to rugged health and complete physical development. Indeed, these seem to be almost the only reasons for its continuance worth mentioning. But inasmuch as men come to college with some desires and purposes of their own, and inasmuch as the probability of there being a war, multiplied by the probability of any student's going, multiplied by the probability of his remembering any thing that he learns now, even if the tactics were the same, is a very small fraction indeed, and inasmuch as a man could learn more and better in two days' constant drill than he does throughout the course, in some way or another, when we look a second time for this glorious patriotism

we find it not. Regarding the second point, the advantage of sullenly tramping around two or three hours a week is hardly considerable to men who are walking or running half the time, and who have access to a pleasant gymnasium. If it were worth while we might state other objections, but we are confident that the authorities of the college will not restore so unpopular a feature to the course, as was military drill.

### FALL ATHLETICS.

The fall meeting of the Athletic Association was held on the College Track Saturday, Oct. 27th, and was largely attended. The entries were numerous, the contest spirited, and as a whole the affair was very successful. Only one or two features were unpleasant. By the private enterprise of Mr. Vanderveer, the instructor in gymnastics, a neat programme had been printed, containing a list of events, entries, judges, etc., which proved very convenient, and enables us to present the following complete report.

The first event was the hundred-yards dash, the following being entered:

W. P. Adams, '79,	F. W. Moore, '81,
W. J. McNulty, '80,	J. L. Perry, '79,
J. D. Parsons, '79.	

As the new hundred yard stretch was somewhat soft from recent rain, they ran on the campus. All started but Parsons. Moore secured a slight lead on the start and increased it, until near the finish the race seemed his. But McNulty darted up in fine style, and won the race by the width of his body. Time, 11 $\frac{1}{4}$  seconds. Moore crossed the line second, followed by Adams, Perry last. But a foul was claimed against Moore and allowed, as it appears to us, unjustly. If the start was given, it was a fair race; if the start was not allowed, it was no race and should have been run over again.

After the dash the crowd betook itself to the course, where the remaining contests took place. The second event was putting the stone, with five entries:

L. W. Beattie, '79,	W. J. McNulty, '80,
J. E. Bold, '78,	A. B. Moorhouse, '78,
J. W. Wiswall, '81.	

Wiswall did not compete. McNulty won, throwing 29 ft. 2 inches. Beattie second, 27 ft. 3 inches.

Next came throwing the hammer, four entries, and all appeared:

L. W. Beattie, '79,	A. B. Moorhouse, '78,
J. E. Bold, '78,	W. H. Thomas, '78.

Although Seventy-nine had but one representative she was made victorious by Beattie's splendid throw of 89 ft. 9 inches, Bold coming second with 85 ft. 4 inches.

In the fourth event, which was vaulting with the pole, three were entered and contested, namely:

W. H. Ingram, '80,	R. T. Lomasney, '80,
A. B. Moorhouse, '78.	

Lomasney and Moorhouse dropped out after six feet six, and Ingram stopped at 7 ft. 4 inches. It was then proposed to have Moorhouse and Lomasney, who were tie, compete for second place, but as the latter had disappeared Moorhouse was awarded that honor.

For the running long jump, fifth on the programme, the entries and competitors were:

W. J. McNulty, '80,	A. B. Moorhouse, '78,
F. W. Moore, '81,	J. L. Perry, '79,
W. H. Thomas, '78.	

Each man increased his jump with every trial, until on his third and last trial, Moore made 18 ft. 9 inches. McNulty then followed with 17 ft. 6 inches, but as the judges decided that he was hindered by an accident, he was allowed two or three further attempts, which, however, proved unsuccessful. They were awarded first and second places respectively.

Sixth event, hitch and kick, three entries:

E. McDonnell, '79,	W. J. McNulty, '80,
A. B. Moorhouse, '78.	

Mr. Moorhouse, however, withdrew. McNulty won at 7 ft. 4 inches, McDonnell second, 7 ft. 2 inches. Both had kicked much higher in practice, but preferred not to exert themselves.

Throwing the base-ball was then announced, and the following presented themselves as contestants:

W. E. Anderson, '80,	W. J. McNulty, '80,
A. A. Brown, '79,	A. B. Moorhouse, '78,
L. F. Holmes, '78,	W. C. Ravenel, '80.

Anderson's throw of 297 ft. 2 inches was the best. Holmes second, 290 ft. 5 inches.

In the half-mile run which followed and proved one of the most exciting contests of the day, seven competitors were named as follows, but only the first five started:

W. Hayes, '79,	F. W. Moore, '81,
W. B. Landreth, '80,	W. H. Thomas, '78,
W. J. McNulty, '80,	J. Heatly, '79,
E. P. White, '79.	

McNulty, having the inside position, took the lead. Landreth soon closed in with him. Moore was running hard on the extreme outside. Hayes and Thomas steady. Half way round the second time Hayes tried for the lead, but failed. Moore and Landreth fell out shortly afterward, leaving McNulty ahead, Hayes second, Thomas last. In this order they ran, gradually separating. Half way round for the fourth and last time McNulty was the first to spurt, and although Hayes made a gallant struggle he was unable to overtake him, McNulty winning in 2.16 1-4, Hayes three seconds later.

The ninth and last event was the One-mile walk. The following entered, but Lansing and McNulty did not start.

L. W. Beattie, '79,	W. J. McNulty, '80,
W. F. Lansing, '78,	J. J. O'Hara, '78,
J. E. McGuire, '79,	L. D. Palmer, '79.

Beattie stopped after the second lap, and at the end of the third one of the judges ruled out McGuire, leaving only O'Hara and Palmer. In this order they continued the walk amid much excitement. O'Hara was declared the winner in 8 min., 21 sec., Palmer's time, 8 min., 26 sec.

President Potter then proceeded to distribute the prizes, which were quite tasty and, as Dr. Potter said, evinced Mr. Vanderveer's good judgment, under whose management the meet-

ing was arranged, and to whom its success was largely due.

On behalf of Mr. W. L. Campbell, Chief of Police of this city and one of the judges, Professor Staley then presented Mr. McNulty with the special prize for best general athlete, and after cheers the crowds dispersed.

The sports have produced a pleasurable excitement in college, but they are not entirely successful unless they increase the general interest in gymnastics this winter. Let the successful take care for their laurels in the spring, and let the disappointed work hard for satisfaction.

### CLASS ELECTIONS.

THE different classes have held their election with the results which we subjoin.

#### SENIOR CLASS.

A. Duane,	-	-	-	<i>President.</i>
R. G. O'Neale,	-	-	-	<i>Vice President.</i>
F. Vosburgh,	-	-	-	<i>Treasurer.</i>
J. F. Thomas,	-	-	-	<i>Secretary.</i>
Aaron Mynderse,	-	-	-	<i>Orator.</i>
Edward Hayward,	-	-	-	<i>Poet.</i>
C. M. Culver,	-	-	-	<i>Prophet.</i>
Leonard Paige,	-	-	-	<i>Historian.</i>
John O'Hara,	-	-	-	<i>Marshal.</i>

#### JUNIOR CLASS.

J. D. Parsons,	-	-	-	<i>President.</i>
O. G. Brown,	-	-	-	<i>Vice President.</i>
David Sprague,	-	-	-	<i>Secretary.</i>
J. E. Muller,	-	-	-	<i>Treasurer.</i>
F. Van Dusen,	-	-	-	<i>Historian.</i>

#### SOPHOMORE CLASS.

W. J. Ingram,	-	-	-	<i>President.</i>
H. T. Thompson,	-	-	-	<i>Vice President.</i>
Robert J. Landon,	-	-	-	<i>Secretary.</i>
G. H. Slingerland,	-	-	-	<i>Treasurer.</i>
B. H. Ripton,	-	-	-	<i>Historian.</i>

#### FRESHMAN CLASS.

H. R. Pierson, Jr.,	-	-	-	<i>President.</i>
E. T. Lansing,	-	-	-	<i>Vice President.</i>
W. M. White,	-	-	-	<i>Secretary.</i>
D. H. McFalls,	-	-	-	<i>Treasurer.</i>
H. R. Shead,	-	-	-	<i>Historian.</i>

## PERSONALS.

[Desiring to make this department one of special interest, we request contributions from all. If any considerable portion of our Alumni will each take this trifling trouble, they will be rewarded a hundred-fold. EDS.]

'49. Frederick W. Seward is Assistant-Secretary of State at Washington, and Allen C. Beach, of the same class, the present Secretary elect of this State.

'57. John Gilmour, Esq., died of consumption in this city on the 22d, inst.

'64. Curtiss, principal of Sodus (N. Y.) Academy, has recently been married. Our particular congratulations, Professor.

'66. Grenville Tremain, who took a first Blatchford, was the Republican candidate for Attorney-General of this State.

'70. Hoag is a member of the leading law firm of Wolcott, N. Y.

'71. Beckwith is at the Albany Law School.

'72 Kline has married and is editor of *The Amsterdam Democrat*, and the popular Postmaster of the same place.

'75. Whiteharne is at the Medical College.

'73. Stanton is at the Albany Law School.

'73. Hill is Principal of Derry Female Academy, East Derry, N. H.

'74. Becker is practicing law in Buffalo.

'74. Waldron is traveling in Europe.

'73. Jas. E. Allen, M. D., died Aug. 22, 1877.

'73. Wright is preaching and lecturing at Davenport, Delaware county, N. Y.

'74. McDuffy, White and Beakly, are all practicing law in Amsterdam.

'74. Lawrence is studying medicine in Albany.

'74. Jackson has returned from New Mexico to this city.

'74. McDermott is studying theology at Montreal.

'74. Viall is practicing medicine at East Dorset, Vt.

'74. Hoyt has his law office in the Times building, New York city.

'74. Hoadley is principal of the Argyle (N. Y.) Academy, a husband and a father.

'74. Lewis has a government position at Washington.

'75. Gowenlock is in Calcutta, India.

'75. Bennett is at Fort Dodge, Arizona, engaged in mining.

'75. Tweedy is botanizing at Plainfield, N. J.

'75. Bowman is employed with the Penn. Coal Co., at Pittston, Pa.

'75. Raymond is at Brunswick, Jewell at Princeton Theological Seminary.

'75. Oppenheim is teaching in New York city.

'75. Lansing has a fine pastorate at Mohawk, N. Y.

'75. Pierson is employed on the State survey near Cherry Valley.

'75. Dudley is a lawyer at Johnstown, N. Y.

'75. King has caught the largest fish in Salmon river—forty inches long—according to the *Pulaski* (N. Y.) *Democrat*.

'75. Abbey is in the Albany Law School.

'76. Davis has been recalled to the College as tutor of Latin.

'76. Greene graduates from the Albany Law School in a few weeks.

'76. Landreth is at Dudley Observatory, Albany.

'76. Robertson and Woodbridge are at Princeton.

'76. Buck is conducting a private school at Raysville, Penn.

'76. Jagger is married and gone to Oregon.

'76. Jones is preaching in the Baltimore (Md.) Conference.

'76. Lockwood is on the State survey in the vicinity of Albany.

'76. Streeter is at the Albany Medical School.

'76. Marsh is in the Columbia Law School.

'77. Hubbs is at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

'77. Bassett is attending Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Conn.

'77. Robeson is in the Columbia Law School.

'77. Adsit is the first man in his class to assume the marriage vows.

'77. Hawley is teaching in New York city.

'77. Crain is employed as draughtsman by a manufacturing company in Milwaukee.

'77. Causley is engaged in quartz mining at Nederland, Boulder county, Colorado.



'77. Delehanty is studying law in Albany.

'77. Pennie is at the Law School.

'77. Jeralemon is Professor of Ancient Languages at Antwerp (N. Y.) Academy.

'77. Baird is Assistant City Engineer at Dayton, Ohio.

'77. Fairlee is at Auburn Theological Seminary.

'77. Rankine is reading law at Niagara Falls.

'78. Smith has returned to Hobart.

'78. Carter was in town a few weeks ago.

'79. Blain is at home in Amsterdam, and is expecting to go into business in Boston.

'79. Beattie admitted as an attorney at November General Term.

'79 Peters is teaching and studying medicine at Pough Quag, Dutchess county, N. Y.

'79. Glover is teaching on Long Island.

'79. Snook is in Princeton College.

'79. Rhett is studying law at his home in South Carolina.

'79. McDonnell has returned to College.

'80. Benjamin is in New York.

'80. Legge will be back next term.

#### PARAGRAPHS.

No scissors yet.

The Freshman class numbers 61.

The Chi Psi Fraternity has withdrawn the charter of Union Chapter.

Union receives two men from Lehigh University this year, Palmer '79, McNulty '80.

Sixty of the Alumni and students of Union College died during the year of '76-'77.

Colonel Pickett expresses the opinion that Ogee was born with a stone in his hand.

The athletic games were attended by about four hundred people, including a few of Dorp's fairest maidens.

Union was represented by five delegates in the Delta Upsilon Convention at Madison University, October 25th and 26th.

Colonel Pickett ought to raise the cross-walk at the Blue Gate, and not compel us to swim to breakfast more than two or three winters longer.

Dignified Professor — "Mr. B., have you parted with that famous old horologe yet?" Mr. B. proceeds to be dumb-founded by such condescension.

A prominent Junior has been talking about a "quadrilateral equation." We suppose he thinks there are two sides to every question, however.

Prof. Webster spent the summer in working up worms at Beaufort, N. C. He was accompanied by Benedict, and also by Culver and Maxon, '78, and Landon, '80.

The College had a general bolt on the celebration of the Burgoyne Centennial. Dr. Potter took occasion in announcing it to compliment the good order of the college.

A pleasant rumor is afloat to the effect that Rev. Mr. Darling, of this city, is to "take something" as Professor. He will be a very clear and thorough teacher, and a popular man.

The seniors have selected Notman of Montreal, branch in Albany, as class photographer. Under-classmen will do well to notice the very favorable arrangements for superior work.

President *pro tempore*, "Freshman mount the table." Professor (measuredly), "Mr. President, I pronounce this meeting of the Sophomore class adjourned *sine die*." At this sign, it died very quietly.

The Law and Medical departments have not yet elected their editors, or any other officers. Consequently, we have no news from them in this number, but we hope to make up for this deficiency by a particularly good report next issue.

It is generally reported that Dr. Lowell handed in his resignation as Professor of Latin last June, and that it has just been accepted. If this be true, Union loses a splendid scholar. But we reserve further remarks until it is confirmed.

The Senior catalogue published by the secret societies will probably be out in the course of a month, and gives promise of being unusually good, as all the editors are able writers. A new feature will be a directory of all the students.

One of our Sophomores wishes us to say that the young lady of Ingham University who threw a red table-cloth over his head from an upper window as an affectionate farewell, can have the same by proving property, and, we will add, rewarding "ye editors."

Our advertisers are generally the most enterprising dealers in their respective lines. They not only want the college patronage, but most of them are interested in our success. We accordingly request all supporters of this paper to patronize those who patronize us.

At the request of Mrs. Peissner, we announce that the library of the late Dr. Tayler Lewis is open to all students who are desirous of examining it. This library contains a valuable collection of rare manuscripts and books, an inspection of which will well repay anyone.

We have received the *Harvard Advocate* and *Lampoon*, *Amherst Student*, *Besom*, *Echo*, *Dickinsonian* with a prospectus; *Packer Quarterly*, *Cornell Era*, *Trinity Tablet* and *Hamilton Literary*, but owing to the confusion of starting a new paper have been unable to notice articles in any of them.

The U. C. Musical Association has been re-organized with the following officers: President, Leonard Paige, '78; Secretary and Treasurer, Talcott C. Van Santvoord, '80; Musical Director, J. E. Bold, '78. It is hoped that the new members from the Freshman class will in some degree compensate for the good voices lost, when '77 graduated.

We notice in Albany and Troy papers of a late date a lengthy scientific article on "The Water we Drink," read by Prof. Perkins before the Albany Institute, and "prepared by two of the Fellows of Union College—F. J. Ballart, '75, and F. M. Comstock '76." Their article on "Snow" has been extensively copied by such periodicals as the *N. Y. Evening Post* and *Harper's Monthly*.

One of our Juniors has a wonderful account of an owl-eyed grave digger down his way. That is to say, he digs his graves by night, has eyes with long, narrow pupils, and cannot see in the daytime. We advise and request that

Junior—nay, we exhort and implore that noble Junior, to write up a thrilling romance, entitled, for instance, "The Body-Snatcher's Defeat", and submit it to THE CONCORDIENSIS.

The Freshman translations this year have been tolerably original and ingenious. For instance, "my beloved shoot" is a very happy mode of address for the "old gentleman Priam" to employ toward Hector, and Jupiter is a most appropriate genitive for Juno; but real genius and stern perseverance are required to rival that '80 Scientific who read "*Agricola taurum cornibus tenebat*," "The farmer was keeping the bull out of the corn."

The Gymnasium looks lively about these days. Mr. Vanderveer is the right man in the right place surely. We suppose that it would be difficult to find another athlete so excellent in all branches, and at the same time so obliging and enterprising. If he continues as well as he has done so far, this troublesome department of the college is well provided for, and our prominence in collegiate athletics is guaranteed. The Faculty ought to give him a little money to make needed repairs.

The Finance Committee of the college, at a late meeting, decided that they could not continue payments on the boat-house lease. Dr. Potter, however, makes himself personally responsible in the matter. The President is the foremost man in the Faculty in supporting all athletic interests, and we owe him greater appreciation in this respect. The boating association is improperly organized, and before another season we will propose a plan by which all the students can secure its possible benefits.

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