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## Eli Perkins on the Imagination.

Eli Perkins has often been criticised about his vivid imagination. The humorist maintains that exaggeration is simply the imagination written down. Imagination in cold type is exaggeration.

After speaking of things appertaining to the Centennial of the college at the Centennial dinner, the humorist made the following remarks on the imagination:

"You have no idea," said Eli, "how much of your innocent laughter comes from the imagination. Why, all the laughter that a cultured Christian gets comes from the imagination. There is a kind of low, vulgar herd in the circus and the side-show where the clown bumps up against Humpty-Dumpty and then rolls over in the sawdust, but that don't make you Christians laugh—that m-a-k-e-s you t-i-r-e-d. (Laughter.) Your laughter comes from the imagination as it paints the joy of Mary at the ascension when the pearly gates opened and all the stars sang together for joy.

"The sweet poetry that makes you laugh and cry is all imagination. Milton's 'Paradise Lost' is the imaginary struggle of angels and demons in chaos. The *Odyssey* of Homer and the *Æneid* of Virgil were the soaring imagination of the Greeks and Romans in heroic verse. Your own Christian Longfellow says:

"The sun kissed the dewdrops and they were pearls. Now that's all imagination.

"The sun never kissed any dewdrops, and if it had kissed them it wouldn't have made pearls of them. If that was the case, you shrewd farmers wouldn't tire yourself out in the field. You'd sit around on the shady balcony, and after the shower you'd go out and roll in those pearls. (Laughter.) And the divine Psalmist says:

"The stars sang together for joy."

"Now the stars—they never sang. They

n-e-v-e-r sang. Many of you sentimental young ladies have been out late at night with your sweethearts and you listened—l-i-s-t-e-n-e-d—and you were willing to stay there all night—(laughter)—if those stars would only sing, but they never sang. The Psalmist didn't want to deceive you, he only wanted to please you with sweet imagination.

"But this imagination is best developed among moral, temperate, Christian people. It's a fact. If I've got a fine joke that has to be discounted twice, do you think I would take it to some low slum and give it to a wicked man sordid with whiskey? No, it would be pearls before swine. No, I'd wait till I saw some keen, temperate, moral Christian Endeavorer coming, and I'd tell him the joke and he'd laugh 'ha! ha!!'—and that is his reward for being virtuous and good. Be virtuous and you'll be happy—see more jokes—I know that from my own experience. (Laughter.)

"I've often heard a dear old Christian minister get off a little sermon in the pulpit, so full of Christian wit and wisdom to the Christian—up in Bible quotations and the hymn book, while some wicked, intemperate man who never read his Bible and didn't know what these quotations meant would be crying—crying while the Christian would be laughing. I've seen it.

"I knew a dear old Baptist clergyman in Boston who kept hearing about that wicked town of Hurley, Wisconsin. Wicked Hurley! Ninety-seven saloons and three churches. Mines and madness—saloons and sin—whiskey and woe! I say he kept hearing about wicked Hurley in the church newspaper until finally he was seized with the desire to go there and preach. He had a good church in Boston and drew a big salary (paid regularly), but he was willing to give up that salary and go to Hurley and preach the gospel without money and without price—just like a clergyman. No

lawyer would do that—(laughter)—no doctor would do that—(laughter).

“Finally he gave up his Boston church and went over to Hurley, stayed there six months and was nearly starved to death. Then, with sad eyes and empty stomach, he called his church together to bid them a last farewell.

“‘Brothers and sisters of Hurley,’ he said, ‘I’ve called you together to-night to say farewell—f-a-r-e-w-e-l-l. I don’t think the Lord loves you very much, for none of you seem to die. He don’t want you—and I don’t think you love each other, for I’ve never married any of you—and I don’t think you love me, because you don’t pay me my salary—and your donations are mouldy flour and wormy apples—by their fruits ye shall know them. (Laughter.) And now I am going to a better place—b-e-t-t-e-r place! I’ve been appointed chaplain of the penitentiary at Sing Sing. Where I go ye cannot come—but I go to prepare a place for you.’ (Laughter.)

“When the dear old clergyman had got through I looked around at the audience, and the Christians had their handkerchiefs crammed in their mouths. These Christians, they get all the good, honest fun in the world! But they discount their fun. They don’t want fun with a stinger in it. They don’t want fun where they are going to have a rollicking time for two weeks and then have to put their trembling arms around their weeping, broken-hearted wives, totter over to the baby’s cradle and let their tears patter down on the baby’s face and then—go off to the gold cure! I say I saw the Christians—up in Bible quotations—get all this fun, and then I looked down on the front seat, and there sat an old saloon-keeper who had never read his Bible and never heard these quotations—and as the preacher’s voice was sad, tears were rolling down his cheeks while Christians were laughing. I think the old saloon-keeper who never read his Bible was being punished for something.

“I found out afterwards that he wasn’t all right on the tariff.” (Laughter.)

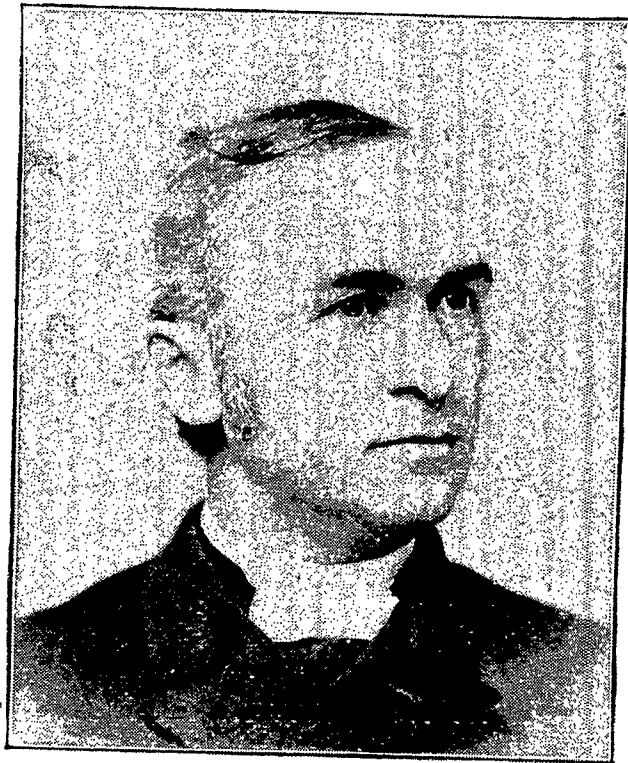
Irving W. Ketchum, ’99, has been admitted to the Albany Presbytery as a student.

### New York Alumni of “Old Union” Dine.

If any one doubts that Union College has a body of alumni in New York that are not enthusiastic to the last over the college, they should have been present at the Eighth Annual Re-union and Dinner of the Alumni Association of New York on December 12, 1895. From the beginning to the end the banquet hall was filled with the “Song to Old Union” and other songs dear to every Union man and there was not one present who did not appear as enthusiastic as he did in his undergraduate days, and some more so. It was a happy gathering and one to be looked forward to in the future by the undergraduates.

The dinner was held in one of the grand banquet halls at the Waldorf. The tables were set for groups of six and at each plate, besides the menu card, was a garnet rose and an elaborately decorated card of the most popular Union songs, including the “Terrace Song,” “If You Want to Go to Union” and the “Union Marching Song.”

As the last act of his official capacity Gen. Butterfield presided and acted as toast-



REV. GEORGE ALEXANDER, D. D., '66.

master. He was seated in the center of a crescent-shaped table elevated at one end of the room, and directly in front of him was an exact reproduction of the college buildings as they stand to-day. At the same table were President Raymond, Mayor Strong, Major-Gen. Thomas

H. Ruger, Charles A. Dana, Charles R. Miller, Amasa J. Parker, Senator Joseph M. Carey, Warner Miller, Samuel R. Thayer and Fred. W. Seward.

After the inner man was satisfied and cigars were lighted, Gen. Butterfield, with a few well chosen remarks, introduced the first speaker, Gen. Ruger, who responded to the toast, "The Flag." He said that the flag is an emblem, and that to-day it represents no chief but the government and the people which it is the duty of the government to protect. It represents the rights of every American citizen and it is the institution of the family, which, of all the permanent relationships established on earth, is nearest to the thought of the Creator. The colleges of this country are the great storehouses of the sentiment of patriotism.

At the end "America" was sung and before President Raymond was introduced to respond to "Old Union" the "Song to Old Union" was sung, all standing.

When Dr. Raymond was introduced to respond to the toast "Old Union" it was several minutes before he could proceed, the cheers were so numerous. He began by saying that he could talk on almost any subject, but that Old Union was his chief topic. He then pointed out the great need of modern improvements at the college and said that to-day she could not meet the requirements of young America. He described the improvements that have been made and especially the manner in which the student body is governed by the faculty. He closed with the following remarks:

"The spirit that made Union College respected in days gone by is still treasured and cherished and fostered by us to-day. We try to make it a school of honor, where the tricky man will meet the contempt he deserves; where men may be trusted without being watched and believed without being cross-questioned. These are the men who are to make the nation of the future, and the college which is to do the greatest work is the one which shall send out the men to stand foremost in America for truth and righteousness. Young men must learn that the purpose of all education is to fit men to lift the

burdens of humanity and to help the poor fellows who have fallen among thieves."

After paying a tribute to Dr. Nott, Gen. Butterfield called on Mayor Strong who responded to the toast, "New York City; Municipal Government; Municipal Affairs." After informing the mayor that "He's all right" some one suggested a "tiger" to go on the end, but the mayor informed them that they didn't want any "tiger" that evening. His speech was brief and he said that they had tried to make the government of New York City better. He said they had succeeded in getting the streets cleaned and if they hadn't closed all the doors of the saloons on Sunday they had the name of trying to do so. After a few words on the manner of governing the city he closed by saying that as far as he had found out all the mayor has to do is to receive the condemnation of the people for all their bad acts, while they themselves receive all the glorification for their good ones.

A letter of regret was read from Eli Perkins, after which Mr. Charles R. Miller, editor of the *New York Times* and a graduate of Dartmouth, in a few spicy remarks in response to the toast "Our Sister Colleges" compared Union and Dartmouth, saying they were alike in many things and both have a definite field to cultivate.

Gen. Butterfield next introduced Charles A. Dana of the *New York Sun*, who spoke on the toast, "The Press." He said in substance:

"The first reflection that occurred to me when I look over this assemblage was that Union College must be the healthiest place on the face of the earth, for this is the healthiest array of heads that I have ever seen. I am a friend of Union College. I have never heard and I don't believe anybody else has, of any Union man who ever advocated anything but the principle of liberty. As I sit here I am reminded of one of the greatest graduates Union ever had. I mean the late Mr. Seward, and I take great pleasure in saying in the presence of his son, who, like his father, is a son of Old Union, that he was a man who wrote in undying characters far into the future, the doctrine of the Stars and Stripes. If there was no other son who had

ever left your alma mater's walls, there would still be for her almost unparalleled glory."

The secretary of the association, Mr. Edgar S. Barney, '84, next read a number of regrets which included those of Gov. Morton, Gov. McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Bishop Potter, Gen. Horace Porter, Sec. Lamont and Sec. Morton.

Fred. W. Seward, '49, a son of the great statesman, followed and he said that when he first went to Union, it was in a time of intense religious excitement and controversy. The thing that most impressed him was that at chapel exercises a Presbyterian divine would pray for them all one morning; the next, an Episcopal clergyman would read from the prayer book; the next day, a good Methodist brother would plead their cause. Thus it was that at Union he learned his first great and last-



EDGAR S. BARNEY, '84.

ing lesson of the tolerance of religious opinion. They learned the principle which lies at the bottom of the American Constitution and of the Protestant reformation.

Gen. Butterfield, with a short speech, turned over the badge of office to his successor, Rev. Dr. George Alexander. As Dr. Alexander received the badge, a garnet ribbon with the seal of the college on it, he said his first duty was to confer upon Gen. Butterfield the degree of P. E. (President Emeritus). A unanimous vote of thanks was given the General.

Dr. Alexander then introduced William H.

McElroy, '60. Mr. McElroy said he liked to think that we to-day are as good men as those who went before us and that they were all there to do everything to advance the merits of the college. He said the influence of such a feast was analogous to the fount of youth, and while there all grew younger.

In reply to "Union in the West." Senator Joseph M. Carey, '67, pointed out the difference between the east and the west, and said there ought to be a closer relationship between the two. The east does not take enough interest in the west, but the west wants *union* in many things. Gen. Amasa J. Parker, '63, followed and, in answer to the toast, "The Alumni Association," said that the alumni wants something practical that will bring money into the treasury. The college cannot rest quietly with her new life unless she has the means to do an enlarged work. He closed with a tribute to Dr. Raymond.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At 5:45 o'clock the annual business meeting of the Alumni Association was held in the parlors of the Waldorf, President Daniel Butterfield presiding. The principal item on the calendar was the election of officers. This resulted as follows: President, the Rev. Dr. George Alexander, '66; first vice-president, Silas B. Brownell, '52; second vice-president, Dr. Daniel L. Stimson, '64; secretary, Edgar S. Barney, '84; treasurer, William C. Roberson, '77; executive committee, General Daniel Butterfield, '49, Prof. Franklin H. Giddings, of Columbia College; Charles W. Culver, '89, William B. Rankine, '81, William K. Gilchrist, '89, Andrew W. Gleason, '60, Charles D. Nott, '54, George E. Marks, '70, and William L. Kennedy, Jr., '87. An amendment was also adopted providing for an increase of the executive committee from nine to fifteen members, the additional names to be chosen from among the younger alumni.

He loves the brooklet's music,  
He loves the horse's neigh;  
But in rustic lyric  
He loves best the chick'ns lay.

H. D. '99.



### Butterfield Lectures Published.

The first volume of the Butterfield Lectures, which has been in the hands of the publisher since last summer, has finally been placed before the public. Mr. F. Tennyson Neely, the publisher, has spared no pains in making the volume a neat and attractive one. It is well bound in a green cloth cover, with the University seal on the front side, and the paper and print are both of the best. A second volume will soon follow.

The introduction to the present volume was written by Prof. Truax, and there is need of no comment on its excellency.

There is a half-tone cut, together with a short biography of each lecturer, and his lecture is given in full. Those that it contains are as follows: "West Point—its Purpose, its Training and its Results"—Gen. Peter S. Michie. "Some Inside Views of the Gubernatorial Office"—ex-Gov. Alexander H. Rice, of Massachusetts. "Military Law, Martial Law and the Suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus"—Lieut.-Col. John W. Clous, U. S. A. "American Diplomacy"—Hon. Fred. W. Seward. "Politics and the Duty of the Citizen"—Hon. Thomas F. Bayard. "Architecture"—Mr. Montgomery Schuyler. "Is Electricity Energy or Only Matter?"—Albon Mann, Ph. D. "Brains and Muscles; Their Relative Training and Development"—Gen. William A. Hammond. "The Electro-Magnetic Telegraph"—Ex-Gov. Alonzo B. Cornell, of New York. "Wealth and its Uses"—Mr. Andrew Carnegie. "Banking and Currency"—Hon. Henry W. Cannon. "Roads"—Col. Francis V. Greene, late U. S. A. "The Postal Service of the United States"—Hon. Thomas L. James.

By looking over the list of the lectures one can readily see that the book is a very valuable one, for they come from the best authorities on those subjects in the land. To those who were not fortunate enough to hear the speeches the book will be of especial interest. Alumni and undergraduates alike should endeavor to make the book a financial success, for as it will be remembered, Mr. Neely has generously offered

to give 75 per cent. of the profits from the sale of the books to the college to aid in the continuance of the lectures after General Butterfield's course is completed, or for other uses as may be decided by the Board of Trustees.

The price of the book is \$3, but THE CONCORDIENSIS has made arrangements whereby ten or more books may be had at the rate of \$1.75 each. If the students who desire a copy will give their names to Mr. Blodgett, '97, who is the agent, or to the editor-in-chief, they will be supplied.

### Allison-Foote Debate.

The date of the inter-society debate for a prize of \$100 has been fixed for this year on Feb. 20. It has been considered best to take this event out of the crowded program of commencement week, hereafter holding it near Washington's birthday. This, it is thought, will insure greater interest in the debate. The question for this year is—

*"Resolved, That the aggressive policy of Great Britain during the century is in accord with the higher interests of civilization."*

The rule requiring speakers to have participated in ten debates has been waived in consideration of the short time for preparation. Speakers are chosen from those who have appeared most frequently in society debate.

### The N. E. N. Y. Alumni Association Dinner.

The annual dinner of the Union College Alumni Association of North Eastern New York will be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 27, at the Kenmore Hotel in Albany. A large attendance is expected, and several noted speakers are announced. President Raymond will be present. The officers of the association are: President, Edward D. Ronan, '67; vice-president, Seymour Van Santvoord, '78; secretary and treasurer, Charles F. Bridge, '87; chairman executive committee, William P. Rudd, '73. The undergraduates are also cordially invited to attend.

### The Honor System.

The class of '99 of Union College has adopted the Honor System, as observed in Princeton, Cornell and Wesleyan. The idea was suggested by a member of the faculty to one of the class, who, looking upon it favorably, brought it up in a meeting, and so well was it received that a committee was appointed to draw up rules under which the system might be enforced. The system was unanimously adopted, as were the rules, and to-day the Freshman class are sailing smoothly along with quite as good heart as they might have had under the *regime* of "cribs," "horses" and "ponies."

The rules governing the system are, to speak briefly, as follows: (1) No cheating shall be done in examination. (2) A student seeing another cheat shall report him to a committee elected by the class. (3) This committee, after considering his case, shall reprimand him for the first offense. (4) Second and third attempts will subject him to other reprimandings. (5) After being reprimanded three times, if he be caught cheating again, the committee shall demand his expulsion from college.

The whole thing is managed entirely by the committee, who are bound to secrecy concerning their actions. The faculty has nothing whatsoever to do with it, except when the conduct of the offender make an appeal to them necessary. The governing body consists of the president of the class and five men, one chosen from each of its divisions. At present it is composed of Messrs. Kellogg, Hinman, Wright, Roselle, and Lord.

Thus far the Honor System has been a success. No cheating has yet been reported, the class is entirely satisfied with its workings, and nothing but a brilliant future can be predicted for it. The leading colleges of the country have adopted it, and old Union, knowing a good thing when she sees it, has taken it up, and with the energy and push of the "fin de siècle" class behind her, will, we hope, possess it for many years to come.

### To Meet Cooperstown.

The track athletic management has made arrangements to meet the Cooperstown Athletic Club in an indoor contest on February 7. A team of five men will be selected from the college to meet a like number in a series of four events, as follows: (1) Running high jump; (2) putting 12-lb. shot; (3) running high kick; (4) fence vault. Preliminary training for Union's contestants began in the college gymnasium last week, and probably about Saturday previous to the above date, the team will be chosen.

Enthusiasm over this meet should rise to the highest notch. Last year we had a meet with the same club, and, with the addition of a standing high jump, the events were the same as this year. We were then represented by Myers, '96; Scofield, '96; Holleran, '95; Sylvester, '98, and Burgin, '95, and lost the meet by only 12 points, the score being 1699-1687.

With the splendid new material now in college, given favorable circumstances, we ought to bring the banner to Union this year.

### The Shakespeare Club.

The Shakespeare Club met near the close of last term and discussed the work to be taken up during the present term. It was decided to have a series of six meetings, and a variety of dramatic work will be studied and criticised. Dr. Truax will treat on "How to Study a Shakespearean Character"; Prof. Edwards will discuss a Sanskrit play; Prof. Bennett will discuss a Greek play; Prof. Opdike will cite Henry Irving as a Shakespearean critic; Prof. Buck will discuss one of Shakespeare's plays, and at the last meeting the club will make a study of and discuss Henry VIII.

The officers of the club are Geo. E. Pollock, '96, president; Ira Hotaling, '97, vice-president; W. M. Swann, '98, secretary; Carl Hammer, '98, treasurer; J. Wood, '96, chairman executive committee.

### Obituary.

#### HORACE EGLESTON FAIRWEATHER.

The closing days of last term were saddened by the death of Horace Egleston Fairweather, '98, on Dec. 19, 1895. He suffered in his last illness at the home of his uncle, Hon. John A. DeRemer, of Schenectady. Mr. Fairweather prepared for college at the Union Classical Institute, graduating with honors in the class of '94, taking the commencement oratorical prize of that institution. In his preparatory work he was very popular as a student and as a member of Pi Phi fraternity. In the fall of '94 he entered Union, with the intention of preparing himself for the profession of law. He was a member of the Chi Psi fraternity.

Popularity and good fellowship went hand in hand with the student in his collegiate course and he always made the most of his opportunities. He was a good student, a frequent contributor to THE CONCORDIENSIS and later a member of the Editorial Board. He also showed great interest in athletics.

A large representation of the Chi Psi and Pi Phi fraternities, and of the class of '98, were present at the funeral service, which was held at Mr. Fairweather's home in Birchton. Cut flowers were sent by both fraternities and a very fine floral pillow by members of the class of '98.

#### JOHN EDWARDS SEAMAN, JR.

On the 14th day of December, 1895, John Edwards Seaman, Jr., one of the most respected and honorable members of the class of '99, died at his home in Johnstown, N. Y. He went home for his Thanksgiving vacation and while there was stricken with the typhoid fever, but everything that could be done for him proved of no avail.

Mr. Seaman was a good student, of kind disposition, and an upright and thorough gentleman in every respect. He stood well in his class and was taking the engineering course. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and during his short sojourn in college had

won for himself a host of friends, by whom he will be sadly missed.

The Freshman class sent as delegates to his funeral, Raymond D. McMahon and W. M. Wilson, and his fraternity also sent a large delegation. At a meeting held Dec. 16, his class took action regarding his death and appointed a committee to present suitable resolutions, which are given below:

#### IN MEMORIAM.

*Whereas*, The hand of death hath taken from our midst our esteemed friend and fellow classmate, John Edwards Seaman, Jr., and

*Whereas*, We, the members of the class of '99, of Union college, are in his loss bereft of one whose manliness and kindly nature won our deepest respect and affection; and

*Whereas*, We deeply mourn his loss, be it therefore

*Resolved*, That in this, the hour of our mutual sorrow, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family, and further be it

*Resolved*, That our class button be draped for a period of fourteen days, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family and a copy be placed on the class records.

LUCIUS C. BARRY,  
WENTWORTH TUCKER,  
W. MORSE WILSON,  
Committee.

### The Sophomore Soiree.

The annual soiree which is given by the Sophomore class will be held on Friday evening, Feb. 14, at the Van Curler Opera House. This is the social event of the year at Union, with the exception of the Commencement ball, and the soiree of this year promises to eclipse any that has ever preceded it. The committee, which is working hard to make it a grand success, is composed of T. B. Brown, M. L. Haviland, P. P. Sheehan, C. J. Vrooman, J. W. Haggart, R. A. Avery, W. J. Sommer, P. B. Yates, C. D. Griffith, W. A. Earles and H. C. Allen.

On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 19, Mr. Frissell, principal of Hampton Institute, Va., will be here with a choir of singers from the Hampton Institute.

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WE WISH you all a happy new year.

WE ARE indebted to the New York *Tribune* for the cut of Mr. E. S. Barney, which we print in this number.

WHY NOT have some heat in the gymnasium, so that those who care to exercise may do so without fear of catching cold?

THOSE who heard Eli Perkins' speech at the alumni dinner during the Centennial last June will readily recognize it as our leading article in the present number.

PLEASE pay your subscription. We are very much in need of money in order to keep up our running expenses, and we must get it in some way. It is the beginning of the term when every one is supposed to have some money, and please pay up now and save the annoyance in the future.

OUR XMAS. number made a great hit, and it was a success in every way. That the number was a very neat and artistic one everybody admits, and we owe a great deal to Mr. Chas. Burrows, our printer, for the excellent work he did on the paper for us. "It was the best number of THE CONCORDIENSIS ever put before the public," several have told us, and we are grateful that it should have been so favorably received.

It is with deepest sorrow that we are compelled in this number to record the death of two of our fellow students. It is the first time this unpleasant duty has befallen us and now it comes doubly hard. It is useless to tell here their good qualities, for everyone who knew Mr. Fairweather and Mr. Seaman, knows that they were model young men, always ready to stand up for everything that was right and honorable. It is needless to say anything further than that the whole college very greatly feels their loss and that the families of both young men have the heartfelt sympathy of the faculty and undergraduate body.

THE MATTER which was brought up at the last college meeting concerning a post office on the hill, where the students may get their mail, is a very important one. A committee was appointed to look the matter up, prepare a petition and present the same to the post-master-general, and we hope this committee will see the need of the students in this respect. At present there is no delivery at all to the students and they are compelled to go down to the post office, a mile distant, in order to get their mail matter, which sometimes is very important. This not only causes a great delay in getting one's mail, but in many cases causes the student a great inconvenience when he is busy at his work. Several years ago the college had such an office, and why it was abolished we do not know, but we sincerely hope another may be established.

WE ARE more than pleased to be able to note the fact that we are to have more Butterfield lectures and that they are to begin at once. Gen. Butterfield, it seems, has not forgotten us and we are glad that he has not. There is not a man in college who is not indebted to the General, and some in a very great degree, for the most practical and interesting course of lectures ever delivered before any student body. Every speaker in the course has been a man at the very top of his profession, thor-



oughly versed on the subject of his lecture. And a great many of them have been men that could not have been obtained had it not been for General Butterfield's close personal acquaintance with them. There still remain, however, a few lectures, nearly all of which are by extremely prominent men, and we are glad that we are to have the pleasure of listening to them before the year is over. In this instance, as in all others, General Butterfield has proved his interest in his Alma Mater, and the student body thank and reverence him for this devotion.

THE EXCELLENT showing made by Union men, both graduates and undergraduates, at the civil service examinations for positions on the State Engineering corps proves what we have always held to, that Union has one of the best engineering courses in the country. Not one Union man failed to pass the examinations, and out of about two hundred appointed up to date from all over the State thirty of them are sons of Old Union. Their training, of course, is due to the work of the mathematical and engineering departments, and while the work of both at times seems very severe, its results are always for the good of the student. It has been so in the present instance and it will continue to be so in the future.

WE ARE glad to note the interest that is being shown in the Shakespeare Club by the faculty. If the students will only show half as much interest, the club is bound to prosper and work for the good of all. During its existence in college it has been a vast benefit to all who have associated themselves with it, and no one has ever regretted being present at its meetings. The study of Shakespeare is interesting to all, and especially to the college man, and one can never learn too much about our greatest poet. The excellent program that has been mapped out, which is to be found in another column, ought to be a great incentive to all; and the members of the faculty, who will devote their time and energies in order to furnish the club with suitable addresses, ought to be made to feel that their efforts are appreciated.

IN ACCORDANCE with the general movement among northern colleges, "the honor system" in examinations has received a great deal of discussion at Union and has been adopted by the Freshman class. This subject has received much

attention during the past few months and in some colleges has been adopted *in toto*, in others has been accepted by individual classes.

"The Honor System" as such is comparatively new in northern colleges. It has been adopted from the south where it has been in successful operation for a great many years. Gradually working north it has now made its triumph almost complete over the old system. By this old system it seemed as though the student and professor were natural enemies and that the latter was attempting to thrust down the throat of the former a certain amount of knowledge in a given time. Under such a condition of affairs the student was bound to make every effort to resist and to use every means to out-wit the professor. But a new order of things is now being established; the instructor and the instructed are working together to see how much can be learned and not how much can be gotten out of. As long as the professor acted as a spy and took it for granted that the student would cheat, the student considered it as his duty to fulfill the professor's expectations. Students who would not stoop to a mean or dishonest act, considered it as legitimate to "horse," not realizing that they were cheating themselves and all about them.

But with this new system and with the thought that is being awakened by the discussions, a higher sense of honor is certainly being developed in the very minutest details. It must surely help establish a higher moral sense and a greater realization of individual responsibility. The *Mail and Express*, in a long editorial hails, this new system with delight and counts upon it to do much for the production of more sincere manhood. F. C. Woodward, of South Carolina college, writing in the *Educational Review*, refers as follows to the success of "the honor system" in the south, and to what it is doing for the students.

"This high estimate of personal responsibility and careful guardianship of personal honor gives to individuals and to national character that moral impregnability against which no onslaught of vice, no subversions of anarchy, shall prevail. And thus do our students guard their own and their college's sacred honor, and put away evil from among us."

Surely if after years of trial in southern colleges this system has brought such good results, Union will welcome the introduction of the system to her own college life.

Pershing, '97, is recovering from his illness, and will soon return to college.

### Personal and Local.

Edwards, ex-'97, is attending Andover.

Cox, '95, was in town during the holidays.

Multer, '98, has entered Brown University.

O. Cox, '98, spent his vacation at Glens Falls.

Moulter, '98, has gone to Brown University.

Failing, '98, and Failing, '99, have left college.

F. H. Eames, '95, was in the city during the vacation.

Prof. Buck takes the Sophomores in Chaucer this term.

Prof. Edwards spent his vacation in Baltimore, Md.

Prof. Mosher spent the Xmas vacation in Rochester.

A. W. Peters, '97, spent the holidays at Rochester.

Van Wormer, '99, spent his vacation at Dunnsville.

A. B. Lawrence, '99, was in New York for the holidays.

Kilpatrick passed part of his vacation at Clyde, N. Y.

Dr. Linhart passed the holidays at Manchester, Conn.

Sheehan, '98, spent the holidays at his home in Hamilton, O.

Prof. Opdyke spent the vacation in Plainfield, N. J., his home.

R. M. Huntley, '99, was on the hill again for the examinations.

Fred. Klein, '95, is studying law in an office in New York city.

A. B. Lawrence, '99, spent part of his vacation in New York.

Sands, '98, attended the Old Guard's ball at New York, Jan. 6.

Craver, '96, is still detained from college on account of sickness.

T. V. W. Anthony, '96, spent his vacation hunting in Virginia.

Cook, '94, was the guest of friends here at the close of last term.

Haggart, '99, is seriously ill with typhoid fever at his home in Gloversville.

Prof. Winans spent the holiday vacation at Gloversville, his former home.

W. H. Hall, '96, visited R. B. Beattie, '96, during the Christmas vacation.

M. A. Twiford, '96, visited his old home in Maryland, during the holidays.

M. H. Strong, '96, made a short visit to Sandy Hill during the vacation.

Bowers, '97, returns this term still feeling a little weak after his long illness.

Charles J. Vrooman, '98, was in New York and vicinity during the holidays.

Of the 84 enrolled in the class of '99 seven have left college and one has died.

Robert C. Alexander, '80, editor of the *Mail and Express*, was in town recently.

S. B. Brown, ex-'97, was the guest of friends on the hill during examination week.

Coanant, '92, principal of the high school at Waverly, N. Y., was in town Dec. 21.

Dr. Raymond attended the Williams College Alumni banquet at New York, Dec. 17.

Cooper, '93, and Potter, '95, attended the funeral of Horace Egleston Fairweather.

Prof. Wright is using a new work on Physics this term. It is edited by H. S. Carhart.

George H. Hughes, '93, of the New York *Mail and Express* was in town Sunday.

R. D. Fuller, '97, spent a few days of the vacation at Dryden with G. Sweetland, '97.

McMahon and Wilson represented the class of '99 at the funeral of the late J. E. Seaman.

The engineers that secured positions on the State Engineering corps have all begun their work.

Barbour, '98, Johnson, '98, and Kellogg, '99, spent the vacation at their homes in Ogdensburg.

Enders, ex-'96, has accepted a position on the reportorial staff of the Schenectady *Daily Gazette*.

President Kellogg, Wilson and McMahon were appointed to attend the funeral of John E. Seaman.

Our ever-welcome friend "Charlie" Kilpatrick has returned to college after his unfortunate illness.

Van der Bogert, '95, who is attending the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, spent the holidays at his home in this city.

Grupe, '93, now a student at the Oberlin Theological Seminary, at Oberlin, O., was in town during vacation.

Geo. Dann, '96, J. S. Cotton, '97, and W. Swann, '98, compose the Adelpic executive committee this winter.

Clements, '95, who is attending the Auburn Theological Seminary, passed the vacation with his parents in this city.

Dr. Raymond gave an address on "Homes and Churches" in the State Street Methodist Church, Saturday, Jan. 11.

Lewis, '90, who has been the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Peissner, for several weeks, has returned to his home in Washington.

Prof. McKenzie is acceptably filling the position of organist at the First Reformed Church during the illness of Prof. Kingsbury.

Prof. Hoffman took an extended southern trip during the Xmas vacation, and visited the Atlanta Exposition before it closed.

Rev. Wm. P. Landon, '89, of Chicago, Ill., who has just returned from an extended European tour, spent the holidays with his father, Hon. Judson S. Landon, of this city.

Dr. Raymond officiated at the marriage of Dr. George H. Beebe to Miss Lilia D. Brainard, at Albany, Dec. 17. Dr. Beebe was the valedictorian of the class of '94, A. M. C.

The New York *World* of Dec. 20th contained among its "Mothers of Noted Men," a portraiture of Mrs. (Bishop) Alonzo Potter, of New York. She is a daughter of Dr. Eliphalet Nott.

Gen. Daniel Butterfield, '49, addressed the National Republican committee at Washington, Dec. 10. He spoke in favor of New York City as the place for holding the national convention in '96.

The Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletics of America will hold its annual convention in New York City on the 29th of February. Manager W. L. Terry, '96, will represent Union.

The faculty have ruled that no one can be on the athletic team who has more than two conditions. This is for the interests of non-professionalism in athletics, of which Union has always been an advocate.

Additional electives have been offered as follows: Advanced Rhetoric, for Seniors and Juniors, by Prof. Hale; Bacteriology, for Seniors, by Prof. Stoller; French, for Seniors and Junior, Prof. Mosher; Ethics, for Seniors, by Prof. Buck.

A. J. Braman, '94, who for some time past has been connected with the local department of the Schenectady *Daily Gazette*, has severed his connection with that paper to take a more lucrative position in the office of the General Electric Company.

The Philomathean Society has elected the following officers; President, Geo. E. Pollock, '96; vice-president, J. Wood, '96; secretary, Mabon, '98; treasurer, D. L. Wood, '97; curator, Gambel, '99; judicial bench, G. L. Van Deusen, '96, H. H. Brown, '97, Wm. H. Reed, '98.

### The College Library.

The college library is a feature of inestimable usefulness and value, and it is with pleasure that we learn of added improvements and new arrangements that have been made for the convenience of every student.

Prof. Lamoroux spent much of the summer vacation, and is still devoting his time, in rearranging the books. The volumes of the old Adelpic and Philomathean libraries have been placed upon the shelves of the main library under their appropriate headings, from which they may still be obtained by students for periods of two weeks. Upon placing these books in the main body of the library it was found that the college was in possession of many duplicates. Other works had lost their usefulness. Such books are being turned into cash as fast as possible. The proceeds are to be used in obtaining valuable books that will be of immediate use to the college departments. There is already a small increase in the number of volumes since last year, especially in college departmental texts. Other works have been received from loyal friends of "Old Union."

Our college library has no special fund at present to draw upon when new books are desired, and so in the absence of any standing endowment, Prof. Lamoroux's scheme of replacing the old and duplicate volumes by new works of practical and daily use, will materially enhance the value of the library to the student and reader.

## PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS.

The committee in charge of the examinations under the honor system for the class of '99 for the Freshman year consists of W. G. Kellogg, chairman; H. K. Wright from the Classics, H. J. Hinman from the Latin Scientifics, W. K. Rosselle from the Scientifics and C. Lord from the Engineers.

The officers of the Adelphic Society for this term are: President, R. Guernsey, '96; vice-president, Ira Hotaling, '97; secretary, L. E. Cullen, '98; treasurer, H. C. Allen, '98; curators, H. L. Beardsley, '99, A. O. Casey, '99, L. L. Schmitter, '99; executive committee, G. J. Dann, '96, J. S. Cotton, '97, W. M. Swann, '98.

Dr. Truax has been engaged to deliver a second course of lectures before the University Extension Class at Salem, N. Y. Two years ago he was at Salem and last year at Saratoga, but he made such a decided success in the former place that he had to consider their call this winter. The course consists of ten lectures, and the general subject is "American Literature." He has already delivered two lectures, one on "Colonial Literature," and the other on "Benjamin Franklin and Washington Irving."

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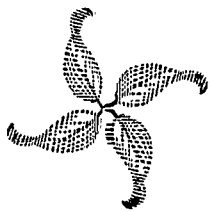
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The letter is undated, but the others, from distinguished contemporaries of Dr. Nott: Bishop Hobert, Justice Story, De Witt Clinton, Rufus King, James Kent, Cæsar Rodney, Joseph Quincy, President Kirkland of Harvard, and others, have the date 1812.

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### Union at the Civil Service Examinations.

At the recent examinations held by the State to secure an engineering corps for the canal improvements, Union men were eminently successful. At that time engineers old and young, from far and near, gathered at Albany to try the civil service examinations for engineer, levelman, rodman and chainman. The rigor of the examinations may be inferred from the fact that but a little over half of the whole number presenting themselves were able to pass the examinations and secure appointments. But of the 200 receiving such appointments, 30 were Union men, both alumni and students; every Union man that attempted was successful.

From the undergraduate body there were nine Seniors and one Junior that received appointments; of these, eight were of the engineering and two of the scientific course. This will show that the courses of study offered at Union are finely arranged to fit the student to meet the requirements of practical life. The result of the examinations reflect great credit upon the mathematical and engineering departments, for they were mostly engaged with these two subjects.

Those gaining appointments were: E. A. Sommer, '96, H. P. Willis, '97, levelman; C. E. Gordon, Chas. Cleaver, C. A. Hunt, L. M. Scofield, R. S. Greenman, Alex. Blessing, A. T. Wemple and Ray Morris, all of the class of '96, rodmen. All of these, except Mr. Greenman, have accepted the appointments and left last Monday for work.

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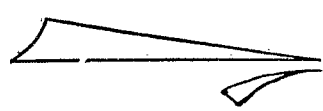
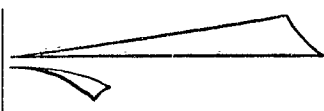
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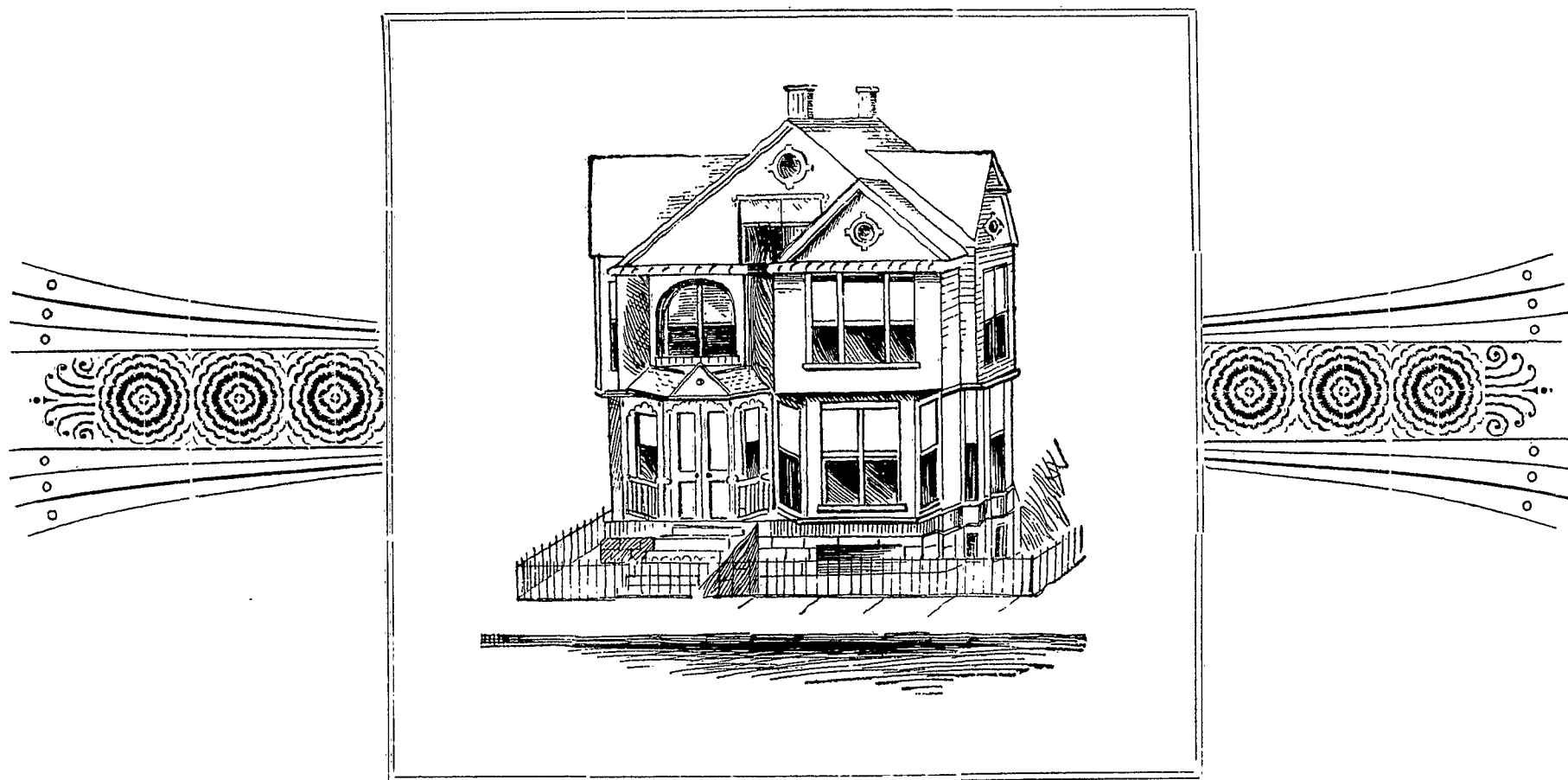
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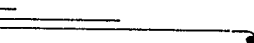
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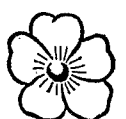
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