

# THE GONCORDIENSIS.

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## The Song to Old Union.

The Commencement Ode is Union's best classic. For fifty years it has been sung at Commencement, and every year its melody seems to swell more grandly; every year, the throng demands more eagerly the repetition of its refrain. The ardor with which it was rendered at our Centennial exceeded that of any previous occasion. Never was its power more nobly attested. The great audience hushed with expectation, the solemn notes of the organ, the beautiful, soulful lines: "Let the Grecian dream of his sacred stream," chanted by two thousand voices, the faces of aged alumni lighted by the thronging memories of the past, the happy countenances of the young, illuminated by I know not what influence—but know 'tis a sacred something which links them, too, with the past the ever increasing enthusiasm culminating in a thrice repeated chorus—this all formed a scene most memorable, a study for psychologist or philosopher. Nor was the effect different, save in intensity, from that of other Commencements. There is always the same eager expectancy on the part of alumni and friends of the college, the same desire to have our friends participate in the pleasure, the same enthusiasm and kindling of emotion. All feel that the Commencement Ode repays the sacrifices we make to visit Alma Mater.

And yet, this lyric which octogenarian and stripling alike love, engraved as it is in all our hearts, was written by a youth in a half-hour. Not many know the story of its composition, and at any rate, it will bear re-telling. Mr. Henry N. Raymond, class of '58, now residing in Cleveland, was Fitz Hugh Ludlow's chum and room-mate. They were both members of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and roomed in what was then the Kap. Section, N. S. N. C. I give the story in his own words. "One day

about a month before Fitz Hugh's graduation, we were sitting in our room playing whist, when there was a knock at the door. It was Dr. Nott's servant who announced that the President would like to see Mr. Ludlow. Fitz gave his whist hand to another and left, we chaffing him a bit about being diciplined. In a short time he returned, saying the doctor wanted him to write an ode for Commencement. We continued our game, and Ludlow sat down and scribbled. We had hardly finished the hand when he rose and read the complete poem. To our exclamation, 'Pray when did you write it?' he answered, 'On the way back and here.' The whole affair did not take to exceed three-fourths of an hour."

One is reminded by this remarkable bit of impromptu production of the writing of "*America*," by Dr. Samuel Francis Smith. In a half-hour, he says, he wrote upon a piece of scrap-paper the words of the entire anthem substantially as they stand to-day. There are many instances of rapid literary production. Alexander Dumas was wont to write a play in a week, but he pondered over plan and characters a year in advance. There are comparatively few cases where conception and execution alike are the work of an hour. Mr. Raymond says Ludlow wrote everything in this same careless, rapid way. A thought, a dash of the pen—'twas done. The stanzas of the *Terrace Song* were composed off-hand as the boys sat singing on summer evenings. Later, as a book-reviewer, his habit was to read a book on his way home in the omnibus, then to write his critique after dinner. He was one of those literary geniuses to whom all comes of inspiration. He was no Mastersinger, making verse by rule, but a Minnesinger, who would sing the praises of his noble lady out of the fullness of his heart.

Mathematics and kindred subjects he disliked. Coming out of his final test in mechanics, he

threw his text-book high in air and shouted, "Whoop, la! good-bye, Jack."

His *hasheesh* habit was contracted while in college. He brought a piece back with him one vacation, and tried to induce others to try its delightful effects. Some did. Under its spell, one musician found he could sweep the organ-keys with marvelous power, while Fitz Hugh could and did poetize by the yard. Though the habit led to his final downfall, it did not prevent his doing much good literary work before he died. A year after graduation he wrote *The Hasheesh Eater*, describing his own pleasures and pains. His *Little Brother and Other Tales* appeared in *Harper's Monthly* as a series of short stories. Later, he wrote *The Heart of the Continent*, describing, I believe, his travels in the Yosemite Valley. In *The Opium Habit* he again gives his personal experience.

His death took place in Switzerland in 1870. All who read his life story must feel that 'tis a sad one. He was not a poet, but he might have been; not a notable man of letters, but he might have been. Intellectually strong, morally weak. We think and speak of him as "Poor Fitz Hugh Ludlow." But he has erected his monument, and Union boys will ever keep the garlands green upon it. So long as the "grand old seat of stone" endures, so long as Alma Mater gives her dips, will his memory be precious to the wearers of the garnet. A. S. WRIGHT, '82.

### Athletes Honored.

Chas. H. Kilpatrick, '98, has added to his already large assortment of trophies a beautiful watch charm, the gift of the New York Athletic Club to the world's champion. The face of the charm bears the Mercury Foot of the club, formed of 15 rubies and 10 diamonds, together with the inscription "Half-Mile Run" and the bearer's initials. On the reverse is engraved, "New York A. C. vs. London A. C., World's Record, 1 min., 53 2-5 sec., Sept. 21, 1895." Kilpatrick and Geo. Sands, '98, will both receive the Mercury Foot scarf pin, which is given to every member of the team. It contains 37 diamonds and rubies.

### Albany and Old Union.

At last the people of Albany have decided to do something concerning removing Union to that city except talk. For some time they have been doing the latter, and it really seems that they do mean to do something else after all. Mayor John Boyd Thatcher was elected on a Union College removal platform, and now he *must*, of necessity, show the people that he was sincere. What the result will be remains to be seen.

A meeting, the object of which was to consider the matter of the removal of the college to that city, was held in the High School building in Albany Saturday night. There was a good attendance, and there seemed to be lots of enthusiasm over the subject. Rousing speeches were made by Prof. C. E. Franklin, Justice D. Cady Herrick, Prof. Melville Dewey, Rev. Dr. Battershall, F. W. Cameron, Louis W. Pratt, Prof. O. D. Robinson, Father Mangan and J. Newton Fiero. Letters were also read from Bishop Burke, Dr. Fred. Z. Rooper, Dudley Olcott, W. E. Drislane and Secretary of State Palmer. Nearly all were in favor of the project, and the result was the adoption of the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That the chairman of this meeting appoint a committee of fifty, which shall be charged, on behalf of the citizens of Albany with the duty of accomplishing the purpose set forth in the foregoing memorandum in such a manner as they may deem proper, and to that end to obtain legislation necessary therefor and to present such legislation, when obtained, to the common council for its approval.

*Resolved*, That such committee have power to appoint such sub-committee or committees and charge them with such duties and responsibilities in connection with this matter as it shall deem proper.

Work is still being carried on in the class rooms, and we have as yet seen no signs of the buildings about the campus being torn down. The weather is rather cold for the students to be turned out and removed at present, so we presume the work will be delayed until spring at least.

### Mohammedanism, Confucianism, Hindooism, Buddhism.

It is probable that very few of us could give a questioner any definite idea of these great faiths which dominate the religious life of 900,000,000 of our fellowmen. Recognizing the fact, the educational department of the College Young Men's Christian Association has prepared a course for college men that will, in its eight studies, aim at a comprehensive but brief study of these faiths in their relation to Christianity. "Few arguments for Christianity are stronger than those arising from a careful study of other religious systems," and this course should appeal to each college man.

The course will be pursued during the present term at Union, under the direction of the missionary committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, and a cordial invitation is extended to each man who is interested to join our class. The text-book will be Grant's "Religions of the World in Relation to Christianity," and may be ordered of any member of this committee (consisting of Young, '96, Rogers, '98, Mattison, '98). The classes will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms every Sunday at 9:30 A. M. This hour has been found most convenient by those who have pursued those studies in the past. The text-book used during the last term was Beach's "The Cross in the Land of the Trident," and it proved a mine of information to those who pursued the study of India.

MATTISON, '98.

### Matter of Fact.

"Who is the lady," my fair friend said,  
 "The one to whom Brown is talking now?"  
 I glanced across at the curly head;  
 "His wife is blond, it is she I vow"  
 In a tone from which the fun had fled—  
 Here is the gem of my canzonet—  
 "It can't be his wife, you know," she said,  
 "For he took off his hat when they met."

C. W. CRANNELL.

### The Sophomore Soiree.

The committee having in charge the arrangements for the annual soiree given by the Sophomore class are sparing no efforts to make the soiree this year the most successful one ever given at Union. At first they thought some of giving the soiree in Nott Memorial Hall, but after considering everything carefully they decided to hold it in the Van Curler Opera House, as has been done the past two years. The Van Curler certainly makes an ideal place for a successful dance. With the floor extended from the stage over the pit and covered with crash excellent dancing room is given; and, too, with the addition of floral and bunting decorations a beautiful hall is obtained. Gioscia's and Gartland's orchestra is to furnish the music, and this is a guarantee that it will be "up to the limit." The refreshments will be served on an elaborate scale by Dobermann, Schenectady's popular caterer. It is expected that the attendance will be the largest ever present at a Union College soiree. In addition to a large number of residents of Schenectady, parties of young people from Troy, Albany, Lansingburgh, Johnstown and other places even more distant will be present.

The ladies who are to act as patronesses are: Mrs. A. V. V. Raymond, Mrs. B. W. Arnold, Mrs. C. C. Brown, Mrs. J. A. De Remer, Mrs. G. W. Gibson, Mrs. John Kruesi, Mrs. E. E. Hale, Mrs. C. P. Linhart, Mrs. H. T. Mosher, Mrs. J. K. Paige, Mrs. J. L. Patterson, Mrs. Maurice Perkins, Mrs. I. B. Price, Mrs. C. S. Prosser, Mrs. B. H. Ripton, Mrs. J. W. Smitley, Mrs. J. H. Stoller, Mrs. James Strain, Mrs. J. R. Truax, Mrs. W. C. Vrooman, Mrs. W. E. Walker, Mrs. C. O. Yates.

The members of the Chi Psi fraternity were entertained at the residence of Miss Halsey, on South Church St., last Friday evening. Mrs. Clute received, assisted by Miss Halsey, Miss Arthur, Miss Kruesi, Miss Strain, Miss Brown and the Misses Bates.

### Re-Union of Albany Medical College Alumni.

The alumni of the Medical department of Union University have recently formed the Albany Medical College Alumni Association of greater New York, and on January 16th the first re-union of the new association was celebrated in New York City. The membership of the association has now reached seventy-five and applications for admission are being freely received. The first dinner was enjoyed in the banquet hall of the Hotel Savoy, and about fifty members assembled.

The president, Dr. John W. Warner, occupied the central seat at the table of honor. In company with him were the Rev. Dr. John E. Bushnell, President Raymond, Professor Albert Van der Veer and Professor Samuel B. Ward of the faculty of the medical college. Among the guests were Assistant District Attorney John F. McIntyre, of New York; John P. Faure, Commissioner of Public Charities; Professor William H. Thompson, ex-Congressman John S. Wise, of Virginia; Dr. Maurice J. Lewis, Secretary of the State Board of Medical Examiners, and St. Clair McKelway. There were also present the following officers of the alumni: Dr. Horace Macy Hanks, vice-president; Dr. Warren C. Spalding, secretary; Dr. Robert F. Macfarlane, assistant secretary; Dr. Allen Fitch, treasurer; Dr. John A. Custer, Dr. Robert E. Fivey, Dr. L. N. Lanehart, Dr. Henry F. Muller, governors.

The speeches of the evening were characterized by many flashes of wit and humor, and were delivered by President Raymond, Dr. Warner, Professor Van der Veer, Dr. Hall, John S. Wise, Professor Smith, Dr. Bushnell, Professor Ward, St. Clair McKelway and Dr. Levi.

A committee composed of the following men has been appointed by the President of the class of '99 to see about purchasing class canes: Messrs. Mead, Davis, Gamby, Medbery, Tucker and Bradford.

### Shakespeare Club Meeting.

The Shakespeare Club held the first regular meeting of the term's series Thursday evening, Jan. 23. Prof. Bennett delivered an interesting and instructive lecture on the Greek play. He briefly sketched the origin, character and purpose of the Greek tragedy, as represented by the three great masters, Æschylus, Sophocles and Euripodes, with illustrative readings from several Greek authors.

Cotton and Pershing, '98, Mattison, Fisher, Nelson and McMillan, '98, were elected members. Action was also taken to arrange for a cut for the *Garnet*. Two weeks from the above date Prof. Edwards will discuss a Sanskrit play.

### Communications.

We are constantly being congratulated on the excellence of THE CONCORDIENSIS of this year. The following are samples, and they speak for themselves:

*Walter L. Huggins, Esq.:*

*Schenectady, N. Y.*

*Dear Sir:*

The appearance of THE CONCORDIENSIS is perfect, and for that reason I cannot refrain from reminding you that the post failed to deliver number 3 of your worthy paper, and you will confer a great favor upon me by mailing such to my address.

I am, sir,

Yours truly,

GEORGE V. SMITH, '94.

*Mr. Walter L. Huggins,*

*Schenectady, N. Y.*

MY DEAR HUGGINS:

Enclosed please find check for \$2 in payment of my subscription for CONCORDIENSIS. I congratulate you and the other members of the Board of Editors upon the success of the paper. It appears to be *alive*. I am especially pleased with the manner you have treated the Williams-Union game. From what I have been able to learn of the *particulars* of that game I deem your report both dignified and sportsmanlike. I trust the fellows will give the paper the support it deserves.

Very truly yours,

WM. ALLEN, '95.



### The Junior Hop.

The fourth dance of the Junior series was held last Friday evening at Yates' boat house. At this period it is too cold to heat Memorial Hall, and so the boat house was chosen, and a good choice it was, too, for it is especially fitted for such a party. Of the hops given this season the one on Friday evening was by far the best, and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. There was a good-sized crowd present, and the music was beyond description—Gioscia always is. The committee is to be congratulated on their work, for the series has been a success clear through, both socially and financially. Probably several more hops will be given after Lent, and the series is to close with a Junior promenade. No more will be given this term, in order not to interfere with the Sophomore soiree.

Among those present from out of town were Miss Cobb, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Miss Mason of Baltimore and Miss Leaman, of Philadelphia. From the city were Mrs. Price, Mrs. Truax, Mrs. Watkins, the Misses Beattie, the Misses Walker, Rachel Yates, Carrie Davis, Truax, Johnson, Sikes, Madge Campbell, Watkins, Greenleaf, Ellis, Nott, Frame, Clute, Caldwell, Mrs. Lovejoy, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Raymond and Mrs. Armstrong.

### A Plea for Strong Men.

God give us men! A time like this demands  
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready  
hands.

Men whom the lust of office does not kill;  
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;  
Men who possess opinion and a will;  
Men who have honor—men who will not lie;  
Men who can stand before a demagogue  
And damn his treacherous flatteries without  
winking;

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog  
In public duty and in private thinking.  
For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn  
creeds,

Their large professions and their little deeds—  
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,  
Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps.

ELI PERKINS.

### Our Foot-Ball Team.

AIR—“*The Terrace Song.*”

Come, Union boys, let's have a cheer,  
And yell with all our might,  
To help our gallant foot-ball men,  
Who on the gridiron fight;  
To cheer them as they buck the line  
And 'round the ends do dash,  
And help them with a “hikah,”  
As through the line they crash.

The garnet dear is bound to wave  
Triumphant on this field,  
It never to the onslaughts of  
The enemy can yield;  
So cheer again, my merry boys,  
Let's have another cheer,  
To help along the Union line  
That to us is so dear.

Now tackle low, ye Union boys,  
And tackle good and hard,  
Get low upon the line, we say,  
Don't let them gain a yard;  
And Captain “Beck,” cheer on  
Your men, they're under your control,  
For surely Myers and Sweet and Lyon  
In the line will find a hole.

Let's have another cheer, my boys,  
A cheer for Father Brown,  
As we hear the referee cry out,  
For Williams 'tis third down;  
Now take the ball ye Union men,  
And push it o'er the line,  
For a touchdown means a victory,  
For which our hearts do pine.

CHORUS:

Our grand old foot-ball team,  
Our gallant foot-ball team,  
With eleven such men we'er bound to win;  
Our mighty foot-ball team.

R. B. BEATTIE, '96.

At a joint meeting of the Philomathean and Adelpic societies, held Saturday morning, Jan. 18, the question of postponing the Allison-Foote debate was thoroughly discussed, and a committee was appointed to confer with a committee of the faculty to see if a later date can be arranged. The shortness of the time before Feb. 20 is the objection to that date.

### Here and There.

It looks strange to see the address, "Police Headquarters, New York," appear in the list of addresses in the new Harvard catalogue; but Mr. Theodore Roosevelt is one of the Overseers of the University, and of course his address must appear. Well, after all, it will be comforting to Harvard men to know where to find their friends when in the metropolis.

#### THE HANDSOMEST M. C.

Union men are distinguishing themselves in many directions, and their popularity of course increases in consequence. Naturally they are always noted for their good looks but it is seldom that such a thing is commented upon in the papers. In reading the *Sunday World* a few weeks ago we ran across the following clipping concerning one of Union's younger trustees and a graduate in the class of '85—Congressman Wallace T. Foote, Jr., of Port Henry, N. Y.:

"When you go to the Capitol go early; and if you're clever, get hold of one of those nice little boys that flutter around. Then you give him a quarter, and he will tell you stories that will open both your eyes. He will point out the handsomest man in Congress and will tell you his name is Charles Bennett of Brooklyn, N. Y. You will observe that he has a tall and finely moulded figure and wears well-cut clothes. The wavy blond hair and the finely cut features, and the long, tawny mustache that go to make him the handsomest man in Congress have a substantial backing in a strong chin, a firm mouth and a broad, well-shaped forehead. If that small page boy does his duty, he will also point out that other New York Congressman, Wallace T. Foote, Jr., whose name should be bracketed with that of Mr. Bennett in speaking of the handsomest member. Some women declare Foote is handsomer than Bennett. I heard two women quarrelling up in the gallery over that very point. I heard one of the women saying: 'But Mr. Foote's iron gray Paderewski hair is so much more romantic and picturesque. And that red carnation in his buttonhole and that dark red necktie and gray suit and his jet black mustache! Why he is a perfect symphony in gray and black and red. Of course he's the handsomest.' 'Oh, but he isn't; you know Mr. Bennett has so much the finer figure and'— But something here cut off the conversation."

J. O. Reynolds, '94, assistant engineer at Naugatuck, Conn., spent Sunday in the city.

### Activity in Y. M. C. A.

Amid the general activity that prevails preparatory to mid-winter meets, debates and oratorical contests, only those who study the inner life of the student have noticed the quiet but steady enthusiasm that is radiating from the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. There, since the beginning of last week, half-hour prayer meetings have been held every evening at 7 o'clock. A score or more are generally found assembled here, and earnest expression made of the interest of the Christian workers in their fellow-students. The work is not without fruit. Some men are declaring themselves more strongly on the side of right and truth.

These services are preparatory to the approaching Day of Prayer for colleges. It is very fitting that this department of college life should make its influence felt in a decided manner when everything else is at the height of interest. No student whose sympathies are with Christian life for the college man should neglect to attend and help the service of the association.

### Musical Association Notes.

The musical clubs are holding weekly rehearsals, and will soon begin to rehearse twice a week. The outlook for all the clubs is very promising, especially for the banjo and mandolin. Mr. Stewart, of the preparatory department, is a recent valuable addition to the banjo club. The mandolin club has played at an entertainment at the Presbyterian Church, and will also play at the First Reformed. Dates have been secured for Albany, Johnstown and Gloversville, and other concerts will probably be given in the vicinity. The quartette which sang at the Northern New York Alumni banquet, Tuesday evening, at the Kenmore, was composed of Beattie, '96, Gillespie, Medical, '96, Green, '99, and Hild, '98. The clubs have been photographed, and cuts will appear in the *Garnet*.

The athletes are starting to train for the mid-winter and spring meets, and the "gym." presents quite a lively sight these afternoons.

### Personal and Local.

Rev. Mr. Fay, '82, officiated at chapel Jan. 14.

H. E. Barbour, '98, is ill at home in Ogdensburg.

H. A. Fisk, of Albany, has entered the class of '99.

Bonesteel, '99, spent Sunday at his home in Kingston.

The essays to be written this term by '99 will be descriptive.

S. B. Brown, ex-'97, of Gloversville, was in town, Jan. 21.

Sage, '99, spent the latter part of last week at Binghamton.

Derby, '96, spent Sunday, Jan. 19, at his home in Sandy Hill.

Hoxie, '99, visited friends at Saratoga the latter part of last week.

Dr. George Furbeck, '92, was the guest of friends in town, Jan. 21.

Wemple, ex-'96, is stationed at Schuylerville on the Champlain Canal.

Six Freshmen are registered as candidates for the 'varsity base-ball team.

The candidates for the 'varsity base-ball team begin indoor training next week.

Mattison, '98, has preached at Prospect Hill Chapel for several Sunday evenings past.

The mandolin and guitar clubs were photographed at Talbot's, Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Robert C. Alexander, '80, of the New York *Mail and Express*, was in town, Jan. 21.

A. B. Lawrence, '99, spent Saturday and Sunday with J. M. E. Pruyn, '99, of Albany.

E. A. Sommer, ex-'96, who has been appointed leveler, is stationed at Lockport, N. Y.

S. W. Skinner, '95, who is attending the Albany Law School, visited friends on the hill, Jan. 20.

Young, '96, occupied the pulpit of the First English Lutheran Church on Sunday evening, Jan. 12.

Rev. William Elliot Griffis, D. D., of Ithaca, formerly a professor at Union, occupied the pulpit of the First Reformed Church, Sunday, Jan. 19. Dr. Griffis was pastor of the First Church for nine years.

Blessing, ex-'96, is doing engineering work under Division Engineer Sebring, '92, near Amsterdam.

Gen. Horace Porter has been elected commander of George Washington Post, G. A. R., of New York City.

The first examinations of the term in Junior History and Psychology occur Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

We are very sorry to note that the registrar, Mrs. Peissner, is, on account of rheumatism, compelled to use crutches.

Fox, '99, and French, '99, have purchased the "Book Exchange," formerly conducted by Vossler, '95, and Nellis, '98.

Dr. Raymond is making an effort to establish a Charter Day celebration for Union College, to be held annually between Feb. 20 and Feb. 25.

Rev. Henry G. Dean, '89, has resigned his charge at Lyndonville, N. Y., and is now enjoying a much needed rest at his home in this city.

Fuller, Williams and Multer have been nominated by the students as candidates for the position of scorer for the coming base-ball season.

The mandolin club took part in the entertainment given by the E. A. Darling Band of the First Presbyterian Church, Friday evening, Jan. 17.

Lawton, '94, has charge of the engineering work between locks 19 and 24 on the Erie Canal; Sebring, '92, has a section west of lock 24.

The Mandolin club, at a social held at the First Presbyterian Church, of this city, rendered several selections which were well received by the audience.

The petition for a college mail carrier was signed by President Raymond Friday afternoon and immediately forwarded to the postmaster-general at Washington.

Morris, '96, and Payne, '95, who have been appointed rodmen, are stationed at Rochester under Division Engineer Little, '88, at one time an instructor at Union.

R. C. Alexander, '80, Gen. Daniel Butterfield, '49, and Gen. Horace Porter are members of the recently formed committee of 500, an anti-Platt organization, of New York City.

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WHERE is our dramatic club?

THE SOIREE of the Sophomore class bids fair to eclipse any that has ever before been held at Union. Enormous preparations are being made by the committee to have it a grand success, and everybody in college who dances should be on hand.

ATTENTION! Albany hereby notifies the students of Union College that it will be unnecessary for them to engage board in Schenectady for the spring term. Arrangements have been made whereby the college is to be removed to Albany during the Easter vacation—all except Memorial Hall and a fleet of canal boats is being constructed on which to remove it, at a later date. For further information apply to the committee of fifty.

THE CONCORDIENSIS would like to call attention to the fact that the daily papers in the library are used by the students mostly during

the morning. We would also like to suggest that an effort be made whereby those papers may be put on file at an earlier hour. The New York papers arrive at 8:47, and it is often 11 o'clock, and always 10:30, when they are put in the library. It seems absurd that it should take such a long time before the students are able to procure them, and it would be a great convenience if they could be obtained earlier.

IT SEEMS strange that the librarian should be compelled nearly every week to place a bulletin on the board calling for the return of some book that has been taken from the library. Yet stranger still it seems that he is also compelled to call the attention of the student body to the fact that some one either takes or destroys newspapers which are kept on file in the library, and which are valuable for purposes of reference. This should not be necessary. The library of course, is open for the convenience of every student so far as he uses it as he should, but if any one is caught destroying or removing anything that is of value to it, he should at once be treated in such a manner by the student body that it would be necessary for him to leave the institution. It is a disgrace to the college that such things should occur, and if the student body would take the interest in the matter that they should it would have to be stopped. The sooner it is done the better it will be for all.

THE CONCORDIENSIS heartily agrees with President Raymond in his views as expressed in chapel a few weeks ago concerning the date of the joint debate which is to take place between members of the Philomathean and Adelpic societies. This debate is destined to become of great consequence to Union College students, and especially to the members of the two societies. Its importance, however, will depend more upon the time when it is to take place than upon any other consideration. It should be given the utmost prominence, not only for its own sake but in recognition of the loyalty and generosity of the founders of the prizes which are to be awarded in its connection. Mr. George F. Allison, '84, and Mr. Wallace T. Foote, '85, have done more in establishing these prizes to advance the interests of the two societies and to renew the old time prominence given to debating than anything else which has taken place here for many years.

The date upon which this debate is to be held has not yet been decided. A committee was appointed to consider the matter, but they have not yet re-



ported. We would suggest that they hurry up, as time is valuable and the winter term is fast passing away. Why not act upon the President's suggestion and have it during the latter half of this term? The President always has the best interests of the students at heart, and he probably gave the matter careful consideration before speaking about it in chapel.

WHAT is the matter with having a college banquet? Now that the work of the term is fairly under headway, we do not see why the student body should not have a gathering, such as a banquet, where they may come together and have a jolly good time. It has been the custom every year to have such a gathering, but last winter, owing to some unaccountable reason, none was held. Almost every other college in the country has an annual undergraduate banquet, and Union should not be behind in this respect. Of course at times there are some highly enthusiastic sons of Old Union who are not satisfied with the feast of reason, but go a little beyond; but no one can claim any harm is done. A committee ought to be appointed—one that has some hustling ability about it—and if we are not mistaken the undergraduates will work with them in order to insure a banquet that has never been equalled in the history of the college.

"OLD UNION must come" is the big headline of one of the Albany papers. Well, that probably decides it, and soon the college will move from "the hill" in Old Dorp, and will locate itself in the vicinity of the penitentiary in the capitol city. Albany is really in earnest this time about moving the college. She has held a mass meeting of her representative citizens, and they are all enthusiastic on the subject. She has even gone so far as to make overtures to Schenectady, and offers to trade the poor-house for the college. This would be perfectly fair and satisfactory to all parties. The college alumni would be particularly pleased; they could come back in future years for reunions and sit on the Terrace and sing about "Old Union smiling o'er us," while the inmates of the poor-house were making merry on the campus.

But then, there are the advantages which Albany offers; "there is the State library and the geological exhibitions," says one speaker; and "the library and State museums," says another, and still a third remembers that it would offer the college the use of the State library and the geological exhibits. Of course these inducements are

great, and without doubt there would be two hundred and sixty students in one or the other each afternoon and all day Saturday. Besides these advantages there is the superior fire department and the water system, and the general high standard of health. There might also be mentioned the theatres and the park where the college boys could play.

Albany certainly has a strong case, and is willing to give any amount to have these departments of science and art in her midst. There will soon be over two million dollars ready, and then the college will go.

Good-bye, dear old Dorp! This is where a very few of us have wooed and won, where most of us have loved and lost; but you have no charms compared with the State museum and the penitentiary; no memories can hold us here.

IT MUST be recognized that during the past year Union has had a great many disappointments in her athletics. With the best foot-ball team she has ever had, and with track athletes of a national and international reputation, still many things have conspired to make the past season one to be regretted. Union has had the charges of professionalism and dishonesty brought against her, and some testimony has been brought forward to support the charges. But there is probably not a college in the country that has had teams composed of more *bona fide* students and managed in a more thorough business like manner than Union. Everything goes to show that all the charges have been founded on tricks intended to draw Union into a snare and pushed forward by jealousy.

But, nevertheless these reports have been industriously circulated and published; and Union to-day has to stand up before them and prove her claim to honorable and honest athletics. How shall this be done is the question that must be answered. And the faculty have taken the first step in the right way by issuing the rule which they recently have that no student having more than two conditions, or having one after two opportunities to remove it, nor any eclectic or irregular student, shall play on any team. This is not a blow at any member of any team, but a mere announcement that Union will have none but actual college men engaged in her athletic contests, and that, although the value of athletics is recognized, they are not to be considered the most important feature in college life.

What then is left for the student body to do? It is to put the best team in the field that the college has ever had. Backed up by this rule the

college can look straight ahead and fear no one. As long as this rule is enforced there can be no doubt as to the honesty of the teams. Athletics at Union are helped, not hindered, by this rule, and the students should put forth every effort to make the teams the best possible.

AS HAS been announced, the manager of the track athletic association has made arrangements to hold a dual indoor contest, on Feb. 7, with a team from the Cooperstown Athletic Club. Last year we had a similar contest, and owing to several circumstances unlooked for, were beaten by a very small margin. At present it looks as if we will be beaten again. With such a contest so near at hand there ought to be many contestants in the gymnasium every afternoon who are ready to do all in their power to uphold the athletic fame of their college. Instead, how many are there? Perhaps one or two, and they only at odd times. No one except the manager seems to take any interest at all in the matter. This should not be the case. We have our honor to defend, and if the athletes in college would do the work they should, our team could come home victors. We have the material in college, but it amounts to naught if undeveloped. Unless our athletes get in good physical condition, we would advise that the meet be canceled.

But where does the fault lie? It is not in the manager for he is doing all he can to arouse interest and to make the thing a success. Is it not in the fact that the gymnasium is so cold and disagreeable that one dislikes to go there to exercise? How it can be expected that a man will go to the gymnasium, change to his athletic suit, exercise, and then take a shower bath, with the air so cold that one may cut his breath with a knife, is hard to understand. One runs a great risk of catching a cold that will do him a far greater injury than the exercise will do him good, so he stays out and takes his exercise in some other way. If we are to do anything at all in athletics, we *must* have some place to exercise without running the risk of hurting our health. Just whose fault it is THE CONCORDIENSIS does not know, but we call attention to the fact, and the sooner it is remedied the better it will be for athletics and for the college.

Some of the younger professors were enjoying the fine coasting on the Union street hill the other night.

## ALBANY MEDICAL COLLEGE.

### The New York Medical Society.

The Medical Society of the State of New York will hold its nineteenth annual meeting on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, at Jermain Hall in Albany. On Tuesday morning the President's inaugural address will be delivered, and a business meeting will be held. The rest of the time will be devoted to reading and discussing papers. Those doctors who will read papers are: W. E. Ford, A. Van der Veer, Herman Myntern, J. D. Bryant, Willy Meyer, J. Garrigues, Reynold W. Wilcox, T. Halstead Meyers, E. D. Fisher, M. A. Starr, Seneca D. Powell, B. Sachs, Charles L. Dana, Jas. W. Putnam, W. C. Krauss, George Woolsey, Wm. Pepper, Jas. H. Etheridge, W. G. MacDonald, R. S. Hardner, W. S. Cheesman, W. Browning, Floyd S. Crego, H. N. Vineberg, M. A. Veeder, W. W. Seymour, W. Hailes, J. P. Creveling, M. L. Foster, Grace Peckham-Murray, Louis F. Bishop, Eli H. Long, J. W. Whitbeck, E. H. Wilson, W. P. Mason, M. A. Crockett, Chas. Jewett, A. W. Suiter, J. L. Heffron, Geo. T. Elliot, Ernest Wender, E. H. Grandin, P. W. Van Peyma, President Chas. W. Eliot of Harvard, M. D. Mann, G. P. Clarke, Paul F. Mundy, H. C. Mac Lean, Nathan Jacobson, H. R. Hopkins and J. H. Hunt.

The annual dinner of the society will be held at the Kenmore on Wednesday evening and preceeding this the President delivers his anniversary address in the Senate Chamber. The officers of the association are: Roswell Park, president; William Maddern, vice-president; Frederick C. Curtis, secretary; Chas. H. Porter, treasurer.

Falkner, '96, has left college.

Sawyer, '94, was in town last week.

Bailey, '95, visited friends here last week.

Dr. Bartlett has resumed his course of lectures on electro-therapeutics.

Dr. McDonald, after a short illness, is again welcomed in the lecture room.

Stevens, Rooney, Bignal and King, of the class of '98, are on the sick list.

## THE ALBANY LAW SCHOOL

Since the last issue of THE CONCORDJENSIS the following names have been added to the register: Trenton J. Davis, of Orwell, N. Y.; O. T. Nye, of Watkins, N. Y.; Samuel D. Aulls, of Elmira, N. Y.

Mr. O'Neill has been receiving congratulations upon his appointment as stenographer of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Davis has received an appointment of clerk of a Senate committee, and Messrs. Nye and Aulls each have positions in the Assembly.

Mr. Rich visited his home at Auburn several days last week.

McPhillips has been confined to his home several days by a severe attack of measles.

Prof. Lawson has our congratulations upon his selection as mayor's clerk by Mayor Thatcher.

David J. Brewer, who is chairman of the Venezuela commission, and who is also Associate Judge of the U. S. Supreme Court, was a member of the class of '58, Albany Law School.

Irving G. Van, lately appointed Judge of the Court of Appeals, was a member of the class of '65.

The first semester of the law school will close this week with examinations on Thursday and Friday.

The last bar examination is reported to have been unusually severe, although the present commissioners had already gained a reputation for giving difficult examinations. It is somewhat difficult to understand why the examiners require law students to pass an examination that would be a stumbling block for the ordinary practitioner.

### Amusements.

Friday, Jan. 31—The Comedian John J. Burke in "The Doctor."

Saturday, Feb. 1—Al. G. Field's Mammouth Minstrels.

### Union Gets an Endowment.

By the will of the late Thomas Armstrong, of Plattsburgh, N. Y., the college has been made a handsome bequest of \$100,000. This, together with other amounts previously given by the donor, but in which a life interest had been retained by him, raises the whole amount to between \$200,000 and \$300,000. It has been intended by Mr. Armstrong that the funds be devoted in various ways to the department of sociology.

The will, which provided so generously for Old Union, however, has been contested by Thomas Armstrong, Jr., a son of the testator, and a member of the class of '89. The entire matter will be left to the courts, and it will be probably several months before the final settlement.

### Obituary.

'45—Henry J. Bowers, of Cooperstown, N. Y., died at the home of his daughter, at Asheville, N. C., where he was visiting, on Jan. 14. Mr. Bowers belonged to one of the oldest and best known families in Cooperstown, and he was held in high esteem by all. He graduated with honors at Union in the class of 1845, being elected to the Phi Beta Kappa society.

Preparations are already being made for the inter-collegiate oratorical contest which is to take place at Rochester during the coming term. The Union representative is chosen by competition and must be a member of either the Adelpic or Philomathean societies. We understand the preliminary contest will take place sometime during the term. From the Adelpic society Myers, Dann, Allen and Swann, and from the Philomathean, Young and Van Deusen are already in training. This contest created considerable excitement last year over the close fight between Potter and Crannell in the preliminaries. Potter, as we all know, won and carried off the honors with great ease at the final.

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS.

C. E. Gregory, '94, consulting engineer for the water works commission of Red Hook, has been spending a few days visiting friends on the hill.

The class of '99 held a meeting in the chemical laboratory on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1896. The first topic brought up for consideration was class canes, and the following men were chosen to act as a committee: G. W. Mead and W. Tucker. The next subject to be discussed was a class plate for '97 *Garnet*, and it was decided to have a steel engraving. The last topic to be discussed was that of a class yell. For various reasons it had been decided to change the yell as first used. The committee appointed for this business, after much hard work, finally presented the following yell, which was approved by the class.

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## Among the Magazines.

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The lecture of President Eliphalet Nott Potter, of Hobart College, formerly president of Union, upon "Washington, a Model in His Library and Life," has been published in book form. It has received much favorable criticism from the press and from prominent persons, among whom is Mr. Gladstone.

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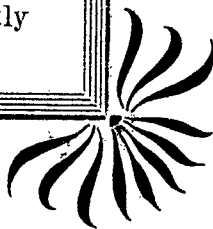
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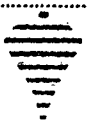
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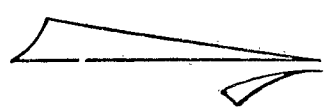
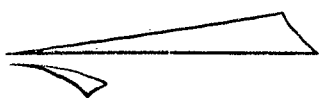
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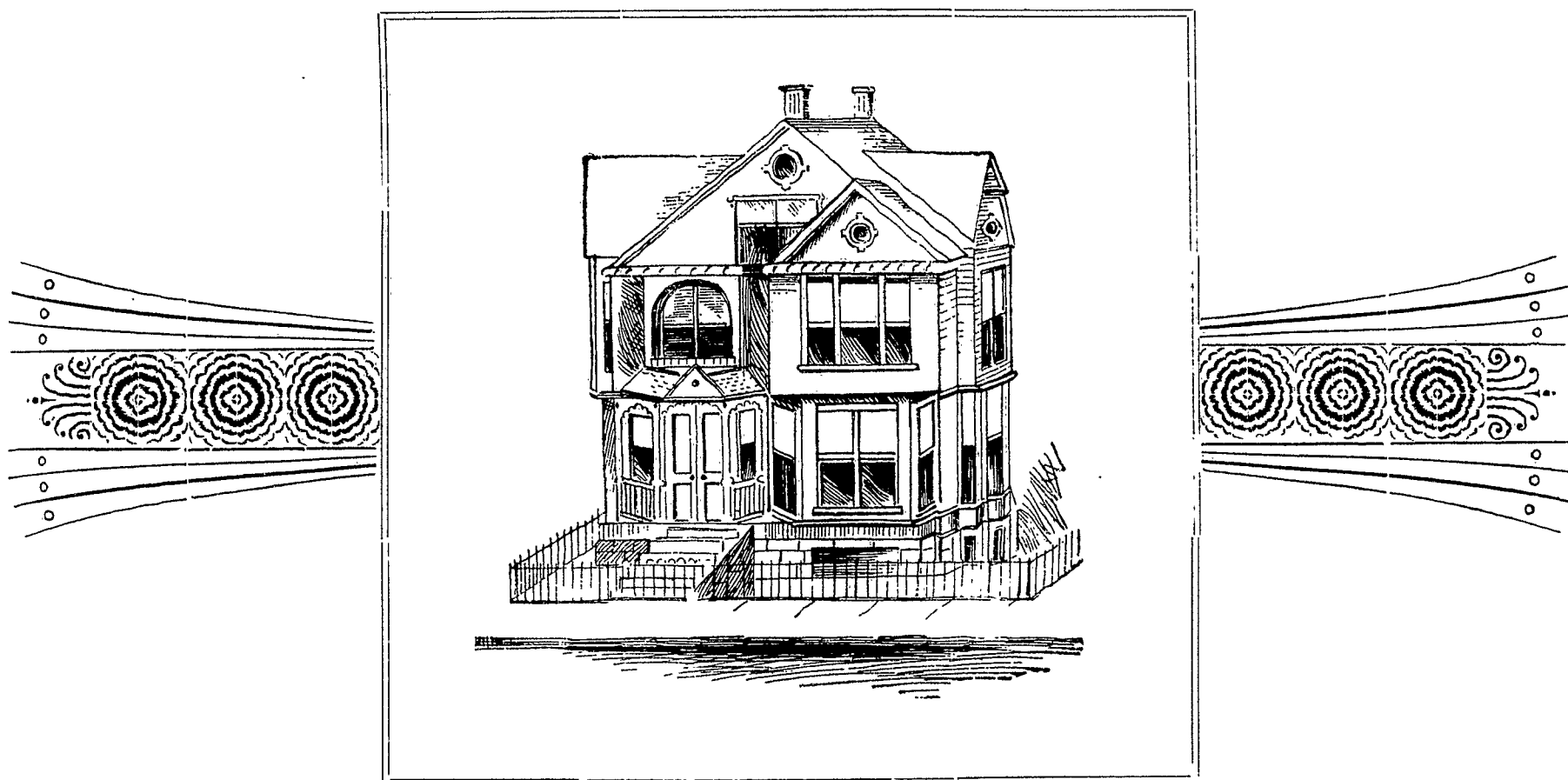
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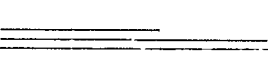
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